

**PERRY LAKES HAWKS
BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**
(PLHBA)

JUNIOR COMPETITION
By-Laws



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Foreword

It is strongly suggested 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.

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Change History

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2.1	24/3/2017	Nick Sokolich	Inclusion of no zone defence in U14s

1. Interpretation of the Rules

1.1 Definitions

- 1.1.1 **Club**
One or more teams identified by a name or uniform.
- 1.1.2 **Team**
A group between 5 and 10 players.
- 1.1.3 **Association**
An affiliated group of clubs.
- 1.1.4 **WABF**
Western Australian Basketball Federation (Inc).
- 1.1.5 **PLHBA**
Perry Lakes Hawks Basketball Association (Inc).
- 1.1.6 **Committee**
PLHBA Junior Delegates Committee.

1.1.7 Supervisor

A representative of the PLHBA in charge of overseeing the referees. They also have to right to remove patrons in accordance with the zero tolerance policy (section 6).

1.1.8 Official

A representative of the PLHBA not otherwise mentioned here. They have the right to remove patrons in accordance with the zero tolerance policy (section 6). This does not include green and white shirt referees.

1.2 Rule

1.2.1 The Official FIBA rules of basketball shall apply except where varied in these rules and 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 All players must be registered and pay the PLHBA annual player registration fee.

3.2 Players must register their first name, surname, date of birth address, telephone number, email address and school (or tertiary institution or occupation) with their Clubs. All new playing members must 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 entering each player's personal particulars into the Sporting Pulse registration data base. Player registration fees are to be forwarded to the PLHBA by the due date.

3.4 Where players join a Club after team registrations have been entered into the Sporting Pulse database and the fees paid, Clubs will be responsible for notifying the PLHBA office of the new players details including the team, and paying the PLHBA registration fee.

4. Player Clearances

4.1 The clearance system is for the protection of Clubs.

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 4 to 15 located on the front and back. The numbers on the back should be 20cm high and the material 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 T-shirts worn under playing tops are not normally considered to be a part of the uniform but if worn in cold weather or for medical reasons they should be of the same colour as the main colour of the playing top.
- 5.2.3 Compression garments can be worn as long as they are skin tight and are black, white or the same colour as the playing uniform
Compression tops cannot have sleeves.

- 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 the date specified on the nomination information sheets. Uniform violations will be given 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.)
- 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 A club that is new to the competition must have their uniform approved by the Committee. A new club with an existing uniform must always wear the stadium tops in the event of a clash with an existing club.
- 5.10 Other notes –
- 5.11.1 Clubs are asked to support the uniform rules to ensure compliance.

5.11 Penalties –

5.12.1 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

5.12.2 Points must be awarded before the conclusion of the half-time period. They must be at the request of the opposition team and can only be awarded by a PLHBA supervisor or official.

5.12.3 Examples for 5.12.1

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).

6.2.5 Zero Tolerance Policy

All participants in Perry Lakes Hawks junior competitions must accept responsibility for their behaviour.

Perry Lakes Hawks reserves 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 by the Games Controller or a member of the Junior Delegates Committee as 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 Perry Lakes Hawks 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 team 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.
- 8.2 A player who is present, ready to play, 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 grade must continue to play in the higher grade and is no longer eligible to play in a lower grade.
- 8.5 After the first 4 weeks of qualifying games, a player may not play in a lower grade than their nominated grade without permission. Applications to do this should be made in writing to the Committee.
- 8.6 Where a Club has more than one team in the same grade players shall not change teams after the first 4 weeks of qualifying games.
- 8.7 Players from teams having a bye may play for that week in a higher grade.
- 8.8 A player may play more than one game in a weekend, subject to 8.4, where their second game
 - a. Is at a higher level than their nominated team
 - b. Avoids a forfeit in the higher grade. For Mini Ball, Under 10 and Under 12 the fill in player can be the sixth player
 - c. Meets all other conditions for player eligibility.

9. Eligibility of Players to Play in the Final Series

- 9.1 To be eligible to play in the final series for any team, players must have played in at least six qualifying games for that team.
- 9.2 BYES are not considered to be qualifying games
- 9.3 A player may participate in final series games for ONLY one grade.
- 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 a final series.
- 9.6 Any protest or dispute concerning the eligibility of a player to participate in a final series shall be referred to the Committee. See Section 16 (Protests).

10. Illegal Players

- 10.1 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)
- 10.2 A player knowingly playing under an assumed name or a coach playing a player under an assumed name will be reported for misconduct to the Committee.
- 10.3 Illegal players are defined as follows:
- Not Registered
 - Non observance of the qualifying criteria for the finals (See Section 9)
 - Playing whilst under suspension by an Basketball WA affiliated Association
 - Playing without clearance – when required – from previous Club (See Section 4).
 - Playing under an assumed name
 - Playing more than once in a weekend, other than allowed in 8.8.

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 preseason grading days 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. Re-grading of Miniball and Under 12 can be done as deemed necessary by the Committee.
- 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. Rescheduling of Fixtures.

Due to the size, complexity of fixturing the competition and availability of scoring systems rescheduling of fixtures is unable to be accommodated for the Junior competition.

13. Abandoned Matches

- 13.1 If a match is abandoned for any reason the outcome will be decided by the Committee. The Committee may also decide to replay the game or call the result a draw.
- 13.2 Reasons may include a power failure, wet floors, lack of officials or the game getting out of hand due to player or spectator behaviour.

14. Forfeits

- 14.1 Clubs forfeiting may be fined an amount as specified in the nomination information.
- 14.2 A team forfeiting will have 2 premiership points deducted, and will be fined unless they give at least 24 hours' notice to the Hawks office that they need to forfeit. Points deducted will be shown on the ladder as penalty points and included in the total points.
- 14.3 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. (Our philosophy is to endeavour to play the game and not be pedantic about a few seconds if the players are present).
- 14.4 A minimum of 4 player's names must be entered on the score sheet for the winning team and these players must be eligible players as defined in Section 8.
- 14.5 A team unable to fulfil a fixtured game may apply to have the match rescheduled. (See Section 12)
- 14.6 A team may avoid a fine if a forfeit is unavoidable by giving 24 hours' notice. This provides reasonable notice for the other team and the Referee coordinator.
- 14.7 A team forfeiting more than three times may be replaced or withdrawn from the competition.
- 14.8 A team forfeiting the last qualifying game shall be ineligible to play in the final series. (Reason: It is possible to knowingly alter the final placings by forfeiting.)
- 14.9 Forfeit on the Game Day - Scratch Match -
 - 14.9.1 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.
 - 14.9.2 The electronic scoring system is not to be used for scratch matches, however the scoreboard may be used.

14.9.3 POINTS: No premiership points will be awarded for a scratch match.

14.9.4 The Referees 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 Referees' supervisor.

14.10 Forfeit on the Game Day - No Match played.

14.10.1 The team winning on forfeit may elect to use the court during the scheduled game time for training purposes.

NOTE: Forfeits are annoying and frustrating to all concerned. Please avoid forfeiting on the day by ensuring that all players have the current fixtures and that players telephone the coach or the Club if they are unable to play on a particular week.

15. Reports of Players, Team/Club Officials and Other Persons

15.1 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.

15.2 Reports should be made on the form available from the games controller or referee supervisor.

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

15.4 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.

15.1 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.

16. Protests

16.1 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.

16.2 Protests must be lodged in writing, and be in the hands of the Junior Director or his nominee within 48 hours of the incident.

16.3 If the protest is considered by the Junior Director to be valid under these rules the outcome will be decided by the Junior Tribunal. See Section 17.

17. Tribunal

17.1 The Junior Committee shall set up a Junior Tribunal to hear all cases resulting from official reports, protests or other disputes. The Tribunal will follow the Basketball WA guidelines.

17.2 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

17.3 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.

17.4 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.

18. Premiership Points

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

Win	3 Points
Loss	1 Point
Draw	2 Points
Bye	2 Points
Loss by notified Forfeit	0 Points
Loss by Forfeit without 24hr notice	-2 Points

18.2 Teams that are regraded are credited with 2 points for every qualifying game played before they change grades. On the FIBA ladder, this will be shown as a correction in the bonus points column and these points will be included in the total points.

18.3 Where two or more teams are tied on points, their position on the premiership table 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.

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

18.5 NOTE: Beating a bottom team by a large margin does not help a team's percentage unless they happen to tie for position with that bottom team!

19. Equipment

19.1 Suitable match balls and other required equipment will be provided by the Stadium.

19.2 Teams will need to provide their own warm-up balls

19.3 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

20. Game Timing

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

First Half	20 minutes
Half Time Break	3 minutes
Second Half	20 minutes with no time outs in the last 5 minutes

20.1.1 Time Outs

- a. Each team is allowed two timeouts per half and one in each period of extra time.
- b. 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 minutes mark.
- c. In all games played under a running clock, substitutions or other actions causing interruptions to play should be carried out with minimal delay.

20.2 All finals matches shall consist of the following times unless otherwise indicated on the fixtures or changed by the Committee.

First Half	20 minutes
Half Time Break	5 minutes
Second Half	17 minutes PLUS 3 minutes fully timed.

20.2.1 In the case of a draw at full time in final round games 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.

20.2.2 Time Outs

- a. Each team is allowed two timeouts per half and one in each period of extra time.
- b. In all games played under a running clock, substitutions or other actions causing interruptions to play should be carried out with minimal delay.

21. Special Playing Conditions .

21.1 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.

21.2 SPECIAL MINIBALL RULES

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

21.2.2 **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.

21.2.3 **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.

21.2.4 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.

21.2.5 **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.

- **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.

21.3 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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21.4 Under 14 and above

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

22. Three Point Lines

22.1 The new and existing 3 point lines will apply as follows-

- Under 14s and below use the inner (old) line.
- Under 16s and above use the outer (new) line.

23. Fees, Fines and Other Charges.

23.1 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.

24. Unfinancial Clubs

24.1 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.

24.2 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 final series