



Geraldton Basketball Association



GERALDTON AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (INC)
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RULE 1 - PLAYING RULES:

All competitions or games conducted by the GABA shall be played in accordance with the FIBA RULES OF BASKETBALL as adopted by the Australian Basketball Federation. Variations or Modifications to suit any particular set of circumstances must be done with a By-Law change and full approval of the Directors.

RULE 2 - RULES INTERPRETATION

(a) In any instance where a ruling is required as to the intent or purpose of any rule included in the FIBA Rules, this will be determined by the official Rules Interpreter appointed by the GABA

(b) All rulings given by the Rules Interpreter shall be reported to the Administrator, together with his/her decision regarding the matter.

(c) If the Rules Interpreter is unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion on any matter relating to the rules of the game, he/she shall refer the matter to the State Rules Interpreter, whose decision shall be final and binding.

RULE 3 - TEAM NOMINATION

(a) Any affiliated club or Association desirous of participating in any competition or game conducted by the GABA, shall nominate in the way prescribed by the Directors.

(b) All nominations shall be approved by the Directors, and such approval must be given before any club or Association may participate in any game or competition conducted by the GABA.

RULE 4 – GRADINGS

(a) All competitions conducted by the GABA shall be conducted on a grade basis, and such grades shall be determined by the Directors.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of the Administrator/Development Officer to determine relative merits of teams wishing to participate, and allocate them to respective grades.

(c) The Administrator/Development Officer shall have authority to change or amend team gradings from time to time.

(d) The decision of the Administrator/Development Officer shall be final with regard to the grading of teams.

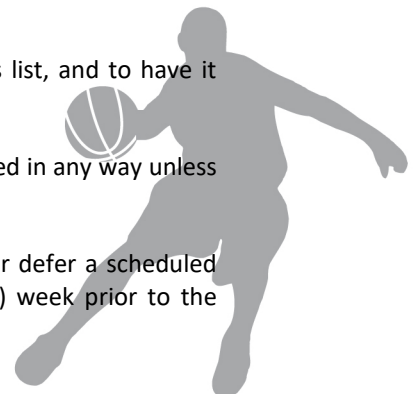
RULE 5 - COMPETITION FIXTURES

(a) The Administrator shall be responsible for the compilation of an official fixtures list, and to have it published or made available online to GABA members.

(b) A fixtures list, once approved by the Administrator, shall not be altered or amended in any way unless required under extenuating circumstances.

(c) Where a team(s), because of extenuating circumstances, requires to postpone or defer a scheduled fixture, applications must be made in writing to the Administrator at least one (1) week prior to the scheduled date of the fixture.

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(RULE 6 - COMPETITION POINTS)

(a) Competition points shall be allocated for each game completed in accordance with the official fixtures list as follows;

Win 2 points

Loss 0 points

Draw 1 point each team for Grades other than Division 1

(b) In the event of two or more teams being level on points at the end of the qualifying rounds, eligibility to compete in the final series shall be on the basis of a premiership table of games played in the qualifying rounds, between the teams involved. Teams finishing on equal points – final position shall be determined by win loss record between teams involved. Where win loss record cannot decide then scores for and against again between the teams involved shall determine final ladder positions. (c) In the event of any team having forfeited a game during the qualifying rounds, all points for the season, both FOR and AGAINST in relation to the team responsible for the forfeit, shall be omitted from the calculation of percentages.

RULE 7 - FINAL SERIES

The final series shall be played at the end of qualifying rounds and methods detailed below may be used.

(a) Semi Final, Preliminary Final and Grand Final as follows;

1st. Semi Final Team shown as No. 3 plays team shown as No. 4 on the premiership table.

2nd. Semi Final Team shown as No. 1 plays team shown as No. 2 on the points table. Preliminary Final Winner of the 1st. Semi Final versus loser of the 2nd. Semi Final.

Grand Final Winner of 2nd. Semi Final versus winner of the Preliminary Final.

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RULE 8 - INTERCHANGE OF PLAYERS BETWEEN GAMES

(a)

8a Rules Governing Rookies

1. Rookie list Form to be completed and given to Administrator prior to the Season commencing.
2. The Rookies list will be reviewed each season by the Directors.
3. The Rookie must not turn 19 years before the 31st December in the current season.
4. There is a limit of 4 rookies per club allowed to play Division 1 each week.
5. A Rookie must play 6 games in Division 2 to qualify for Finals in Division 2
6. A completed Rookie list will be displayed on the notice board.
7. A new rookie can be added to the list, the Administrator must receive the Rookie form by 4pm on the day of the game.

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8b Rules Governing Veterans

The Veterans Division because of age eligibility is a standalone, competition and is not regarded in any standing of being a lower or higher grade to the current Divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4.

1. Any person who turns the age of 34 in the year the season commences, is eligible to play in the veteran's division.
2. Any player, who is registered in another division and is age eligible, shall be allowed to play in the Veteran's Division.
3. The purpose of this rule is to provide a competitive competition for the individual and also allow them to participate in a more social competition and hopefully retain members after their competitive days have passed.
4. Players, who wish to participate in the Veteran's competition, shall play in the spirit for which the rule was introduced. Any player, not adhering to the veteran's social code would be considered to be putting this rule change at risk.
5. To be eligible to play finals in the Veteran's Division, players must have played at least 6 qualifying games in the Veteran's Division (equates to one third of rostered games).

(c) Where any team has a bye in any grade, the players participating in the previous set of fixtures of that team shall not be permitted to play in any lower grade during the week in which the bye occurs.

(d) In the event of a grade playing two (2) sets of fixtures within the one week, anyone playing in either of those fixtures shall not be permitted to play in any other grade in that same week.

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RULE 9 - ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINAL SERIES

(a) To be eligible to participate in the Final Series of any competition conducted by the Association, players must have played at least four (4) games for their registered club, during the qualifying rounds and grade eligibility shall be determined as follows:

1. Where a player has played in one grade only, he/she shall be eligible to participate in the Final Series in that grade or any higher grade. This can only be done to a maximum of 5 players in the team, with the sole intention of avoiding a forfeit. Two games by any one player can be played within the same week to avoid a forfeit only following the above rule.
2. Where a player has played in two or more grades during the qualifying rounds, he/she shall be eligible to participate in the final series of the grade in which he/she has played the greatest number of games,
3. Where a player qualifies for and participates in a Final Series for any one grade, he/she shall not be permitted to change from one grade/division to another during the Series, except when the change is from a lower to a higher grade/division with the sole intention of avoiding a forfeit.

(b) For the purpose of this rule, it shall be the responsibility of all affiliated Clubs/Associations to carefully assess the eligibility of players online before permitting them to participate in a Final Series.

(c) Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of a player to participate in a Final Series shall be referred to the Administrator and dealt with as a matter of urgency.

(d) Players name on the recorded shall be sufficient proof that he/she has represented that team for the game, providing the said player shall have been physically present during the period of the game.

(e) For Veterans playing in two divisions to be eligible to play finals in the Veterans Division you must have played at least 6 qualifying games in that Division.

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RULE 10 - FIXTURES NOT COMPLETED

(a) A Senior Team shall have 15 minutes from the scheduled start time to field a team. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit to the defaulting team and a fine of \$50.00. A Junior Team shall have 10 minutes from the scheduled start time to field a team. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit to the defaulting team and a fine of \$50.00

(b) Any team which forfeits three or more games during the qualifying rounds may be disqualified by the Directors.

(c) In the event of a team being disqualified, then each game in which that team should have participated shall be considered as having been won by the opponent team. It shall not be necessary for the opponent team to appear at the place set down for the playing of the fixture.

(d) In the event of a forfeit by any team, the score for the fixture in question shall be considered to be 20-0 in favour of the team awarded the game.

(e) In the event of a game being played at a time and place not authorised by the Directors or duly appointed sub-committee, the score shall be considered as 0-0, neither team being awarded points for the game. In the calculation of percentages, rule 5 (d) shall apply.

RULE 11 - ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

(a) To be an eligible player within the meaning of these rules, a player shall comply with the amateur definitions prescribed by the FIBA, and shall be a registered member of an affiliated club or Association in accordance with Rule 13 of these By-Laws.

(b) All instances concerning the alleged participation of an ineligible player in a competition game shall be reported in writing to the Directors within 24 hours of the incident concerned, by the referee of the game in question or may be brought to the notice of the Directors by any elected Director or by the Games Controller, or a protest lodged by the offended team. Such reports, which at all times must be in writing, shall be referred to the Directors for decision.

(c) It shall be the responsibility of affiliated Clubs or Associations to ensure that ineligible players do not participate in competition games. In any instance where it shall be proved that an ineligible player has so participated the Directors shall be empowered to take such action as they may think fit against the offending club or Association.



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RULE 12 - PLAYERS UNIFORMS

- (a) Each affiliated club or Association shall select a distinctive uniform which shall be registered with the Association.
- (b) The pattern and colour scheme of the uniform shall be approved by the Directors prior to registration. The pattern shall be shorts and singlet for men and shorts and top for women.
- (c) Each player shall be numbered on the front and back of the uniform, in accordance with the official rules of basketball.
- (d) Referees or the Games Controller shall have authority to prevent any player participating in any game, if the player concerned is not clothed in the official uniform of his/her club.

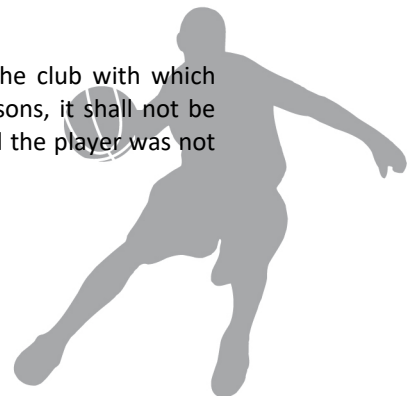
RULE 13 - REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- (a) Every playing member shall take steps to register with BWA annually.
- (b) Such Registration shall be considered to have been correctly effected on advice from BWA.
- (c) The Association shall maintain a register of all registered players showing the player's name and club. Such register shall be available at each and every meeting of the Directors, and shall include a record of the games and grades in which every registered member has participated.

RULE 14 - CLEARANCES

- (a) A registered playing member of an affiliated club shall not transfer from that club to any other affiliated club, until such time as a clearance on a duly prescribed Association Clearance Form has been obtained from the club which he/she is registered, and such clearance has been approved by the Directors, the Administrator or Games Controller.
- (b) The Administrator shall be required to keep a separate record of all clearances lodged, showing the date of receipt from the person requiring the clearance, the person's name, the club to which he/she wishes to be cleared, and any remarks applicable to such clearance.
- (c) All clearances shall be processed in the manner prescribed on the clearance form, which from time to time shall be determined by the Directors.
- (d) Any application for a clearance which is not returned to the Administrator by the club from which the clearance is required within a period of FOURTEEN (14) days from the date of the application shall be automatically granted by the Directors.
- (d) In any instance where a player has not participated as a playing member of the club with which he/she was last registered, for a period of not less than two complete playing seasons, it shall not be necessary for the said player to apply for a clearance, except where it can be proved the player was not financial with the club.

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(e) In any instance where any affiliated club shall refuse to grant a clearance to a registered member of such club, the player concerned may refer the matter to the Directors for decision. The Directors shall instruct the club concerned to issue a clearance, except where it can be proved by the club, the player is un-financial with the club. The Directors shall not have the power to instruct a club to issue a clearance to a player, if that player has signed a current registration form for that season.

(f) In the event of an affiliated club disbanding, or failing to re-apply for affiliation, registered members of that club shall be free to transfer to any other affiliated club without first applying for a clearance, except where the club disbanding is un-financial with the Association. Players would then pay to the Association a proportion of the outstanding amount before being eligible for membership with any other club.

(g) A Junior player participating in the Junior Competition, who has not played in Senior games, shall be bound to the club, he/she is registered with for the remainder of that current season, but shall not require a clearance if he/she wishes to change Clubs the following season. He/she shall also have the right to apply for a clearance during the current season.

(l) An application for an Interclub clearance within the Association, received on a date which is more than two (2) calendar months later than the date of the commencement of the current competition, shall not be considered. I.e. if the competition commences on 12 October, then clearances must be lodged with the Administrator by 11 December.

RULE 15 - REFEREES AND UMPIRES

It shall be the responsibility of the Directors to determine the method of appointing Referees and Umpires for all games played under the jurisdiction of the Association.

RULE 16 - TIMEKEEPERS AND SCORERS

It shall be the responsibility of each team competing to provide one timekeeper/scorer. Such duty personnel shall operate in accordance with the official Rules of basketball as applying to timekeepers and scorers.

RULE 17 - SCORE SHEETS AND EQUIPMENT

(a) Scoring device for all games conducted by the Association shall be supplied by the Association, and it shall be the responsibility of each captain or coach to complete the necessary team details prior to the scheduled commencement time of the game.

(b) It shall be the responsibility of the Association to provide all necessary court equipment for all games conducted by the Association.



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RULE 18 - DUTY TEAMS

- (a) The Directors shall have authority to allocate duties to teams or clubs, as required, in any matter related to the operation of the Association.
- (b) Any club or team, not carrying out the duties as prescribed by the Directors, shall be considered to be in default and shall be subject to such penalties as from time to time decided by the Directors.

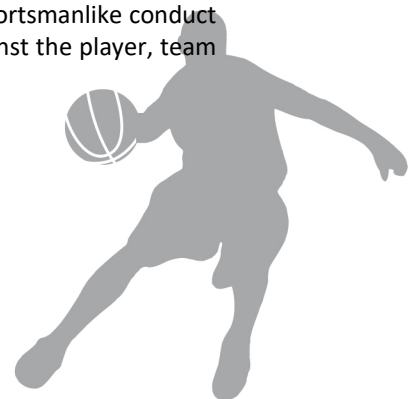
RULE 19 - FINANCIAL STATUS

- (a) All affiliated clubs shall remit to the Association such fees as may be prescribed from time to time by the GABA Board.
- (b) Such fees shall be in the hands of the Treasurer or duly authorised person, on or before the prescribed date, and any club not having remitted the prescribed fees shall be considered un-financial as from midnight on the prescribed date and be subject to such penalties as determined by the Directors.
- (c) An un-financial club, group or Association shall not be permitted to participate in any competition conducted by the Association.
- (d) Any member representing the GABA at any level must be a fully financial member of their club.
- (e) Clearances are not required for Juniors but any un-financial members will not be eligible to move clubs until all outstanding fees are paid.

RULE 20 - CHARGES, PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

- (a) An affiliated club shall have the right to lodge a report in the nature of a charge or protest, or give notice of a dispute in relation to the conduct of any competition match, the behaviour of any player taking part in the match, or the result of any competition match.
- (b) Any member of the Directors, the umpires, the Administrator or games controller, shall have authority to bring charges against any club or player in relation to matters as detailed in clause (a) hereof.
- (c) Such reports shall include a comprehensive account of the incident or happening giving rise to the charge, protest or dispute, and shall name the team or player(s) concerned, and the referee and umpire in control of the game, and shall be in the hands of the Administrator within twenty four (24) hours of the completion of the game concerned.
- (d) Any report lodged by any club or persons authorised to do so, which alleges unsportsmanlike conduct or matters as prescribed in clause (a) hereof, shall be considered to be a charge against the player, team or member concerned.

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(e) Any report lodged shall be handled in accordance with clause (c) hereof.

(f) Upon receipt of any reports) as referred to in this rule, the Administrator shall immediately refer the matter to the Judiciary Committee, as herein after described, for decision.

(g) All reports made under this rule shall be in writing, and signed by the person making the charge, protest or dispute.

RULE 21 - JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

(a) A Judiciary Committee shall be appointed by the Directors and shall consist of a Chairperson and two other members, who have no connection with the club or player(s) involved in the report. Proxy members may also be appointed, and take their place on the Committee in the event of one or more of the duly appointed regular members being absent.

(b) The Administrator shall act as convener for all meetings of the Judiciary Committee.

(c) The Judiciary Committee shall have power to enquire into all reports submitted in accordance with rule 20 of these

By-Laws.

(d) In the event of a protest or dispute, the Committee shall be empowered to resolve the matter, and in the event of a decision affecting the result of a competition game, to order an adjustment of the points table or a replay of the game concerned.

(e) In the matter of a charge against a player for alleged unsportsmanlike conduct or any other action, the Committee shall be empowered to impose such penalty as it may consider necessary.

(f) In any instance where the Judiciary Committee considers that a player, by reason of unsportsmanlike conduct, or any other action, should be suspended for a period exceeding six (6) playing dates, this must be confirmed by the Directors. Until such time as the Directors have confirmed the penalty, the player shall not participate in any competition game conducted by the Association.

(g) Verbal notice by a referee, umpire or the person making the charge, at the conclusion of any competition fixture or at the time of any incident to be referred to the Judiciary Committee, shall be considered as sufficient advice to the player or club concerned. The Administrator shall ensure that all parties involved in any charge, protest or dispute shall be supplied with a copy of the report. This should not be imposed without the player; club or member concerned being given a reasonable opportunity of appearing before the Committee.



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(h) A full report of all proceedings of the Judiciary Committee meeting shall be prepared by the Administrator for submission to the Directors.

RULE 22 - TROPHIES AND AWARDS

The Directors shall have authority to allocate trophies to various grades, and to decide upon Awards for meritorious performances during competitions conducted by the association, and to make special recognition of any services rendered to the Association.

RULE 23 – JURISDICTION

(a) For the purpose of these By-Laws, members of affiliated clubs or Associations are considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Association while they are in the precincts of any court or building being hired or used by the Association for the purpose of conducting any match or competition, or any other business of the Association, and also while any player or official is representing the Association at any games or series, wherever it may be played.

(b) Members of any team selected to visit another country centre, or the Metropolitan area, whether such games are organised by the Association or club concerned, or the purpose is to participate at games organised by other clubs or Associations, are deemed to be within the jurisdiction of this association from the time the team departs from Geraldton until such time as all members return to Geraldton.

RULE 24 - LIQUOR LICENSE/RESTRICTIONS

TBA – Application in Process.

RULE 25 – INFRINGEMENTS

The Directors shall have power to impose such penalties as may be decided upon by a majority of members present at a meeting of the Directors, upon any affiliated club or Association, or any Association members or officials, in the event of an infringement of these rules.

RULE 26 - AMENDMENTS

The Directors shall have power to alter or amend these By-Laws provided that notice of motion of such amendment or alteration shall be supplied to the Administrator at least fourteen (14) days prior to any meeting of Directors, and provided that the resolution to so alter or amend the By-Laws shall obtain a two-thirds majority when put to the vote. Any updates to the currently By-Laws club are to be advised immediately.

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RULE 27 - ITEMS NOT PROVIDED FOR

Any matter not covered by the scope of these By-Laws, provided that it comes within the objects and jurisdiction of the Association, shall be dealt with by the Directors.

THE END

This document was up-dated on 1 October, 2018, and includes changes authorised by GABA Board.

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