



# **EAST PERTH**

## **DISTRICT BASKETBALL ASSOC.**

**East Perth Districts Basketball Association Inc.**

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**Junior Domestic Competition By-Laws**

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## FOREWORD:

East Perth District Basketball Association (EPDBA) is affiliated with Basketball WA (BWA). The information contained in this handbook will outline the Domestic Competition playing rules, procedures and Code of Conducts. These rules have been formulated in consultation with Domestic Club committees.

If there is any information, specific code of conduct or situation that is not covered in this handbook, the EPDBA Executive and Coordinator Junior Domestic Competition will be able to provide details or assist.

This handbook is freely available via our website and is aimed to provide our affiliated clubs/teams, players and parents with expectations of what is required to play in EPDBA Junior Domestic Competition. All players that play in this competition should conduct themselves in accordance with the Code of Conduct. The East Perth and Basketball WA Codes of Conduct outline expected behaviours for players, parents, spectators, coaches, referees and score table officials. Any breach of the Codes of Conduct will be dealt with by the EPDBA Executive Committee in the manner set out in Section 23 Reports, Tribunals and Protests. Information contained in this handbook is to be read in conjunction with all BWA codes, rules and obligations along with FIBA Basketball Rules.

The handbook will be reviewed as required by the Executive committee, noting any changes to FIBA and BWA rules and guidelines. EPDBA reserves the right to override any of the rules, regulations, policies and procedures if deemed to be in the best interest of the program and/or club. Otherwise, the rule book follows the Basketball WA and FIBA rules and regulations.

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## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the competition is to have fun, exercise, improve skills, learn and play in a team environment as well as provide a pathway for players to progress to the next level of the sport.

## 2. SCOPE

- 2.1 This East Perth District Basketball Association Junior Domestic competition playing rules form part of the By-Laws as set out in section 19 of the East Perth District Basketball Association (Inc) Constitution 2019.
- 2.2. This policy applies to all players, coaches, teams, spectators and umpires playing in the East Perth District Basketball Association local competition. By paying registration and game fees and taking the court, all sides will comply with the East Perth District Basketball Association (EPDBA) constitution and both the FIBA and local competition playing rules. This means that all involved are covered by the Basketball Western Australia Code of conduct.
- 2.3. These documents cover the organisation's objectives, guidelines and policies regarding this competition.
- 2.4. It includes how East Perth referee coordinator, club officials and development referees ("green shirts") and/or senior referees may use these rules to achieve the purpose. Day to day interpretation of the rules shall be the responsibility of the Games Controller and relevant Director. The EPDBA has the discretion to waive the application of the By-laws in exceptional circumstances. In considering whether exceptional circumstances exist, the Association must consider that any decision to waive the application of a By-law in exceptional circumstances shall apply to the current Season only, unless it is agreed by the Board to amend the By-laws for future Seasons.

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## 3 CONDUCT OF GAMES

- 3.1 All games are played under the jurisdiction of EPDBA and shall be conducted in accordance with the International Basketball Federation of Australia (FIBA) Basketball Rules and Regulations except where variations are adopted by Basketball WA or listed within these by-laws.
- 3.2 All clubs commit to pay the team nomination fee and game fees as set out by EPDBA.
- 3.3 All games will be under the control of the EPDBA Games Controller.
- 3.4 EPDBA is responsible for fixtures, ladders and notifications communicated to all teams within the domestic competition.
- 3.5 All teams are required to have a coach and team manager who will ensure their team is properly uniformed, organised and has sufficient players registered to complete the schedule of games without disruption.
- 3.6 Tablets/Laptops for scoring are provided by EPDBA and will be located on the score benches. Game data comprising registered players will be downloaded to the tablets/laptops prior to the commencement of each game.
- 3.7 For a player to enter the court they must appear on the scoresheet prior to the commencement of the second half. Any player who appears on the scoresheet at half time and is not present must be removed by a referee so that they are not recorded as playing a qualifying game. It is the responsibility of the referees to perform this check however if not done there will be no recourse.
- 3.8 Each team must provide a competent and qualified scorer for each game. The game will not commence until such scorers are present.

## 4 GAME TIMING AND INFORMATION

- 4.1 As the competition is not fully timed, there shall be alterations to the F.I.B.A rules, which cannot be enforced fairly without stopping the game clock.
- 4.2 Two (2) x 20-minute halves with no time stoppages except for finals as per Section 7.

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- 4.3 Each team may have up to two x 60 second timeouts per half. Referees will call players back onto the court after 50 seconds.
- 4.4 No timeouts are allowed in the last 3 minutes of the second half (excluding finals). If a timeout is called with less than four (4) minutes remaining in the second period, the length of the timeout will be reduced. Players will be asked to return to the court and game play will recommence at with three (3) minutes remaining on the clock.
- 4.5 The half time break is three (3) minutes.
- 4.6 Zone defence is not permitted in U14 and below. Shell defence is not considered zone because the defensive player is still locating their player versus zone which is occupying a zone of the court with no attempt to track their defensive players. If umpires are unsure if a team is playing a zone, they should seek assistance from the referee co-ordinator/coach, games controller or senior referee (in that order).
- 4.7 The new and existing 3-point lines will apply as follows –
  - 4.7.3 Under 14s and below use the inner (old) line where available.
  - 4.7.4 Under 16s and above use the outer (new) line.
- 4.8 In the regular season in the event of a drawn game, no extra time will be played. As per section 6, two points will be awarded each team.
- 4.9 Referees will not commence a game until players are appropriately entered onto a scoresheet or the online scoring system. Players need to be readily identifiable as a registered EPDBA player including both first name and surname. If a player does not appear on the on-line scoresheet the referee should call the matter to the attention of the game's controller or another senior official (if the former is not available) in order to resolve the issue. The clock will commence at the scheduled game time.
- 4.10 Players must be at the game and appear on the scoring tablet before half time.
- 4.11 See section 7.12 for variations of these rules for finals specifically.

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## 5. UNDER 8 AND 10 SPECIFIC RULES AND GUIDELINES.

- 5.1 These provisions apply to all players, coaches, spectators and referees involved in the Under 8 and Under 10 competitions.
- 5.2 The ring and backboard shall be lowered.
- 5.3 Players must play one on one defence. No double teaming is permitted.
- 5.4 No three second keyway violations shall apply
- 5.5 No backcourt violation shall apply.
- 5.6 Personal fouls shall not be counted.
- 5.7 If a player engages in contact which would ordinarily be deemed to be a foul, the referee shall explain the reason the play resulted in a foul to the player who committed the contact. The opposition team shall receive the ball from the sideline.
- 5.8 If a player continues to engage in contact the referee may request a substitution for the player so the coach may provide the player with guidance.
- 5.9 Players are not to play back court defence. They are to retreat to behind the 3-point line in the front court and may only proceed to defend the ball once the ball has crossed the half way line.
- 5.10 Inexperienced players are given some lenience with travel and double dribble violations committed under pressure but the game may be stopped if they are on their own (not under defensive pressure). A player may be educated by the referee and may receive the ball back as a tool for improvement. Continued travel and double dribble violations may result in a turn over.
- 5.11 All violations called are to be explained to players.
- 5.12 Mercy strategies are to be used on one-sided games. Strategies may include 5 passes before shooting, score through a player who hasn't scored or who has limited scoring, no hands defence, left hand play etc.
- 5.13 No finals are played.

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## 6. COMPETITION POINTS

- 6.1 Competitions points for each game completed in accordance with official fixture is:
- 6.1.1 Win: 3 points
  - 6.1.2 Bye: 3 points
  - 6.1.3 Draw: 2 Points
  - 6.1.4 Loss: 1 Point
  - 6.1.5 Forfeit Given: 0 points
  - 6.1.6 Forfeit Received: 3 Points
  - 6.1.7 Un-notified, un-financial, unregistered or ineligible player forfeit: 0 points.
- 6.2 Any team playing an illegal player will result in that team forfeiting the game and will be awarded competition points in accordance with section 6.1 and required to pay the forfeit fines in accordance with section 9. An illegal player is defined as:
- 6.2.1 A player playing under a false name
  - 6.2.2 A player who is not eligible to play as per section 12
  - 6.2.3 A player who is not a valid fill-in player as per section 13

## 7. FINALS

- 7.1 A qualifying game is any game that is not part of the final's series for that season.
- 7.2 A bye is not considered a qualifying game.
- 7.3 Only qualifying games count towards a player's eligibility to play finals in a particular grade.
- 7.4 At the end of the regular season, the top four teams in each division will participate in finals
- 7.5 The finals will be played at the conclusion of the qualifying rounds. The finals format will be determined by the number of teams competing in each division where EPDBA will stipulate whether there will be a second-four finals series for a particular grade.



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- 7.6 In the event that two or more teams are on equal points at the end of the regular season, the team with the highest percentage will take the higher place on the ladder.
- 7.7 Teams level on competition points who have not paid any forfeit fines incurred, by the beginning of the final round of the regular season, will not be eligible to participate in finals.
- 7.8 Teams from clubs that have not paid all EPDBA fees will not be permitted to participate in finals.
- 7.9 In order to play finals, a player must have played in five (5) qualifying games.
- 7.10 EPDBA will notify the clubs of the eligible players for each team, prior to finals.

## 7.11 Finals Format:

Semi Finals	
Game 1	1 v 4 Winner to Grand Final
Game 2	2 v 3 Winner to Grand Final
Grand Final	
Game 3	Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2

## 7.12 Game rules for finals

- 7.12.1 Where scores are tied at the end of the regular time, an extra 5 minutes per period will be played, or as many extra periods are necessary to break the tie.
- 7.12.2 An interval of 2 minutes shall be allowed before each extra period.
- 7.12.3 During each extra period, only 1 timeout is allowed per team.
- 7.12.4 Team fouls will be carried forward from the end of the regular time through all overtime periods
- 7.12.5 The last 3 minutes of the game and each overtime period is fully timed
- 7.12.6 Substitutions are allowed in the last 2 minutes of each period and overtime period following a made basket. The clock shall be stopped during this time.

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## 8. PAYMENT AND FEES

- 8.1 The Board shall determine team nomination, game and other fees.
- 8.2 Domestic clubs will be invoiced for their team nomination within twenty-one (21) days of commencement of the competition.
- 8.3 Domestic clubs will be invoiced for games played in the first half of the season as follows:
  - 8.3.1 In the summer season, after the last game is played in term 4 of the school term or;
  - 8.3.2 In the winter season, after the last game is played in term 2 of the school term.
- 8.4 The second half of the season's game fees will be invoiced on at the conclusion of the competition.
- 8.5 Invoices for forfeits will be raised within seven (7) days.
- 8.6 Invoices for court hire will be raised within fourteen (14) days of the end of month.
- 8.7 Payment for all invoices is due within seven (7) days.
- 8.8 A club must pay their invoices when they fall due to be financial. Un-financial teams shall not be eligible to receive any premiership points during the un-financial period.
- 8.9 Un-financial teams or clubs may not take part in finals.
- 8.10 Any nominated teams who withdraw after the start of the season will not be eligible for any refunds.

## 9. FORFEITS AND FINES

- 9.1 If a team does not have 4 players on the court and ready to play within the 10 minutes following the scheduled game time, the match will be declared a forfeit.
- 9.2 In the event of a forfeit, the team forfeiting the game shall be deemed to have lost the game with a score of 0 to 20. Competition points will be awarded as per section 6.1

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- 9.3 Teams who do not provide 24 hours' notice of an intended forfeit will be charged a fine of \$170. A lower fine of \$150 shall be applied where advanced notification is given.
- 9.4 A team that has forfeited more than 4 times during the regular season may be disqualified from the competition.
- 9.5 When a fixture is forfeited, the team who did not forfeit will not pay the game fee and all registered players will be credited with having played a qualifying game.
- 9.6 Players on the team that forfeits will not be credited with having played a qualifying game.
- 9.7 A team that has been deemed to breach any item in by-law clause 12 and 13 will result in a forfeiture of the game and a fine imposed of \$250 for each occurrence.

## 10. BWA AFFILIATED TOURNAMENT FORFEIT POLICY

- 10.1 For any BWA affiliated tournaments that impact EPDBA's Domestic competition, the following policy applies. Tournaments include, although not limited to; State Championships, WABL Grading and 3x3 competitions.
- 10.2 Teams that lose players for Statewide events (i.e. State Champs / WABL Grading / 3x3 competitions) will be able to request a forfeit and if granted, receive 3 competition points. The opposition team fixtured for that day will also receive 3 points.
- 10.3 The domestic team list must show that sufficient WABL players from that team are competing in BWA events as stated above, and will cause that team to be left with 4 players or less.
- 10.4 All requests for forfeits under this policy must be submitted to [admin@eastpertheagles.com.au](mailto:admin@eastpertheagles.com.au) from the domestic club president delegated representative, and must be made within 5 days prior to the scheduled event.
- 10.5 Exceptions to the notification period are allowed if the BWA fixtures change within that time period.

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10.6 When requesting a forfeit due to BWA event Presidents, or their delegated representative, are to include the following:

- 10.6.1 Name of team forfeiting.
- 10.6.2 Name of players competing in event.
- 10.6.3 Fixtured time and court (if available).
- 10.6.4 Opposition Team (if available).

## 11. UNIFORMS, NAMES AND EQUIPMENT

- 11.1 All teams must be correctly uniformed with matching singlets numbered on the front and back. Singlet numbers as per FIBA rules 0-99.
- 11.2 All players shorts are to match the colour and style of the rest of the team as itemised below. A team will incur a \$50 fine for each player who breaches this rule.
  - 11.2.1 Plain black shorts without pockets or
  - 11.2.2 Shorts matching the player singlet.
- 11.3 After the third game of the competitions, teams playing with unsatisfactory uniforms will not be allowed to take the court without approval from the executive. A new registered player coming into team will have one (1) week to be in uniform. Teams not able to match exact uniform colours may seek approval, in writing to the executive, for permission to play in a similar colour.
- 11.4 No jewellery is permitted (taping over jewellery is not acceptable), and nails must be kept short or appropriately taped as per FIBA and BWA specifications.
- 11.5 If there is a clash of colours in the uniform, then before the commencement of the game, the second named team will wear an alternative strip or bib. It is a club's responsibility to supply an alternative strip or bibs and arrangement should be made ahead of time.
- 11.6 Uniforms and team names must not include inappropriate words or graphics including the number 69.
- 11.7 An inappropriately dressed player will not be permitted to take the court. A player is considered inappropriately dressed if;

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- 11.7.1 They are not a new player as per item 10.3 and are playing singlet that is not the same as the rest of the team; or
  - 11.7.2 They wear the same number as another player who has already legally taken the court; or
  - 11.7.3 They wear headgear or hair accessories that have the potential to cause injury to other players (i.e. loose material capable of being accidentally caught during play); or
  - 11.7.4 They wear an undershirt that extends outside of the playing singlet that is not a compression garment.
  - 11.7.5 They have hair braids and plaits that swing freely. These must be tied up in a bun where the length permits.
  - 11.7.6 Their finger nails extend beyond the edge of their fingers. See item 11.4.
- 11.8 Coaches and Team Managers are required to be in appropriate attire at all times while on court.
- 11.9 Each team is to provide a game ball. The referee will choose the best ball for use in the game. The following sizes apply to each age group:

Age Group	Size
Under 8 mixed, Under 10 mixed	Size 5
Under 12's Girls and Boys	Size 5
Under 14 Girls and upwards	Size 6
Under 14 Boys and upwards	Size 6
Under 16 Boys and upwards	Size 7

- 11.10 Mouth guards are mandatory for players in age divisions Under 12 and above. Players have until the completion of grading to obtain a mouth guard. No mouth guard no play.

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## 12. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY

- 12.1 Players need to meet the eligibility criteria below to be a registered player.  
Unregistered players may not take the court.
- 12.2 All players must be registered with EPDBA Local Competition. Penalties will be incurred for a team playing an unregistered player as per item 6.2 and per the fine as specified at item 12.6
- 12.3 In exceptional circumstances, EPDBA reserves the right to place older players into younger age groups where appropriate.
- 12.4 A player must be registered and assigned to a team prior to Friday 12pm the day before the game.
- 12.5 A player may be registered to no more than two (2) teams on the same day, however, cannot play in more than one team in the same age group.
- 12.6 If it is found a team breaches this bylaw, it will result in a forfeiture of the game and a fine imposed of \$250 for each occurrence.
- 12.7 EPDBA reserved the right to refuse any team or player into the competition.

## 13. FILL-IN PLAYERS

- 13.1 A player can only fill-in in a higher age group or grade once in a fixture for the day and no more than 4 occasions in the season.
- 13.2 A fill-in player may not play for another team in the same grade as his/her registered team.
- 13.3 The fill-in can only be used to make a maximum of six (6) players for the team.
- 13.4 Fill in players must be registered to the domestic club prior to the fixtured game as per section 12.
- 13.5 A fill-in player may not exceed the number of WABL players for that team.

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## 14. RESTRICTED AND WABL PLAYERS

- 14.1 A player selected to play in the top two teams selected for an age group for any Association in the Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) from January to December for the year the competition starts, will be defined as a RESTRICTED player. This includes players selected on WABL teams that are yet to have played.
- 14.2 A player selected to play in the NBL1 from January to December for the year of the competitions start, will be defined as a RESTRICTED player. This includes players selected to an NBL1 team that is yet to play.
- 14.3 A player selected for a State Basketball Team (country WA and Metro WA), Southern Cross Challenge or any equivalent, will be defined as a RESTRICTED player.
- 14.4 A player selected to play in the third and further teams for an age group for any Association in the Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) from January to December for the year the competition starts, will be classed as a WABL player. This includes players selected on WABL teams that are yet to have played.
- 14.5 For teams entering into the EPDBA Junior/domestic Competition, the following rule applies
  - 14.5.1 Girls – Maximum of 4 WABL players per team, of which there may be no more than 2 restricted players.
  - 14.5.2 Boys – Maximum of 4 WABL players per team, of which there may be no more than 2 restricted players.
- 14.6 The RESTRICTED AND WABL Player rule does not apply to player who plays up an age group.
- 14.7 EPDBA reserves the right to make decisions to maintain a sustainable competition or fill an age group.
- 14.8 EPDBA reserves the right to apply an exemption to this rule where appropriate.

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## 15. DEVELOPMENT TEAMS

- 15.1 A WABL coach may enter his or her current WABL team or prospective WABL team into the domestic competition for Development purposes (Development Team)
- 15.2 Development Teams require executive approval from the Director of Basketball before entering the competition.
- 15.3 The Director of Basketball will consider player safety before granting such approval.
- 15.4 Development Teams may play one age group up if there is sufficient court availability, but will not accumulate competition points or play in finals.
- 15.5 Opposition teams will accumulate 3 competition points regardless of the game result.
- 15.6 Development sides are setup for development outcomes under the guidance of the Director of WABL or Development with the support of the selected WABL coach. The practice of setting up independent sides comprised of entire WABL teams is not permitted.
- 15.7 The WABL rule does not apply to Development teams.

## 16. TRANSFERS

- 16.1 A transfer request is a request by a player to register to a new club. Transfers are initiated by a player during registration to their intended new club.
- 16.2 A player or their parent/guardian must notify the registrar of the Domestic Club they wish to transfer from. The Domestic Club representative may attempt to resolve any disputes or differences.
- 16.3 Once a transfer is submitted the player's current club may decline the transfer if any fees are outstanding or property has not been returned by the Player to Domestic Club.
- 16.4 The player's current club may not unreasonably withhold a transfer and must promptly notify a player of the reason to decline a transfer and the action required by the player before the transfer will be granted.
- 16.5 No transfer will be approved where the player has been approached, coerced and/or



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persuaded in any way, by any official or representative of EPDBA or any member Club. Where it is proven this has occurred, the offending club/person may be reported for unsportsmanlike behaviour to the EPDBA tribunal committee and/or may be subject to fines.

- 16.6 No transfer will be approved if it is submitted after the completion of the final grading game.
- 16.7 Protests in relation to transfers must be submitted in writing to EPDBA at [admin@eastpertheagles.com.au](mailto:admin@eastpertheagles.com.au).

## 17. GRADING

- 17.1 The first four (4) rounds of the competition shall be grading rounds.
- 17.2 At the earliest available opportunity following the final grading game, a Domestic Club representative and EPDBA will meet to determine the potential movement of teams between divisions.
- 17.3 The decisions made by EPDBA in consultation with Domestic Club representatives will be final.

## 18. ABANDONED AND CANCELLED GAMES

- 18.1 A game may be stopped if it becomes unsafe to continue (e.g. rough play) or due to extenuating circumstances (e.g. power failure or roof leak). Only the games controller can make the decision to abandon a game.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 If the game has reached half time before being abandoned, the score shall stand and be recorded as the final score.
- 18.4 If the game has not reached half time before being abandoned, there shall be no result, and the game shall be considered a washout.
- 18.5 If other remaining teams playing in the same divisions are fixtured to play on that day and are affected, they will each be awarded a draw and 20 points each.

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- 18.6 If a game is cancelled before it commences the teams will be recorded with drawn game results and a score of 20 points to each team.
- 18.7 If a game is cancelled before it commences, only those who were registered to the team will have the game count towards finals eligibility.

## 19. CODES OF CONDUCT

- 19.1 All players, referee, officials and spectators are required to adhere to the BWA Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy. EPDBA may conduct a tribunal for any person who is in charged with a breach of the code of conduct.
- 19.2 The Basketball Australia code of conduct covers EPDBA referees at all times. Any person abusing a referee will be instructed to leave the stadium. A further tribunal process may follow including sanctions against the person or player.
- 19.3 Any player or coach who is issued a disqualifying foul must leave the courts area. A disqualifying foul is two (2) unsportsmanlike fouls, two (2) technical fouls or one (1) of each.
- 19.4 Any player or coach who is issued a disqualifying foul shall be ineligible to play in any EPDBA games for a period of seven (7) days excluding the date of the incident.
- 19.5 Any player found under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to play and will be instructed to leave the stadium.

## 20. REFEREES AND GAMES CONTROLLERS

- 20.1 Any decision regarding the efficient running of the competition, behaviour issues, and a team's eligibility to play, forfeits etc, is made via the Games Controller. A Games Controller attends at all games and venues. Final decisions on game results resides with EPDBA executive with no further discussion.
- 20.2 **Green shirts** are beginner referees and must be supported by all involved and associated with EPDBA. They have undertaken a level 0 course and been mentored by a senior official, referee coordinator or referee coach. Poor behaviour to green

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shirts can result in a game report and/or removal of the offending person from the venue by the Games Controller, Referee Coordinator or appropriate Director.

- 20.3 **Grey Shirts** are more experienced than beginner referees but have not yet passed their evaluations to become a Black and White Striped referee.
- 20.4 **Black and White Striped** referees are more qualified and experienced referees who have generally completed a level 1 course with some senior referees having reached State level (level 2) and National (level 3). They can be approached politely by the coach at an appropriate time and seek clarification on matters.
- 20.5 **Referee coaches** are senior officials at the Association who generally are very experienced in refereeing and coaching other referees.
- 20.6 Green Shirts, Grey Shirts Black and White Striped Referees, Referee Coaches and the Games Controller may all speak to coaches and team supporters to control a situation where behaviour is not considered appropriate or in-line with the BWA Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy.
- 20.7 The Games Controller may approach teams and players to discuss any concerns raised during a game including to confirm that the team is not playing an illegal player.
- 20.8 The Games Controller cancel games for gross misconduct or request a person is removed from the stadium.

## 21. SAFETY, PRECAUTIONS AND INJURY

- 21.1 Parents/Guardians of players suffering from an illness or medical condition are to accept responsibility for the Player and are to make the coaches and team Managers aware of their condition. This information must be confidential.
- 21.2 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 affected area of open wound has been completely, and securely, covered. Any clothing soiled with blood is to be removed before a player is allowed back on the court. The

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referee's decision shall be final in determining whether a player may return to the court.

- 21.3 Injured players should not be moved until someone with first-aid training has attended to them, or their parent/guardian decides to do so.
- 21.4 The games controller shall enforce the BWA Hot Weather Policy.
- 21.5 It is up to individual players or their guardians to decide if playing conditions are suitable to the players abilities and health; this includes but in not limited to injury, illness, and weather conditions. EPDBA provide the opportunity for competitions, but the duty of care and the decision to play remains with the individual.

## 22. REPORTS, TRIBUNALS AND PROTESTS

- 22.1 EPDBA adopts and enforces the Basketball Western Australia Tribunal and Appeals Procedures.
- 22.2 All persons entering a stadium where an EPDBA competition is held may be subject to report by any EPDBA staff member.
- 22.3 A Protest of game result and/or player eligibility must be lodged within twenty-four (24) hours following the end of the game in question by:
  - 22.3.1 A domestic club representative or committee member.
  - 22.3.2 Sending an email to [admin@eastpertheagles.com.au](mailto:admin@eastpertheagles.com.au) of the dispute or protest and
  - 22.3.3 Outline the relevant by-laws and reason for the protest.
- 22.4 Tribunals**
  - 22.4.1 Should a player, coach, team manager or parent/spectator be reported to the association for disciplinary action it with the handled by the Tribunal committee appointed by the Executive.
  - 22.4.2 EPDBA will conduct an internal Tribunal process unless the charged person is reported to BWA. At any BWA tribunal an EPDBA representative will be available to you.

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22.4.3 The Tribunal committee shall hear and determine all charges brought before it on a report made by the Games Controller on behalf of the game officials. It shall also hear and determine any other matter referred to it by the Executive Committee.

22.4.4 The tribunal committee shall impose penalties as it deems appropriate upon players, clubs, individual sides, officials and coaches. The range of penalties shall include but not be limited to fines, game suspensions and suspended sentences. The penalties will be guided by the relevant BWA processes.

22.4.5 The tribunal has jurisdiction over any event that occurs within the stadium or surrounds where the competition is being conducted. It also has the ability to consider behaviour that is not consistent with the BWA Code of Conduct including social media

22.4.6 All tribunal hearing and correspondence relating to hearings are to be confidential. However, the association retains the right to make a generic statement on an incident, especially where it aids with education of club members

## **22.5 Report Procedures**

22.5.1 Any reports that arise out of a game must be notified to the EPDBA Executive within 24 hours. This should include a summary of events by Games Controller and accompany a copy of the referee's reports. Long emotional emails with second hand information that make unfair demands will be discarded from proceedings.

22.5.2 The tribunal shall be made up of a Chairperson and two other independent persons who are not affiliated in any way to the matter being heard. The Association reserves the right to use people who are not members of East Perth in the Chair or member roles.

22.5.3 If the person charged in the matter does not appear before the tribunal at the notified time and place, or refuses to provide information, a decision may be made without them, and a penalty prescribed. They are permitted

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to nominate an advocate to appear in their stead or to submit a written report. Any player, member, supporter or club involved in a matter being heard by the tribunal may be accompanied by a support person. However, the tribunal reserves the right to exclude individuals from the hearing if they become disruptive.

- 22.5.4 If a player is found guilty and a game(s) suspension is imposed, notification is to be sent to the players concerned and to their club/team clearly showing the penalty.