

Basketball NSW Molten Waratah League – Regulations

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1. RISK WARNING

All participants should be aware that there are risks of injury associated with playing basketball, as there are with other sports. Risks will arise in the context of the activities of running, catching, throwing, passing, shooting and guarding opposing players. While Basketball NSW aims to minimise risks, it is not possible to eliminate all of them.

2. BOND OF GUARANTEE

2.1 In order to ensure that all competing Associations adhere to the regulations of the NSWBWL, any new competing Association (in any grade/division must lodge a \$500 bond (if not already lodged) with Basketball NSW.

2.2 This Bond will be returned to the Association when and if they cease to be a part of any Basketball NSW competition.

2.3 All bond money is to be held in a separate bank account termed "Trust Account".

2.4 Where associations/teams fail to pay fines as imposed, Basketball NSW has the right to use the entire Bond of Guarantee against the fine. The Association/team will not be permitted to play until the Bond of Guarantee is replenished or replaced by the offending association.

3. CLEARANCES

Basketball NSW Clearance By-Laws, procedures and forms are applicable. Information and details of the Clearance By-Laws etc are found in Appendix 1 of the Basketball NSW Competition By-Laws and Regulations Manual.

4. SPECIAL RULES

Basketball NSW and the NSWBWL Committee have the power to vary, change or introduce Special Rules in the Regulations of the NSWBWL

4.1 3 Strikes You Lose Policy

Is where BNSW receive 3 substantiated reports of poor behaviour. Be that poor coach, asst coach, players and spectators etc

* 1st report associations will be contacted via phone

* 2nd report associations will be contacted via a written response

* 3rd report association will lose their home games

4.2 The Red Card System

Any coach/player that receives an accumulation of 3 technical fouls throughout the 2013 Waratah League will receive a 2 Game Ban from all aspects of coaching/playing in the Waratah League.

Associations will be sent an email to inform them of any coach/player that receives a Technical Foul.

Eg Coach Joe receives a tech foul in Rd 2 of the competition and then another in Rd 10 and then again in Rd 13. Joe will be given a 2 Game Ban from all areas of coaching in the Waratah League.

Please note if it is a bench technical foul this will also be included as one technical foul for the coach of the team. Coaches have a responsibility to control their players.

The hosting Associations Game day supervisor will be responsible for the control of spectators at the venue.

Eg Player Michelle receives a tech foul in Rd 2 of the competition and then another in Rd 10 and then again in Rd 13. Michelle will be given a 2 Game Ban from all areas of playing in the Waratah League.

The 2 Game Ban is for 2 games. If a coach/player has a double header weekend their 2 Game Ban is completed. Byes are not included in the 2 Game Ban.

Once the coach/player has had their 2 game ban their technical foul count is reset. Their next technical foul will be their first of the three.

If a coach/player receives their third technical foul he/she will continue to coach/play that game.

If a coach/player receives their third technical foul on the Saturday and they have a game on the next day they are able to coach/play in that game. Their association will be notified on the Monday that they are suspended for 2 games.

This only affects any coach/player in the Waratah League (seniors) If a coach/player is also involved in any BNSW Junior Competitions they will be able to continue coach/play in those competitions while serving their 2 Game Ban for the Waratah League.

Where a coach/player is involved in two teams they will be banned for both teams Eg Michelle plays in Championship and Youth League. Michelle receives 3 Technical Fouls in Youth League. Michelle is banned from both Youth League and Championship until she served the 2 game bans in the Youth League. The same will take place if there is a person that coaches for one team and plays in another. They will be unable to take part in either team if they have a 2 Game Ban.

Technical Fouls for inappropriate behaviour will only be taken into account when implementing The Red Card System.

BNSW is trying to provide a friendly sports rage free environment for all involved in the game of basketball.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 All participants are required to be registered members of Basketball NSW through an association.

5.2 The Registration By-Laws and procedures of Basketball NSW are set out in Appendix V of Basketball NSW Registration By-Laws Manual.

5.3 Clubs are required to be currently financial with Basketball NSW.

6. BASKETBALL NSW CODES OF CONDUCT

The Codes of Conduct are set out in Appendix 6 of Basketball NSW competition By-Laws.

7. ANNUAL FEES

8.1 The annual fees of the NSW BWL shall be determined by BNSW (As part of its budgetary process) and notified to competing associations by at least the annual meeting.

8.2 Annual fees for each club shall be paid in three instalments

8.3 If instalments are not met by the next round of games played by the Club, games may be forfeited.

8. ADMISSION FEES

The maximum admission fees for each grade/division shall be set/confirmed by the Annual Meeting of the NSW BWL.

Currently the maximum admission fee for any venue is \$10.

9. GAME SCHEDULING

Shall be approved by members at the Annual Meeting from recommendations made by the Events manager.

Game scheduling for the WL will be as follows:

Majority of games played on Saturday

- Friday may be used in some instances
- Second games on weekends played on Sundays
- Game times variable
- Game times set to attract spectators but consideration must be given to travelling teams
- Men's and Women's games programmed together whenever possible
- WL Championship Division Games must be played as stand alone games – no adjoining court activities

- Formats may be home and away, home or away or central venue
- Format of home-away draw to be determined by the number of teams in each respective competition

10. PLAYING RULES

10.1 Timing Rules

Each game shall consist of 4x10 minute quarters as set down in the FIBA Rules.

10.2 Drawn Games

Teams on equal scores at full time will play an extra period/s until a results is achieved. Each entire period shall be five minutes and will be conducted as per FIBA Rules.

10.3 Match Ball

The official match ball will be Molten Basketballs as approved by Basketball NSW. This is the only approved basketball.

Men will use size 7 Molten 12 panel basketball.

Women will use size 6 Molten 12 panel basketball.

10.4 Acts of God

That the following formula be used to determine the result for a game that cannot be completed.

A 20+ point margin will mean that the result will stand at the score line when the game was abandoned, at any point of the game.

A margin less than 20 points before half time will mean the game is abandoned.

A margin of 15+ points between half and three-quarter time will mean that the result stands at the score line when the game was abandoned.

After three-quarter time, the result stands at the score line when the game was abandoned.

10.5 Point Scores

Points will be awarded as follows:

Two (2) points for a Win

One (1) point for a Loss

Nil (0) points for a Forfeit

10.6 A player can only take part in the game if their name is on the scoresheet prior to the game commencing. If a player arrives late and their name is not on the

scoresheet they cannot take the court. A player can arrive with 5 minutes to go and if their name is on the scoresheet they can take the court.

11. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOME & VISITORING ASSOCIATIONS

Home

- 11.1 Provide an approved Molten match ball, court, lighting and equipment of first class standard for the match.
- 11.2 Ensure that the Scoretable is fully staffed by 5 competent accredited personnel. Scoretable officials should be Level 1 with chairman Level 2. Include 2 statisticians with a minimum of one Level 2 and one Level 1.
- 11.3 Provide floor wipers who are old enough to cope; and a minimum number of two. Floor mops or brooms must be used
- 11.4 Play warm-up music prior to home games.
- 11.5 Introduce the players, team officials, referees and special guests to the spectators.
- 11.6 Ensure that the Stadium (playing venue) is opened one (1) hour prior to the first game time.

Visiting

- 11.7 Provide the home team with current player lists and numbers by Thursday prior to each scheduled game.
- 11.8 Advise home team as to the colour of uniform to be worn by visiting team on the Thursday prior to each scheduled game.
- 11.9 Advise home teams of accommodation location in advance (if applicable) in case contact is required.

12. TEAM ROSTERS

- 12.1 Roster size, each team is entitled to suit up and play twelve (12) players per game, provided that each player has complied with the relevant registration. Each player in the competition will be allowed five (5) personal fouls. After the fifth foul that player will not be allowed to continue playing the game.
- 12.2 Teams may nominate up to twenty (20) players on their respective team roster. Players can be replaced, but the twenty numbers cannot be exceeded at any one time. Applications for variations are required.

13. ELIGIBILITIES

13.1 Player Eligibility – Rules in line with FIBA clearance regulations.

13.2 Associations are able to nominate 5 Development Youth League Players and 5 Development State League Players from their team roster. From those 5 nominated players, 3 players from will be able to compete up each week and are able to compete in more than one game on the same day. Development Players will not be classified as a restricted player in the following year due to their court time.

13.3 Where an association has a Youth League, State League and Championship Team they are able to select 5 Development players in their Youth League and then 5 Development players in their State League team. Only 3 players from the 10 selected development players are able to compete in their Championship Team in each game.

13.4 Players who have played 7 eligible seasons (as a junior and senior) or 75% of eligible participation with the one Club can play in the Waratah League for that Club as an unrestricted player.

Player Eligibility

Waratah Championship League

13.5 Clubs are able to have a maximum of two (2) players who are restricted players.

13.6 A restricted player is:

A player who is a non-Australian citizen, and is required under rules of FIBA to hold an annual Foreign Players License or A player who is an Australian Citizen but has represented another country in an official FIBA tournament (Zone Qualifier, World Championships and or Olympics) and therefore is ineligible to represent Australia.

13.7 Players who do not hold Australian citizenship status but immigrated to Australia with their parents prior to their fifteenth (15th) birthday may apply for a Special Foreign Player License to enable them to participate in the Waratah Championship League as an unrestricted player.

13.8 Each team is limited to two (2) restricted players being either;

- Foreign player under Basketball Australia guidelines.
- All players who are currently participating in the NBL/WNBL shall be classed into two different categories. These being:

- Restricted: a player who averaged greater than 25% of available court time in the NBL or a player who has averaged greater than 35% of available court time in the WNBL.
- Unrestricted: a player who averaged less than 25% of available court time in the NBL or a player who has averaged less than 35% of available court time in the WNBL.

13.9 Any Australian player who last played in any competition in the following countries must apply for a Foreign Player License:

United States of America (excluding college programs), Yugoslavia, Canada (excluding college programs), Argentina, Lithuania, Spain, Italy, Russia, Greece, France, China, Germany, Turkey, Croatia, Slovakia, New Zealand

13.10 If minutes played could not be produced then the player would be treated as a restricted player.

13.11 The date used to calculate available court time shall be round 18 of the NBL or WNBL competitions, for players returning from an overseas league time on court shall be calculated from the season just completed. For the purpose of this rule all graduating players from AIS are exempt from any restriction and become eligible to participate as an unrestricted player provided that the player is returning directly from the AIS to the Club which released the player to the AIS.

13.12 The principles adopted in categorizing these players are as follows:-
(Applicable for both men and women)

13.13 Any player that is a member of national senior squads as at 1st of July of the previous year shall be automatically a restricted player. A player deemed restricted by being a member of a national senior squad shall remain restricted until their National Federation announces a new national squad list. This means that a list can carry over a twelve month period.

13.14 Graduating AIS women players are exempt from restricted status with the exception of senior national squad selection provided that the player is returning directly from the AIS to the club, which released the player to the AIS.

13.15 Foreign players are not included on the list as they are automatically restricted players.

13.16 It should also be noted that all players contracted to WNBL or NBL teams must provide written permission from that team to allow them to play with any Waratah League teams.

- 13.17 Basketball Australia upon lodgment of Player Registration forms shall automatically provide a written letter of approval for any player that is in a senior National squad.
- 13.18 Any player that miss participation in WCL scheduled games whilst representing their State in National Junior Championships, or Australia on official national duties at national camps or playing for Australia shall have those games missed due to participation, included in the calculations for finals eligibility for the WL. Application in writing to the respective League at least 14 days prior to the start of the finals stating the details of games missed must be included.
- 13.19 Any player who has played one WCL game in any one competition year may not transfer to another WCL team in that playing season.
- 13.20 To be eligible to play in the WCL Finals a player, has to have played a minimum of 40% of games in that season, is suited up for the game and recorded on the scoresheet.
- 13.21 When calculating player's games played and where the number is not a whole number then the number will be rounded up to the next whole number eg 39.1 goes to 40.
- 13.22 In the case of an injured or sick player a Club has the option of requesting an injury waiver for that player from the relevant Events Manager. The injury waiver may be granted, and the player replacement made after the Events Manager is satisfied of the bona fide's of the injury of illness, subject to the following conditions:
- 13.23 Provided that;
- The injured/sick player must miss a minimum of three (3) consecutive WCL games for the Club and the appropriate League Commissioner has been notified.
 - Medical certification of the extent and term of the injury/illness is supplied by a certified medical practitioner or sports medicine specialist. Additional medical certification and written notice is provided to the Events Manager to state the injured/ill player is medically fit to resume participation after the minimum (3) game stand out.
 - The injury waiver MUST be lodged with the appropriate Events Manager by no later than two (2) weeks after the injury/illness has been sustained.
 - Club wishing to bring in a player that would be ruled as restricted may do so only if they are replacing another restricted player.

- Clubs may apply for special dispensation to this rule if their roster size is reduced to less than nine (9) players and that the team has less than 40% of regular season games remaining.

Waratah State & Youth League

13.24 Clubs are able to have a maximum of two (2) restricted players in State League and one (1) restricted player

The following points are the same for State & Youth League – 13.7, 13.8, 13.10, 13.11, 13.12, 13.13, 13.14, 13.15, 13.16, 13.17, 13.21.

13.25 Each team is limited to two (2) restricted players being either;

- Foreign player under Basketball Australia guidelines.
- All players who are currently participating in the NBL/WNBL shall be classed into two different categories. These being:
 - Restricted: a player who averaged greater than 25% of available court time in the NBL or a player who has averaged greater than 35% of available court time in the WNBL.
 - Unrestricted: a player who averaged less than 25% of available court time in the NBL or a player who has averaged less than 35% of available court time in the WNBL.
- All players who participated in the previous year Waratah Championship League shall be classed into two different categories. These being:
 - Restricted: a player who averaged greater than 25% of available court time in the Championship Men or a player who has averaged greater than 35% of available court time in the Championship Women.
 - Unrestricted: a player who averaged less than 25% of available court time in the Championship Men or a player who has averaged less than 35% of available court time in the Championship Women.

13.26 Any player that miss participation in Waratah State & Youth League scheduled games whilst representing their State in National Junior Championships, or Australia on official national duties at national camps or playing for Australia shall have those games missed due to participation, included in the calculations for finals eligibility for the WL. Application in writing to the respective League at least 14 days prior to the start of the finals stating the details of games missed must be included.

13.27 Any player who has played one Waratah State & Youth League game in any one competition year may not transfer to another Waratah State & Youth League team in that playing season.

13.28 To be eligible to play in the Waratah State & Youth League Finals a player, has to have played a minimum of 40% of games in that season, is suited up for the game and recorded on the scoresheet.

14. FINALS VENUE AND FORMAT

The finals weekend venue and format will be determined by the Competitions Manager. The major decision factor will be whether or not the competition fits in the venue.

15. PROMOTION REGULATION

The number of entries may be limited in the Championship Division and a promotion relegation system between that division and State League maybe implemented.

A promotion relegation system between Youth League Men Division One and Youth League Men Division Two will be in place.

16. REFEREE AND REFEREE COACH FEES

These fees shall be set annually at the Annual Meeting of the WL from recommendations submitted to the meeting by the Competition Manager after consultation with the BNSW Referee Manager.

Referee Game Payments

Waratah Championship League

Men - Panel 1 - \$105 Panel 2 - \$85

Women - Panel 1 - \$105, Panel 2 - \$85

Waratah State League

Men - \$52 per referee for each home game

Women - \$52 per referee for each home game

Waratah Youth League

Men - \$47 per referee for each home game

Women - \$47 per referee for each home game

17. UNIFORMS

14.1 Teams must nominate their playing strip and alternate strip with nomination.

14.2 All uniforms are required to carry approved BNSW logos. Any teams that are purchasing new uniforms or are new into the league are required to have the Waratah League Logo also placed onto their uniforms.

18. OTHER ITEMS

18.1 Player contracts – draft standard contracts for use (amateur & professional)

18.2 Dress Code- Dress requirements are casual but neat and tidy for coaches and assistant coaches

19. FINANCIAL STATUS

19.1 Associations/teams that are deemed to be unfinancial by the by-laws of Basketball NSW will be ruled ineligible to participate and/or progress in the competition under the following conditions.

19.2 Prior to nominations closing or the competition commencing, the association shall be refused entry and/or participation in the competition.

19.3 If the association becomes unfinancial during a competition its team may cease to earn competition points until the matter is resolved.

20. LEAGUE ENTRY

Associations MUST also show that they are financial members of Basketball NSW and have no outstanding accounts. Basketball NSW reserves the right to assess each Association's registration figures at the time of evaluating the Nominations.

Associations entering the Waratah League must be incorporated and the Official Entry Form signed by the Association Secretary.

Associations are reminded that penalties are applicable for teams withdrawing from any BNSW competitions.

Penalties are as follows for the Waratah League competition:

1. After the Nomination Closing Date = Loss of Nomination Fee
2. After the release of the draw = Loss of Nomination Fee plus \$2500.00 fine
3. After the commencement of competition = Loss of Nomination Fee plus \$5000.00 fine and the withdrawal of the associations second team (eg Women's team is withdrawn Men's will also forfeit their position in the Waratah).

Associations are asked to read the referee requirements and additional information section carefully. Please return required referee information as part of the official entry form.

21. LEAGUE CRITERIA

- 21.1 Associations must be a Financial Member of NSWBAL
- 21.2 Associations entering a team in the Waratah League (Championship, SBL or Youth League), must have junior teams in all respective Men and Women Junior League competitions (any division) of the Under 18, Under 16 and Under 14 age groups. For small and developing associations that are unable to fill teams in all the above age groups, they are required to write to BNSW with a development plan
- 21.3 Association wishing enter a single sex team into the Championship League may be accepted providing that, associations enter a team of the opposite sex in either SBL and/or Youth League, as well as a team of the same sex in either SBL or Youth League
- 21.4 Suitable Venue that is approved by BNSW
- 21.5 Local competition of relevant age groups
- 21.6 Referee Program
- 21.7 Referee Coordinator
- 21.8 Referees numbers and suitability
- 21.9 Provide copies of associations local competition draws

COMP	TEAM	HOME COLOURS	AWAY COLOURS
WCL	BANKSTOWN	NAVY & SKY & WHITE TRIM	SKY & NAVY & WHITE TRIM
	CANBERRA	BLUE SINGLET - YELLOW TRIM WITH BLUE STARS	YELLOW SINGLET - BLUE TRIM WITH YELLOW STARS
	HILLS	GREEN	
	HORNSBY	GREEN	BLACK
	ILLAWARRA	RED - BLACK STRIP	WHITE
	MAITLAND	BLACK WITH WHITE TRIM, RED RIBBING	WHITE WITH RED TRIM BLACK RIBBING
	MANLY	MAROON & WHITE	WHITE & MAROON
	NEWCASTLE	GREEN WITH WHITE/GOLD TRIM	WHITE WITH GREEN/GOLD TRIM
	NORTHS	RED WITH BLACK AND WHITE	WHITE WITH BLACK AND RED
	PARRAMATTA	ROYAL BLUE/GOLD TRIM	WHITE OR GOLD/BLUE TRIM
	CENTRAL COAST	RED WITH BLUE TRIM	
	SUTHERLAND	SKY BLUE	BLACK
	SYDNEY	GREEN/GOLD	GOLD/GREEN