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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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1. Membership of the League

- 1.1. The Waratah League is a Member Association based competition.
- 1.2. Associations must be Financial Members of NSWBA. Associations must continue to be financial throughout the season.
- 1.3. Associations entering team(s) in the Waratah League are required to have junior teams competing in a BNSW Junior League (any division) for all age groups – U18's, U16's, U14's and U12's.

Associations that are unable to enter teams in all of the above age groups are required to apply in writing to BNSW for an exemption.

- 1.4. Provide a venue that is approved by BNSW.
- 1.5. Provide local domestic senior competitions and are able to supply BNSW with the draws for the competitions.
- 1.6. The association has a referee development program in place.
- 1.7. Suitable Referee nominations as per the criteria as outlined in these by-laws.
- 1.8. Each association must nominate one referee instructor/observer. The referee instructor/observer must be approved by BNSW.
- 1.9. Scoretable
 - a) Provide a minimum of 4 Scoretable officials per game.
 - b) Scoretable officials must hold a level 1 or above accreditation.
 - c) Chairperson must hold a level 2 or above accreditation.
 - d) Provide a list of Scoretable officials from your association.
 - e) Provide a Scoretable roster (once the draw has been finalised).
- 1.10. Abide by the League By-Laws.

2. Nominations

- 2.1. Associations entering the League must be compliant with the BNSW Registration By-Laws.
- 2.2. Nominating associations are required to conduct a domestic competition to be eligible to nominate and therefore fulfil the association status criteria to compete in BNSW competitions.
- 2.3. For Waratah League, every nominating association is required to lodge a detailed list of accredited available referees and scoretable officials who are active in the association and an outline of the association's referee and scoretable programs along with their nomination.
- 2.4. In accordance with a resolution from the Coaches Association, all Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches of a team entering into the Waratah League (including Youth teams) must hold a minimum current Club Coach Accreditation.
- 2.5. Nominations must be lodged in accordance with BNSW nomination forms, either paper or online. Nominations must meet all criteria set out.
- 2.6. Nominations are open to all member associations of NSWBAL (or have membership agreements in place) and also to teams from the ACT.

- 2.7. Associations may enter teams in more than one division of the Waratah League and also enter in NBL1.
- 2.8. Participating associations in the Leagues must be currently financial with BNSW (see BNSW registration by-laws), or respective State/Territory registration by-laws.
- 2.9. In accepting entry into the League all associations, teams and individuals so entered shall be bound by these Rules and Regulations including the BNSW Tribunal By-Laws.

3. Withdrawing from the League

Where an association nominates a team in the league and subsequently withdraws that team from the competition, the association will be liable to a penalty.

- 3.1. Withdrawing a team PRIOR to the nomination deadline = NIL
- 3.2. Withdrawing a team AFTER the nomination deadline = loss of nomination fee.
- 3.3. Withdrawing a team AFTER the draw is released (within two months of the commencement of the competition = loss of nomination fee + \$1000
- 3.4. Withdrawing a team DURING the competition = loss of nomination fee + \$2000.

4. Management of the League

4.1. Aims

To provide Basketball NSW associations with a high level of competition in which to represent their entire program during a defined season.

4.2. Control

The Waratah League (The League) shall be under the control of the New South Wales Basketball Association Limited (BNSW).

4.3. Administration

BNSW shall be responsible for the administration of the league on behalf of the participants and shall be empowered to adjudicate on all matters pertaining to the league not already covered in these By-Laws.

4.4. Waratah League Advisory Committee

The Waratah League Advisory Committee are bound by a Charter as set by the BNSW Board. The Waratah League Advisory Committee shall comprise of a maximum of seven (7) members:

- (a) Chairperson – a BNSW Director appointed by the Board.
- (b) Two (2) members nominated by the Metropolitan Advisory Committee.
- (c) Two (2) members nominated by Country Advisory Committee.
- (d) Two (2) members nominated by the BNSW Events Department to the CEO for approval.

Committee members are up for reappointment every two (2) years.

Following the first Board meeting after the AGM, the Board shall appoint a Director as Chairperson for the Advisory Committee.

5. League Manager

- 5.1. The League Manager shall be employed and appointed by BNSW.
- 5.2. The duties and responsibilities of the League Manager shall include:
 - a) Responsibility for the administration and operation of the League.
 - b) Recruiting and servicing of League sponsors in conjunction with the BNSW Marketing Department.
 - c) Compiling the draw for the League.

When any disruption to that schedule occurs for any reason, the League Manager shall cause any games so affected to be played at the first available opportunity.

- d) The recording of the financial affairs of the League.
- e) Servicing of the Media in conjunction with member associations.
- f) Marketing the image of basketball through League activities.
- g) Ensuring that the League By-Laws and Regulations as laid down are strictly adhered to.
- h) Organisation of the finals series for the League.

6. Finance

- 6.1. BNSW shall administer the finances of the League through BNSW accounts.
- 6.2. All member associations are required to promote any sponsor or sponsors of the league according to the guidelines as set down by BNSW.
- 6.3. Associations/teams/ players that are deemed unfinancial by various rules of BNSW may be ruled ineligible to participate and/or progress in the competition.
- 6.4. Associations/teams/ players that are deemed unfinancial by the registration by-laws of BNSW will be ruled ineligible to participate and/or progress in the competition under the following conditions.
 - a) Prior to nominations closing or the competition commencing, the association shall be refused entry and/or participation in the competition.
 - b) If the association/ players become unfinancial during the competition, its team(s) shall cease to earn competition points until the matter is resolved. When the matter is resolved, the points lost in the unfinancial period cannot be regained.

7. Management of these By-Laws

7.1. 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.

7.2. Appeals of Decisions made by the League Manager.

The Waratah League Advisory Committee shall act as the point of appeal for decisions made by the League Manager 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.

7.3. Lodging an Appeal

- 7.3.1 Lodging an appeal shall be submitted in writing, on association letterhead and shall be known as the Notice of Appeal.
- 7.3.2 Any appeal lodged is to be submitted in writing within seven (7) days of the decision appealed against. To make this notice of appeal valid, a fee of \$500 is required at the time of notice of appeal being submitted. If the decision of the Waratah League Advisory Committee is in favour of the appealing Association, the fee will be refunded.
- 7.3.3 Appeals shall be processed as expeditiously as possible.
- 7.3.4 Until such time as an appeal is heard the penalty will stand unless otherwise determined by the BNSW Board.

7.4. Penalties

The League Manager may impose penalties upon individual players, coaches, Associations, members of Associations or technical officials at their discretion, for any breaches of the by-laws, member protection or codes of conduct breach.

Penalties may be in the form of fines, competition points, suspension or disqualification from the League or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the League Manager. The League Manager will notify all penalties in writing to the Associations.

7.5. Protests

- a) All protests are as per FIBA rules for stats and scoresheets.
- b) Associations must call the League Manager within 30 minutes and inform that a protest is going to be lodged.
- c) The official protest must be on Association letterhead (email is acceptable) and received no later than midday the next day.

Please note: There is a fee of \$500 to be paid at the time of lodging the protest. This will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

8. Registration of Players

- 8.1. All players are required to be registered members of BNSW through an association.
 - a) For the Waratah League all players will also be required to self-join their team through the online form.
- 8.2. No player may register to compete in the competition unless they are capable of qualifying for the finals series.
- 8.3. The registration by-laws and procedures of BNSW are set out in the BNSW registration by-laws.
- 8.4. Associations and players are required to be currently financial with BNSW.
- 8.5. Waratah League – All players must be sixteen (16) years of age or over before taking the court.

Built into the online form for joining teams, there are terms and conditions for any approved players that are under eighteen (18) years of age, but over sixteen (16) years of age at the commencement of the season. The player's parent/guardian must read the terms and conditions along with the player and accept the terms at the time of joining the team online.

Any team that plays an underage player (that is not approved) will automatically forfeit the match and be fined.

All players and team staff will be required to have a verified Working With Children check, if their team has a player under eighteen (18) years of age.

9. Registration of Coach/Managers

- 9.1. All coaches/managers are required to be registered members of BNSW through an association.
 - 9.1.1. For the Waratah League all coaches/managers will also be required to self-join their team through the online form.
- 9.2. Waratah League Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches – must hold a current Club Coach (formerly known as Level 1) or documented recognised equivalency (RPL).
- 9.3. The registration by-laws and procedures of BNSW are set out in the BNSW registration by-laws.
- 9.4. Associations are required to be currently financial with BNSW.

10. Coach/Manager Dress Code

10.1. Coaches and Assistant Coaches

Coaches must wear a collared shirt. If this is a polo shirt then it must be an Association branded polo. During colder weather it is understandable that this will be covered by a jacket. This jacket must be either an Association tracksuit jacket or other jacket that fits the general description of business casual wear.

Denim, shorts or tracksuit pants are not permitted for Coaches and their Assistants. Shoes must be clean and tidy. Basketball shoes or other runners are not permitted.

10.2. Team Managers

Recognising that team managers have different responsibilities; the bench dress code standard can be modified slightly.

A team manager may wear an Association tracksuit provided it is the same colour as the warm up tracksuit for the players and that it is a complete tracksuit (matching top and bottom). The tracksuit top must display the Association brand/logo.

If the team manager is wearing a tracksuit, runners are permissible.

In warmer weather, a tracksuit bottom and Association polo shirt are permissible for the team manager.

11. Teams

11.1. Associations will be required to submit their playing rosters by no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the competition or by the deadline given to Associations by BNSW.

The process used by BNSW could be either via a paper form or via participants self-joining into the competition management software.

11.2. Only twenty (20) players may be nominated per team at any one time.

11.3. Teams may field up to twelve (12) players per game.

11.4. Prior to the start of the league, BNSW will circulate a full list of all players eligible to play; associations will be required at this time to endorse their OFFICIAL team list.

11.5. All additions to team lists must be requested to BNSW 48 hours prior to the activation of any additional player. If a player is added without approval, the game may be forfeited and a forfeit fine imposed.

11.6. 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 is added without approval, the game may be forfeited and a forfeit fine imposed.

11.7. It is permissible for a player to play juniors for one association and seniors for another association, as long as, their junior association has not entered the same gender team in any senior league division

11.8. At the beginning of the season, every team must nominate at least 8 core players per team, who are not listed/nominated for another team.

12. Clearances

- 12.1. The League recognises and abides by the BNSW, BA and FIBA clearance by-Laws, procedures and forms.
- 12.2. Guidelines to be used by an association in ascertaining whether an appeal should be lodged against a proposed clearance include:
 - a) The clearance of the player(s) causes undue hardship on the association.
 - b) The clearance could not be deemed appropriate when the overall interests of basketball are taken into account.
- 12.3. All players must submit proof of clearance from their last association prior to participating in the competition.
- 12.4. 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 BNSW, further disciplinary action may be taken against the association.
- 12.5. If a clearance is contested, after 14 days the BNSW Competitions Department will investigate the matter. Associations will be required to provide evidence to support any denial of a clearance.
- 12.6. Players will not be able to transfer interstate to play for another competition and then return to NSW in the same season.

13. Injury Waiver

- 13.1. In the case of an injured player, an association has the option of requesting an injury waiver for that player from the League Manager.
- 13.2. The Injury waiver may be granted and the replacement made after the League is satisfied of the injury, 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.
 - 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.
 - d) Associations wishing to bring in a player under an injury waiver that would be ruled as restricted may do so, only if they are replacing another restricted player.
 - e) Players entering on an injury waiver will still need to play 40% of games to qualify as per art 16.1.
- 13.3. Injury waivers lodged to the league after the required time frame will be rejected and not calculated towards eligibility

- 13.4. If the injured player after missing three (3) consecutive games, will recommence playing, 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.

Penalty

- a) If the injured player resumes playing before missing three (3) consecutive games, the game shall be ruled as a forfeit and a forfeit fine may be imposed.
- b) If the replacement player continues to play after the injured player resumes playing, then the game(s) where that player is listed will be ruled as a forfeit and a forfeit fine may be imposed.

14. Player Eligibility

- 14.1. Player Eligibility rules are in line with FIBA clearance regulations.
- 14.2. Waratah 1 Youth and Waratah 2 Youth players MUST be under 23 years in age as of the 31st of December of that year.
- 14.3. A player who is registered to play in both Waratah 1 Youth and Waratah 2 Youth competitions will be required to advise which team is their primary team.
 - a) If the player advises that the Waratah 1 Youth team is their primary team, then their registration with the Waratah 2 Youth team shall be removed.
 - b) If the player advises that the Waratah 2 Youth team is their primary team, then their registration with the Waratah 1 Youth team shall remain, however once the player plays 3 games in the Waratah 1 Youth competition, then the player will remain in Waratah 1 Youth and can no longer partake in the Waratah 2 Youth competition.
- 14.4. Waratah 1 Wheelchair & Waratah 2 Wheelchair teams are allowed a maximum of 17.0 classification points on the court at any one time.
 - 14.4.1. Players without an official Basketball Australia provisional or confirmed classification will be considered an Able Bodied (AB) and will receive a 4.5 point classification
 - 14.4.2. Classification point deductions
 - Able-bodied = 4.5 points unless they fall in one of the below categories
 - Female athletes = 1 point reduction to their classification
 - Female athletes = An additional 1 point reduction if U25 as of 1/1/23
 - Male athletes = 1 point reduction to their classification if U23 as of 1/1/23

- 14.5. A player under extenuating circumstances may be able to transfer to another Waratah League team in the same season, as long as the request is lodged with Basketball NSW within thirty (30) days of the commencement of that particular division.

Basketball NSW Clearance by-laws apply, and the clearance must be uncontested before Basketball NSW can grant approval.

15. Restricted Players

There are a number of ways a player can be classed as restricted; to avoid confusion we have separated these into two categories;

- Oceania Born Players outside of Australia – this is a player who was born outside of the Oceania region.
- Australia citizens – this is when a player who played in the previous/current season of the NBL, WNBL (or equivalent overseas league), is classed as restricted by the number of minutes average.

All players moving from one country to another for a valid reason have the right to participate in basketball competitions subject to the rules of FIBA and Basketball Australia.

In Australia the NBL and the WNBL is classed as the first division competition, the NBL1 is classed as the second division competition.

- a) Each team in the Waratah Men and Women competition are entitled to have a maximum of two (2) restricted players.
- b) Each team in the Youth League competition are entitled to have one (1) restricted player.

15.1. Category A - Oceania Born Players outside of Australia player

Players who have citizenship from any of the FIBA Oceania members (as per in the FIBA Regulations) are allowed to play in all Leagues in Australia without being considered “foreign” or “restricted” in terms of competition eligibility.

All Oceania born players outside of Australia still need to obtain a FIBA Oceania Foreign Player licence before participating for their association. A fine will be imposed by FIBA if a player plays without a licence being granted.

Please refer to FIBA Oceania’s regulations for International Licences for Foreign Players, fees do apply and foreign players will not be permitted to play without a Foreign Players Licence.

- a) Players who do not hold Australian citizenship status but immigrated to Australia with their parents prior to their fifteenth (15th) birthday may apply for a Special Foreign Player License to enable them to participate in NBL1 as an unrestricted player.

15.2. Category B - Australian citizens.

- a) If a player has dual nationality and has represented another Country in any official FIBA tournament (Zone Qualifier, World Championships or Olympic Games) and is therefore ineligible to represent Australia will be ruled as “restricted”.
- b) Players who played in previous/current season of the NBL, WNBL (or equivalent overseas league), will be classed as a restricted player, if
 - A NBL player averaged greater than 25% of available court time (10 minutes).
 - A WNBL player averaged greater than 35% of available court time (14 minutes).

If a player last played in the NBL/WNBL or equivalent overseas league 2 seasons prior to the current season, and has not played in any other competition in Australia or overseas, then the status given in that season shall apply.

For example “If the current season of the WNBL is 2014/15 and Jane Doe last played in the WNBL in the 2012/13 season and averaged more than 14 minutes a game, Jane will then be classed as a Restricted Player”.

- c) For Youth League, if a player is deemed restricted as per by-law 15.2 b and if their association also has a team competing in NBL1 during the same season. Then this player is not eligible to play Youth League and can only play in the NBL1.

15.3. Home grown player(s).

If a player competing in either the NBL/WNBL (or equivalent overseas league) is deemed as restricted by by-law 15.2 b, is returning to their home association may be ruled as unrestricted if:

- a) They have previously played more than 120 games (women) or 150 games (men) as an unrestricted player in any BNSW senior league for their home association, or
 - b) They have played 6 seasons representing their home association in a BNSW conducted junior league competition, or
- c) If a player has only represented one association in all BNSW competitions at junior and senior level they are classified as a home grown player

15.4. Permanent Residents/Refugee

Players who hold Permanent Residency are classified as un-restricted, evidence of Permanent Residency needs to be lodged with both Basketball Australia and Basketball NSW before participating in the League.

- 15.5. Each Association is required to notify the League Manager the names of all restricted players and/or non-restricted players with citizenship other than Australian, that are registered to play in any of their teams, indicating the basis of their restriction and residency status.

- 15.6. Any restricted player may be replaced by another restricted player during the regular season, provided it is before the eligibility cut-off date. Any games in which the replacement-restricted player participates may not be counted towards the original restricted player's finals eligibility. The replacement restricted player must have the appropriate visas and clearances in place before participating in the League.

16. Eligibility for Finals

- 16.1. To be eligible to play in the Finals Series, a player has to have played a minimum of 40% of games for this team, that is to be suited up for the games and recorded on the scoring system, with the exception of injury.
- 16.2. Any player that misses participation in a league game(s) whilst representing their State, and Country in a sanctioned Basketball Championship/Tournament shall have those games missed due to this participation included in the calculations for finals eligibility. The player must have played a minimum of four (4) games for that Association to be eligible to have the missed games included in the calculations for finals eligibility.
- 16.3. To claim this exemption Associations must apply in writing to BNSW at least 14 days prior to the start of the finals series starting, stating the details of the games missed and a copy of the release for state and/or national commitments must be included. No applications will be considered outside of these timelines.
- 16.4. A player by virtue of injury fails to qualify for the finals series may apply in writing to BNSW at least 14 days prior to the start of the Finals for permission to play. This is subject to the player having already played at least four (4) games during the current season. No applications will be considered outside of these timelines.
- 16.5. In considering the application the League Manager shall regard only the following criteria.
- Whether the player is a "bona-fide" player of the association, and
 - The validity of the injury preventing the player from otherwise qualifying to play.
 - Medical evidence as to the injury.
- 16.6. Any player that is registered and approved to play but are yet to be credited for a game, will be removed from the list of available players, if their team has less than 40% of games remaining in that season.
- 16.7. Did Not Play (DNP's)

At the end of the game if a player does not take the court, either the scorer shall write DNP next to the players name on the scoresheet, or if there are no transactions recorded against the player(s) in courtside, shall mean that the player(s) were present and entitled to play, but the coach chose not to play them.

These games will be counted towards a player's finals eligibility.

17. Reports and Tribunal

- 17.1. It is the duty of the officials in any match to report any person or player who misconducts themselves, within 48 hours.

- 17.2. A Tribunal Manager appointed by BNSW shall deal with any reported individuals, this may be by disciplinary tribunal or other. In some cases, the League/BNSW may choose to have any incident investigated by independent person.
- 17.3. All protest and complaints shall be referred in the first instance to the League Manager.
- 17.4. BNSW Tribunal procedures will be used in all cases and circumstances.
- 17.5. All players and/or team staff must be clear of any penalties imposed by any basketball authority or indirectly affiliated with Basketball Australia.

18. Public Image

- 18.1. The image of 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, or otherwise in person behaviours as a means of bullying, criticising, making sexist or racist remarks about another individual, team or the league in general will not be tolerated.

- 18.2. Associations will be held responsible for any adverse media, or public, comment originating through these agencies.
- 18.3. The League Manager is empowered to impose a fine, or expel from the league, 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.

19. Playing Rules

- 19.1. FIBA Rules

The playing rules of the League shall be the rules of FIBA with some modifications.

- 19.2. Rule Changes

On an annual basis BNSW shall publish League specific timing and playing rules.

- 19.3. Timing Rules

Each Game shall consist of 4 x 10 minute quarters (fully timed) as set down in the FIBA rules.

- 19.4. Drawn Games

Teams on equal scores at full time will play an extra period(s) until a result is achieved. Each entire period shall be five (5) minutes and will be conducted as per FIBA Rules.

19.5. Match ball

The official match ball will be Spalding basketballs as approved by BNSW; Spalding are the ONLY approved basketballs to be used (including during warm up).

- Men will use a size 7, 12 panel basketball
- Women will use a size 6, 12 panel basketball

19.6. Abandoned Games, where a game is abandoned (e.g. loss of power to the stadium, extreme weather conditions) the following formula will be used to determine the result for a game that cannot be completed.

- a) 1st – 3rd Qtr -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 Qtr - 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.

In the event an abandoned game is rescheduled, the League will be responsible for the costs for the rescheduled game (game payments for referees, scoretable and statisticians).

If the two teams involved are unable to find a suitable date/venue to play the game, and BNSW approves the circumstances, these teams' final placings may be determined on, one less game to the other teams in the competition.

- c) 4th Qtr and Extra Time- During the last quarter

The result of the game will stand at the point when the game was abandoned.

In any circumstance, the League Manager decides the outcome of the Game after consulting with the referees and the Game Commissioner.

20. Forfeits

20.1. A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:

- a) It refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referees.
- b) By its actions it prevents the game from being played.
- c) Fifteen (15) minutes after the starting time, the team is not present or is not able to field five (5) players.

20.2. 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.

- 20.3. If a team has had a forfeit throughout the season and finishes on equal percentage with another team(s), it will receive the lowest ranking, irrespective of results between the teams concerned.
- 20.4. In the event of a forfeit, the association responsible will forward the forfeit fine to the BNSW office within seven (7) days of the game. Failure to pay such fines may mean disqualification at the discretion of the League Manager. The fine must be paid before a team plays its next scheduled game. If not the team will forfeit all games subsequently played until the fine is paid.
- 20.5. Associations claiming expenses incurred at their home courts in the event of a forfeit should direct such accounts to the BNSW office within thirty (30) days of the forfeit occurring. Associations claiming expenses should direct such accounts to the League Manager providing a detailed breakdown of the expenses.
- 20.6. Forfeits (per game) = portion of game fee + \$500

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

21. Default

- 21.1. Team shall lose a game by default if, during the game, the number of players of that team on the court is less than two.
- 21.2. If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead, the score at the time of stoppage shall stand. If the team to which the game is awarded is not ahead, the score shall be recorded as two (2) to zero (0) in its favour; the defaulting team shall receive one (1) point in the classification.

22. Uniforms

- 22.1. Associations wishing to purchase new uniforms must have the colour palette and design approved by Basketball NSW before the season commences.
- 22.2. Associations shall have two uniform sets available for each team. Teams must travel with both sets of uniforms.
- 22.3. Teams alternate set of uniforms must be the opposite colour palette of their main uniform, e.g. If the main set consist of dark colours, then the alternate set should consist light colours, preferably white.
- 22.4. All teams must play in their approved uniform.
- 22.5. Numbers as per FIBA rules
- 22.6. Players may only wear apparel, which is registered as part of their uniform in order to be eligible to participate in warm-ups.

22.7. In any competition where central venue(s), is/are utilised, and a clash of approved uniform colours occurs, the first team (team A) is the home team, therefore Team B is required to change colours.

Both teams must travel with both sets of uniforms on game day. BNSW to send team uniform colours to all Associations.

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

22.9. The following **compression** garments are permitted to be worn, As per FIBA rules, with the exception: as long as they are black in colour (excluding the logo):

- a) Sleeved tops (short or long) black
- b) Calf sleeves black
- c) Arm sleeves black
- d) Quad sleeves black
- e) Headbands/Sweatbands Any compression garments worn on the legs must be black in colour.
- f) Headgear must be black and have no buttons, pins or OH & S risks

Medical braces require written approval from Basketball NSW to ensure they are compliant with OH&S standards. If approved, they can be any colour.

22.10. The Waratah League logo must appear on the right breast of the singlet for all Waratah League teams.

22.11. Player shorts are to display the Waratah League logo on the left leg for all Waratah League teams.

22.12. Playing uniforms without the official League logos may incur a fine per incorrect uniform, per match, until the uniforms are corrected. If the fine is waived for first offence, further offences will be fined.

23. Scheduling of Games

23.1. Games shall be played on weekends on a home and away basis. A draw will be distributed with games played on either Saturday or Sunday.

23.2. Where desirable and with the consent of the away team, matches may be played on a Friday evening or public holiday subject to being published on the league draw at the commencement of the season. The visiting team has the overall right of refusal in the first draft, not once published.

23.3. As a general principle, the league shall fixture double header games where possible. Exceptions to this will be where Associations have agreed to also play central venue rounds.

23.4. For the regular season, games shall not commence later than 8:30pm on Friday or Saturdays or later than 3pm on Sundays.

23.5. Once the season has started, associations requesting any changes to the draw must:

- a) Submit a written application to BNSW setting out the reasons for the request. This must be done prior to contacting the opposition.
- b) Obtain approval from their opponent's Association.
- c) In extraordinary circumstances BNSW will make a ruling.
- d) Games cannot be changed without BNSW permission.
- e) A fee of \$300 will apply for each request.

24. Competition Format

24.1. There are limits on the number of teams that can participate in certain Waratah League divisions.

The League Manager endorsed by the Waratah League Advisory Committee will rule on a year-to-year basis the best means of operating the competition.

24.2. The Waratah 1 Youth Men's competition is restricted to no more than twelve (12) teams with only 1 team allowed from an association.

- i. The two grand final teams of the previous season's Waratah 2 Youth Men competition will be promoted to Waratah 1 Youth Men, and
- ii. The 11th & 12th placed team from Waratah 1 Youth Men will be relegated to Waratah 2 Youth Men.
- iii. If a Waratah 2 Youth Men grand final team (association) already has a team in Waratah 1 Youth Men, then only 1 team will be promoted and 1 team will be relegated.
- iv. If both Waratah 2 Youth Men grand final teams (associations) already have a team in Waratah 1 Youth Men then there will be no relegation/promotion for the following year.

24.3. Youth Men and Youth Women divisions are restricted to players under the age of 23 years as at 31 December in the year of the competition.

25. Special Rules

BNSW and the League Manager, after receiving advice from the Waratah League Advisory Committee, have the power to vary, change or introduce Special Rules into the By-Laws.

The League Manager is empowered to cite any players, coaches, members of Associations or game officials to appear before a BNSW Tribunal hearing in the event that behaviour is deemed inappropriate or poor.

25.1. Red Card System – Player or Player Coach

If a Player receives or is responsible for an accumulation of 3 technical fouls (for poor behaviour) throughout the season they will receive an automatic two (2) game suspension.

If a Player receives an automated suspension, this shall be construed as meaning that the suspended Player cannot during this two (2) game suspension do any of the following basketball related activities;

- Play basketball
- Referee
- Coach
- Table officiate
- Officiate in game statistics

If the same Player receives two more technical fouls in the same season (for poor behaviour) then the offending player will be required to appear before a BNSW Tribunal hearing.

To clarify the intent of this rule, this means that the offending Player:

- Cannot choose which games the suspensions will apply.
- Cannot use games played in any other division of the Waratah League or NBL1 to count towards their suspension.
- Cannot use games played at local level to count towards their suspension.

As the Red Card System is a Waratah League & NBL1 East specific rule, an offending player's suspension(s) only apply in the competition that they occurred.

The Red Card System carries over into the finals series.

25.2. Should a red card be issued (for poor behaviour), Associations have the ability to appeal. The appeal must be submitted on association letterhead, \$500 (paid at the time the appeal is submitted) and must have video evidence of all three (3) technical fouls.

25.3. The following conduct (betting & manipulation of results) may be sanctioned by 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

(i) 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.

(ii) Failing to perform to the best of one's abilities ('tanking ') in a competition of Basketball NSW

Sanctions may be imposed on a team, player, coach and/or association.

26. 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 BNSW aims to minimise risk, it is not possible to eliminate them all.

27. Out of Season Games

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. Classification of Teams

28.1. Compilation of ladder, each ladder is to show:

- a) Games won; and
- b) Games lost; and
- c) Forfeits; and
- d) Last 5 game win or loss; and
- e) Streak; and
- f) Points for; and
- g) Points against; and
- h) Points percentage (based on points for divided by points against; and
- i) Percentage of games won.

28.2. Teams on each ladder will be ranked in order of percentage of games won.

28.3. If 2 or more teams have the same win-loss record 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 goal difference of the games between them.
- Higher number of goals scored in the games between them.
- Higher goal 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.

28.4. If at any level of these criteria one or more team(s) can be classified, the procedure of 28.3 shall be repeated from the beginning for all the remaining teams not classified yet.

BNSW adopts FIBA's rules and procedures to determine the standings when more than 2 teams finish on equal points or percentage of games won.

29. Disqualified Players/Coaches

- 29.1. When a disqualifying foul is imposed on any player, coach or official, a report must be submitted on the incident by either the referee or game official.
- 29.2. Any player, coach, official or person associated with any team or association may be reported by any official of an association participating in the League for actions that would bring the league or basketball into disrepute.
- 29.3. The BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws (as amended) set out the Procedures to be followed in the event of any report being lodged.
- 29.4. If a player receives a game disqualification (GD), then a report must be filled out, and the charge is Game Disqualification.
- 29.5. Where players play more than one game for the weekend, the referee or court supervisor must contact the League Manager 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.

30. Playing Venues

- 30.1. Facilities nominated by associations are required to be compliant with the rules of the game as required by BNSW.
- 30.2. 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 the requirements are met.
- 30.3. The home venue shall provide a court with a quality playing surface, suitable lighting, scoreboards, 24/14 second clock, Scoretable, Team benches, backboards (transparent preferred) and possession arrows.
- 30.4. Each competing association must have access to and play their home games in a facility that can accommodate a recommended minimum of 100 spectator's seated.
- 30.5. The court dimensions must comply with FIBA standards (28 metres in length and 15 metres in width).
BNSW may approve courts that fall within the following limits (minus 2 metres in length and minus 1 metre in width).
- 30.6. The playing surface, lighting and public address system must be of a high standard.
- 30.7. The home venue of each association must have the following readily available:
 - a) Telephone
 - b) Internet
 - c) Photocopying facilities
- 30.8. Provide change room facilities with (preferably lockers) showers, toilet facilities.
- 30.9. Provide a referees room with a lockable door, shower and toilet facilities.

31. Liquor Licenses

Associations who have been granted a liquor license and plan on selling alcohol at any Waratah League home games, will be required to submit to Basketball NSW the following;

- a) A copy of the issued liquor licence.
- b) A list of all staff (paid or volunteer) who have completed an approved Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course and hold an RSA Certificate.
- c) A management plan of how the association will monitor and manage the consumption of alcohol and any poor behaviour resulting from this.

Alcohol should only be consumed in corporate boxes or the designated area as per the liquor licence.

Alcohol is not allowed to be taken into any stadium. The contents of any opened drink containers will need to be disposed of prior to entering the stadium.

32. Game Day Coaches: Duties and Powers

At least by 10 minutes before the game is scheduled to begin, each coach shall confirm their agreement with the names and corresponding numbers of their team members by signing the scoresheet/sign-on sheet***.

***Where courtside is used, the coach will be required to sign off on the sign-on sheet.

If a player is knowingly arriving late, they can still play in the game, as long as this is indicated before the signing of the sign-on sheet. To indicate this, the head coach is to write the word "LATE" in the signature box.

Any players not indicated as "LATE" will be crossed off the sign on sheet by the scoretable officials.

Any players that fail to sign the sign on sheet prior to the game commencing and LATE not being written, will not be able to take part in the game.

33. Responsibilities of the Home Team

- 33.1. The match presentation will be a suitable program (which must include a printed program showing player's names, numbers & positions, match preview, ladders, season draw) with appropriate announcements and music.
- 33.2. For program purposes, details of playing uniforms, player's names and numbers, positions and heights shall be provided by the visiting association to the home Association on the Wednesday prior to the match day. This may mean sending a team list or squad of more than 10 players. Details of coach, assistant coach and team manager are also required.
- 33.3. Team "naming right sponsor" details are also to be supplied, and if supplied are to be included with the team details in the program.
- 33.4. The match ball is provided by the home team and must be of the brand endorsed by BNSW.
- 33.5. Match/Scoretable conditions are to be adhered to in strict accordance with approved scoretable instructions and regulations.

- 33.6. At least two (2) floor wipers, using broom style floor wipers, must be in position throughout the game. Floor wipers are to be at least 13 years of age, or older.
- 33.7. The Australian National Flag, Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Island Flag are to be on display, and clearly visible, at all games.
- 33.8. Waratah League
- a) It is encouraged that a court announcer/commentator is provided to call all games and home Associations will be held accountable for any indiscretions on the part of the court announcer/commentator.
 - b) Warm-up music is to be played prior to all matches; appropriate music is also to be played during all time outs, game breaks and at half time.
 - c) It is encouraged that the players, team officials, referees and special guests are to be introduced to the spectators before the game commences.
 - d) Where a Waratah League naming sponsor is appointed, due recognition is to be given before and throughout the game as notified by the League Manager.
- 33.9. The home team shall appoint a visible Match Day Manager who shall be responsible for match presentation, staff/volunteer behaviour, referee security and ensuring the sign on sheet is clearly available and completed by teams.

BNSW requires a list of all Match Day Managers for review. Each of them will be required to attend a workshop run by BNSW.

Spectators must understand as a condition of entry that they may be asked to leave the venue by this person. This condition of entry must be clearly displayed at the ticket office.

- 33.10. The Waratah Logo/Sign and all league sponsorship signage, as directed by the League Manager, must be prominently displayed at all home game venues. Such signage will be supplied to each Association by the league.
- 33.11. For all Waratah League competitions, the home Association is to ensure that each home game is videoed. Digital recordings of the game are to be made available to the League Manager for the purpose of, but not limited to:
- a) Referee Development
 - b) Scouting
 - c) Tribunal evidence
 - d) Statistics collection or review
 - e) League promotion

(The Video must cover the whole game & may not be edited. Game breaks including quarter and three-quarter time must be recorded together with the first minute of the half time break and one minute after the game full time. Associations must ensure that the games are competently recorded in that they are clear and focused.

Where the League Manager requests a game recording, it is the Association responsibility to ensure the tape or digital file is delivered as soon as possible.

33.12. For all Waratah League divisions, Courtside will be used. Associations can choose to also use the FIBA Scoresheet in conjunction with the Courtside application.

With the use of Courtside, the sign-on sheet plays a very important role with these divisions.

At least 10 minutes prior to tip-off, the scoretable chairperson will present the sign-on sheet to the head coach, the head coach will at this time indicate who their starting 5 are (by circling the playing number of the players) and also sign the sign-on sheet, indicating that this is my team that is playing today. The scoretable chairperson must also ensure that there is at least a head coach listed on the sign-on sheet plus any assistant coaches.

If a player is knowingly arriving late, they can still play in the game, as long as this is indicated before the signing of the sign-on sheet. To indicate this, the head coach is to write the word "LATE" in the signature box.

Any players not indicated as "LATE" will be crossed off the sign-on sheet by the scoretable officials.

Any players that fail to sign the sign on sheet prior to the game commencing and LATE not being written, will not be able to take part in the game.

- ✓ 20 minutes prior to the start of the game the Team Sign-On sheet is to be provided to the scoretable officials.
- ✓ Scoretable officials select the active players
- ✓ Enter the players numbers
- ✓ At the end of the game the Scoretable Chairperson must ask the referees to confirm that the full-time result is correct (matches the scoreboard). The scoretable chairperson is to enter the generic code to "confirm" the game result.

33.13. Process Game Results. At the end of the game the home team must ensure that;

- a) For all Waratah League divisions, the device is connected to the internet and that the result has been uploaded before closing Courtside application.

33.14. Game Day paperwork, in any of the following scenarios, please ensure all the relevant game day paperwork is scanned and emailed to results@bnsw.com.au within 45 minutes of the conclusion of the game.

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

At the next available business day, sign on sheets is to be mailed to BNSW.

33.15. The home team shall have available an approved Blood Kit and spare basketball in the event of a blood incident on the court. An Association official in the event of such an incident will use this blood kit.

33.16.

34. Responsibilities of the Visiting Team

- 34.1. Visiting Associations will forward a complete team list including player numbers, name, height, age and playing position by no later than the Wednesday prior to the game.
- 34.2. Advise the home team as to the colour of the playing uniform to be worn.
- 34.3. Advise the home team of accommodation location (if applicable), just in case contact is required.

35. Referees

35.1. Referee Requirements:

- a) All Waratah divisions must nominate two (2) referees per team.
- b) Associations can nominate Referees that are registered with another association, subject to approval from BNSW and their registered association, on the provision that the referee(s) is NOT already nominated and is willing to referee at your home venue for League games.
- c) All nominated referees MUST complete the relevant on court workshops, zoom session and achieve a pass in the relevant fitness screening.
 - i. Waratah 1 Youth Men – between level 26 to 30
 - ii. Waratah Men/Women, Waratah Youth Women & Waratah 2 Youth Men – between level 17 to 30

35.2. Referee Criteria:

- a) Waratah Men and Women – Minimum State (Level 2)
- b) Waratah Youth League- Minimum State Development (Level 1A) or Association Advanced (1B)**
- c) Waratah Wheelchair League – Must be 18 years of age and completed the theory and practical components of the Wheelchair Basketball Referee Conversion course.

** Approval is at the discretion of BNSW and the League Referee Commissioner.

35.3. Minimum number of games

Nominated referees (if approved) will be required to referee at least 14 games to meet the association's obligation per team for entry in the League.

35.4. Finals Series

To be eligible to referee in the Finals referees must have met the following requirements.

- a) Be a current and registered member of their Association.
- b) Attend the necessary on court workshop & zoom meetings.
- c) Passed the Fitness Screening.
- d) Have officiated a minimum of 16 games throughout the course of the season of any division.

35.5. BNSW process for validating Referee nominations

- a) Associations must nominate their referee(s) prior to the specified date.
- b) BNSW will make contact with referee(s) to confirm acceptance of their nomination.
- c) BNSW will determine if the referee(s) nominated are of appropriate standard.
- d) BNSW will then confirm with each Association what team they will be able to nominate.

35.6. Non-compliance fee

The League Manager may grant an association(s) entry into the Waratah League even if they are not able to fully comply with the requirements as specified above (for referees), under these special circumstances associations will be subject to paying a non-compliance fee and meeting the review requirements. This will only occur once per association.

If at any stage during the season a referee(s) withdraws from the league or a referee(s) cannot fulfil their quota of games, associations will be invoiced retrospectively.

If associations have the full quota of officials available for all other divisions nominated, the NBL1 referee requirement may be waived by BNSW (upon application). BNSW will have a panel of officials eligible for NBL1.

35.7. Referee Game Payments

Referee game payments are reviewed every two (2) years, if any increase in payments occurs, associations will be advised at the annual League Meeting.

Game payment fees will be advised in the Team Entry Form.

36. League Awards

The following league awards will be presented at the end of each season for Waratah Men & Women and all Waratah Youth divisions.

- Most Valuable Player of the Year
- All Star Five (*the League MVP will, by default, take a position in the All Star Five*)
- Defensive Player of the Year
- Rookie of the Year (Waratah Youth)
- Coach of the Year

The following league awards will be presented at the end of each season for all Waratah Wheelchair League divisions.

- Most Valuable Player of the Year
- 1 Point Player of the Year
- 2 Point Player of the Year
- 3 Point Player of the Year
- 4 Point Player of the Year
- Coach of the Year

At the end of each Grand Final the following awards will be presented.

- Championship banner (x1)
- League Champions Award (x15)
- League Runners Up Award (x15)
- Grand Final Referees (x3)
- MVP of the Grand Final (x1)

36.1. To be eligible for any award, players must have played 50% of all games played.

36.2. Voting

All Divisions – at the end of the season, associations will be asked to nominate one (1) person from their team/s, per award to be voted on by all teams within that division. All individuals nominated must still be eligible to receive the award. That is, they must be;

- a) Financial
- b) Played/participated in 50% of their teams games
- c) Still playing/participating in the league (has not left the League)
- d) Not been suspended or had any disciplinary action taken against them

Once all nominations are received, the Head Coach and Team Captain will be required to then vote (3, 2, 1) for the best three players in their division, with three votes to the best player – The Head Coach and Team Captain will be prohibited from voting for their own players.

36.3. A Rookie of the Year will be awarded for each Waratah Youth competition.

To be awarded the Rookie of the Year, players cannot have played more than 2 games in the Waratah League or NBL1 in any previous seasons.

36.4. A Defensive Player of the Year will be awarded in each division.

36.5. An All-Star Five will be selected for each division with two players to be selected as guards, two as forwards and one center. The league MVP will, by default, take a position in the All-Star Five.

37. Finals Series

37.1. Once team nominations have closed and teams have been granted entry in the League, the League Manager shall determine the format of the finals series.

- a) 11 or more teams and 6 teams will advance to the finals series.
- b) 10 or less teams and 4 teams will advance to the finals series.

38. League Annual Meeting

After the season has been completed, the League Annual Meeting will be held, attendance is compulsory for all associations who competed in the previous season and for associations wishing to enter the League the following season.

The League Annual Meeting will be held either by Zoom (or equivalent technology) or in a Metropolitan venue. The associations who live more than 150kms (one way) from the venue will be given the opportunity to digitally connect to the meeting (this could be either via a teleconference or video conference).

The Agenda for the League Annual Meeting will be circulated two weeks prior to the meeting date.