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These are the rules and conditions that apply to all basketball competitions conducted by CBA in the Wally Hagan Stadium and at any other venue and for the development of basketball within the City of Cockburn and surrounding districts.

Competitions run by Basketball WA are subject to the rules promulgated by Basketball WA and are not subject to these rules.

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1. Definitions and Interpretation

In these Rules of Competition, unless the context requires otherwise:

“**Junior Club**” means an incorporated association playing in the Cockburn Basketball Association under the conditions of these rules.

“**CBA Management**” means the **CBA CEO** and/or Board as applicable.

“**CBA Board**” means the **CBA** Board of Directors elected or appointed according to the **CBA** constitution.

“**CBA Director**” means a current Director of the **CBA** board.

“**CBA Finance Manager**” means the person employed by the **CBA** in the role of Finance Manager.

“**Cockburn Basketball Association**” or “**CBA**” means Cockburn Basketball Association Incorporated.

“**Competition Fees**” means the amount paid to the **CBA** to enter an individual or a team into the competition. The amount and method are determined by the **CBA**.

“**Competitions**” means a junior and/or senior competition managed by the Cockburn Basketball Association.

“**Competitions Coordinator**” means the person employed by the **CBA** in the role of competitions coordinator.

“**Duty Manager**” means the person employed by the **CBA** to manage a competition match night at a **CBA** competition venue.

“**Independent Team**” means a team playing in a **CBA** junior or senior competition that is not a **junior club**.

“**Junior Club**” means an incorporated association approved by **CBA** management to participate inside the **CBA** junior competition in accordance with these rules.

“**Junior Club Cap**” means the total number of teams and individuals a **junior club** is allocated for a specific competition season.

“**Junior Competition**” means a competition for junior athletes (defined by the age groups) managed by the **Cockburn Basketball Association**.

“**Junior Competition Waitlist Procedure**” means a procedure approved by **CBA** management for entering new teams into the junior competition above and beyond the allocated number of season teams by the **CBA**.

“**Junior Competition Working Group**” means the working group appointed by the **Cockburn Basketball Association** to discuss and review the overall operations of the **junior competition** as per the junior working groups terms of reference.

“**Competition and Program Manager**” means the person employed by the **CBA** in the role of **Competition and Program Manager**

“**Rules of Competition**” means this document in its entirety.

“**Senior Competition**” means a competition for men or women managed by the Cockburn Basketball Association.

Persons, Singular Gender

Words importing the singular number include the plural and the masculine gender, the feminine or neuter and vice versa, and words importing persons include corporations.

Headings and Clause Numbers

Headings and clause numbers have been inserted for convenience and will not be taken into account in interpreting these **Competition Rules**.

Jurisdiction

For the purpose of these competition rules, members of clubs or teams are considered to be within the jurisdiction of CBA whilst they are in the precincts of any court or building being used by CBA to conduct any match or competition or for any other business of CBA.

Members of any team selected to visit other venues or to participate in matches in country centres, whether such matches are organised by CBA, the club or team concerned, or not, are still deemed to be within the jurisdiction of CBA from the time the team departs until such time all members have returned or during their time within and in the vicinity of such venues.

Venues

CBA is a multi-venue Association with competitions operating out of Wally Hagan Stadium in Hamilton Hill, Melville LeisureFit Centre.

PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

1.1 Management

The competitions are managed by **Cockburn Basketball Association**, with **CBA CEO** and/or Board endorsement when applicable.

The junior competition has an underpinning **junior competition working group**, governed by a term of reference approved by **CBA Management**. The working group is comprised of the following members:

- **CBA** Competition and Program Manager (Chair) or authorised delegate
- **CBA** Competitions Coordinator
- **CBA** Referee Coordinator
- One (1) **junior club** representative per **junior club** – President or authorised delegate

The **CEO** may appoint a further person to the working group where they feel it will proactively add to the diversity of the membership group.

1.2 Aims

The **competitions** aim to:

1.2.1 Provide a **junior competition** for all ages and abilities, fostering development of athletes both on and off-court, while also acting as the entry of a pathway for athletes, coaches, and officials.

1.2.2 Provide a **senior competition** for all ages and abilities, acting as a vehicle to continue participation in the sport of basketball for athletes, coaches, and officials.

1.2.3 Grow the participation of the sport of basketball while fostering a sense of community inside the **CBA**.

1.3 Competition Structure

The **competitions** will consist of a junior and senior competition, of which both are split into boys/men and girls/women's divisions.

The specific age groups for each boys and girls **junior competition** will be determined by the **Cockburn Basketball Association**.

The **senior competition** will consist of divisions to be determined by the **Cockburn Basketball Association**.

1.4 Entry

New entry into the **competition** will be by the following methods:

- **Junior Competition:** By way of the **junior competition waitlist procedure**, or as otherwise outlined by the **CBA**.
- **Senior Competition:** By way of the registration process outlined by the competition coordinator, and/or as indicated on the **CBA** website.

1.4.1 Only approved **junior clubs** may enter NEW teams into the **junior competition**. Occasional exceptions (independent teams) may be granted by **CBA Management**.

1.4.2 There are no restrictions on who may enter the **senior competition**, providing there is no entry contrary to these rules.

PART 2 – COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Rules of Competition

2.1.1 Establishment

These **Rules of Competition** are provided to each **junior club** and existing **independent team** and have been developed to ensure the efficient operation of the **competition**. The **Rules of Competition** may change at any time subject to Rule 2.1.2 Variation. Variations required during a season will be designed to have minimum impact on the outcome and operations of the **competition**.

2.1.2 Variation

The **Rules of Competition** may be amended by the **Competition and Program Manager** with input (as required) from the **Competitions Coordinator and junior competition working group**, with approval from **CBA Management**.

2.1.3 Management and Appeal

The **Competition and Program Manager** shall in the first instance interpret and apply the **Rules of Competition** and make decisions based on them.

The **Competition and Program Manager** at their discretion can also refer to the junior competition working group for guidance on interpretation and application of any **Rules of Competition**.

CBA Management shall act as a point of appeal for decisions made by the **Competition and Program Manager** in relation to the **Rules of Competition**. Refer to Rule 2.3 Appeals.

2.2 Penalties

2.2.1 Competition Penalties

The **Competition and Program Manager** may impose penalties, or delegate this responsibility to the **Competitions Coordinator**, upon individual athletes, coaches, **junior clubs**, **independent teams** or officials at their discretion. Penalties may be in the form or combination of compliance fees, forfeit, suspension or disqualification from competition matches or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the **Competition and Program Manager** from time to time. The **Competition and Program Manager** will notify all penalties in writing to **independent teams** or **junior clubs**.

The **Competition and Program Manager** is empowered to impose penalties for non-compliance with the **Rules of Competition** and as specified below in Rules 2.2.2 **Competition** compliance penalties, 2.2.3 Administrative and procedural fines, and 2.2.4 Fines for forfeits.

2.2.2 Competition compliance penalties

The **competition** compliance penalties are a mechanism for the **Competition and Program Manager** to maintain competition standards and ensure compliance by **junior clubs** and **independent teams** with a view to meeting the requirements of these **Rules of Competition**.

Where the **Competition and Program Manager**, or relevant delegate (i.e., competitions coordinator) detects a breach of these **Rules of Competition** they will apply the appropriate penalty for that breach. As an **independent team** or **junior club** accumulate offences they shall be dealt with in accordance with the level of penalty as noted in below.

2.2.3 **Administrative and procedural fines**

- Failure by an individual, team or club representative to attend any **competition** meeting sanctioned by **CBA management** requiring compulsory attendance (For example, a tribunal).
- Per team for not registering a player (via PlayHQ) and / or permitting fill-in players to play under another player's name (as detailed in 4.2.7 & 4.3.3). Penalties are detailed in section 2.2.1
- Per team for any repeated breach of the **competition** uniform and dress code.

2.2.4 **Fines for forfeits**

In the event of a match being forfeited through non-attendance / withdrawal of a Team:

- Where a **Senior team** forfeits a match:
- Before 4pm on the day of the match, the fine will be the match fee.
- After 4pm on the day of the match, the fine will be double the match fee.

Where a **Junior team** forfeits a match:

CBA reserves the right to charge a forfeit fine where repeated forfeits and/or non-attendance occurs.

In the event repeated forfeits occur that in the view of the **Competition and Program Manager** is detrimental to the **competition**, this may affect a future season's acceptance of teams for that **junior club, independent team or senior team**.

CBA reserves the right to change the Competition forfeit fines fees and payment process, amount, and due date at its sole discretion. All forfeit fine amounts (including maximum's) will be sent out to all junior club's and team's prior to the season.

2.2.5 **Payment of fines**

All penalties and charges incurred must be paid before the next scheduled match of the individual or Team after the receipt of account, except when a required date of payment is otherwise advised on the fine notification or agreed.

If after a reasonable time, payment remains outstanding the **junior club** team or **independent team** will be declared un-financial, with the **Competition and Program Manager** empowered to take the following action:

- Prior to the next match commencing, the **junior club** team or **independent team** shall be ineligible to participate in the next scheduled match.

- If the **junior club** or **independent team** becomes unfinancial during **competition**, its **teams** shall cease to earn results until the matter is resolved. When the matter is resolved, the points lost in the unfinancial period cannot be regained.

2.3 Appeals

2.3.1 Introduction

Appeals relating to decisions made by the **Competition and Program Manager** shall be referred to the **CEO** and a single **CBA Director** for a decision. There shall be no further appeal beyond this.

Junior clubs or independent teams must lodge an appeal in writing to the **Competition and Program Manager** within 24 hours of the decision being notified, together with a bond of \$50. The appeals bond of \$50 will only be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

In the event an earlier pending decision is required (e.g., finals), the **CEO** may determine at their discretion the time duration cut off for the acceptance of an appeal and all other timings to the appeal.

2.3.2 Appeal process

An appellant seeking an appeal must submit the appeal in writing, detailing the matter in full and the decision made by the **Operations Manager** including:

- Ground(s) on which the appeal is made and
- Reason(s) or circumstances supporting the ground(s) of appeal:

Upon receipt, the **Competition and Program Manager** will forward the submission to the **CEO** who will appoint the **CBA Director**. The **CEO** and **CBA Director** will determine within 72 hours of appointment if the appeal should proceed.

The appellant can be present at the hearing and must notify the **Competition and Program Manager** within 48 hours of being advised the appeal will be heard, otherwise the **CEO** and **CBA Director** will deal with the matter(s) on written submission only.

If the appeal proceeds, the **CEO** and **CBA Director** shall determine the manner in which the appeal shall be heard:

- By way of a full hearing or
- By way of a partial hearing of limited issues only.

The **CEO** and **CBA Director** may deal with the matter(s) by phone, video conferencing, email or such other means as deemed appropriate.

The **CEO** and **CBA Director** shall have the power to:

- Dismiss the appeal;
- Uphold the appeal;
- Impose any penalties in accordance with these **Rules of Competition**;

- Reduce, increase or otherwise vary any penalty of the initial decision of the **Competition and Program Manager** in such a manner as it thinks fit.

The **CEO** and **CBA Director** will provide the **Competition and Program Manager** with the outcome of the appeal in writing on the competitions template, which will be forwarded to the appellant.

2.4 Member Conduct

2.4.1 Conduct detrimental or prejudicial to the competition

Any **competition junior club** or **independent team**, athlete, or coach that behaves in a manner that adversely, or is likely to, adversely affect the **competition** in either its promotion or operation may be referred to a **CBA** tribunal, as appropriate.

This will include:

- Breaches of the Basketball WA Tribunal By-Laws, Basketball WA Member Protection By-Laws and the **CBA** Code of Conduct. Serious public criticism of the **competition, junior clubs** or **independent teams, Athletes, Coaches** or **Officials** is a matter of concern for **CBA Management**. Any **junior club** or **independent team** member, including Athletes, Coaches/Managers and **Committee** members who seriously publicly criticise any of the above persons or bodies will be deemed to have acted in a manner detrimental and prejudicial to the **Competition** and will be liable to penalty and will be referred to the **Competition and Program Manager**.
- Furthermore, any **junior club** or **independent team** member who is found by the **Competition and Program Manager** to have pursued and/or harassed Officials before, during, or after a match will be subject to similar penalties.
- The **Competition and Program Manager** is empowered to impose a penalty or recommend expulsion, in the event any serious public criticism reported, and after investigation is proven. The **Competition and Program Manager** has the discretion with respect to the amount of fine or penalty to be imposed.

2.4.2 Member Protection Policy

CBA adheres to the Basketball Australia Member Protection Policy we ensure to uphold the values and create a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone associated with our sport. Their policy sets out commitment to ensure that every person involved in our sport is treated with respect and dignity and protected from discrimination, harassment and abuse. It also ensures that everyone involved in our sport is aware of their legal and ethical rights and responsibilities, as well as the standards of behaviour expected of them.

i. All members are required to abide by the Basketball Australia Member Protection Policy.

- ii. Members should contact the Association if they need assistance with lodging a complaint or grievance.

2.5 Competition Finance

2.5.1 Competition Fees and payment process

The **CBA** is responsible for outlining the amount, method of payment and due date for **competition fees** at the time of opening season registrations. There will be a clear method and due date outlined for individual athletes, **junior clubs** and **independent teams** separately, if applicable.

CBA reserves the right to change the Competition Fees and payment method/process, amount, and due date at its sole discretion.

Failure to pay fees and payment in the manner indicated on the registration form will deem an individual athlete, **junior club** or **independent team** as unfinancial. Unfinancial includes when accounts are outstanding to **CBA** (including competition fees or fines, other monies or part thereof) when the date specified for payment has expired.

2.5.2 Junior clubs or independent teams may request an extension of time in which to pay the balance of the fees. The **CBA Finance Manager** must agree to any such extension in writing.

2.5.3 Any junior club or independent team unfinancial by the advertised or extended date will not be awarded premiership points in any further matches until after the balance of fees has been paid. These points are non – recoverable. Any club or team unfinancial before the last qualifying match of the competition will be ineligible to play in the final series. The **Competition and Program Manager** may take alternate action, instead of or subsequently to the above, if deemed appropriate.

PART 3 – JUNIOR CLUB ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Approved Junior Clubs

Junior clubs competing in the junior competition must be approved by the **CBA Board**.

All Clubs must comply with CBA's Junior Club – Approval Process. The administration of each club is governed by the approved competition rules. In addition, this process provides an overview of the process by which a club could have their approved junior club' status revoked, and how this could be remedied.

For a club to be considered for status as an 'approved junior club', they would be required to provide the information detailed in the process to the CBA CEO for consideration, this includes and not limited to:

- Status as an incorporated association in Western Australia or an alternate governance structure for the CBA Board to consider.
- Contact list of inaugural committee members
- The constitution submitted as part of the incorporated association process.
- Uniform designs and colours prepared with prior consultation with CBA CEO.

For the purpose of these Rules, Aztecs, Binar, Coogee Basketball, Lightning Hoops Timber Tigers and Spearwood Hawks will be considered approved junior clubs (subject to 3.2 and 3.3), and are subject to these rules, at the time of initial adoption of these rules.

All further **Junior Club** approvals will be subject to a process available from **CBA Management**.

The **CBA Board** reserves the right to revoke the approved status of any junior club at any stage.

3.2 Contacts

Each **Junior Club** is required to appoint a delegate for the **junior competition working group** and notify the **Competition and Program Manager** of their name and contact details.

In addition, any **Junior Club** approved after the acceptance of these **competition rules** (including those mentioned in 3.1) by the **CBA Board** must provide contact information of their current **committee** prior to the commencement of the next round of matches to **CBA Management**. Any alteration or change to the personnel of this **committee** must also be communicated to **CBA Management** in writing.

3.3 Governance and Management

3.3.1 All approved **Junior Clubs** are required to be **incorporated** in Western Australia while competing in the junior competition.

3.3.2 If requested to do so by the **CBA**, **Junior Clubs** are required to demonstrate solvency to **CBA Management** while playing in the **junior competition**. **CBA Management** may request this from time-to-time, as a random spot check, or if reasonable suspicion of mismanagement is held by the **CBA**.

3.3.3 Junior Clubs are required to provide **CBA Management** with a copy of their Annual General Meeting minutes when submitted to the relevant government department.

3.4 Uniforms

All junior clubs playing in the **junior competition** are required to have club colours approved by the **Competition and Program Manager** prior to entering the competition, or, when modifying existing colours.

For the purpose of initial adoption of these rules, the following approved **junior clubs** will have the following colours prescribed as their main approved colour.

- Binar Basketball Club – BLACK and RED
- Coogee Basketball Club – BLUE and WHITE
- Spearwood Hawks Junior Basketball Club – BLACK and GREEN
- Lightning Hoops Basketball Club – GOLD AND BLACK
- Timber Tigers – GREEN & YELLOW
- AZTECS – BLACK & PINK & BLUE

If an alternate singlet colour is used by a junior club, it must be predominantly white.

Any new **junior clubs** entering the competition may not enter the same colours as existing approved **junior clubs**, or directly clash. This will be determined by the **Competition and Program Manager**.

Any new uniforms purchased by **junior clubs** from the adoption of these rules are required to display the **Cockburn Basketball Association** logo on the chest pocket, or alternate position, if agreed.

All approved **junior clubs** are also bound by rule 5.4 relating to playing uniforms and associated penalties for non-compliance, including the wearing of **CBA** black shorts.

3.5 Number of Teams

All junior clubs playing in the junior competition can enter teams in accordance with rule 3.4.

3.5.1 Junior Clubs can enter a total number of teams up to and including 20% of the total number of teams inside the junior competition. If at the time of writing these rules, a club exceeds this amount, the junior club will be permitted to continue (but not exceed further) with this amount.

3.5.2 The Competition and Program Manager reserves the right to allow a junior club to exceed this amount, with **CBA management** approval, provided it is deemed to be in the best interests of the competition.

3.5.3 Any new Under 8 and Under 10 teams will be evenly allocated amongst junior clubs by the **competitions coordinator** to ensure as close to an even representation as possible inside each age group. This is a guide and may not always be possible.

3.5.4 Upon the opening of registrations for a new season, junior clubs will be guaranteed the number of individual athletes (**junior club cap**) it had registered for the prior season as a minimum, providing it does not contravene any of these rules. Any number of athletes over and above the **junior club cap** will be in accordance with the **CBA waitlist procedure**. Priority must be given to previous season athletes first, before enacting the **CBA waitlist procedure**.

PART 4 – TEAM AND ATHLETE ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Registrations

4.1.1 Independent teams already playing in the **CBA** junior competition at the time of adoption of these rules will have a reserved spot in the following season's competition provided they register by the initial cut-off date as indicated by the **competitions coordinator**. This also applies to teams in the **senior competition**.

4.1.2 Independent team registrations (junior and senior) will be completed using the form for independent teams on the **CBA** website or as indicated by the **competition's coordinator**.

4.1.3 Junior club team registrations will be managed by the **junior clubs** using their appropriate Play HQ account. Individual athlete registrations will be taken by **junior clubs** using the appropriate Play HQ form up to and including the **junior club cap**. Junior athletes are ineligible from registering to both an **independent team** and **junior club team**.

4.1.4 The Cockburn Basketball Association will set an initial registration cut-off date, which is the last possible date for athletes (junior clubs) or teams (independent and senior) to re-register to guarantee their spot for the following season.

Following this initial registration cut-off, the **competitions coordinator** will advise junior clubs of the revised junior club cap based on current registrations, and work with the clubs through the waitlist procedure. This will be up to and until, the final registration cut-off date, at which stage fixtures will be finalised.

Senior teams that have not submitted a re-registration by the initial registration cut-off date can still register providing there is adequate availability inside the competition.

4.1.5 The **CBA** reserves the right to not accept a nomination, both individual or team.

4.2 Eligible Athletes

4.2.1 To be an eligible athlete, an athlete must be registered to the **CBA** using the Play HQ database for an **independent team** or a **junior club** in a **CBA competition** and registered with **Basketball WA**.

4.2.2 In addition, to be an eligible athlete;

- An athlete must be physically present in the stadium and able to play prior to the commencement of the second half of the match. The number of athletes listed on the electronic score card but not present will be removed by the referees at half time.
- The athlete is registered with the team concerned.
- The athlete'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 that match; and

- 4.2.3 Junior Athletes are only eligible to play one match per round per age group.
- 4.2.4 **Independent team** athletes are ineligible from filling in for **junior club teams**. **Junior club team** athletes are ineligible from filling in for **independent teams**.
- 4.2.5 Athletes can fill-in in a higher grade or division on their normal night of play provided it is for their registered junior club and up to a maximum of 4 matches. Independent team athletes can only fill in for another independent team, in the same season up to a maximum of 4 matches.
- 4.2.6 Where multiple teams from the one junior club are included in a grade or division, no movement of athletes is allowed between the teams, unless the **Competition and Program Manager** approved a written transfer for the remainder of the competition.
- 4.2.7 Senior athletes have a different competition on each night and are eligible to play once each night. A second match on any night of play is only permissible where a forfeit can be prevented by doing so and only in accordance with rule 4.2.2
- 4.2.8 Ineligible athletes participating in a competition match should be reported to the **Competitions Coordinator, Duty Manager** or in writing to the **Competition and Program Manager**. Athletes playing under a false name will also be reported to **CBA Management**.
- 4.2.9 It is the responsibility of all **junior clubs and independent teams** to ensure that athletes are eligible to compete. In any instance where an ineligible athlete has participated in a match, the match shall be forfeited to the opposition and the team will not receive any premiership points.
- 4.2.10 An athletes age with reference to participating in a particular age group shall be determined by the athletes age as at 30th June in that year.

4.3 Registered Athletes

- 4.3.1 **Junior clubs and independent teams** must register all athletes with the **CBA**. At least 7 athletes per senior team and at least 7 athletes per junior team must be registered with nomination. Additional athletes commencing to play during the season may play for a maximum of one match before registration must be affected.
- 4.3.2 The **CBA** shall maintain a register of all registered athletes (via Play HQ), showing the athlete's name, date of birth, telephone numbers and the **junior club or independent team** registered with. Details of registrations will be forwarded to Basketball WA as required.
- 4.3.3 Fill-in athletes cannot play under another athlete's name and **MUST** register as a fill-in before they enter the court. Fill-in games do not count towards eligibility for finals, refer to section 5.16 Finals Series for clarification on player eligibility for finals.

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

4.4 Registered Coaches and Managers

4.4.4 **Junior Clubs and independent teams** must register all coaches and team managers with the **CBA** via the designated registration form for coaches and/or managers.

4.4.5 Junior coaches are required to be Community Coach accredited or have indicated their registration on the designated registration form for the next available course at the **CBA**. The **CBA** will cover the cost for all junior club coaches to become Community Coach accredited.

4.4.6 All junior clubs are required to keep an appropriate record of coaches and their Working with Children Check (WWC) status. This may be requested to be sighted to verify compliance at any stage by **CBA Management**.

4.5 Restricted Athletes

Boys Age Groups

4.5.1 BOYS under 18 teams are restricted to a maximum of five (5) team one and/or division 1 Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) athletes from the most recent season (regardless of the WABL club played). No total cap. Unrestricted for lower WABL division athletes.

4.5.2 ALL REMAINING BOYS domestic teams are restricted to a maximum of three (3) team one and/or division 1 Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) athletes from the most recent season (regardless of the WABL club played). Total team cap of five (5) WABL athletes.

Girls Age Groups

4.5.3 17&U GIRLS domestic teams: There are no restrictions or team cap in relation to WABL athletes.

4.5.4 ALL REMAINING GIRLS domestic teams are restricted to a maximum of three (3) team one and/or division 1 Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) athletes from the most recent season (regardless of the WABL club played). Total team cap of five (5) WABL athletes.

Fill in Athletes

4.5.5 FILL-IN ATHLETES: Team one and/or division 1 Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) athletes from the most recent season (regardless of the WABL club played) must seek approval from the CBA competitions team before filling-in (a non-permanent player) in a CBA domestic team.

Total team cap of five (5) WABL Athletes.

4.5.6 If an athlete plays in a WABL age group that is higher than their domestic age group, they will be considered a team one and/or division one player for the purpose of domestic.

4.5.7 When an athlete is a team one and/or division 1 Western Australia Basketball League (WABL) athlete (form the most recent season) and wishes to play in a higher domestic age group, their restricted status will need to be determined by the appropriate CBA staff member on a case-by-case basis.

4.5.8 The CBA reserves the right to alter the WABL athlete rule 4.5 for specific age groups or divisions on a case-by-case basis. This must be approved by CBA

PART 5 – PLAYING RULES

5.1 Playing Rules

All competitions and/or matches conducted by the **CBA** shall be conducted in accordance with the official rules of basketball as adopted by Basketball WA and with modifications as outlined.

5.2 Rules Interpretation

5.2.1 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 **competitions coordinator** or **duty manager** present during the match. If agreement cannot be reached between the parties involved, the matter shall be determined by the **Competition and Program Manager**, or a rules interpreter appointed by the **Competition and Program Manager**. Any appeal will follow rule 2.1.3.

5.2.2 It shall be the duty of the rules interpreter to report to the **Competition and Program Manager** the nature of all matters referred to them for determination, together with their decision regarding the matter.

5.2.3 Any rules interpretations supplied by Basketball WA shall be discussed at the at the next available **junior competition working group** meeting, followed by a directive drafted by the **Competition and Program Manager** for consideration given to incorporating these in local competitions where possible.

5.3 Timing

5.3.1 All junior and senior competition matches shall consist of two twenty-minute halves with a running clock. Half time will be one (1) minute.

5.3.2 Junior and senior GRAND FINALS ONLY will consist of two twenty-minute halves with the last three (3) minutes of the match fully timed. Overtime will consist of a three (3) minute fully timed extra period, with further single three (3) minute periods to be played if a result is not decided at the end of the fully timed extra period.

5.3.3 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 indicated in 5.3. and the clock is stopped for the duration of the time out.

5.3.4 The **CBA**, from time-to-time, may alter the timing of junior competition matches in specific age groups.

5.4 Playing Uniforms

5.4.1 Athletes are required to wear the team's registered uniform, consisting of a playing top (Logos are permissible provided they do not obscure the playing numbers) and all juniors must wear the **CBA** shorts. Numbers must be visible on the front and back of the uniform.

5.4.2 Athletes not wearing the approved registered uniform will be penalised two (2) points per athlete out of uniform after the 4th playing date. The penalty points will be added to the opposition Team Points, either before the match, or at half-time by the referees or duty manager.

5.4.3 Athletes 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 **Competitions Coordinator or Duty Manager**.

5.4.4 Multiple athletes in the same team can wear different coloured clothing under their playing uniform to their teammates, provided it satisfies rule 5.4.3.

5.4.5 Athletes in the senior league can wear black bottoms.

5.4.6 Each **independent team** nominated to play in a competition must register their team uniform. Approved **junior clubs** will have uniforms approved on acceptance into the junior competition.

5.4.7 Each athlete must be in full uniform to be able to participate in a competition fixture.

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

5.4.9 Other Equipment, athletes shall not wear equipment that may cause injury to other players. CBA follows the FIBA Official Basketball Rules with regards to personal adornments on players, including jewellery, splints, and other items that may impact on-court safety. Players may not wear anything that could endanger themselves or other players.

The following are not permitted:

- Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, helmets, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding.
- Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (fingernails must be closely cut).
- No earrings can be worn, the taping of earrings is not permitted.

5.5 Matches Commencement and Penalties

Matches must commence by the ten (10) 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, either before the match, or at half-time by the referees or duty manager. Late teams will forfeit their use of time outs for the first half.

5.6 Number of Athletes

Teams are permitted to start and finish the match with only four (4) registered athletes provided the full team fee is paid.

5.7 No charge semi-circle

The no charge semi-circle will be ignored for all junior and senior competitions.

5.8 Technical and Unsportsmanlike Fouls

Junior and Senior athletes, or coaches that receive a technical foul or unsportsmanlike foul during their match will be given a one (1) match automatic suspension for the next fixtured match.

Fast-break OR end-of-match stop-clock unsportsmanlike fouls will not warrant a suspension.

Swearing in the immediate vicinity of an official will not be tolerated, and an automatic technical foul will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the athlete to moderate their own behaviour when playing on the court.

Badgering of an official will result in a warning to the athlete, with any subsequent behaviour resulting in a technical foul. It is the responsibility of the athlete to alter their behaviour at the point of the warning.

5.9 Other Modifications

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

5.10 Grading

The **competition coordinator** shall determine the merits of each team nominated and allocate the teams to the agreed grades or divisions. The **competitions coordinator** will determine the grading process ahead of each season if one is deemed necessary. The **competition coordinator** may alter or amend team grading where deemed necessary.

5.11 Competition Fixtures

5.11.1 The **competitions coordinator** shall be responsible for the drawing up and issuing of all fixtures to all teams participating in the competition.

5.11.2 An official fixture cannot be altered without the approval of the **competitions coordinator**.

5.11.3 Where any team, because of circumstance, requires advancing or postpone an official fixture, written application must be made to the advance date or the scheduled date of the fixture which is required to be deferred to the **competitions coordinator**. It is at the sole discretion of the **competitions coordinator** as to whether this will be granted or not, with a note made to highlight it is only in very limited circumstances under which this would be approved.

5.11.4 Any competition match played at a place and/or time not in accordance with the official fixture and not approved by the **competitions coordinator**, as in 5.11.3 above, shall not be considered when compiling the premiership table. Neither team shall be awarded premiership points and all points scored both for and against shall be forfeited by both teams.

5.11.5 Cancellation of Matches, CBA may cancel matches.

- i. The cancellation of matches due to adverse weather is managed by the Hot Weather Policy.
- ii. The cancellation of matches for any other reason is at the discretion of the CBA.
- iii. Where a Match has been cancelled, CBA will determine how the results of the Match will be recorded for the purposes of ladder rankings, with the aim of ensuring equity across all matches in a Grade.

5.12 Junior Basketball Modified Rules

5.12.1 Full court double teaming is not permitted in Under 8,10, 12 and 14 competitions unless there are at least 2 divisions in the age group, whereby double teaming is only permitted in the first division. Referees will give a warning to coach and athletes; subsequent infractions will result in a technical foul being charged against the offending team and issuing of the required penalty.

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

5.12.3 Backboards will be lowered for Under 8 and Under 10 competitions. If there is no more than one division in the Under 10 competitions, the first division will have the regular 10-foot height backboard.

5.12.4 Free throws will be taken from the front of the circle (broken line) in the Under 8 and Under 10 competitions.

5.13 Mercy Rule

Under 10s – After each score the defending team must get one foot inside the three-point line at their defensive end, before playing defence. Once the opposition team passes the halfway line the defending team can move out of the three-point area.

Secondary to this, when a team leads by 20 points or more, the 'retreat rule' will be applicable on all back court dead ball situations. The leading team must retreat once the official has handed over the ball to the offensive team.

Under 12's – If the lead is 20 points or more, the defending team must get one foot inside the three-point line at their defensive end after each score, before playing defence.

5.14 Zone Defence

It is illegal for all teams from under 14 down to play a zone defence.

Zone Defence is defined by Basketball WA as:

Any defence played in the offensive front-court which does not incorporate normal man-to-man defensive principles shall be considered a zone.

Referees shall issue a warning to the offending team. A technical foul is issued for subsequent breaches, recorded on the electronic scoring device or scoresheet against the coach ('B') followed by the required penalty.

An assessment of a zone defence is at the discretion of the **referee coordinator** or relevant **CBA** delegate available at the time.

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

Win	3 Points
Loss	1 Point
Draw	2 Points
Bye	2 Points
Forfeit	0 Points

5.14.2 When a team is being forfeited against, the team that is not forfeiting will receive a three-point win.

5.14.3 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 based on:

All things being equal between the teams, final positions will be determined upon the percentage difference in points scored between the teams when they played each other.

If teams that have identical win/loss records are still equal on percentage points scored between them, then the overall points percentage will be used to separate the teams.

5.15 Finals Series

The final series shall be played at the conclusion of the qualifying fixtures in accordance with the format determined by the **competitions coordinator** at the commencement of the season.

5.16 Eligibility for Finals Series

5.16.1 Athletes must be registered to a team. Athletes must have played a minimum of 6 matches in the registered team (excluding byes) to be able to participate in the final series. If a match was considered a wash-out, the match will count as having been played. Fill-in games do not count towards finals eligibility.

5.16.2 The athlete'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 athlete played in the match.

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

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

5.16.5 An athlete 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.

5.16.6 An athlete who is representing Western Australia in basketball, or a higher level, will have any competition matches missed due to this representation count towards their final's eligibility.

5.16.7 In any instance where an athlete, through sickness, injury or other circumstances beyond his/her control is prevented from playing in the required number of qualifying matches, the **competitions coordinator** may allow the athlete to qualify for the final series provided:

- The athlete was registered with the club either for a previous season or from the start of the current competition; or
- The athlete has played at least one qualifying match towards the final series; and
- Written application is lodged with the **CBA** within 24 hours of the completion of the last regular season match.

5.16.8 Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of an athlete to participate in the final series must be referred to the **Competitions Coordinator** within twenty-four hours of the completion of the match in which the athlete participated.

5.16.9 Any team that forfeits the final qualifying match, without good reason (as decided by the competition coordinator), shall be disqualified from playing in finals.

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

If teams are unable to provide enough qualified athletes to participate in finals match they may make written application prior to the commencement of the finals; restricted Athlete rules as detailed in 4.5 apply.

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

5.17 Forfeits

5.17.1 If a team is not ready to commence play in a fixtured match when there are ten (10) 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 premierships points and will be fined the amount stipulated by the **CBA** under rule 2.2.4 (senior competition only). Forfeit fines are required to be paid prior to the team participating in their next fixture. There will be no fine if full fee is paid and scratch match is played.

5.17.2 Any team having more than one forfeit in a season will be asked to show reason why they should not be disqualified from the competition.

5.17.3 All forfeits must be made by phone to the Competitions Coordinator on 9335 9101 if the Competitions Coordinator is unavailable an email must be sent to competitions@cougarfamily.com

5.18 Transfers

A registered playing member of any club or team nominated for **CBA** competitions shall not transfer from that club to any other club or team without obtaining a clearance from the club they are registered with. A transfer request is a request for a player to register to a new club. Transfers can be initiated by:

- A player, during registration to their intended new club via PlayHQ or
- A club administrator, from the PlayHQ Administration Portal.

Transfers require the approval of the player's current and new club, and their association before the player can complete their registration to their new club.

Athletes will have 5 weeks to submit transfer requests to the **Competition and Program Manager** if they want to change between clubs and teams. After this date, clubs, and the **CBA** can decline transfers purely on the cut - off date. However, for special circumstances a clearance can be submitted if the reasoning is beneficial for the club and athlete as determined by **CBA**.

If an athlete has not been actively involved with the club, they last played for at least twelve (12) months, a clearance is not required unless it can be proven that the athlete is unfinancial with the club.

Clubs shall not refuse to grant inter club transfers to any athlete unless it can be proven that the athlete seeking the transfer is unfinancial with the club. This may either be non-payment of club fees or failure to return a club playing uniform.

Where a club or team refuses to clear a registered financial athlete, the athlete may refer the matter to CBA. CBA may then instruct the club that the athlete be cleared should there be no justifiable reasons to the contrary.

If an affiliated club has disbanded any registered athletes of that club are free to transfer to other clubs without having to apply for a clearance. If the disbanding club is unfinancial with CBA, the athlete will be required to pay a proportion of the outstanding amount before being eligible to register with another club.

Teams and Clubs are expected to conduct themselves ethically when dealing with the movement of Players between Clubs, and to avoid Player poaching. Clubs are expected to encourage their coaches and other volunteers to avoid approaching Players from other Clubs for the purpose of recruiting them. Where a Player chooses to change Clubs of their own volition, this is not considered Player poaching.

5.19 Duty Teams

5.19.1 It shall be the duty of each team participating in any match conducted by the **CBA** 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 athlete. Matches will not start until the score bench is manned.

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

5.19.3 The **CBA** is empowered to allocate other duties, as required, to any **junior club or independent team** participating in **CBA** fixtures.

5.20 Stadium Scoring

5.20.1 The **CBA** 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 athletes and required team details are entered on the electronic score card prior to the start of the match. Electronic score cards cannot be altered after the match has commenced other than by the referee, Competitions Co-Ordinator, or Duty Manager. Athletes' names cannot be added to the electronic score card after half time.

5.20.2 If electronic failure paper scoresheet will be used.

5.21 Basketballs

5.21.1 The **CBA** will supply 1 match basketball for each junior and senior match.

5.21.2 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.

5.21.3 The **CBA** takes no responsibility for basketballs brought into the stadium. All balls brought in should be clearly marked for identification.

5.22 Charges, Protests and Disputes

5.22.1 A **junior club or independent team** shall have the right to lodge a report in the nature of a comment or protest or giving notice of a dispute in relation to the conduct of a competition match, the eligibility of any athlete taking part in the match, the behaviour of any person(s), or the result of any competition match.

5.22.2 Such a report shall include a comprehensive account of the incident or happening giving rise to the protest or dispute, shall name the team and/or athletes concerned and the officials in control of the match.

5.22.3 All reports shall be in writing (they can be emailed electronically and must be received by the **CBA** within twenty-four (24) hours after the completion of the match in question.

5.22.4 All reports shall be referred to the **Competition and Program Manager** for resolution. Should it not be possible to arrive at a satisfactory solution they may refer the matter to the judiciary panel for resolution. (Refer to Clause 25). As these matters relate to an on-court result, this forms a separate process to Rule 2.3.

5.22.5 All reports must be resolved within fourteen (14) days of receipt and the resultant decision communicated to the club or team in writing.

5.22.6 A report, lodged by a referee, umpire or **CBA** official, which alleges misconduct in any Association match or fixture, by any athlete, coach, team or member of a club or team, shall be considered a charge against the athlete, team, or member.

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

5.22.8 Reports referred to in Clause 5.22.6 or 5.22.7 can be resolved by the **Competition and Program Manager** providing an administrative decision, and on appeal, must be referred to the judiciary panel for a decision.

5.23 Judiciary

CBA adopts the Basketball WA Tribunal By- laws for all competitions.

The By- laws can be found at:

[Basketball WA Tribunal By-law.pdf](#)

5.24 Trophies and Awards

5.24.1 The **competitions coordinator** shall have the power to allocate trophies to the various grades and divisions and to decide upon awards for meritorious performance during **CBA** competitions.

5.24.2 Each junior grade/combined division will receive one Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the Grand Final. The Player is selected by a panel of independent selectors appointed by the Association who view the Grand Final and vote on a 3, 2, 1 basis and allocate a voting slip at the completion of the match. If an athlete is tied with another at the conclusion of the final, the MVP will be determined on the highest number of three's (3) votes received during the match. If they are still tied, this will be determined by two's, and then one's. If a tie is still resulting, the athlete's will be awarded joint MVP's.

5.25 Items not provided for

CBA management shall deal with any matter not provided for in these competition rules that comes within the objects of CBA.

PART 6 - COURTS

6.1 Courts

Should there be any concern over the surface of a court, please advise CBA immediately.

i. Brooms & court sweepers may be made available where suitable to sweep debris or water from the playing area. These items:

- must be returned to the designated position following use.
- should not be used on a court where a match is in progress.
- should not be used in a manner that risks damaging the court surface.

ii. Members and spectators are asked to refrain from sweeping debris or water into the court surrounds that are used by the referees.

6.2 Team Bench Access

The team bench areas shall be marked outside the court with seats available in each team bench area for the head coach, the assistant coaches, the substitutes, the excluded players and the accompanying delegation members. Any other persons shall be away from or behind the team bench.

6.3 The Sidelines

Spectators are requested to view the match from behind the blue lines painted on the court surrounds.

ii. Spectators on court 1 are requested to stay off all in-use marked court surfaces and ensure they view the match from the grandstand. Spectators on court 2, 3 & 4 use marked court surfaces and ensure that there is sufficient room off the court for the referees to use during match play and use the bench seating provided between each court.

iii. No spectators may view from a position between baselines of adjacent courts.

iii. Referees, Association Officials, and Club Officials may request that spectators move to another area to spectate if they believe that the spectator's current location is an impediment to the umpires or the match play.

PART 7 – HEALTH & SAFETY

7.1 Liquor Restrictions

No person shall convey liquor into any building or premises being used by the **CBA** for the purpose of conducting any match or fixture, nor shall they consume liquor on these premises except with written permission from **CBA Management** and within the rules and conditions covering the liquor licence in force at Wally Hagan stadium.

- i. No illegal substances are permitted during basketball activities at the Grounds.
- ii. No Player may take the court whilst under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
- iii. No person may participate, or act in any official capacity, with any Club, or represent the Association, whilst under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
- iv. Players or officials suspected of acting under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance will be asked to leave the Grounds immediately.

7.2 Working with Children Checks

CBA complies with its obligations under the [Working with Children Act 2004 \(WA\)](#)

Clubs are expected to comply with the relevant requirements under the Working with Children Act 2004 (WA).

7.3 Smoking & Vaping / e-cigarettes

The Grounds at Cockburn Basketball Association are a smoke-free zone.

- i. Smoking is only permitted in areas designated by the Association.
- ii. Members and spectators may be asked to move if they are smoking anywhere on the Grounds that is not a designated area

7.4 Players: Injury and assistance

7.4.1 In the event of injury to a player(s), the referees may stop the match.

7.4.2 If the ball is live when an injury occurs, the referee shall not blow his/her whistle until the team in control of the ball has shot for a goal, lost control of the ball, withheld the ball from play or the ball has become dead, unless neither team shall be placed at a disadvantage. If it is necessary to protect an injured player, the referees may stop the match immediately.

7.4.3 If the injured player cannot continue to play immediately (within approximately 15 seconds) or if he/she receives treatment or if a player receives any assistance from his/her own head coach, assistant coaches, substitutes, excluded players and/or accompanying delegation members, he/she must be substituted unless the team is reduced to fewer than 5 players on the court.

7.4.4 Head coach, assistant coaches, substitutes, excluded players and accompanying delegation members may enter the court, only with the permission of a referee, to attend to an injured player before he/she is substituted.

7.4.5 During the match, any player who is bleeding or has an open wound must be substituted. He/she may return to the court only after the bleeding has stopped and the affected area or open wound has been completely and securely covered.

7.4.6 Blood Rule - If the injured player or any player who is bleeding or has an open wound, recovers during a time-out taken by either team, before the timer's signal for the substitution, that player may continue to play.

7.4.7 Players who have been designated by the head coach to start the match or who receive treatment between free throws may be substituted in the event of an injury. In this case, the opponents are also entitled to substitute the same number of players, if they wish.

7.5 Policies

As part of our commitment to governance, **CBA** have policies and procedures in place and are continuously reviewed, all **Junior** and **Senior** participants must adhere to these policies. **CBA** has a baseline expectation when it comes to behaviour and governance, this applies to all engaging as part of the CBA, no matter the venue.

Cockburn Basketball Association Policies:

- [CBA-CODE-OF-CONDUCT](#)
- [CCTV POLICY](#)
- [CBA-HEALTHY-SPORTING-CLUBS-POLICY](#)
- [CBA-HOT-WEATHER-POLICY](#)
- [CBA-CONIDTIONS OF ENTRY-WALLY HAGAN](#)
- [CBA-COMPLIANTS PROCEDURE](#)

Basketball Australia & Basketball WA Policies:

- [BA-MEMBER-PROTECTION-POLICY](#)
- [BA-MEMBER-PROTECTION](#)
- [BWA-SOCIAL-MEDIA-POLICY](#)
- [BWA-INCLUSION-POLICY](#)