

BUSSELTON AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (INC)

By-laws



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Foreword

Busselton Basketball Association encourages all members to become familiar with the Busselton Amateur Basketball Association (BABA) By-laws.

The Busselton Amateur Basketball Association Committee reserves the right to amend or introduce By-laws mid-season, should they feel it is necessary, provided it is approved at a BABA Committee meeting with a 75% majority in favour.

If you require clarification of any rule, please direct your enquiry in writing to:

busseltonbasketball@gmail.com

1 Change History

By-laws updated August 2020 – This will be known as Version 2.0

By-laws updated July 2021 – This will be known as Version 2.1

By-laws updated June 2023 – This will be known as Version 2.2

2 Interpretation of Rules

2.1 Definitions

2.1.1 BABA

The Busselton Amateur Basketball Association (also referred to as Busselton Basketball Association), is responsible for running basketball within the City of Busselton region. The BABA Committee organizes and maintains a Junior (U10-U21s) and Senior Competition in conjunction with our Busselton Blazers Development Program through the BABA Committee.

2.1.2 BABA Committee

The Committee of management of the Busselton Amateur Basketball Association (BABA).

2.1.3 BWA

Basketball WA (recognized as the State basketball body).

2.1.4 Club (Domestic)

Two (2) or more teams identified by name or uniform.

2.1.5 Officials and Staff Members of the Association

Association level Coaches, BABA Committee Members, Court Coordinator, Referees, Referees' Coordinator, Referees' Mentor and Bar Managers.

2.1.6 Representative Player

Outlined further in section 5. Any player who played the previous season, in a:

- Represented the BABA or any other association in either the State Championship or Country Championships number one (1) team
- Team competing in any Western Australian Basketball League (WABL age group);
- State Basketball Team (e.g., Country WA, Metro WA or School Sports);
- National Basketball League (NBL1) Team or;
- Equivalent to any of the above.

2.1.7 Team

A group of Players, which may constitute an entire Club or part thereof.

2.1.8 Divisions

Age-specific groups that are divided into both male and female e.g. U12 Girls or U12 Boys.

2.1.9 Grade

Levels given to groups within a division e.g. A/B/C.

2.2 Rule

2.2.1 FIBA Official Basketball Rules and Official Interpretations shall apply unless otherwise provided in these By-laws.

2.2.2 As our competition is not fully timed, there shall be minor adjustments made to the FIBA rules which cannot be enforced fairly without stopping the game clock.

2.3 General Provisions

2.3.1 Day to day interpretation of the rules shall be the responsibility of Court Coordinators and the BABA Committee. The BABA Committee can provide further interpretation. BABA is affiliated with BWA and as such adopts BWA policies and procedures. All members are bound by the Codes of Conduct (refer to BWA and BABA websites).

2.3.2 The BABA Committee (with 75% of the Committee in favour) has the discretion to waive the application of the By-laws in exceptional circumstances. Discretion may also be used in the application of the By-laws if they are changed mid-season. In considering whether exceptional circumstances exist the BABA committee must consider:

- The hardship, expense, or inconvenience to any player, Club, or Competition if the By-laws are not waived;
- Any benefit or cost to a competition if the By-laws are waived; and
- Consistency in applying the By-laws.

2.3.3 Any decision by the BABA committee to waive the application of a By-law in exceptional circumstances shall apply to the current season only unless it is agreed to amend the By-laws for future seasons.

3 Clubs

3.1 Definitions

- 3.1.1 A Club playing within the BABA must be approved in writing to do so by the BABA Committee.
- 3.1.2 Club membership will be extended to any approved organization that enters two (2) or more teams to play in the BABA competition.

3.2 Rule

- 3.2.1 A club must have two (2) or more Teams identified by name and uniform.
- 3.2.2 Clubs will be considered as having an ongoing business relationship with the BABA and must remain financial.
- 3.2.3 Clubs will be expected to coordinate the entries of all teams playing under the club name and pay the entry fees for all teams playing under the club's name. The club will honour any amounts owed by individual teams of the Club.
- 3.2.4 Clubs are required to recruit players and enter teams at the base level of competition offered by the BABA (i.e. from U10 age levels where possible).
- 3.2.5 Clubs will be asked to provide a registrar for nominations for the BABA Committee.
- 3.2.6 Clubs are required to have active participation in the grading observation process and participate in running of the Grand Final day and related presentations.
- 3.2.7 Unless instigated by the Association, no refund of fees for team withdrawal or removal will be entertained (as per clauses 4.2.11 to 4.2.13)
- 3.2.8 Due to the contributions Life Members have made to the Association, they may apply to the BABA Committee for a discount to their relevant player individual fee. This amount may be altered by the BABA committee. Active Life Members are considered financial members.
- 3.2.9 Player fees are set by the BABA Committee, Club fee proportion is set by the individual Clubs. The following clauses are recommendations only and up to Club discretion with the BABA Committee approval.
- 3.2.10 Fees for players who register mid-season (first week back after Christmas break only) are to be referred to Club Committee's for fee structure on a pro-rata basis
- 3.2.11 Junior players who play in a higher division (refers to seniors only – no multiple divisions or grades allowed in the Junior Competition) their age dictates fees for each team registered in. No team will be given any discount for juniors who choose to play a Senior Division in addition to their respective Junior Division. Club and the BABA Committee approval must be obtained as per 8.2.4.

4 Teams

4.1 Definitions

- 4.1.1** Each member Club may, prior to a date decided upon by the BABA Committee each year, lodge with the BABA Committee a list of team nominations for divisions and grades in which that Club wishes to field a team (or teams) during the coming season – this is necessary to allow the scheduling of competitions.

GRADE	AGE	MINIMUM TEAM MEMBERS
U10	Turning 7, 8 & 9 Years of age from 1st July – 30 June	7
U12	Turning 9, 10 & 11 Years of age from 1st July – 30 June	7
U14	Turning 11, 12 & 13 Years of age from 1st July – 30 June	7
U16	Turning 13, 14 & 15 Years of age from 1st July – 30 June	7
U18	Turning 15, 16 & 17 Years of age from 1st July – 30 June	7
U21	Turning 17, 18, 19 & 20 Years of age from 1st July – 30 June	7
Seniors	Turning 20 years of age and older	7

4.2 Rule

- 4.2.1** The BABA Committee shall consider all such nominations and shall as far as possible include teams in the division/grades as nominated by their Clubs. In any instance where the BABA Committee is unable to allocate a team as nominated, it may make an alternative nomination.
- 4.2.2** In the event that a Club enters more than one team in a division or has multiple teams in a grade, then the following is to apply:
- Each team nominated by the respective Club must be done so in such a way that each team is competitive in that division/grade. If the teams are grouped in the same grade they must be considered of equal strength.
 - If the teams are viewed as unequal by the BABA Committee within a reasonable period, the BABA Committee has the power to direct the Club to re-allocate players.
 - If the Club is directed to re-nominate the teams, the Club will resubmit the teams and will be subject to further review by the BABA Committee.

- 4.2.3** Team lists are to remain consistent. Players are not to move from team to team from round one (1), unless instructed or approved by the BABA Committee for a re-allocation.
- 4.2.4** The BABA Committee will deem non-complying teams as ineligible, with sanctions to be determined by the BABA Committee.
- 4.2.5** Teams are to supply their respective Clubs all team contact details.
- 4.2.6** Each team is responsible for their conduct. Teams may be penalised for unsportsmanlike conduct by its Players, Scorer, Coach/es and Supporters on the court and in the precincts of the court.
- 4.2.7** Senior teams must appoint one of its players as Team Captain and Vice-Captain prior to the commencement of the season. Teams must have a Team Manager as a point of contact. Only the Team Captain or Vice-Captain in the case of the absence of the Captain may approach a Referee during a game for clarification of any ruling by a Referee during the game.
- 4.2.8** Should a team have registered for the current season with payments outstanding, the Club or the BABA Committee reserves the right to withdraw the team from competition and hold any registration money paid until all outstanding payments due have been made. The BABA Committee reserves the right to reinstate such registration once full payment has been made.
- 4.2.9** The BABA Committee is not bound to accept applications. The BABA Committee may reject applications in respect of individuals, teams or Clubs or impose such limitations on numbers of teams or other conditions as it sees fit.

Team Withdrawal:

- 4.2.10** Junior team (U21 and below) – written notification of the withdrawal of a team must be provided to the respective Club and Association and signed by both the Team Coach and Team Managers.
- 4.2.11** Senior team – written notification of the withdrawal of a team must be provided to the respective Club and Association and signed by a minimum of 50% of the financial adult (18+ years of age) players.
- 4.2.12** For withdrawing teams no team refunds are applicable. Special permission to refund fees on a pro-rata basis can only be permitted if 75% of the BABA Committee agree to such.
- 4.2.13** A team may be disqualified from the competition at the discretion of the BABA Committee when the team:
- Gives 3 forfeits in a season;
 - Refuses to pay fines incurred; or
 - Breaches acceptable standards of behaviour, as specified in the Codes of Conduct please refer to the Codes of Conduct on the BWA and BABA website.

5 Player Points System

5.1 Definitions

5.1.1 Representative Player – any player who played the previous season, in a:

- Represented the BABA or any other association in either the State Championship or Country Championships number one (1) team
- Team competing in any Western Australian Basketball League (WABL age group);
- State Basketball Team (e.g., Country WA, Metro WA or School Sports);
- National Basketball League (NBL1) Team or;
- Equivalent to any of the above.

Players in lesser Regional competitions attract no points and are not classed as Representative Players for the purpose of the Representative Player's points system. Points may be applied or removed for individual players at the BABA Committee's discretion.

5.1.2 These By-laws allow the BABA Committee to make sure that the BABA season is both fair and competitive for all players, Coaches, teams and supporters. The primary aim of the competition is for fun and exercise for all concerned. While the BABA rules require all Representative Players to play in the BABA Competition, it is essential that no one team should dominate in any grade.

5.2 Rule

5.2.1 A player who has played in a Representative Squad for WABL, State, NBL1, and /or represented any Association in the State Championships or Country Championships number one (1) team in the preceding season, will be allocated points in accordance with the level played. These points will apply whilst playing at an equivalent age group in the BABA domestic competitions.

Points will be halved if playing in a higher division than your age dictates.

Being a "bottom age" player in the competition will not change the qualification and representative points will be applied in that age group irrespective of age.

Player points calculated on highest applicable not a player's combined sum.

Age Group	Player Points			
	Rep	WABL	STATE	NBL1
U12	2	4	5	-
U14	2	4	5	-
U16	2	4	5	-
U18's	2	4	5	5
U21's	2	4	5	5
Senior Division	-	4	5	5

- 5.2.2** Points allocation for players – the members of each team will be allocated points based on the players previous seasons and /or prior to the season commencing playing experience at any Association.
- 5.2.3** A team shall not have more than three (3) permanent Representative Players registered to a team.
- 5.2.4** It is the Club's and team's responsibility to ensure that all teams are nominated at nine (9) points and under and remain so for the entire playing season.
- 5.2.5** The Association will review all entries which may include a cross-check with Representative Player lists from other Associations and the Sporting Pulse player profile ID system.
- 5.2.6** The final decision on placement of a team (regardless of Representative points) will rest with the BABA Committee.
- 5.2.7** A failure to comply with these provisions (i.e. a team playing a game with more than nine (9) points across their entire playing list, including fill players) will result in the game being forfeited with the loss of competition points.
- 5.2.8** Any team attempting to mislead the Association by playing a player under a false name, exceeding the nine (9) point criteria for any reason or under the name of a registered player will be deemed as committing "grave misconduct" and be referred to the BABA Tribunal.

6 State Representation

6.1 Definitions

- 6.1.1** A player, Referee, Coach or Official selected at a State Basketball level (Country WA, Metro WA or School Sports);

6.2 Rule

- 6.2.1** The BABA Committee may provide financial assistance to a maximum of \$250 per season to assist with travel costs to participate in State Basketball.
- 6.2.2** Eligible recipients must not have had any disciplinary action/records during the relevant BABA season.
- 6.2.3** The BABA committee will decide whether to provide financial assistance at a BABA Committee meeting. The recipient must have:
- Played, officiated or coached two (2) full seasons with the BABA prior to selection at this level;
 - Represented the BABA at Country Championships or State Championships in the prior year(s);
 - Nominated the BABA as home Association with the State body; and
 - Completed the appropriate BABA subsidy application form and submitted this to the BABA Committee for their consideration.

7 BABA Representative Sides

7.1 Definitions

7.1.1 BABA Representative player

As per section five 5 (player points system) in these By-laws

7.2 Rule

7.2.1 Junior Representative Players must be current financial BABA members.

7.2.2 Senior Representative Players are required to be a current member of the BABA.

7.2.3 Prior to the start of the season a BABA Development Squad Coordinator is to be appointed. This person will be the primary point of contact to BWA for all carnivals and must ensure that the BABA Secretary is Cc'd into any outgoing correspondence to BWA.

7.2.4 Players have a responsibility to ensure that any uniform they are provided with is returned clean and undamaged after their last game to the Team Managers.

The above can be reviewed at the discretion of the BABA Committee.

8 Registrations

8.1 Definitions

8.1.1 All players within the BABA must be a registered financial member of a BABA affiliated Club.

8.2 Rule

8.2.1 A player may only ever be registered in one particular Club and one particular team, at any one time, without the BABA Committee approval (this does not include Busselton Blazers or Representative basketball).

8.2.2 A player is considered registered in a particular team with a Club upon:

- Being nominated into a team that has been approved;
- Upon acceptance of the registration by the Club and payment of the Clubs required registration fee. A playing member shall be registered with that Club from that date, until the due date of registration of the following season; and
- Legally playing a game for a particular domestic Club.

8.2.3 A player is considered registered in the division, in which their registered Team is competing.

- 8.2.4** A player can legally play no more than four (4) games in any higher division. If a player wishes to play more than four (4) games for one (1) particular team, (e.g. a junior playing in both a Junior and Senior Division) the player must seek approval from the BABA Committee and be a financial member of both teams.
- 8.2.5** Juniors may cross Clubs to play seniors, should no position be available within their own Club and only upon written application to and approval by the BABA.
- 8.2.6** "Visitor" – Visiting players or unregistered players are NOT permitted to play.

8.3 Exceptions

Only if approved in writing by the BABA Committee.

9 Fees

9.1 Rule

- 9.1.1** The BABA Committee shall determine game and other fees/fines. These fees/fines shall be determined at a BABA Committee meeting prior to the start of the season.
- 9.1.2** The BABA Committee shall advise each Club of the player fees payable for its nominations and the date by which these fees are to be paid.
- 9.1.3 Fees:**
- Club fee: determined by Clubs;
 - Player nomination fee: determined by the BABA Committee;
 - Basketball WA Insurance: determined by BWA; and
 - Representative Player fee: determined by the BABA Committee.
- 9.1.4 Fines:**
- Forfeit fines – to be set by the BABA Committee prior to the start of the season. Please refer to section seventeen (17) Forfeits for further information.

10 Transfers

10.1 Definitions

- 10.1.1** Transfers are used to change the Club, in which a player is registered. Requests to transfer Clubs must be notified to busseltonbasketball@gmail.com

10.2 Rule

- 10.2.1** A player may change the Club in which they are registered during the season, by acquiring a transfer. This transfer must adhere to all clauses outlined in these By-laws and be applied for prior to 31 December of the year in which registrations commenced.

- 10.2.2** In the event that all other teams in a division have three (3) or more Representative Players, the BABA Committee shall decide if the Representative Player can transfer to the selected Team or any other Team determined by the BABA Committee.
- 10.2.3** Protests in relation to transfers must follow the procedure outlined in section twenty (20) Reports and Protests.

10.3 Procedure

PRESEASON PROCEDURE

- 10.3.1** Transfers between Clubs may occur in the pre-season when team nominations are being received. Clubs are required to send a courtesy email the Clubs involved and the BABA Secretary to advise each other of player inter-Club transfers. Any potential transfers need to adhere to Section five (5) of these By-laws.

IN SEASON PROCEDURE

- 10.3.2** A player or their parent/guardian must initially contact the Club Committee of the Club they seek to transfer from. The Club Committee must attempt to resolve any differences with the player's existing Club.
- 10.3.3** If a transfer is still sought, the player or the player's parent/guardian shall contact the BABA Secretary at busseltonbasketball@gmail.com for the consideration of the BABA Committee and who shall advise them of the current transfer procedure.
- 10.3.4** Under no circumstances should a Club that a player seeks to transfer into, offer a place for that player until the transfer request has been considered by the player's existing Club and the Club Committee of both Clubs have conferred regarding the transfer application.
- 10.3.5** No transfer will be approved if any fees are owed or property has not been returned by the player to the existing Club.
- 10.3.6** Where both Clubs agree to the transfer of a non- Representative Player, the BABA Committee shall action the transfer and the new Club shall advise the player's parent/guardian.
- 10.3.7** The BABA Committee may override any existing rule and approve a clearance where it feels exceptional circumstances apply through an appeal process.

11 Illegal Players

11.1 Definitions

11.1.1 A player shall be considered an **Illegal Player in a minor round** if:

- they fail to meet the following age requirements: by 30 June in the year the season ends

To play

- U10s, a player must be turning at least seven (7), and at the most nine (9),
- U12s, a player must be turning at least eight (8) and at the most eleven (11)
- U14's, a player must be turning at least ten (10) and at the most thirteen (13)
- U16s, a player must be turning at least twelve (12) and at the most fifteen (15)
- U18's, a player must be turning at least fourteen (14) and at the most seventeen (17)
- U21's, a player must be turning at least sixteen (16) and at the most twenty (20)
- Seniors, a player must be turning at least fifteen (15)

Please refer to the "Current Season Age Groups" for Playing Up Requirements

All exceptions to this must be made with BABA approval.

- They play in a game without their full name (first and surname) being entered in the electronic scoring device or scoresheet;
- They play under a false or an assumed name;
- They play in a lower division or grade than the division or grade in which they are registered;
- They play in a different team to their registered team, in the same division in which they are registered;
- They play for a different Club than the Club in which they are registered;
- They are a Representative Player and participate in a game without the permission of the BABA Committee;
- They are a girl playing in a boys' grade, or a boy playing in a girls' grade;
- They play whilst under suspension by any affiliated Association;
- Their Club identifies them as an un-financial player after the third round of competition.; or
- If a player continues to play more than four (4) games in any higher division without written BABA Committee approval or becomes a financial player in the team in which they have been playing in. (refers to seniors only – no multiple divisions or grades allowed in the Junior Competition)

A Player shall be considered an **Illegal Player in a Finals Series** if:

- They would be deemed an Illegal Player in a Minor Round;
- They are registered in a Club which is un-financial with the BABA at the time of the Finals Series game; or
- They fail to meet any of the Finals Series Eligibility Criteria. (Refer section 23).

11.2 Rule

11.2.1 If a team:

- Fields an Illegal Player;
- Fields more than three (3) representative players in any one game; or
- Has more than three (3) permanent Representative Players registered to the team;

They may lose the game by forfeit and be subject to forfeit fines imposed by the BABA committee.

11.2.2 Players may play in a game provided they arrive at the game before the end of the first half and have had their name entered into the electronic scoring device before legally taking the court.

11.2.3 A player knowingly playing as an Illegal Player, or a Coach knowingly playing an illegal Player, may be reported for unsportsmanlike behaviour to the BABA Committee.

11.2.4 Any protests in relation to the eligibility of a player must follow the procedure outlined in section twenty (20) Reports and Protests.

11.3 Exceptions

11.3.1 A player may play in U18s if they are turning thirteen (13) in the year the season ends, provided they have written permission from the BABA Committee before taking the court.

Clubs are required to notify the BABA Committee within seven (7) days from the date any new Representative Player joins the competition.

12 Grading of Teams

12.1 Rule

12.1.1 All fixtures conducted by the Association shall be conducted on a division and grade basis, to be decided by the BABA Committee.

12.1.2 It shall be the responsibility of each Club in the first instance and the BABA Committee in the second to determine the relative merits of competitor teams. The BABA Committee has the overall power to make the determination.

12.1.3 The BABA Committee shall have the power to ensure an even competition by moving teams classed as being too strong for their playing division to a higher division.

12.1.4 Re-grading of teams, both up and down, may occur in the first four (4) weeks of the competition. Whilst it is hoped that most re-grading occurs by week (4), in extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the BABA Committee, teams shall be moved to a higher or lower grade in week five (5) – seven (7). All regrading shall be considered final once the mid-season (Christmas) break is reached.

All requests in relation to grading changes need to be made to the Club President, or Club Secretary. The President/Club representative must investigate whether the move is required and if they agree then forward the request to the BABA Committee, for the Grading Sub-Committee to review. All grading disputes need to be sent to the BABA Secretary for discussion with the BABA Committee. The decision passed down from the BABA Committee will be final.

13 Uniforms

13.1 Definitions

13.1.1 A player legally takes the court:

- If they are legally substituted into the game; or
- When the ball becomes live to commence a period and they are a player on the court.

13.1.2 A Player is considered out of uniform if:

- They are wearing headgear or hair accessories that have the potential to cause injury to other players (eg. loose material capable of being caught accidentally during play);
- They are wearing jewellery;
- They are wearing inappropriate clothing, which includes but is not limited to tracksuit pants and/or a jumper;
- Their playing singlet is untucked;
- They have long nails;
- They are wearing a compression garment that extends below the shorts that is not predominantly the same colour as the shorts (unless BABA approved);
- They are wearing an undershirt that extends outside of the playing singlet that is not compression and are not predominantly the same colour;
- They have their hair plaited or braided in a way that can cause injury to other players;
- If a player's number is not clearly visible from both the front and the back;
- If an under 18 year old player (regardless of division playing in) is not wearing a mouthguard;
- Not wearing Club and the BABA approved "no pocket" shorts and no zips;
- Not wearing a Club and the BABA approved Club shirt with a number located on the front and back. The only numbers permitted are numbers that have been approved by the BABA Committee.
- Not in a shirt or shorts of the same style and colour as the rest of their Team; or
- Wearing the same number as another player who has already legally taken the court.

13.2 Rule

13.2.1 Any player who is considered out of uniform shall not be permitted to take the court. This will be enforced by the Referees, Court Coordinator and/or the BABA Committee.

- Players may not tape jewellery or nails to avoid being out of uniform.
- Each affiliated Club shall select a distinctive uniform that shall be registered with the Association. The pattern and colour scheme of the uniform shall be approved by the Committee prior to affiliation.
- Any new uniforms will require both Club and the BABA Committee approval. Approved Club colours for affiliated BABA Clubs are listed below.

Colts: Predominantly green or yellow with matching or black shorts;

Y.C.W: Predominantly dark blue with matching or red shorts;

Saints: Predominately red, orange, pink or purple tops with a reversible option of predominately white. Matching or black shorts;

Boomers: Predominantly black/grey with matching shorts;

GMAS: Predominantly white or teal with navy shorts;

Dunsborough: Sky blue tops and white or blue shorts;

Cornerstone: Black tops with a red star, black shorts.

Exceptions

No uniform penalty shall be applied for:

- The first three (3) weeks of each season;
- Any new player's first game. New players do not include players who are 'filling in' from a lower grade;
- Teams wearing a set of stadium shirts/bibs in the event of a colour clash;
- Players wearing an alternative shirt due to their normal playing top being ripped or soiled with blood during the same game;
- Piercings may be taped for one (1) week after being pierced or if a medical certificate can be provided thereafter, after which all piercings must be removed. Proof of piercing must be shown to the Court Coordinator e.g. a receipt, Prior to taking the court.; or
- Headbands with a maximum width of five (5) cm made of non-abrasive cloth, pliable plastic or rubber may be worn.

Other Provisions

Bibs shall be provided by each Club In the event of a colour clash:

- Teams with reversible shirts/tops must reverse their shirts/tops;
- In the event that both teams have reversible shirts/tops, Team B (or "away" team) must reverse their shirts/tops.
- In the event that neither team has reversible shirts/tops, Team B (or "away" team) is required to wear a set of club provided shirts/bibs.

14 Equipment

14.1 Rule

- 14.1.1 Any player abusing stadium property (which includes hanging off the rings) may be expelled from the stadium at the discretion of any Official.
- 14.1.2 Only stadium basketballs should be used for games.
- 14.1.3 Private basketballs may be used for warming up; however, the Association reserves the right to confiscate any basketballs if the use interrupts games.
- 14.1.4 Basketball sizes for respective age groups:

U10s, U12s	Size 5
U14s	Size 6
U16s, U18s, U21s (Girls) Senior Women	Size 6
U16s, U18s, U21s (Boys) Senior Men	Size 7

15 Responsibilities

15.1 Rule

- 15.1.1 All teams shall provide a competent scorer/timer over the age of thirteen (13) for the duration of the game. The scorer from Team A (or "Home" team) shall complete the electronic scoring device. Scorer/timers are to have no other influence on the game other than fulfilling their scoring duties.
- 15.1.2 It shall be assumed that the Coach (or in the event of no Coach, the Team Manager) is satisfied that the names entered on the electronic scoring device are correct.
- 15.1.3 Only the Coach or Assistant Coach is permitted to remain standing during the game, but not both at the same time.
It is the Coaches responsibility to ensure any other people in their Team bench area remain seated.
- 15.1.4 If any information in the electronic scoring device is disputed, it is the responsibility of the Coach and Team Managers (with the exception of the Senior Division the Captain and Vice-Captain) to follow the procedure outlined in section twenty (20) Reports and Protests.
- 15.1.5 All Referees, Volunteers, including Coaches and Managers must meet all legislative Basketball WA and the BABA requirements in relation to Working with Children Checks and Police Volunteer Checks. Refer to the following website: <https://workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au/>

- 15.1.6 Teams will be required to pay any invoices by the due date specified on the invoice.
- 15.1.7 Teams are responsible for ensuring that any player 'filling-in' is registered and appropriate for the division.
- 15.1.8 All junior teams must have an adult present at each game to be responsible for the team's actions.
- 15.1.9 All Referees, Coaches, players and parents are to adhere to the BWA and the BABA Codes of Conduct.

16 Timing of Games

16.1 Rule

- 16.1.1 Minor Round games shall be timed as follows:

JUNIOR GAMES	
First Half	Twenty (20) minutes running clock
Second Half	Twenty (20) minutes running clock

SENIOR GAMES	
First Half	Twenty-five (25) minutes running clock
Second Half	Twenty-five (25) minutes running clock

- 16.1.2 Finals Series games shall be timed as follows

JUNIOR GAMES	
First Half	Twenty (20) minutes running clock
Second Half	Seventeen (17) minutes running clock plus a further three (3) minutes stopped clock

SENIOR GAMES	
First Half	Twenty-five (25) minutes running clock
Second Half	Twenty-two (22) minutes running clock plus a further three (3) minutes stopped clock

- 16.1.3 Extra periods shall only be played in Finals Series games.
- 16.1.4 Extra periods are three (3) minutes stopped clock.
- 16.1.5 Two (2) time-outs are permitted each half, and one (1) time-out in any extra period.
- 16.1.6 No time-outs are permitted in the final three (3) minutes of the second (2nd) half in a Minor Round game.

17 Forfeits

17.1 Notification

- 17.1.1 Notification must be received twenty-four (24) hours before the game.
- 17.1.2 The forfeiting team must notify the BABA Committee and their Club for all forfeited games via email to the BABA secretary at busseltonbasketball@gmail.com.
- 17.1.3 Club Committee member to contact opposition Club Committee to advise of forfeit.
- 17.1.4 BABA Secretary to advise Court Coordinator to then notify the Referee Coordinator, affected teams and Clubs by phone and email, so court bookings and Referees can be cancelled.

17.2 Definitions

- 17.2.1 **Forfeit Fines:** To be set by the BABA Committee prior to the start of the season. Payable via bank transfer, with bank details to be provided with the invoice issued to the team. The BABA Committee will provide all clubs with the table of fines document which will state the amounts payable, prior to the season.
- 17.2.2 **Notified Forfeits:** where sufficient notice has been given.
- 17.2.3 **Un-notified Forfeits:** where sufficient notice has not been given.
- 17.2.4 **Illegal Player Forfeits:** where a team has fielded an Illegal Player.

The BABA Committee will use their discretion as to whether or not a forfeit fine will be issued to teams.

17.3 Rule

- 17.3.1 If a junior team does not have four (4) players who have legally taken the court within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled starting time, they shall lose by forfeit.
- 17.3.2 If a Senior team does not have five (5) players who have legally taken the court within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled starting time, they shall lose by forfeit.
- 17.3.3 If a team plays while having an Association Invoice overdue, they shall lose by forfeit.
- 17.3.4 If one Team forfeits the final score shall be twenty (20) – zero (0).
- 17.3.5 If both Teams forfeiting the results shall be recorded as a zero (0) – zero (0) draw to each team.
- 17.3.6 Any team forfeiting three (3) times in any one (1) season, may be removed at the discretion of the BABA Committee.

17.4 Exceptions

- 17.4.1** If a team has formally protested against an Association Invoice the invoice will not be considered overdue. If the protest is dismissed, the invoice will be considered overdue immediately.

18 Late Start

18.1 Rule

- 18.1.1** A Junior grade game shall not start unless each Team has at least four (4) players present and ready to play. Senior games as per FIBA rules - must have five (5) players each
- 18.1.2** Failure to start the game on time shall result in a two (2) point penalty being awarded to a player of the opposition team for each minute, or part thereof, that the game is delayed.
- 18.1.3** Teams can elect not to begin playing but will be subject to the late start penalty and forfeit rules as defined in these By-laws.

19 Abandoned Games

19.1 Definitions

- 19.1.1** The time that the game stops being played, as opposed to when the decision is finally made, shall be used when deciding whether the game has reached half time.

19.2 Rule

- 19.2.1** If the game has reached half time before being abandoned, the result shall stand.
- 19.2.2** If the game has not reached half time before being abandoned, there shall be no result, and the game shall be considered a washout.
- 19.2.3** If due to circumstances beyond the control of the BABA Committee, a match is unable to be played as fixtured (except forfeits) the BABA Committee reserves the right to reschedule the match.

20 Reports and Protests

20.1 General Provisions

- 20.1.1 The BABA Committee adopts and enforces the BABA Tribunal and Appeals Procedures in line with the BWA policies and procedures (refer to BWA website).
- 20.1.2 All persons attending BABA fixtured games or events at affiliated stadiums may be subject to a report by any Official or Staff Member of the Association.

20.2 Protest of Game Result, Player Eligibility, Rulings & Forfeit Fines

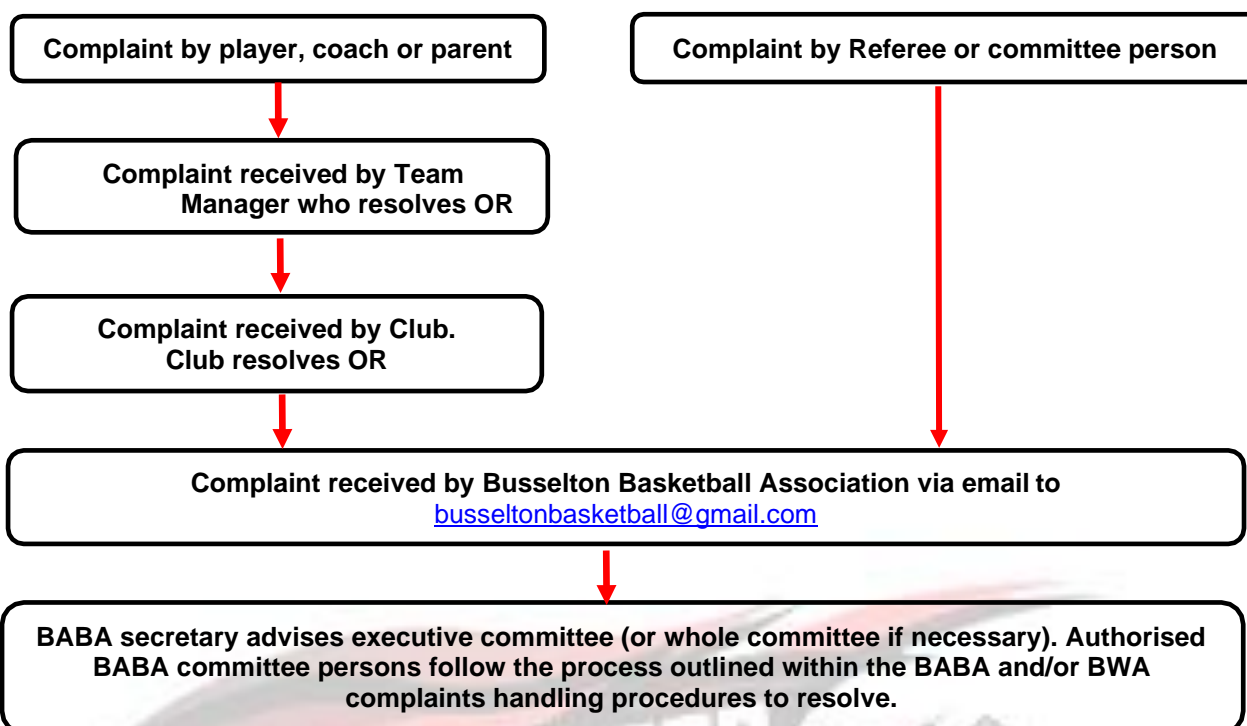
- 20.2.1 The Coach of the protesting team must complete the following within twenty-four (24) hours following the end of the game in question, notification of the transfer ruling being protested, or at least one entire day before the due date on the forfeit fine invoice being protested:
 - Notify the BABA Committee in writing that they are protesting; and
 - Outline the relevant by-laws and reason for the protest.
- 20.2.2 A Tribunal Board may be appointed as required by the BABA committee.

21 Communication and Complaints

21.1 General Provisions

- 21.1.1 In the case of any complaints, the BABA Committee will, as far as practicable, do everything possible to ensure complaints:
 - Are investigated thoroughly;
 - Remain confidential;
 - Are appropriately dealt with in a timely manner;
 - Procedural fairness and natural justice is applied to all parties involved in the process; and
 - Adhere to the Association and/or BWA policies and procedures.
- 21.1.2 All complaints to the BABA Committee should be submitted by the relevant Club.
- 21.1.3 Common sense should prevail in all cases. Issues arising within teams are best resolved by the Team Manager and Coach, if further action is required the matter can be referred to the Club for resolution and/or disciplinary action.

21.1.4 Basic BABA complaints flowchart:



The BABA committee meetings are held in accordance with the BABA Constitution and the BABA Meeting Procedures.

22 Premiership Ladders

22.1 Definitions

- 22.1.1** In Minor Rounds, the result of a drawn game shall stand. There is no overtime in Minor Rounds. The BABA will use the ladder template provided by Play HQ
- 22.1.2** Points shall be awarded for matches as follows:

MATCH RESULT	POINTS AWARDED
Win	3
Loss	1
Draw	2
Bye	2
Washout	2
Receiving forfeit	3
Giving forfeit	1

Overall Percentage is calculated as follows: points For divided by points Against multiplied by one hundred (100).

22.2 Rule

- 22.2.1** Premiership Ladders shall be calculated based on Overall Match Points.
- 22.2.2** If the Overall Match Points for multiple teams is equal, then Overall Percentage shall be used to split the tie.
- 22.2.3** Where teams finish level on Match Points and Overall Percentage, then ladder position will be determined by head to head results.
- 22.2.4** A team being re-graded to a competition mid-season will for the purposes of the Premiership Ladder, keep their win-loss record, however, they will receive an average of their points For and points Against for their percentage.
- 22.2.5** Teams average scores For and Against will be rounded to the closest whole number.
- 22.2.6** If an anomaly is found within the online ladder the BABA Committee can correct the anomaly and notify the Clubs involved.

23 Finals Series Eligibility

23.1 Definitions

- 23.1.1** A game shall be considered a washout if there was no result.
- 23.1.2** A qualifying game is any game (including Forfeits) that is not part of a Finals Series, with the exception of washouts.
- 23.1.3** Byes are not considered as qualifying games.
- 23.1.4** Only qualifying games may be credited to players for Finals Series Eligibility in a particular grade.
- 23.1.5** A qualifying game may be credited to a player for Finals Series Eligibility in a particular division or grade, provided:
 - They are not an Illegal Player;
 - They are legally substituted into the game; and
 - They have their full name and playing number entered into the electronic scoresheet.
- 23.1.6** A qualifying game may be credited to a player for Finals Series Eligibility in a particular division or grade if an injury prevents them from playing or being present at a game provided that:
 - They provide the BABA Committee with a medical certificate; and
 - The BABA Committee receives and acknowledges seeing the medical certificate at least one (1) day prior to the last Minor Round for that division or grade.

- 23.1.7** In the event of a game lost by forfeit, the qualifying game shall not be credited to any players for Finals Series Eligibility.
- 23.1.8** In the event of a game won by forfeit the following players may be credited with the qualifying game for Finals Series Eligibility:
- All players who are registered for the team at the time of the forfeit; and
 - All players have their full name entered into the electronic scoring device prior to the forfeit.

23.2 Rule

- 23.2.1** To participate in the Finals Series of a competition, a player must be credited with at least five (5) qualifying games for a particular team.
- 23.2.2** In the event of a player legally changing teams as the result of a transfer or team withdrawal, any qualifying games credited to that player prior to the transfer/withdrawal shall remain credited to that player in their new team or grade.
- 23.2.3** Any protests in relation to the Eligibility of a Player Participating in a Finals Series must follow the procedure outlined in section 20 Reports and Protests.

24 Finals Series

24.1 Rule

- 24.1.1** Finals shall be played over two (2) weeks as follows:

First week:

Semi Final 1 (SF1)	3 rd v 4 th
Semi Final 2 (SF2)	1 st v 2 nd
Winner of 1 st vs 2 nd progresses directly into the Grand Final	

Second week:

Preliminary Final 1 (PF1)	Winner of SF1 v Loser of SF2
Grand Final	

All Finals Series games dates and days to be played will be determined by the BABA Committee and members will be informed by mid-season break of the Finals Series fixtures.

25 Special Rules

25.1 Under 10s Division

- 25.1.1 No Finals Series will be played.
- 25.1.2 No uniform penalty shall be applied. Non-pocketed shorts must be worn during all games.
- 25.1.3 No late start penalty shall be applied.
- 25.1.4 No scoreboards shall be used.
- 25.1.5 Lowered back-boards shall be used.
- 25.1.6 Free throws shall be taken from the front of the circle.
- 25.1.7 The players are encouraged to pass the ball to a teammate or shoot (whichever is the better option) when they have bounced the ball five (5) times. The Coaches are to verbally encourage the player to “pass the ball” or “shoot the ball” when they have bounced the ball five (5) times (except on an open court fast break).
- 25.1.8 Successful three (3) point shots shall count as two (2) points.
- 25.1.9 The defense shall retreat to half court after a basket is scored and in all out of bounds situations in the offensive backcourt. Once the ball has been inbounded the defense shall then be permitted to play full court defense.
- 25.1.10 In all out of bounds situations in the offensive frontcourt, all players on the court must vacate the keyway. Movement into the keyway is permitted once the ball is handed in.
- 25.1.11 Coaches are permitted to walk from the end line up to their side of the score bench. Coaches that are coaching and refereeing the same game are permitted to walk on court during the game to coach, teach and referee players.
- 25.1.12 Teams are allowed to use players from opposing BABA Clubs in the U10 Competition to avoid a forfeit.

25.2 Other Grades

25.2.1 Successful three (3) point shots shall count as two (2) points in all grades U12 and below.

25.2.2 No zone defense is permitted up to and including the U14s.

Zone defense is defined by BWA below:

Any defense played in the offensive frontcourt, which does not incorporate normal man-to-man defensive principles, shall be considered a zone. For this purpose, trapping defenses that rotate back to the man-on-man defensive principles shall be acceptable.

Trapping defenses and double team defenses in the offensive backcourt shall be acceptable but must rotate back to man-to-man defense in the offensive frontcourt.

The penalty for playing a zone defense is a technical foul being charged and entered in the electronic scoring device or scoresheet against the Coach or the offending team.

Only the Referees and Referee Coach may determine whether a zone defense is being played. If it is believed that a zone defense is being played, the Coach or Team Managers may ask for the Court Coordinator to notify the Referees. If it is an illegal defense it may result in a technical foul being charged and entered in the electronic scoresheet against the offending Coach.

23.3.7 The Mercy Rule: Any team who is leading by twenty (20) or more points must retreat to the half-court line after they lose possession until the opposition has brought the basketball into the offensive frontcourt. This shall remain in effect until the lead is reduced to nineteen (19) points or less. Failure to do so may result in a technical foul being charged and entered in the electronic scoring device or scoresheet against the offending Coach. The Mercy Rule applies to U12 and U14 age groups. It is the Coaches responsibility to ensure their team adheres to this rule.

26 Safety Precautions

26.1 General Provisions

26.1.1 Medical Conditions: Parents/guardians of players suffering from an illness or medical condition are to accept responsibility for the player and are asked to make the Coaches and Managers aware of that condition. This information needs to be provided to the Court Coordinator and Referee Coach. This information must be confidential.

26.1.2 Blood Rule: It shall be the joint responsibility of the Coaches and Referees to ensure that any player who is bleeding or has an open wound is substituted. The player may return to the court only after bleeding has stopped and the affected area or open wound has been completely, and securely, covered. If the bleeding cannot be stopped, the player is not to return to the court. Any clothing soiled with blood is to be removed before a player is allowed back on the court. The Referee's decision shall be final in determining whether a player may return to the court.

26.1.3 Injured Players: Injured players should not be moved until someone with first-aid training has attended to them or their parent/guardian decides to do so.

26.1.4 Mouthguards: BABA strongly supports the use of mouthguards in all divisions of our competition. Mouthguards are compulsory for all Under 18 year old players, regardless of the division they play in.

This support is in line with the strategies and initiatives of SportSafe and BWA in promoting better attitudes towards safety in sports, and in particular, basketball.

26.1.5 No modifications to the court will be made.

26.1.6 The Court Coordinator shall enforce the Hot Weather Policy. (Refer to BABA website).

26.1.7 The Court Coordinator shall enforce the Drug and Alcohol Policy. (Refer to BABA website).

The Court Coordinator, the BABA Committee or the GLC/NCC staff members have the authority to ask a person over the age of 18 to leave the stadium if they are in breach of the BABA Codes of Conduct or the Drug and Alcohol Policy. (Refer to the BABA website)

27 Rules Summary - Junior

DIVISION	U10	U12	U14	U16, U18 & U21 & Seniors
Ball Size	5		6	Girls–6 Boys–7
"Zone" Defense	Not Permitted			Permitted
3-point shot	All field goals are 2 points		Nearer (6.25m) line (if marked)	Further (6.75m) line
Free-throws	Front of Circle	Normal Free-throw line		
Ring Height	Lowered (2.44m)	Normal (3.05m)		
Coaches	Coaches permitted on court	Coaches must stay in the Team bench area		
Scoreboards	Off	On		
Premiership Table	No	Yes		
Uniform penalty	No penalty	As per Bylaw section 13		
Forfeits	Players taken from anywhere as long as not registered in 12s and above, or too old. Boys cannot play in girls' grades and v.v. There is NO late start penalty	Juniors - Less than 4 players – as per Bylaw section 17 Seniors - Less than 5 players – as per Bylaw section 17		
Mouthguards	Compulsory for all Under 18 year old Players playing in any Division. Strongly recommended for ALL Players.			
3-5 sec in Keyway	5 seconds – encouraged to move out	5 seconds	3 seconds	
8 secs over halfway	8 second rule to get the ball over half way does not apply	10 seconds	Applies	
Additional Special Rules	Encourage Maximum of 5 Dribbles for U10 Defense retreats to half court in ALL out of bounds situations in the offensive backcourt Players must vacate the keyway on all offensive front court inbound situations. Once the ball is handed in, movement into the keyway is permitted			