

# 2016 RULES AND REGULATIONS

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# Men's National Wheelchair Basketball League

Basketball Australia (BA) conducts the Men's National Wheelchair Basketball League (NWBL) that may bear the name of a sponsor from time to time.

The NWBL is managed by Basketball Australia and maintains regular contact with Disability Sport Australia and International Wheelchair Basketball Federation, in relation to technical matters.

## **Objectives**

1. Promote the development of wheelchair basketball for men players.
2. Provide the highest level of domestic competition between men wheelchair basketball teams.
3. To provide a regular home and away Australia-wide competition during each Men's National Wheelchair Basketball League season.
4. To provide a competition appealing to the public and to the media, so that wheelchair basketball gains prominence and recognition as a major sport in the Australian Community.
5. Promote unity and friendship amongst all the players.
6. Provide a pathway for players and officials from local competition through to National representation, inclusive of local leagues and team championships.
7. To provide a standard in competition which will assist in the preparation of the Australian National Wheelchair Teams for World Championships, Paralympic Games and other major International competitions.
8. Create a positive association for sponsors with elite men's sport along with the recognition of athleticism and sporting excellence.
9. Achieve a profile for sponsors as good corporate citizens and major supporters of Paralympic Sports, and specifically wheelchair basketball.
10. Develop and promote wheelchair basketball referees by conducting nationwide clinics and workshops.
11. Facilitate the opportunity for athletes to compete in the NWBL through the appropriate wheelchair basketball classification system.

## **Code of Conduct**

Athletes, coaches, managers and officials associated with the NWBL must be aware that they are often the focus of public attention. The NWBL expects all teams and associated personnel to meet the following requirements in regard to conduct at all times during the term of the agreement and as such each person will be asked to sign the code of conduct as part of the registration process.

### **1. General – applicable to all**

- 1.1 Comply with all IWBF standards, and IWBF's constitution, by-laws (including but not limited to the IWBF anti-doping policy and other BA policies).
- 1.2 Do not use your involvement with NWBL or Basketball Australia (BA) to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of NWBL or BA.
- 1.3 Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment, discrimination, bullying or any conduct which might reasonably be regarded as abuse, harassment, and discrimination or bullying towards others. Examples of types of behavior which will be considered as abuse, harassment or discrimination can be found in the Disability Sport Australia (DSA) Member Protection Policy which is available online.
- 1.4 Refrain from any conduct which:
  - a) is; or
  - b) might reasonably be regarded as, or
  - c) is investigated for potentially being a being a breach of the criminal law applicable to the jurisdiction in which you are located at any time.

- 1.5 Treat people involved in the game of wheelchair basketball with courtesy, respect and proper regard for their rights and obligations and in particular, and respect the spirit of fair play and nonviolence.
- 1.6 Treat another person's property with respect and due consideration of its value.
- 1.7 Uphold, and not injure or compromise, the standing and reputation of BA.
- 1.8 Do not denigrate and/or intimidate other players, officials or event organizers.
- 1.9 Be responsible in the consumption of alcohol products.
- 1.10 Do not make statements or take part or otherwise participate in demonstrations (whether verbally, in writing or by any act or omission) regarding political, religious or racial matters or any such matters which are prejudicial to or contrary to the objects, purposes or interests of BA or which bring BA or the squad or team into disrepute.
- 1.11 Not directly or indirectly engage in any of the following conduct related to betting, match-fixing and corruption:
  - a) bet, gamble or enter into any other form of financial speculation on any wheelchair basketball game or any event connected with any wheelchair basketball game ("Event") (whether or not you are participating in such game);
  - b) induce or encourage any other person to bet, gamble or enter into any other form of financial speculation on any wheelchair basketball game or Event or to offer the facility for such bets to be placed;
  - c) be a party to contriving or attempting to contrive the result of any wheelchair basketball game or the occurrence of any Event in exchange for any benefit or reward (other than a benefit or reward received from BA);
  - d) fail to attempt to perform to the best of your ability in any wheelchair basketball game for any reason whatsoever (including, in particular, owing to an arrangement relating to betting on the outcome of any wheelchair basketball game or on the occurrence of any Event) other than for legitimate tactical reasons in relation to that wheelchair basketball game;
  - e) induce or encourage any player not to attempt to perform to the best of the player's ability in any wheelchair basketball game for any reason whatsoever (including, in particular, owing to an arrangement relating to betting on the outcome of any wheelchair basketball game or on the occurrence of any Event) other than for legitimate tactical reasons in relation to that wheelchair basketball game;
  - f) for benefit or reward (whether for yourself or any other person), provide any information concerning a BA representative team or its members (including, without limitation, the team's actual or likely composition, the form or health of individual players or tactics), the status or possible outcome of any wheelchair basketball game or the possible occurrence of any Event other than in connection with bona fide media interviews and commitments;
  - g) engage in other form of corrupt conduct in relation to any wheelchair basketball game or Event;
  - h) fail to promptly disclose to the Staff of BA that you:
    - (i) have received an approach from another person to engage in conduct such as that described in this clause 12; or
    - (ii) know or reasonably suspect that any current or former player or official has engaged in, or been approached to engage in, conduct such as that described in this clause 12;
- 1.12 Behave at all times in a manner that upholds the highest standards of integrity and dignity and not engage in any conduct which is unbecoming of BA representative that brings the game of wheelchair basketball and BA into disrepute or be otherwise harmful to the interests of wheelchair basketball and BA.
- 1.13 At all times when travelling to and from and whilst participating in a sporting or social event, dress in team uniform or other attire appropriate to the occasion.

## **2. Players**

- 2.1 Play according to the rules of wheelchair basketball including national and international guidelines, regulations and rules that govern IWBF or BA and the game of wheelchair basketball and the particular competition in which you are competing.
- 2.2 Refrain from unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval with officials' decisions. If you disagree, you will have your captain, coach or manager approach the official at the appropriate time.

## **3. Coaches/Managers/Officials**

- 3.1 Be reasonable in making demands.
- 3.2 Teach players to follow the rules and set a good example.
- 3.3 Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- 3.4 Condemn unsporting behaviour.
- 3.5 Report incidents in writing to the NWBL by completing the appropriate form within seven (7) days.

# **SECTION 1: Competition Management**

## **1 *League Executive and League Advisory Committee***

### **1.1 League Executive**

- 1.1.1 The Wheelchair Basketball League Executive Committee shall comprise of:
- (a) A Chair appointed by BA Management for a term of 3 years
  - (b) 1 other person appointed by BA Management for a term of 2 years each
  - (c) 2 persons elected by the NWBL and WNWBL Clubs for a term of 2 years each
  - (d) 1 person to represent the BA High Performance
  - (e) 1 person to represent Technical Officials
  - (f) 1 person to represent DSA
- 1.1.2 The League Executive reserves the right to amend these Rules and Regulations at any time. These changes will only be implemented after they have been communicated with the teams, as well as after providing them reasonable time for feedback. Teams have the right to apply to the League Executive for special consideration in extenuating circumstances or instances not specifically covered in these Rules and Regulations. All applications for Special Consideration must be made in writing and endorsed by the relevant League Advisory Committee (LAC) team representative.
- 1.1.3 The LE meets as required by teleconference or face-to-face (where time and cost permits).
- 1.1.4 Agenda items for LE meetings should be forwarded to Basketball Australia 14 days prior to each meeting. BA will distribute the meeting agenda to the LE no less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

### **1.2 League Advisory Committee**

- 1.2.1 The League Advisory Committee (LAC) is comprised of the League Executive and one representative from each team of the NWBL.
- 1.2.2 The LAC meets face-to-face during the finals round and by teleconference at least 3 months prior to the first round.
- 1.2.3 Agendas and LE meeting summaries will be circulated to the LAC.

## **2 *Rationalisation***

### **2.1 General**

- 2.1.1 To ensure accessibility for all teams in the competition, the game related costs of the League tournament weekends are to be rationalised between all teams. For the purpose of rationalisation a team is considered as ten people.
- 2.1.2 Items included in the National League rationalisation are:
- a) Airfares to and from the team's capital city
  - b) Ground transport
  - c) Accommodation
  - d) Referees, score table, statistics and game commissioner
  - e) Court hire for games
  - f) Marketing and management

### **3 Competition Responsibilities**

#### **3.1 League Executive**

- 3.1.1 Reviews the Rules and Regulations on a regular basis.
- 3.1.2 Consults with the LAC after the current season for input into improving the NWBL for the following season.
- 3.1.3 The LE, BA and sponsors prepare and approve media releases for distribution.

#### **3.2 Basketball Australia**

- 3.2.1 Receives entry information from teams to compile all related documents including the central classification register for use at League tournament weekends.
- 3.2.2 Seeks and secures sponsorship for the NWBL.
- 3.2.3 Coordinates with BA in relation to sponsor liaison and coordination of marketing activities with sponsors, teams and the host organisation inclusive of invitations to events and confirmation of presenters.
- 3.2.4 Prepares each season's entry pack in consultation with the WBLEC.
- 3.2.5 Prepares the budget and proposed rationalisation for each season. All fees will be reviewed at the end of each season.
- 3.2.6 Arranges Air travel for appointed referees.
- 3.2.7 Advises host organisations and teams of dates and venues at least 3 months prior to the commencement of the season and earlier if possible.
- 3.2.8 Coordinates payments for items included in the rationalisation, inclusive of payments for referees, score table, statisticians and game commissioner and to the host organisation.
- 3.2.9 Prepares game day paperwork – playing schedule, score sheets, report forms, voting forms etc. for the host association / game commissioner.
- 3.2.10 Provides the NWBL's sponsor signs to the host organisation.
- 3.2.11 Collates results, statistics and voting forms and issues points tables.
- 3.2.12 Assists the LAC with sponsor liaison and coordination of marketing activities with sponsors, teams and the host organisation inclusive of invitations to events and confirmation of presenters.
- 3.2.8 Prepares and approves media releases for distribution.
- 3.2.9 Coordinates the referees' roster with the Referee Commissioner of the Wheelchair Leagues
- 3.2.10 Coordinates score tables, statisticians and game commissioners with the host organisation.
- 3.2.11 Arranges perpetual trophies and individual trophies/mementos.
- 3.2.12 Manages and prepares information for the NWBL website and other promotions such as the season Program/ Team guide.

### 3.3 Host Organisation

- 3.3.1 Arranges the playing venue.  
Access to the stadium and playing court is required at least one hour prior to the first game.  
Facilities required include:
- a) Access to a meeting room or other secure area for the game officials,
  - b) Change rooms, accessible toilets and showers.
  - c) Storage areas for chairs between games and overnight,
  - d) Access to a photocopier and internet,
  - e) Score table equipment – visual timing, visual score board, foul markers.
- 3.3.2 Provides a list of appropriate accommodation for teams and appointed officials to make their own arrangements.
- 3.3.3 Ensures that teams and officials can arrange their own lunches/refreshments at the playing venue or nearby.
- 3.3.4 Arranges tea/coffee at no charge for game officials.
- 3.3.5 Provides the game ball and at least 3 warm up balls for each team. Warm up balls should be of the same type, brand and similar condition as the match ball. BA reserves the right to rule on the brand and model of the ball to be used in the National League.
- 3.3.6 Arranges appropriate medical coverage. The minimum requirement is the attendance of a sports trainer. Additional services such as massage could be provided at the host organisation's discretion.
- 3.3.7 Arranges the score table officials and statisticians directly or via the local/state basketball association. These costs will be paid by the NWBL from the rationalization later.
- 3.3.8 Appoints the game commissioner. The cost will be paid by the NWBL from the rationalization later.
- 3.3.9 Arranges pre-game presentation (see Match Duration page 9 for detailed description). Coordinate presentation ceremony at the conclusion of the Finals Series. BA will arrange trophies along with details of confirmed presenters/speakers.
- a) Champion team - perpetual trophy and individual small trophy/memento.
  - b) 2nd and 3rd place trophies.
  - c) MVP Award – perpetual trophy small trophy/memento.
  - d) Season Top Scorer - perpetual trophy small trophy/memento.
  - e) Coach of the year - perpetual trophy small trophy/memento.
  - f) All-star five - individual small trophy/memento.
  - g) MVP of the finals series award – perpetual trophy small trophy/memento.
- 3.3.10 Distribute season programs featuring the NWBL logo and sponsor details. BA will provide the programs electronically to the host for printing.
- 3.3.11 Assist with promotions/local media opportunities and contacts.
- 3.3.12 Host organisations may conduct other activities that promote the League such as post game functions, involvement of sponsors or half-time entertainment.
- 3.3.13 Teams and host organisations are to provide copies and details of any media coverage to BA.



### 3.4 Teams/ Team Manager

- 3.4.1 Provide information to BA by published deadlines.
- 3.4.2 Nominate a team contact/manager person who will be the one point of contact between the team and BA for such things as receipt of forms and so on.
- 3.4.3 Arrange own accommodation, transport including vehicle hire, meals and other incidentals.
- 3.4.4 Nominate interested persons to train as game officials, particularly score table and statistics.
- 3.4.5 Teams are to provide relevant profile information for each player along with the Team Registration list.
- 3.4.6 Teams and host organisations are to provide copies and details of any media coverage to BA.

## SECTION 2: Competition Guidelines

### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The rules and interpretations for the NWBL's competitions will be the current IWBFF Rules with the variations as outlined in this document.
- 1.2 Players' numbers must be as per IWBFF rules.
- 1.3 The half time interval is fifteen minutes in the NWBL.
- 1.4 The total number of classification-point-reduction players that can be claimed on the floor at any given time is two.
- 1.5 When counting the number of 4.0 and 4.5 point players on the floor at a given time, do not include junior or rookie players. For example, it is not against the rules for a team to have a 4.5 point player, a 4.0 point junior player and a 4.5 point rookie player on the floor at the same time.
- 1.6 A common sense approach to dealing with a bleeding player who receives treatment and remains in the game should be exercised in relation as to whether a team time out is charged. This is particularly relevant if a substitute cannot be made to keep within the maximum classification points.

### 2 Competition Structure

#### 2.1 General

- 2.1.1 The competition is open to teams throughout Australia and New Zealand subject to guidelines on standards, which the NWBL issues from time to time.
- 2.1.2 The playing composition of the NWBL shall consist of the previous year's re-nominating teams plus other team(s) as accepted by the LE.
- 2.1.3 The NWBL cluster round will be run as a triple round robin competition. Each team is to host a cluster round by rotation in the following order: 2016 Sydney Metro Blues, 2017 Perth Wheelcats, 2018 Kilsyth Cobras, 2019 Wollongong Rollerhawks, 2020 RSL Qld Spinning Bullets, 2021 Red Dust Heelers.
- 2.1.4 A finals series will also be held.

#### 2.2 Match Duration

- 2.2.1 With the exception of the Pre-game Chair and Equipment Check and below, teams will have twenty (20) minutes of uninterrupted warm up time.

- a) Teams and staff are to be introduced over the PA system six minutes before game time. Advance Australia Fair shall be played before the Grand Final only. Teams can remain at their bench. The clock will be stopped during this time.
  - b) For the Grand Final teams should line up facing each other for the purpose of shaking hands and/or exchanging gifts.
  - c) Announce the first five players and the referees as they go to the center circle.
- 2.2.2 The half time interval is fifteen minutes in the NWBL.
- 2.2.3 All games will be played out. There will be five minutes of overtime.

## **2.3 Points Table**

2.3.1 Competition points are awarded as follows:

- a) Win 3 points
- b) Loss 1 point
- c) Forfeit 0 points

## **2.4 Forfeits**

2.4.1 Unless extenuating circumstances are accepted by the opposing team and referees, or an appeal is made and allowed by the Judiciary. A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:

- a) It refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referee
- b) Its actions prevent the game from being played
- c) Fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled starting time, the team is not present or is not able to field five (5) players ready to play

2.4.2 A team claiming a forfeit must do so on the score sheet.

2.4.3 A score of 20-0 is awarded to the team who received the forfeit and 0-20 to the forfeiting team.

2.4.4 A team that forfeits is fined \$500.

## **2.5 Defaults**

2.5.1 A 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.

2.5.2 If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead, the score at the time of the stoppage shall stand. If the team to which the game is awarded is not ahead, the score shall be recorded as 2-0 in its favour.

2.5.3 The defaulting team shall receive the points for a loss.

# **3 Teams and Players**

## **3.1 Registration of Teams**

3.1.1 All prospective teams must submit a team expression of interest along with a fee of \$500 +GST to BA by the due date prior to the start of each season.

3.1.2 All prospective teams must submit a team nomination and licence agreement fee along with the registration fee of \$1000.00 +GST per team to BA by the due date each year in order to play in that year's season.

3.1.3 The licence agreement must be signed by a legal entity.

3.1.4 Teams must pay an administration fee of \$2000 at the beginning of every season.

3.1.5 Late entries will only be accepted in extraordinary circumstances and then only with the approval of the LE. A late entry fee may apply.

## **3.2 Registration of Players**

- 3.2.1 A team may register up to 16 players per team by placing them on their team registration list. A player may be registered with one team only.
- 3.2.2 Teams must provide their team registration list by the due date advertised in the entry pack. Teams will attract a \$100 +GST fine every week their team registration is late.
- 3.2.3 Teams must provide their individual player registration forms by the due date advertised in the entry pack. Teams will attract a \$100 +GST fine every week their individual player registration forms are late.
- 3.2.4 Players will not be permitted to play if their individual player registration form (and any fees if required) has not been received by BA. Note that should a player play a NWBL game without submitting their individual registration form (and any fees if required), the team shall be subject to a forfeit and the player will not be covered by insurance.
- 3.2.5 During the season, players may be added to the Team's Registration List by applying to the LE and paying a late registration fee of \$100.00 +GST per player.
- 3.2.6 All players must be a financial member of a BA affiliated State basketball organisation.
- 3.2.7 A team may only play one imported player per season. An imported player is any overseas player that is NOT an Australian citizen or resident even if they reside in the state for the period of the league season. A New Zealand player (who is a NZ citizen) is NOT considered to be an imported player. Any Australian player that plays for another state is NOT regarded as an import.
- 3.2.8 A team may apply to remove an imported player from their team list and replace that player with another eligible imported player. To be eligible for the final series the replacement imported player must comply with the rules regarding final eligibility.
- 3.2.9 Team numbers are limited to ten for rationalisation purposes. The list of players for each round of the competition and any other requested information must be provided BA no later than the Monday prior to each round. Teams will attract a \$100 +GST fine every week that requested information is late.
- 3.2.10 Costs for numbers above ten players (10) will be borne by the team.

## **3.3 Participation in Games**

- 3.3.1 To participate in a game means to be legally on the score sheet and to play or be present at the players' bench in playing uniform during the game.
- 3.3.2 Any player that is marked on the score sheet pre-game and signed off by the coach may play. It is not the referees' concern to know if the player is eligible to play or not.
- 3.3.3 12 players can be listed per team per game.
- 3.3.4 Players whose names are on the score sheet but do not participate in a game must be crossed off and initialed by the Crew Chief Referee post game.

## **3.4 Eligibility for Finals**

- 3.4.1 To be eligible in the final series a player must have participated in 40% (rounded up) of the minor round games.
- 3.4.2 A team may make application to the LE to have this set aside when a listed player could not play the required number of robin matches because of Australian representation (with a sanctioned Basketball Australia team), injury, illness or other special circumstances. During the period of injury, illness or other special circumstances the player must be resident in Australia. A medical certificate must include specific dates, injury or illness details, and specific details regarding exemption from NWBL rounds. Appropriate documentation must be provided for other special circumstances and Australian representation (with a sanctioned Basketball Australia team).

### **3.5 Transfer of Players**

- 3.5.1 Players may transfer teams between seasons provided any debts with the original team are paid and the player has a release form signed from their previous team. All International imports and Australian players returning from International clubs wishing to play in the NWBL MUST provide a release form or letter from their home team/national basketball organisation. This form should be submitted with the team registration list.
- 3.5.2 All Australian players wishing to play in International club teams MUST obtain a release form or letter from their Australian club and Basketball Australia.

### **3.6 Team Uniforms**

- 3.6.1 Each team must possess two complete sets of basketball singlets, which comply with IWBF uniform regulations. One must be predominantly light in colour and the other a predominantly dark colour.
- 3.6.2 T-shirts, of a solid colour, may be worn under a player's singlets matching the predominant colour of the singlets and be uniform throughout the team. Text or graphics on the T-shirt must not be visible. Players wearing odd or inconsistent coloured T-shirts will not be permitted to compete in NWBL matches.
- 3.6.3 All players of the same team shall wear shorts and/or track pants of the same, single, solid colour. If the shorts or track pants include trim it shall be of the same colour and design for all players of the same team.
- 3.6.4 The home team wears the light colour uniform. However, where opposing teams have uniforms that are similar in colour, the home team is required to change to the alternate set.
- 3.6.5 Teams may have decided together and in advance as to who wears the light and dark uniform. If there is a dispute, the rule will apply.
- 3.6.6 Teams are required to wear the NWBL logo on the right breast of the playing singlets. If players are not wearing the logo the referees should report this to the game commissioner who will inform the LE.
- 3.6.7 The players must have their playing numbers clearly visible on their back or hanging from the back of their wheelchairs.

## **4 Classification**

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### **4.1 General**

- 4.1.1 The NWBL is conducted under the IWBF Functional Classification System for Wheelchair Basketball.
- 4.1.2 All players competing in the NWBL must have a Wheelchair Basketball Australia Classification Card.
- 4.1.3 WBA Classification cards will automatically be issued to all players holding an IWBF international or zonal card. These players do not require further evaluation by Australian classifiers.
- 4.1.4 For players not holding an IWBF card, teams must propose the classification of the player to the League. Based on this proposal, a provisional classification will be issued to the player to commence the season. At the first opportunity the player will be evaluated by a WBA classifier to confirm their classification. Once confirmed the player shall receive a WBA classification card.
- 4.1.5 Any disputes with provisional classifications will be referred to the Classification Coordinator of the WBA Technical Committee. Teams who abuse or exploit the provisional classification system may have competition points deducted by the LE.

- 4.1.6 Players eligible for point reductions (see next section) shall have classification cards displaying their true classification, but of a distinctly different colour to indicate they are eligible for reduction in League games.
- 4.1.7 When a team fails to provide a full set of player classification cards pre game they will be subject to a \$100 +GST fine. For the game in question the team must then provide a list of all their players and their classifications for the score table. This list is to be signed by the team coach or manager and the Crew Chief Referee. After the game this list must be submitted to BA. If the list is found to be in error then the team may have competition points deducted.

## **4.2 Maximum Points**

- 4.2.1 The sum total of the classification points of the five players on court at any one time cannot exceed 14.0. The exception to this rule is if a team is playing one or two players on court who are eligible for a point reduction, in which case, they cannot exceed 16.0 points.
- Only one or two eligible deduction can be claimed in adding up the total of classification points on court at any one time.

## **4.3 Point Reductions**

- 4.3.1 Some players are eligible for a classification point reduction. The players entitled to 1.0 point reduction are:
- 4.3.1.1 First year National League players. A first year player is defined as an Australian or New Zealand player (who is a NZ citizen) in their first year of the National League. A player would lose this eligibility immediately after they have represented the Senior Australian or the New Zealand National Wheelchair Basketball Team at a World Championship (Gold Cup or Paralympic Games).
- 4.3.1.2 Junior players under the age of twenty years as at 1 April of the current season. A player would lose this eligibility immediately after they have represented the Senior Australian or the New Zealand National Wheelchair Basketball Team at a World Championship (Gold Cup or Paralympic Games).
- 4.3.1.3 Team lists must display the player's correct points in brackets after the reduced points, e.g. John Smith is a junior - 3.0 (4.0).
- 4.3.1.4 Note that players are eligible for awards under their true classification points, e.g. In the above example John Smith is eligible for the 4.0 pointer MVP award and NOT the 3.0 pointer MVP award (see Most Valuable Player page 25).
- 4.3.1.5 Teams are only allowed up to two deduction towards their total classification points on court at any one time. Other eligible juniors and rookies can take the court, but their true classification will count towards the total classification points on court. That is, if there is more than one eligible player on court at any one time, only two classification point reductions can be used towards the sum of the total points on court at any one time.
- 4.3.1.6 First year players whose name does not appear (or remain) on the score sheet for that teams first round games may make application to the LAC to remove their name from the Team's Registration List. Players having had their name removed from the Team's Registration List and not playing in the current year gives the player the opportunity to utilise the one point reduction for the first season in which the player plays.

## **4.4 Pre-game Chair and Equipment Check**

- 4.4.1 All players are required to be available courtside between 40 and 20 minutes before the scheduled game time for the referees to conduct a chair and equipment check.
- 4.4.1 Referees may conduct a chair and equipment check of a player(s) in the last 20 minutes pre game if that player(s) was not available 40 minutes pre game.
- 4.4.2 During the checking process referees must be given access to check cushions and player seating heights if they request to do so.
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## 5 Final Series

### 5.1 General

- 5.1.1 In the event of a tie for the final positions, the positions will be decided "by a points for and against" between the teams involved. If a tie is still evident then points for and against for the entire competition will decide the rankings. These formulas are set out in the IWBF Rulebook.
- 5.1.2 The Finals Series with four teams consists of five (5) games. Game 1-2 will be played on Friday, Games 3 on Saturday and Games 4-5 on Sunday.

Game 1	1 v 2
Game 2	3 v 4
Game 3	Loser Game 1 v Winner Game 2
Game 4 Third place playoff	Loser Game 2 v Loser Game 3
Game 5 Final	Winner Game 1 v Winner Game 3

## 6 Game Officials

### 6.1 General

- 6.1.1 Game fees, accommodation and transport arrangements are reviewed and set annually following discussion and agreement between the LE, BA and the Referee Commissioner.
- 6.1.2 The Referee Commissioner acts as the NWBL Referees Coordinator.
- 6.1.3 The NWBL is in favour of the development of game officials and where appropriate will arrange for the conduct of clinics in association with League tournament weekends.

### 6.2 Game Commissioner

- 6.2.1 The Game Commissioner is appointed by the host team and is responsible for the following:
- a) Two weeks prior to the Round:
    - i) Liaise with the host organising body to ensure the following matters have been taken care of.
    - ii) The required court(s) are or will be equipped with working clocks including 24 shot clocks, monitors and bells/siren etc.
    - iii) That score table and stats personnel have been arranged for each game.
    - iv) Follow up, if need be, before the Round's starting day.
    - v) Note and report on any matters that may lead to a protest or to a report to the NWBL office.
    - vi) Collect all documents post games and arrange for them to be sent to BA
    - vii) Check that the stats are sent electronically to BA.
    - viii) Make a final round report to BA.

- 6.2.2 The Game Commissioner is responsible for the smooth running of the matches and ensuring that NWBL Rules and Regulations are maintained. The fee paid is \$25 per game and the duties are outlined below.
- 6.2.3 Arrive at the venue at least one hour prior to the first game to ensure that all is in readiness for competition.
- 6.2.4 Meet teams on arrival and distribute any information.
- 6.2.5 Meet with game referees 40 minutes prior to the first game and as necessary for all following games. Meet other game officials prior to their first game. Alert all officials to facilities available and location of tea/coffee.
- 6.2.6 Courts ready for play – i.e. court lines, backboards, rings, nets, swept, score table operational (lights, protector, air horn, foul paddles, score board).
- 6.2.7 Provide or arrange assistance, if requested by the referee, in regards to problems with the playing venue or associated equipment.
- 6.2.8 Erect sponsor and NWBL signs (made available by BA Management) as per the provided plan.
- 6.2.9 Coordinate pre-game presentation and act as the announcer where required having organised the sound system, warm-up music, CD player and CDs.
- 6.2.10 Liaise with game officials and deliver payments (made available by BA Management).
- 6.2.11 Distribute game paperwork to the score table and coaches prior to each game. Paperwork is pre-prepared by BA.
- 6.2.12 Collect score sheets and statistics summaries for each game and copy for the teams from that game.
- 6.2.14 Collect MVP votes from each coach and referee.
- 6.2.15 Assist with presentations where required.
- 6.2.16 Provide a brief report of each game on the game summary for use in media releases and email distribution of results. This should be emailed (preferred) or faxed to BA. This report could include player of the game, outstanding plays etc. For Example:
 

Round 1 – Game 1 – North Sydney Bears 60 (Alison Mosely 43) defeated Hill Hornets49 (Liesl Tesch 14). After a strong first half led by captain Liesl Tesch, the Hills Hornets went into the break with victory on their minds. However, the North Sydney Bears had a different idea. After what turned out to be a critical timeout, the Bears fought back and in a close finish ended up victorious with outstanding shooting from Alison Mosely with a game high 43 points.
- 6.2.17 Provide a brief report (bullet points) of the weekend including but not limited to:

- a) Any incidents
- b) Comments from officials
- c) Actions requiring follow-up
- d) List of players not wearing NWBL logo
- e) Names of players playing in illegal chairs.

### **6.3 Referees**

- 6.3.1 Referees must be of a standard as recommended for NWBL games by the NWBL Referees Commissioner.
- 6.3.2 The NWBL Referees Commissioner makes referees appointments for the league.
- 6.3.3 Each game must have three qualified referees.
- 6.3.4 Referees appointments are notified no less than two weeks in advance. Referees or teams may not make unauthorised changes to appointments.
- 6.3.5 The NWBL promotes the use of local referees where appropriate and qualified.
- 6.3.6 Payment - \$330 per game split between referees (subject to change) and a payment of \$360 per finals series game split between the referees (subject to change).
- 6.3.7 A travel allowance for referees driving more than 100km is available at the motor vehicle cents per kilometer rate as per the Australian Tax Office for the distance over 100km on the production of a logbook to NWBL Management.
- 6.3.8 Where possible the NWBL Referees Commissioner will appoint a referees evaluator/coach to observe the referees, give verbal feedback to the officials and complete a Referees' Report form. Referees evaluators/coaches must be of a standard as recommended for NWBL games by the Chairperson of the BA Technical Committee.
- 6.3.9 If a Referees' Evaluator is appointed for a round, the payment will be \$25 per game. BA with the Referees Commissioner will agree on a budget pre-season for the Referee Evaluator's appointments.
- 6.3.10 When a referee's evaluator/coach is not present a referee report form will be completed by both coaches and given to the game commissioner within 30 minutes of the completion of the game.
- 6.3.11 The referees evaluator or game commissioner will fax or mail the forms to the NWBL Referees Commissioner to arrive no later than the Wednesday following the games.

### **6.4 Pre-game Timing**

- 6.4.1 Referees are to arrive at the venue at least one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the first rostered game and fulfil the following duties at the nominated times prior to the commencement of the game:

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| i)   | 60 minutes       | Referees arrive at venue.<br>Have pre-game meeting.  |
| ii)  | 45 minutes       | CC Meet Game Commissioner.   |
| iii) | 43 minutes       | Game clock set at 40 minutes and running.<br>Begin chair/player inspections.<br>Complete chair/player inspections leaving 20 minute clear for warm-up. |
| iv)  | 20 min. on clock | Referees on court.<br>Meet table officials.  |



v)	10 min. on clock	Check Technical equipment. Crew Chief Referee ensures that full teams are on score sheet and first fives are marked.
vi)	6 min. on clock	Stop game clock for team introductions. National Anthem is played (before the Grand Final game only). Players may return to floor after introductions. Clock stopped at 3 minutes Game clock restarts.
vii)	1 min. on clock	Crew Chief Referee orders players to benches.
viii)	30 sec stop game clock	PA announces first five.
ix)	Game clock runs out and is set to 10 minutes.	Tip Off.

## 6.5 Score Table

- 6.5.1 Score Table officials must be of a standard as recommended by BA and the Referee Commissioner.
- 6.5.2 Each game must have four qualified table officials, one holding a minimum of Basketball Australia Score Table Level Two qualification.
- 6.5.3 The score table game fee is a total maximum of \$100.00 and is shared between the four table officials (\$25 for each official).

## 6.6 Statistics

- 6.6.1 Game statistics are collected in the NWBL approved format, by three trained officials.
- 6.6.2 The statistics game fee is a total maximum of \$75.00 and is shared between the three officials (\$25 for each official).
- 6.6.3 The Competition Manager will distribute statistics of all games on a regular basis.

## 6.7 Court Announcers

- 6.7.1 Announcers should provide information and create or encourage an atmosphere of enthusiasm and enjoyment for the game at hand. There should be no criticism emanating from the microphone. Further all commentary should be made from an unbiased view. The announcer should be courtside commentating and most definitely not participating in any way in the outcome of the game.
- 6.7.2 Objectives:
  - a) To introduce teams and players to the spectators.
  - b) To provide information relative to the state of the game that may not be readily available to spectators.
  - c) To promote sponsors at appropriate times.
  - d) To recognise official guests to the audience.
  - e) To provide a limited commentary on the game (as detailed below).
- 6.7.3 There should be no commentary while a team (either team) has possession of the ball in play in their offensive half (front court), nor after a player has had the ball placed at their

disposal to shoot free throws. Comments that take longer to make, during the course of play, than the time it takes a team to progress to the halfway point of the court is too long.

- 6.7.4 The game commentary should be limited to providing the following information at appropriate times:
- a) Scoring - who scored. Three pointer, accumulative individual total. An occasional mention of assists may be appropriate.
  - b) Foul - who fouled. Number of fouls - individual and team. Who is shooting free throws and how many (if required). NOTE: The referees call should not be pre-empted in anyway. The announcer must wait for the referees decision and signal - don't guess. Incorrect information can create confusion and embarrassment to all.
  - c) Violation - Name the violation not the player violating.
  - d) Time Out - which team called it and how many they have had or have left.
  - e) Rebounds, Blocks and Steals can be mentioned if required and appropriate but who made turnovers is generally not appropriate for comment.
  - f) Time Remaining - At no time should there be any comment from the court announcer relative to the amount of time remaining on the game clock or the shot clock.
- 6.7.5 Music and/or sound effects may be played while the ball is in play provided they are not distracting to the teams or referees. Music and/or sound effects may not be made while any player is attempting a free throw.
- 6.7.6 The Court Announcer is not a cheerleader, barracker, noise generator or game critique. The principle duties are to pass information to the crowd not incite it. Any comment reflecting on the performance of the referees, either positive or negative, is not allowed. Critical remarks of any type towards players or coaches are not acceptable (including pre-taped comments played on the PA system).
- 6.7.7 An appeal to the crowd for the noise/support at inappropriate times is not allowed. Home teams must generate their crowd support and noise through methods other than the court announcer (e.g. team mascots etc.).
- 6.7.8 The Court Announcer should be an official conduit between the game referees and the audience in conveying information relative to rule decisions that may not be apparent to the public. There are often timing and rule confusions that occur between referees and the score table, or between the referees themselves resulting in game stoppage and consultation. The court announcer should be able to clarify the circumstance with the public after it is resolved. This is an important function.
- 6.7.9 Recognition of Club and League sponsors and guests are a part of the court announcer's duties. These announcements should be limited to pre-game, time out and quarter/half time breaks. The court announcer will be obligated to acknowledge the NWBL Naming Rights Sponsor (if any) a minimum of three times per game.

## **7 Protests**

- 7.1 Protests cannot be lodged prior to the commencement of a game. Protests can only be made as a consequence of a specific incident in a game, which is considered to have fundamentally affected the outcome of the game.
- 7.2 A fee of \$100.00 must accompany all protests on the prescribed form (**page 29**). This fee is refunded only if the protest is upheld.
- 7.3 Protests must be made to the Games Commissioner within 60 minutes of the game completion. Such protests will be dealt with prior to that team playing its next game.
- 7.4 One member of the LE and one non-playing member of the LAC in conjunction with the Game Commissioner will decide the outcome of protests.

## **8 Procedures for Reports and Disciplinary Tribunal**

### **8.1 General**

- 8.1.1 When a player or team official at a NWBL game has been cited by a referee or authorised official, he/she will be subject to the judicial proceedings as defined in the following.
- 8.1.2 A report may be made by any of the following authorised officials:
  - a) The game referee/s.
  - b) The referees' evaluator.
  - c) A member of the League Executive of the NWBL, if not involved in the game in any manner other than a) or b).
  - d) The Game Commissioner.

### **8.2 Notification**

- 8.2.1 The reported player/team official must be notified within 30 minutes following the game that he/she is to be reported. This notification may be made directly to the player(s)/team official involved or to an official of the individual's team.
- 8.2.2 The reporting official(s) must inform the Game Commissioner of the report within 30 minutes following the game.
- 8.2.3 The report(s) must be in writing and handed to the Game Commissioner no later than sixty minutes from the conclusion of the game. The reporting officials should keep a copy of the report(s).
- 8.2.4 The Game Commissioner shall fax or e-mail the report to the BA Office within 12 hours of receipt.
- 8.2.5 If the Game Commissioner is not available to the reporting official(s) up to sixty minutes following the game, the reporting official(s) shall fax or e-mail the report to the BA Office within 12 hours of the game.
- 8.2.6 The NWBL Secretary shall cause a copy of the report to reach the reported party(s) no later than Tuesday 5.00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) after the offence took place. If the game that the report arose from was played on a weekday then the report shall reach the reported party(s) at 5.00pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) two days after the game was played.

### **8.3 Tribunal Hearing**

- 8.3.1 The Tribunal hearing shall be conducted no earlier than four days at 7.00pm EST after the NWBL Round/game or Final Series that the offence took place
- 8.3.2 The Tribunal hearing shall be chaired by the LE Chair or his/her appointee who shall conduct the tribunal with two other members
- 8.3.3 The LE Chair shall appoint the other tribunal members from the NWBL LE or other suitable experienced people. Members of the Tribunal must disqualify themselves if they have any conflict of interest
- 8.3.4 The final decision on the tribunal members, time and venue/manner of the tribunal hearing rests with the LE Chair or his/her appointee
- 8.3.5 If all the parties to the report live in the same State then the hearing will be conducted in that State. If parties to the report live in different States then the hearing will be conducted by phone conference and with parties from the same State being in the same place
- 8.3.6 The LE Chair or his/her appointee shall conduct the hearing and keep or cause to be kept, minutes of the procedures. The Tribunal shall decide if the player(s) or team staff is guilty or not guilty of the charge(s) and hand down a penalty (if appropriate) in keeping with the NWBL Tribunal Standard Penalties
- 8.3.7 The penalty (if any) shall be expressed in the number of NWBL games to be served
- 8.3.8 The NWBL Secretary shall inform all parties of the findings and penalty (if any).

## **8.4 Areas of Concern**

- 8.4.1 Persons charged with offences under Category A and/or B
- 8.4.2 Persons charged with offences in Category A and/or B who are a minor
- 8.4.3 Hearing of appeals from decisions.

## **8.5 Attendance**

- 8.5.1 The following persons shall be entitled to be in attendance (in person or as part of a phone conference):
  - a) Members of the relevant tribunal
  - b) The Charged person
  - c) The Complainant(s)
  - d) Witnesses to be called to give evidence by either the charged person or the Complainant(s)
  - e) In the case of a Minor Charged person, an adult who shall be entitled to represent the Minor Charged person
  - f) Any other person summoned by the relevant tribunal hearing the complaint and any legal representative or advocate of the charged person and or Complainant.

## **8.6 Tribunal Process**

The Chairman of the tribunal shall firstly:

- 8.6.1 Identify the members of the tribunal
  - 8.6.2 Establish that the charged person is present to answer the Charge against her
  - 8.6.3 Raise with Members of the Tribunal in the presence of all interested parties as set out in 4.0 where a conflict of interest by any participant in the Tribunal panel and then determine any such allegation
  - 8.6.4 Give the charged person or complainant the opportunity to object to any Tribunal Member, on the grounds of bias or perceived bias and then determine any such objection
  - 8.6.5 Inform the Charged person and the complainant that they are entitled to remain in the hearing until all evidence is presented but not entitled to be present whilst the tribunal considers its findings and determines her appropriate penalty (if any).
  - 8.6.6 To advise all participants at the commencement of the proceedings before their particular Tribunal of the method of recording the hearing.
  - 8.6.7 Read the complaint and ask the charged person whether the allegations in the complaint are admitted or denied.
  - 8.6.8 If the allegations in the complaint are admitted, the Chairman may read a short summary of the facts, admit the reporting official's evidence (written/verbal) and no witnesses need be called to give evidence, or allow all witnesses to give evidence and both the Charged person and complainant may question witnesses.
  - 8.6.9 If the allegations are denied then the Chairman shall ask all witnesses except the Complainant and the Charged person or Minor Charged person as the case may be and his representative to leave the room or phone conference (and to wait to be called to give their evidence). N.B The charged person and acting Official remain in the Tribunal while evidence is being given.
  - 8.6.10 The Chairman of the tribunal will then call upon the Complainant and any witnesses of the Complainant to give his evidence in turn. The Charged person shall be entitled to question each witness called.
  - 8.6.11 On completion of such evidence the charged person shall be advised by the Chairman of their entitlement to make an initial statement. After each witness has given evidence such witness shall be asked to leave the room or phone conference.
  - 8.6.12 The Chairman shall then permit the charged person to add any additional evidence by way of witnesses or to make a statement in his defence. The Complainant shall be entitled to question each witness called by the charged person.
  - 8.6.13 The Chairman of the tribunal shall afford members of the tribunal the opportunity to ask questions of any witnesses called at the hearing.
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- 8.6.14 At the conclusion of all of the evidence and of addresses the Chairman then asks the charged person and the Complainant to leave the room or phone conference while the tribunal considers its findings. In the event that a Charged person in relation to whom a complaint has been made fails to appear without reasonable cause the hearing may proceed and a determination may be made by the tribunal in the absence of the charged person.
- 8.6.15 If the tribunal is not satisfied that the particular complaint has been proved but is satisfied that a lesser complaint has been established then the tribunal may find such lesser complaint established and shall apply the penalty applicable to such lesser charge.
- 8.6.16 In arriving at a decision as to whether a complaint has been established the tribunal must be satisfied on the balance of probabilities that the particular misconduct has occurred. It is not necessary for the tribunal to be satisfied "beyond all reasonable doubt that the incident occurred" before arriving at a finding that the complaint has been established.
- 8.6.17 If the tribunal is not satisfied that a complaint has been established it shall dismiss such complaint.
- 8.6.18 If a complaint has been found established by the tribunal the charged person shall be informed of the determination. Any previous established complaints against the charged person should then be laid before the tribunal. The Charged person should then be given the right to make a final statement in relation to previous established complaints or other mitigating circumstances before being asked to leave the room or phone conference a second time.
- 8.6.19 The tribunal shall then determine the penalty (if any) and recall the charged person to advise of the penalty.
- 8.6.20 The tribunal may either impose a penalty consisting of a period of a number of NWBL games or; alternatively record that the complaint has been established but having regard to the nature of the complaint and/or the prior good conduct of the subject Charged person not impose a penalty; The penalties imposed by the tribunal for particular Offence shall not exceed those set out on Schedule following.
- 8.6.21 Any suspension shall be calculated in a number of games played or to be played in the NWBL.
- 8.6.22 A tribunal shall not impose a suspended sentence.
- 8.6.23 A tribunal shall take into account the prior established Offences of the charged person when assessing the severity of the penalty.
- 8.6.24 Where the Charged person is found guilty of more than one offence, it is procedure that the penalties are served concurrently, with the most severe penalty being the maximum number of games suspended. However, Tribunals do have the prerogative to vary from this procedure.
- 8.6.25 After a penalty has been imposed the tribunal Chairman shall inform the Complainant and the charged person of their right of appeal including; the time and date by which the appeal must be lodged, the place of lodgement of the appeal.
- 8.6.26 The results of the Tribunal are sent to BA.

## **8.7 Appeal Process**

- 8.7.1 The NWBL Appeals Tribunal is appointed by the NWBL LE or its delegated authority to hear appeals from decisions of the NWBL Tribunals.
- 8.7.2 The NWBL Appeals Tribunal shall consist of at least three members, depending on the matter being decided.
- 8.7.3 No member of the NWBL Appeals Tribunal shall be appointed to hear an appeal from a decision of the NWBL Tribunal if such a person was a member of the NWBL Tribunal, who heard the particular matter, which is the subject of the appeal.
- 8.7.4 An appeal made by a charged person who has had an offence established against /her may be on all grounds or to contest the severity of the penalty only.
- 8.7.5 An appeal made by a complainant only on the basis that the penalty imposed on a charged person by NWBL Tribunal was too lenient.
- 8.7.6 Any appeal lodged to a relevant tribunal shall be made in writing (typed wherever possible) and shall be known as the Notice of Appeal.
- 8.7.7 Any appeal shall be lodged with the relevant tribunal to which the appeal is being brought within fourteen (14) days of the decision appealed against.
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- 8.7.8 Appeals shall be processed as expeditiously as possible.
- 8.7.9 Upon receipt of any appeal the Chairman of the relevant tribunal shall check that the appeal complies with the rules concerning time of lodgement and completeness of information provided, arrange for a copy of the transcript of the previous hearing to be obtained.
- 8.7.10 An appellant lodging an appeal against the findings of a tribunal must establish in the Notice of Appeal that they have been treated unjustly or unfairly. Reasons for this can be many and varied but some typical reasons for appeal are not being correctly informed of the hearing before the tribunal whose decision is the subject of the appeal, prejudice by any member of the tribunal whose decision is the subject of the appeal; incorrect procedures used by the tribunal whose decision is the subject of the appeal; new evidence which was not available at the time of the hearing by the tribunal whose decision is the subject of the appeal, incorrect information presented to Tribunal.
- 8.7.11 The relevant Appeals Chairman before whom the appeal is sought to be heard shall check the transcript of evidence and any other documents filed with it to determine whether in its view grounds for the appeal such as to warrant a full hearing of the appeal. The relevant tribunal shall have absolute discretion to decide whether to hear an appeal and in the event that it declines so to do it shall not be obliged to assign any reasons for such refusal.
- 8.7.12 If a relevant tribunal decides to hear an appeal then the Chairman of such tribunal shall; make arrangements for the hearing of the appeal; notify all parties concerned of the time, date and place of the hearing; no fee is charged to hear an appeal but the applicant is responsible for all appeal costs, e.g. transport of witness, room hire, phone conference costs etc.)
- 8.7.13 The tribunal hearing the appeal may request further information prior to determining the appeal but has the discretion whether to allow new evidence to be adduced.
- 8.7.14 In a tribunal hearing, the appeal should confine its deliberations specifically to the matters raised in the appeal but has the discretion whether to allow new evidence to be adduced.
- 8.7.15 The tribunal hearing the appeal shall have the authority to stay any order of a tribunal whose decision is being appealed and to re-instate an appellant pending the determination of the appeal.
- 8.7.16 The following persons shall be entitled to be in attendance at an appeal: Members of the relevant tribunal; The Charged person (or their representatives); The Complainant; Witnesses, if any, to be called to give evidence; In the case of a Minor charged person that person shall be entitled to be accompanied by an adult; Any other person summoned by the tribunal hearing the appeal; Legal representatives of either the Charged person or the Complainant.
- 8.7.17 In considering the evidence before it a tribunal hearing an appeal shall not set aside a determination of a tribunal which is the subject of the appeal on technical or procedural grounds but shall do so only if there has been a substantive error made.
- 8.7.18 At the hearing of the appeal the tribunal hearing the appeal shall determine the appeal on the basis of transcript of the proceedings of the hearing before the tribunal whose decision is the subject of the appeal; the material contained in the Notice of Appeal; new evidence, if any, heard by it; oral submissions, if any, made on behalf of the Charged person and the Complainant.
- 8.7.19 In the event that new evidence is sought to be adduced on behalf of the Charged person or the Complainant then tribunal hearing the appeal shall first determine whether such evidence should be permitted.
- 8.7.20 In the event that new evidence is permitted by the tribunal hearing the appeal then such tribunal shall follow the procedure for taking evidence as outlined above.
- 8.7.21 A tribunal hearing an appeal shall have the power to; confirm the decision of the previous tribunal hearing; waive, increase or decrease penalties awarded by previous tribunal hearings; conduct a new tribunal hearing itself upon the appeal and quash the findings of the previous tribunal hearing; make orders that either the Complainant or the charged person pay the costs and expenses of the conduct of appeal.
- 8.7.22 After the finalisation of an appeal the Chairman of the tribunal hearing the appeal shall inform the Charged person and the Complainant of their right of further appeal including; that the appeal must be lodged within fourteen days and, the place of lodgement of the appeal.

## 9 **NWBL Offences and Penalties**

### Notes

There are two groups of charges and penalties:

Group A – relate to charges against participants but not involving a game official.

Group B – relate to charges against participants involving game official(s).

- 9.1 Disputing decisions  
B – Maximum of three (3) games
- 9.2 Unsportsmanlike behaviour  
A – Maximum of three (3) games
- 9.3 Code of conduct breach relating to a player, referee or official  
Maximum of three (3) games
- 9.4 Attempting to throw a player out of his/her chair by the use of the hand(s) or footplate  
A – Maximum five (5) games
- 9.5 Throwing a player out of his/her chair by the use of the hand(s) or footplate  
A – Maximum ten (10) games
- 9.6 Attempting to trip a game official by the use of the chair  
OR: Attempting to hit a game official by the use of the chair  
OR: Attempting to strike a game official with a fist or elbow.  
B – Maximum fifteen (15) games
- 9.7 Tripping a game official by the use of the chair  
OR: Hitting a game official by the use of the chair  
OR: Striking a game official with a fist or elbow.  
B - Maximum of life
- 9.8 Obscene gestures  
A – Maximum of five (5) games  
B – Maximum of ten (10) games
- 9.9 Offensive language (which may include abusive, obscene or insulting language)  
A – Maximum of five (5) games  
B – Maximum of ten (10) games
- 9.10 Attempting to strike  
OR: Attempting to elbow  
OR: Attempting to kick  
A – Maximum five (5) games  
B – Maximum fifteen (15) games
- 9.11 Striking (fist, hand, object, head)  
OR: Elbowing  
OR: Kicking  
A – Maximum fifteen (15) games  
B – Maximum of life
- 9.12 Attempting to use a chair to strike a player on the floor.  
A – Maximum five (5) games
- 9.13 Using a chair to strike a player on the floor.  
A – maximum fifteen (15) games

- 9.14 Fighting  
A - More than two players involved a maximum of ten (10) games.
- 9.15 Spitting  
A - maximum of ten (10) games  
B – maximum of fifteen (15) games
- 9.16 Putting a person in fear of impending violence  
A - maximum of fifteen (15) games  
B – Maximum of thirty (30) games
- 9.17 Conduct which brings the game of wheelchair basketball into disrepute  
Maximum of ten (10) games
- 9.18 Deliberately endangering the safety or health of players, spectators or officials  
(incidents involving blood/body fluids)  
Maximum penalty life
- 9.19 Failure to attend Tribunal without proper cause when notified  
Maximum of ten (10) games
- 9.20 Failure to co-operate in, or hindering an investigation or hearing under these by-laws.  
Maximum of ten (10) games
- 9.21 NWBL or WNWBL coaching, playing, score bench duties while under suspension  
A - minimum of two (2) games, maximum five (5) games per game plus  
the suspension period

## **10 General**

All matters not covered by the NWBL Rules and Regulations, the IWBFL Rules and Comments, shall be determined by the LE.



## **SECTION 3: NWBL Awards**

All registered players are eligible for NWBL Awards subject to the criteria outlined below.

### **1 *Champion Team***

- 1.1 The champion team of the finals series will receive the perpetual trophy and a small trophy as a keepsake.
- 1.2 Each member of the champion team will receive a medal (maximum of 15 medals provided).

### **2 *2nd and 3rd Place***

- 2.1 Each member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams of the finals series will receive a medal (maximum of 15 medals provided to each of 2<sup>nd</sup> placed and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed teams).

### **3 *Season Top Scorer***

- 3.1 The season top scorer will receive the perpetual trophy and a small trophy/memento.
- 3.2 The season top scorer will be decided by total points in games played in the round robin series.

### **4 *Most Valuable Player***

- 4.1 The following MVP awards will be presented:
  - a) High Point
  - b) Mid Point
  - c) Low Point
  - d) Overall MVP
  - f) Most valuable players will receive a small trophy/memento.
- 4.2 The most valuable player awards are decided by a triple voting system. Votes are given by both coaches and by the referees throughout the round robin series for the MVP awards. That is three sets of votes of equal value per game. The votes are one vote per category for each game. The sets of votes in the four categories are tallied together by the LE at the end of the round robin series and the players with the most points in each category at the end of the NWBL round robin series is the NWBL MVP in their category.
- 4.3 Note that players that are entitled to reduced classification points on the court are eligible for awards under their true classification points only, eg. John Smith is a junior - 3.0 (4.0). John Smith is eligible for the 4.0 pointer MVP award and NOT the 3.0 pointer MVP award
- 4.4 In the event of a tie in the NWBL MVP categories, the involved players in the category will be ranked as follows to break the tie.
  - i) The player who has played the least minor round games.
  - ii) If the players have played the same number of games, the player who has scored the most points.
  - iii) If the players have played the same number of games and made the same number of points the award is split.
- 4.4 The player that polls the most votes of the MVP four categories will be awarded the NWBL Most Valuable Player of the Season.
- 4.5 In the event of a tie in the NWBL MVP of the Season, the involved players will be ranked as follows to break the tie:

- i) The player who has played the least minor round games.
- ii) If the players have played the same number of games, the player who has scored the most points.
- iii) If the players have played the same number of games and made the same number of points then to lowest classification (after any bonus point reduction) player.
- iv) After that the award is split.

## **5 *Coach of the season***

- 5.1 The coach voted as the coach of the season will receive a small trophy/memento.
- 5.2 The coach of the season is decided by a voting system. Coaches from all teams in the NWBL will send in their votes ranked– 1, 2, 3 and so on with ‘1’ being the top vote. BA will tally the votes.

## **6 *All Star Five***

- 6.1 The players selected in the all-star five team will each receive a small trophy/memento.
- 6.2 The all-star five team will be selected based on MVP votes from the minor rounds in the best possible point's combination. LE will select the team with assistance from a representative of the NWBL.

## **7 *Final Series Most Valuable Player***

- 7.1 The Final Series MVP is decided by a three way voting system. Votes are placed by the home team coach, the away team coach and a combined vote by the game referees for each game throughout the final series. The votes are 1, 2 or 3 for each game; the MVP of the game receives 3 votes. The three sets of votes are tallied together by the LE or representative and divided by the number of games the players' team played in the series (2 or 3). To be eligible the player must have played in at least two final series games. The player with the highest number of averaged points at the end of the NWBL final series is elected Final Series MVP.

## **8 *Presentations***

- 8.1 All trophies will be presented immediately following the playing of the Grand Final. The presenters will represent the League's sponsors, NWBL and the host organisation.
- 8.2 Refer to Host Organisation (**page 8**) for details of presentation format.

## **SECTION 4: Other**

### **1 Sponsorship**

- 2.1 The League Executive is governed by the BA relating to sponsorship and may negotiate sponsorships for the league.
- 2.2 NWBL sponsorships will be negotiated, mindful of KNOWN team sponsors and we will endeavour not to negotiate with sponsors that may conflict with existing team sponsor arrangements.
- 2.3 Teams have the right to negotiate team sponsors; however teams must confer with BA prior to completing sponsorship negotiations. Teams should not negotiate sponsorship arrangements with companies in direct competition with league sponsors. Registering potential team sponsors with BA prior to entering negotiations will help ensure that conflicts do not arise between NWBL and team Sponsors.
- 2.4 Prior to undertaking any promotional activities relating to the League, all teams are to seek approval from BA in order to ensure that league sponsors are appropriately recognised.



# Appendix B: NWBL Incident/Injury Report Form

Incidents are to be reported within seven (7) days of the incident.

<b>INCIDENT DETAILS: Game</b>		<b>V</b>	
<b>DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT</b>			
<b>DATE INCIDENT OCCURRED</b>			
<b>TIME INCIDENT OCCURRED</b>			
<b>ACTUAL LOCATION</b>			
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>			
<b>NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS REPORT:</b>			
<b>CAPACITY:</b>			
<b>ADDRESS:</b>			
<b>PHONE:</b>			