

PERRY LAKES HAWKS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (PLHBA)  
JUNIOR COMPETITION  
By-Laws

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## Foreword

It is expected that all involved with the PLHBA Junior Competition are aware of the competition By-Laws.

The PLHBA reserves the right to make amendments or inclusions at any time, should it become necessary as determined by the Committee.

For rule clarification please contact any of the members listed under contacts below.

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## Change History

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3.1	8/12/2020	Hugh McAuliffe	Additional tweaks

## 1. Interpretation of the Rules

### 1.1 Definitions

#### 1.1.1 Club

One (1) or more teams identified by a name or uniform.

#### 1.1.2 Team

A group of between 5 and 10 players.

#### 1.1.3 Association

An affiliated group of clubs.

#### 1.1.4 Basketball WA

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Western Australian Basketball Federation (Inc), the governing body for basketball in Western Australia.

### 1.1.5 **PLHBA**

Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball Association (Inc), the organisation responsible for junior basketball in Perth's western suburbs.

### 1.1.6 **Committee**

PLHBA Junior Delegates Committee made up of a representative from each Junior Club.

### 1.1.7 **Supervisor**

A representative of PLHBA in charge of overseeing and educating referees.

### 1.1.8 **Games Controller**

A representative of PLHBA in charge of game-day operations.

### 1.1.9 **Official**

A representative of PLHBA in charge overseeing the competition i.e. Administrator, Director, Manager.

## 1.2 Rule

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

1.2.2 The PLHBA Rules and By-Laws shall apply in other administrative matters not covered by these rules.

## 2. Philosophy

These rules are framed with the aim of organising juniors to play basketball in a structured, but fun competition under conditions that are fair and reasonable to players, Clubs, and referees.

## 3. Player Registration

3.1 A player may only be registered for ONE Domestic Club in any one season and pay the PLHBA annual player registration fee.

3.2 A player must complete their registration online in their Club's data base and complete all relevant questions on the registration document. All new playing members can be asked to produce an 'extract from birth entry', certificate of birth or similar at enrolment for citing by the Club Registrar who should record the serial number and initial the players enrolment form.

3.3 Clubs will be responsible for ensuring that each player's personal particulars are in the Club's registration online data base.

## 4. Player Clearances

4.1 The clearance system is for the protection of Clubs.

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- 4.2 If a player shifts from one club to another, the previous club can demand a clearance should they believe that the player owes them money or hasn't returned uniforms or Club property.
- 4.3 Clearances can only be refused in cases where the Club is owed money or property by the player desiring a clearance.
- 4.4 An application for a clearance should be dealt with within 7 days by the Club's executive.

### 5. Playing Uniforms

- 5.1 A playing uniform shall consist of –

- 5.1.1 A playing top having one of the numbers 00 to 99 located on the front and back. The numbers on the back should be 20cm high at least 2cm wide, while the front number should be 10cm high.
- 5.1.2 Shorts for boys and girls not containing pockets (see 5.2 for non-permitted uniform items).
- 5.1.3 Suitable footwear that will not mark the floors.

- 5.2 Special Uniform and non-permitted items

5.2.1 Not permitted playing uniform includes, but is not limited to: shorts with pockets, boardies, long shorts, cycle pants, skirts. PLHBA officials reserve the right to prevent a player from participating in a game if they deem an item of clothing to be dangerous.

5.2.2 Compression garments & tee shirts can be worn as long as they are skin tight and are black, white or the same colour as the playing uniform.

- 5.3 New Clubs shall submit their uniforms (playing tops and shorts) to the Committee for approval of colour and style.
- 5.4 A team shall be outfitted in the same coloured tops, with no duplicated numbers. Teams shall wear shorts of their Club's approved colour and style.
- 5.5 All players and teams must be correctly attired by week 2 of the competition unless otherwise specified on the nomination information sheets. Uniform violations will be scrutinised from week 2 of the competition.
- 5.6 A new player is allowed one week to conform to the uniform rules.
- 5.7 In the case of a colour clash, the SECOND named team on the fixture sheet shall wear an alternative uniform set provided by their club. (Teams tend to alternate during the season.) A Club may be fined for failure to comply.

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5.8 Clubs wishing to change their uniform colours must apply to the Committee for approval well in advance of the intended change.

5.9 Clubs are asked to support the uniform rules to ensure compliance.

### 5.10 Penalties

5.10.1 Failure to comply with rule 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4 and associated subsections will result in 3 game points per player for Under 12 and below and 5 game points per player for other age groups being awarded to the opposing team.

5.10.2 Points must be awarded before the conclusion of the half-time period.

5.10.3 Examples for 5.10.1

#### Example 1

Player one is wearing the incorrect playing shorts and incorrect playing top, and player two is wearing the incorrect playing shorts. Both players are from the same team. 5 points per player, for a total of 10 points will be awarded to the opposing team.

## 6. Zero Tolerance Policy

6.1 All Teams/Clubs shall be held responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, managers, parents and spectators.

6.2 Behaviour on court by players and coaches.

6.2.1 The Perry Lakes Junior Delegates Committee has agreed that good court manners and sportsmanship will be one of the major aims in the development of players and coaches.

6.2.2 Referees will be instructed to implement a technical foul on coaches and players who swear or for any display of bad sportsmanship on their court.

6.2.3 Section 6.2.2 is in accordance with Article 36.3.1 of the Official FIBA Rules. For the purposes of the PLHBA Junior Competition, referee supervisors and other officials can instruct the referees to administer the penalty where in the judgement of the supervisor or official, the referee is not able to do so themselves.

6.2.4 Spectators displaying bad sportsmanship shall be reported to the Games Controller, Referee Supervisor or other Official. They reserve the right to remove patrons for behaviour which violates the Zero Tolerance Policy (see 6.2.5).

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### 6.2.5 The Policy

All participants in the Junior Competition must accept responsibility for their behaviour.

PLHBA officials reserve the right to ask any coach, manager, player, parent or spectator to immediately leave the venue should they –

- Wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
- Berate or abuse referees
- Berate or abuse players
- Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
- Display conduct which is deemed inappropriate in a sporting environment

No warnings will be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

Any such ejection, or failure to leave the venue, will be referred to the Junior Competition Tribunal which may result in further formal actions being put in place.

Our aim is to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants. We ask any person that feels they cannot refrain from the above unacceptable behaviour to not attend.

Please note that any action taken under this Zero Tolerance Policy and procedure is entirely separate to any action that may be necessitated by State law under the Working with Children Check and any other relevant laws.

The Zero Tolerance Policy plus codes of conduct are on the PLHBA website at <http://www.hawksbasketball.com.au/>

Similar information is on the junior club websites or available via a link to the PLHBA website.

## 7. Club and Team Responsibilities

- 7.1 All coaches, managers and referees aged 18 or over must have a Working with Children Check if they don't have a child in the club as required under the legislation.
- 7.2 All teams must provide one competent bench official for their game.
- 7.3 All players must ensure that fingernails are cut and that all jewellery, including power bands, is removed.

## 8. Eligibility of Players

- 8.1 The names of eligible players will be inputted in the scoring system.

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- 8.2 A player who is present, ready to play and has their name in the scoring system shall be considered to have played in that game.
- 8.3 A player's name shall be removed from the scoring system by the Games Controller if they are not present at the game by the end of the game.
- 8.4 A player playing more than 4 games in a higher division/age group must continue to play in the higher division/age group and is no longer eligible to play in a lower division/age group.
- 8.5 Players from teams having a bye may play for that week in a higher division/age group.
- 8.6 A player may play a second game in a weekend for their own Club, subject to 8.4, where their second game
  - a. Is at a higher level than their nominated team
  - b. Is for a team with less than 6 of their regular players i.e. if a team has 6 of their regular players, they **DO NOT** need a fill-in. If a team has 5 of their regular players, they can have 1 fill-in; 4 players 2 fill-ins; 3 players 3 fill-ins etc.
  - c. Meets all other conditions for player eligibility.

### 9. Eligibility of Players to play in the Finals

- 9.1 To be eligible to play in the finals for any team, players must have played in at least five qualifying games for that team.
- 9.2 BYES are not considered to be qualifying games.
- 9.3 A player may participate in the finals for **ONLY** one team.
- 9.4 A certificate from a doctor or physiotherapist saying that a player was ill or injured and thus unfit to play must be provided to the Competition Administrator to have games credited. Players must be registered with their club, and be financial, prior to the injury/illness for the credit to be allowed.
- 9.5 It is the Club's responsibility to check the eligibility of players before allowing them to play in the finals.
- 9.6 Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of a player to participate in the finals shall be referred to the Committee. See Section 16 (Protests).

### 10. Illegal Players



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- 10.1 Illegal players are defined as follows:
- a. Not Registered with the Club for which they are playing
  - b. Non observance of the qualifying criteria for the finals (See Section 9)
  - c. Playing whilst under suspension by a Basketball WA-affiliated Association
  - d. Playing without clearance – when required – from previous Club (See Section 4).
  - e. Playing under an assumed name
  - f. Playing more than once in a weekend, other than allowed in 8.8.
- 10.2 A team intentionally playing a player under an assumed name may be reported for misconduct to the Committee.
- 10.3 The penalty for playing an illegal player in a match is automatic forfeiture of the match concerned and a fine as determined by the Committee. (See Section 22)

### **11. Team Grading**

- 11.1 The Committee shall have the power to alter or amend team grading and thus the fixtures from time to time. This may be as a result of information gained from grading games or from playing a predetermined number of games. Teams may be regraded at other times if their playing strength is dramatically enhanced by new players or if the team's strength becomes badly depleted. When a team is regraded, their points will be adjusted – see Section 18
- 11.2 In the case of the withdrawal of a team, some regrading may be necessary to redraw the fixtures.
- 11.3 Under age teams can't be forced to play above their age group although this may be recommended to the Club by the Committee.
- 11.4 It is recommended that WABL players play in their representative age group. For example, a player born in the second half of the calendar year may be playing U16s at WABL, but still be eligible for U14s in our competition. In this case, we recommend that they play U16s in our competition as well.

### **12. Abandoned Matches**

- 12.1 If a match is abandoned in the first half for any reason, the outcome will result in a draw. If a match is abandoned in the second half for any reason, the Committee will rule to either keep the result at the point of abandonment or rule a draw.
- 12.2 Reasons may include a power failure, wet floors, major injury, lack of officials or the game getting out of hand due to player or spectator behaviour.

### **13. Forfeits**

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- 13.1 A team forfeiting must notify their Club as soon as possible – ideally giving at least 24 hours' notice so the Hawks office can process it.
- 13.2 A team notifying a late forfeit (as determined by the Committee i.e. not enough time to notify opposition or unreasonably late) or not showing for their match will have 2 premiership points deducted. Points deducted will be shown on the ladder as penalty points and included in the total points.
- 13.3 A team not having 4 legal players on the court and ready to play within 5 minutes of the scheduled start time as shown by the game clock shall forfeit the game. Their opponents will be awarded the game with a score of 20 to 0.
- 13.4 A minimum of 4 player's names must be selected on the scoring system for the winning team and these players must be eligible players as defined in Section 8.
- 13.5 A team forfeiting more than three times may be replaced or withdrawn from the competition.
- 13.6 A team forfeiting the last qualifying game shall be ineligible to play in the finals. (Reason: It is possible to knowingly alter the final placings by forfeiting.)
- 13.7 Forfeit on game day – scratch match
  - 13.7.1 In the event of a forfeit on the day, the teams are encouraged to play a scratch match. The forfeiting team can be supplemented with other suitable available player(s) who may be from their scheduled opponent's team. A player recruited to take part in a scratch match may do so in addition to their own team's game.
  - 13.7.2 The electronic scoring system is not to be used for scratch matches; however, the scoreboard may be used.
  - 13.7.3 No premiership points will be awarded for a scratch match.
  - 13.7.4 The Referee Supervisor will endeavour to supply referees for such a game. However, referees rostered to a forfeited game may be transferred to another game if there is a shortage of referees or substituted for referees on another court if another game would benefit by this. The transfer of referees is at the discretion of the Referee Supervisor.
- 13.8 No match played
  - 13.8.1 The team winning on forfeit may elect to use the court during the scheduled game time for training purposes.

#### **14. Reports of Players, Team/Club Officials and Other Persons**

- 14.1 Players, Coaches, Team/Club officials, referees, parents, spectators and any other person associated with the organisation or playing of a Junior Competition played under these Rules may be subject to report, by the game referees, games controller, referee supervisors, Junior Director or Committee person, for breaches of the rules, which includes basketball playing rules, zero tolerance and these competition rules.
- 14.2 Reports should be made via email or a Basketball WA report sheet.
- 14.3 Any person reported may be required to answer the charge made by appearing in person before a Tribunal hearing.
- 14.4 Any person who has been reported, and/or an Executive member of their Club, will be advised the following facts by the Committee within 48 hours of the report
- \* Date that the report emanated.
  - \* Details of the charges on the report.
  - \* Date, time and venue of the tribunal hearing.
- 14.5 The Tribunal may still proceed in the event that the charged person, having been duly notified, fails to attend. Or, the Tribunal may suspend the charged person until such time as they make themselves available for a Tribunal hearing.

#### **15. Protests**

- 15.1 A team/Club may protest the result of a game if they consider one of the playing conditions has been breached by the opposing team or the organising Committee.
- 15.2 Protests must be lodged in writing and be in the hands of the Junior Director or their nominee within 48 hours of the incident.

#### **16. Tribunal**

- 16.1 The Committee shall set up a Tribunal to hear all cases resulting from official reports, protests or other disputes. The Tribunal will follow the Basketball WA guidelines.
- 16.2 The Tribunal shall consist of three people selected where possible from the list below.
- The PLHBA Junior Director or other Directors of PLHBA
  - Persons nominated by the PLHBA
  - Junior Club Presidents or suitable proxy

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16.3 The Tribunal shall decide a Chairman from its members for each hearing. The Chairman shall be responsible for conducting the hearing, writing the minutes and notifying the findings of the Tribunal to the Clubs participating in the competition.

16.4 Persons Under 18 appearing before the Tribunal to answer a charge are entitled to have a parent or another adult present at the hearing as an observer.

### 17. Competition Structure

Regular season premiership ladder points	
Win	3 Points
Loss	1 Point
Draw	2 Points
Bye	2 Points
Win by Forfeit	3 Points
Loss by Forfeit	0 Points
Loss by Forfeit without substantial notice	-2 Points

17.1 A drawn game stands as the result except in finals.

17.2 Teams that are regraded are credited with 2 points for every game played in their original pool/division. When regrading a team, byes are included as games played; forfeits are not.

17.3 Teams that haven't forfeited, or have less forfeits, are deemed to have finished higher on the ladder than teams tied with them.

17.4 Where two or more teams are tied on points, their position on the premiership ladder shall be decided on their head to head win/loss record and then on percentage of points for and against taken on games ONLY BETWEEN THE TIED TEAMS.

17.5 Finals format

Finals shall be played as follows:

<b>Semi Final 1 (SF 1)</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Semi Final 2 (SF 2)</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup></b>
<b>Grand Final</b>	<b>Winner of SF 1 vs Winner of SF 2</b>

### 18. Equipment

18.1 Suitable match balls and other required equipment will be provided by PLHBA.

18.2 Teams will need to provide their own warm-up balls.

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### 18.3 Ball sizes:

- Size 5 – Miniball, Under 10 and Under 12
- Size 6 – Under 14 Boys
- Size 6 – Under 14 Girls and above
- Size 7 – Under 16 Boys and above

## 19. Game Timing

### 19.1 Qualifying games

- 19.1.1. All regular season matches shall consist of the following times unless otherwise indicated on the fixtures or changed by the Committee in special circumstances.

First Half	Twenty (20) minutes running clock
Half Time Break	Three (3) minutes
Second Half	Twenty (20) minutes with no time outs in the last 5 minutes

### 19.1.2. Timeouts

- Each team is allowed one timeout per half (timeouts not used are not carried into the next period).
- In the last 5 minutes of the second half, no time outs are allowed. Should a timeout be called with less than 6 minutes of play remaining, all players will be called back on to the court at the 5-minute mark.
- In all games played under a running clock, substitutions or other actions causing interruptions to play should be carried out with minimal delay.

### 19.2 Finals

- 19.2.1. All finals matches shall consist of the following times unless otherwise indicated on the fixtures or changed by the Committee in special circumstances.

First Half	Twenty (20) minutes running clock
Half Time Break	Three (3) minutes in Semi Finals; Five (5) minutes in Grand Finals
Second Half	Seventeen (17 minutes) running clock plus a further three (3) minutes fully timed (stop/start clock).

- 19.2.2. In the case of a draw at full time in a final, there will be an interval of 2 minutes followed by an extra 3 minutes which will be fully timed, and so on, until a result.

### 19.2.3. Timeouts

- Each team is allowed one timeout per half (timeouts not used are not carried into the next period).
- Due to games being fully timed in the last 3 minutes of the second half, a timeout can be called at any time in the second half during finals games.

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- c. In the event of overtime, each team is allowed one timeout per overtime period (timeouts not used are not carried into the next period).
- d. In all games played under a running clock, substitutions or other actions causing interruptions to play should be carried out with minimal delay.

### 20. Special Playing Conditions

#### 20.1 Miniball

- Miniball (Modified) Rules (See below)
- Boys and girls may play in the same team.
- Boys teams may be fixtured to play girls teams.
- Low backboards
- Size 5 ball
- The referees may call for a substitution in the case of shoe laces needing retying.
- No finals
- Free throws taken from a line 1200 mm in front of the free throw line.
- Three point shots: For all games with low backboards successful shots from outside the three point line will only score 2 points.
- No Zone Defence allowed or double teaming in the back court (see 21.2.2)
  - \* NOTE: This is not the referees' responsibility. Suspected breeches should be reported to either the Games Controller or a Referees Supervisor. Penalty: Technical foul on the coach as instructed by the referee supervisor or PLHBA official. Note, a warning will be given prior to a technical foul. A second infringement will result in the technical foul.

#### 20.2 SPECIAL MINIBALL RULES

20.2.1 No cross court (or over and back) violation.

20.2.2 **Half court defence:** No double teaming in the back court is allowed by the defensive team. PENALTY: Offence receives the ball back at the advance mark in the front court opposite the team benches.

20.2.3 **Interpretation of Rules:** Referees are asked to be helpful to the young players and to explain their calls where necessary. The referees are asked to show tolerance concerning violations which do not allow too much advantage.

#### 20.2.4 Examples of interpretation

- No 3 second rule.
- Leniency on travelling in back court after a score.
- When a player has obviously stepped over the line when attempting to put the ball into play blow the whistle, stop them, explain, and let them do it properly.

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**20.2.5 Reaching across on the ball handler:** The defence is not allowed to reach across from the side in order to try steal the ball. This is to encourage good defence by getting the defence to get in front and establish a legal guarding position. **PENALTY:** This will be treated as a violation, and the offense will receive the ball from the sideline as appropriate. Should a foul occur however, a foul shall still be called and the penalty of that foul shall outweigh the penalty defined here.

**20.2.6 Mercy Rule:** If a team reaches a 20 point lead they will be required to only play defence in the front court. If the lead reduces to below 15 they will then be allowed to return to full court defence. **PENALTY:** Should a referee coach or PLHBA official be made aware of a violation to this rule, they shall inform the coach that half-court defence must be played. Failure to adhere to this rule is considered a violation of the Fair Play Policy and penalties shall be applied in accordance with this policy.

### 20.3 SPECIAL RULES Under 10 and Under 12

- Normal Rules except those outlined below.
- Girls and boys may play in mixed teams.
- Boys teams may be fixtured to play girls teams.
- All Under 12 divisions, boys and girls, to use high backboards.
- Size 5 ball
- The referees may call for a substitution in the case of shoe laces needing retying.
- No finals
- Three point shots allowed
- No Zone Defence allowed or double teaming in the back court.
  - \* **NOTE:** This is not the referees' responsibility. Suspected breeches should be reported to either the Games Controller or a Referees Supervisor. Penalty: Technical foul on the coach as instructed by the referee supervisor or PLHBA official. Note, a warning will be given prior to a technical foul. A second infringement will result in the technical foul.
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### 20.4 Under 14 and above

- Normal Rules
- Committee permission is required for mixed teams and for girls teams to play against boys teams.

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- Size 6 Ball - see Section 19 above
- The referees may call for a substitution in the case of shoe laces needing retying.
- Three point shots apply.
- No Zone Defence allowed in U14s.
  - \* NOTE: This is not the referees' responsibility. Suspected breeches should be reported to either the Games Controller or a Referees Supervisor. Penalty: Technical foul on the coach as instructed by the referee supervisor or PLHBA official. Note, a warning will be given prior to a technical foul. A second infringement will result in the technical foul.

### **21. Three Point Lines**

- Under 14s and below use the inner line.
- Under 16s and above use the outer line.

### **22. Fees, Fines and Other Charges.**

22.1 Fees, fines and other charges shall be determined by the PLHBA Board in consultation with the Committee and other governing bodies and the Clubs notified in the information sheets accompanying the nomination forms.

### **23. Unfinancial Clubs**

23.1 A Club becomes unfinancial when any of its team nomination fees, player registration fees, fines or any other fees related to the Competition have not been paid by the due date as detailed on the invoice or nomination and fixture information circulars.

23.2 PENALTY: Premiership points may be withheld for the whole Club during the period that the Club remains unfinancial. A Club that is unfinancial shall be ineligible to play in the finals.