



DOMESTIC ²⁵ COMPETITIONS HANDBOOK

JUNIORS DOMESTIC BASKETBALL

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Junior Domestic Rules Matrix

Grade	Under 8's	Under 10's	Under 12's	Under 14's	Under 16's	Under 18's
School Year	1/2	3/4	5/6	7/8	9/10	11/12
Ball Size	5	5	5	6	Girls 6, Boys 7	Girls 6, Boys 7
Zone Defence	Illegal	Illegal	Illegal	Illegal	Permitted	Permitted
3pt Score	Only worth 2	Only worth 2	Worth 3 points	Worth 3 points	Worth 3 points	Worth 3 points
Ring Height	8ft	8ft except div 1 10ft	10ft	10ft	10ft	10ft
Coaches	On court helping team	On court helping team	On sideline	On sideline	On sideline	On sideline
Scoring	No Scoring	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal
Free Throws	From Volleyball Line	From Volleyball Line	From Free Throw Line	From Free Throw Line	From Free Throw Line	From Free Throw Line
Mercy Rule	10 points	10 points	20 points	N/A	N/A	N/A
Forfeits	Through Teampay	Through Teampay	Through Teampay	Through Teampay	Through Teampay	Through Teampay

Introduction:

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

If you require clarification of any rule, please direct your enquiry in writing to the competitions team (CT).

All rules not covered in the following handbook follow the FIBA rulebook and Interpretations book.

Warwick Senators Competition Team has discretion to make judgement on all matters in the best interest of the spirit and integrity of the Warwick Senators Juniors Competition.

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1. Playing Rules

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

1.2 Warwick Senators Competition Team will put appropriate staff to oversee each night of Juniors' competitions to help provide a positive experience for all participants.

1.3 Day to day interpretation of the rules shall be the responsibility of the Duty Manager and Referee Supervisor.

1.3.1 The Warwick Senators CT has the discretion to waive the application of the By-laws in exceptional circumstances. In considering whether exceptional circumstances exist the Warwick Senators CT must consider:

- The hardship, expense, or inconvenience to any Player, Domestic Club, or a Competition if the By-laws are not waived.
- Any benefit or cost to a competition if the By-laws are waived; and
- Consistency in applying the By-laws.

1.3.2 Any decision by the CT to waive the application of a By-law in exceptional circumstances shall apply to the current Season only, unless it is agreed to amend the By-laws for future seasons.

1.4 Teams must start the competition with a minimum number of players as seen below.

1.4.1 U8's, U10's, U12's and U14's teams must start the competition with a minimum of **seven (7)** players registered

1.4.2 U16's and U18's teams must start the competition with a minimum of **six (6)** players registered.

1.5 Age groups are based of school year group (see age group model on website) therefore an individual can be 16 playing in Under 16's for a period in every division.

2. Restricted Players

2.1 Any player who played in the most recently completed season/competition or current WABL season excluding bottom division players in the WABL club age group.

2.1.1 EG: Division 4 player at Warwick Senators as the lowest selected WABL team at Warwick in the age group.

2.1.2 Training players (train ons) do not count towards a restricted player unless promoted to a roster player.

2.2 State players are also considered restricted players.

2.3 Teams can have a maximum of **three (3)** restricted players on a team.

2.3.1 Restricted player fill ins are allowed provided they do not become the **fourth (4th)** restricted players in that game.

2.4 Friday night junior competition can have a maximum **seven (7)** restricted players in a team provided they are playing in division **one (1)** of the age group.

2.5 Teams that break the above ruling will be subject to a 20-0 loss and an automatic forfeit of the game.

3. Eligibility to Play

3.1 Junior players can only play in one (1) game per competition night including not filling in for another team on the same night.

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

3.2.1 The player is registered with the team concerned – this includes paying the BWA player registration, BA affiliation fee plus the registration fee for Warwick Senators Domestic Competition per team member.

3.2.2 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

3.2.3 The player is physically present in the stadium and have played 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.

3.3 All Teams must have an adult present at all times when playing.

3.4 Playing under some else's name is an automatic 20-0 forfeit loss.

3.5 Each team must provide a scorer for each game.

4. Uniforms

4.1 Players are required to wear matching team jerseys, consisting of a playing top number 00-99 front and back. Logos are permissible provided they do not obscure the playing numbers. Players are also expected to be in matching colour player shorts.

4.2 Players not wearing a matching team uniform will be penalised four (4) points per player out of uniform after the 4th playing week (max of 20 points). The penalty points will be added to the opposition's Team Captain. This needs to be applied by the end of half time.

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

4.4 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.

4.5 Players must wear appropriate footwear for playing basketball and must wear appropriate clothing (not tracksuit pants or jumpers).

4.6 All jewellery must be taped or fully removed if possible.

4.7 The above does not apply to players wearing an alternative shirt because of blood on the shirt or the shirt is ripped.

4.8 Medical wrist bands may be worn by players provided they are in no way dangerous to other players and is covered by medical strapping or a sweatband.

5. Game Commencement and Penalties

5.1 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's Team Captain.

5.1.1 Teams are permitted to start with four (4) eligible players and finish the match with only two (2) eligible players.

5.2 Abandoned Games can occur for various reasons. The time of which the incident occurs is when the game is consider abandoned (not when officially called off) when implementing the following:

5.2.1 If the game has reached half time before the game being abandoned, the result will stand with the current scores.

5.2.2 If the game has not reached half time before the game being abandoned, the game is a washout, and game will be considered a draw.

6. Technical Fouls/Ejection

6.1 Junior players, coaches or spectators that are disqualified (ejected) from a game will automatically receive a one (1) week suspension for the next fixtured game. This does not include byes. The individual is not to return to the stadium until the following day or will be considered trespassing.

6.2 Any player who receives two technical, two unsportsmanlike fouls or a combination of both in any one game will be required to leave the playing court and enter the foyer and they will automatically be suspended from the following weeks games.

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

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

7. Fill In Rules

7.1 Fill ins must be registered to the tablet before the game with all correct information in the process and must not play under someone else's name.

7.2 Fill ins are allowed to play two (2) games per team before having to register to the team.

7.3 Teams can have a maximum of two (2) fill ins to make up a maximum of six (6) players for the team in that game.

7.4 Breaking any of the above rules will automatically result in a 20-0 forfeit against the offending team.

7.5 Fill in games do not count towards finals qualification for the individual player.

8. Finals Eligibility

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

8.2 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.

8.3 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.

8.4 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:

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

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

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

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

8.6 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.

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

8.7.1 Play the next highest qualified player(s) on the list.

9. Team Nominations

9.1 Clubs, teams, or Associations desiring to participate in any competition or match conducted by the Warwick Senators Domestic Competition 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 Warwick Senators.

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

9.3 Warwick Senators reserves the right not to accept any nomination.

10. Feedback, Complaints, Protests & Reports

10.1 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.

10.1.1 Complaints or in-game matters should first be brought to the attention of a Referee Supervisor or Duty Manager.

10.1.2 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/>

10.1.3 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.

10.1.4 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 section 12). Should it not be possible to arrive at a satisfactory solution they may refer the matter to the Tribunal for resolution (see section 11).

10.1.5 All written lodgements must be resolved within fourteen (14) days of receipt and the resultant decision communicated to the person or team in writing (specific of penalty may not be disclosed and is at the discretion of the CM).

10.2 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.

10.2.1 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.

10.2.2 Reports referred to in Section 10.2 will be viewed by either the CM, Incident Review Panel or Tribunal.

11. Tribunal

11.1 All Warwick Senators competitions will be subject to the Basketball WA Tribunal Bylaws, which may be amended from time to time.

11.2 If findings handed out from Warwick Senators Incident Review Panel are believed to be not reasonable, the individual has the right to go to the Basketball WA Tribunal.

11.3 When an incident is under review, the individual or individuals under investigation are not allowed to play until the matter is sorted.

11.4 If section 11.3 is broken, the penalty of the investigation will be greater.

12. Penalties

12.1 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 the Incident Review Panel (IRP). The IRP 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:

12.1.1 A monetary fine for an individual or team.

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

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

12.2.1 Disqualification of the team/s.

12.2.2 Suspension of player/s.

12.2.3 Expulsion of team/members from the Association.

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

12.3 All penalties will be notified in writing by the Competitions Manager.

12.4 Disqualified teams or players will not be granted any refund of any sort.

13. Competition Points

13.1 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 0 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.

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

14. Finals Series

14.1 The final series shall be played at the conclusion of the regular season fixtures in accordance with the format determined by the Competitions Team at the commencement of the season or post grading because of the regrades of teams completed during this period.

15. Equipment

15.1 Any Player abusing stadium property (which includes hanging off the rings) may be expelled from the stadium at the discretion of any Official or Staff Member of the Association

15.2 The Association will supply one (1) match basketball for each junior match. If both teams agree a personal ball can be used. If one (1) team does not agree then the stadium supplied match ball will be used.

15.2.1 Personal basketballs may be used for warming up; however, the Association reserves the right to confiscate any basketballs if their use interrupts games.

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

15.3 All people entering the facilities used will be subject to the facilities Conditions of Entry

15.4 Basketball sizes for respective age groups:

- U8s, U10s, U12s **Size 5**
- U14s **Size 6**
- U16s, U18s (Girls) **Size 6**
- U16s, U18s (Boys) **Size 7**

16. Forfeits

16.1 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 within four (4) weeks of the forfeit date.

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

16.3 All forfeits must be made via TEAMPAY, this can be done through your captains' device.

16.4 Forfeit Fees for the junior's competition are as followed:

16.4.1 More than 24 hours' notice - \$25.00

16.4.2 Less than 24 hours' notice - \$50.00

16.4.3 No show to game without notice - \$75.00

16.5 Outstanding fees after the four (4) weeks considers a team to be unfinancial (see section 22).

16.6 Withdrawing out of the competition all outstanding fees need to be paid, and a \$50 fine will be issued for administration tasks created regarding fixtures, etc.

17. Timing of Games

17.1 Regular season round games are two (2) halves of twenty (20) minutes.

17.2 Final Series games are two (2) halves of twenty (20) minutes with the last three (3) minutes being fully timed in the grand final 2nd half.

17.3 Extra period are three (3) minutes and only played in the final series games.

17.4 All Junior games will have available two (2) time-outs per half. No Time-Outs in the last three (3) minutes of both halves in junior 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. (1) time out during any extra period.

17.5 The No Charge Semi Circle will not apply to any age group or division.

18 Under 8's Competition

18.1 The first half shall be a skill development session conducted by the association's coaches in conjunction with the team coaches.

18.2 The second half shall be a modified game (two fourteen (14) minute halves) following the Under 10s rules (see section 19). The game will be officiated by the association coaches who conducted the skills session.

18.3 The primary focus is to introduce Under 8s to basketball, develop their skills without playing a forty (40) minute game, and to aid the Team coaches wherever possible.

18.4 No recorded scoring will occur for Under 8's Competition.

18.5 No timeouts are permitted in Under 8's game.

19. Under 10's Modified Rules

19.1 No finals series will be played.

19.2 Rings will be lowered to 8ft for divisions 2 & 3.

19.2.1 Under 10's division 1 will be 10ft unless not enough teams wanting to play at 10ft rings.

19.3 Man to man Defence only (no double teaming/trapping).

19.4 5 second violation for an offensive player in the restricted area (keyway).

19.5 Free throws can be taken from the volleyball line.

19.6 Successful three-point shots shall count as two (2) points.

19.7 Coaches are permitted to walk on the court during live game to help teach/facilitate their team but must always refrain from blocking officials view, talking to officials or teaching the other team.

20. Other Grade Rules

20.1 No Zone defence is permitted until Under 16's.

20.1.1 Zone defence is defined by BWA (Basketball WA) below: Any defence played in the offensive frontcourt, which does not incorporate normal man-to-man defensive principals, shall be considered a zone. For this purpose, trapping defences that rotate back to man-on-man defensive principles shall be acceptable. Trapping defences and double team defences in the offensive backcourt shall be acceptable but must rotate back to man-to-man defence in the offensive frontcourt. The penalty for playing a zone defence is a technical foul being charged and entered in the electronic scoring device or scoresheet against the coach ('B'). Only the Referee Supervisor may determine whether a prohibited defence is being played. If it is believed that a prohibited defence is being played, please ask for the Referee Supervisor. If it is an illegal defence, the Referee Supervisor shall instruct the Referees to charge a technical foul against the Coach to be entered in the electronic scoring device or scoresheet as ('B'). Clarification on the No Zone Defence rules can be found in the Zone Buster Manual on the WS and BWA website.

20.2 A Team is in a team foul penalty situation when it has committed seven (7) team fouls in a half. That is, if the team foul penalty is applicable (not an offensive foul), free throws shall be shot on the eighth team foul.

20.3 This rule shall be referred to as the Mercy Rule.

20.3.1 8's and 10's - 10 points

20.3.2 12's - 20 points

20.3.3 Any Team who is leading by above mentioned number of points or more points must retreat to the half court line after every dead ball until the opposition has brought the basketball into the offensive frontcourt. This shall remain in effect until the lead is reduced to one point below the specified number for the appropriate age group.

20.4 U12s and U14s will use the closer (6.25m) three-point line

20.4.1 U16s and above will use the further (6.75m) three-point line.

21. Grading

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

21.2 The Competition Teams will review over the first six (6) weeks of the competition and may alter or amend team grading where deemed necessary (See Grading Policy on Website).

22. Financial Status

22.1 Forfeit fee's must be paid within four (4) weeks from the forfeit date, or the team will be considered unfinancial.

22.2 When a team is unfinancial the following will occur:

22.2.1 The team does not qualify for finals until all outstanding fees are paid.

22.2.2 The team is not able to re-register into the next season until the fees are paid.

22.2.3 The team may not be fixtured for the following weeks games until fees are paid.

23. Safety Precautions

23.1 Parents/Guardians of players suffering from an illness or medical condition are to accept responsibility for the player and are asked to make the coaches and managers aware of that condition. This information must be confidential.

23.2 It shall be the joint responsibility of the coaches and referees to ensure that any player who is bleeding or has an open wound is substituted. The player may return to the court only after bleeding has stopped and the affected area or open wound has been completely, and securely, covered. If the bleeding cannot be stopped, the player is not to return to the court. Any clothing soiled with blood is to be removed before a player is allowed back on the court. The referee's decision shall be final in determining whether a player may return to the court.

23.3 Injured Players should not be moved until someone with first-aid training has attended to them, or their parent/guardian decides to do so.

23.4 The Warwick Senators strongly supports the use of mouthguards in all grades of our Junior Competition. This support is in line with the strategies and initiatives of Sport Safe and Basketball WA in promoting better attitudes towards safety in sports, and in particular basketball.

23.5 The Referee Supervisor shall enforce the Hot Weather Policy (See policy on website)

23.6 All individuals cope differently in different circumstances. It is up to the individual player (or the players family) to decide if the playing conditions are suitable to the players abilities and health; this includes injury, illness, weather conditions etc WS provides the opportunity for competitions to proceed, but the duty of care and decision to play remains with the individual. WS supports the decision of any player that chooses not to play under conditions that they may not feel is suitable to them personally.

24. Referees

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

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

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

24.4 One referee is not ideal but could occur during the season but will be spread amongst every team as best as possible.

25. Video & Photography

25.1 Warwick Senators are 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.

25.1.1 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.

25.1.2 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.

25.1.3 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.

25.1.4 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. Please note – throughout the year, a member of staff may film/take photos of the games for marketing purposes. This member of staff will be wearing a black Senators/Warwick stadium polo.

26. Player Injury and Insurance

26.1 An incident report must be completed by a Referee Supervisor/Duty Manager or the player when an injury occurs.

26.2 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. **PLEASE NOTE: Unregistered players are not insured.**

27 Stadium Scoring

27.1 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 permission of the referee or Referee Supervisors. Players' names cannot be added to the electronic score card after half time.

27.2 If our electronic system fails, then a paper scoresheet will be used.

28. Conditions of Entry

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

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

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

28.2.1 The Duty Manager or Referee Supervisors 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.

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

29. Other Enquires

29.1 The appropriate Warwick Senators staff shall deal with any matter not provided for in these competition rules that comes within the objectives of the association.

29.2 If a player is not registered on PlayHQ, the individual is not covered by insurance.

29.3 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.

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