



# By-Laws | Waratah Senior League

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Basketball NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout New South Wales and their connections to land, sea and community to 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 Senior competition. The intent of a By-Law is to be considered when a decision is to be made using the league By-Laws. Furthermore, BNSW reserves the right to make any changes it deems necessary to the By-Laws in order to uphold the integrity and competitiveness of the league.

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. 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

Provide a high-level competition for affiliated member associations of Basketball NSW and the Australian Capital Territory Basketball Associations, fostering player development and participation.

#### 4.2. Governance

The Waratah League (The League) is managed by Basketball NSW. BNSW is responsible for the administration of the league on behalf of the participating association and is empowered to adjudicate on all matters pertaining to the league not covered in the By-Laws.

The BNSW Board under the constitution has appointed a Waratah League Advisory Committee, who act's in an advisory capacity to assist BNSW in the conduct of the league, the WLAC consists of:

- Chairperson (appointed by BNSW Board)
- 2 Metropolitan Association representatives
- 2 Country Association representatives
- 2 BNSW representatives (appointed by BNSW CEO)

#### 4.3. Administration

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.

### 5. Waratah League Advisory Committee

5.1. 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.
- e) Committee members are up for reappointment every two (2) years.

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

### 6. League Competition Coordinator

6.1. The League Competition Coordinator shall be employed and appointed by BNSW.

6.2. The duties and responsibilities of the League Competition Coordinator 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 Competition Coordinator 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.

### 7. Finance

7.1 BNSW shall administer the finances of the League through BNSW accounts.

7.2 All member associations are required to promote any sponsor or sponsors of the league according to the guidelines as set down by BNSW.

7.3 Associations/teams/ players that are deemed unfinancial by various rules of BNSW may be ruled ineligible to participate and/or progress in the competition.

- 7.4 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.

## 8. Management of these By-Laws

8.1 The League Competition Coordinator 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 Protests

- a) All protests are as per FIBA rules for stats and scoresheets.
- b) Associations must call the League Competition Coordinator within 30 minutes and inform them 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.**

## 9. Appealing Decisions by the League Competition Coordinator

The Waratah League Advisory Committee shall act as the point of appeal for decisions made by the League Competition Coordinator in relation to the By-Laws.

If an Association wishes to dispute a decision made by the League Competition Coordinator, the Basketball NSW (BNSW) Board has appointed the Waratah League Advisory Committee (WLAC) to review such appeals. The WLAC's decision in relation to these Rules of Operation is final and binding, and no further appeal avenues will be considered.

In reviewing appeals, the WLAC is empowered to issue penalties including, but not limited to:

- Fines
- Adjustment of competition points
- Suspension from competition
- Disqualification from the League
- Lodging an Appeal

9.1 All appeals must be submitted in writing on the Association's letterhead and will be referred to as a Notice of Appeal.

- a) A Notice of Appeal must be submitted to the League Competition Coordinator within seven (7) days of the decision being appealed.
- b) Upon receipt of the Notice of Appeal, BNSW will issue the Association with an invoice for **\$150**.
- c) The Notice of Appeal will not be referred to the WLAC until payment of the invoice has been received in full.
- d) Appeals will be processed as efficiently as possible.
- e) The original penalty or decision remains in effect until the appeal is heard and determined.

#### 9.2 Hearing the Appeal

- a) The League Competition Coordinator shall prepare a discussion paper for consideration by the WLAC.
- b) The WLAC will review all documentation provided and may determine the appeal via circular resolution or video conference.
- c) BNSW staff and the League Competition Coordinator shall not participate in WLAC deliberations relating to appeals.
- d) If the appeal is upheld in favour of the Association, the appeal fee will be refunded in full.

#### 9.3 Integrity of the Appeal Process

Associations found to have altered, concealed, or fabricated information after lodging an appeal will be subject to disciplinary action outside the appeals process.

Any attempt to influence the outcome of an appeal may result in the Association's Licence Agreement being revoked and the imposition of further penalties, which may include:

- Fines
- Loss of competition points
- Suspension
- Expulsion from the League

#### 9.4 Decision of an Appeal

The outcome of an appeal will be communicated directly to the Association by the League Competition Coordinator.

There will be no public announcement of the appeal outcome unless the decision involves:

- The imposition of a fine.
- The deduction of competition points; or
- The removal of a participant, team, or club from the competition.

In such cases, BNSW reserves the right to publicly communicate the outcome as necessary to uphold the integrity and transparency of the competition.

## 10. 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.

## **11. Registration of Players**

11.1 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.

11.2 No player may register to compete in the competition unless they are capable of qualifying for the finals series

11.3 The registration By-Laws and procedures of BNSW are set out in the BNSW registration By-Laws.

11.4 Associations and players are required to be currently financial with BNSW.

11.5 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.

## **12. Registration of Coach/Managers**

12.1 All coaches/managers are required to be registered members of BNSW through an association.

12.1.1 All coaches and managers will also be required to self-join their team through the online form, as they are required to agree to the participant terms and conditions.

12.2 Waratah League Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches – must hold a current Club Coach (formerly known as Level 1) or documented recognised equivalency (RPL).

12.3 The registration By-Laws and procedures of BNSW are set out in the BNSW registration By-Laws.

12.4 Associations are required to be currently financial with BNSW.

## **13. Coach/Manager Dress Code**

13.1 Overall standards

All team Players and non-playing officials shall be required to dress in a way that clearly distinguishes them as part of the team and from other game officials.

Officials would be business casual attire that allows them to fulfil their duty on the team.

The best description for Players would be playing in a uniform.

### 13.2 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 that 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.

### 13.3 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 warmup 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.

### 13.4 Players

Players must arrive and depart the game wearing at least neat, casual clothing and preferably either an Association branded polo-shirt, long sleeve t-shirt, t-shirt, hoodie, jacket or pullover. The alternative option is an Association branded tracksuit or in the warmer weather Association brand tracksuit pants and an Association brand polo shirt.

### 13.5 Other team staff

Other team staff: physiotherapists, doctors etc. must comply with the dress bench code standard for Coaches or team managers. Any non-playing individuals wishing to be part of the team bench must dress to these standards. If they do not comply with the requirements, they should be seated with spectators and not on the team bench.

### 13.6 Squad Players

Non-participating players are permitted to wear jeans or business pants while on the bench and must also wear a team polo shirt or team branded jacket/jumper. To distinguish them from players who are playing, they cannot wear track pants.

## 14. Teams

14.1 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.

14.2 Each team is permitted to have a maximum of twenty (20) players registered with BNSW at any one time.

14.3 Each team is permitted to field up to twelve (12) players per game.

#### **14.4 Team Lists**

BNSW prior to the start of the season will circulate a list by team of the players that are approved to play after the following has occurred, this includes:

14.4.1 Their registration with the Association is valid.

14.4.2 Clearances have been processed (if required)

14.4.3 FIBA Oceania Foreign Player Licences obtained (for import players)

14.4.4 Completed the relevant courses as determined by BA National Integrity Framework.

14.5.5 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.

14.4.6 On game day and in the event of an approved player(s) name does not appear in Basketball Connect, the host Associations League Delegate or Court Supervisor must contact BNSW for approval to add the player Basketball Connect.

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

14.5 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

## **15. Clearances**

15.1 The League recognises and abides by FIBA, BA and BNSW, BA By-Laws or Rules of Operation regarding clearances.

15.2 All players will require a clearance from their last association prior to participating in the competition with a new association.

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

15.4 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.

15.5 Guidelines to be used by an association in ascertaining whether an appeal should be lodged against a proposed clearance include:

15.5.1 The clearance of the player(s) causes undue hardship on the association.

15.5.2 The clearance could not be deemed appropriate when the overall interests of basketball are taken into account.

15.6 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.

15.7 Players will not be able to transfer interstate to play for another competition and then return to NSW in the same season.

15.8 Development players or training squad players who have not participated in a pre-season or in-season games for a team are eligible to transfer to another team within the league during the same season within the transfer period.

15.9 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.

15.9.1 Basketball NSW Clearance By-Laws apply, and the clearance must be uncontested before Basketball NSW can grant approval.

## **16. Replacing an Injured Player**

In the case of an injured player, an association has the option of requesting an injury replacement for that player from the League Competition Coordinator and is subject to the below:

16.1 The injury was reported by either the Player or League Delegate via the online injury report form, this form should be completed by the next business day from the date of injury.

16.2 The League Delegate must provide medical certification from a certified medical practitioner or sports medicine specialist confirming the extent and expected duration of the injury and written medical clearance for the player's return after the minimum three (3) game absence.

16.3 The replacement player satisfies the competition's standard eligibility requirements, including participation in at least 40% of games to qualify for finals.

16.4 If the replacement player exceeds the team limit of 12 players, the League Delegate unassigns a player on Basketball Connect, so that the team limit does not exceed 12 players.

16.5 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.

## 17. Player Eligibility

17.1 Player Eligibility rules are in line with FIBA clearance regulations.

17.2 Waratah Youth League Division 1, 2 and 3 players MUST be under 23 years in age as of the 31st of December of that year.

17.3 A player who is registered to play in both Waratah Youth League Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 competitions will be required to advise which team is their primary team.

- a) If the player advises that the Waratah Youth League Division 1 is their primary team, then their registration with the Waratah Youth League Division 2 team shall be removed.
- b) If the player advises that the Waratah Youth League Division 2 team is their primary team, then their registration with the Waratah Youth League Division 1 team shall remain, however once the player plays 3 games in the Waratah Youth Division 1 competition, then the player will remain in Waratah Youth League Division 1 and can no longer partake in the Waratah Youth League Division 2 competition.
- c) The above system applies for players moving between Youth League Division 3 and Youth League Division 2.

### 17.4 Waratah Wheelchair Classification

17.4.1 Waratah 1 Wheelchair teams are allowed a maximum of 16.0 classification points on the court at any one time

17.4.2 Waratah 2 Wheelchair teams are allowed a maximum of 18.0 classification points on the court at any one time.

17.4.3 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

17.4.4 BNSW reserves the right to update or modify classifications at the conclusion of each season to ensure alignment with the guidelines of state and national bodies.

#### 17.4.5 Classification point deductions

- i. For the 2026 season there will be no point deductions
- ii. BNSW will determine the point deductions on a yearly basis

## 18. Restricted and Unrestricted Players

### 18.1 Restricted Player Limit

18.1.2 Each team in the Waratah Men and Women competition are entitled to have a maximum of two (2) restricted players.

18.1.3 Each team in the Youth League competition is entitled to have one (1) restricted player.

## 18.2 Restricted Player

A player will be ruled as a Restricted Player, if they satisfy either Category A or Category B.

### **Category A**

Is a Player who was born outside the FIBA Asia/Oceania region and is not an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident or Refugee.

### **Category B**

Is a Player who is an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident or Refugee or born in the FIBA Asia/Oceania region.

Also includes players who average greater than 50% in the NBL or 62.5% in the WNBL of available court time in the most recent season.

Or

A Player who is an Australian citizen, Permanent Resident or Refugee or born in the FIBA Asia/Oceania region and averaged greater than 50% of available court time in the past season from any of the following leagues.

- NBA
- EuroLeague
- WNBA
- The NBA G-League,
- FIBA Basketball Champions League,
- FIBA Americas League (LDA),
- Liga ACB in Spain,
- Basketball Super League (BSL) in Turkey,
- VTB United League in Russia,
- Basketball Bundesliga in Germany,
- Lega Basket Serie A in Italy,
- LNB Pro A in France
- Adriatic Basketball League (ABA),
- Greek A1 League,
- Lietuvos krepšinio lyga in Lithuania,
- Chinese Basketball Association (CBA),
- Israeli Premier League,
- Liga Nacional de Básquet in Argentina,
- Campeonato Brasileiro de Basquete in Brazil,
- B. League in Japan.

18.3 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.

18.4 For Youth League, if a player is deemed restricted as per By-Law 11.2 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.

#### 18.5 Unrestricted Players

A player will be ruled unrestricted in any of the following scenarios, noting that clearances, BA approval and FIBA Oceania Foreign Player Licences may still be required;

- The Player is a citizen from any of the FIBA Oceania members (as per the FIBA Regulations).
- The Player has citizenship from any of the FIBA Asia member (as per in the FIBA Regulations) and has not in the past seasons played with a division one (1) club. Teams will be limited to 1 player from FIBA Asia.
- An international student who is in Australia on a subclass 500 student visa. Teams will be limited to one (1) international student.
- 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.
- Players who hold Permanent Residency, evidence of Permanent Residency needs to be lodged with both Basketball Australia and Basketball NSW.
- Players who hold Refugee status, evidence of Refugee status needs to be lodged with both Basketball Australia and Basketball NSW.

Please Note: 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.*

#### 18.6 Home grown player(s).

If a player competing in either the NBL/WNBL (or equivalent overseas league) is deemed as restricted by by-law 30 Restricted Player, but is returning to their home association may be ruled as unrestricted if:

- 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
- They have played 6 seasons representing their home association in a BNSW conducted junior league competition, or
- 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.

#### 18.7 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.

18.8 Each Association is required to notify the League Competition Coordinator 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.

18.9 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.

## **19. Eligibility for Finals**

19.1 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.

19.2 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.

19.2.1 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.

19.2.2 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.

In considering the application the League Competition Coordinator shall regard only the following criteria.

- a) The players must have played a minimum of 4 games, this excludes DNPs.
- b) The injury was reported by either the player or league delegate via the online injury report, this form should be completed by the next business day from the date of injury.
  - c) The player missed 3 consecutive games due to injury.
  - d) The League Delegate submits a medical evidence report to the League Manager by no later than 14 days prior to the start of the finals.

19.3 Any player that is registered and approved to play but is 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.

19.4 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 Basketball Connect, 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.**

## **20. Reports and Tribunal**

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

20.2 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 an independent person.

20.3 All protests and complaints shall be referred in the first instance to the League Competition Coordinator.

20.4 BNSW Tribunal procedures will be used in all cases and circumstances.

20.5 All players and/or team staff must be clear of any penalties imposed by any basketball authority or indirectly affiliated with Basketball Australia.

## **21. Public Image**

21.1 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.

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

21.3 The League Competition Coordinator 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 Competition Coordinator has discretion with respect to the amount of the fine to be imposed.

## **22. Playing Rules**

22.1 FIBA Rules

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

22.2 Rule Changes

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

### 22.3 Timing Rules

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

### 22.4 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.

### 22.5 Match ball

The official match ball will be Wilson basketballs as approved by BNSW; Wilson 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

Each team is to provide their own basketballs for warm-up.

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

## 23. Abandoned Games

23.1 Where a game is to abandon (e.g. loss of power the stadium, extreme weather, unsafe playing surface or incident within the venue or surrounds), the following determines who makes the decision and actions to be implemented.

The below is not definitive but is to highlight that the referees' official duties commence 20 minutes prior to tip-off.

<b>Time (before tip-off)</b>	<b>Who</b>
60 mins +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Match Day Manager informs the League Competition Coordinator by phone.</li> <li>• The League Competition Coordinator makes the decision.</li> </ul>
60 mins	<i>The appointed Game Officials should be onsite.</i>
60 – 20 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Court Supervisor informs both the League Competition Coordinator by phone and the Game Officials.</li> <li>• The League Competition Coordinator in consultation with the relevant people, e.g. Court Supervisor, Referee Supervisor or Referees to make the final decision.</li> </ul>
20 mins – until final siren.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Match Officials review the situation; the Crew Chief makes the final decision.</li> </ul>

### 23. 2 Result of the Game

<b>Stage of the Game</b>	<b>Decision</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter: 20 points or more	The result of the game will be recorded at the point when the game was abandoned.
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter: 19 points or less	The game will be rescheduled; the abandoned game will be treated as if it hadn't occurred.
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter or Overtime:	The game will be ruled as finished and the score at the time of the game being abandoned shall stand.
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter or Overtime: Score tied.	<p>If the result of the game has no bearing on teams qualifying for finals, the game will be ruled as finished and the score at the time of the game being abandoned shall stand.</p> <p>However, the result of the game will have a bearing on teams qualifying for finals. The game will be rescheduled from the point where it was abandoned, that is, the time that was left of the clock.</p> <p>Only the players recorded as playing in the abandoned game are permitted to play in the resumed game.</p>

### 23. 3 Game abandoned due to behavioural matters

If the game is abandoned due to behavioural matters of one or both teams, it shall be deemed a forfeit, and a report must be lodged by the game officials with BNSW.

## 24. Forfeits

24.1 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.

24.2 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.

24.3 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.

24.4 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 Competition Coordinator. 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.

24.5 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 Competition Coordinator providing a detailed breakdown of the expenses.

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

**Forfeit fee will be the league game fee plus \$120.**

## **25. Game won by default**

25.1 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.

25.2 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.

## **26. Uniforms**

26.1 Associations wishing to purchase new uniforms must have the colour palette and design approved by Basketball NSW before the season commences.

26.2 Associations shall have two uniform sets available for each team. Teams must travel with both sets of uniforms.

26.3 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.

26.4 All teams must play in their approved uniform.

26.5 Numbers as per FIBA rules

26.6 Players may only wear apparel, which is registered as part of their uniform in order to be eligible to participate in warm-ups.

26.7 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.**

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

26.9 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.

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

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

26.12 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.

26.13 Associations intending to sell merchandise featuring the league's name or the name of the finals series are required to submit design proposals to BNSW for approval prior to sale.

## 27. Scheduling of Games

27.1 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.

27.2 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.

27.3 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.

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

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.

## 28. Competition Format

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

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

28.2 As of 2026 the Waratah Youth Men Division 1 competition is restricted to no more than fourteen (14) teams with only 1 team allowed from an association.

- i. For the 2026 season there will be no teams relegated from Division 1 down to Division 2.
- ii. Starting in 2027, the 13th and 14th placed teams in Waratah Youth Men Division 1 will be relegated to Waratah Youth Men Division 2.
- iii. The two grand final teams of the previous season's Waratah Youth Men Division 2 competition will be promoted to Waratah Youth Men Division 1 for the 2026 season and beyond.
- iv. If a Waratah Youth Men Division 2 grand final team (association) already has a team in Waratah Youth Men Division 1, then only 1 team will be promoted and 1 team will be relegated.
- v. If both Waratah Youth Men Division 2 grand final teams (associations) already have a team in Waratah 1 Youth Men then there will be no relegation/promotion for the following year.
- vi. The same relegation and promotion principle will apply between Waratah Youth League Division 2 and Waratah Youth League Division 3 for the 2027 season and beyond.

28.3 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.

## 29. Special Rules

BNSW and the League Competition Coordinator, 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 Competition Coordinator 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.

### 29.1 Red Card System – Player or Player Coach

If a player accumulates three technical fouls for poor behavior during the season, they will receive an automatic two-game suspension. Basketball NSW (BNSW) will issue this suspension post-game, and it will be implemented immediately upon notification to the association.

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.

29.2 Should a red card be issued (for poor behaviour), Associations do not have the right to appeal.

29.3 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.

29.4 More Than a Game

**In 2026, BNSW will introduce our respect campaign called, More Than a Game which is predominately aimed at spectators.**

Which consists of a number of elements, those being:

- a) Education
- b) Awareness
- c) Zero Tolerance
- d) Reinforcement
- e) Review

In regard to point c) Zero Tolerance, the BNSW Disciplinary Committee has the right to overrule these Rules of Operations and enforce further penalties for continued breaches of the More Than a Game campaign, e.g. loss of competition points, or even expulsion from the league.

In regard to point d) Reinforcement, each month BNSW will publish a story to highlight any matters that have occurred, and penalties issued, Associations will be named in these reports.

**There are NO grounds for appeal for penalties issued under the More Than a Game campaign.**

### 30. Betting/Match Fixing

Basketball NSW is committed to upholding the integrity of our sport through the full adoption of Basketball Australia's National Integrity Framework. This framework outlines the standards for ethical behaviour across the game and ensures that all participants, including players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and administrators operate in a safe, fair, and respectful environment.

The National Integrity Framework covers key areas such as child safeguarding, member protection, anti-doping, gambling, match-fixing, and the misuse of drugs and medicines. As a participating association, you are also bound by the Framework and expected to uphold its policies.

To view the full National Integrity Framework, visit:

<https://www.australia.basketball/about/national-integrity-framework>

30.1 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 or any other basketball competition, 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.

### 31. 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.

### 32 . Classification of Teams

32.1 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) Total Points Differential

32.2 Teams on each ladder will be ranked in order of win/loss record and point differential.

32.3 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.

32.4 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.**

### **33. Disqualified Players/Coaches**

33.1 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.

33.2 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.

33.3 The BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws (as amended) set out the Procedures to be followed in the event of any report being lodged.

33.4 If a player receives a game disqualification (GD), then a report must be filled out, and the charge is Game Disqualification.

33.5 Where players play more than one game for the weekend, the referee or court supervisor must contact the League Competition Coordinator 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.

### **34. Playing Venues**

#### **34.1 Venue Compliance Requirement**

All venues nominated by Associations for sanctioned Basketball NSW competitions must comply with the requirements outlined in this Rule and any current FIBA regulations applicable to facilities and equipment.

Venues are subject to periodic audits by Basketball NSW. Associations may be required to relocate fixtures, or may face suspension from competitions, if venues are found to be non-compliant.

#### 34.2 Court Markings and Dimensions

- a) All court markings must be clearly visible and comply with current FIBA regulations, including line width, color, and placement.
- b) The court dimensions must be 28 metres by 15 metres.
- c) A minimum of 2 metres of unobstructed boundary space must be maintained on all sides of the playing court.

#### 34.3 Court Infrastructure

- a) Each court must be equipped with the following:
  - Scoreboard with game time, team scores, period, and team fouls;
  - Two 24-second shot clocks, visible and installed according to FIBA regulations;
  - A scorer's table and team benches positioned in compliance with FIBA court layout;
  - Regulation FIBA backboards and snap-back rings with required padding;
  - Clearly designated substitution zones and coaching boxes
- b) Backstop units (fixed or mobile) must be securely installed, fully padded, and not intrude into the required 2-metre safety zone.

#### 34.4 Lighting Requirements

- a) Courts must have quality lighting that provides uniform illumination suitable for competitive basketball.
- b) Lighting must not produce glare or obstruct visibility for players, officials, or spectators.
- c) Emergency lighting must be present and functional in case of power failure.

#### 34.5 Change Rooms and Officials' Facilities

- a) Venues must provide separate team change rooms, each with toilets and showers, located in proximity to the courts.
- b) A separate officials' change room must be provided, with adequate privacy and facilities for both male and female referees.

#### 34.6 Safety and Medical Provisions

- a) A blood kit must be available and located at the scorer's table for each game.
- b) Venues must ensure the availability of a designated first-aid area or medical room accessible from the court.
- c) Basketball NSW encourages all teams to carry their own first aid kits for use in emergencies.

#### 34.7 Obstruction-Free Playing Area

- a) No fixed or temporary obstruction (including walls, seating, equipment, or signage) may be located within 2 metres of the court boundary lines.
- b) Spectator seating, advertising boards, and any other infrastructure must be positioned outside the 2-metre safety zone and comply with local safety codes.
- c) Ceiling height must allow unobstructed play, with a minimum clearance of 7 metres above the court surface.

#### 34.8 Venue Amenities and Services

- a) Venues must provide clean, accessible toilet facilities for players, officials, and spectators.
- b) Adequate ventilation, heating, and cooling must be provided where necessary.
- c) Venues must comply with all relevant local building, health, and safety codes, including accessibility standards.

#### 34.9 Equipment Storage and Access

- a) Venues must include secure storage areas for basketball equipment and scorer's table materials.
- b) All equipment must be safely stored when not in use and not obstruct playing or access areas.

#### 34.10 Venue Maintenance and Inspections

- a) Venue surfaces, equipment, and lighting must be maintained in safe and serviceable condition at all times.
- b) Associations must ensure all required equipment is functional prior to the start of games.
- c) Basketball NSW reserves the right to conduct inspections and issue improvement notices where necessary.

#### 34.11 Non-Compliance

- a) Failure to comply with the requirements of this Rule may result in:
  - i) Temporary or permanent disqualification of the venue from hosting Basketball NSW competitions;
  - ii) Reallocation of scheduled fixtures;
  - iii) Disciplinary action against the nominating Association, as determined by Basketball NSW.

### 35. 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 which must be uploaded and sent to BNSW before the first game of the season or first game of pre-season. Failure to submit the license by this deadline will result in a fine imposed on the association.
- 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.

### **36. Responsibilities of the Home Team**

36.1 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.

36.2 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.

36.3 Team "naming right sponsor" details are also to be supplied, and if supplied are to be included with the team details in the program.

36.4 The match ball is provided by the home team and must be of the brand endorsed by BNSW.

36.5 Match/Scoretable conditions are to be adhered to in strict accordance with approved scoretable instructions and regulations.

36.6 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 15 years of age, or older.

36.7 The Australian National Flag, Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Island Flag are to be on display, and clearly visible, at all games.

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- 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 Competition Coordinator.

#### 36.8 Match Day Manager

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.

All Match Day Managers must be a registered participant, Match Day Managers are also required to comply with National Integrity Framework and may be required to attend meetings, workshops which will be advised by the League Manager.

Their duties include:

- Ensuring the match starts on time and half time breaks etc. are adhered to.
- Collection of game statistics for both teams and score sheet for subsequent uploading.
- Escort or ensure the appointed, suitably identifiable person escorts the referees to and from the court, see clause 48 Home Association Obligations to Technical Officials).
- Communicating with Coaches regarding any uniform compliance issue(s) identified by the assigned match referees and the need for the Player(s) to address the non-compliance prior to tip off.
- Removal of any unruly spectators from the venue, when directed to by a Referee.
- Compliance with the League signage and promotion requirements.
- Security of visiting teams at all times including the Player benches.
- Ensuring no spectators have any prohibited noise makers so games are not disrupted and if they are identified, the matter is addressed immediately, see clause 59 Home Team Responsibilities then 59.9 Disruption to the Game.
- Ensuring all game day paperwork is emailed to BNSW to [results@bnsw.com.au](mailto:results@bnsw.com.au) within 30 minutes of the last game finishing.

36.9 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.

36.10 The Waratah Logo/Sign and all league sponsorship signage, as directed by the League Competition Coordinator, must be prominently displayed at all home game venues. Such signage will be supplied to each Association by the league.

36.11 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 Competition Coordinator 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 Competition Coordinator requests a game recording, it is the Association responsibility to ensure the tape or digital file is delivered as soon as possible.**

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

With the use of Basketball Connect, 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.

36.13 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 Basketball Connect application.

36.14 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.

### 37. Responsibilities of the Visiting Team

37.1 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.

37.2 Advise the home team as to the colour of the playing uniform to be worn.

37.3 Advise the home team of accommodation location (if applicable), just in case contact is required.

### 38. Referees

38.1 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.

38.2 Eligibility Criteria:

To be Eligible to referee in any NBL1 East and/or Waratah Senior League game, referees must complete the following requirements:

- Be a minimum of 18 years old.
- Pass the following minimum Results in the FIBA Physical Yo-Yo Test at a Clinic Day:
  - Level 30: NBL1 East Men & Youth League Men Div 1
  - Level 23: NBL1 East Women & All other Waratah Senior League Divisions
- Meet the minimum required Referee Grading:
  - State Grading - NBL1
  - State Development - Waratah Senior League
- Waratah Wheelchair League – Must be 18 years of age and completed the theory and practical components of the Wheelchair Basketball Referee Conversion course.

Note - Exemptions for Association Advanced Grade referees may be given at the discretion of BNSW

38.3 Finals Series

The final panel will comprise of:

NBL1 East - 24 Referees

Waratah Senior League/ Wheelchair League - 48 Referees\*

Selection will be based on various performance metrics including but not limited to: Play Calling, Game Control, Mechanics and Court Presence.

The Finals Panel will be determined by the Head of Technical Officials, NBL1 East and Waratah Senior League Program Managers, with feedback from Referee Coaches throughout the season.

Once nominated, the Finals panel will be announced and shared to the entire Panel.

Note: The senior League Panel numbers will be finalised once we have confirmation of total divisions in the Waratah Senior League for 2025

#### 38.4 Finals Eligibility

To be eligible for the Waratah Senior League Finals Panel, a referee must officiate a minimum of 16 games during the regular season in total. The games can be of any division and referees can be eligible for any division.

\*Note - Any Referee who has met eligibility for the NBL1 East finals OR has completed a minimum of 16 games between both competitions will also be eligible for selection to the Waratah Senior League Finals Panel.

At the Waratah Senior League Finals Weekend, Referees will be allocated to a Panel for each of the 7 divisions, comprising 6 Referees. The Semi-final and Grand Final referees will be appointed from within the panel for that division.

To be eligible for appointment to a Waratah Senior League Grand Final Game, a referee must officiate a Semi-Final of that division.

#### 38.5 Special Conditions

If any unforeseen circumstances occur after the panels have been allocated or any appointments that present a potential conflict of interest, amendments or a replacement can be made which will undergo a suitability process with the Program Managers and a final decision to be made by Steve Clark.

#### 38.6 Wheelchair Finals

To be eligible for the Waratah Wheelchair Finals, a referee must:

- Be available for 2 rounds of the Central Venue Rounds (50% of the Central Venue Rounds)
- Be available on Saturday and Sunday at Finals Weekend

Selections for the Finals panel are subject to performance, partnership and/or team management as well as availability over the weekend.

#### 38.7 BNSW process for validating Referee nominations

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

#### 38.8 Non-compliance fee

The League Competition Coordinator 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.

### 38.9 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.**

## 39. League Awards

The following league awards will be presented at the end of each season for Waratah Men and 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)

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

### 39.2 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.

39.3 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.

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

39.5 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.

## 40. Finals Series

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

- a) 11 or more teams and 8 teams will advance to the finals series.
- b) 10 or less teams and 4 teams will advance to the finals series.

## 41. 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.