

South Australian Wheelchair Basketball Association

Rules and Regulations



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1. Acknowledgment

This Document has been completed in conjunction with the following people and groups;

- SAWBA Chairperson
- SAWBA Development Coordinator
- SAWBA Board members
- SAWBA Committee members
- Active Wheelies, Junior and Senior Coaches
- Basketball South Australia
- Basketball Australia
- Referees

2. Preamble

The intention of this document is to create an easy to access document that states the rules and regulations used across all competitions and teams that play under the South Australian Wheelchair Basketball Association banner.

3. South Australian Wheelchair Basketball Association

3.1. Objectives

The objects of the Club are, within South Australia generally (where applicable), to:

1. Conduct, encourage, promote, advance and administer the Sport;
2. Act, at all times, on behalf of and in the interest of the Members and the Sport;
3. Affiliate and otherwise liaise with SSO, NSO, NWBL and WNWBL and comply with the constitutions, regulations and rules of these bodies to further these Objects;
4. Adopt and implement such policies as may be developed by with SSO, NSO, NWBL and WNWBL, including (as relevant and applicable) Member protection, anti-doping, health and safety, player and child welfare, junior sport, infectious diseases and such other matters as may arise as issues to be addressed in the Sport;
5. Abide by, promulgate, enforce and secure uniformity in the application of the rules of the Sport;
6. Advance the operations and activities of the Club;

7. Maintain and enhance the reputation of the Club and the Sport and the standards of play and behaviour of participants in the Sport;
8. Promote at all times mutual trust and confidence between the Club, SSO, NSO, NWBL and WNWBL and the Members in pursuit of these Objects;
9. Promote the economic and community service success, strength and stability of the Club, the Members and the Sport;
10. Use and protect the Intellectual Property appropriately;
11. Pursue such commercial arrangements, including sponsorship and marketing opportunities, as are appropriate to further the interests of the Club;
12. Have regard to the public interest in the operations of the Club;
13. Undertake and or do all such things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these Objects;
14. Do all that is reasonably necessary to enable these Objects to be achieved and enable Members to receive the benefits which these Objects are intended to achieve.
15. Promote the health and safety of Members and all other participants in the Sport.
16. Provide the highest level of local competition between wheelchair basketball teams at a junior and senior level.
17. Provide a competition appealing to the public and to the media, so that wheelchair basketball gains prominence and recognition as a major sport in the South Australian community.
18. Provide a pathway for players and officials from local competition through to National representation, inclusive of local leagues and team championships.
19. Create a positive association for sponsors of the Sport along with the recognition of athleticism and sporting excellence.
20. Achieve a profile for sponsors as good corporate citizens and major supporters of disability related (Paralympic) sports, and specifically wheelchair basketball.
21. Develop and promote wheelchair basketball referees by conducting and/or promoting clinics and workshops.
22. Facilitate and/or promote the opportunity for athletes to compete in the NWBL or WNWBL through the appropriate wheelchair basketball classification system.
23. Be recognised as a truly gender equal, all abilities, community sport that has a defined pathway to greatness.

3.2. Code of Conduct

South Australian Wheelchair Basketball Association and Basketball SA seek to provide a safe, fair and inclusive environment for everyone involved in our organisation and in our

sport. To achieve this, we require certain standards of behaviour of players/athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, parents/guardians (of child participants) and spectators.

Our codes of behaviour are underpinned by the following core values.

- To act within the rules and spirit of our sport.
- To display respect and courtesy towards everyone involved in our sport and prevent discrimination and harassment.
- To prioritise the safety and well-being of children and young people involved in our sport.
- To encourage and support opportunities for participation in all aspects of our sport.

3.2.1. Coaches, Officials and Support Staff

As a coach, official or support staff member appointed by SAWBA and/or Basketball SA you are expected to meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct at all times as stipulated in the Member Protection Policy.

1. Comply and encourage compliance with BA standards, Constitution, By-Laws (including but not limited to the Anti-Doping and Member Protection Policies) and policies.
2. Encourage and adhere to the rules and spirit of the sport of basketball including national and international guidelines, regulations and rules that govern BA and the game of basketball and the particular competition in which you are participating.
3. Make a commitment to providing a quality service to athletes, BA and the game of basketball by:
 - a. Maintaining or improving your current level of accreditation;
 - b. Seeking continual improvement through performance appraisal and education;
 - c. Providing a training program which is planned and sequential; and
Maintaining relevant records.
4. Be fair, considerate and honest with all players, officials and team members. Ensure that every player's time spent with you is a positive experience. Treat each player as an individual by:
 - a. Providing each player with equal attention and opportunities;
 - b. Respecting the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual player; and Helping each player reach his or her full potential.

5. Do not use your involvement with BA to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of BA.
6. Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment or discrimination, or any conduct which might reasonably be regarded as abuse, harassment or discrimination towards others. Be alert to any conduct which may be reasonably regarded as abuse, harassment or discrimination that is directed towards athletes from other sources whilst they are in your care.
7. Ensure that any physical contact with players is appropriate for the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
8. Refrain from any intimate relationship or affair with athletes under your care, supervision or tutelage.
9. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under the age of 18 years wherever possible.
10. Treat people involved in the game of basketball with courtesy, respect and proper regard for their rights and obligations and in particular, respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence.
11. Team coaching staff and management should not remain in team changing rooms unnecessarily. Generally, coaching staff and management should only be required in changing rooms for pre-game or post-game meetings between coaches and athletes, or if attendance is otherwise required by an athlete.
12. Refrain from any conduct which is; might be reasonably regarded as; or is being investigated for potentially being a breach of the criminal law applicable to the jurisdiction in which you are located at any time.
13. Do not denigrate and/or intimidate players, officials, spectators or event organisers.
14. Refrain from unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval with officials' decisions or spectator or player conduct.
15. Be responsible in the consumption of alcohol products. You must also be responsible for the consumption of alcohol products by athletes in your care that are under the legal age for consumption of such products.
16. Treat another person's property with respect and due consideration of its value.
17. Respect the law and customs of each area you visit in foreign countries.
18. Do not make statements or take part or otherwise participate in demonstrations (whether verbally, in writing or by any act or omission) regarding political, religious or racial matters or any such matters which are prejudicial to or contrary to the objects, purposes or interests of BA or which bring BA or the squad or team into disrepute.
19. Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes by:
 - a. Providing a modified training program where appropriate;

- b. Allowing further participation in training and competition only when appropriate;
 - c. Seeking medical advice when required; and Maintaining the same interest and support towards sick and injured athletes.
- 20. Provide a safe environment for training and facilities and competition by:
 - a. Ensuring equipment and facilities meet safety standards; and
 - b. Ensuring equipment, rules and the environment are appropriate for the age and ability of the athletes.
- 21. Behave and encourage behaviour that upholds the highest standards of integrity and dignity. Uphold, and not injure or compromise, the standing and reputation of Basketball Australia and/or Constituent Associations.
- 22. Not engage in, or encourage, any conduct which is unbecoming of a BA representative that brings the game of basketball and/or BA into disrepute or is otherwise harmful to the interests of basketball and/or BA.
- 23. Be a positive role model for basketball and players. Encourage your players to demonstrate the qualities outlined in this Code. Respect the law and customs of each area you visit in foreign countries.

3.2.2. Players

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.

- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

3.2.3. Parents

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Administrators

- Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation and decision making related to the activity.
- Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
- Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of young players.
- Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
- Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.

- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
- Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

3.2.4. Spectators

- Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.
- Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
- Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions.
- Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

3.3. Member Protection Policy

Basketball Australia, Member Organisations and Authorised Providers are committed to ensuring that everyone involved with basketball is treated with respect and dignity and is

protected from abuse, bullying, harassment, sexual misconduct, unlawful discrimination, victimisation, and vilification.

This Policy seeks to ensure that everyone involved in basketball is aware of their rights and responsibilities. This Policy sets out the minimum standards of behaviour expected of those involved in basketball and the behaviours that are not acceptable ('Prohibited Conduct').

Each Member Organisation and each Authorised Provider are responsible for applying this Policy in relation to Participants, Clubs, Competitions and Events under their jurisdiction.

For more information visit

<https://basketballsa.com.au/policies-and-key-documents/>

3.4. Basketball Australia Integrity Framework

Players agree to follow the Basketball Australia integrity framework.

The National Integrity Framework is the umbrella term for the suite of policies, educational materials and other resources that establish basketball's perimeter against corruption.

The Framework applies to all competitions and events conducted under the auspices of Basketball Australia or a member state/territory association, including the National Basketball League.

The Framework sets the broad expectations for the conduct of all Participants, but also incorporates detailed policies to regulate behaviour and ensure action can be taken against those who fail to adhere to behavioural standards and expose the sport to undue risk.

For more information visit

<https://www.australia.basketball/about/governance/national-integrity-framework>

4. Social League

4.1. Objectives

1. Promote the development of wheelchair basketball for all players.
2. To provide a competition appealing to the public and to the media, so that wheelchair
3. basketball gains prominence and recognition as a major sport in the Australian Community.
4. Promote unity and friendship amongst all the players.

5. Provide a pathway for players and officials from local competition through to National
6. representation, inclusive of local leagues and team championships.
7. Achieve a profile for sponsors as good corporate citizens and major supporters of
8. Paralympic Sports, and specifically wheelchair basketball.
9. Facilitate the opportunity for athletes to compete in.

4.2. Code of Conduct

Athletes, coaches, managers and officials associated with SAWBA must be aware that they are often the focus of public attention. The SAWBA and BSA expects all teams and associated personnel to meet the following requirements in regard to conduct at all times during the term of the agreement and as such each person will be asked to sign the code of conduct as part of the registration process.

4.2.1. General – applicable to all

- A. Comply with all IWBF standards, and IWBF's constitution, by-laws (including but not limited to the IWBF anti-doping policy and other BA policies).
- B. Do not use your involvement with SAWBA or Basketball South Australia (BSA) to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of SAWBA or BSA.
- C. Refrain from any form of abuse, harassment, discrimination, bullying or any conduct which might reasonably be regarded as abuse, harassment, and discrimination or bullying towards others. Examples of types of behavior which will be considered as abuse, harassment or discrimination can be found in the Disability Sport Australia (DSA) Member Protection Policy which is available online.
- D. Refrain from any conduct which is; or might reasonably be regarded as or is investigated for potentially being a breach of the criminal law applicable to the jurisdiction in which you are located at any time.
- E. Treat people involved in the game of wheelchair basketball with courtesy, respect and proper regard for their rights and obligations and in particular, and respect the spirit of fair play and nonviolence.
- F. Treat another person's property with respect and due consideration of its value.
- G. Uphold, and not injure or compromise, the standing and reputation of BA.
- H. Do not denigrate and/or intimidate other players, officials or event organizers.
- I. Be responsible in the consumption of alcohol products.

- J. Do not make statements or take part or otherwise participate in demonstrations (whether verbally, in writing or by any act or omission) regarding political, religious or racial matters or any such matters which are prejudicial to or contrary to the objects, purposes or interests of BA or which bring BA or the squad or team into disrepute.
- K. Behave at all times in a manner that upholds the highest standards of integrity and dignity and not engage in any conduct which is unbecoming of BA representative that brings the game of wheelchair basketball and BA into disrepute or be otherwise harmful to the interests of wheelchair basketball and BA.
- L. At all times when travelling to and from and whilst participating in a sporting or social event, dress in team uniform or other attire appropriate to the occasion.

4.2.2. Players

- A. Play according to the rules of wheelchair basketball including national and international guidelines, regulations and rules that govern IWBF or BA and the game of wheelchair basketball and the particular competition in which you are competing.
- B. Refrain from unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval with officials' decisions. If you disagree, you will have your captain, coach or manager approach the official at the appropriate time.
- C. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- D. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- E. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- F. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- G. Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- H. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- I. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

4.2.3. Coaches/Managers/Officials

- A. Be reasonable in making demands.
- B. Teach players to follow the rules and set a good example.
- C. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- D. Condemn unsporting behaviour.
- E. Report incidents in writing to the SAWBA by completing the appropriate form within seven (7) days.

5. Competition Management

5.1. Competition Responsibilities

Social League Committee:

1. Reviews the rules and regulations on regular basis
2. Consults with captains after the current season for input into improving the social league for the following season
3. Ensure competition is fair within reason
4. Prepares game day paperwork

Teams

1. Provide information to Social committee
2. Nominate a team contact/manager person who will be the one point of contact between the team and social committee for such things as receipt of forms and so on.
3. Teams are to provide relevant profile information for each player along with the Team Registration list.
4. Provide scorer for games, if a scorer is not provided 6 points will be awarded to the opposition
5. Team captains/manager to ensure there is a team chat which has all team members included in chat.

5.2. Division system

In the 2 division system players can nominate to be consider the following

- Division 1 player: Can only play in division 1, they are only able to participate in the division 2 system as a coach.
- In Division 1, Div 1 and Div 2 players can play together with unrestricted points
- Division 2 player: plays in division 2

The head coach of Adelaide Thunder has the right to designate players as a division 1 player only or Division 2 only.

It is the responsibility of captains to manage how a team will determine court time across their games

If a captain calls a forfeit the game is forfeited and it is a final decision and can not be recalled. The score will be 20 - 0 for the other team

Games are played in 4 10 minute quarters with 1 minute break between quarters and 3 minutes at half time.

5.2.1 Division 1

The intention of division 1 is to create a higher level of competition. Meaning regulation IWBFF rules, players at any level of competitions can play in division 1.

Division 1 specific rules include:

- 3 registered players and 1 fill in to be considered a legal game. Captain of other team needs to be notified of the fill in player
 - 1 fill in from another teams division 2 team if no players from your team available
- Mercy rule is implemented over 10 points
- Every team must provide a scorer or forfeit the game (this person does not need to be from you team but we would prefer if it was)
- During finals
 - clock stopped from final 3 mins at stoppages
 - No mercy rule

5.2.2 Division 2

The intention of division 2 is to create a social environment and provide an opportunity/pathway to develop as players.

Players that are deemed division 1 only players (selected by social committee chair and development officer) are unable to compete in division 2.

Division 2 specific rules

- No full court press

5.3. Transfer Period

1. Round 1-6 each season
2. Both teams/individuals have to agree
3. All transfer requests must be communicated with competition organize
4. Chair then to communicate with the social league committee.

5. All transfer requests must be submitted via email to sawbasocialleague@gmail.com
6. Limited to 1 transfer per season, per team and an individual can only move once and within the spirit of the competition.
7. Social league committee reserves the right to deny any transfer request that is not in the spirit of the competition.

5.4. Committee Role

The Social League committee reserves the right to amend these Rules and Regulations at any time with the backing of the Board.

These changes will only be implemented after they have been communicated with the teams, as well as after providing them reasonable time for feedback. Teams have the right to apply to the Social League committee for special consideration in extenuating circumstances or instances not specifically covered in these Rules and Regulations. All applications for Special Consideration must be made in writing and endorsed by the relevant League Advisory Committee (LAC) team representative.

6. Competition Guidelines

6.1. Rules

1. The rules and interpretations for the social competition will be the current IWBF Rules with the variations as outlined in this document.
2. Players' numbers must be as per IWBF rules.
3. A common sense approach to dealing with a bleeding player who receives treatment and remains in the game should be exercised in relation as to whether a team time out is charged.
4. If there are only 2 registered players on the court for your team, the game is recorded as a forfeit
5. If you only have 3 registered players from your team you can get 1 fill in (if you have 4 you don't need a fill in)
6. If the captain of the OTHER team is happy for you to use fill ins to make it a 5 man game, then that is okay. The captain of the other team needs to be notified of all fill ins.
 - a. the fill in can only score 4 points (unless Div 2 playing Div 1)
 - b. every team must provide a scorer
 - c. to play in finals you need to be registered

7. For senior and junior competition 50% +1 game of the social season is needed to play for SAWBA state level

6.2 Behavioural Tech Foul (BTF)

6.2.1 What is a BTF?

Unacceptable behaviour that occurs within the context of a game (player, coach, team manager, score bench) will be dealt with by use of a BTF. Players, coaches or team bench can be issued a BTF. The intent of a BTF is to de-escalate a situation.

The presiding referee will be responsible for monitoring on-court occurrences by using the BTF procedure as follows:

1. Give a warning and advise behaviour is unacceptable
2. If unacceptable behaviour continues issue a BTF
3. If unacceptable behaviour continues, issue a second BTF followed by ejection
4. Referees are required to submit a BTF form for every BTF issues

While it is preferable and best practice that a warning be given in the first instance, a referee is not obliged to issue a warning if behaviour is considered excessive or past the point of de-escalation. At the time a behavioural foul is called, the penalty is 2 free throws plus possession. BTF review can be submitted to SAWBA by the affected person up to 48 hours after notice is received of a BTF call.

6.2.1 What Behaviour Constitutes a Behavioural Tech Foul?

The following occurrences are considered instances that warrant a BTF but are not limited to:

- Aggressive or excessive motioning of the arms, holding arms in the air following a call for a prolonged period of time
- Aggressive or sarcastic hand claps directed at an official or opposition player or showing resentment for a call or non-call
- Running towards wheeling aggressively approaching a referee or opposition player
- Aggressively shouting a reaction to a call or using profanity
- Extended or prolonged complaining about or questioning a call, particularly after being asked to stop
- Aggressively or unnecessarily attempting to demonstrate actions such as travelling or verticality after a foul call
- Not responding to a verbal warning by repeating the action (or some other disrespectful action)
- Swearing

7. Competition Structure

7.1. Match Duration

Teams will play 4 10 minute quarters

7.2. Points

Competition points are awarded as follows:

1. Win 3 points
2. Draw 2 points
3. Loss 1 point
4. Forfeit 0 points

7.3. Forfeits

Unless extenuating circumstances are accepted by the opposing team and referees, or an appeal is made and allowed by the Judiciary. A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:

1. It refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referee
2. Its actions prevent the game from being played
3. At the scheduled starting time, the team is not present or is not able to field a team with at least 3 registered players

8. Teams and Players

8.1. Registration of Players

1. All players must be registered, this includes BSA registration
2. A player can only be registered to one team in their division
3. During the season, new players may be added to the Team's Registration List by applying to the Social League Committee
4. If a team has only 3 or 4 registered players available to play they can ask the other team captain if they can use a development player as their fill in

8.2. Participation in Games

1. To participate in a game means to be legally on the score sheet and to play or be present at the players' bench in playing uniform during the game.
2. Any player that is marked on the score sheet pre-game and signed off by the coach may play. It is not the referees' concern to know if the player is eligible to play or not.
3. Players whose names are on the score sheet but do not participate in a game must be crossed off post game.

8.3. Eligibility for Finals

1. To be eligible in the final series a player must have participated in 5 of the minor round games.
2. A team may make an application to the committee to have this set aside when a listed player could not play the required number of matches because of Australian representation, State representation, training camps (with a sanctioned Basketball Australia team), injury, illness or other special circumstances.
3. Player must be registered to the team they are playing for

8.4. Team Uniforms

1. All players on the team must be wearing the same colour top (preferably SAWBA sanctioned top unless unavailable).
2. The players must have their playing numbers clearly visible on their back or hanging from the back of their wheelchairs.

9. Procedures for Reports and Disciplinary Tribunal

9.1. General

The Tribunal is conducted by representatives of Basketball South Australia

1. Authority of Tribunal
 - 1.1 The Association has the power under its constitution to hear and determine charges made against persons, affiliated associations, teams or clubs arising from or related to basketball activities, matches and competitions conducted by:
 - (a) the Association itself; or

(b) its affiliated associations

(referred to in this By-law as "Organising Bodies").

The Association and each affiliated association has the right to delegate the power of hearing and determining charges to the Association or affiliated association tribunal ("Tribunal") in accordance with the provisions of this By-law.

1.3 Where a matter arises for determination by a Tribunal it shall be dealt with at first instance by the Tribunal of the relevant affiliated association. Where an affiliated association has not convened a Tribunal in accordance with this By-law matters may be referred to the Association Tribunal with the consent of the General Manager of the Association.

1.4 The Tribunal shall have power to suspend, disqualify, reprimand, fine, bond, ban or otherwise deal with any person involved with basketball and / or the Organising Body (including, but not limited to players, coaches, teams, clubs, officials or spectators) in accordance with this By-law, regarding any incident arising from an activity conducted by an Organising Body. The incident may have occurred before, during or after the conduct of the activity, within the confines of the stadium, activity venue or its immediate surrounds, or elsewhere if directly related to a basketball activity of any sort.

1.5 In particular, the Tribunal shall have the power deal under this By-law with behaviour that is basketball related and occurs or utilises a technological medium such as:

- (a) Mobile phones;
- (b) Email or Instant Messaging services (including SMS);
- (c) Internet forums;
- (d) Internet social networking sites (such as, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter);
- (e) Other technologies that are a means of communication.

1.6 The Tribunal may also deal with any other disciplinary matter delegated to it for adjudication by the relevant Organising Body.

1.7 The Tribunal must at all times act independently and impartially in carrying out its duties in accordance with this By-law.

2. Membership of Tribunal

2.1 The Tribunal panel shall be appointed by the relevant Organising Body or Constituent Association and shall comprise of the following persons:

- (a) Tribunal chairperson who shall be a person of experience and skills suitable to the function of chairing the Tribunal and discharging the responsibilities set out under Clause 4.1;
- (b) no fewer than three Tribunal members.

2.2 In appointing Tribunal and Appeal Tribunal members, Organising Bodies and Constituent Associations shall have regard to the desirability of pooling Tribunal members with other associations with a view to maximising the expertise in handling disciplinary matters within the sport of basketball.

2.3 Where a Tribunal chairperson or Tribunal member resigns or is dismissed such that a vacancy exists on the Tribunal, the management committee of the relevant Organising Body or Constituent Association shall act to fill such vacancy by appointing a replacement for that position as soon as is reasonably practical to do so.

3.4 Wherever possible, matters referred to the Tribunal for determination shall be heard by three members of the Tribunal as determined by the Tribunal chairperson, however a quorum of the Tribunal shall be two (2) members.

3.5 No Tribunal decision shall be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a Tribunal member.

9.2. Tribunal Hearing

1. Convening Tribunal hearings

1.1 If practicable, the Organising Body shall provide notice to all teams participating in competitions conducted by it of the regular day, time and place of Tribunal hearings throughout the duration of the competition.

1.2 The Tribunal will be convened to hear charges arising from a match as soon as is practicable, preferably prior to the next round of matches occurring.

1.3 Notification of persons charged under this By-law shall include details of the day, time and place of the Tribunal hearing at which the charge will be heard in accordance with Part 3 of this By-law, and must be provided a reasonable period prior to such hearing.

2. Reports and notification

2.1 Reports by officials

Any Organising Body Game official (other than scoretable officials) who has been so empowered by the relevant Organising Body, shall be entitled to report any person, team or club which, in the opinion of the official has committed an offence under this By-law.

2.2 Investigations

Where an Organising Body or an official of an Organising Body believes an offence may have been committed or the Organising Body receives a letter of complaint, but no report has been made, the Organising Body may investigate, or appoint a person to investigate, the alleged offence. If after the investigation it or the person appointed to investigate recommends that a report should be made, the Organising Body or the person appointed by it may make a report. A report arising out of an investigation conducted under this clause should be made within 1 week of the date on which the alleged offence took place.

3. Duties of officials making a report

3.1 An official who makes a report shall enter the details of the alleged offence(s) on the report form issued by the Organising Body for that purpose as soon as possible (but in any case within 4 days) after the match or other activity, noting all the particulars in connection with the report so that a clear account can be given to the Tribunal when the report is to be dealt with.

3.2 An official who makes a report shall lodge a report form with the person nominated by the Association to take charge of reports, or if that is not possible, to leave the report at the

stadium or Association office, marked to the attention of that person, as soon as possible (but in any case within 4 days) after the activity.

4. Duties of Organising Body receiving a report

4.1 The Organising Body shall appoint an officer to be responsible for the receipt of reports made under this By-law and to carry out the duties in connection with such reports ("Hearings Officer"). The officer to whom responsibility is delegated may hold another position within the Organising Body.

4.2 The Organising Body shall require each team entered in competitions to designate on the entry form the address, telephone number and email address or other electronic contact details of the team secretary, or manager, to be used for notification of reports.

4.3 The Organising Body shall maintain lists of names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (if applicable) of all officials registered with the Organising Body.

4.4 The Hearings Officer designated shall have the following duties:

- (a) to organise the venue, time and day of the week to be set aside for hearings of the Tribunal;
- (b) to convene hearings of the Tribunal to deal with matters referred to it;
- (c) to ensure that three members of the Tribunal are present to deal with any matters referred to it for determination;
- (d) to receive and refer to the Tribunal all material relating to any reports made under this By-law;
- (e) to ensure the availability of all forms required to be used in any proceedings of the Tribunal;
- (f) to notify the charged person, team or club, through their team secretary or manager, of the date, time and place of the Tribunal hearing;
- (g) if the notification under clause 10.4(f) is made by telephone, the officer giving the notification shall immediately make a written record of the time and details of the telephone conversation;
- (h) if the charged person is under the age of 18 years, or otherwise unable to represent him or herself, then they are to be advised that they have the right to have an adult (not being an appointed legal practitioner) with or for them at the Tribunal hearing, as an adviser, and that the adviser shall be allowed to ask questions;
- (i) to provide the charged person, team or club with a copy of the report form. In carrying out this function the Organising Body shall:
 - i. hand a copy of the report form to the charged person (or a representative of a charged team or club) prior to the charged person leaving the match / activity venue following the activity out of which the report was made; or
 - ii. send a copy of the report form to the charged person, team or club at the address of the team secretary or manager as collected under clause 10.2 above, as soon as possible after the date of the report being lodged by the official with the Organising Body; or
 - iii. make a copy of the report form available for collection by the charged person, team or club and notify the team secretary or manager of the requirement to effect such collection.
- (j) to notify the reporting official and any other officials or witnesses required to be in attendance, of the date, time and place of the Tribunal hearing. Where such reporting official is under 18 years of age or have a disability which prevents them from adequately

representing themselves, they are to be advised that they have the right to have an adult with them at the Tribunal hearing, as an adviser, and that the adviser shall be allowed to ask questions;

(k) to notify each of the above persons of the consequences of non-attendance at a Tribunal hearing and the procedure to be followed in each case;

(l) to notify the chairperson (or his/her delegate) of the Tribunal that a report has been received, and to deliver to the chairperson (or his/her delegate) of the Tribunal the report form and any other information relevant to the case; and

(m) to ensure sufficient report forms are available to officials at competitions conducted by the Organising Body and that officials are aware of the availability of such forms.

5. Period between report & Tribunal hearing

5.1 A charged person, team or club shall be entitled to participate in basketball competitions conducted by the Organising Body until such time as the Tribunal has heard and determined the report.

9.3. Attendance

1. Attendance at Tribunal hearings

1.1 The following persons shall be required to attend a Tribunal hearing conducted under this By-law:

- (a) the charged person;
- (b) the president, secretary or other delegate representing a charged team or club;
- (c) the reporting official(s);
- (d) any other person involved in the report;
- (e) witnesses as indicated by the reporting official or charged person to be notified by the officer designated under clause 10.1;
- (f) any witness required by the Tribunal.

1.2 The following persons shall be entitled to attend a Tribunal hearing as appropriate:

- (a) any player of a charged team or club;
- (b) witnesses called to give evidence by a charged person, team or club;
- (c) witnesses called to give evidence by the reporting official(s);
- (d) any adult adviser to a charged person or reporting official.

1.3 The following persons shall be entitled to attend a Tribunal hearing with the permission of the Tribunal:

- (a) Organising Body and/or Constituent Association representatives;
- (b) approved representatives of the media;
- (c) any other person.

1.4 Legal representatives or advocates are permitted to appear before the Tribunal where leave to appear has been granted by the Tribunal chairperson.

2. Non-attendance at Tribunal hearings

2.1 If any charged person (or representative of a charged team or club) fails to attend a Tribunal hearing without reasonable cause, the hearing may proceed and a determination made by the Tribunal in the absence of the charged person, team or club, provided that the Tribunal is satisfied that all notification procedures under this By-law have been carried out.

2.2 A charged person, team or club or reporting official may apply to the Hearings Officer to have a Tribunal hearing adjourned if there are compelling circumstances which warrant such

steps being taken to avoid costs, hardship or significant inconvenience to the charged person, team or club. This will be at the discretion of the Hearings Officer (or the Tribunal if already convened) and if the application is granted a new date shall be fixed.

2.3 A charged person who is unable to attend a Tribunal hearing shall be entitled to appoint a representative (who is not a legal practitioner) to appear in his/her place if that charged person intends on pleading guilty, subject to the Tribunal receiving a letter of consent from the charged person containing the person's guilty plea to the charges contained in the report and any statement that person would have given to the Tribunal had he or she attended the hearing.

2.4 If any witness fails to attend a Tribunal hearing, the hearing may continue in their absence.

2.5 If a reporting official fails to attend a Tribunal hearing without reasonable cause, the hearing may proceed and a determination made by the Tribunal in the absence of the reporting official, provided that the Tribunal is satisfied that all notification procedures under this By-law have been carried out.

2.6 If a reporting official or Organising Body official inadvertently fails to carry out any duties listed in clause 10, the charges shall not be dismissed for this reason, but may be adjourned to allow the omission to be rectified. Where appropriate, the Tribunal shall take the failure into account and make suitable allowance.

3. Tribunal hearing Conducted Via Teleconference

3.1 A charged person, team or club may apply to the Tribunal chairperson to have a Tribunal hearing conducted by telephone conference call or other technology if there are compelling circumstances which warrant such steps being taken to avoid costs, hardship or significant inconvenience to the charged person, team or club. In all other respects the procedure of the Tribunal hearing shall be conducted in accordance with this By-law. The same rights should be available to the reporting person and/or other witnesses.

9.4 Procedures of the Tribunal

1. Procedures of the Tribunal

1.1 For the purpose of this clause 15, a reference to a charged person includes a reference to the representative(s) of a charged team or club.

1.2 In the event of a team or club being reported, one (1) member of the team or club shall act as spokesperson for the team or club provided that an individual member of that team or club may elect to speak on their own behalf.

1.3 At the commencement of a hearing, the chairperson shall identify the members of the Tribunal and determine whether the charged person is present to answer the charge(s) set out in the report.

1.4 The charged person shall be asked whether they accept the members of the Tribunal as impartial and independent, or whether they wish to raise any objection in relation to any member. If the objection is found by the Tribunal to be valid, then the Tribunal member shall stand down for the duration of the hearing.

1.5 The charged person and the reporting official(s) shall be notified of their right to remain in the hearing until all evidence is presented but not to be present whilst the Tribunal considers its findings and determines an appropriate penalty (if any).

1.6 The chairperson shall advise all those persons present of the method of recording the hearing.

1.7 The charge(s) as contained in the report shall be read out in the presence of all persons eligible to be present.

- 1.8 The charged person shall be asked whether the charge is understood and the reporting official asked whether the charge correctly represents their intention.
- 1.9 The charged person shall be asked to indicate whether they:
- (a) Admit the charges;
 - (b) Admit part of the charges but wish to bring other evidence;
 - (c) Deny the charges.
- 1.10 If the charged person admits the charge(s), the chairperson may read a short summary of the facts, admit the reporting official's evidence (written/verbal) and no witnesses need be called to give evidence unless the Tribunal requires it.
- 1.11 If the charged person admits part of the charges the chairperson may read a short summary of the facts and ask the charged person to identify what is admitted. Those facts will then be accepted by the Tribunal and no witnesses need be called to give evidence on those matters unless the Tribunal requires it.
- 1.12 If the charged person denies the charges then the chairperson shall ask all witnesses except the reporting official(s) and the charged person (and their advisers if appointed in accordance with this by-law) to leave the room and to wait to be called to give their evidence. An adviser may not also be a witness.
- 1.13 The reporting official shall proceed to give evidence and the witnesses of the reporting official(s) shall be called upon to give his/her evidence in turn, subject to the approval of the number of witnesses to be called by the Tribunal in its discretion. The charged person or his/her adviser may ask questions of the reporting official or any witness called.
- 1.14 Each witness shall be entitled to leave the Tribunal hearing after giving evidence unless otherwise directed by the Tribunal. Witnesses shall be entitled to remain in the hearing room after giving evidence with the permission of the Tribunal.
- 1.15 The charged person shall then be entitled to present their defence. Witnesses may be called subject to the approval of the number of witnesses to be called by the Tribunal in its discretion. Reporting officials or the adviser to a reporting official who is a minor may ask questions of the charged person or any witness called.
- 1.16 The Tribunal is empowered to question any person giving evidence.
- 1.17 Where a person exercises their right to have an adult adviser present in accordance with this by-law, an opportunity for consultation shall be provided.
- 1.18 Video evidence may be presented at the absolute discretion of the Tribunal.
- 1.19 At the conclusion of all of the evidence and submissions the chairperson shall ask the charged person, the reporting official and all other persons present to leave the hearing room while the Tribunal considers its findings.
- 1.20 If the Tribunal is not satisfied that a particular charge has been proved, but is satisfied that a lesser charge has been established, then the Tribunal may find such lesser charge established and shall apply a penalty applicable to the lesser charge.
- 1.21 Where it appears to the Tribunal that the reporting official has made an error in laying the wrong charge or omitted charges that should have been laid, the Tribunal may amend the charges and proceed to make a finding. Further, the Tribunal has the right to direct that a person other than the charged person be charged with an offence under this by-law on the basis of evidence presented before it during the course of conducting a hearing.
- 1.22 Where charges have been amended under clause 15.21, the Tribunal shall adjourn the hearing unless the charged person consents to it proceeding at that time.
- 1.23 The charged person, reporting official and any witnesses may be present when the decision of the Tribunal is given by the Tribunal chairperson. If the charged person is not present the Tribunal chairperson shall ensure that the decision is conveyed to the charged person by the most expedient means.

1.24 Subject to clause 15.20, if the Tribunal is satisfied that a charge has been established on the balance of probabilities (i.e. more probable than not) it shall find the charge proved. Otherwise the charge shall be dismissed.

1.25 If a charge has been found proven by the Tribunal the charged person shall be informed of the finding. Any previous convictions against the charged person should then be laid before the Tribunal.

1.26 The charged person is then given the right to make a final statement in relation to previous convictions or other mitigating circumstances before being asked to leave the room a second time. The charged person may, with the consent of the Tribunal Chairman, call witnesses or submit written statements or references for consideration by the Tribunal on the decision of penalty.

1.27 The Tribunal shall then determine the penalty to be imposed (if any) and shall recall the charged person and reporting official to advise of the penalty.

1.28 The Tribunal is not obliged to give reasons for any decision made by it under this By-law.

1.29 A charged person who has been convicted of an offence and received a penalty under this By-law shall not play, coach, referee or otherwise take part in basketball activities as directed by the Tribunal until the penalty has been served to the satisfaction of the

Organising Body. However a decision of the Tribunal does not prevent a person carrying out duties directly related to their employment.

9.5. Offences and Penalties

1.1 Clause 1.3 sets out the standard offences and maximum penalties to be applied where a charge has been established by a Tribunal.

1.2 For the purposes of this By-law, penalties for many offences which are established by a Tribunal shall be divided into two separate categories:

(a) penalties for offences involving persons other than officials ("Group A offence");
and

(b) penalties for offences involving an official ("Group B offence")

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1.3 Offences and penalties

(a) Disputing the decision(s) of a referee
Maximum penalty: 6 weeks suspension

(b) Unsportsmanlike behaviour
Maximum penalty: 6 weeks suspension

(c) Breach of Code of Conduct
Maximum penalty: 6 weeks suspension

- (d) Attempting to trip
 - A – Maximum penalty: 10 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: 20 weeks suspension

- (e) Tripping
 - A – Maximum penalty: 10 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: 20 weeks suspension

- (f) Obscene gestures
 - A – Maximum penalty: 10 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: 20 weeks suspension

- (g) Offensive language (which may include abusive, obscene or insulting language)
 - A – Maximum penalty: 10 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: 20 weeks suspension

- (h) Attempting to strike
 - A – Maximum penalty: 10 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: 52 weeks suspension

- (i) Striking (fist, hand, object, head)
 - A – Maximum penalty: 52 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: life-time suspension

- (j) Attempting to elbow
 - A – Maximum penalty: 10 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: 52 weeks suspension

- (k) Elbowing
 - A – Maximum penalty: 20 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: Life-time suspension

- (l) Fighting
 - A - More than 2 players: Maximum penalty 20 weeks suspension

- (m) Attempting to kick
 - A – Maximum penalty: 10 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: 52 weeks suspension

- (n) Kicking
 - A – Maximum penalty: 52 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: Life-time suspension

- (o) Spitting
 - A – Maximum penalty: 20 weeks suspension
 - B – Maximum penalty: 52 weeks suspension

- (p) Moving under an airborne player (tunnelling)
 - A - Maximum penalty: 104 weeks suspension

(q) Putting a person in fear of impending violence

A – Maximum penalty: 52 weeks suspension

B – Maximum penalty: 104 weeks suspension

(r) Coaching, refereeing, playing, scorebench duties while under suspension

A - Minimum penalty: 2 weeks per game plus the suspension period

B - Maximum penalty: 5 weeks per game plus the suspension period

(s) Deliberately endangering the safety, health, of the players, spectators, officials (incidents involving blood/body fluids)

Maximum penalty: life-time suspension

(t) Conduct which brings the game of Basketball into disrepute

Maximum penalty: 19 weeks suspension

(u) Failure to attend Tribunal without proper cause when notified

Maximum penalty: 20 weeks games suspension

(v) Failure to co-operate in, or hindering an investigation or hearing under these by- laws.

Maximum penalty: 20 weeks suspension

(w) Intimidating or bullying a person or attempting to do so

Maximum penalty: 52 weeks suspension

(x) Public criticism of officials, coaches or players related to basketball activities

Maximum penalty: 20 weeks suspension

1.4 Where charges arising from one particular incident are heard together and the Tribunal finds the person or team guilty of more than one offence, it may impose a single penalty, being not more than the maximum penalty for the total maximum penalties of the offences, or it may impose individual penalties for each offence.

1.5 A penalty handed down under this clause shall commence from the date of the Tribunal finding unless otherwise expressly directed by the Tribunal. Penalties should wherever possible be expressed to be calendar weeks as opposed to number of matches. The Tribunal has the discretion to rule that a penalty will be suspended for the number of weeks which fall between seasons or during any season break or for other reason such as intended absence of the person overseas or interstate.

1.6 Where a Tribunal imposes more than one period of suspension, it may impose them to be served concurrently or cumulatively or partly concurrently and partly cumulatively.

1.7 Persons on a first offence shall have this taken into account when assessing the penalty to be handed down.

1.8 A Tribunal may take into account a charged person's prior convictions in determining a penalty to be handed down provided the penalty does not exceed the maximum penalties assigned to offences under clause 16.3.

1.9 The Tribunal has the discretion to rule that a penalty apply only in relation to a particular competition, however this shall only be done in exceptional circumstances.

- (a) The Tribunal has the discretion to apply suspended sentences as part of a penalty provided that they do not exceed the maximum penalties assigned to offences under clause 1.3. It is recommended that suspended sentences remain in place for a period of 12 months.
- (b) If a charged person faces another Tribunal in the period in which the suspended sentence is in place (i.e. 12 months) and is found guilty the suspended sentence will be added to whatever penalty is handed down.

9.6 Appeals

1. Right of Appeal

1.1 The decision of an administrative tribunal that is invoked under clause 17.8 can only be appealed if the charged person (“Appellant”) satisfies the Appeals Officer of the Organising Body, or their nominee, in that person’s sole discretion, that the Appellant did not receive the notice issued

1.2 There shall be no appeal from a decision of the Tribunal unless the charged person (“Appellant”) satisfies the Appeals Officer of the Association, or their nominee, in that person’s sole discretion, that one or more of the following grounds of appeal is satisfied:

- (a) that significant new or additional evidence has become available, which is likely to make a material difference to the decision of the Tribunal;
- (b) that the penalty imposed by the Tribunal is not in accordance with the provisions of this By-law; or
- (c) that the Tribunal failed to follow procedures or requirements of this By-law to the significant detriment of the person seeking the appeal.

1.3 The Organising Body may appeal a decision of the Tribunal on the grounds that the penalty imposed by the Tribunal is inadequate.

2. Notice of Appeal

2.1 A person seeking to appeal a decision must:

(a) lodge a notice stating full details of charges and results thereof and stating in full the grounds of appeal with the Appeals Officer within fourteen (14) days of the notification of a determination of a Tribunal hearing (“Notice of Appeal”).

(b) pay the appeal fee to the Appeals Officer when lodging the Notice of Appeal, which shall be \$110.00 (including GST) (the appeal fee does not apply in the case of appeals by minors and may be waived in the discretion of the Appeals Officer).

2.2 An Appellant shall be notified as soon as is reasonably possible after receipt of the Notice of Appeal as to whether an appeal hearing is to be granted and the time, date and place of the Appeal hearing, in the event that it is granted.

2.3 An Organising Body wishing to appeal must:

- (a) provide the charged person with details of why they consider the penalty to be inadequate and setting out what penalty the Organising Body believes would have been adequate

(b) provide an undertaking to pay the charged person's reasonable costs of the Appeal Tribunal if the Organising Body's appeal is not upheld.

3. Appeal Tribunal

3.1 If an appeal hearing is granted, the Appeals Officer shall convene an Appeal Tribunal to hear and determine the appeal in accordance with this By-law.

3.2 An Appeal Tribunal shall consist of no fewer than three (3) persons appointed by the Association from time to time to hear appeals as required by the Association. Members of an Appeal Tribunal will preferably have experience in hearing and determining disciplinary matters in sport, however need not have any particular experience with the sport of basketball.

3.3 Tribunal members who were not involved in the hearing of a matter the subject of an appeal shall be eligible to sit on an Appeal Tribunal.

4. Serving of Tribunal Penalties

4.1 Subject to clause 4.2(b), where the Tribunal imposes a penalty that prevents the Appellant from participating in a match, the appellant shall serve that penalty pending the determination of the appeal.

4.2 Subject to clause 4.3, the Appeal Tribunal may of their own motion or upon application of the appellant:

- (a) that an appeal be adjourned;
- (b) a stay of the execution of the penalty imposed by the Tribunal pending the determination of the appeal.

4.3 The Appeal Tribunal shall make an order under clause 4.2(b) only where it is satisfied that there are exceptional and compelling circumstances that make it harsh and unconscionable if such an order was not made. In determining that question, the Appeals Tribunal shall without limitation have regard to:

- (a) the merits of the appeal and the Appellant's prospects of success;
- (b) the interests of other teams, clubs and players; and
- (c) the effect on the results of the competition.

5. Proceedings of Appeal Tribunal

5.1 The Appeal Tribunal and persons appearing before it are bound by the same procedures under this By-law as if the Appeal Tribunal was a Tribunal hearing a matter at first instance.

5.2 The Appeals Officer shall forward records of the Tribunal hearing in which the matter the subject of the Appeal was heard at first instance to the chairperson of the Appeal Tribunal.

5.3 The Appeal Tribunal shall have the discretion to conduct the hearing as a complete re-hearing or to limit the hearing to consideration of the ground(s) of appeal relied upon by the Appellant

5.4 An Appeal Tribunal shall have the power to: (a) dismiss the appeal;
(b) uphold the appeal;
(c) impose any of the penalties set out in Part 4 of this By-law.

(d) reduce, increase or otherwise vary any penalty imposed by the initial hearings Tribunal in such manner as it thinks fit.

4.5 The Appeal Tribunal is not obliged to give oral or written reasons for a decision under clause 22.4.

4.6 At the conclusion of the appeal, the chairperson of the Appeal Tribunal shall ensure that the Appellant and the reporting official are correctly informed of the determinations of the Appeal Tribunal. The chairperson shall also notify the Appeals Officer of the decision of the Appeal Tribunal.

6. Refund of Appeal Fee

6.1 The Appeal Tribunal shall have the discretion to refund the appeal fee payable.

7. Costs

7.1 Each party to an appeal shall bear their own costs. The Appeal Tribunal has the power to award that the reasonable costs of the Appeal Tribunal be borne by either party in its absolute discretion.

8. Single Right of Appeal

8.1 There is only one right of appeal following the decision of the initial Tribunal. Any appeal must be solely and exclusively resolved by the Appeal Tribunal and the decision of the Appeal Tribunal is final and binding on the parties.

9. Exhaust Internal Appeal

9.1 A person shall exercise his right of appeal under this By-law and have any appeal heard and determined by the Appeal Tribunal before commencing any proceedings or becoming a party to any proceedings in a court of law.

10. Under 14's

10.1. Objective

1. Physical engagement games activities

10.2. Guidelines

1. To be eligible to participate in the Active Wheelies program, participants must be aged (under 14 years of age for male and female).

10.3. Coaches role

1. To provide an environment where everyone feels safe and welcome regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. To teach players the skills of Wheelchair Basketball and provided them with the opportunity to engage in physical activity.

10.4. Coaches Qualification

1. All coaches must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).
2. All coaches must complete the Play by the Rules Training.

11. Juniors

11.1. Objectives

1. To provide an opportunity for people aged (13 to 22 for male and 13 to 24 for female) to participate in Wheelchair Basketball at state and national level.
2. To enter a South Australian team in the Kevin Coombs Cup (KCC) each year.

11.2. Guidelines

1. To be eligible to participate in the Junior program, participants must be aged (13 to 22 for male and 13 to 24 for female).

11.3. Coaches Role

1. To provide an environment where everyone feels safe and welcome regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. To teach players the skills of Wheelchair Basketball, giving each player the best opportunity to succeed or play the game at a state, national or international level.
3. Develop training programs for the squad.
4. Arrange training sessions for the squad.
5. Season Planning – i.e. Determine fixtures/events to be attended
6. Selection of team
7. Management of classification
8. Manage team equipment requirements

9. To coordinate with the SAWBA Chairperson, Development Coordinator and Operations Coordinator when required to achieve any items listed above.

11.4. Coaches Qualifications

1. Level 1 certificate
2. All coaches must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).
3. All coaches must complete the Play by the Rules Training.

11.5. Code of conduct

11.5.1 General – applicable to all

1. To adhere to the South Australian Wheelchair Basketball Association “Code of Conduct” at all times whilst representing a team either supported or affiliated with/by the South Australian Wheelchair Basketball Association.
2. At all times when travelling to and from and whilst participating in a sporting, training or social event, dress in team uniform or other attire appropriate to the occasion.
3. Not directly or indirectly engage in any of the following conduct related to betting, match-fixing and corruption:
 - i. bet, gamble or enter into any other form of financial speculation on any wheelchair basketball game or any event connected with any wheelchair basketball game ("Event") (whether or not you are participating in such game).
 - ii. induce or encourage any other person to bet, gamble or enter into any other form of financial speculation on any wheelchair basketball game or Event or to offer the facility for such bets to be placed.
 - iii. be a party to contriving or attempting to contrive the result of any wheelchair basketball game or the occurrence of any Event in exchange for any benefit or reward. (other than a benefit or reward received from the Tournament/Event)
 - iv. engage in other form of corrupt conduct in relation to any wheelchair basketball game or Event;
4. Do not partake in the consumption of alcohol products whilst representing SAWBA or an affiliated team at any tournament or event.
5. If a player, coach or member of staff is going to be unable to attend a training session prior notice (at least 24 hours before the training session) must be given to either the

coach, (or captain if the coach is not present). If circumstances are such where notice is given (less than 24 hours before training) then this is still acceptable provided the reasoning behind the absences/late notice is sound:

- i. If an individual is to have missed multiple sessions or have multiple instances of providing notice less than 24 hours before a session, this may result in that individual not being considered for selection. However this will be judged on a case by case basis taking into account training camps (with a sanctioned Basketball Australia team), injury, illness or other personal circumstances of the individual involved.

11.5.2. Players

1. Play according to the rules of wheelchair basketball including national and international guidelines, regulations and rules that govern IWBF or BA and the game of wheelchair basketball and the particular competition in which you are competing.
2. Refrain from unnecessary or obvious dissension, displeasure or disapproval with officials' decisions. If you disagree, you will have your captain, coach or manager approach the official at the appropriate time.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Be respectful of your team-mates and opposition both in victory and defeat.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

11.5.3. Coaches/Managers/Officials

1. Be reasonable in making demands.
2. Teach players to follow the rules and set a good example.
3. Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
4. Condemn unsporting behaviour.
5. Report incidents in writing to the SAWBA by completing the appropriate form within seven (7) days.

12. Seniors

12.1. Objectives

1. To provide an opportunity for people of all ages to participate in Wheelchair Basketball at state and national level.
2. To provide an opportunity to play as many senior competitions as possible such as national league

12.2. Guidelines

1. To be eligible to participate in the Seniors program, participants must be aged (16 or older male and female).
2. Subject to the rules of any tournaments or competition the Senior program may enter. Players may be required to have an eligible impairment under the IWBF classification rules in order to participate.

12.3. Coaches Role

1. To provide an environment where everyone feels safe and welcome regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
2. To teach players the skills of Wheelchair Basketball, giving each player the best opportunity to succeed or play the game at a state, national or international level.
3. Develop training programs for the squad.
4. Arrange training sessions for the squad.
5. Season Planning – i.e. Determine fixtures/events to be attended
6. Selection of team
7. Management of classification

8. Manage team equipment requirements
9. To coordinate with the SAWBA Chairperson, Development Coordinator and Operations Coordinator when required to achieve any items listed above.

12.4. Coaches Qualifications

1. Level 1 certificate
2. All coaches must have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC).
3. All coaches must complete the Play by the Rules Training.