



By-Laws | Spalding Waratah Junior Leagues

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Basketball NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout New South Wales and their connections to land, sea and community in which we gather, meet and play. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

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Disclaimer

Notwithstanding the above, Basketball NSW retains the right to rule on any matter not specifically covered by these by-laws, and to take action on decisions pertaining to the junior competition. The intent of a by-law is to be considered when a decision is to be made using the league by-laws.

A league delegate can lodge an appeal to Basketball NSW when a ruling is made that is not covered by these by-laws. Please refer to the Management of these By-Laws section of this document.

1. Aims

- 1.1. To provide Basketball NSW associations with a high level of competition, in which to represent their entire program during a defined season.
- 1.2. To promote and develop junior basketball in NSW.
- 1.3. To provide a competition which appeals to the media and public so that Basketball NSW gains increased recognition and prominence as a major sport in New South Wales.

2. Control

The Basketball NSW Waratah Junior Leagues' are under the control of the New South Wales Basketball Association Limited (Basketball NSW).

3. Administration of the competitions

Basketball NSW shall be responsible for the administration of the Leagues' on behalf of the participants and shall be empowered to adjudicate on all matters pertaining to the leagues not covered in these by-laws.

4. Junior League Competition Coordinators

- 4.1. The Junior League Competitions Coordinator(s) will be appointed by Basketball NSW.
- 4.2. The duties and responsibilities of the Junior League Coordinators shall include:
 - a) Responsibility for the administration and operation of the League.
 - b) Compiling the draw for the League.
 - c) The recording and management of the financial affairs of the league.
 - d) Ensuring that the League By-Laws and Regulations as laid down are strictly adhered to.
 - e) Organisation of the finals series for the competitions.

5. Competition Entry

- 5.1. Membership shall be open to associations of Basketball NSW and to teams from the Australian Capital Territory Basketball Associations.
- 5.2. In accepting entry into junior leagues', all associations, teams and individuals entered shall be bound by the by-laws, team nomination form entry criteria and policies issued for guidance of the associations and their members. The competitions and divisions offered each year will be listed in the team nomination form.
- 5.3. Junior league nomination and game fees will be set by Basketball NSW in its annual budget.
- 5.4. Associations will be invoiced the nomination and game fees by Basketball NSW.

6. Teams

- 6.1. In Metro Junior League (Division 1) and Junior Premier League, associations can only nominate one team per age group, unless a position becomes vacant and BNSW can invite a team of suitable strength.
- 6.2. Metro Junior League (only) associations wishing to compete in Junior Premier League are required to nominate teams in all age groups for both boys and girls (regardless of division) – Under 18, Under 16, Under 14 and Under 12's.
- 6.3. Country associations wanting to nominate in the Junior Premier League, must also nominate the same amount of teams in the opposite gender in either the JPL or their respective regional league.
- 6.4. Special consideration may be given to Associations in particular for the number of girls teams nominated, subject to Associations being able to demonstrate they are actively delivering Learn to Play (Aussie Hoops) for both boys and girls and domestic competition for U12 and below for both boys and girls.
- 6.5. Interstate or Territory teams who have competed in the Junior Premier League season are able to compete in the Junior Premier League finals.

7. Finance

- 7.1. Basketball NSW shall administer the finances of the League through Basketball NSW accounts department.
- 7.2. All member associations are required to promote any sponsor or sponsors of the junior league according to the guidelines, as set down by Basketball NSW. Associations are to use the correct naming right sponsor in all media and communications.
- 7.3. Associations/teams/players that are deemed un-financial by Basketball NSW may be refused entry to competitions, as well as ruled ineligible to progress in the competition.

8. Management of these By-Laws

- 8.1. Interpretation
The League Manager shall in the first instance be required to interpret and apply the by-laws of the league, and make decisions based on them.
- 8.2. Appeals of Decisions made by the League Manager.
The Waratah League Advisory Committee shall act as a point of appeal for decisions made by the competitions department in relation to the by-laws.

Penalties may be in the form of fines, competition points, suspension or disqualification from the League as recommended by the Waratah League Advisory Committee.

- 8.3. Lodging an Appeal
 - a) Lodging an appeal shall be submitted in writing, on association letterhead and shall be known as the Notice of Appeal.
 - b) Any appeal lodged must be in writing within seven (7) days of the decision appealed against.

To make this notice valid, a fee of \$150 is required at the time of notice of appeal being submitted for the appeal.

If the decision of the Waratah League Advisory Committee is in favour of the appealing Association, then \$100 of the fee will be refunded.

- c) Appeals shall be processed as expeditiously as possible.
- d) Until such time as an appeal is heard the penalty will stand unless otherwise determined by the BNSW Board.
- e) Associations will be granted a maximum of 3 appeals per season, for any reason. This includes both Junior and Senior based appeals.

NOTE: BNSW have the right to deny any appeal that does not meet the criteria of extenuating circumstances.

9. League Delegate

For the efficient operation of the league, each association is required to appoint a League Delegate, who is empowered to make decisions and act as the focal point for all communication with the league's administration. It is a position of importance and should be filled by someone experienced in basketball administration.

10. Regions

Basketball NSW operates five (5) regional leagues, these are:

- Metro
- North-Eastern
- Southern
- Western
- Premier

- 10.1. Players are required to play in a team from within their own region.
- 10.2. The player must be domiciled in the region.
- 10.3. If a region doesn't have an appropriate aged team, a player may request for Basketball NSW to consider their circumstances to allow them to play "outside" of their region, these will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 10.4. Upon application to Basketball NSW, an association can request team(s) to play in another region if extenuating circumstances arise.

11. Nomination Eligibility Criteria

- 11.1. Nominating associations must be a member of Basketball NSW or have in place an agreement that confers membership for the purposes of participating in a BNSW junior league.
- 11.2. Associations entering in a junior league must be compliant with the Basketball NSW Registration By-Laws.
- 11.3. The association must be able to demonstrate the ability to sustain and support entered team(s), via feeder programs, this includes the running of domestic competitions, pathways for players, coaches, referees and other technical officials.
- 11.4. Metro Junior League Compliance Ratio

Associations wishing to compete in the Metro Junior League will be required to comply with the compliance ratio. The compliance ratio is set at 25%. NOTE: This includes metro teams nominated for Junior Premier League.

To calculate an Associations compliance ratio, BNSW will as at the 30th of November each year count the total number of registered 8-17 years olds then x 25% and then divide by 10 players to return the maximum number of teams that Association can nominate in the following years competition.

Example

920 (8-17 year olds) x **25%** ÷ **10** (players per team) = **23** (teams can be entered)

- 11.5. Nominations must be lodged on the appropriate Basketball NSW form/s.
- 11.6. Teams may nominate to play in a higher age group, but must remain in the higher age group for the duration of the regular season and finals series. Basketball NSW must approve any such nomination.

12. Registration

- 12.1. All participants are required to be registered members of Basketball NSW through an association.

The Basketball NSW Registration By-Laws are available on the Basketball NSW website.

13. Intent to Trial

- 13.1. Players registered with one association may not trial with another association without an Intent to trail form being completed.
- 13.2. It is the responsibility of the player/parent or guardian to complete the online form before trialling at a new association.
- 13.3. An intent to trial form is not a clearance and players may not play in any Basketball NSW conducted competitions without a processed clearance.
- 13.4. Under the Clearance section of these by-laws. All players must submit proof of clearance from their last association prior to participating in the competition.
- 13.5. It is recommended that all parties retain a copy of this agreement.

14. Team Withdrawals, Late Fees and Forfeits

- 14.1. Where an association nominates a team into a Basketball NSW competition and subsequently withdraws that team from the competition, the association may be liable to a penalty as outlined in the Junior League Team Entry Form:
 - i. Withdrawing a team AFTER the nomination deadline.
 - ii. Withdrawing a team AFTER the draw is released.
 - iii. Withdrawing a team DURING the competition.
 - iv. Forfeiting a game
- 14.2. Teams withdrawing from the State Championships (U12's) or State Cup after having qualified via their Junior League, may be subject to a fine of \$1000, please refer to the competition formats section of these by-laws.
- 14.3. Forfeits
 - 14.3.1. A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:
 - a) Fifteen minutes after the starting time the team is not present, or
 - b) Is not able to field five (5) players to commence the game, or
 - c) It refuses to play after being instructed to do so by either the Referee, Court Supervisor or Basketball NSW staff member, or
 - d) By its actions or those of its supporters, prevents the game from being played, or
 - e) Fails to supply referees of sufficient quality for a game, or
 - f) If a team allows an unregistered player, team official or referee to participate in a game.
 - 14.3.2. Penalty:
 - a) The game is awarded to the opponents and the score shall be twenty (20) to zero (0). Further, the forfeiting team shall receive zero (0) points in the classification.

- b) For a two game (home and away) total point series, the team that forfeits in the first or second game shall lose the series by forfeit.
- c) In the event of a forfeit, the association responsible will have the fines incorporated into their next instalment of game fees, or will be invoiced via Basketball NSW.
- d) Any team which forfeits a match will pay a forfeit fine, which is double the game fee plus \$100.
- e) Associations claiming expenses incurred as a result of a forfeit are to direct their claim to the competitions coordinator within thirty (30) days of the forfeit occurring. Evidence of expenses may be required.

14.3.3. The break down for claim in relation to a forfeit is as follows:

- a) Court Hire
- b) Referee Fees
- c) Scoretable – Chairman’s Fee
- d) Percentage of the Court Supervisor Fee

Associations who forfeit at their home court are not eligible to claim expenses.

Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Managers

All Coaches and Assistant Coaches must hold a current Club Coach accreditation (formerly known as Level 1).

All Team Staff / Officials (coaches, assistant coaches and managers etc.) must have a current Working with Children Check that has been verified.

All Team Staff / Officials must currently be registered with Basketball NSW, have joined the team on GameDay and agreed to the specific terms and conditions.

15. Referee Requirements

15.1. The NSW Waratah Junior Panel is made up of all eligible referees who have been nominated by their home association to officiate in any Basketball NSW Spalding Waratah Junior League competition and meet the following criteria;

- a) Be a minimum of 14 years of age (minimum age for any JPL game is 15 years), and
- b) Be a registered member with the nominating association, and
- c) Be registered with BNSW on RefBook, and
- d) Be actively officiating within their local domestic competition, and
- e) Be available for 75% of the full season (specific to the number of games and/or Central Venues in their region), and
- f) Officiate in the approved league uniform, and
- g) Have attended a Basketball NSW Referees Pre-Season Clinic and completed a fitness screening if officiating any age group in JPL or Under 18 Boys, Under 18 Girls and Under 16 Boys divisions in all other Junior Leagues.

15.2. Minimum Referee Standards

The acceptable minimum standards are as follows.

Age Group	Junior Premier League	Division 1	Division 2, 3 & Below
U18 Boys	Advanced	Intermediate/Advanced	Intermediate/Advanced
U18 Girls	Advanced	Intermediate	Intermediate
U16 Boys	Advanced/Intermediate*	Intermediate	Intermediate

U16 Girls	Intermediate/Advanced	Development/Intermediate	Development/Intermediate
U14 Boys & Girls	Intermediate	Development	Development
U12 Boys & Girls	N/A	Development	Development

*Exemptions at BNSW discretion.

15.3. Association Referee requirements when Nominating Teams

Associations when nominating teams to compete in any Basketball NSW Spalding Waratah Junior League competition must comply with the following;

- a) Nominate an "Association Referee Advisor". This person will need to make themselves available to work with Basketball NSW and Referee Program Managers to ensure rosters are covered for the entire duration of their respective competition.
- b) Nominate a minimum of 1 referee per team nominated.

Basketball NSW will determine if the referees are of an appropriate standard for the age group nominated. Associations will be required to indicate the following when nominating their referees for consideration.

- i. Referee only
- ii. Player/Referee
- iii. Coach/Referee
- iv. Manager/Referee
- v. If they are regularly rostered on NBL1 East and/or Waratah Senior League games.

15.4. Referee Assessments for Inclusion

Yo-Yo Test	18 Boys/Girls	16 Boys	16 Girls, 14 Boys/Girls	12 Boys/Girls
JPL	23	17	17	N/A
MJL, NEJL, SJL & WJL	17	17	Attempted*	Attempted*

*Attempted – there is NO minimum level required but the referees must attempt the Yo-Yo and do the best they can.

15.5. Referee Appointments

- a) MJL/JPL – for home/away games the home association will be responsible for appointing referees. For Pre-Season games and or central venue rounds, associations will be required to provide to Basketball NSW a list of available eligible referees and Basketball NSW in conjunction with the Program Manager will appoint referees to games.

JPL (Central Venue Rounds), NEJL, SJL & WJL – referees (supported by Associations Referee Advisor) will be required to confirm their availability prior to each round. The respective league Referees Program manager will appoint referees to games.

- i) If an approved NSW Waratah League Junior Panel member makes themselves unavailable after committing to the season or their circumstances change and they are unavailable to attend a round, it is the responsibility of their home associations to find a suitable replacement official.

Officials from the same or another region not already appointed can be used. The home association will be responsible for covering the cost of accommodation and ground transport, this will be centrally managed by Basketball NSW.

- b) MJL, NEJL, SJL & WJL Finals – Basketball NSW plus the respective league Referees Program Manager will appoint referees to games. Basketball NSW will require each association to nominate a specific number of referees to which Basketball NSW will appoint the Finals games.
- i. Finals eligibility – Referees must have met the Referee Requirements outlined in 16.1.
- c) JPL Finals – Basketball NSW High-Performance Officer will appoint a JPL Finals Panel and appoint referees to games from this Panel. To be eligible for JPL Finals selection officials must:
- i. Attend a minimum of 2 (two) central venue rounds. If due to unforeseen circumstances, exemptions can be made by Basketball NSW.
- ii. Meet Referee Requirements specified in 16.1. Exemptions may be made by Basketball NSW if one of these requirements are not met.
- Selection for the JPL Finals Panel will be based on performance from JPL rounds, MJL, NEJL, SJL & WJL Finals and recommendations from league Referee Program Managers.
- iii. Officials who are part of either the JPL & ARP programs may also be appointed to attend JPL Finals.
- iv. Basketball NSW will appoint referee supervisors and referee instructors to venues.
- d) State Cup – Basketball NSW High-Performance Officer will appoint a State Cup Panel and appoint referees to games from the Panel. To be eligible for State Cup selection officials must:
- i. Meet Referee Requirements specified in 16.1. Exemptions may be made by Basketball NSW if one of these requirements are not met.

Selection for the State Cup Finals Panel will be based on performance from the regular season rounds games, MJL, NEJL, SJL & WJL Finals, and recommendations from league Referee Program Managers.

Referees selected to the U16s & U18s JPL Finals Panel will not be eligible for State Cup.

Basketball NSW will appoint referee supervisors and referee instructors to venues.

15.6. Referee Rates of Pay

Age	Rounds	Finals
U12's & U14's	\$25.00	\$25.00
U16's & U18's	\$35.00	\$35.00

15.7. Referee Supervisor Appointments

- a) MJL – for venues where there are more than 2 courts being used for home games, these Associations will be required to also nominate person(s) who will become the Association Referee Supervisor on game day.
- b) It is recommended that on game day this person not be actively refereeing/coaching whilst fulfilling these tasks. This person can also be the association referee contact.
- c) JPL, NEJL, SJL & WJL – associations may be required to provide to Basketball NSW a list of available referee supervisors. Basketball NSW plus the respective league Referees Program Manager will then appoint referee supervisors to venues.
- d) Regional League Finals Series – Basketball NSW plus the respective league Referees Program Manager will appoint referee supervisors to venues.

16. Scorable Requirements

17.1. Each participating team is required to provide two (2) suitable trained scorable officials for their games.

- Team A will be responsible for the game clock.
- Team B will be responsible for Courtside.
- The 24 second operator and the time keeper should be sitting next to each other.
- The chairperson should sit in the middle of the scorable, with the scorer to their right and the time keeper to their left.

If bench personnel (from either team) hold a Level 2 or above accreditation, they will be eligible to perform ANY position, as required on the score bench.

BNSW recommends that Associations host or facilitate a scoretable course at the beginning of each season, and consider the appointment of qualified chairpersons to each home game to assist with in-game training of scorebench personnel to minimise complaints.

17.2. State Championships Grand Finals

- a) Basketball NSW Scoretable Committee will be responsible for appointing officials to all grand final games.
- b) Teams failing to fulfil their bench commitments at the State Championship round games are liable to be fined \$50.00.

17.3. Junior League Grand Finals

Depending on the location and availability of accredited scoretable officials, Basketball NSW Scoretable Committee will either appoint scoretable officials to all grand final games or a supervisor to oversee all grand finals.

17. Composite Teams

The composite team rule has been developed to assist in the development of basketball in regional areas, not for the purpose of building super teams. These teams will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for entry into the Junior Premier League.

Basketball NSW in reviewing applications for the inclusion of a composite team(s), will take the following into consideration.

17.1. Junior Leagues

- a) The players must be domiciled in the region, and
- b) That their primary association has chosen not to enter a team into the regional league, and
- c) That the teams consist of both bottom and top age players.
- d) That the combined team have equal numbers (or close to) from each association.

18. Game Rules

The Basketball NSW Junior League competitions shall be played under the Rules and Regulations as set out by FIBA, unless otherwise specified in the Basketball NSW Junior League by-laws.

19. Special Rules

Basketball NSW has the power to vary, change or introduce special rules into the by-laws of the junior league competitions at any time.

19.1. Under 12's

- a) All players in the U12 division are to take the court in each half of the game. The scoretable are to police the rule by placing an X in the appropriate box on the Under 12's Record Sheet beside the players name as they take the court.

Teams who fail to play all players in each half of the game may lose the match by forfeit.

Please note: Where associations fail to comply, a penalty may apply.

- b) The modified free throw line for all U12 games will be measured 4m from the backboard or 60cm in front of the free throw line. It will be the width of 5cm and length of 30cm.
- c) There will be no 3 point rule, all field shots will be awarded two points irrespective of where they are taken.
- d) Coaches are to refrain from communicating with the officials on U12 games. They can communicate with scoretable. Issues must be directed to the referee supervisor. The referee supervisor will not stop the game immediately.

19.2. Zone Defence (U12's & U14's)

As there is general acceptance that the consistent use of zone defences in the younger age groups adversely affects the development of both defensive and offensive skills in younger athletes the use of a zone defence is banned.

a) Definition

Any defence played in the half court which does not incorporate normal man-to-man defensive principles shall be considered to be a zone. For this purpose trapping defences which rotate back to man-to-man defensive principles shall be acceptable.

b) Violations of Man-to-Man Defence

The use of man-to-man defence is integral to all competitions run by Basketball NSW. Therefore, when observing games, observers should be concerned about determining players or teams who are not executing acceptable man-to-man defensive principles.

Specifically violations fall into one of the four categories listed below:

- i. One or more player(s) was/were not in an acceptable man-to-man defensive position in relation to their man and the ball.
- ii. A cutter moved all the way through the key and was not defended using acceptable man-to-man defensive techniques – for example, bumped, switched or followed.
- iii. Following a trapping or help and recover situation, the team made no attempt to re-establish man-to-man defensive positioning.
- iv. The team zone pressed and did not assume man-to-man defensive positioning once the ball had been advanced into the quarter court.

c) Notes for observers – in any judgement

- i. Take into account the intention of the defensive team.
- ii. Take into account the time and the state of the game.
- iii. Deliberate and pre-meditated use of zone defence at a critical time in a game should be acted upon immediately.
- iv. Where there is any doubt, the benefit of doubt must be given to the defence, i.e. be sure of the violation.
- v. If a zone is in effect, observer must warn the head coach and call an officials time out to allow the coach to notify their players.

d) Who can enforce penalties for playing zones?

Neutral observer(s) who are qualified to determine whether or not a zone is in place.

e) Implementing Penalty

- i. Warning.
- ii. 1st Violation – if a coach is found to be using a zone defence after the warning, the Court Supervisor or Basketball NSW representative, they are to approach the Scoretable Chairman for an official's time-out to stop the game.

The referees are then informed that a violation of the NO ZONE RULE has been detected.

The offending coach is then informed and subsequently charged with a Technical Foul.

- iii. 2nd Violation – if a coach is found to be using a zone defence for the second time during a game, the Court Supervisor or Basketball NSW representative is to approach the Scoretable Chairman for an official's time-out to stop the game.

The referees are then informed that a second violation of the NO ZONE RULE has been detected.

- iv. The offending coach is then informed and subsequently charged with a second and disqualifying Technical Foul and will be required to leave the playing area.

19.3. Mercy Rule

Once the game has entered the second half and the score differential reaches 30 or more points, the following may/will occur:

- a) U12's (U14's for WJL only)
 - i. The game will now automatically become a "running clock", the clock will only stop for time-outs and fouled out players.
 - ii. If the margin between the two teams reduces to 15 point or less points, the game will revert back to being a "fully timed" game and the clock will stop as per the normal game rules.
- b) U14's (All other leagues), U16's & U18's
 - i. The losing coach may invoke the mercy rule, the game will now become a "running clock", and the clock will only stop for time-outs and fouled out players.
 - ii. If the margin between the two teams reduces to 15 point or less points, the game will revert back to being a "fully timed" game and the clock will stop as per the normal game rules.

19.4. Coach
Only the Head Coach is permitted to stand in Waratah Junior representative basketball.

- 19.5. Disruption of game
- (a) Aerosol horns, whistles, vuvuzelas and megaphones may disrupt games and are not permitted at League games. Streamers, feather boas, pom poms and other material items that could cause excessive mess are also not permitted.
 - (b) Other noisemakers such as party horns and percussion instruments are conditionally permitted into the venue subject to the game technical officials being able to effectively officiate the match. Should the use of these items interfere with the audibility of game calls, the Referee may stop the match and request their use be discontinued or removed via the Supervisor and/or BNSW representative.

20. Competition Formats

The Basketball NSW Junior Leagues represent the first stage of the Basketball NSW Junior State Championships format.

The competition is conducted as follows:

- 20.1. Round One – Regional Junior Leagues played either Home or Away or at Central Venues, along with a finals series.
- 20.2. Round Two – Junior Premier League Final Series (State Championships for U12's)
 - a) Junior Premier League Finals, the top eight (8) teams from each Junior Premier League (JPL) age group for both Boys and Girls will advance.
 - b) If there is no U12's played at JPL, the selection process of the country U12 teams will be determined after nominations have been received and the competition formats for each of the regional leagues have been announced.
 - c) If there is no U12's played at JPL the top four (4) U12 Metro Division 1 teams will advance to compete in the State Championships.
- 20.3. Round Two – State Cup
 - a) State Cup, the top four (4) teams from Metro Division 1 along with the winners from Division 1 regional leagues (NEJL, SJL & WJL) in the U18's, U16's & U14's will advance to compete in the State Cup.
 - b) The selection process of the Country U12 teams will be determined after nominations have been received and the competition formats for each of the regional leagues have been announced.
 - c) The top four (4) U12 Metro Division 2 teams will advance to compete in the State Cup.
- 21.4. Attendance at State Championships and State Cup is compulsory, however, under extenuating circumstances a team can choose to forfeit their position. Any such request must be made in writing to Basketball NSW in a timely manner.

If approved, Basketball NSW will then offer the spot to the respective runner up, if they decline the offer, then this spot may revert to a wildcard spot.

If Basketball NSW is unable to fill the spot, then the team that originally won the right to compete and then withdrew may be issued a fine for non-attendance.

21.5. The Page Play-off system may be used for leagues, where the top four teams advance to the playoffs, which are played over three rounds with one team being eliminated in each round.

The format progresses as follows:

- In Game 1, the third- and fourth-placed teams play against each other. The loser is eliminated.
- In Game 2, the first- and second-placed teams play against each other. The winner qualifies directly for the grand final.
- In Game 3, the winner of Game 1 plays against the loser of Game 2. The loser is eliminated.
- Game 4 (the grand final) is then played between the winners of Games 2 and 3.

Basketball NSW may implement alternate formats where necessary.

21. Classification of Teams

22.1. Competition points will be awarded as follows:

- Two (2) points for a win
- One (1) point for a loss
- Nil (0) points for a forfeit

22.2. If a team has forfeited a game throughout the season and finishes on equal points with the team(s) it forfeited against, it will receive the lowest ranking of these 2 or more teams that are tied, irrespective of results between the teams concerned.

22.3. If 2 or more teams have the same amount of competition points of all games in the group, the game(s) between these 2 or more teams shall decide on the classification. If the 2 or more teams have the same win-loss record of the games between them, further criteria will be applied in the following order.

- Higher point difference of the games between them.
- Higher number of points scored in the games between them.
- Higher point difference of all games in the group.
- Higher number of points scored in all games in the group.

If these criteria still cannot decide, a draw shall decide on the classification.

NOTE: If teams play each other an uneven number of times the win/loss percentage of games played between the 2 or more teams shall decide classification.

22.4. If at any level of these criteria one or more team(s) can be classified, the procedure of 22.3 shall be repeated from the beginning for all the remaining teams not classified yet.

22. Timing Rules

FIBA rules apply to all competitions with the following amendments:

22.1. U18 & U16 competitions (all divisions)

- Warm up – 5 minutes (minimum)
- Playing time – 4 x 10 minutes (fully timed)
- Half time interval – 5 minutes
- Intervals between 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th quarters – 2 minutes
- Extra time – 5 minutes
- Interval between extra time – 2 minutes
- Time outs (per team)
 - First half – 2
 - Second half – 3 (maximum of 2 in the last 2 minutes of the last quarter).
 - Overtime – 1
- 24 second rule applies. No 14 second shot clock

22.2. U14 & U12

- Warm up – 5 minutes (minimum)
- Playing time – 4 x 8 minutes (fully timed)
- Half time interval – 5 minutes
- Intervals between 1st & 2nd and 3rd & 4th quarters – 2 minutes
- Extra time – 3 minutes
- Interval between extra time – 2 minutes
- Time outs (per team)
 - First half – 2
 - Second half – 2
 - Overtime – 1
- 24 second rule applies to U14's Junior Premier League - shot clock will commence when both the player and the ball have entered the front court. No 14 second shot clock.

23. Scheduling of Games

23.1. All regular season games shall commence no earlier than 8am on Saturday or Sunday.

24. Uniforms

24.1. Associations wishing to purchase new uniforms must have the colour palette and design approved by Basketball NSW.

24.2. All associations must play in their registered uniform.

- a) Teams are required to have two sets of uniforms, one set of alternate colour to the other.
- b) Teams alternate set of uniforms must be the opposite colour palette of their main uniform, e.g. If the main set consists of dark colours, then the alternate set should be of light colours, preferably white.
- c) All players shall be correctly dressed in the team's uniform colours. Warm-up apparel must be the same colour as the team uniform, otherwise teams must warm-up in their playing uniforms.
- d) All players must be in the same uniform i.e. singlet and shorts.

24.3. In the event that a clash of approved uniform colours occurs, team B must wear their approved alternate colours.

- a) If team B does not have an alternate uniform, they shall:
 - i. Wear uniform/bibs supplied by the home team or host association.
 - ii. In the event of team B refusing to wear such uniforms, the game shall be deemed a forfeit.
- b) At a central venue round, team B may be fined and team A will be asked to change to their alternate uniform.

24.4. Team uniform regulations are as per FIBA rules and regulations with the following variations.

- a) Teams shall use numbers as per FIBA rules.
- b) Player shorts are to display the BNSW Waratah League logo on either leg.
- c) Failure to display the Waratah Logo may result in a fine.

24.5. T-Shirts regardless of style may not be worn under shirts, even if the player has written medical permission.

24.6. Undergarments - The following **compression** garments are permitted to be worn.

- a) Sleeved (short or long) tops black
- b) Calf sleeves black
- c) Arm sleeves black
- d) Quad sleeves black
- e) Any compression garments worn on the legs or arms must be black in colour
- f) Headgear can be worn (must be black, no pins, buttons or attachments that create risk)

25. Match Ball

25.1. BNSW will advise brand of ball used for the Leagues. No other brand is to be used.

25.2. Each team shall provide a match ball of the designated quality, size and brand required by the League.

	Under 12's	Under 14's	Under 16's	Under 18's
Boys	Size 5	Size 6	Size 7	Size 7
Girls	Size 5	Size 6	Size 6	Size 6

25.3. Each team is to provide their own basketballs for warm-up. BNSW will advise brand of ball to be used in the warm up.

25.4. The Referee will make the decision on which basketball will be the match ball.

26. Courtside

27.1. All grades must utilise Courtside.

27.2. Host Association will be required to ensure that all games load correctly, according to the BNSW fixture.

27.3. At least 5 minutes prior to tip off, the team coach or manager will be required to confirm their team list with the score bench.

27.4. Only eligible players listed on Courtside, prior to the game commencing can participate in the match.

27.5. The Head Coach must be listed on Courtside.

27.6. On game day and in the event of an approved player(s) name does not appear in Courtside, the host Associations League Delegate or Court Supervisor must contact BNSW for approval to add the player courtside. If a player, plays without prior approval, the game will be deemed a forfeit.

27.7. At the completion of the game, the device used will need to be connected to the internet before closing the Courtside application or prior to moving to the next game, to allow the game files to be electronically uploaded to the internet.

27. Team Benches

Team A on the draw shall sit on the left-hand side of the scoretable, with Team B on the right, and warm up at the end in front of their bench.

The sides of the scoretable are determined by the view from the table to the court. This is permanent unless organised otherwise.

Out of Season Games

27.1. Any games conducted out of season, whether they be against another association or a touring team, the association hosting the game(s) must register the game with Basketball NSW. Basketball NSW will then ratify the appropriate referees to those games and advise of the association of the relevant fees.

28. Basketball NSW Codes of Conduct & Policies

Basketball NSW Member Protection, Zero Tolerance and Sports Rage & Codes of Conduct are available on the website.

29. Team Lists

The League Delegate is responsible for ensuring that all players' details are entered online into the relevant team lists prior to the start of the season.

- 29.1. All new participants will be required to 'join' your association's representative team by using the online form created by Basketball NSW. This is separate to the obligation to register.
- 29.2. All team staff e.g. coaches, assistant coaches, managers must 'join' your representative team each season and agree to the special terms and conditions. They must be approved by BNSW.
- 29.3. Each team can have a squad list of no more than twelve (12) players.
- 29.4. Teams may field up to ten (10) players per game.
- 29.5. In the event of any duplication of player names on the registration forms of two or more associations, the names of the player(s) involved shall be eliminated from all teams by Basketball NSW. Players may be reinstated or replaced following consideration of written submissions received within seven days of the date of any elimination notice by Basketball NSW.
- 29.6. Just prior to the start of the league (dates will vary), Basketball NSW will remove association league delegates ability to modify team lists.
 - a) Basketball NSW will then circulate a full list of all players eligible to play, association league delegates will be required at this time to endorse this list as their OFFICIAL team list(s).
 - b) All additions to team lists must be requested to Basketball NSW by COB the Thursday before the round is scheduled to be played.

If a player is not eligible to play and is added without a request made and approval, then the game may be forfeited and a forfeit fine may be imposed.

30. Player Eligibility

- 30.1. All players must be under the age of their nominated age group as at December 31, in that year.
- 30.2. A player must be a minimum of nine (9) years of age as at December 31 of that same calendar year in which they seek to play in the Waratah Junior Leagues.
- 30.3. If due to extenuating circumstances as approved by Basketball NSW, a team roster is less than their normal number of players in normal rounds, the association can request that a player from either a lower division or age group from the same association may play up.

Once approved by Basketball NSW, this player is limited to a maximum of three (3) games with the higher division team, once 3 games are played, (on the fourth game), the player will remain with this team for the remainder of the season. This means they can no longer play in the lower division or lower age group. This includes the Finals series.

If an ineligible player is added without approval, this game may be forfeited.

- 30.4. In all other leagues, no player shall play for two teams during the same day/round.
 - a) In the NEJL it is permissible for a player to represent their association for a maximum of two teams during the same day/round, when a team roster is less than eight (8) players. Subject to approval by either Basketball NSW or a Basketball NSW representative. This is for central venue rounds only.
- 30.5. A player moving up more than one age group must have written permission from either their parent or guardian.

- a) The association may be requested to provide Basketball NSW with evidence that this has been discussed and approved by either the Board or Representative Committee.
 - b) A player can play up a maximum of two (2) age groups.
- 30.6. A junior may play in both a senior competition and a junior competition in the one round, e.g., Youth League and U18's.
- 30.7. Same age group
Prior to the season starting, if a player is registered to play in both Division 1 and Division 2 of an age group, the League Delegate will be required to advise which team is their primary team.
- If the League Delegate advises that Division 1 (or highest division) is their primary team, then their registration with the division 2 (or lowest division) shall be removed.
- If the League Delegate advises that the division 2 (or lowest division) team is their primary team, then their registration with the division 1 team (or highest) division shall remain.
- This player is limited to a maximum of three (3) games with the higher division team (*this includes official pre-season/grading games*), (on the fourth game), the player will remain with this team for the remainder of the season. This means they can no longer play in the lower division or lower age group. This includes the finals series. E.g. State Championships or State Cup.
- 30.8. Playing up one age group
This player is limited to a maximum of three (3) games with the higher division team, once played, (on the fourth game), the player will remain with this team for the remainder of the season. This means they can no longer play in the lower division or lower age group.
- 30.9. In some divisions, associations can nominate more than one team for inclusion, if granted, there shall be no player movement between these teams.
- 30.10. Where an illegal player is played (e.g. a player who is not registered, or a player plays without a clearance), Basketball NSW may forfeit the game.
- 30.11. A player shall not play with more than one Association during any one playing season, with the exception that an appeal may be lodged with Basketball NSW.

31. Eligibility for Finals

- 31.1. To be eligible to represent a team in the final, a player must play a minimum of 40% of games with any team. In the case that 40% would not be a round number then the total will be rounded up (e.g. 7.2 games would become 8 games).
- 31.2. Where a player by virtue of injury fails to qualify for the finals series, the League Delegate may apply in writing to Basketball NSW a minimum of 14 days prior to the start of the Finals for permission to play. No applications will be considered outside of these timelines. In considering the application, the association/player must:
- a) Have played a minimum of two (2) games during the current season. This does not include any games prior to the commencement of the actual league.
 - b) The validity of the injury preventing the player from otherwise qualifying to play.
 - c) Medical evidence as to the extent of the injury must be provided to Basketball NSW by no later than two (2) weeks after the injured player has resumed playing.
- 31.3. Players may only play in one division/grade in Junior League Finals series and State Championships/ State Cup, unless specified in League Specific Rules section of these by-laws. Associations may request for an exemption if their team roster is less than their normal number of players.

32. Injury Waiver

In the case of an injured player, an association has the option of requesting an injury waiver for that player from the League Manager.

The Injury waiver may be granted subject to the following conditions.

- a) The injured player must miss a minimum of three (3) consecutive games for that association in the division they are nominated and have previously played prior to injury.
- b) Medical certification of the extent and term of the injury is supplied by a certified medical practitioner or sports medicine specialist. Additional medical certification and written notice is provided to the League to state the injured/ill player is medically fit to resume participation after the minimum three (3) game stand-out.
- c) The injury waiver **MUST** be lodged with the League no later than two (2) weeks after the injury has been sustained.

Once approved, then the association can add a new player to that team.

- a) If the injured player after missing three (3) consecutive games is going to recommence playing again, then the player that was approved and added to the team list, shall have their eligibility status revoked and can no longer continue to play for that team.

33. Clearances

- 33.1. Basketball NSW Junior Leagues abide by the clearance procedures and forms.
- 33.2. All junior players shall have open transfer (no restrictions) except where the association a player is transferring from, believes the transfer may contravene the guidelines set out in the by-laws. Where a composite team is playing, a clearance is not required.
- 33.3. Associations in Basketball NSW Junior Leagues may deny a clearance if funds are outstanding.
- 33.4. Guidelines to be used by associations in ascertaining whether an appeal should be lodged against a proposed clearance include:
 - a) The clearance of the player causes proven undue hardship on the association.
 - b) The clearance could not be deemed appropriate when the overall interest of basketball are taken into account. For example, one or more transfers to an association from one or more other associations creates a 'super' team or composite team, which would dominate a junior competition to the detriment of the other participants.
- 33.5. Teams in Premier League will be granted permission to accept a maximum of one (1) player into their team.
 - a) In the MJL teams competing in Division 1 and 2 will be granted permission to accept a maximum of one (1) player into their team. Teams competing in Division 3 and below will be granted permission to accept a maximum of three (3) players into their team (maximum of two from the same association).
 - b) In regional junior competitions, teams competing in Division 1 will be granted permission to accept a maximum of one (1) player into their team. Teams competing in Division 2 and below will be granted permission to accept a maximum of three (3) players into their team (maximum of two from the same association).

Note: the associations that previously competed in the Eastern Junior League are only permitted to accept a maximum of one (1) player from associations within that league.
 - c) Division 1 and below for all Junior Leagues, players will be granted free transfer if that player did not play in the previous year. EG a player was not selected in any representative team or choose to have a year out of the game.

This does not apply to players that were selected for a team, and was injured before the season started/very early in the season.

NOTE: Teams that apply for exemptions, this has a maximum of 1 per team.
 - d) It is not permissible for a player who has been cleared to play in a lower division, to play up a division in the same age group or play up in a team where there is already the maximum number of clearance players, during that competition season.

E.g. Transferred from Association X to the division 2 team, they must remain in division 2 during the season.

- f) New Associations – in the first year of entry, there will be amnesty for the number of transfers for juniors who live within the associations LGAs that have been allocated to them that may be playing elsewhere. The junior should be playing domestic basketball in the new Association. Domestic competitions must have been operating for 2 years prior to nominating for representative basketball. New Associations can only enter teams in U12's and U14's (subject to meeting all eligibility requirements for U14's) unless they can meet all criteria for 16s and 18s with no exemptions. This amnesty is for 2 seasons only.
- g) Existing Associations nominating for Representative Basketball for the first time can only enter teams in U12's and U14's unless they can meet all criteria for 16s and 18s with no exemptions.

33.6. All players must submit proof of clearance from their last association prior to participating in the competition.

33.7. If a player does play with another association before complying with this rule, the association shall be held responsible and will, in the first instance, lose the game by forfeit and pay the stipulated forfeit fine to Basketball NSW.

Further disciplinary action may be taken against the association.

33.8. If a player's clearance is contested, after 14 days the Basketball NSW Competitions Department will investigate the matter. Associations will be required to provide evidence to support any denial of a clearance.

34. Disqualified Players or Coaches

34.1. When either a disqualifying foul is imposed on any player, coach or team official or they are removed from the game, a report must be submitted on the incident by the referee or game official before leaving the venue. The report is to be forwarded to Basketball NSW by email (via your junior league competition coordinator) with the originals posted by first available mailing date. Child protection issues may be dealt with separately and/or in a different format.

34.2. Any player, coach, team official or person associated with any team or association may be reported by either an official of an association participating in the competition, a Basketball NSW staff member, or anyone appointed by Basketball NSW, for actions deemed inappropriate which have brought the game or the sport into disrepute.

34.3. When an official reports a person, it is the responsibility of the host association supervisor to ensure that the reported person or their association representative has been made aware of the report.

35. Administration of a disqualified participant

35.1. The host association is required to contact the Basketball NSW office with the details of the charge at the first available opportunity after the incident.

35.2. Where teams play more than one game for the weekend (central venue round), the referee or court supervisor must contact Basketball NSW immediately for further advice, BNSW will advise if the disqualified person can continue to participate. This may depend on the nature of the charges and any previous history.

35.3. Tribunals may be organised in the following week, regardless of the outcome of 36.2

35.4. The Basketball NSW Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws will apply.

36. Game lost by Default

- 36.1. A team shall lose a game by default if, during the game, the team has fewer than 2 players on the court ready to play.
- 36.2. Penalty
- a) If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead, the score shall stand as at the time when the game was stopped. If the team to which the game is awarded is not ahead, the score shall be recorded as 2 to 0 in its favour. The defaulting team shall receive 1 point in the classification.
 - b) For a 2 game (home and away) total point series (aggregate score), the team that defaults in the first or in the second game shall lose the series by 'default' (e.g. playoff matches for Under 14s).

37. Game unable to be completed

Abandoned Games, where a game is abandoned or unable to be played (e.g. loss of power to the stadium, extreme weather conditions (inclusive of BNSW Heat Policy Summary) , melee) the following formula will be used to determine the result for a game that cannot be completed.

a) 1st – 3rd Quarter: Margin 20 points or more
Prior to the commencement of the fourth quarter, if the margin between the two teams is 20 points or more, then the result of the game will stand at the point when the game was abandoned.

b) 1st – 3rd Quarter: Margin less than 20 points
Prior to the commencement of the fourth quarter, if the margin between the two teams is less than 20 points, the game will be rescheduled and the game will be treated as if it hadn't occurred.

If the two teams involved are unable to find a suitable date to play the game, and Basketball NSW approves, these teams final placings will be determined on, one less game to the other teams in the competition.

c) 4th Quarter and Extra Time
The result of the game will stand at the point when the game was abandoned.

In any circumstance, the League Manager decides the abandoning of the Game after consulting with the referees and/or the court supervisor.

If the abandoned game is unable to be rescheduled and both teams agree, then the result will stand as at the time of abandonment.

38. Venues

Venues nominated by associations are required to be compliant with the rules of the game as required by Basketball NSW.

All venues are subject to periodic venue audit inspections and if deemed unsatisfactory may cause associations to be required to use other facilities or be suspended from the competition until requirements are met.

38.1. All court markings need to be as per the relevant FIBA regulations and need to be completely visible.

38.2. All courts need to include scoreboard, scorebench, team benches, and backboards.

- 38.3. All courts need to be free of obstruction from all side-lines, which must be at least 2-metres.
- 38.4. Backboards must have snapback rings with all the required padding and supports, as per FIBA regulations.
- 38.5. Quality scoreboards with tenth of a second count down facility built into them.
- 38.6. 2 x 24-second devices positioned according to FIBA regulations (per court).
- 38.7. Change rooms with shower and toilet facilities.
- 38.8. A referee's change room which provides for both female and male officials.
- 38.9. Quality court lighting.
- 38.10. Provide blood kits, these are to be located at the scortable for each game.

39. Responsibilities of Host Associations

The Host Association is defined as the association that is responsible for the running of the venue for the game(s).

The Host Association shall be responsible for the following duties.

- a) Ensuring that the venue has a Court Supervisor that has attended a BNSW workshop.
- b) Ensuring that the venue has a Referee Supervisor, for central venue competitions Referee Supervisors will be appointed by Basketball NSW.
- c) Ensuring that the stadium (playing venue) is opened 45-minutes prior to the first game time.
- d) Ensuring that end lines (base lines) are to be clear of spectators, chairs and any other obstacles that may cause either injury or obstruction to referees or players etc.
- e) Ensure that an emergency first aid kit, ice and local hospital, dental and emergency contact details are readily available.

41.1. Court Supervisors

The Court Supervisor will be responsible for:

- a) Ensuring all game results are uploaded via Courtside either after each game or after the last game has been played.
- b) Ensuring that any relevant game day paperwork such as referee payment sheets and behaviour reports are sent to Basketball NSW via email by the conclusion of the round and originals to be sent to Basketball NSW within 5 days of the round.
- c) Ensuring that all referees are paid their game payments after the game has been completed.
- d) Assume control of the Zero Tolerance Policy on behalf of Basketball NSW and to ensure that action is taken in a timely fashion to ensure that any inappropriate behaviour is dealt with immediately.
- e) Be available to call an ambulance if required.

In the event that there is an issue with the Courtside application, contact with BNSW must be made urgently to resolve the issue. In the unlikely event that the Courtside issue can not be resolved, the host association may be asked to revert to the use of scoresheets. In this case, the host association will be required to manually enter results via the competition website, scan and email the game day paperwork to their respective junior league competition coordinator by the end of the day.

In any of the following scenarios, please ensure all the relevant paperwork is scanned and emailed to their respective junior league competition coordinator immediately after the game.

- Player(s) have been disqualified from a game.
- Coach(es) have been disqualified from a game.

Substandard performance in the area of host responsibilities may result in fixture relocation and an association being deemed unacceptable for the following year(s) of the junior competition.

40. Game Results

- 40.1. The following information will be displayed on the results page for all Junior League age groups.
- Full-time score
 - Who played for each team
 - Player statistics

41. Australian U14 Club Championships

Basketball Australia allocates the number of teams each State is entitled to on an annual basis. This allocation is done based upon the results of the previous year's Australian U14 Club Championships.

To qualify for Australian U14 Club Championships, teams must be NSW association based, that compete in the Junior Premier League.

4 teams

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th from JPL

5 teams

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th from JPL

6 teams

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th & 6th from JPL

Should ACT finish in an Australian U14 Club Championships qualifying position in any of these scenarios, then BNSW may require a challenge game to be played to determine the appropriate NSW association teams to qualify. This game will be played on the final day of JPL Finals (State Championships).

JPL associations have agreed to determine the qualifying teams by the agreed date set at the annual league meeting each year.

41.2. Seeding of teams

Where the calendar and scheduling permits, seeding may be determined at the Junior Premier League Finals. If the schedule does not permit, then paper seeding may be utilised.

42. Metro Specific Rules

41.3. Teams

Associations can only nominate a maximum of 4 teams per age group, with only one team in JPL and one team in Division 1. This will be reviewed every 2 years. The next review will be conducted in 2024 for the 2025 season.

For Division 2 and below, only 2 teams per association can compete in the one division. This means that if your nominated Division 1 team is regraded to Division 2 and you already have 2 teams in this division, one of your nominated Division 2 teams must move to Division 3. If there is no division for them to slide to, BNSW will discuss options.

Associations wishing to compete in JPL are required to nominate teams in all age groups for both boys and girls – Under 18, Under 16, Under 14 and Under 12's in any division.

Special consideration may be given to Associations in particular for the number of girls teams nominated, subject to Associations being able to demonstrate they are actively delivering Learn to Play (Aussie Hoops) for both boys and girls and domestic competition for U12 and below in both boys and girls.

41.4. Nominations

Nominating for JPL U12, U14, U16 & U18's

Associations who have met the MJL Regulations can nominate for JPL if they have either;

- a) Participated in Junior Premier Leagues the previous season, or
- b) Participated in division 1 two seasons prior in the age group below, or
- c) Finished in the top 4 from division 1 the previous season of the same age group, or
- d) Finished in the top 4 one age group below in division 1, two seasons prior.

If the team has four or more players returning (same team and division) then the last season ladder position may be included.

BNSW reserves the right to promote a team when a team has over performed in the division below pre-season competition.

43. Condition of Entry

To ensure that BNSW remains compliant on legislative requirements with Member Protection, BNSW will require each participating Association to send their Court Supervisor(s) or representative to a Member Protection and Zero Tolerance workshop. This will be conducted in February/March of each year.

Penalties may be imposed for any association that is not represented at the workshop. These penalties may be in the form of fines or teams being disqualified from the competition.

44. Breaches of the Rules

The penalty for breaching any of the rules outlined in these by-laws and Regulations or infringement of the FIBA Rules, may lead to the loss of any allocated standing points by the offending team.

Fines may also apply.

45. Risk Warning

All participants should be aware that there are risks of injury associated with playing basketball, as there are with other sports. Risks will arise in the context of the activities of running, catching, throwing, passing, and shooting the ball plus guarding opposing players. While Basketball NSW aims to minimise risk, it is not possible to eliminate them all. As an addition to this warning, Basketball NSW highly recommends that all participants use a mouthguard.

46. Betting/Match Fixing

The following conduct may be sanctioned and result in a loss of competition points/and or removal from the league, and/or up to a \$2000 fine:

Betting

Direct or indirect involvement of a Participant in any form of Betting related to a Competition of Basketball NSW, including Betting with or through another Person on the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of such a Competition of Basketball NSW

Manipulation of Results

- a) Fixing or contriving in any way or otherwise improperly influencing, or being a party to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise improperly influence, the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of a Competition of Basketball NSW.
- b) Failing to perform to the best of one's abilities ('tanking ') in a competition of Basketball NSW.

NOTE: Basketball Australia's National Integrity Framework is to be reviewed regarding Gambling and Match Fixing.

47. Public Image

41.5. The image of the basketball and the league in general shall be upheld by all participants.

Any participant of the league found guilty of using either a public address system, game programs, social media either personal or public accounts (such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube etc.) or the use of media outlets as a means of bullying, criticising, making sexist or racist remarks about another individual, team or the league in general will not be tolerated.

41.6. Associations and individuals will be held responsible for any adverse media, or public, comment originating through these agencies.

41.7. The League Manager is empowered to impose a fine, or recommend expulsion, in the event that any adverse comment is reported, and after investigation is proven, the League Manager has discretion with respect to the amount of the fine to be imposed.