



# **Albany Basketball Association**

## **By-Laws & Competition Rules**

**2023-24**



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### **Our Vision**

Albany Basketball Association was established in 1955.

Our vision at the Albany Basketball Association (ABA) is to be recognised as a leader in the delivery of recreational and competitive amateur basketball programs in the Great Southern. We will deliver comprehensive programs and competitions providing the highest quality participation experience that supports participant learning, lifelong participation and physical wellness. Our programs and competitions will be conducted in a supportive safe and positive environment that fosters improved self-confidence, self-esteem and healthy lifestyles allowing people of all ages to participate, enjoy and excel at all levels. The ABA will be well governed in its operations.

Our community of Players, Families and Volunteers work together to cultivate a disciplined environment so every child can reach their full potential, develop their talents and increase their skills in the game of Basketball and more importantly in life.

### **Our Mission**

Albany Basketball Association being the home of Basketball in Albany, WA, co-ordinates local Junior and Senior competitions. We are inclusive across all levels, encouraging participants and good sportsmanship. Providing a fair and safe family orientated environment which promotes health and wellbeing for the community.



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## **1. Playing Rules**

All competitions and/or games conducted by Albany Basketball Association (ABA) shall be conducted in accordance with the official rules of basketball as adopted by Basketball WA and with modifications as outlined.

The official scoresheet will be run through Play HQ scoring system.

## **2. Team Nomination and Fees**

2.1 Clubs and teams participating in any competition or match conducted by the Association shall complete the online nomination form in the manner prescribed on or before the advertised closing date, as set down by ABA.

2.2 Late nominations may be accepted provided there are vacancies in the competition and full nomination fee payment is received with nomination. Late nomination fees may apply.

2.3 The ABA reserves the right not to accept any nomination.

2.4 Teams must have 7 paid registered players for the competition season for their team to be eligible to play in the ABA competition.

2.5 Full refund of ABA fees minus \$10, per week will be paid up to the end of round 9 of fixtures. All refund requests must be submitted to the ABA Administrator in writing prior to commencement of week 9 fixtures for consideration and emailed to [admin@albany.basketball](mailto:admin@albany.basketball). Players will be then delisted and not eligible to play finals. All teams must maintain a min 7 players at all times for refunds to be given.

2.6 Team names and uniforms, including changes need to be approved by the ABA. Before nominations all proposed / changes to uniform colours, styles and team names must be emailed to the ABA administrator [admin@albany.basketball](mailto:admin@albany.basketball) for approval. For Club uniform colours to prevent clashes see article 27 of By-laws.

## **3. Registration of Players, Coaches, Team Managers, Referees and Volunteers**

3.1 Players shall be registered to a team or a team that is aligned to a Club before any player is eligible to play in a competition conducted by the Association.

3.2 Players are only permitted to register and play / fill in for one Club unless both Clubs agree.

3.3 The ABA shall maintain a register of all registered players via PlayHQ.

3.4 Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Managers listed to a Club / Team shall be registered on PlayHQ as the Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Manager.

3.5 Teams and Clubs that nominates a coach that is aged Under 18 must ensure to provide an adult representative present on the bench for every fixtured game.

3.6 All Coaches, Team Managers, Referees & volunteers must be compliant with Working with Children requirements.

## **4. Eligible Players**

4.1 A player shall be eligible if.

- They are registered within the ABA competition.
- Are able to prove their age at registrations or where required by the Games Controller.
- The player is physically present in the stadium and able to play prior to the completion of the first half.

4.2 It is the responsibility of all Clubs/ teams to ensure that players are eligible to play. If an ineligible player has participated in a game, the match shall be forfeited to the opposition.

4.3 Visiting players or fill in players must attend the Games Controller's office 30 minutes prior to the games commencement to register as a voucher / fill in player with the ABA, by completing the online PlayHq form and are required to pay the BWA insurance. Players may play a maximum of two games on a voucher. Players must be fully registered before taking the court for the third game. This will require the player completing the team / Club team link and paying any other fees. The player will ensure that they are playing in the correct grade as per item seven. Also see article 11.7 of By-laws.



## **5. Clearances**

### **5.1 Definition**

Transfers are used to change the Domestic Club or team, in which a player is registered.

### **5.2 Rule**

- A transfer is required for a player to change from one club or team to another club or team.
- NO transfers will be granted after the fifth round of the current domestic season.
- NO transfers will be approved where the player has been approached, coerced and/or persuaded in any way, by any official ie representative of ABA or any member club. Where it is proved that this has occurred, the offending club/person may be reported for unsportsmanlike behavior to the ABA Tribunal and/or may be subject to fines.
- NO transfers will be approved if it can be proving any fees are owed or property has not been returned to the existing Club or domestic team.
- If an affiliated club has disbanded any registered players of that club are free to transfer to other clubs or teams without having to apply for a clearance. If the disbanding club is not financial with the Association, the player will be required to pay a proportion of the outstanding amount before being eligible to register with another club or team.

### **5.3 Procedure**

- A player or their parent/guardian must initially contact the Club secretary of the Domestic Club they seek to Transfer from. A nominated Club representative must attempt to resolve any differences with the player's existing Domestic Club.
- If a Transfer is still sought, after speaking with the Club Representative of the Club they wish to transfer from, the Player or the player's Parent/Guardian shall fill out the appropriate official ABA Transfer form.
- Where both Club/Team Representatives agree to the transfer of a player the ABA Administrator shall action the transfer and advise all parties.
- Approval or non-approval is required within seven business days from the Club/Team receiving the clearance request.
- Where Clubs do not deal with the clearance request within the prescribed seven business day period, a clearance will automatically be granted by the ABA Administrator upon request by the receiving club.
- The ABA Committee may override any existing rule and approve a clearance where it feels exceptional circumstances apply through an appeal process.

## **6. Players Uniforms / Other Equipment**

### **6.1 Uniforms**

It shall be the responsibility of Clubs / teams to ensure all players are in the correct uniform by the end of the third week of fixtures.

- Correctly and clearly numbered. Number 1-99 including 0 and 00 can be used. Front number must be a minimum 10 cm high and 2 cm wide and back number minimum 20cm high and 2 cm wide. No numbers are permitted to be taped to uniforms.
- Playing shorts must be the same team dominant colours and patterns (including fill in / voucher players.) Players shorts must be without pockets, any players wearing shorts with pockets will not be permitted to take the court. No taping of shorts pockets permitted.
- T-shirts under playing jerseys are not permitted.
- Compression wear is permitted - colours must be black, white or skin toned.

### **6.2 Mouth Guards**

It is compulsory for players under 18 to wear a mouth guard when playing in the ABA competition.

- If a player under 18 is not wearing a mouth guard, then he/she is not permitted to take to the court.
- Only players with written medical advice that has been approved by the ABA Executive Committee will be exempt from By-laws 6.2.
- All players over 18 in a Senior age group are encouraged to wear a mouthguard while playing.



## **Players Uniforms / Other Equipment Cont.**

### **6.3 Shoes**

- A player may wear shoes of any colour combination. The left and the right shoe are not required to match.

### **6.4 Other Equipment**

Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other players. The following are not permitted.

Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, helmets, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substances, even if covered with sort padding. Objects that could cut or cause abrasions and fingernails must be closely cut.

Hair accessories, hats, barrettes, bandanas, headbands made of metals, or clips larger than bobby pin or snap clips.

**6.5 Jewellery** is not permitted. Referees should monitor player appearance before the game's commencement, particularly any rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings and obvious body piercing jewellery. If an official identifies that a player has jewellery and / or body pierced jewellery that is visible and could cause injury to themselves or other players, they shall be instructed as follows:

- Any player wearing an object that might cause injury, such as those objects listed above must be politely told of the existence of the rule prohibiting jewellery. Referees should not presume that a player is aware of the rule and be asked to remove the object before taking the court.
- If a player claims that a particular item cannot be removed, the referee should instruct the player that they must cover the object with a suitable protective device such as medical strapping tape. The player may not participate until such time that the referee is satisfied that the object is appropriately covered.
- If the protective device (strapping tape) falls off during the game, the referee must stop play at the next opportunity and direct the player to remedy the cover. If this occurs more than twice, then the referee should instruct the player that they can no longer participate in the game, unless they remove the jewellery. The referee should prohibit the player from participating in the game in the following circumstances:

- 1) A referee is not convinced that such a protective measure will adequately overcome the risk of injury.
- 2) Suitable protective measures are not available; or
- 3) The player refuses to remove or cover the offending object. Any player who seeks to participate in defiance of any of the above directions by a referee should be disciplined in accordance with the Association's rules.

## **7. Grading**

**7.1** Clubs / Teams can nominate for specific grades at the time of nomination. The ABA and one Club representative from each Affiliated Club will evaluate all team nominations and have the right to reassess or adjust teams and divisions to promote fairness and equity in all divisions. Please see article 7.4 of By-laws for when grading is conducted.

**7.2** Junior competition years 6, 7/8s, 9/10s & 11/12s and Representative Players.

A representee player is anyone who has played in the prior season / competition for BWA and Division 1 for Albany Raiders representative teams.

- Division 1 team in the junior competition must not exceed 4 Representative players per team.
- Division 2 team in the junior competition must not exceed 3 Representative players per team.
- Division 3 team in the junior competition must not exceed 1 Representative player.

**7.3** A BWA State representative player playing up a division will not be recognised as a representative player, however only a maximum of 2 representative players will be permitted to play up in any one team.

**7.4** Grading will be conducted in the first three weeks of the season.



## **8. Interchange Between Grades**

8.1 Junior players may play in one junior grade and one subsequent senior grade. Players may not play in two junior teams. Exemptions of the development squad teams.

8.2 Players must be aware that finals may be scheduled at the same time and therefore create a conflict.

8.3 If playing in a Senior team plus a Vets team or a Junior team and a Senior team, the player must pay the additional upgraded Senior to Senior or Junior to Senior fee.

8.5 Senior and junior players may fill in a higher grade on a maximum of three occasions only. Teams fielding ineligible players will be deemed to have forfeited the game. See article 11.3 of By-laws for age break down.

8.6 The player must wear the appropriate uniform for the team or Club he/she is substituting for. There is no extra fee for this circumstance.

8.7 A Senior player, that qualifies for Vets, can join both a Senior team and a Vets team for the season by paying the appropriate fees OR may substitute for a total of 3 games before being required to pay the full registration fee for the other team.

## **9. Competition Fixtures**

The ABA Executive shall be responsible for the competition and distribution of the official fixtures to cover all grades of the competition. The ABA has the right to reschedule games however we will not accept requests from Clubs or Teams.

## **10. Competition Points**

10.1 Competition points will be allocated on the following:

- Win - 3 points
- Draw - 2 points
- Loss - 1 point
- Bye - 2 points
- Forfeit - 0 points

10.2 In the event of two or more teams being tied on points at the end of the season eligibility to compete in the finals shall be determined in the following order:

- The team with lesser number of forfeits, disqualifications and other infringements of the rules.
- The head-to-head ratio wins and losses between the teams concerned.
- If still equal, the head-to-head percentage of points for and against the teams concerned.
- If still equal, the overall percentage of points for and against between all teams in the grade.

## **11. Competition Rules & Regulations**

Each team shall consist of a minimum of 7 players and no more than 10 Players on the team bench including a Team Captain. A Head Coach, a maximum of one Assistant Coach and a Team Manager who may sit on the bench as long as they are all registered in PlayHQ, children, siblings or spectators are not permitted to sit on the player's bench. Everyone on the bench is required to be registered on PlayHQ.

### **11.1 Match Ball**

- Size 5: Years 2, 3, 3, 5 Male and Females
- Size 6: Years 6, 7/8s Males and Females
- Size 6: Years 9/10, 11/12 and Senior Females
- Size 7: Years 9/10, 11/12 and Senior Males





## **11. Competition Rules & Regulations cont.**

### **11.2 Game Time and Ring Height**

- Junior game time: 4x 10 minutes quarters in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 males and female with 1x timeout per half, 2 minutes in between each quarter and a 3minute half time. 5 team fouls per quarter for penalty free throw shooting.

Years 2 and 3s will play on lowered ring height with Years 4 and 5s playing on full ring height.

- Game Time Years 6, 7/8, 9/10/ 11/12: 2x 20minute halves, with a 3-minute half time break. Last 2 minutes is to be fully timed, where any timeouts left can be used. If the margin is greater than 20 points the clock does not STOP. Ring hit is at full height.
- Senior competition. 2x 20minute halves, with a 3-minute half time break. Last 2 minutes is to be fully timed, where any timeouts left can be used. If the margin is greater than 20 points the clock does not STOP. Players will play at full height.

### **11.3 Division breakdown**

- A-Grade Men's and Women's - All players must be 15 years or older at the time of registration. Exceptions will be given to those currently playing in the Raiders program.
- Vets - All players must be 35 years or older at the time of registration.
- Men's and Women's B Division 1, Division 2 and Division 3 - All players must be 15 years or older at the time of registration. Exceptions will be given to those currently playing in the Raiders program.
- Junior Grades School years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12 or equivalent at the beginning of season.

### **11.4 Zone Defence**

- Zone Defence shall not be played in Year 3,4,5,6,7/8 Grades.
- Year 9/10, & 11/12 Grades shall be allowed to play zone defence in the 2nd Half of the game only.
- Senior Grades may use it for the entire game.

### **11.5 Mouthguards**

Are compulsory for ALL Junior players – Refer to article 6.2 of By-laws

### **11.6 Raiders Players**

- To qualify for participation in the Raiders Development Program you must be registered and play for a domestic team within the current ABA season.
- Raiders Teams will not be eligible to play in the Finals Series for any Grade. This may change under the discretion of the ABA Committee.

### **11.7 Fill-In /Voucher Players**

- Refer to article 4 and 8 of By-laws Eligible Players
- Voucher and Fill-in players must report to the Games Controller at least 30 minutes prior to the game for registration.

### **11.8 Technical Foul Unsportsmanlike Foul/Disqualifying Foul**

- Any PLAYER or COACH given two technical fouls or two unsportsmanlike fouls. Including a combination of one of each foul in one game shall receive an automatic one-week suspension from playing or coaching for the remainder of the round PLUS the entire next round.
- Any player receiving a disqualifying foul shall also receive an automatic one-week suspension from playing or coaching for the remainder of the round PLUS the entire next round.
- If a player under 18 years receives a disqualifying foul. They must report to the Games Controller's office before leaving the Stadium.
- Any suspensions during the season will be notified by the ABA administrator to the person being suspended, if under 18 notifications will be sent to the parent or guardian listed on PlayHQ, Clubs and the Team Manager.





### **11.9 Swearing**

- Audible swearing or abuse towards any Referee, Official or players shall result in a technical foul being called - refer to the Zero Tolerance Policy on the website.

### **11.10 Scoring**

- Each team must supply a competent scorer for each game as per article 17 of the By-laws.

### **11.11 Year 2 and 3 Modified rules**

Modified rules for Year 2 and 3 junior competitions are to promote learning and development and is an introduction to the sport of basketball. This age group is for the development of ALL players and as such it is expected that ALL players receive equal playing time. The Year 2 and 3 competitions will consist of 15 rounds for the 2023/24 season. We also recommend you read article 11 to 11.10 Competition Rules & Regulations of By-laws.

- Please provide a scorer for your game. Managers, please draw up a scorer roster so all parents get experience in scoring.
- Successful three-point shots shall count as two points.
- Stadium Scoring used as per usual on iPads, though no results shall appear on website.
- No scoreboards shall be used.
- Defence shall be man-to-man, no zone defence is allowed.
- On any inbound play the defensive team shall move to the back court. NO FORMING A WALL ON THE CENTRE LINE.
- NO "double teaming" defence.
- Violations called - referee to explain reason to player and ball returned to the same team from the appropriate point. If the same violation occurs immediately after by the same team, then the ball is turned over.
- Fouls and jump balls are called as normal. Referee must give a brief description of each call to the players. PLAYERS CANNOT FOUL OUT
- No cross-court violation called.
- FREE THROWS – Years 2 and 3- Referees shall determine where free throws shall be taken from.
- No finals or premiership points.
- Teams must be registered and financial.
- Players MUST be registered in the correct school year competition.

### **11.12 Year 4 Modified rules**

All standard rules apply as per ABA competition rules with these exceptions and special notes. We also recommend you read article 11 to 11.10 Competition Rules & Regulations of By-laws.

- All field goals will score 2 points, the 3-point line is not recognised in this competition.
- Mercy Ruling – scoreboard scoring shall cease when score differential reaches 20 points.
- There shall be NO "double teaming" defence played. Violation – ball given to opponents.
- On any inbound play the defensive team shall move to the back court.
- Fouls and jump balls called as normal. Referee must give a brief description of each call to the players. 5 FOULS PER PLAYER and 5 TEAM FOULS PER QUARTER.
- Compulsory- cross-court violations called.
- Offensive players allowed 3 seconds in keyway.
- The season will consist of 14 rounds with no premiership points. A Round Robin Tournament will be held at the end of the season.

### **11.13 Year 5 Modified rules**

All standard rules apply as per ABA competition rules with these exceptions and special notes. We also recommend you read article 11 to 11.10 Competition Rules & Regulations of By-laws.

- Games will not commence until both teams have provided required bench personnel.
- 5 TEAM FOULS PER QUARTER to qualify for penalty free throw shooting.
- Man to man defense only, no zone defense allowed.
- FINALS SERIES WILL BE PLAYED MID WEEK



## **12. Late Arrival of Substitutes**

12.1 Players arriving prior to half time may play providing the coach has included them on the list of players given to the scorer prior to the start of the game.

12.2 A-Grade competition teams not present or not on court with 5 players and ready to play at the scheduled start time, the opposing team shall receive two points per minute or part thereof until ten minutes have elapsed after the scheduled time to begin. Should the scheduled game not take place that team shall lose the game by forfeit.

See article 13.1 and 13.2 of By-laws.

12.3 Junior and senior competition team not present or not on court with 4 players and ready to play at the scheduled start time, the opposing team shall receive two points per minute or part thereof until ten minutes have elapsed after the scheduled time to begin. Should the scheduled game not take place that team shall lose the game by forfeit.

See article 13.1 and 13.3 of By-laws.

## **13. Forfeits**

13.1 All un-notified forfeits shall result in a \$100 fine, and all fines shall be paid prior to the commencement of the team's next scheduled game. To avoid the fine 48 hours written notice shall be given to the ABA Administrator before the game which is to be forfeited. Teams who do not advise of their intended forfeit 48 hours prior to the fixture will be charged a full forfeit fine unless they can provide medical certificates.

13.2 Junior and Senior teams who do not have 4 players ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time the match will be declared an un-notified forfeit.

13.3 A-Grade teams who do not have 5 players ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time the match will be declared an un-notified forfeit.

13.2 A maximum of 2 un-notified forfeits shall be accepted. The 3rd unnotified forfeit shall result in the team being removed from the competition.

13.3 A game that cannot be played as a result of both teams being unable to play and who have given at least 48 hours written notice to the ABA Administrator will be seen as a notified double forfeit with a score of zero/zero and each team will be awarded zero competition points.

13.4 All forfeiting teams will receive zero and the opponent will be rewarded three points for the win.

## **14. Finals Series and Eligibility**

Finals shall consist of semi-finals, preliminary finals and grand finals, or as otherwise determined by the executive committee. Days for finals may not fall on regular competition days and will be announced at the beginning of each season.

14.1 To be eligible to represent a team in any final, a player must have played more than four games of the regular season fixtures of that team or club.

14.2 For the purposes of this clause, "played" shall be interpreted as being physically present during the period of the game, in uniform, physically able to play and with their name listed on the official score sheet.

14.3 A Referee is required to remove player names from the score sheet at half time of the game, for any player that does not meet the above conditions.

14.4 A Bye or a Forfeit in a game that has been forfeited against that player's team is considered to be a qualifying game.

14.5 Any player who through injury or illness other considered just cause has not been able to play the required number of rounds to qualify for the finals, may apply to ABA Administrator for consideration. Applications are to be made in writing 7 days prior to the final's series commencing. A medical certificate stipulating the type of injury, date of injury and the period of time out with the injury must accompany the request.

14.6 A Team that plays a Player that has not qualified for finals will forfeit the game.

14.7 During the finals period, any player receiving a Disqualifying foul shall also receive an automatic suspension from their next fixtured game.



## **15. Referees and Umpires**

It shall be the responsibility of the Referee Co-Ordinator to appoint officials for all games in a manner determined from time to time.

15.1 The Referee Mentor on the night will be wearing a coloured vest and any concerns about refereeing should be reported to him or her as soon as possible.

15.2 The directive of a Committee Member and/or Referee Mentor is final, and their directive shall be followed as applicable.

15.3 Should you have any feedback or concerns please approach the Games Controller for guidance. or see article 19 of the By-laws Feedback, Complaints, Protests and Reports

## **16. Code of Conduct**

16.1 All players, coaches, spectators, officials and administrators must abide by the BWA Code of Conduct. These detailed rules will be made available for download and viewing from the ABA / BWA websites. Attendance or participation in any and all ABA activities will be deemed as your consent to abide by these rules.

16.2 Players and Coaches will be automatically suspended for one week if during the game they receive two of any below listed fouls:

- Two of both / either a Technical / Unsportsmanlike foul
  - Disqualifying foul, unless the foul is received for a technical infringement e.g. crossing the sideline.
- second offence - 2 weeks per breach from all association activities

Third offence – banned for the remainder of the season.

- If further report is made (incidents of severe verbal or any physical aggression) to the Umpire, then the ABA will convene to determine whether a suspension is warranted beyond that outlined in 16.2 Players have the right to appeal, refer to article 19 of the By-laws.
- Any suspensions during the season will be notified by the ABA administrator to the person being suspended, if under 18 notification will be sent to the parent or guardian listed on PlayHQ, Clubs and the Team Manager.

## **17. Stadium Scoring**

17.1 The ABA will provide electronic score cards for all games. It will be the responsibility of the Team Manager or Coach to make sure that all players and required team details are entered on the electronic score card prior to the start of each game. Electronic score cards cannot be altered after the match has commenced other than by a referee or Games Controller. Players names cannot be added to the electronic score card at the completion of the first half.

17.2 In the event of electronic failure, paper scoresheets will be used.

17.3 Teams are to provide one capable (age 16yrs plus) bench official per game. Play shall not start without bench officials in place unless. Exceptions can be made if a qualified Referee under the age of 16 is to score.

## **18. Duty Teams**

- The ABA shall be empowered to allocate duties to any Clubs or teams.
- Any club or team not carrying out the duties as prescribes by the ABA may be subject to such penalties as decided by the ABA.



## **19. Feedback, Complaints, Protests and Reports**

19.1 A player, coach or team shall have the right to provide feedback, lodge a complaint or protest in relation to the conduct of a competition match, the eligibility of any player taking part in the match, the behavior of any person(s), or the result of any competition match.

- Feedback is welcome to bring matters to the attention of ABA by email to [feedback@albany.basketball](mailto:feedback@albany.basketball). Please be assured that all Feedback that is received is given due consideration by ABA with actions taken where required.
- Complaints or in-game matters should first be brought to the attention of your Club or team manager and if not resolved a formal complaint is to be lodged on Clubs letterhead and emailed to [complaints@albany.basketball](mailto:complaints@albany.basketball)
- The submission shall include a comprehensive account of the incident or happening giving rise to the complaint or protest, name the team/s, player/s and/or coaches/s concerned and the specifics of the match.
- All complaints shall be referred to the Complaints manager for consideration and if necessary, investigation. The ABA may appoint a Panel to consider the findings of the investigation to resolve a decision which may include penalties. Should it not be possible to arrive at a satisfactory solution they may refer the matter to the Tribunal for resolution.
- All written lodgments will be acknowledged within 48 hours of receiving the report.

19.2 A report, lodged by a Referee, Umpire or Association official, which alleges misconduct in any Association match or fixture, by any player, coach, spectator, team, shall be considered a charge against the player, team, or member.

- The report must be lodged in writing on the prescribed report form and must be received by the Association within 48 hours of the alleged incident.

## **20. Video and Photography**

20.1 ABA is conscious of concerns raised regarding the taking of video footage or still photographs in basketball stadium. We are also conscious that there are genuine and innocent reasons why this may happen, including the recording of family memories. This position is to reach a fair and simple compromise between these competing needs.

20.2 A person is permitted to video/photograph games involving minors provided that they are:

- related or guardian to a player involved in the game.
- approved by the Referee Coordinator for Referee development/education.

20.3 If parents have concerns about people videoing or taking photographs of junior games, they should raise them with the Games Controller. If the person using a camera is then unable to convince the Games Controller that they fall into either of the above categories, they will be asked to discontinue taking photos/filming.

20.4 No videoing or taking of photographs will be permitted under any circumstances in the toilets or changing areas of stadiums where programs or competitions are being conducted.

20.5 ABA reserves the right to request video footage or photographs posted online or any public forum, is removed if requested to do so.

20.6 Any member found to have sent inappropriate electronic communication, uploaded inappropriate website content or engaged in blogs or discussions that harass, offend, intimidate or humiliate another member, may face disciplinary action as outlined in Basketball WA Member Protection Policy. Cyber bullying (e.g. bullying that is carried out through an internet service such as email, a chat room, discussion group, instant messaging or web pages) under certain circumstances is a criminal offence that can be reported by victims to the police. The Member or Association can also initiate separate action in writing to the ABA Administrator where there has been a breach of this Policy. Members publishing false or misleading comments about another person via all social media platforms may be liable for defamation. where there has been a breach of this Policy. Members publishing false or misleading comments about another person via all social media platforms may be liable for defamation.



## **21. Infringements**

The Executive shall have the power to impose such penalties as may be decided upon at a meeting of the Executive, upon any team, member or official, in the event of an infringement of these Bylaws.

## **22. Trophies and Awards**

The ABA shall, allocate trophies to all grades that participate for competition points.

### **Junior competition:**

- All Star 5
- Grand-finals MVP

All determined by the Referees throughout the competition season.

- NO trophies will be awarded to Year 2 or Year 3 competition.

### **Senior competition:**

- Season MVP (announced at the senior's awards night)
- Season MVP Runner-up (announced at the senior's awards night)
- Grand-final MVP
- Grand-final MVP Runner-up

All determined by the Referees throughout the competition season.

### **Umpire and Referee Awards:**

- Umpire Development Award
- Junior Referee
- Senior Referee (announced at the senior's awards night)

Are decided by the Referee Co-Ordinator and the Senior Referee Mentors.

### **Reside Award and Junior Sportsperson Award**

Request to the public and Clubs for nominations for these awards will be sent out. The ABA will take all nominations into consideration and the committee will vote.

## **23. Jurisdiction**

For the purpose of these Bylaws members of Affiliated teams are considered to be within the jurisdiction of the ABA whilst:

- They are in the precincts of any court or building being hired or used by the Association, for any business of the Association, or
- They are a member of any team selected to participate in games or competitions away from Albany with the period of jurisdiction being from the time of departure from Albany to the time of return to Albany.

## **24. Amendments to Competition By-Laws**

All dispensation requests from these Bylaws must be requested in writing, addressed from the Club to the ABA administrator [admin@albany.basketball](mailto:admin@albany.basketball). Any approved dispensations will be granted under a 4-week competition probation / trial period. After this review period the ABA may / can opt to revoke the request if deemed that it not in the best interest of the competition, all though every effort is made to avoid this at the time of granting the request.

## **25. General Copies of the Constitution**

Copies of the Constitution, By-laws & Codes of Conduct Policies of the Association are available from the ABA Administrator, Games Controllers Office and may also be displayed on the Albany Basketball Association Inc. website. These rules are to be read in conjunction with any additional rules or codes of behavior pertaining to players, officials, coaches, parents, guardians and spectators as displayed on the Albany Basketball Association Inc. website.



## **26. Club Delegates**

All affiliated clubs shall supply 2 Club delegates with a minimum of 1 delegate to attend all designated meetings. Failure to attend 3 consecutive meetings in a row may result in all teams within that club not being permitted to receive competition points.

## **27. Club Colours**

### **Albany Football & Sporting Club Inc. (Sharks)**

- White
- Teal
- Black

### **Albany Infernos Basketball Club**

- Black
- Orange

### **Barking Owls**

- Black
- White

### **Great Southern Griffins**

- Dark / Navy Blue
- Red

### **Kinjarling Sporting Club**

- Black
- Yellow
- Purple

### **Mount Barker Basketball Club**

- Forrest Green
- Black

### **Railways Tigers Basketball Club**

- Black
- Yellow

### **Sonics Basketball & Sporting Inc.**

- Blue
- Grey
- White