

Albany Basketball Association (Incorporated)

BY-LAWS

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1. Definitions/Terms

- i) Team format: a group of players playing under the same uniform in a particular division or amalgamation of divisions as determined by the Executive.
- ii) Grade – see 5. Grading below.
- iii) Division – see 5. Grading below
- iv) Executive – Albany Basketball Association Committee.

2. Playing rules

All competitions fixtured by the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the official rules of basketball, as adopted by FIBA or as otherwise determined by the Executive.

The official FIBA scoresheet shall be substituted by the Sporting Pulse Stadium (Ipad) Scoring system.

3. Rules Interpretation

An official rules interpreter may be appointed from time to time by the executive to determine the resolution of disputes arising as to the interpretation of any rule.

The rules interpreter shall report to the executive, the nature of all matters referred to him/her for determination, together with his/her decision regarding the matter. Where the executive and the rules interpreter disagree, the decision may be referred to Basketball Western Australia for a final decision.

4. Team Nomination and Fees

Affiliated teams wishing to participate in any competition or game conducted by the Association shall nominate in the manner prescribed by the executive and pay subscription fees as determined by the Executive.

5. Grading

All competitions conducted by the Association shall be conducted on a grade basis. Grades will be determined by the executive prior to the commencement of each season. Divisions will be determined in these grades on a as needed basis by the executive, prior to the commencement of the season. If the need arises, the executive may determine the division in each grade prior to the season starting.

The executive reserves the right to reassess or adjust teams and divisions to promote fairness and equity in all divisions. This may require an adjustment after/during the commencement of the season.

6. Eligible Players

To be eligible to play in competitions conducted by the executive a player shall comply with the amateur definition as described by the Australian Basketball Federation and shall be a registered member of an affiliated team in accordance with Bylaw 7 of these Bylaws.

6.1 Juniors

6.1.a) The eligibility of a junior member to play in a particular grade shall be determined by the players schooling year as at the start of each season. Copies of school reports may be requested to confirm eligibility.

6.1.b) A junior player may *request* to play a maximum of 1 division higher or lower than his/her age division. This shall be decided on by the executive on a case-by-case basis, by completing the prescribed application process as determined by the Executive Committee.

7. Registration of Players

7.1 All players must be members of the Association with the exception provided by rule 7.2 of these Bylaws.

Registration shall be affected by the payment of the membership fee and completion of the online registration form, which shall be correctly submitted to the Association. It shall be the duty of teams to ensure players (including those covered in Bylaw 7.2) are correctly registered with the Association and failure to comply may result in the team at fault losing 3 competition points for each offence.

7.2 Visiting players or fill in players:

Must register as a voucher or fill in player with the Association (by completing the specific form with the designated person) before the commencement of the fixtured game & pay the associated fees to be eligible to take the court.

Players may play a maximum of 2 games on a voucher.

Players must fully register before taking the court for the 3rd game.

8. Clearances

8.1 Definition

Transfers are used to change the Domestic Club or team, in which a player is registered.

8.2 Rule

a) A Transfer is required for a player to change from one club or team to another club or team.

b) No Transfers will be granted after the 5th round of the current domestic season.

c) No transfer will be approved where the player has been approached, coerced and/or persuaded in any way, by any official or representative of Albany Basketball Association or any member club. Where it is proved that this has occurred, the offending club/person may be reported for unsportsmanlike behavior to the Albany Basketball Association Tribunal and/or may be subject to fines.

d) No transfer will be approved if it can be proved any fees are owed or property has not been returned by the Player to the existing Domestic Club or team.

e) If an affiliated club has disbanded any registered players of that club are free to transfer to other clubs or teams without having to apply for a clearance. If the disbanding club is not financial with the Association, the player will be required to pay a proportion of the outstanding amount before being eligible to register with another club or team.

8.3 Procedure

a) A player or their parent/guardian must initially contact the Club secretary of the Domestic Club they seek to Transfer from. A nominated Club representative must attempt to resolve any differences with the Player's existing Domestic Club.

b) If a Transfer is still sought, after speaking with the Club Representative of the Club they wish to transfer from, the Player or the Player's Parent/Guardian shall fill out the appropriate official ABA Transfer form.

c) Where both Club/Team Representatives agree to the transfer of a Player the Albany basketball Association Administrator shall action the transfer and advise all parties.

d) Approval or non-approval is required within 7 business days from the Club/Team receiving the clearance request.

e) Where Clubs do not deal with the clearance request within the prescribed 7 business day period, a clearance will automatically be granted by the ABA Administrator upon request by the receiving club.

f) The ABA Committee may override any existing rule and approve a clearance where it feels exceptional circumstances apply through an appeal process.

9. Player Uniform

9.1 It shall be the responsibility of teams to ensure all players are in the correct uniform by the end of the 3rd week of fixtures. Correctly and clearly numbered as per FIBA Rules Article 4.3.2 (numbers 1-99, with numbers 0 and 00 reserved for blood rule uniforms) (front minimum 10 cm high and 2 cm wide and back minimum 20cm high and 2 cm wide) with shorts in club or team colours (or plain black) and appropriate shoes. All playing shirts must have no sleeves.

9.2 Shorts shall NOT have pockets

9.3 Should there be a conflict of colour in the one grade then the first mentioned team on that fixture is to change to a different colour or design to make the uniforms easily distinguishable to the referee.

9.4 a) It is compulsory for players U18 to wear a mouthguard when playing games in any ABA competition.

b) If a player is not wearing a mouth guard, then he/she is not permitted to enter the court.

c) Only players with written medical advice that has been approved by the ABA Executive will be exempt from 9.4 (a)

d) All players over 18 or in the Senior age groups are encouraged to wear a mouthguard while playing.

e) The Referees will be responsible for the enforcement of this rule. Team Coaches and Managers are to ensure all players subbing in are wearing a mouthguard.

9.5 A player may wear shoes of any colour combination. The left and the right shoes are not required to match.

10. Interchange Between Grades

10.1 Junior players may play in one junior grade and one subsequent senior grade. Players may not play in two junior teams, with the exception of Development Squad Teams, temporary substitutes (See 10.5) and players invited by the committee.

10.2 Players must be aware that finals may be scheduled at the same time and therefore create a conflict. A choice will need to be made by the player.

10.3 If playing in a Senior team plus a Vets team or a Junior team and a Senior team, the player must pay the additional upgraded Senior to Senior or Junior to Senior fee.

10.4 Junior players may substitute from a lower grade/age group to a higher grade/age group and a player within a Senior team can only fill in within a Junior grade (if they are the appropriate age) for a maximum of 3 games before the full registration fee is required for the Junior team.

10.5 Senior and junior players may fill in a higher grade on a maximum of three occasions only. Teams fielding ineligible players will be deemed to have forfeited the game.

10.6 The player must wear the appropriate uniform for the team he/she is substituting for. There is no extra fee for this circumstance.

10.7 A Senior player, that qualifies for Vets, can join both a Senior team and a Vets team for the season by paying the appropriate fees OR may substitute for a total of 3 games before being required to pay the full registration fee for the other team.

11. Eligibility to Play Finals

11.1 To be eligible to play for any team in the ABA finals, a player must have played four regular season games for that team.

11.2 If a player registers with a team with 4 remaining rounds of qualifying games and that team has a fixtured bye in one of the remaining rounds, then the bye will be considered a game played at the players request provided this is submitted in writing to the ABA at least 7 days prior to finals commencing.

11.3 When a team is not required to attend due to a forfeit by opponents, all of the registered players for the non-forfeiting team will be credited with having played that game.

11.4 During the finals period, any player receiving a Disqualifying foul shall also receive an automatic suspension from their next fixtured game.

11.5 Injured players may register as having participated in a game provided a medical certificate is submitted to the ABA Executive within fourteen (14) days of the injury.

12. Competition Fixtures

The Executive shall be responsible for the competition and distribution of the official fixtures to cover all grades of the competition.

There shall be no rescheduling.

13. Competition Points

13.1 Competition points will be allocated on the following basis:

- *Win – 3 points
- *Draw – 2 points
- *Loss – 1 point
- *Notified Forfeit – 0 points
- *Notified Double Forfeit – 0 points
- *Un-notified Forfeit – minus 0 points
- *Bye – 2 points
- *Disqualification – 0 points

13.2 In the event of two or more teams being ties on points at the end of the qualifying round, eligibility to compete in the finals shall be determine in the following order:

- a) The team with the lesser number of forfeits, disqualifications and other infringements of the rules;
- b) The head-to-head ratio of wins and losses between the teams concerned;
- c) If still equal, the head-to-head percentage of points for and against between the teams concerned;
- d) If still equal, the overall percentage of points for and against between all teams in the grade.

14. Finals Series

Shall consist of semi-finals, preliminary finals and grand finals, or as otherwise determined by the executive.

15. Forfeits

15.1 All un-notified forfeits shall result in a \$100 fine, and all fines shall be paid prior to the commencement of the team's next scheduled game. To avoid the fine 7 (seven) days written notice shall be given to the Executive before the game which is to be forfeited. Extenuating circumstances may be considered by the Executive.

15.2 Un-notified forfeits shall result in the loss of 3 (three) competition points.

15.3 a maximum of 2 (two) un-notified forfeits shall be accepted. The third un-notified forfeit shall result in the team being removed from the competition.

15.4 In the event of 2 (two) notified forfeits the Executive shall have the power to impose such penalty as may be determined from time to time by the Executive.

15.5 Teams not already on the court within 10 (ten) minutes of the scheduled starting time of the game shall forfeit and the opposing team shall be awarded

3 competition points and 20 game points. The forfeiting team shall lose 3 competition points.

15.6 A game that cannot be played as a result of both teams being unable to play and who have given at least 7 (seven) days written notice to the Executive will be seen as a notified double forfeit with a score of zero/zero and each team will be awarded 0 (zero) competition points.

16. Late Arrival of Substitutes

16.1 Players arriving prior to half time may play providing the coach has included them on the list of players given to the scorer prior to the start of the game.

16.2 If a team is not present or not on court with 5 (five) players and ready to play at the scheduled start time, the opposing team shall receive 2 (two) points per minute or part thereof until 10 (ten) minutes have elapsed after the scheduled time to begin. Should the scheduled game not take place that team shall lose the game by forfeit and the score shall be 20 to 0 (as per Official Basketball Rules Article 20.1 and 20.2.1).

17. Referees

It shall be the responsibility of the Referee Co-Ordinator to appoint officials for all games in a manner determined from time to time.

18. Equipment

It shall be the responsibility of the Association to provide any court equipment as specified in the official rules of basketball for every competition game conducted by the Association.

19. Duty Team

The Association shall have power to roster teams to perform duties as allocated in any competition or game conducted by the Association. Failure to perform these duties will receive a penalty of 3 points for team referring performance as they deem appropriate for the season.

20. Unfinancial Teams or Players

As determine by the Executive, un-financial teams or players shall not be permitted to participate in any competition conducted by the Association (exception at 7.2)

21. Charges, Protests and Disputes

As per Basketball Australia and Basketball WA tribunal By law as adopted by the Albany Basketball Association Inc.

22. Trophies and Awards

The executive shall allocate trophies and awards as it sees fit.

23. Jurisdiction

For the purpose of these Bylaws members of affiliated teams are considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Albany Basketball Association whilst:

- i) They are in the precincts of any court or building being hired or used by the Association, for any business of the Association, or
- ii) They are a member of any team selected to participate in games or competitions away from Albany with the period of jurisdiction being from the time of departure from Albany to the time of return to Albany.

24. Infringements

The executive shall have the power to impose such penalties as may be decided upon at a meeting of the Executive, upon any team, member or official, in the event of an infringement of these Bylaws.

25. Amendments to These Bylaws

The executive shall have the power to alter or amend these Bylaws provided that the resolution of the Executive shall provide two-thirds majority votes and provided also that any alterations or amendments to these Bylaws recommended at a General Meeting of the Association shall be adopted as soon as possible.

26. Items Not Provided For

Any matter not covered by the scope of these Bylaws shall be dealt with by the Executive, provided that it comes within the objects of the Association.

27. Bench Officials

Teams are to provide one capable (age 16yrs plus) bench official per game. Play shall not start without bench officials in place.

28. Pre-season Preparation

Teams are to prepare for the season by ensuring that bench officials are familiar with the task and that coaches have appropriate working with children checks and are familiar with the Coach's Code of Conduct. Managers, Coaches and Assistant Coaches must complete the Volunteer link provided by the Administrator via email.

29. General

Copies of the Constitution (may be viewed as per Constitution Article 20), Bylaws & Codes of Conduct Policies of the Association are available from the Administrator which may also be displayed on the Albany Basketball Association Inc. website.

These rules are to be read in conjunction with any additional rules or codes of behavior pertaining to players, officials, coaches, parents, guardians and spectators as displayed on the Albany Basketball Association Inc. website.