



# BY-LAWS | NBL1 EAST

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## 1. Membership of the League

- 1.1. The NBL1 East is a Member Association based competition or have an agreement in place with Basketball NSW.
- 1.2. Associations must be Financial Members of NSWBA. Associations must continue to be financial throughout the season.
- 1.3. Associations entering team(s) NBL1 East 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. Each association must nominate one referee instructor/observer. The referee instructor/observer must be approved by BNSW.
- 1.8. Statisticians
  - a) Provide a minimum of 3 statisticians per game.
  - b) Statisticians must hold a level 1 accreditation or above (NBL1 must be level 2).
  - c) Provide a list of statisticians from your association.
  - d) Provide a statisticians roster (once the draw has been finalised).
- 1.9. Scoretable
  - a) Provide a minimum of 4 Scoretable officials per game.
  - b) Scoretable officials must hold a level 1 or above accreditation (NBL1 must be level 2).
  - 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. In accordance with a resolution from the Coaches Association, a coach of a team entering into the NBL1 East must hold a current Association Coach accreditation or documented Recognised equivalency.
- 2.4. Nominations must be lodged in accordance with BNSW nomination forms, either paper or online. Nominations must meet all criteria set out.
- 2.5. Nominations are open to all member associations of NSWBAL (or have membership agreements in place) and also to teams from the ACT.
- 2.6. Associations may enter teams in more than one division of the Waratah League and also enter in NBL1.

- 2.7. Participating associations in the Leagues must be currently financial with BNSW (see BNSW registration by-laws), or respective State/Territory registration by-laws.
- 2.8. 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  
NBL1 East is 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 a 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.

#### 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 NBL1 with stats and scoresheets.
- b) The Association contact 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) All players will also be required to self-join their team through the designated 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. NBL1 – All players must be eighteen (18) years of age or over. Special consideration may be given to players who are currently play in the NBL, WNBL, international or state teams and are a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age.

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. All coaches and managers will also be required to self-join their team through the online form.
- 9.2. NBL1 – coaches must hold a current Association Coach (formerly known as Level 2) or documented recognised equivalency (RPL).
- 9.3. There is to be no player coaches in NBL1 East.
- 9.4. The registration by-laws and procedures of BNSW are set out in the BNSW registration by-laws.
- 9.5. 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 in NBL1.

### **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.

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 maybe 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 maybe 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 Synergy Stats, the host Associations League Delegate or Court Supervisor must contact the relevant BNSW contact 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:
- The clearance of the player(s) cause undue hardship on the association.
  - 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 in NBL1 East 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 15.1.
- 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. A player under extenuating circumstances may be able to transfer to another NBL1 East 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 NBL1 are entitled to have a maximum of three (3) restricted players with no more than two (2) players from category A permitted.

### 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. This can be upwards of \$10,000 which will be passed onto the Association.**

***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”.*

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.

- a) Whether the player is a "bona-fide" player of the association, and
- b) The validity of the injury preventing the player from otherwise qualifying to play.
- c) 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 Synergy, it 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 systems, game programs, social media either personal or public accounts (such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube etc.) or the use of media outlets as a means of bullying, criticising, making sexist or racist remarks about another individual, team or the league in general will not be tolerated.

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.

- 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) 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) 4<sup>th</sup> 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 list similar to NBL.
- 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:
- a) Sleeved tops (short or long) black
  - b) Calf sleeves black
  - c) Arm sleeves black
  - d) Quad sleeves black
  - e) 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
- 22.10. The NBL1 East logo must appear on the left breast of the singlet.
- 22.11. The NBL1 East logo must also appear on the right leg of the shorts.
- 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 no set limits on the number of teams that can participate in NBL1, provided associations achieve set criteria points. If Associations do not achieve the set criteria points, they will have the chance to participate in the Waratah League.

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.

## 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 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

## **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 spectators seated.
- 30.5. The court dimensions must comply with FIBA standards (28 metres in length and 15 metres 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. Change room facilities with (preferably lockers) showers, toilet facilities.

30.9. 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 NBL1, 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.

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. Based on the design of each venue, if there is a court directly adjacent to the main court, then this court must remain vacant whilst NBL1 games are played.

33.2. 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.

33.3. 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 by the Thursday 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.

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

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

- 33.6. Match/Scoretable conditions are to be adhered to in strict accordance with approved scoretable instructions and regulations.
- 33.7. 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. Floor wipers (Children) on hands and knees using cloths/towels is not acceptable for hygiene and safety reasons.
- 33.8. The Australian National Flag, Aboriginal Flag and Torres Strait Island Flag are to be on display, and clearly visible, at all games and hung in the correct order.
- 33.9. Court announcers and commentators are required to call all games courtside and via livestream. Home Associations will be held accountable for any indiscretions on the part of the court announcer/commentator.
- a) 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.
  - b) The players, team officials, referees and special guests are to be introduced to the spectators before the game commences. Where a NBL1 naming sponsor is appointed due recognition is to be given before and throughout the game as notified by the League Manager.
- 33.10. 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.
- 33.11. All League branding and 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.
- 33.12. The home Association is to ensure that each home game is livestreamed to the standard required of NBL1. Livestreams go live 5 minutes before tip off. Associations need to be turning on equipment at least 45 minutes before their first game to ensure everything is in correct working order.
- 33.13. Synergy Stats is the official game statistics package used for all NBL1 games. Host associations will be given a Synergy online log in, which will enable access to scheduled home games.
- ✓ 20 minutes prior to the start of the game the Team Sign-On sheet is to be provided to the statisticians.
  - ✓ Statisticians are required to print 2 copies of the scoresheet for the scoretable officials to use.
- 33.14. Process Game Results. At the end of the game the home team must ensure that;
- a) For all NBL1 games, the Statisticians have completed the game and that the scoresheet has been uploaded to the NBL1 required link. The Association is also required to email the sign on sheet and box score through to [results@bnsw.com.au](mailto:results@bnsw.com.au) within 15 minutes of the game finishing for all NBL1 games.

33.15. 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](mailto: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, the original sign on sheets and any other relevant paper work is to be mailed to BNSW.

33.16. 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 incident will use this blood kit.

#### **34. Responsibilities of the Visiting Team**

34.1. Visiting Associations will forward a complete team list including player numbers & name by no later than the Wednesday prior to the game. This is to be done via the nominated online form.

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) NBL1 – A referee panel will be formed.
- b) All NBL1 referees MUST complete the relevant on court workshops, zoom session and achieve a pass in the relevant fitness screening (currently using the Yo-Yo Assessment).
  - i. NBL1 Men – between level 26-30
  - ii. NBL1 Women – between level 22-30

35.2. Referee Criteria:

- a) NBL1 – Minimum National Development (level 3) or National

\*\* 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. 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.

- 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
- Youth Player of the Year (NBL1)
- 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

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 Youth Player of the Year will be awarded in NBL1.

Players must be under the age of 23 as of the end of the calendar year. Previous winners are ineligible.

36.4. A Defensive Player of the Year will be awarded.

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 centre. 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.

37.2. The winners of the NBL1 East competition will be required to attend the National Finals. The location of this series will be determined by the NBL. Attendance is compulsory.

### **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.