



**23/24**

**DOMESTIC  
COMPETITIONS  
HANDBOOK**

### DOMESTIC RULES MATRIX

AGE	TIMING	TIME OUTS	3PT LINE	FREE THROW	CHARGE CIRCLE	KEYWAY	ZONE DEFENCE	DEFENCE WITHDRAWAL	RING HEIGHT	BALL SIZE	NOTES
U10	2 x 20 minute halves with running clock  (last 3 mins full timed in grand final)  2 minute half time	2 per half, not in last 3 minutes of each half (unless fully timed grand final)	No	Volleyball end line	No	5 seconds	No	Half court all game 1 on 1 defence only	8ft	Size 5	Coach able to be on court
U12			Yes	Normal line	No	3 seconds	No	Withdraw to half court when up by 20 points	10ft	Size 5	
U14			Yes	Normal line	No	3 seconds	No	N/A	10ft	All – Size 6	
U16-18			Yes	Normal line	No	3 seconds	Yes	N/A	10ft	Boys – Size 7 Girls – Size 6	
Junior Premier League	2 x 20 minute halves. Clock stopped in time outs  Last 2 minutes fully timed	2 in each half (clock stops)	Yes	Normal line	Yes	3 seconds	U16 up	N/A	10ft	Boys – Size 7 Girls – Size 6	24 second shot clock will be used from U14 from half court and full court from U16 and older
Seniors	2 x 20 minute halves with running clock  (last 3 mins full timed in grand final)  2 minute half time	2 per half, not in last 3 minutes of each half (unless fully timed grand final)	Yes	Normal line	Yes – A Grade only	3 seconds	Yes	N/A	10ft	Men’s – Size 7 Women’s – Size 6	
Premier League	4 x 8 minute quarters fully timed	2 in the first half and 3 in the second half	Yes	Normal line	Yes	3 seconds	Yes	N/A	10ft	Men’s – Size 7 Women’s – Size 6	24 second shot clock will be used

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## **INTRODUCTION**

These are the rules and conditions that apply to all basketball competitions conducted by Warwick Senators.

If you require clarification of any rule, please direct your enquiry in writing to the Competitions Team.

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## 1. Playing Rules

1.1 All competitions and/or games conducted by Warwick Senators (WS) shall be conducted in accordance with the official rules of basketball as adopted by Basketball WA and with modifications as outlined.

## 2. Rule Modifications

### 2.1 Timing

2.1.1 All junior matches shall consist of two twenty – minute halves with a running clock. Half time will be two (2) minutes

2.1.2 All seniors will consist of two twenty – minute halves with a running clock. Half time will be two (2) minutes

2.1.3 All Junior and Senior teams will have two (2) time-outs per half. No Time-Outs in the last three (3) minutes of both halves in both junior and senior competitions, unless the last three (3) minutes are fully timed as in above and the clock is stopped for the duration of the time out

2.1.4 Junior and senior GRAND FINALS ONLY will consist of two twenty – minute halves with the last three (3) minutes of the game fully timed

### 2.2 Uniforms

2.2.1 Players are required to wear matching team uniforms, consisting of a playing top number 00-99 front and back. Logos are permissible provided they do not obscure the playing numbers.

2.2.2 Players not wearing a matching team uniform will be penalised four (4) points per player out of uniform after the 4th playing date. The penalty points will be added to the opposition Team Points.

2.2.3 Players are allowed to wear clothing under their playing uniform provided it is the same colour as their team jersey or black only and does not pose a safety risk as determined by the Referee Coach or Games Controller .

2.2.4 Where teams playing each other in a competition fixture have the same or similar uniforms the Association shall provide an alternate set of uniforms or over-shirts that the team nominated as “Team 2” on the electronic score card shall wear.

### 2.3 Games Commencement and Penalties

2.3.1 Games must commence by the fifteen (15) minute mark of the first half or will be deemed a forfeit. Teams will be penalised two (2) points each minute late to start providing the other team is ready to play. The penalty points will be added to the opposition Team Points. Late teams will forfeit their use of time outs for the first half.

### 2.4 Number of Players

Teams are permitted to start with four (4) registered players and finish the match with only three (3) registered players provided a minimum of five (5) player tickets are paid for.

## 2.5 No Charge Semi- Circle

The no charge semi-circle will be ignored for all junior and senior competitions except for A-Grade Seniors, Junior Premier League (JPL) and Premier League (PL).

## 2.6 Junior Basketball Modified Rules

2.6.1 Full Court double teaming is not permitted in the Under 10s. If there is at least three (3) divisions in Under 12's it is permitted in division 1 only. Referees will give a warning to the coach and players; subsequent infractions will result in a technical foul being charged against the offending team and issuing of the required penalty.

2.6.2 Under 10 competition coaches may walk around the basketball court to assist in the development of the player's basketball skills. However, they must not interfere in any way with the progress of the game. (i.e. referees, basketball or opposition players). Coaches must keep out of the middle third of the court lengthwise.

2.6.3 Backboards will be lowered to eight (8) foot for under 10 competitions.

2.6.4 Free throws will be taken from the volleyball end line in the under 10 competitions.

2.6.5 Under 10's will have 5 seconds for an offensive player in the keyway

2.6.4 Under 10s – After each score, rebound or on a dead ball the defending team must withdraw to at least half court. Any turnover (travel, double dribble etc.) in the back court will result in play stopped, the referee explain the rule and the team to retain possession of the ball.

2.6.5 Under 12's - If the lead is 20 points or more, after each score, rebound or on a dead ball the defending team must withdraw to at least half court.

## 2.7 Zone Defence

2.7.1 Zone defence is not permitted in under 10, under 12 and under 14 Competitions.

2.7.2 The definition of zone defence shall be prescribed from the Zone Buster Manual available on our website.

2.7.3 If a coach/manager believes the opposition team is playing a zone, they need to request the Referee Coach or Games Controller to observe the game who will play the role of "Zone Buster". This is not the role of the game referee.

2.7.4 Referees shall issue a warning to the offending team upon instruction from the Zone Buster. A technical foul is issued for subsequent breaches, recorded on the electronic scoring device or scoresheet against the coach followed by the required penalty.

## 2.8 Other Modifications

Other modifications to rules to suit a particular set of circumstances not provided for within these by- laws are subject to club approval.



## 2.9 Technical Fouls

2.9.1 Junior and Senior players, coaches or spectators that are disqualified (ejected) from a game will automatically receive a one (1) game suspension for the next fixtured game. This does not include byes.

2.9.2 An automatic suspension does not mean that the matter may not also be referred to a tribunal.

2.9.3 Any appeals will be solely at the discretion of the Competitions Manager.

## 3 Rules Interpretation

3.1 In any instance where a ruling is required as to the intent or purpose of any rule as included in the official rules of basketball, or in these competition rules, or in the event of a dispute arising as to the interpretation of any rule, the matter shall in the first instance be referred to the Referee Coach or Games Controller present during the match. If agreement cannot be reached between the parties involved, the matter shall be determined by the Competitions Manager (CM) or by a rule's interpreter appointed by the CM.

3.2 It shall be the duty of the rules interpreter to report to CM the nature of all matters referred to them for determination, together with their decision regarding the matter.

3.3 Any rules interpretations supplied by Basketball WA shall be reviewed for consideration to incorporating into local competitions where possible.

## 4 Team Nominations

4.1 Clubs, teams, or Associations desirous of participating in any competition or match conducted by the Association shall complete the online nomination form and pay the fee in the manner prescribed on or before the advertised closing date, as set down by the WS.

4.2 Late nominations may be accepted provided there are vacancies in the competition and full nomination fee payment is received with nomination. Late nomination fees may apply.

4.3 The Association reserves the right not to accept any nomination.

## 5. Grading

5.1 The Competitions Team shall determine the merits of each team nominated and allocate the teams to the agreed grades or divisions.

5.2 The Competition Teams will review over the first five (5) weeks of the competition and may alter or amend team grading where deemed necessary.

## 6 Competition Fixtures

6.1 The Competitions Team shall be responsible for the drawing up and issuing of all fixtures to all teams participating in the competition.

6.2 An official fixture cannot be altered without the approval of the Competitions Team

6.3 Where any team requests a bye they must do so in writing a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the date for consideration by the Competitions Team

## 7 Competition Points

7.1 Premiership points shall be allocated for each game completed in accordance with the official fixtures as follows:

Win 3 Points

Loss 1 Point

Draw 2 Points

Bye 2 Points

Forfeit 0 Points

When a team is being forfeited against, the team that is not forfeiting will receive a three point win with a scoreline of 20-0.

7.2 In the event of two or more teams being level on premiership points at the end of the qualifying matches, eligibility to compete in the final series shall be determined on the overall percentage.

## 8 Final Series

8.1 The final series shall be played at the conclusion of the qualifying fixtures in accordance with the format determined by the Competitions Team at the commencement of the season.

## 9 Eligibility to Play

9.1 Players are only eligible to play one match per round per age group per day.

9.2 Senior players have a different competition on each night and are eligible to play once each night. A second game on any night of play is permissible by the Games Controller where a forfeit can be prevented by doing so and then only in accordance with clause 9.3

9.3 A player is eligible to participate in a match provided:

9.3.1 The player is registered with the team concerned

9.3.2 The player 's full name and number is entered on the electronic score card before the commencement of the match. If no name/number is recorded, they will not be registered as playing in that game; and

9.3.3 The player is physically present in the stadium and able to play prior to the commencement of the second half of the match. The names of players listed on the electronic score card but not present will be removed by the referees at half time.

9.4. A players age with reference to participating in a particular age group shall be determined by the players age at the end of each of our designated winter and summer seasons.



## 10 Eligibility to Participate in Final Series

10.1 Players must have played in at six (6) of the number of matches fixtured (excluding byes) to be able to participate in the final series.

10.2 The player 's full name (first and surname) and playing number entered on the electronic score card for any match and not deleted by the referees shall be sufficient proof that the player played in the match.

10.3 Where an opposition team has forfeited a match and the players are not required to attend to claim the win, players who are registered and have played the game before and/or after shall be considered as qualified for that game.

10.4 Byes are not counted as matches and do not count towards qualification for the finals.

10.5 A player who has played in only one age group, grade and/or division is only eligible to participate in the final series for that age group, grade or division.

10.6 In any instance where a player, through sickness, injury or other circumstances beyond his control is prevented from playing in the required number of qualifying matches, the Competitions Manager may allow the player to qualify for the final series provided:

10.6.1 The player was registered with the club either for a previous season or from the start of the current competition; or

10.6.2 The player has played at least one qualifying match towards the final series; and

10.6.3 Written application is lodged with the Association at least two weeks prior to the start of the final series.

10.7 Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of a player to participate in the final series must be referred to the Competitions Coordinator within twenty-four hours of the completion of the game in which the player participated.

10.8 Any club or team found to have played an unqualified player in the final series will automatically forfeit the finals match and be disqualified from the remainder of the final's series.

10.9 Any representative (WABL) teams of Warwick Senators that participate in the domestic competitions shall not be eligible to participate in the finals series.

10.10 If teams are unable to provide enough qualified players to participate in a finals match they may make written application prior to the commencement of the finals to:

10.10.1 Play the next highest qualified player(s) on the list; or

10.10.2 Bring up a junior player(s) that has qualified in a lower age group for a team in the same club.

10.11 Additional qualified players can only make team total five (5) players (no substitutes on the bench).

## 11 Forfeits

11.1 If a team is not ready to commence play in a fixtured match when there are fifteen (15) minutes remaining on the clock for the first half, the match shall be forfeited and awarded to the opposition team with a score of 20 - nil. The team forfeiting will not receive any premiership points and will be fined the amount stipulated by the Association on the competition details for the season. Forfeit fines are required to be paid prior to the team participating in their next fixture.

11.2 Any team having three (3) forfeits in a season will be asked to show reason why they should not be disqualified from the competition.

11.3 All forfeits must be made by phone to the Competitions Coordinator on 9247 2266 if the Competitions Coordinator is unavailable an email must be sent to [comps@warwickseators.com.au](mailto:comps@warwickseators.com.au)

## 12 Eligible Players

12.1 To be an eligible player, a player must be registered in a WS competition and registered with Basketball WA.

12.2 Ineligible players participating in a competition match should be reported to the Games Controller or in writing to the Competitions Team. Players playing under a false name will also be reported to the Tribunal and the team will automatically register a loss.

12.3 It is the responsibility of all teams to ensure that players are eligible to compete. In any instance where an ineligible player has participated in a match, the match shall be forfeited to the opposition and the team will not receive any premiership points.

12.4 **FILL-IN PLAYERS** – In the spirit of the game, teams are permitted to play fill-in players. However, fill-ins can only play to make up no more than FIVE (5) players for a team. The maximum number of fill-ins, a team can play in a game, is two (2).

A fill-in player can only play up to two (2) games in a season as per BWA regulations before he/she is required to register with BWA and the Warwick Senators. The fill-in player must register courtside, on the tablet, so that they appear on the scoresheet. Their name will have an 'F' next to it indicating that they are filling in. The fill-in player still must be of the correct age to play in the division. No fill-in players are allowed to play in any games during the Finals, unless exempted by the Warwick Senators Competitions Team (please see Article 10.6).

## 13 Registered Players

13.1 Teams must register all players with the Competition. At least five (5) players per team must be registered with nomination. Additional players commencing to play during the season must register before they play.

13.2 The Association shall maintain a register of all registered players, showing the player's name, date of birth, telephone numbers and the team they are registered to. Details of registrations will be forwarded to Basketball WA as required.

13.3 All fill-in players cannot play under another player's name and MUST register as a fill-in before they enter the court.

## 14 Restricted Players

14.1 Teams are restricted to no more than five (5) Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) players with a maximum of three (3) Division 1 players from the most recent WABL season.

14.2 Players from the lowest graded WABL team in an age group, will not be considered restricted.

14.3 When there is at least three (3) WABL restricted players in a team they must nominate for Division 1 Domestic Competitions.

14.4 When an athlete is eligible for a domestic age group that is younger than their WABL age group they WILL be considered restricted unless otherwise determined by the appropriate Competitions staff member.

14.5 When an athlete is considered restricted based on their WABL age group and wishes to play in a higher domestic age group, their restricted status will be need to be determined by the appropriate Competitions staff member on a case by case basis.

Example 1: A team may have three Division 1 WABL players and two Division 2 WABL players.

Example 2: A team will be limited to three U14-2 WABL players who play in WABL Division 1

Example 3: An U14 WABL player who plays in U16 age group is not considered restricted

14.6 The WS reserves the right to make a determination that overrides all of rule 14 should it be considered in the best interests of the competition. This must be applied for in writing to the Competitions Team and approved by the Competitions Manager.

## 15 Player Injury and Insurance

15.1 An incident report must be completed by a Games Controller when an injury occurs.

15.2. Registered players are covered to some extent by insurance through Basketball WA. The Association does not accept any liability for injuries sustained by any persons whilst participating in a competition fixture at the stadium or any other venue. Unregistered players are not insured.

## 16 Referees and Umpires

16.1 The allocation of referees and umpires to officiate at competition fixtures conducted by the Association shall be the responsibility of the Referee Coordinator.

16.2 It is the responsibility of the Referee Coordinator and Referee Coach to determine the method of appointment of all referees and to determine their status as referees and umpires.

16.3 The Referee Coordinator shall arrange clinics, courses and lectures for the development of referees in conjunction with administration staff.

## 17 Duty Teams

17.1 It shall be the duty of each team participating in any match conducted by the Association to provide an official for the score bench. Such officials should be present at the start of the fixture and should preferably not be a substitute player. Matches will not start until the score bench is manned.

17.2 Scorers and timekeepers shall operate in accordance with the official rules of basketball.

17.3 The Association is empowered to allocate other duties, as required, to any club or team participating in Association fixtures.

## 18 Stadium Scoring

18.1 The Association will provide electronic score cards for all matches.

It will be the responsibility of the team's manager, coach or captain to make sure that all players and required team details are entered on the electronic score card prior to the start of the game. Electronic score cards cannot be altered after the match has commenced other than by the referee or Games Controller. Players' names cannot be added to the electronic score card after half time

18.2. If electronic failure paper scoresheet will be used.

## 19 Basketballs

19.1 The Association will supply 1 match basketball for each junior and senior match.

19.2 Teams are to provide their own basketballs (up to two) for their team warm-up. Team name must be clearly marked, and basketballs must be in control of the coach or team manager at all times.

19.3 Personal basketballs are not to be brought into the stadium during domestic competitions.

19.4 The Association takes no responsibility for basketballs brought into the stadium. All balls brought in should be clearly marked for identification.

## 20 Financial Status

20.1 All clubs and teams nominating for competitions shall pay the required nomination fee before nominations can be accepted

20.2 Forfeit fee's must be paid prior to the next game or the team will be considered unfinancial

## 21 Feedback, Complaints, Protests and Reports

21.1 A player, coach or team shall have the right to provide feedback, lodge a complaint or protest in relation to the conduct of a competition match, the eligibility of any player taking part in the match, the behaviour of any person(s), or the result of any competition match.

21.1.1 Feedback is welcome to bring matters to the attention of Warwick Stadium of Warwick Senators by email to [feedback@warwickstadium.com.au](mailto:feedback@warwickstadium.com.au) which will be reviewed periodically by the Customer Experience Officer and shared with the Competitions Team when relevant. Feedback will be given due consideration and actions taken where required however the purpose of providing feedback is not to receive a formal response.

21.1.2 Complaints or in-game matters should first be brought to the attention of a Referee Coach or Games Controller.

21.1.3 Should the matter not be resolved, complaints or protests must be made in writing and received by the Association forty-eight (48) working hours (two business day) after the completion of the match in question using the appropriate form: <https://warwicksenators.com.au/domestic-complaint/>

21.1.4 The submission shall include a comprehensive account of the incident or happening giving rise to the complaint or protest, name the team/s, player/s and/or coaches/s concerned and the specifics of the match.

21.1.5 All complaints shall be referred to the Competitions Manager (CM) for consideration and if necessary, investigation. The CM may appoint a Panel to consider the findings of the investigation to resolve a decision which may include Penalties (as outlined in clause 23). Should it not be possible to arrive at a satisfactory solution they may refer the matter to the Tribunal for resolution.

21.1.6 All written lodgements must be resolved within fourteen (14) days of receipt and the resultant decision communicated to the person or team in writing.

21.2 A report, lodged by a referee, umpire or Association official, which alleges misconduct in any Association match or fixture, by any player, coach, spectator, team, shall be considered a charge against the player, team, or member.

21.2.1 The report must be lodged in writing on the prescribed report form and must be received by the Association within twenty-four (24) working hours (one business day) of the alleged incident.

21.2.2 Reports referred to in Clause 21.2 must be referred to the Tribunal.

## 22 Tribunal

22.1. All WS competitions will be subject to the Basketball WA Tribunal Bylaws, which may be amended from time to time.

## 23 Penalties

23.1 The Competitions Manager may impose penalties upon individual players, teams, spectators of game officials as appropriate and after proper investigation and referral for decision by a Panel. The Panel is in place to provide an independent view to the matter. Members may include Competitions Team, Trustees and external independent parties. Penalties for minor breaches may be in the form of:

23.1.1 A monetary fine for an individual or team;

23.1.2 Premiership points up to and including the time of the offence to be removed.

23.2 For serious breaches of these competitions rules, the Panel may impose sanctions including:

23.2.1 Disqualification of the team/s

23.2.2 Suspension of player/s

23.2.3. Expulsion of team/members from the Association

23.2.4 Any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Panel from time to time.

23.3 All penalties will be notified in writing by the Competitions Manager

## 24 Conditions of Entry

24.1 All people entering a facility that is running a WS competition will be subject to that facilities conditions of entry available here:

<https://www.warwickstadium.com.au/entryconditions>

24.2. If, in the judgement of the Duty Manager, Referee Coach or the Games Controller, any misconduct by players, coaches, spectators or game officials is disorderly, offensive or aggressive, or in anyway breach the conditions of entry or codes of conduct, the offending party may be requested to leave the stadium.

24.2.1 The Duty Manager or Games Controller may report the conduct to the Competitions Team if they feel further action is appropriate, or if the person does not immediately leave the stadium.

24.2.2 The standard penalty for a person that does not the leave the stadium at the request of the Duty Manager, Referee Coach or Games Controller will be a 2-week suspension, in addition to any other penalty that may be applicable.

## 25 Heat Policy

25.1. All Warwick Senators (WS) Competitions follow the Basketball WA Hot Weather Guidelines as available on our website.

## 26 Video and Photography

26.1 Warwick Senators (WS) is conscious of concerns raised regarding the taking of video footage or still photographs in basketball stadiums. We are also conscious that there are genuine and innocent reasons why this may happen, including the

recording of family memories. This position is to reach a fair and simple compromise between these competing needs.

26.2 A person is permitted to video and photograph games involving minors provided that they are:

- a) related to a player involved in the game (or guardian), or
- b) approved by the Referee Coordinator for the purpose of referee development and education.

26.3 If parents have concerns about people videoing or taking photographs of junior games, they should raise them with a stadium official. If the person using a camera is then unable to convince the stadium official that they fall into either of the above categories, they will be asked to discontinue taking photos/filming.

26.4 No videoing or taking of photographs will be permitted under any circumstances in the toilets or changing areas of stadiums where WS programs or competitions are being conducted.

26.5 Under no circumstances should video footage or photographs taken in WS programs be posted online or in any public forum without the permission of the parents of all minors appearing in the video or photograph first being obtained.

## 26 Amendments

26.1 The Competitions Team shall have the power to amend these competition rules at any time. The Association must inform all teams of all changes made to these competition rules.

## 27 Items Not Provided For

27.1 The appropriate WS staff shall deal with any matter not provided for in these competition rules that comes within the objects of the Association.