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**Junior Domestic Competition
By-Laws**

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Foreword

The following By-Laws of the Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball Association Inc. (“the PLHBA”), which are to be read in conjunction with FIBA rules and Basketball WA’s interpretation, become effective from the commencement of the competition and apply to all teams competing in the Junior Domestic Competition.

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 the Domestic Clubs, players and referees.

The PLHBA reserves the right to adjudicate in the best interest of basketball, on any matters not specifically covered by these By-Laws or in the case of conflict, between rulings.

The PLHBA reserves the right to make amendments or inclusion at any time, should it become necessary.

The PLHBA also reserves the right to vary or set aside the application of these By-Laws, in the best interest of basketball.

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1. Definitions

In these By-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and expressions have the following meanings:

“Domestic Club/Club” means an Incorporated Association affiliated with the PLHBA that nominates more than 4 teams into the Junior Domestic Competition.

“Team” means a group of five (5) to twelve (12) players.

“Association” means the Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball Association Inc.

“Basketball WA/BWA” means the Western Australian Basketball Federation (Inc), the governing body for basketball in Western Australia.

“PLHBA” means the Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball Association Inc.

“WABL” means the Western Australian Basketball League.

“Committee” means the PLHBA Junior Delegates Committee made up of one (1) representative from each of the Domestic Clubs and PLHBA Management.

“Referee Supervisor” means a PLHBA representative in charge of overseeing the Referee Coaches.

“Referee Coach” means a PLHBA representative in charge of overseeing and educating referees.

“Games Controller” means a PLHBA representative in charge of all game-day operations.

“Game Official” means any person acting as, or collectively, Games Controller, Referee Supervisor/Coach, Referee or Bench Official.

“Official” means a PLHBA representative in charge of overseeing the competition i.e. administrator, director, manager.

“CPM” means the PLHBA Competitions & Programs Manager.

“PLHBA Management” means the management staff of the Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball Association Inc.

“PLHBA Board” means the Board of Directors of the Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball Association Inc.

2. General Provisions

- 2.1 These By-Laws may be amended by PLHBA Management as it sees fit.
- 2.2 The Games Controller appointed for any Junior Domestic Competition fixture shall be empowered to interpret the By-Laws and adjudicate on any matter in the event that the By-Laws do not adequately resolve the matter on hand.
 - 2.2.1 If, in the judgment of the Games Controller, any misconduct by players, coaches, managers, spectators, parents and Game Officials is disorderly, offensive or aggressive, or in any way a breach of the PLHBA, BWA or the relevant facility Codes of Conduct/Behaviour, the offending party may be requested to leave the stadium by the Games Controller.
 - 2.2.2 The Games Controller may report the conduct to the CPM via their shift report or through a formal BWA Report Form if the Games Controller feels that a further action is appropriate, or if the person does not immediately follow a request from the Games Controller to leave the stadium.
 - 2.2.3 The standard penalty for a person that does not leave the stadium at the request of the Games Controller will be a two (2) week suspension, in addition to any other penalty that may be applicable.
- 2.3 PLHBA Management reserves the right to adjudicate in the best interest of basketball, on any matters not specifically covered by these By-Laws.
- 2.4 These By-Laws shall apply in other administrative matters not covered by these rules.

3. Clubs

- 3.1 To be accepted as a Domestic Club in the Junior Domestic Competition all organisations must be registered as an Incorporated Association in accordance with the Australian Incorporations Act 2015.
- 3.2 Prospective Clubs will be required to provide PLHBA Management with the following for approval where necessary:
 - 3.2.1 Minutes of the first Annual General Meeting (AGM).
 - 3.2.2 Names of elected Office Bearers.
 - 3.2.3 Club Name and Logo.
 - 3.2.4 Club contact details.

- 3.2.5 Number of teams.
- 3.2.6 Uniform description.
- 3.3 Prospective Clubs shall submit their playing uniform which includes their playing top and shorts to PLHBA Management for approval of colour and style with consultation from the Committee.
 - 3.3.1 Domestic Clubs wishing to change their uniform colours and style must apply to PLHBA Management for approval prior to the season commencing.
- 3.4 Clubs are required to coordinate the entries of all teams playing under the Domestic Club name and enter their details into PlayHQ.
- 3.5 Clubs are required to manage all aspects of club operations including but not limited to:
 - 3.5.1 Recruitment of players and coaches.
 - 3.5.2 Provision of approved uniforms.
 - 3.5.3 Provision of suitable training venues (if appropriate).
 - 3.5.4 Enter teams in the appropriate level of competition offered by PLHBA.
 - 3.5.5 Ensuring players are allocated to teams in grades that are of the appropriate level of development for each individual player.
 - 3.5.6 Data entry of members details into PlayHQ.
 - 3.5.7 Adhering to appropriate financial management requirements including payment of appropriate fees prescribed by the PLHBA in a timely manner.
- 3.6 All clubs are responsible for ensuring that its relevant officials, volunteers and members are compliant with the relevant legislation including Working with Children checks and are registered in the PLHBA PlayHQ database.
 - 3.6.1 Domestic Clubs that have coaches and managers applying for exemptions due to having family members in the team must contact their Domestic Club for approval.
- 3.7 All clubs must ensure that each team provides one (1) competent bench official for their game.
- 3.8 Clubs must be considered financial to compete in the Junior Domestic Competition.
 - 3.8.1 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 by the PLHBA.
 - 3.8.2 Fixtures may be forfeited for the whole Club during the period that the Club remains unfinancial.
 - 3.8.3 A Club that is unfinancial shall be ineligible to play in the finals.

4. Playing Rules

- 4.1 Except as provided for in these By-Laws, all games shall be played in accordance with all FIBA Official Basketball Rules and Official Interpretations, save for the variations agreed to by PLHBA Management, and distributed to all Domestic Clubs in these By-Laws.
 - 4.1.1 Where there are differences between FIBA rules and these By-Laws, these By-Laws are to take precedence.
- 4.2 The CPM and PLHBA Management have the discretion to waive the application of the By-Laws in exceptional circumstances. In considering whether exceptional circumstances exist the CPM and PLHBA Management must consider:
 - 4.2.1 The hardship, expense or inconvenience to any Player, Domestic Club, PLHBA or Junior Domestic Competition if the By-Laws are not waived.
 - 4.2.2 Any benefit or cost to the Junior Domestic Competition or PLHBA if the By-Laws are waived.
- 4.3 Any decision by the CPM or PLHBA Management to waive the application of the By-Laws in exceptional circumstances shall apply to the current season only, unless it is agreed to amend the By-Laws for future seasons.
- 4.4 A player or coach, upon being notified by a Game Official that they have been ejected from the game, must leave the playing area immediately to where they are no longer able to view the court until the completion of the game.
 - 4.4.1 If the player or coach is under the age of 18 years and not accompanied by an adult, then they will be asked to remain seated on their team bench under the supervision of the coach or manager until the completion of the game.
 - 4.4.1.1 If there are extenuating circumstances, the Games Controller can use their discretion if removal is required.
- 4.5 When ruling on three (3) point field goals, the following rules shall apply:
 - 4.5.1 Under 14's and below will use the inner line.
 - 4.5.2 Under 16's and above will use the outer line.

5. Acceptance of Entry

- 5.1 The PLHBA reserves the right to reject any applications in respect of individuals, teams or Clubs or impose such limitations on numbers of teams or other conditions as it sees fit.
- 5.2 Nominations by Clubs for entering teams into the Junior Domestic Competition are to be lodged via PlayHQ by the due date set by the PLHBA.
- 5.3 Team registrations by independent teams are prohibited in the Junior Domestic Competition.
- 5.4 Details of the teams, age groups, divisions and gender must be lodged by the Junior Domestic Clubs via PlayHQ by the due date set by the PLHBA.
- 5.5 Teams/Players may be refused entry due to:
 - 5.5.1 Unpaid fines.
 - 5.5.2 Proven unreliability in previous seasons.

- 5.5.3 Previous withdrawal from fixtured competition.
- 5.5.4 Non-payment of prescribed fees.
- 5.5.5 A PLHBA Management/Board decision taken in the best interests of basketball for the PLHBA.
- 5.5.6 Failure to comply with the By-Laws and/or suspensions.
- 5.5.7 Unacceptable behaviour of players and/or parent and spectators.
- 5.5.8 Competition capacity.
 - 5.5.8.1 In the event competition capacity is reached, the PLHBA reserves the right to preference teams with the highest number of registered participants prior to the publication of fixtures.
- 5.6 Late entry will only be accepted at the discretion of the CPM and PLHBA Management.
- 5.7 A team may be disqualified from competition at the discretion of PLHBA Management, when the team and/or parents and spectators:
 - 5.7.1 Gives three (3) forfeits in a season.
 - 5.7.2 Refuses to pay fines incurred.
 - 5.7.3 Breaches acceptable standards of behaviour, as specified in the Codes of Conduct as determined by a formally convened Tribunal or PLHBA Management.
- 5.8 The PLHBA reserves the right to allow eligible Association teams to participate in the Junior Domestic Competition until such time as they become an affiliated club under the incorporations act.

6. Administration

- 6.1 Team nominations must be entered into PlayHQ by the closing date as specified by the CPM each season.
- 6.2 Any nomination received after the specified closing date is not guaranteed a place in the competition.
- 6.3 Teams entered by Clubs must register the coach's and manager's name and contact details in PlayHQ prior to the commencement of the season.
- 6.4 Where a Club intends to withdraw a team from a season, the Club Registrar or appointed representative must inform the PLHBA and CPM immediately.
 - 6.4.1 A fine for not informing the Association may apply at the discretion of PLHBA Management.
- 6.5 The PLHBA will endeavour to place all teams in the appropriate grades as per team nominations, however, the PLHBA reserves the right to allocate teams to a grade deemed most suitable for the competition.
- 6.6 The PLHBA reserves the right to nominate Association teams into the Junior Domestic Competition.

7. Player Registration

- 7.1 A player may only be registered to one (1) Domestic Club in any one (1) season.
- 7.2 Players must complete their registration online in their Club's PlayHQ database and complete all relevant questions during the process.
- 7.3 New players may be required to produce an 'extract from birth entry', certificate of birth or similar during the registration process by a relevant Club Committee Member who will sight or record the details.
- 7.4 A player is considered to be registered when they have paid their PLHBA Player Fee.
- 7.5 The Domestic Clubs are responsible for ensuring that each player's personal details are accurate in the Domestic Clubs PlayHQ Database.

8. Player Clearances

- 8.1 The clearance system is for the protection of the Domestic Clubs.
- 8.2 If a player transfers from one (1) Domestic Club to another, the source Club can demand a clearance should they believe that the player is unfinancial and owes the Domestic Club money or property.
- 8.3 Clearances can only be refused in cases where a player is unfinancial and the Domestic Club is owed money or property by the player requesting a clearance.
- 8.4 An application for a clearance should be dealt with within seven (7) days by the Domestic Clubs.
- 8.5 A player who is refused a clearance has the right to appeal to the CPM and PLHBA Management.

9. Fixturing

- 9.1 The CPM will determine the fixture for all divisions.
- 9.2 Fixtures will be structured at the discretion of PLHBA Management and the CPM.
- 9.3 Individual circumstances of players, coaches or Clubs will not be taken into account when constructing the fixtures.
- 9.4 There will be one (1) Junior Domestic Competition season each calendar year.
- 9.5 Should a team withdraw from the Junior Domestic Competition prior to the completion of the season, the CPM with consultation from the Committee shall determine the fairest way to adjust the competition so that teams that have played or are yet to play the withdrawing team are not disadvantaged.

10. Playing Uniforms

- 10.1 Domestic Clubs must wear their approved playing uniform by week four (4) of the season. A team which breaches this By-Law will result in the penalty outlined further.
 - 10.1.1 Where there are uniform violations by both teams in a respective game, the penalties will offset, and any differences will be applied if applicable.

- 10.1.2 New players are given a one (1) week grace period to conform to these By-Laws in regard to uniforms.
- 10.2 As per FIBA regulations, all players may be requested to tuck in their playing top by the referees.
- 10.3 Any exemptions to the Playing Uniform By-Laws are at the discretion of the CPM and PLHBA Management.
- 10.4 A playing uniform shall consist of the following:
 - 10.4.1 A playing top having one (1) number from double zero (00) to ninety-nine (99) on the front and back.
 - 10.4.2 The number on front must be at least ten (10) cm high while the number on the back must be twenty (20) cm high and at least two (2) cm wide.
 - 10.4.3 Shorts that do not contain pockets of any kind.
 - 10.4.4 Suitable footwear that will not mark the floors.
 - 10.4.4.1 The PLHBA permits players to wear shoes of any colour combination.
- 10.5 Non-permitted playing uniform or items includes but is not limited to the following:
 - 10.5.1 Shorts that include pockets.
 - 10.5.2 Boardies or Board Shorts.
 - 10.5.3 Long Shorts/Pants.
 - 10.5.4 Cycle or Bike Shorts.
 - 10.5.5 Skirts.
- 10.6 A player wearing non-permitted playing uniforms will not be allowed to participate in the game.
 - 10.6.1 The Games Controller and Game Officials reserve the right to prevent a player from participating in a game if they deem any item a player is wearing to be dangerous.
- 10.7 All players must ensure their fingernails are cut or taped and that all jewellery, including power bands are removed or taped.
- 10.8 Compression Garments and T-Shirts can be worn if they meet the following criteria:
 - 10.8.1.1 Must be skin tight.
 - 10.8.1.2 Colours must be black, white or dominant team uniform colour.
- 10.9 A team shall be outfitted in the same coloured tops, with no duplicated numbers.
- 10.10 Teams shall wear shorts of their Domestic Clubs approved colour and style.
- 10.11 In the case of a colour clash, the second named team (right) on the scoring device shall wear an alternative uniform set provided by their club.

10.12 Uniform violations will be applied from week four (4) of each season.

10.12.1 Failure to comply with any uniform rules will result in the following:

10.12.1.1 Five (5) game points will be awarded to the opposing team for each player out of uniform.

10.12.1.1.1 A player can only have a maximum of five (5) game points awarded to the opposing team for not complying with these By-Laws.

10.12.1.2 The game points must be awarded before the recommencement of the second half.

10.12.1.3 If the opposing team chooses to not accept the game points, they will be disregarded.

10.13 Domestic Clubs may be fined for continuous failure to comply with these uniform By-Laws at the discretion of PLHBA Management.

11. Equipment

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

11.2 Teams will need to provide their own warm up balls.

11.3 The size of each match ball will be as follows:

11.3.1 Size 5 – Miniball, Under 10's, Under 12's.

11.3.2 Size 6 – Under 14's, Under 16 Girls, Under 18 Girls.

11.3.3 Size 7 – Under 16 Boys, Under 18 Boys.

12. Forfeits

12.1 A forfeit will be declared a notified forfeit when a Domestic Club notifies the CPM, Games Controller and opposing Domestic Club in writing via email that their team is forfeiting.

12.2 A forfeit fine shall be levied as per the below table.

12.2.1

> 24 Hours Notice	No Fine
< 24 Hours Notice > 12 Hours Notice	\$25
< 12 Hours Notice > 4 Hours Notice	\$50
No Notice	\$100
Illegal Player	\$25

12.2.1.1 Any forfeit that is notified with less than four (4) hours notice will be considered as a no notice forfeit.

12.2.2 The applicable fine must be paid prior to the next fixtured game.

12.2.3 It is the responsibility of the Domestic Club to pay all fines associated with their teams.

12.2.3.1 The Domestic Club may choose to pass on their fines to their teams if they wish.

- 12.3 If a team plays an illegal player, the game will be deemed an Illegal Player forfeit and a fine shall be levied.
- 12.4 When a game is forfeited, players for the team which did not forfeit will be deemed to have been in attendance and to have participated in the game
- 12.5 Teams have up until the ten (10) minute mark of the first half to commence the game, after which the match will be declared a no notice forfeit.
- 12.6 A team forfeiting the last regular season game shall be ineligible to play in the finals.
- 12.6.1 This is due to the possibility that a team can knowingly alter the final placings by forfeiting.
- 12.7 Where a team is likely to forfeit a regular season match, replacement players may play for this team.
- 12.7.1 Replacement players are to be added to the scoring device using the 'Fill-in' feature and not allocated to that team.
- 12.7.2 Players must enter their details correctly to reflect their PlayHQ registration.
- 12.7.2.1 Incorrect details will result in the team playing an illegal player.
- 12.8 Teams wishing to use replacement players must have no more than five (5) registered players available to play.
- 12.9 The replacement player/s must meet the following eligibility criteria:
- 12.9.1 Must play for the same club, in the same age group and must be from a lower division
- 12.9.1.1 Replacement Player/s can fill in for their registered club teams that are in different pools of the same division i.e. U16M C1 players can fill in for U16M C2.
- 12.9.1.2 Divisions that do not play finals are permitted to use replacement player/s from the same division.
- 12.9.1.3 In the event a club only has one team, the team is in the lowest division in the age group or a club has attempted to use a player from a lower grade in the same age group unsuccessfully, a player from a lower age group is permitted to play up.
- 12.9.2 The player/s must be registered online with the same Domestic Club and financial.
- 12.9.3 The relevant team must not exceed six (6) players total including the replacement player/s.
- 12.9.3.1 Teams with more than six (6) players will be deemed to have played an illegal player.
- 12.9.4 The team cannot exceed the WABL Points limit.
- 12.10 A replacement player/s may also play for their regular team on the same gameday.
- 12.11 In the event of a no notice forfeit, the teams are encouraged to play a scratch match.
- 12.11.1 The forfeiting team can be supplemented with other suitable available player/s who may be from their scheduled opponent's team.
- 12.11.2 A player recruited to take part in a scratch match may do so in addition to their own team's game.

12.11.3 The scoring device is not to be used for scratch matches; however, the scoreboard may be used.

12.11.4 No results will be awarded for a scratch match.

12.11.5 The Referee Supervisor will endeavour to supply referees for a scratch match.

12.11.5.1 If the referees rostered to a forfeited game may be transferred to another game when there is a shortage of referees or substituted for referees on another court, this will take precedent over the scratch match.

12.11.5.2 The transfer of referees is at the discretion of the Referee Supervisor.

12.12 The team that is forfeited against may elect to use the court during the scheduled game time for training purposes.

13. Eligibility of Players/Teams

13.1 The names of eligible players must be selected on the scoring device prior to the commencement of the game by the coach or manager.

13.2 A player who is present, ready to play and has been selected on the scoring device shall be considered to have played in that game.

13.3 A player's name must be removed from the scoring device by the coach or manager if they are not present at the game by the conclusion of the second half.

13.4 Each team must have a minimum of four (4) players on court at the commencement of the game.

13.5 A player playing more than four (4) games per team 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 for the remainder of the season.

13.6 Players from teams having a bye can only play up as a replacement player in a higher division/age group to prevent forfeits for that week.

13.7 Players are only permitted to play one (1) game per weekend.

13.7.1 A player may play a second game in a weekend for their Domestic Club in accordance with **By-Law 12**.

14. WABL Players

14.1 There is a restriction of WABL Players per team based on the division of that team. This is determined by a points system which are calculated from the tables below.

14.2

Division A	12 Points
Division B	10 Points
Division C	8 Points
Division D	6 Points

14.3 A PLHBA WABL player's points are calculated from their previous season's WABL Team Number not division.

14.3.1

Team 1 Player	4 Points
Team 2 Player	3 Points
Team 3 Player	2 Points
Team 4/5/6 Player	1 Points

14.4 A WABL player's points from another association are calculated from their previous season's WABL division.

14.4.1

Championship Player	4 Points
Division 2 Player	3 Points
Division 3 Player	2 Points
Division 4/5/6 Player	1 Points

14.5 When a player has been approved to play up an age group, their WABL Points will be discounted by one (1).

14.6 PLHBA reserves the right to alter or vary this rule if it is deemed to be for the benefit of the competition.

15. Illegal Players

15.1 An illegal player is a player that is adjudged to have met any of the following criteria:

15.1.1 Playing in the wrong age group without PLHBA approval/exemption.

15.1.2 Playing under another player's name.

15.1.3 Playing without their registered name being on the official scoring device.

15.1.4 Being unregistered or unfinancial.

15.1.5 Playing more than once in a weekend, other than when permitted.

15.1.6 Playing as an ineligible fill in player.

15.1.7 Playing with incorrect registration details on the official scoring device.

15.1.8 Playing while under suspension.

15.1.9 Has not been cleared to play.

15.1.10 Has not qualified for finals (finals games only).

15.1.11 Playing under incorrect WABL points allocation.

15.1.12 Playing under any false or mis-leading circumstances.

15.1.13 Being in breach of any relevant PLHBA By-Law.

- 15.1.14 At the discretion of the PLHBA is deemed to have contravened any code of conduct, rule or policy of the PLHBA.
- 15.2 Any club or team found to be playing an illegal player will result in the game/s the illegal player played in being deemed an Illegal Player forfeit.
- 15.3 At the discretion of the PLHBA, a continual breach of the illegal player By-Laws could result in the team being removed from the competition.
- 15.4 A team intentionally playing a player under an assumed name may be reported for misconduct to the CPM and the Committee.

16. Age Groups

- 16.1 Age groups for the Junior Domestic Competition shall be as specified by the PLHBA.
- 16.2 The age eligibility date/time shall be midnight on the 30th of June of the year in which the competition commences.
- 16.3 Domestic Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all players are placed in the correct age groups and club officials may seek proof of date of birth for all new players joining their clubs.
- 16.4 In the interest of player safety, to participate in the Junior Domestic Competition, a player must be turning six (6) years of age during the season.
- 16.5 It is recommended that WABL Players play in their representative age group.
- 16.6 Underage teams will not be forced to play above their age group although this may be recommended to the Club by the Committee.
- 16.7 Using the 30th of June as the calculating age date, a player must:
 - 16.7.1 Equal to or older than 6 and younger than 8 to play Under 8's
 - 16.7.2 Equal to or older than 8 and younger than 10 to play Under 10's
 - 16.7.3 Equal to or older than 10 and younger than 12 to play Under 12's
 - 16.7.4 Equal to or older than 12 and younger than 14 to play Under 14's
 - 16.7.5 Equal to or older than 14 and younger than 16 to play Under 16's
 - 16.7.6 Equal to or older than 16 and younger than 18 to play Under 18's
 - 16.7.6.1 Domestic clubs can request for players to play up or down by sending an official request to the CPM.
 - 16.7.6.2 PLHBA has the right to approve/deny these requests in the best interest of the competition.

17. Divisions

- 17.1 Within each age group, the competition is divided into divisions. Teams will be nominated to specific divisions by their clubs prior to fixtures being published.
 - 17.1.1 PLHBA will evaluate all team entries and allocate teams to divisions in consultation with the Committee when necessary.
- 17.2 Divisions are ranked from A, B, C and D, etc. with the most skilled teams placed in A and the least skilled at the lower end of the range.
 - 17.2.1 In the event that a division has too many teams, the division will be split into pools with a number identifying each pool. E.g. U18M C1, U18M C2, U18M C3.
 - 17.2.1.1 Each pool is to be considered as the same skill level as they are all a part of the same division.

18. Grading

- 18.1 Nominations of teams must be lodged via PlayHQ by their Domestic Club by the closing date as specified by the PLHBA.
- 18.2 Re-grading of the competition will occur after the Grading Rounds and will be at the discretion of PLHBA Management with feedback from the Clubs when necessary.
- 18.3 After the Grading Rounds all premiership points and ladder results will be reset to zero.
- 18.4 Grading Rounds will take place during the first three (3) weeks of the season.
- 18.5 After the initial Grading Rounds, the PLHBA reserves the right to grade/re-grade team entries to ensure fair competition and will be at the discretion of the CPM and PLHBA Management.
 - 18.5.1 Teams that are regraded are credited with draws (50%) for every game/s played in their original division.
 - 18.5.2 When regrading a team, byes are not included as games played while forfeits are.
 - 18.5.3 The CPM and PLHBA Management shall have the power to alter or grade teams 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.
- 18.6 In the case of the withdrawal of a team, some regrading may be necessary to redraw the fixtures.

19. Game Timing

- 19.1 All grading and regular season games shall consist of two (2) halves each of twenty (20) minutes with the clock running.
- 19.2 Where possible, the warmup period will be a minimum of three (3) minutes and the half-time break will be two (2) minutes.
- 19.3 If, after ten (10) minutes has elapsed from the scheduled start of the game, a team fails to take the court, the other team wins by a no notice forfeit.
- 19.4 No shot clock is to be used.

- 19.5 Teams will have one (1) timeout per half unless otherwise specified. No timeouts permitted in the last five (5) minutes of the second half (except for finals matches).
- 19.5.1 Should a timeout be called with less than six (6) minutes of play remaining, all players will be called back on to the court when five (5) minutes remain.
- 19.5.2 In the event of overtime, each team is entitled to one timeout per overtime period.
- 19.6 No overtime is played for any grading or regular season game.
- 19.7 Semi Finals and Grand Finals will be sixty (60) minute schedules with two (2), twenty (20) minute halves.
- 19.7.1 The clock will stop in the last three (3) minutes of the second half.
- 19.7.2 In the event of a draw at the conclusion of the second half, an interval of two (2) minutes followed by an overtime will occur.
- 19.7.2.1 Overtime will be three (3) minutes, and the clock will stop during each overtime period.
- 19.7.2.1.1 As many overtimes will be played as required to ensure a result.
- 19.8 In all running clock games, substitutions or other actions causing interruptions to play should be carried out with minimal delay.

20. Scoring

- 20.1 Each team coach or manager is responsible for correctly confirming players on the scoring device located at the score bench prior to the commencement of the game.
- 20.2 Each team will supply a competent person who is at least 13 years of age to act as score bench official for all matches, including finals. The “first named” team shall be responsible for the scoreboard and timekeeping and the “second named” team shall be responsible for the scoring device/score sheet recording.
- 20.3 In the case of a team having only four (4) players and no competent person to act as score bench official, the opposing team shall perform the functions of both score bench officials to the best of their ability.
- 20.3.1 In these cases, the result of the game cannot be protested.
- 20.4 Under no circumstances may either of the rostered officials act as score bench officials.
- 20.5 Scoring queries must be raised with the Games Controller during the course of game.
- 20.6 If there is a conflict between the score recorded on the scoreboard and the score on the scoring device, the scoring device will take precedence.
- 20.7 In the event the scoring device fails, or a scoresheet was not completed correctly, individual stats will not be recorded.
- 20.8 During the game, a scorer is a game official and must act impartially and refrain from supporting a team, challenging referee decisions or bringing the game into disrepute.
- 20.9 Scorers and referees may not leave the score bench until the final score is checked, agreed upon and confirmed on the scoring device.

20.9.1 Once the scoring device has been confirmed, individual stats cannot be updated.

20.10 For Grand Final matches, the PLHBA shall supply a score bench official supervisor.

21. Competition Structure

21.1 All Junior Domestic Competition ladders will be calculated using the following:

Ladder Ranking Order*
The order the teams will be ranked.

1st*	2nd*	3rd*	4th
Match Ratio	Forfeits	Head To Head	Percentage

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

22. Finals Eligibility

22.1 For a player to be eligible to play in finals for any team, the player must have played in at least five (5) qualifying games for that team.

22.2 Byes are not considered to be qualifying games.

22.3 Games played during Grading Games will not count as qualifying games for finals eligibility.

22.4 A player may participate in finals for only one team.

22.5 A certificate from a doctor or physiotherapist regarding a player's illness or injury which made the player unfit to play must be provided by the Club to the CPM prior to the finals to have games credited.

22.5.1 Players must be registered with their Domestic Club and be financial prior to the injury or illness for credits to be approved.

22.6 It is the responsibility of the Domestic Clubs to check the eligibility of players prior to allowing them to play in finals.

22.7 Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of a player to participate in finals shall be referred to the CPM with consultation from the Committee when necessary.

23. Finals Format

23.1 Finals will be played in each division except for Miniball, Under 8's, Under 10's and Under 12's.

23.2 The teams that shall play in the finals for each division shall be determined by:

23.2.1 The top four (4) teams with the highest win percentage/match ratio (MR) at the end of regular season.

23.3 In the event two (2) or more teams are tied on win percentage/match ratio at the end of the regular season, their position on the ladder shall be decided by:

23.3.1 Head-to-Head result between the tied teams.

23.3.1.1 In the event that each tied team has not played an equal number of head-to-head games, ranking will be based on overall percentage (%), (points for and against).

- 23.3.1.2 Teams that have not forfeited, or have fewer forfeits are deemed to have finished higher on the ladder than a team they are tied with.
- 23.3.2 If the Head-to-Head is tied, the teams will be ranked by overall percentage (%), (points for and against).
- 23.4 Finals times are under the control of the PLHBA and will be played at the times decided by the CPM.
- 23.5 Individual circumstances of players, coaches or Clubs will not be taken into account when constructing the finals fixtures.
- 23.6 Finals shall be played as follows:
 - 23.6.1 Semi Finals:
 - 23.6.1.1 Semi Final 1 – 1 vs 4
 - 23.6.1.2 Semi Final 2 – 2 vs 3
 - 23.6.2 Grand Final:
 - 23.6.2.1 Winner of SF 1 vs Winner of SF 2

24. Rescheduling/Cancellation of a Fixtured Match

- 24.1 If, due to circumstances beyond the control of the PLHBA, a game is unable to be played as fixtured (except forfeits) the PLHBA reserves the right to reschedule the match at a time the PLHBA deems suitable.
- 24.2 Where a match is unable to be rescheduled, the match will be declared a draw.
- 24.3 If, due to circumstances beyond the PLHBA's control, an entire round of a fixture is cancelled, the matches will not be rescheduled, and the games will be declared a washout (0-0).

25. Abandoned Matches

- 25.1 When a game commences and the game is subsequently abandoned, all players on the scoring device and in attendance shall be deemed to have participated in the game
 - 25.1.1 For the purposes of player finals eligibility, if the game is subsequently replayed, any player on the scoring device who was on the scoring device for the abandoned game shall only be credited with one game's participation in terms of that game.
- 25.2 If games are abandoned during the first half, the end result of the game will be declared a draw.
- 25.3 If a game is abandoned in the second half for any reason, PLHBA Management will rule to either keep the result at the point of abandonment or rule a draw.
- 25.4 Any games cancelled prior to starting will be declared a draw.
- 25.5 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.
- 25.6 The Games Controller shall have the authority to decide as to whether or not playing conditions are such to warrant abandonment.

- 25.7 A thermometer will be available at all venues on game days where high temperatures are expected.
- 25.7.1 When the on-court temperatures exceed 36 degrees Celsius, Games Controllers and PLHBA staff must implement the following mitigation strategies:
- 25.7.1.1 Ensure all fans are turned on (where applicable).
- 25.7.1.2 If a timeout has not previously been called, referees must call a compulsory time out at the 10 min mark of each half.
- 25.7.2 Should temperatures exceed 40 degrees Celsius inside any facility, then the Games Controller on duty is to:
- 25.7.2.1 Abandon all games currently in play.
- 25.7.2.2 There are to be no further games played until the next time slot following the temperature falling below the prescribed 40 degrees Celsius limit.
- 25.7.2.3 The Games Controller on duty will use their best endeavours to communicate with the relevant contacts at all clubs as to the progress of any later timeslots being able to commence.
- 25.7.2.4 Any games that are cancelled due to the heat prior to starting, will be declared a draw.

26. Zone Defence

- 26.1 The following No Zone By-Laws are to be used in the Junior Domestic Competition as per the guidelines set out by Basketball Australia.
- 26.2 These rules are implemented in all grades up to and including Under 14's.
- 26.3 Any defence played inside the 3-point line which does not incorporate normal man to man defensive principles shall be considered a zone.
- 26.4 The following process will be applied:
- 26.4.1 If you believe the opposition is playing a zone defence, a Team/Club Official may approach the Games Controller or Referee Supervisor and ask them to check for a potential zone defence being played.
- 26.4.2 If the Games Controller or Referee Supervisor determines a zone is being played, they will speak to the offending coach and implement the following steps in order:
- 26.4.2.1 Ask them to adjust their defence.
- 26.4.2.2 Give the coach an official warning.
- 26.4.2.3 Instruct the referee to issue a technical foul on the coach.
- 26.4.2.4 Any further breaches will result in a second technical foul being issued to the coach.
- 26.4.2.5 This will result in the coach being disqualified from the game.

27. Rulings/Decisions

- 27.1 The PLHBA has the right to rule and/or make determinations and decisions on any matters outside of the By-Laws.
- 27.2 A Domestic Club may protest the result of a game if they believe a breach in the By-Laws has been committed.
 - 27.2.1 Protests must be lodged in writing to the CPM by the Domestic Club President within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident.
 - 27.2.2 Game calls and score errors cannot be protested.
 - 27.2.3 The CPM in consultation with PLHBA Management will make a ruling on protests regarding the result of a game.

28. Fees

- 28.1 Fees, fines and other charges shall be determined by PLHBA Management.
- 28.2 Each Player is required to pay their fees at the point of registration as specified by the PLHBA.
- 28.3 The structure in which fees may be payable to the Association will be determined by PLHBA Management and will be made known to the teams and clubs.
- 28.4 A player is eligible for a refund as per the PLHBA Refund Policy.

29. Penalties

- 29.1 PLHBA Management may impose penalties upon individual players, spectators, Match Officials, Domestic Clubs, Members of Clubs, or Game Officials as appropriate and after proper investigation.
- 29.2 Penalties for minor breaches of these By-Laws may be in the form of:
 - 29.2.1 A monetary fine for an individual, team, or Junior Affiliated Club; or
 - 29.2.2 Any ladder position currently held by the team up to and including the time of the offence, to be removed.
- 29.3 For more serious or repeat breaches of these By-Laws, PLHBA Management may impose sanctions up to:
 - 29.3.1 Disqualification of the team/s.
 - 29.3.2 Suspension of member/s.
 - 29.3.3 Termination of membership and expulsion of member/s from the Association.
 - 29.3.4 Or any other penalty deemed appropriate by PLHBA Management.

30. Tribunal

- 30.1 The Junior Domestic Competition will be subject to the Basketball WA Tribunal By-Laws, which may be amended from time to time.
- 30.2 The PLHBA will appoint the CPM as the Tribunal Officer.

30.3 The Tribunal Officer will set up a Tribunal for all BWA Report Forms completed by a Game Official.

31. Reports

31.1 Players, coaches, team/club officials, referees, parents, spectators and any other person associated with the association, or the Junior Domestic Competition may be subject to report, by the any Game Official or PLHBA Staff.

31.2 Reports must be made via a Basketball WA Report Form.

31.3 Any person reported may be required to answer the alleged charge made by appearing in person before a Tribunal hearing.

31.4 The Domestic Club the reported person is associated with will be advised the following facts by the Tribunal Officer within seventy-two (72) hours of the report being filled, not submitted:

31.4.1 Date that the report was submitted.

31.4.2 Details of the alleged charges on the report.

31.4.3 Date, time and venue of the tribunal hearing.

31.5 The Tribunal may still proceed in the event that the charged person, having been duly notified, fails to attend.

31.5.1 The Tribunal may suspend the charged person until such time as they make themselves available for a Tribunal hearing.

32. Special Playing Conditions

32.1 Miniball

32.1.1 Boys and girls may play in the same team.

32.1.2 Boys' teams may be fixtured to play girls' teams.

32.1.3 The backboard will be in the lowered position.

32.1.4 Referees may call substitutions in the case of shoelaces being untied.

32.1.5 Free throws will be taken from a line twelve hundred (1200) mm in front of the free throw line.

32.1.6 All three (3) point field goals will be counted as two (2) points.

32.1.7 No double teaming in the back court is permitted.

32.1.8 No back court or 'cross court' violations will be administered.

32.1.9 No three (3) second violations will be administered.

32.1.10 Leniency will be given to players traveling in the back court after a score.

32.1.11 Leniency will be given to players that step over the line when attempting a throw in.

- 32.1.11.1 The referee will blow their whistle and stop the game, explain the violation and give the player another attempt.
- 32.1.12 The defence is not allowed to reach across from the side in order to attempt to steal the ball.
 - 32.1.12.1 This will be treated as a violation and the offense will receive the ball on the sideline for a throw in.
 - 32.1.12.1.1 In the event that a foul occurs, the foul shall be administered and have the appropriate penalty.
 - 32.1.12.2 This is to encourage good defence.
- 32.1.13 Mercy rule will be applied when a team reaches a twenty (20) point lead.
 - 32.1.13.1 The team leading must only play defence in the front court.
 - 32.1.13.2 When the Mercy rule is applied, points scored by the team leading will only be added to the scoring device and not the scoreboard.
 - 32.1.13.3 If the lead is reduced to below fifteen (15) points, they will be allowed to return to full court defence.
 - 32.1.13.4 Should a Referee Coach or Game Official be made aware of a violation to this rule, they shall inform the coach that half-court defence must be played.
 - 32.1.13.4.1 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.
- 32.2 U10's and U12's
 - 32.2.1 Boys and girls may play in mixed teams.
 - 32.2.2 Mixed teams will be fixtured to play in the Boys' division.
 - 32.2.3 The backboard will be in the raised position.
 - 32.2.4 Referees may call substitutions in the case of shoelaces being untied.
 - 32.2.5 Three (3) point field goals will be counted as three (3) points.
 - 32.2.6 Mercy rule will be applied when a team reaches a twenty (20) point lead.
 - 32.2.6.1 The team leading must only play defence in the front court.
 - 32.2.6.2 When the Mercy rule is applied, points scored by the team leading will only be added to the scoring device and not the scoreboard.
 - 32.2.6.3 If the lead is reduced to below fifteen (15) points, they will be allowed to return to full court defence.
 - 32.2.6.4 Should a Referee Coach or Game Official be made aware of a violation to this rule, they shall inform the coach that half-court defence must be played.
 - 32.2.6.4.1 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.

33. Behaviour

- 33.1.1 All coaches, players, managers and spectators within the Junior Domestic Competition must accept responsibility for their own behaviour. The PLHBA maintains a zero-tolerance policy on unsportsmanlike behaviour or abuse of referees.
- 33.1.2 Referees will be instructed to administer a technical foul on coaches who swear or display any unsportsmanlike behaviour.
- 33.1.3 For the purposes of the PLHBA Junior Domestic Competition, Referee Coaches and other PLHBA Officials can instruct the referees to administer the penalty where in the judgement of the Referee Coach or Official, the referee is not able to do so themselves.
- 33.1.4 Should a coach or player be charged with a technical foul for unsportsmanlike conduct, the Referee Supervisor will be informed, and a record of technical fouls committed by all coaches and players shall be maintained.
- 33.1.5 This record of technical fouls shall reset at the beginning of each season of the Junior Domestic Competition.
- 33.1.6 This record of technical fouls shall be available to the CPM and PLHBA Management.
- 33.1.7 Should a team's head coach or player be charged with three (3) technical fouls within a season, they will be suspended from competition for a minimum period of one (1) week, from the week following their third technical foul.
- 33.1.8 All suspensions will be advised to the team's Domestic Club by the CPM.
- 33.1.9 Should a team's head coach or player be disqualified from a game due to unsportsmanlike conduct, they will be suspended from competition for a minimum period of one (1) week, from the week following their disqualification.
- 33.1.10 For each subsequent technical foul following this suspension, they will be suspended for a minimum of two (2) weeks, from the week following their technical foul.

34. Referees

- 34.1 All coaches and players shall always engage in respectful communication with officials. The PLHBA and the Committee has agreed that good court manners and sportsmanship will be one of the major aims in the development of players and coaches.
- 34.2 PLHBA Referees shall wear different shirts to identify their level of training and experience as an official.
 - 34.2.1 Inexperienced referees shall wear a white shirt.
 - 34.2.1.1 Referees in a white shirt shall be recognised by coaches, players, managers, parents, and spectators as still being in training. Any concerns on the conduct or decisions of referees in a white shirt shall be directed to a Referee Coach or PLHBA official.
 - 34.2.1.2 Coaches shall not engage referees in a white shirt to request clarification on their decisions.
 - 34.2.2 Qualified referees shall wear a green shirt.
 - 34.2.2.1 Referees in green shirts may be approached politely by coaches to request clarification on calls.

34.2.3 Senior referees shall wear a black and white striped shirt.

34.2.3.1 Referees in stripes have completed additional training and hold a higher qualification and these referees may be approached politely by coaches to request clarification on calls as per FIBA guidelines.

34.3 Players, coaches, managers or spectators who swear at, berate, or abuse a referee may be reported in writing to their Domestic Club by the CPM.

34.3.1 Players, coaches, managers or spectators who engage in unsportsmanlike conduct are at risk of suspension.

34.4 Managers, spectators and parents shall not approach the referees at any time prior, during, or following the game.

34.4.1 Spectators displaying bad sportsmanship shall be reported to the Games Controller, Referee Coach or a PLHBA Official.

34.4.1.1 They reserve the right to remove patrons for behaviour which violates the Zero Tolerance Policy.

35. Zero Tolerance Policy

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

35.2 PLHBA Officials reserve the right to ask any coach, manager, player, parent or spectator to immediately leave the venue should they:

35.2.1 Wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees

35.2.2 Belittle, berate, antagonise, or abuse referees

35.2.3 Belittle, berate, antagonise, or abuse players

35.2.4 Belittle, berate, antagonise, or abuse other parents or spectators

35.2.5 Belittle, berate, antagonise, or abuse PLHBA Officials or staff

35.2.6 Display conduct which is deemed inappropriate in a sporting environment

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

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

35.5 Our aim is to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants.

35.5.1 We ask any person that feels they cannot refrain from the above unacceptable behaviour to not attend.

35.6 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.

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

35.8 Similar information is on the Domestic Club websites or available via a link to the PLHBA website.

36. Ignorance of By-Laws

36.1 Ignorance of the By-Laws is not grounds for defence or appeal.