



East Perth District Basketball Association (Inc)

By-Laws: Domestic Competition

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Introduction

East Perth District Basketball Association (EPDBA) is affiliated with Basketball WA (BWA). The information contained in this handbook will outline the Domestic Competition playing rules, procedures and Code of Conducts.

This document is aimed to provide our affiliated clubs, teams, players and parents with expectations of what is required to play in EPDBA Junior Domestic Competition. All involved in this competition will conduct themselves in accordance with the East Perth District Basketball Association and Basketball WA Codes of Conduct.

The EPDBA Executive Committee reserve the right to review this document as required and amend any rules, regulations, policies and procedures if deemed to be in the best interests of the programme and/or club.



1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the competition is to have fun, exercise, improve skills, learn and play in a team environment as well as provide a pathway for players to progress to the next level of the sport.

2. SCOPE

1. FIBA Official Basketball Rules and Official Interpretations - as agreed to by our peak body Basketball WA - shall apply as the game rules unless otherwise provided in these By-laws.
2. These by-laws apply to all those involved in the domestic competition including but not limited to players, coaches, clubs, score-bench officials, parents, spectators and referees.
3. These by-laws cover the objectives, guidelines and policies of the EPDBA domestic competition.

3. CONDUCT OF GAMES

1. All games are played under the jurisdiction of EPDBA and shall be conducted according to the rules as laid down in the current “FIBA Official Basketball Rules”, except where variations are adopted by Basketball WA or listed within these by-laws.
2. All teams commit to pay fees as set out by EPDBA.
3. All games will be under the control of the EPDBA Games Controller.
4. EPDBA is responsible for fixtures, ladders and notifications communicated to all teams within the domestic competition.
5. All teams are required to have a coach and team manager who will ensure that their team is properly uniformed, organised and has sufficient players registered to complete the schedule of games without disruption.
6. Tablets/Laptops for scoring are provided by EPDBA and will be located on the score benches. Game data containing registered players will be downloaded to the tablets/laptops prior to the commencement of each game.
7. For a player to enter the court they must be ticked off on the scoresheet prior to the commencement of the second half. Any player on the scoresheet at half time that is not present must be removed by a referee so that they are not recorded as playing a qualifying game. It is the responsibility of the referees to perform this check however if not done there will be no recourse.
8. Each team must provide a competent and qualified scorer for each game.



4. GAME TIMING AND INFORMATION

1. 2 x 20 minute halves with no time stoppages except for finals as per Section 4.3.
2. 2 time-outs per team, per half with 60 seconds per time-out; referee calling players in at 50seconds.
3. No time outs allowed in the last 3 minutes of the second half except for finals as per Section 4.3.
4. Any time out must be completed and players returned to the court by the 3-minute mark, with players called in at 3 minutes and 10 seconds remaining, except for finals as per Section 4.3.
5. Any time out in the first half must be completed and players returned to the court by the 1-minute mark, with players called in at 1 minute and 10 seconds remaining, except for finals as per Section 4.3.
6. There will be no substitutions in the last minute of the game, except for finals as per Section 4.3.
Substitutions immediately after a basket is scored in the last 2 minutes of the game, will not be allowed, except for injury or in finals as per Section 4.3.
8. There will be a 3-minute half time break.
9. The team foul penalty for bonus free throw shots is 8 fouls with an indication to the referees by the score-bench on the 7th foul. This penalty resets to zero at half-time. There will be no free-throws awarded when the team that commits the foul has control of the ball.
10. Zone defence is not permitted in U14 age groups and younger. This call can be made by the games controller or the referee coach.
11. For clarity, the 3-point line will be as per the current FIBA court layout which is the most outer 3-point line on some courts.
12. In regular season in the event of a drawn game, no extra time will be played and the game will be considered a draw.

5. COMPETITION POINTS

Competition points for each game completed in accordance with the official fixtures is:

- Win: 3 Points
- Bye: 3 Points
- Draw: 2 Points
- Loss: 1 Point
- Forfeit given: 0 Points
- Forfeits Received: 3 points
- Un-notified, financial, unregistered or ineligible player forfeit: 0 Points

Any team playing an illegal player will result in that team being disqualified for that game, resulting in 0 competition points. An illegal player is defined as:

- Playing under a false name
- Playing in a younger age group
- Not adhering to the WABL rule (Section 5.1)



6. FINALS

At the end of the regular season, the top four teams in each division will participate in finals.

The finals will be played at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds. The finals format will be determined by the number of teams competing in each division where EPDBA will stipulate whether there will be a second-four finals series for a particular grade.

In the event of the two or more teams being level on points at the end of the regular season, the team with the highest percentage will take the higher place on the ladder.

Teams level on competition points who have not paid any forfeit fines incurred by the beginning of the final round of the regular season, will not be eligible to play finals.

Teams from clubs that have not paid all EPDBA fees will not be permitted to participate in finals.

Finals format:

Semi Finals	
Game 1	1 v 2 – Winner to Grand Final
Game 2	3 v 4 – Winner to Semis, Loser out
Semi Finals	
Game 3	Loser game 1 vs Winner Game 2
Grand Finals	
Game 4	Winner Game 1 & Winner Game 3

Substitutions are allowed in the last 2 minutes following a made basket.

In order to be eligible to play in Finals, a player must have played in 4 games of the regular season. EPDBA will notify the clubs prior to finals, the eligibility of players for each team. No exceptions will be made for absent players.

Overtime in finals

Where scores are tied at the end of regular time in a final, an extra 5 minutes per period will be played or as many extra periods are necessary to break the tie. The last 3 minutes of each overtime period is fully timed.

An interval of 2 minutes shall be allowed before each extra period.

During each extra period, only 1 timeout is allowed per team. Team foul totals will be carried forward from the end of regular time through all overtime periods.



7. FORFEITS & FINES

1. If a team does not have 4 players ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, the match will be declared a forfeit.
2. In the event of a forfeit, the team forfeiting the game shall be deemed to have lost the game with a score of zero points to 20 and competition points will be awarded accordingly as outlined in section 4.2.
3. Teams who do not advise of their intended forfeiture 24 hours prior to the fixture will be charged a full forfeit fine of \$170. A lower fine of \$150 shall be applied for forfeits where advanced notification is given.
4. A team that has forfeited more than 4 times during the regular season may be disqualified from the competition.
5. Substitute players from teams playing in a lower year group or division may be used to help make up a team if regular players are unavailable. A player cannot do this more than 3 times in a season for a particular team.
6. When a fixture is forfeited, those the team who did not forfeit will be not pay the game fee and all registered players will be credited with having played a qualifying game.

8. BWA Affiliated Tournament Forfeit Policy

For any BWA affiliated tournaments that impact East Perth Domestic Competition the following policy applies. Tournaments include, although not limited to, State Champs, WABL Grading, 3x3 competitions.

1. Teams that lose players for State wide events (ie. State Champs / WABL Grading/ 3x3 competitions) will be able to declare a forfeit and receive 3 points. The opposition team fixtured for that day will also receive 3 points. This will occur under the following circumstances.

The Domestic Team list must show that sufficient WABL players from that team are competing in events as stated above that will cause that team to be left with 4 players or less.

All requests for forfeits under this policy must be submitted to admin@eastpertheagles.com.au from the Domestic Club President (not individual teams) and must be made within 5 days prior to the scheduled event, with exemptions allowed if the BWA fixtures change within that time period.

When advising of the forfeit, **Presidents** are to include the following:

- * **Team name forfeiting;**
- * **Players Missing;**
- * **Fixtured time and court** (if available)
- * **Opponents** (if known)

9. UNDER 10s

1. Players must play one on one defence (no double teaming)
2. We use the lowered hoop
3. No 3 second rule
4. No 8 second back-court violation – the violation is called but the ball is returned to the offensive team
5. No over and back-court violation – the violation is called but the ball is returned to the offensive team
6. Fouls not to be counted. A player can be sidelined by the Game Controller or referees if they commit a series of fouls
7. No full-court defense. Players must retreat back to 3-quarter court in defense



8. Mercy strategies are to be used on one sided games where the score differential is 20; at this time the scoresheet will continue to register scores from both teams but the scoreboard will stop updating once this happens
9. Subs and timeouts are allowed outside of the rule in circumstances where something needs immediate rectification.

10. UNIFORMS, NAMES AND EQUIPMENT

1. All teams must be correctly uniformed with matching singlets of their club, numbered on the front and back. Shorts shall have no pockets.
2. After the third game of the competition, teams playing with unsatisfactory uniforms will not be allowed to take the court without approval of the games controller.
3. No jewellery will be permitted (taping over jewellery is not acceptable), and nails must be kept short or appropriately taped.
4. If there is a clash of colours in the uniform for a game, then, before the commencement of the game, the second named team on the scoresheet will wear an alternative strip. It is a club responsibility to supply an alternative strip ahead of time.
5. Uniforms and team names must not include inappropriate words or graphics.

Mouth guard Policy - Although not mandatory it is highly recommended that players wear a suitable fitting mouth guard.

11. GAME BALLS

Girls/Boys U12 and below: size 5

Girls – U14 upwards – size 6

Boys –U14- size 6

Boys - U16 upwards - size 7

12. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

Players need to meet the eligibility criteria below to be considered a registered player. Unregistered players cannot take the court.

1. All players must be registered with EPDBA Local Competition. Penalties will be incurred for a team playing an unregistered player as per section 4.2
2. In exceptional circumstances, EPDBA reserves the right to place older players into younger age groups where appropriate.
3. A player must be registered and assigned to a team prior to Friday 5pm the day before the game.
4. A player is allowed to play in multiple teams on the same day, however cannot play in more than one team in the same age group



13. WABL PLAYERS

A player selected to play in the Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) for any Association, from January to December for the year the competition starts, will be defined a WABL Player if they played in the top 2 WABL divisions.

When selecting players to be registered for a team, the following restrictions apply:

Girls – no restriction on number of WABL players in a team

Boys - **Maximum of 4 WABL players per team**

The WABL rule does not apply to the top age group of the competition.

East Perth District Basketball Association reserves the right to apply an exemption to this rule where appropriate.

EPDBA reserves the right to refuse any team or player into the competition.

14. TRANSFERS

1. Definitions

- a) Transfers are used to change the Domestic Club, in which a Player is registered.

2. Rule

- a) A Player may change the Domestic Club, in which they are registered by acquiring a
- b) Transfer. This Transfer must adhere to all clauses outlined in these By-laws.
- c) EPDBA shall decide if the Representative Player can transfer to the selected team, or any other team determined by EPDBA.
- d) Protests in relation to Transfers must be submitted in writing to EPDBA

3. Procedure

- a) A Player or their parent/guardian must initially contact the club they seek to Transfer from.
- b) No transfer will be approved where the player has been approached, coerced and/or persuaded in any way, by any official or representative of EPDBA or any member Club. Where it is proved that this has occurred, the offending Club/person may be reported for unsportsmanlike behaviour to EPDBA and/or may be subject to fines.
- c) No transfer will be approved if any fees are owed or property has not been returned by the Player to the existing Domestic Club.
- d) No transfer will be approved if it is submitted to the EPDBA after the completion of the final grading game
- e) EPDBA reserves the right to grant a transfer under exceptional circumstances or where it deems it to be appropriate.



15. SAFETY

1. General Provisions

- a) Parents/Guardians of Players suffering from an illness or medical condition are to accept responsibility for the Player and are asked to make the Coaches and Managers aware of their condition. This information must be confidential.
- b) It shall be the joint responsibility of the coaches and referees to ensure that any player who is bleeding or has an open wound is substituted. The player may return to the court only after bleeding has stopped and the affected area or open wound has been completely, and securely, covered. If the bleeding cannot be stopped, the player is not to return to the court. Any clothing soiled with blood is to be removed and replaced before a player is allowed back on the court.
- c) Injured players should not be moved until someone with first-aid training has attended to them or their parent/guardian decides to do so.
- d) EPDBA strongly supports the use of mouthguards in all grades of our competition. This support is in line with the strategies and initiatives of SportSafe and Basketball WA in promoting better attitudes towards safety in sports, and, in particular, basketball.
- e) No modifications to the court will be made.
- f) **The Game Controller shall enforce the Hot Weather Policy as per the Basketball WA guidelines.

16. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

1. Financial arrangements

All fees, fines and invoices paid to EPDBA to continue playing in the local competition.

2. Nomination Eligibility

Team nominations will only be accepted for teams that are part of a domestic club approved by EPDBA.

17. AMENDMENTS

EPDBA reserves the right to amend these by-laws as required.

Any items not provided for in these rules and not covered by FIBA or Basketball WA shall be dealt with by the Executive of the East Perth District Basketball Association.

18. REFERENCES

- a. FIBA website for rules <http://www.fiba.com/>
- b. Basketball WA website for rules <http://www.basketballwa.asn.au/>
- c. East Perth website <http://www.eastpertheagles.com.au/>

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