

Basketball WA

NBL1 West – WA State Basketball League

RULES OF OPERATION

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DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

In these Rules of Operation, unless the context requires otherwise:

"Affiliated Association" means an Association that has registered and paid affiliation fees with **BWA**, and that **BWA** has accepted it's affiliation.

"Agreement" means the SBL Licence Agreement including any Schedules or annexures, however described.

"Annual Levy" means the amount determined by the Board and payable by the **Licensee** to **BWA** each year.

"Any Other Games" means games between **SBL Clubs** on an international and national basis organised by **FIBA**, a confederation within **FIBA** or a member federation of **FIBA** including **BA**.

"Association compliance penalties" means penalties imposed on Associations for breaches of the Rules of Operation in order to improve compliance levels.

"Basketball Australia" or "BA" means Basketball Australia Incorporated.

"Basketball Western Australia" or "BWA" means Basketball WA Incorporated.

"Basketball WA Tribunal" means a Tribunal process established by BWA to deal with poor behaviour, both on and off the court fairly, impartially and consistently.

"Broadcast Rights" mean the right to record **SBL Games, Any Other Games, Other Events** and **Game Statistics** for transmission, display and distribution by way of audio, audio-visual, television (including free-to-air, subscription, multichannel, closed circuit and interactive television), televisual exhibition, internet, broadband, mobile and video, in all forms whenever devised in any part of the world, including rights to Virtual Signage.

"Coach" means any person who is appointed to coach a League team for any season or part thereof.

"Code of Conduct" means the **SBL** Code of Conduct as developed by **BWA** from time to time, in consultation with the **SBL Clubs**.

"SBL Commission" means the SBL Commission appointed by **BWA** to manage, direct and oversee the **SBL**.

"Commissioner" means a Commissioner of the SBL, appointed or elected in accordance with the **Agreement**.

"CPI" means the Consumer Price Index (All Groups) Perth as published by the Commonwealth Government and if for any reason the Commonwealth Government ceases to publish the CPI, then any equivalent index specified from time to time by BWA.

"Court announcer" means a person appointed by the home Association to make public announcements in relation to the presentation of a game and be responsible for playing music and where appropriate other audio recordings.

"Delegate" means the person appointed by an Association from time to time who will be the point of communication between the **SBL** and **SBL Club**.

"FIBA" or **"Federation Internationale de Basketball Association"** means the international governing body of basketball of which **BA** is a member federation.

"Finals" means the series of games as determined by the League played at the completion of the regular League season between qualifying Associations to determine the championship team for that season.

"Game" means a **BWA** game organised and staged by the **Licensee** (including a **SBL Game** and a **Non-fixture Game**), including all incidental activities such as hospitality, advertising, promotions, merchandising and pre-game, half time and post-game entertainment and precinct activity.

"Game Commissioner" means the person appointed by the home **SBL Club** to ensure a fixtured game is conducted in accordance with the Rules of Operation.

"Game Statistics" means data, statistics or information relating to **SBL Games** or **Any Other Games**, basketball participants and basketball, collected by or for, or in the possession or control of the **SBL Club**, including the Game result, and all other statistical information.

"General Manager" means the person who is appointed by Basketball WA to manage the **SBL** (or their appointment in their absence).

"Home Venue" means the venue listed in *Item 4 of Schedule 1* of the **Agreement** for the **SBL Club**.

"Home Association" means an Association which is entitled or obliged to stage a **Game**.

"Home game" means a **Game** which an Association is entitled or obliged to stage at its approved **Home Venue**.

"Home team" means a team which is named first in a **SBL** fixture.

"Investigations Officer" means a person appointed by BWA to investigate matters relating to conduct and any other matters deemed necessary.

"Licence" means the rights and obligations granted under the **Agreement**.

"Licenced Area" means the Licenced Area for each Club.

"Licensee Sponsor" means a sponsor of the **SBL Club** that has been appointed by the **SBL Club**.

"Member" means any person who acts in any official capacity for a Club, including as a player, coach, official, employee or administrator.

"MVP voting form" means a League provided document which allows each team Coach and game Referees to record votes for the purpose of determining a competition's Most Valuable Player (MVP) or other relevant **SBL** awards.

"NBL" means the National Basketball League of Australia.

"NBL1" means the second tier National Basketball League of Australia.

"NBL1 West" means the branded SBL competition of Western Australia.

"Non-fixture Game" means any game participated in by the **SBL Club** that is not an **SBL Game**.

"Operations Manual" means the written guidelines for operating the SBL as prescribed and amended from time to time by the **General Manager**.

"Other Events" mean events or functions organised or controlled by **BWA** relating, directly or indirectly, to the **SBL**, including ceremonies, awards nights or official dinners or functions.

"Player" means any person who has a signed **Standard Player Contract** with a **SBL Club**.

"Player Contract System" means the system of regulating Player eligibility, registration, contracting, payments and transfer as set out in the **Rules of Operation**.

"Personnel" means any personnel engaged by the **SBL Club** (whether paid or unpaid), including directors and Team Officials, but excluding Players.

"Premium Ticket Provision" means no more than 10 premium tickets, being courtside or as near as possible where available, to each **SBL Game**.

"President" is the elected president of any **SBL Club**.

"Referee SBL Appointments Committee" or "SAC" means a group appointed by Basketball WA to manage matters relating to the appointment of Referees on its behalf.

"Regular season game" means any **SBL Game** played in the regular home and away season.

"Restricted player" means a restricted player as defined in the **Rules of Operation**.

"Rules of Operation" mean the rules and regulations for the conduct and operation of the **SBL** as developed by **BWA** from time to time in accordance with *clause 9.1(j)* of the **Agreement**.

"SAT" means The State Administrative Tribunal.

“**SBL**” means the state competition to be conducted by **BWA** between the **SBL Clubs** previously known as State Basketball League, or any other name determined and notified from time to time.

“**SBL Club**” means any **Affiliated Association** admitted by **BWA** to field a team and / or teams to participate in the **SBL**.

“**SBL Game**” means any **BWA** game played between **SBL Clubs** during a **Season**, including any regular season or **Final Series** or officially sanctioned pre-season Game.

“**SBL Partners**” mean the official broadcasters, the **SBL Sponsors** and the **SBL Suppliers** collectively.

“**SBL Sponsors**” mean the naming rights sponsor of the **SBL** and the sponsors of the **SBL** from time to time, as notified by **BWA** to the **SBL Clubs**.

“**SBL Suppliers**” mean suppliers of products or services within the **Supplier Categories** that **BWA** has from time to time appointed as official suppliers to the **SBL**.

“**SBL Trade Identification**” means the logo of the **SBL**, inclusive of the name of any naming rights partner, as notified by **BWA** from time to time.

“**Season**” means the period in each year determined by the **SBL Commission** when the League competition takes place.

“**Standard Player Contract**” means the standard player contract to be entered into between **BWA**, the relevant **SBL Club** and each Player in the form as specified in the **Rules of Operation**.

“**Style Guide**” means a document issued which prescribes how the **SBL Trade Identification** is to be used on Association uniforms, other attire and documentation.

“**Team**” means a team of an **SBL Club** which participates in the **SBL**.

“**Technical official**” means any person acting as a score table official, statistician or Referee or Referee coach at any **Game**.

“**Tier 1 Signage**” means court level signage, including but not limited to A-Frame or LED signage, that appears predominantly within the field of view of the main game video camera.

“**Tier 2 Signage**” means signage that is elevated from the court level by greater than 1200mm.

“**Uniform Style Guide**” is defined as the standard requirements for uniforms worn by a **Team** and contains the minimum requirements of uniforms for the **SBL**.

"Venue" means any playing venue where the **SBL Club** will stage an **SBL Game**, including the **Home Venue** including all surrounding areas owned, leased, licensed or otherwise controlled by the Venue owner or operator.

"Venue Audit" means a checklist issued by the League from time to time indicating minimum venue requirements and providing a means for **SBL Clubs** to indicate compliance.

"Venue Standards" mean the standards set out in the **Rules of Operation** in relation to game day operations policies and procedures, broadcast and media requirements, police and security requirements and broadcast and sports presentation that the **SBL Club** should ensure that it, its **Personnel** and the **Venue** complies with in relation to the staging of **Games**.

"Visiting team" means a **Team** which is named second in a **SBL** fixture.

"WNBL" means the Women's National Basketball League of Australia.

Persons, Singular Gender

Words importing the singular number include the plural and the masculine gender, the feminine or neuter and vice versa, and words importing persons include corporations.

Headings and Clause Numbers

Headings and clause numbers have been inserted for convenience, and will not be taken into account in interpreting these By-Laws.

Interpretation

These Rules of Operation will be governed by the law of Western Australia.

Reference to Currency

References to currency in these Rules of Operation refers to Australian Dollars unless otherwise specified.

PART 1 – INTRODUCTION

1.1 Management

The SBL is managed by **Basketball WA**, with **BWA** Board endorsement when applicable. Its operation is overseen by an **SBL Commission** comprised of 5 members, consisting of:

- **Basketball WA** CEO or their representative
- Two (2) positions appointed by the **BWA** Board
- Two (2) positions elected by the **SBL Clubs**

The **General Manager** will provide the secretariat for the **SBL Commission**.

1.2 Aims

The **SBL** aims to:

- (a) Provide an elite basketball league that is aspirational and provides an inspirational pathway for associations, players, coaches and technical officials;
- (b) Provide a highly attractive competition, that enables and results in commercial leverage opportunities and engages the community and
- (c) Grow the profile of the sport of basketball.

1.3 Competition Structure

The **SBL** will consist of a men's and women's competition, each consisting of association representative teams.

1.4 Conferences

Where appropriate due to the number of teams competing, the competition may be divided into conferences.

1.5 Entry

New entry to the **SBL** will be by way of application which will be reviewed on the basis of:

- Proven association pathway structure / links
- Demonstrated competitiveness and/or success over the past 5 years in junior and senior competitions
- Demonstrated ability to market games and engage with community/supporters
- Designated Association Personnel resource to administer teams and games
- Submission of business, marketing and game day plans
- Associations financial status with **Basketball WA**
- Associations general financial soundness
- Community engagement strategy

- Mandatory venue requirements being met including, but not limited to;
 - FIBA full size court, with suitable run off
 - Safe, well maintained playing surface
 - Scoreboards and Shot Clocks at both ends of the court
 - Minimum 500 seat capacity
 - 4 Changerooms with clean whiteboards
 - A dedicated referee room for referees separate to domestic referees, including access to showers
 - Suitable lighting for Live Streaming (guide 500+ lux)
 - Suitably qualified score bench and stats staff

Successful applicants will be granted a **Licence** at **Basketball WA's** discretion, with requirements monitored annually.

SBL Clubs will be consulted on any new entry proposal to the **SBL**.

There will be no formal promotion from or relegation to any other competition.

PART 2 – LEAGUE ADMINISTRATION

2.1 Rules of Operation

2.1.1 Establishment

These **Rules of Operation** are provided to each **SBL Club** and have been developed to ensure the efficient operation of the **SBL**. The **Rules of Operation** may change at any time subject to Rule 2.1.2 Variation. Variations required during a season will be designed to have minimum impact on the outcome of the League.

SBL Club Delegates must acquaint themselves of all responsibilities contained in this document and ensure that relevant personnel are aware of their individual responsibilities and rights.

2.1.2 Variation

The **Rules of Operation** may be amended by the **General Manager** with input from the **SBL Commission** and approval of **Basketball WA** where required.

The **SBL Commission** may request input from **SBL Clubs** from time to time regarding suggested amendments and at the request of **Basketball WA** the **SBL Commission** may be asked to appoint a person or persons to review these **Rules of Operation**.

SBL Clubs may be requested to suggest amendments from time to time.

2.1.3 Management and appeal

The **General Manager** shall in the first instance interpret and apply the **Rules of Operation** and make decisions based on them.

The **General Manager** at their discretion can also refer to the **SBL Commission** for guidance on interpretation and application of any **Rules of Operation**.

The Appeals Sub Committee appointed by the **SBL Commission** shall act as a point of appeal for decisions made by the **General Manager** in relation to the **Rules of Operation**. Refer to Rule 2.3 Appeals.

2.1.4 Items not provided for

The **General Manager** shall have the discretion to decide on any questions not provided for in the **Rules of Operation**.

2.2 Penalties

2.2.1 SBL penalties

The **General Manager** may impose penalties upon individual players, coaches, **SBL Clubs**, members of **Affiliated Associations** or technical officials at their discretion. Penalties may be in the form or combination of compliance fees, forfeit, suspension or disqualification from **SBL games** or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the **General Manager** from time to time. The **General Manager** will notify all penalties in writing to Associations.

The **General Manager** is empowered to impose penalties for non-compliance with the **Rules of Operation** and as specified below in Rules 2.2.2 **SBL compliance penalties**, 2.2.3 Administrative and procedural fines, 2.2.4 Fines for forfeits and 2.2.5 Changes to venue/fixture.

2.2.2 SBL compliance penalties

The **SBL compliance penalties** are a mechanism for the **General Manager** to maintain League standards and ensure compliance by **SBL Clubs** with a view to meeting the requirements of these **Rules of Operation**.

Where the **General Manager** detects a breach of these **Rules of Operation** they will apply the appropriate penalty for that breach. As an **SBL Club** accumulates offences they shall be dealt with in accordance with the level of penalty as approved by the **SBL Commission**. (Refer to Appendix one (1) Offences and Penalties).

Where an **SBL Club** incurs a penalty the **General Manager** will inform the **SBL Club** of the penalty and they will have the right to appeal to the **SBL Commission** in accordance with Rule 2.3 Appeals of the **Rules of Operation**.

Should an **SBL Club** exceed three offences in a given season the **General Manager** will investigate the **SBL Club** performance and decide on an appropriate additional penalty having regard to the nature of the ongoing offences.

2.2.3 Administrative and procedural fines

- (a) Failure to respond to any administrative requests within timeline provided;
- (b) Failure by an Association representative to attend any **SBL** meeting sanctioned by the **SBL Commission** requiring compulsory attendance;
- (c) Per person for any breach of the **Team** bench dress code.

2.2.4 Fines for forfeits

In the event of a game being forfeited through non-attendance / withdrawal of a **Team**:

Where a team forfeits a game:

- (a) Where the **Home Team** forfeits (75% of the fine will be refunded to the visiting team);
- (b) Where the **Visiting Team** forfeits (75% of the fine will be refunded to the home team);

In the event that a forfeit does occur the **General Manager** will investigate the circumstances, and this may affect a future season's acceptance of **Teams** for that **SBL Club**

2.2.5 Changes to venue/fixture

- (a) An **SBL Club** must secure approval for a fixture change (date, time, and/or venue) from the **General Manager** prior to contacting the opposition; the opposition may decline the request for a change;
- (b) An administrative fee (penalty) per change after the final fixture is published on the **SBL** web site will be applied unless the change is made under extenuating circumstances.

2.2.6 Payment of fines

All penalties and charges incurred must be paid within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of account, except when a required date of payment is otherwise advised on the fine notification or agreed.

Where **SBL** issued invoice(s) exceeds the nominated trading terms the amount of the invoice will be subject to interest in accordance with **SAT** penalty rates until payment is received.

If after a reasonable time period, payment remains outstanding the **SBL Club** will be declared un-financial, with the **General Manager** empowered to take the following action:

- (a) Prior to the competition commencing, the **SBL Club** shall be ineligible for entry, participation or progression in the competition;
- (b) If the **SBL Club** becomes unfinancial during the competition, its **teams** shall cease to earn results until the matter is resolved. When the matter is resolved, the points lost in the unfinancial period cannot be regained.

2.3 Appeals

2.3.1 Introduction

Appeals relating to decisions made by the **General Manager** shall be referred to an Appeals Sub Committee for a decision. There shall be no further appeal to the **SBL Commission**.

SBL Clubs must lodge an appeal in writing to the **General Manager** within seven (7) days of the decision being notified, together with a bond of \$500. The appeals bond of \$500 will only be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

In the event an earlier pending decision is required (e.g. finals) the **SBL Commission** may determine at its discretion the time duration cut off for the acceptance of an appeal and all other timings to the appeal.

2.3.2 Appeal process

An appellant seeking an appeal must submit the appeal in writing, detailing the matter in full and the decision made by the **General Manager** including:

- (a) Ground(s) on which the appeal is made and
- (b) Reason(s) or circumstances supporting the ground(s) of appeal;

Upon receipt, the **General Manager** will forward the submission to the **SBL Commission** which will appoint the members of the Appeals Sub Committee within seven (7) days of receipt of the appeal. The Appeals Sub Committee will determine within seven (7) days of appointment if the appeal should proceed.

The appellant shall be advised within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the appeal whether the Appeals Sub Committee will hear the appeal.

The appellant has the opportunity to be present at the hearing and must notify the **General Manager** within 48 hours of being advised that the appeal will be heard, otherwise the Appeals Sub Committee will deal with the matter(s) on written submission only.

If the appeal proceeds, the Appeals Sub Committee shall determine the manner in which the appeal shall be heard:

- (a) By way of a full hearing or
- (b) By way of a partial hearing of limited issues only.

The Appeals Sub Committee may deal with the matter(s) by phone, video conferencing, email or such other means as deemed appropriate.

The Appeals Sub Committee shall have the power to:

- (a) Dismiss the appeal;
- (b) Uphold the appeal;
- (c) Impose any penalties in accordance with these **Rules of Operation**;
- (d) Reduce, increase or otherwise vary any penalty of the initial decision of the **General Manager** in such a manner as it thinks fit.

The Appeals Sub Committee will provide the **General Manager** the outcome of the appeal in writing on the **SBL** template, which will be forwarded to the appellant.

2.4 Member Conduct

2.4.1 Member Review

Membership of the **SBL** by way of the grant of a **Licence** to participate shall be subject to the conditions in the **Agreement**.

On an annual basis but no later than 120 days after the end of each **Season**, **BWA** shall review the **SBL** conducted in the preceding **Season** and shall consider the following matters:

- a) a financial report in relation to its delivery of the **SBL** within the annual budget for that **Season**;
- b) the performance of **BWA** in meeting the objectives of the **SBL** as set out in the **Agreement**;
- c) participation by the **SBL Club** in the marketing program and support for **SBL Partners** during that **Season**;
- d) **Player** professionalism, welfare and education programs;
- e) the **SBL Club's** compliance with **Player** contracts and the **Player Contract System**; and
- f) the **SBL Club's** overall compliance with the terms and the spirit and intent of the **Agreement** and the **Rules of Operation**.

2.4.2 Conduct detrimental or prejudicial to the SBL

Any **SBL Club**, **Player**, **Personnel**, spectator or technical official that behaves in a manner that adversely, or is likely to, adversely affect the **SBL** in either its promotion or operation may be referred to the **Basketball WA** Tribunal, as appropriate.

This will include:

- (a) Breaches of the **Basketball WA** Tribunal By-laws, **Basketball WA** Member Protection By-laws and the **Basketball WA** Code of Conduct.

- (b) Criticism of the **SBL, SBL Clubs, Players, Personnel** or technical officials is a matter of concern for the **SBL**. Any **Affiliated Association** member, including **Players, Personnel** and management who publicly criticise any of the above persons or bodies will be deemed to have acted in a manner detrimental and prejudicial to the **SBL** and will be liable to penalty and will be referred to the **General Manager**.

Furthermore, any **Affiliated Association** member or spectator who is found by the **General Manager** to have pursued and/or harassed technical officials before, during, or after a game will be subject to similar penalties.

SBL Clubs will be held responsible for any adverse media or public comments of all their members by way of the public address system, game program, multimedia, in a public place or through any forum or media outlet including any form of social media.

The **General Manager** is empowered to impose a penalty or recommend expulsion, in the event that any adverse media comment is reported, and after investigation is proven. The **General Manager** has the discretion with respect to the amount of fine or penalty to be imposed (Refer to Appendix one (1) Offences and Penalties);

2.5 League finance

2.5.1 Budgets

The **General Manager** will develop an annual budget which will ensure the satisfactory operation of the **SBL** and gain approval from **Basketball WA** Board. The budget will be presented to the **SBL Clubs** as per the **Agreement**.

Each member Association must develop an annual financial budget which is to be made available to the **General Manager** upon request and which will be held by the **SBL** and **Basketball WA** in strictest confidence.

Basketball WA has a responsibility to ensure the financial viability of **Affiliated Associations** and may exercise the right to review an Association's financial status to ensure their financial stability and maintain the integrity of the **SBL**.

The **General Manager** is empowered to assist with the development of **SBL Clubs** who are identified as struggling financially. This assistance may include arranging financial advice, which may be in coordination with **Basketball WA**. The ultimate responsibility for financial stability rests with the individual **Affiliated Association**.

2.5.2 Annual Levy

The **Annual Levy** to be paid by **SBL Clubs** shall be established within the budget prepared by the **General Manager** and communicated to the **SBL Clubs** on an annual basis. The **Annual Levy** will be invoiced to participating associations in three (3) equal installments as confirmed by the **General Manager**.

2.5.3 Withdrawal of entry

Once an application for entry has been accepted and the **Annual Levy** has been established, an Association is liable for a minimum of 50% of the fee. If an **SBL Club** withdraws a **Team** after the fixture has been finalized, a forfeit fee for each game of the season will apply.

2.5.4 Un-financial Affiliated Association

An un-financial **Affiliated Association**, on the recommendation of the **General Manager** and with the approval of **Basketball WA**, will not be permitted to participate in the **SBL** (refer to Rule 2.2.6 Payment of fines).

An **Affiliated Association** will be deemed un-financial when it has accounts outstanding to the **SBL** (including **Annual Levy** or fines, other monies or part thereof) or **Basketball WA** when the date specified for payment has expired (refer to Rule 2.2.6 Payment of fines).

2.6 Sponsorship and League property

2.6.1 Sponsorship

- (a) Subject to this clause, each **SBL Club** may arrange with a person (for the purposes of this clause the "SBLClub sponsor") its own corporate or other sponsorship, and will be entitled to retain for its own use all moneys paid by an SBL sponsor;
- (b) Subject to clause (c), an **SBL Club** may not enter into or be a party to a sponsorship agreement with an SBL Club sponsor whose business is in direct competition with the business of a person who is/are a sponsor of the **SBL**. The **General Manager** will notify all **SBL Clubs** who the sponsors are at least one (1) week prior to the commencement of the season;
- (c) Where prior to notification of the **SBL** sponsors, an **SBL Club** has entered into a sponsorship agreement with an SBL Club sponsor whose business is in direct competition with the **SBL** major sponsor(s), that **SBL Club** will not be obliged to terminate the sponsorship agreement, but will not enter into a new sponsorship agreement to renew the existing sponsorship agreement with the SBL Club sponsor, whose business is in direct competition with the **SBL** major sponsor(s);

- (d) Except as otherwise approved by the **General Manager**, an **SBL Club** shall display such signage as directed by the **General Manager** in support of the **SBL** sponsor(s), (refer to Rule 3.3.2 Venue signage & national flag);

For the purpose of clarity, it is recognised that the **SBL** retains the rights to two (2) on-court decals excluding the centre circle and 50% of **Tier 1 signage** along the baselines and sideline opposite to the main game video camera as per the **Agreement**.

- (e) The penalty for a proven non-compliance shall be as deemed appropriate by the **General Manager**.

2.6.2 SBL Trade Identification (logo)

- (a) The **SBL** shall have an official Trade Identification (logo);
- (b) Unless otherwise advised, **SBL Clubs** are required to use the **SBL Trade Identification** (logo) in accordance with the Style Guide;
- (c) An **SBL Club** must use the **SBL Trade Identification** (logo) including the sponsor's name and trademark (logo) on all match programs and promotions as advised.

2.6.3 Broadcast control

The **SBL** has the exclusive right to market all recordings or broadcasts of games involving League teams by way of any technology. As a result, no **SBL Club** is permitted to sell recordings or broadcasts of its games either domestically or internationally for any purpose without the written agreement of the **General Manager**, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

An **SBL Club** may produce highlights for promotional non-commercial purposes only without limitation.

PART 3 - ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Member Associations

Only **Affiliated Associations** approved by **Basketball WA** may compete in the **SBL** competition.

3.2 SBL Club contacts

Each **SBL Club** is required to appoint a **Delegate** and notify the **General Manager** of their name and contact details. All official **SBL** communication will be directed from the **SBL** office staff to the nominated person.

3.3 Venue Standards

3.3.1 Venue Standards

- (a) It shall be the responsibility of the **Home Team** to ensure that all satisfactory equipment necessary for the correct and safe conduct of the **Game** is supplied;
- (b) Satisfactory venue equipment and services as referred to in (a) and (c) of this clause shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1. Safe, well maintained playing timber surface
 - 2. FIBA full size court, with suitable run off
 - 3. Backboards in good repair, affixed with standard, protective padding and preferably constructed of a transparent material;
 - 4. Properly secured rings with nets in good condition attached;
 - 5. Adequate seating for team members, officials and adequate space for a minimum of 500 spectators;
 - 6. Time clocks, including 24 second clocks with a 14 second re-set and a score board at each end of the court, providing visibility to all persons participating in the game;
 - 7. A score bench to seat a minimum of four technical officials, with possession arrow and foul lights affixed
 - 8. A game ball and a spare 'blood' ball;

9. Two separate or interchangeable, lockable change room facilities for **Visiting Teams** and a Referees change room including access to showers;
 10. A courtside announcer for each home game;
 11. Two floor wipers at each end;
 12. Statisticians to record game statistics;
 13. Suitable lighting for Live Streaming (guide 500+ lux);
 14. Meeting/function area and canteen facilities; and
 15. Any other reasonable equipment requested in writing by the League;
- (c) Reports of **SBL Clubs** providing less than satisfactory venue equipment and services shall be submitted by an **SBL Club** or technical official to the General Manager. This may result in fines or re-fixturing away from the venue of the offending **SBL Club**;
- (d) If requested, **SBL Clubs** must complete and return a venue audit report prior to the commencement of each season to confirm compliance of venue requirements;
- (e) Approval for use of a venue other than that used by the **SBL Club** in the previous season must be sought from the **General Manager** prior to the commencement of each new season or prior to a game being re-scheduled as a result of unavailability or damage beyond the control of an **SBL Club**.

3.3.2 Venue signage & flags

- (a) Each **SBL** venue shall display prominently signage carrying the **SBL Trade Identification** (logo) as provided by and in a manner requested by the **General Manager**;
- (b) Each **SBL** venue shall display signage in respect of **SBL sponsors** as provided by and in a manner requested by the **General Manager** in accordance with the **Agreement**;
- (c) Each **SBL** venue shall display the Australian national flag and the Aboriginal flag such that they are clearly visible during all games.

3.4 Association uniforms and attire

3.4.1 Uniforms

- (a) **SBL Clubs** shall have two uniform sets available for each team; one of which shall be predominantly light displaying player numbers in a contrasting dark colour, while the other shall be of a predominantly dark colour displaying player numbers in a contrasting light colour. An **SBL Club** that changes design of a uniform requires approval by the **General Manager**;
- (b) **SBL Clubs** may wear a specially designed uniform to signify a prominent event or date with prior approval of the **General Manager**;
- (c) All **SBL** uniforms must comply with the **SBL** uniform style guide as provided by the **General Manager** and adjusted from time to time;
- (d) Undergarments, sleeves and skins must be of a tight fitting compression material and must only be black, white, beige or the same primary colour as the uniform singlet being worn for the game.
- (e) Strapping tape must only be black, white, beige or the same primary colour as the uniform singlet being worn for the game.

3.4.2 Team uniform allocations

The **General Manager** will release a weekly uniform allocation roster for all teams in the upcoming fixture. The **Home Team** will generally wear their dark uniform unless otherwise outlined by the **General Manager**.

3.4.3 Uniform numbers

Numbers used on uniforms must be one of the following 0, 00, 1 -99. The number marking must ensure all technical officials can clearly identify a player's number from both front and behind during on court action. Uniform numbers must be of a contrasting colour to the primary colour of the uniform and located in a position on the front and back of each singlet in accordance with the **SBL's** Uniform Style Guide.

3.4.4 Player names

It is acceptable for **SBL Clubs** to have the player's surname (or suitable nickname) affixed to the back of the player's uniform.

3.4.5 Uniforms placement of SBL Trade Identification (logo)

All playing uniforms are required to display the official **SBL Trade Identification** (logo) placed in accordance with the Style Guide.

Playing uniforms without the official **SBL Trade Identification** will incur a fine per incorrect uniform, per match, until the uniforms are corrected.

3.4.6 Association logos

Where applied to playing uniforms or **SBL Club** apparel, **SBL Club** and/or SBL Club sponsor's logos must be placed in accordance with the Style Guide.

3.4.7 Team bench dress code

Overall standards

All **Team Players** and **Personnel** shall be required to dress in a way that clearly distinguishes them as part of the **Team** and from other game officials.

The best description of the standard for **Personnel** would be business casual that suitably meets model business standards.

The best description for **Players** would be playing uniform.

The requirements are:

a) Coaches and assistant coaches

Coaches must wear a collared shirt. If this is a polo shirt then it must be an **SBL Club** branded polo. During colder weather it is understandable that this will be covered by a jacket that must be either an **SBL Club** tracksuit jacket or other jacket that fits the general description of business casual wear.

Denim, shorts, hats or tracksuit pants are not permitted for Coaches and their Assistants.

Shoes must be clean and tidy.

b) Team managers

Recognising that team managers have different responsibilities, the bench dress code standard can be modified slightly.

A team manager may wear an **SBL Club** tracksuit provided it is the same colour as the warm up tracksuit for the **Players** and that it is a complete tracksuit (matching top and bottom). The tracksuit top must display the **SBL Club** brand/logo.

If the team manager is wearing a tracksuit, runners are permissible.

In warmer weather a tracksuit bottom and **SBL Club** polo shirt are permissible for the team manager.

c) Players

Players must arrive and depart the game wearing at least neat, casual clothing and preferably either an **SBL Club** branded polo-shirt, jacket or pullover. The alternative option is an **SBL Club** branded tracksuit or in the warmer weather **SBL Club** brand tracksuit pants and an **SBL Club** brand polo shirt.

d) Other team Personnel

Other **Team Personnel**; physiotherapists, doctors etc. must comply with the dress bench code standard for coaches or **Team** managers. Any non-playing individuals wishing to be part of the **Team** bench must dress to these standards. If they do not comply with the requirements, they should be seated with spectators and not on the **Team** bench.

e) Squad players

Squad players not participating in the game may sit on the **Team** bench provided they are contracted and dressed in accordance with the same bench dress code standard or in a full team tracksuit as per the **Team** manager. If they are not contracted or dressed to either standard, they should be seated with spectators.

3.5 Seating

3.5.1 League officials

Each **SBL Club** must provide seats for SBL officials when advised of their attendance in advance as per the **Premium Ticket Provision** in the **Agreement**.

The home team can allocate preferential seating for its members, but must make every attempt to accommodate the visiting team with suitable seating.

Home Clubs are required to permit free entry to League Season Pass Holders.

3.5.2 Crowd attendance

The official attendance number must be submitted to the **General Manager** in accordance with the timeline advised in the format requested by the **SBL**.

PART 4 – TEAM & PLAYER ADMINISTRATION

4.1 Team content

4.1.1 Registration

Before any **Player** or coach of any **Team** is eligible to participate in the **SBL**, they must be currently registered in a manner as specified by the **General Manager**.

4.1.2 Contract System

Every **Player**, coach and assistant coach must have a written contract with their **SBL Club**, whether for monetary considerations or not.

A full unsealed copy of each contract, properly signed and witnessed must be lodged with BWA within ten (10) business days of being signed. A soft copy is acceptable, however the club is responsible for keeping a hard copy record of the contract for at least one (1) year following the termination date outlined in the contract.

Multi-year contracts are accepted, however the termination date must be clearly outlined in the contract. If a **Player** or **Team** option is outlined in the contract, a new contract must be lodged to BWA for the season which the option is considered.

4.1.3 Salary Cap

No Club is permitted to pay a **Team** salaries for a season totaling an amount in excess of the salary cap prescribed in the Salary Cap Policy outlined in Appendix 2.

- (a) The total player salary cap for the **SBL** will be sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) per **Team** per season.
- (b) Each **SBL Club** President will, within ten (10) business days of the conclusion of the **SBL** Grand Final, sign the Statutory Declaration (see Appendix 2) and forward this Declaration to the **General Manager**.

4.1.4 Restricted Player Eligibility

Each **Team** is permitted to have a maximum of two (2) activated contracted **Players**, who meet the **restricted** player criteria established herewith, at any one time.

4.2 Restricted and Foreign Born Players

4.2.1 A **Player** who is a non-Australian or non-Oceania citizen will be deemed a restricted player in the **SBL**.

4.2.2 **Players** who hold a current Australian Permanent Residence Visa will be deemed an unrestricted **Player** in the **SBL** (pending 4.3 & 4.5), however must obtain a Foreign Players Licence for each season.

4.2.3 Players who do not hold Australian citizenship status but immigrated to Australia with their parents prior to their fifteenth (15th) birthday may apply for a Special Foreign Player Licence to enable them to participate in the **SBL** as an unrestricted player (pending 4.3 & 4.5)

4.3 NBL/WNBL Player Restrictions

4.3.1 For the 2021 NBL1 West Season, any **Player** who has averaged greater than 35% of available court time in the **NBL** or **WNBL** 2019/20 Seasons, will be deemed a restricted **Player** (pending 4.4).

4.3.2 Any player who did not participate in the 2019/20 **WNBL** Season and averaged greater than 35% of available court time in the **WNBL** 2020 (hub) season, will be deemed a restricted player (pending 4.4)

4.3.3 Players on injury waivers will not have games they were unavailable for included in their calculations.

4.3.4 Players by entering the game, must compete in a minimum of four (4) games of **NBL** or **WNBL** in the season for minute restrictions to apply.

4.4 Special Exemptions

4.4.1 Players who hold Australian Citizenship, Oceania Citizenship or Australian Permanent Residency and have played equal to or more than 150 Men's **SBL games** or 130 Women's **SBL games** with a club, can play for that club in the **SBL** as an unrestricted **player**.

4.4.2 All graduating **players** returning from the AIS to the **SBL Club** which they were released from, are exempt from any restrictions the following season and become eligible to participate as an unrestricted player in the **SBL**.

4.5 International League Restrictions

Any player who by entering the game has played in 2 or more games since July 1st prior to the current **SBL** season commencement date, in any of the following leagues will be deemed a restricted player for the entire **SBL** season;

NBA
NBA G-League
EuroLeague
EuroCup
FIBA Basketball Champions League
FIBA Americas League (LDA)
Liga ACB (Spain)
Basketball Super League - BSL (Turkey)
VTB United League (Russia)
Basketball Bundesliga (Germany)
Lega Basket Serie A (Italy)
LNB Pro A (France)
Adriatic Basketball League (ABA)
Greek A1 League (Greece)
Lietuvos krepšinio lyga (Lithuania)
Chinese Basketball Association (CBA)
Israeli Premier League (Israel)
Liga Nacional De Basquet (Argentina)
Campeonato Brasileiro de basquete (Brazil)
B.League (Japan)

4.6 Restricted and foreign born player procedures

4.6.1. Procedure

- (a) Registration requirements for restricted **players** are as for any unrestricted **player** and for non-Australian citizens, applicable Basketball Australia, FIBA and Australian government conditions must be met. Specifically:
- I. Foreign born, including Asia/Oceania born **players** and Permanent residents require approval from BA and a FIBA Oceania Foreign Player License;
 - II. Refugees must submit their National Identification Certificate, or their passport as proof of refugee status.
- (b) Any restricted **player** may be replaced by another restricted player during the regular **SBL** season. Any games in which the replacement-restricted **player** participates may not be counted towards the original restricted **player's** finals eligibility. Should the number of restricted **players** qualified to play finals exceed the number allowed in Rule 4.1.4 Restricted player limit, the **SBL Club** will nominate, in writing to the **General Manager** seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the finals, which restricted **players** will compete for that **SBL Club** in the season's finals. The replacement-restricted **player** must comply with the category mix in Rule 4.1.4 Restricted player limit. No subsequent amendment to the restricted **player** nomination list will be permitted under any circumstances;
- (c) The **General Manager** must be notified in writing of the replacement of a restricted **player** and the restricted **player** being replaced, prior to them participating in an **SBL game**;

4.6.2 Australian citizenship

A **player** who gains Australian citizenship through naturalisation must lodge certificate of Australian citizenship with the **General Manager** prior to participating in the **SBL** as a non-restricted **player**.

It is the **SBL Clubs** responsibility to ensure the correct registration procedure (online system) is followed and completed (and a confirmation email is received) before playing a **player**:

- (a) Before any **player** or coach of any **Team** is eligible to participate in the **SBL** they must be registered via the online system and **players** must be assigned to each **Team** in which they will participate.

A team that plays an ineligible **player** who is not both registered and assigned to the team will forfeit the **game**;

- (b) Registration of a **player** who is not an Australian citizen will not be considered complete until such procedures have been completed allowing **Basketball Australia** and where necessary FIBA Oceania to authorise the **player** to play in writing. A team that plays an ineligible **player** that does not have **BA** or FIBA authorisation will forfeit the **game** and be fined.
- (c) A **player's** league registration will remain in force from the date of registration in that competition year until after the last grand final;
- (d) A **player** must turn at least 14 years of age during the year in which the **player** seeks to register. Any **Team** that plays an underage **player** will automatically forfeit the match and be fined.
- (e) In addition to registration by the **player**, a parent of a **player** who is sixteen (16) years of age or younger at the commencement of the season must complete and sign in the presence of the **Delegate**, an indemnification form provided by the **SBL** in recognition that the **SBL** is a senior competition.
- (f) All **player** and coach contracts must be submitted to the **General Manager** no later than or within 14 days of a contract being executed after this date.

4.7 Release for state and national commitments

Any **player** that misses participation in **SBL** scheduled **games** whilst representing their state in their country's National Championships or on official national team duties at camps or playing for their country, including 3x3 National duties in FIBA recognised tournaments, shall have those games missed due to such participation, included in the calculations for finals eligibility.

The **player** must be registered and have participated in a minimum of four (4) games for that **Team**, prior to the missed games, in order to have those games included in the calculations for finals eligibility, unless the games missed are prior to the **Teams** fourth regular season scheduled game. Applications must be in writing to the **General Manager** at least fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the finals.

Details of **games** missed and a copy of the release for state and/or national commitments must be included. Such commitments prior to registration will not be considered in determining eligibility. No applications will be considered outside these timelines.

4.8 Clearances

4.8.2 Player clearances

- (a) Any **player** who has played in a fixtured **SBL game** for one **SBL Club** is ineligible to play for another **SBL Club** during that season unless the **SBL Club** to which the **player** is contracted releases the **player** unconditionally from said contract and both parties seek and gain approval for exceptional circumstances from the **SBL Commission**.
- (b) **Players** who have not participated in the current season can transfer to a **SBL Club** up until there are insufficient **games** remaining to qualify for the finals.

An **SBL Club** may refuse a **player** a clearance for any one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) The **player** has a demonstrated outstanding financial commitment to the **SBL Club**, holds association property or is under contract to the **SBL Club**;
- (b) The **player** is a non-Australian citizen on an **SBL Club** sponsored visa;
- (c) The **SBL Club** has expended money on behalf of the **player** in anticipation of that **player** remaining with the **SBL Club** in that season.

If the **SBL Club** wishes to a **player's** clearance, this must be submitted in writing to the League outlining reasons within the timelines. This will then be reviewed and notifications sent to all parties on the decision. No information will be considered post the deadline cut offs.

It is the sole responsibility of the destination **SBL Club** to ensure that the required clearance is obtained before any such **player** is played. Playing of an uncleared **player** will result in an automatic forfeit of any matches the **player** has played and a fine.

4.8.3 Clearance process

The process for obtaining a clearance varies depending on where the **player** is transferring from and the specific procedure may vary. It is the destination **SBL Clubs** responsibility to ensure the correct procedure is followed and completed (including email confirmation) before registering or playing a **player**, the following is provided for guidance:

- (a) Clearance between **SBL Clubs**

for clearances where the **player** last played in the **SBL**, the clearance process for **SBL Clubs** and **players** is:

1. Destination **SBL Club** submits **Basketball WA** clearance form, irrespective of the time period that has lapsed since the **player** last registered
2. **Players** prior **SBL Club** has 7 days to respond with approval/non-approval.
3. In the event a response has not been received after 7 days, the destination **SBL Club** is to inform the **General Manager**.
4. The **General Manager** will then send a notice to the **player's** prior **SBL Club** advising they have 7 days to respond, failure to respond will result in the player automatically being cleared by the **SBL**.

(b) Clearance from another Australian Association outside of the **SBL**

For clearances where the player last played in another Australian senior representative competition, the player will complete a **Basketball Australia** domestic clearance form and forward it to their former Association for approval irrespective of the time period that has lapsed since the player last registered;

(c) Clearance from a non-Australian Association/Club

For clearances where the player last played in a relevant overseas competition, the destination Association will apply for an International Clearance on behalf of the player, through **BA** which will use FIBA's online Management and Administration Platform (FIBA MAP), irrespective of the time period that has lapsed since the player last played.

4.9 Finals qualification

- a) To be eligible to play in the finals, a **player** must have played over 33% of games for the **SBL Clubs** respective **Team** in that season.
- b) When calculating a **player's** games played, the **player's** name must have been on the score sheet and the **player** in playing uniform either seated on the team bench or the court for the duration of the game to be credited with a game played;
- c) When calculating required games to be played and where the number is not a whole number, then the number will be rounded up to the next whole number e.g. 19.1 goes to 20;
- d) If an **SBL Club** is found to have played an ineligible **player** in any finals game, that team will immediately forfeit that game. The matter will be referred to the **General Manager** for further action as may be determined appropriate in the circumstances, including, but not limited to a fine, penalty or forfeit of the final series.

- e) When a **SBL game** has commenced and the game is subsequently abandoned, all **players** on the score sheet shall be deemed to have participated in the fixture. For the purposes of player finals eligibility, if the game is subsequently replayed, any **player** on the score sheet who was on the score sheet for the abandoned **SBL game** shall only be credited with one game's participation in terms of that fixture;
- f) When a **SBL game** is forfeited, only those **players** on the score sheet for the team which did not forfeit will be deemed to have participated in the fixture. Where the forfeit is notified prior to preparation of a scoresheet, all **players** eligible at that time to play for the team which did not forfeit will be deemed to have participated in the fixture.

4.10 Injury List

The **General Manager** shall maintain, during the course of the season, a list of players who, if not for injury or illness, would be eligible to represent an **Team** in regular season fixtures (known hereafter as the injury list) and have their games missed counted towards finals eligibility.

For a player to be placed on the injury list, the request must come from a **SBL Club** in writing to the **General Manager** requesting the **player** to be deactivated and placed on the injury list. The club then has 10 business days to submit a medical certificate for games to be counted towards finals eligibility.

In considering any application the **General Manager** shall have regard only to two criteria:

1. Whether the **player** is a bona-fide player for the **Team** as indicated by the **player** being registered and assigned to the **Team** prior to the date of injury/illness or commencement of the season if the injury/illness occurred prior to the season commencement;
2. The validity of the injury or illness preventing the **player** from otherwise qualifying to play must be demonstrated by submission of a medical certificate with dates the **player** was medically unfit to play from a suitably qualified medical practitioner.

A **player** on the injury list is not eligible to play until a written request to the **General Manager** is supplied by an **SBL Club** requesting the **player** be removed from the injury list.

PART 5 - ADMINISTRATION OF REFEREES AND JUDICIARY

5.1 Referee administration

5.1.1 Referee appointments and development

Basketball WA shall appoint a Referees Technical Advisor and Selection Committee to supervise the scheduling, administration and development of Referees.

5.1.2 Appointment of Referees

Appointment of Referees will be made by the SBL Appointments Committee for fixtured **SBL games**. Three Referees will be appointed to all games where possible.

5.2 Obligations of Referees

5.2.1 Behaviour and performance of Referees

Referees shall conduct themselves in a manner befitting their position at all times. Unsatisfactory Referee Evaluation Forms regarding the behaviour or performance of a Referee will be investigated. Such a report shall be made in writing in the first instance to the **General Manager** who may take appropriate action and/or refer the matter to the **BWA Tribunal**.

5.2.2 Referee obligations

- (a) **SBL Referees** will enforce the FIBA playing rules, including any **Basketball WA SBL Rule Variations** as notified from time to time and **SBL Rules of Operation**;
- (b) Referees are required to check the scores, sign the score sheet and then return it to the score table officials or **Game Commissioner** within 10 minutes of the completion of the game;
- (c) Referees are to report to the **General Manager** any activity associated with the fixture in which they officiate which they may deem as unsportsmanlike or unprofessional within 48 hours of conclusion of the **game**.

5.2.3 Equipment check

Prior to the start of a **game**, Referees shall inspect all equipment including the court, basketballs, baskets, backboards and scoring/timing equipment.

Any unsatisfactory game equipment should be reported to the **Game Commissioner** and to the **General Manager**.

5.3 Home Association obligations to Referees

5.3.1 Referee escort

Referees are to be escorted to and from the court by the **Game Commissioner** or a suitable **Home Team** appointed and identifiable person. This person will also look after the reasonable needs of the Referees. They are responsible for the security of the Referees at all times. This includes departure from the venue, if necessary (refer to Rule 6.5.1 Game Commissioner).

5.3.2 Arrival

Referees and Referee coaches are required make their arrival known to the **Game Commissioner** or similar. **Home Teams** should expect Referees to arrive at least one (1) hour prior to game time and should contact the Basketball WA Technical Advisor or the **General Manager** where there is concern about the arrival of any appointed Referee(s).

5.3.3 Referees change room

- 5.3.3.1 **Home venues** shall provide Referees with their own lockable change room or equivalent which should include where possible a shower with exhaust provisions, 4 chairs, lockers or clothes hooks, blackboard/whiteboard and heating/cooling facilities. As a minimum, a lockable cabinet or equivalent must be provided for Referees storage;
- 5.3.3.2 A key or code to the Referee change room should be readily available to avoid Referees having to stand in corridors;
- 5.3.3.3 Only Referees, Referee Coaches and **SBL** officials are permitted in the Referees' change room. No other person, including Association officials and persons associated with Associations are permitted in the dressing room without permission of the Referees.

5.3.4 Refreshments for Referees

It is the responsibility of the **Home Team** to ensure that adequate refreshments are made available for the Referees during a **game**.

5.3.5 Amenities

Each Referee or Referee Coach and a partner are to be provided free entry, and seats for **games** in which they are officiating, provided they have notified the **Home Team** of their requirements no later than two days prior to the **game**. **Home Teams** are to ensure that they are invited to the post game function and treated as guests.

5.4 Referee finance

5.4.1 Referee payments

The **SBL**, via the **General Manager** is responsible for Referee match and travel expense payments. These payments will be as approved by **the General Manager** in formulating the budget.

5.4.2 Referee accommodation expenses

The **SBL**, via the **General Manager** will be responsible for arranging travel and accommodation for the referees throughout the season.

5.5 Reports and tribunal

5.5.1 General

- 5.5.1.1 It is the duty of Referees in any match to report any person or **player** who misconducts themselves. It is expected that in normal circumstances this would be no later than 48 hours after the incident leading to the report, but the failure to lodge the report within 48 hours does not in any way affect the validity of the report;
- 5.5.1.2 An independent tribunal appointed by **Basketball WA** shall deal with the report. In some cases the **General Manager** may choose to have an incident investigated by the League Investigations Officer;
- 5.5.1.3 The **General Manager** may appoint an Investigations Officer who shall investigate any matters referred to them by the **General Manager** or **SBL Commission**. The Investigations Officer will operate within the parameters of their role as detailed in Rule 5.5.2 League Investigations Officer;
- 5.5.1.4 All protests and complaints shall be referred in the first instance to the **General Manager**;
- 5.5.1.5 **Basketball WA** Tribunal procedures will be used in all cases and circumstances;
- 5.5.1.6 All **players** and/or team staff must be clear of any penalties imposed by any basketball authority directly or indirectly affiliated with **Basketball Australia** that would preclude them from participating in a game.

5.5.2 Investigations Officer

- 5.5.2.1 As required, the **SBL Commission** will appoint an Investigations Officer to investigate matters relating to the conduct of matches, whether before, during or after concerning **players, personnel** technical officials, spectators, etc. or other matters as deemed necessary to be investigated by the **SBL Commission** or **General Manager**;

- 5.5.2.2 Where a situation or complaint requiring investigation is referred to the **General Manager**, action will only be taken where a formal written complaint or application is received by the **General Manager** requesting an investigation;
- 5.5.2.3 If deemed necessary, the matter will be referred to the Investigations Officer by the **General Manager** for investigation;
- 5.5.2.4 The **SBL Commission** or **General Manager** can also instigate an investigation without a complaint being made. No other party is authorized to instigate an investigation;
- 5.5.2.5 **SBL Clubs** are to provide the Investigations Officer with all materials or items deemed necessary for a decision to be made;
- 5.5.2.6 The Investigations Officer is authorised to accept or provide information pertaining to the matter being investigated only, which in turn will be provided to the **General Manager**. All matters should be referred through this process;
- 5.5.2.7 If the Investigations Officer believes it is necessary to visit an **SBL Club** or venue, then approval is to be obtained from the **General Manager** prior to undertaking any such visit;
- 5.5.2.8 The Investigations Officer will not make comments to the media regarding any incident under investigation. All public comment and written reports to **SBL Clubs** will be via the **General Manager** or **SBL Commission** ;
- 5.5.2.9 After arriving at a decision, the Investigations Officer will forward a report and all relevant items including any Report to the Tribunal, to the **General Manager** within seven (7) days of having all items requested being made available.

PART 6 - GAME OPERATIONS

6.1 Fixturing

6.1.1 Scheduling responsibility

- (a) The **General Manager** will determine fixtures for the regular season and for finals that will be as fair, both competitively and economically, as possible. All games will be fixtured as double headers between the men's and women's teams from the same **SBL Clubs**;
- (b) Regular season games will be scheduled generally on Friday and Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon, but may include other midweek evenings. **SBL Clubs** may make requests for midweek games to the **General Manager**, however the visiting team has the right of refusal;

6.1.2 Fixturing requests

Each **SBL Club** shall submit fixture request and venue availability information in a format and at a time specified by the **General Manager** to allow fixturing to commence.

6.1.3 Draft fixtures

Draft fixtures will be issued to **SBL Clubs** at the earliest possible time and will incorporate changes proposed by **SBL Clubs** where possible and where such changes would not significantly adversely impact other **SBL Clubs**.

6.1.4 Official fixtures

At least four weeks prior to the season's start, the **General Manager** will issue the official fixtures for the season to **SBL Clubs**.

6.1.5 Amendment to fixtures

As a general rule, once released the official fixtures will not be amended. Should a game be needed to be re-fixtured at the request of an **SBL Club**, the **General Manager** may apply a penalty in the form of a fine.

6.1.6 Game abandonment

If a game is to be abandoned, the **Home Team** shall contact the **General Manager** as soon as possible.

The final decision as to whether the game is abandoned lies with **General Manager**. In the event that the **General Manager** cannot be contacted, the final decision rests with the game Referees.

The following criteria will be used to determine the result for a game that cannot be completed.

- (a) After three-quarter time, the result stands at the score line when the game was abandoned if the margin is 15 points or greater;
- (b) In games that cannot be commenced or other abandoned games, the **General Manager** at its discretion and after consultation with the Referees and **SBL Commission** may determine the actions to be followed. This decision can include rescheduling of games that have not commenced and replaying of games that have commenced.

If a game official calls off a **game** because of bad behavior of one or both **Teams**, it shall be deemed a forfeit and a report must be lodged with the **General Manager**. If the behavior is, in the opinion of the game officials, primarily that of one team, that team shall be deemed to have forfeited the game. If the behavior is, in the opinion of the game officials, that of both teams, both teams shall be deemed to have forfeited the game.

6.1.7 Team withdrawal

Should a **Team** withdraw from the competition prior to the completion of the regular season, the League shall determine the fairest way to adjust the competition to ensure **Teams** that have played or are yet to play the absent **Team** are not disadvantaged.

6.2 Door charges

Each **SBL Club** has the right to set its own door price for its own regular season home games, exhibition, pre-season or finals games.

6.2.1 Ticketing arrangements for finals

- (a) Where the **Home Team** elects to presell tickets, it must:
 - I. Notify the **Visiting Team** of ticketing arrangements and ticket price list a minimum of 24 hours prior to going live with ticket sales using online systems and/or at the specified physical ticket selling location(s);
 - II. Allocate at least 10% or 100 (whichever is greater) of its seating capacity of total tickets available to the **Visiting Team** for their members to be able to attend the match. 72 hours prior to the match start time, in the event the **Visiting Team** has not used their full allocation of tickets, the **Home Team** may then make available any leftover tickets to their members for purchase. In the case of a game being scheduled on the following day, 72 hours shall be reduced to 6 hours.

(b) Where the **Home Team** elects to not presell tickets, it must:

- I. Notify the **Visiting Team** no later than 48 hours after the match is determined of the time at which ticket sales will commence at the match venue and ticket price list;
- II. If the **Visiting Team** is travelling greater than 100km to compete, the **Home Team** must allow the **Visiting Team** to pre-purchase tickets equal to at least 10% or 100 (whichever is greater) of its seating capacity in accordance with Rule 6.2.1 (a) II;
- III. Sell remaining tickets at the match venue on a first come, first served basis with no preference to **Home Team** members.

6.3 Game day timing

6.3.1 Warm up period

There shall be a warm up period of not less than twenty (20) minutes on the playing court prior to the game.

6.3.2 Pre-Game Announcements

- (a) When the game clock reaches five (5) minutes remaining in warm-up, it shall be stopped and both **Teams** shall return to their respective benches. The Court Announcer will introduce the players and other team officials individually, starting with the visiting team and then the home team and then finally announcing the Referees, together with any special guests;
- (b) When all players, team officials and Referees have been announced, the Court Announcer will perform an Acknowledgement of Country and the Australian national anthem will be played by the Court Announcer or sung by a performer. All players and officials shall maintain a dignified position during the national anthem;
- (c) On completion of the introductions, the clock shall be restarted and the teams may complete their warm up;
- (d) Any modification to this pre game procedure by the **Home Team** must have prior approval from the **General Manager** and be communicated by the **Home Team** to the **Visiting Team**;

- (e) Both **Teams** and all **personnel** must be present on court ten (10) minutes prior to tipoff for the introductions and to complete score sheet formalities. Any **Team** failing to appear as requested by the **General Manager** will be subject to penalty or further action that may be appropriate in such circumstances, including but not limited to, a fine, or loss of game.

6.3.3 Game timing

- (a) All **SBL games** will consist of four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes each which shall be fully timed;
- (b) There shall be a break of two (2) minutes duration between the first and the second quarters, and between the third and the fourth quarters. A half time interval of ten (10) minutes shall apply to all games unless otherwise directed by the General Manager. Irrespective of half time on-court activations, at least the final five (5) minutes of the half time interval must be available to teams for warm ups;
- (c) If the scores are tied at full time, a further five (5) minutes of extra time will be played to decide a winner. If scores remain tied after this period of extra time, another five (5) minutes is to be played and continue until a winner is determined.

6.3.4 Half time extension

- (a) The duration of the half-time break may be extended by up to 5 minutes (fifteen (15) minutes in total) at the discretion of the **Home Team**;
- (b) Half-time extensions beyond fifteen (15) minutes are to be used only in extraordinary cases relating to the recognition of competitive achievements, e.g. Retiring a uniform number or the setting of a significant statistical record.
- (c) Any half-time extension requires **General Manager** approval and should be requested in writing at least four (4) days prior to the **game** for which it is required. This will enable time for the matter to be discussed with the **Visiting Team**;
- (d) The fact that a **Visiting Team** does not object to approval being granted does not necessarily mean that it will be approved by the **General Manager**.

6.3.5 Starting time change

- (a) The **Game Commissioner** shall ensure that the game commences at the time scheduled;

- (b) If an **SBL Club** wishes to amend a tip-off time after the release of the official fixtures, it must apply in writing with the **Visiting Team's** approval to the General Manager. If approved, a penalty in the form of a fine may be applied. No such amendment to tip-off time may take place without prior approval from the General Manager.
- (c) If a **Team** is delayed due to unforeseen circumstances, eg. travel delays, the General Manager and opposing **Team** must be notified immediately.

6.4 Playing rules

6.4.1 Rules to apply

All **SBL games** shall be played in accordance with the FIBA playing rules, including any **Basketball WA** SBL Rule Variations as notified from time to time.

6.4.2 Minimum Team Numbers

Each **Team** is required to have a minimum of twelve (12) players on its playing list at all times and to have nine (9) players dressed, eligible and able to play any regular season game or finals game.

6.4.3 Points of emphasis

Prior to the commencement of each season the **Basketball WA** Officials Technical Advisor will advise all Associations of the points of emphasis to be applied by Referees for the coming season.

6.5 Home team responsibilities

6.5.1 Game Commissioner

- (a) The home Association must appoint a **Game Commissioner** for each fixtured **SBL Game** who is easily identifiable and whose duties include;
 1. Ensuring the match starts on time and half time breaks etc. are adhered to;
 2. Collection of game statistics for both teams and score sheet for subsequent uploading;
 3. Escort or ensure an appointed, suitably identifiable person escorts the referees to and from the court. (Refer to Rule 5.3.1 Referee escort);
 4. Communicating with coaches regarding any uniform compliance issue(s) identified by the assigned match referees and the need for the player(s) to address the non-compliance prior to tip off;

5. Removal of any unruly spectators from venue, when directed to by a Referee;
6. Compliance with the **SBL** signage and promotion requirements;
7. Security of visiting teams at all times including the player benches;
8. Ensuring no spectators have any prohibited noise makers so games are not disrupted and if identified, the matter is addressed immediately;

6.5.2 Change rooms

A whiteboard (minimum size 900mm x 600mm), lockable change room or lockable cabinets in a change room, are to be provided for the use of the **Visiting Team**. In the event that a venue only has two lockable change rooms the changeroom procedure must be communicated to the **Visiting Team** prior to game day.

6.5.3 Provision of ice, water and towels

The **Home Team** shall provide access to water and ice for the **Visiting Team**.

6.5.4 Access to games

Home Teams are required to allow free entry to any person listed on the **Visiting Team** list up to a limit of twenty (20) **team personnel** or any person who presents a **SBL** pass or Media pass as shown on the game pass guide issued by the **General Manager**.

Home Teams are required to provide 10 tickets to the **SBL** as per the **Premium Ticket Provision** of the **Agreement**.

6.5.5 Game Program

- (a) The **Home Team** is required to produce a game program of a reasonable standard which must include **Team personnel** names, **players'** names, numbers, heights and positions, if available SBL provided competition reviews and previews, ladders and season fixture, SBL sponsors, together with any other content requested by the SBL from time to time. The game program cover must display the **League Trade Identification** (logo). Where a **Visiting Team** provides details of a naming rights sponsor, this is to be included in the game program.
- (b) Where an electronic version only of the Game Program is produced, the **Home Team** must provide:
 1. A minimum of 4 printed copies of the Game Program or at least the team lists, distributing 1 each to both head coaches, the scoretable/statisticians and referees.

2. A convenient means for spectators to access the electronic Game Program at the venue, such as prominently displaying the download URL, preferably in a machine readable format; e.g. QR code

6.5.6 Pre game procedure

By 10:00am on the Tuesday prior to a fixtured game, both **SBL Clubs** must send their opposition a copy of their team list including the Game Day contact person and update by Friday 10:00am with any changes;

- (a) Game Day contact(s);
- (b) Team list including **players** name, number, age and height;
- (c) All other details relevant to the game day.

6.5.7 Balls

The **Home Team** is to provide a match ball and a spare 'blood' ball, both of which are to be of a type specified or provided by the General Manager.

The **Home Team** is to provide three (3) official league balls to the **Visiting Team** for warm up prior to and during the game.

The **General Manager** will provide each **SBL Club** with six (6) official SBL balls, as determined by the SBL, each year.

6.5.8 Option of ends

The **home team** has the option to choose which end it will attack in the first period and which team bench it will use. **Team** warm ups shall be conducted at the end in which the teams are attacking thereafter.

6.5.9 Security of player's bench

At all times while in the venue, the security of the **visiting team** is the responsibility of the home Association's Game Commissioner. This includes the security of the player's bench where the **visiting team** must be sheltered from undue harassment or interference from the fans.

6.5.10 Disruption of game

- (a) Aerosol horns, whistles, vuvuzelas and megaphones may disrupt games and are not permitted at **SBL games**;
- (b) Other noisemakers such as party horns and percussion instruments are conditionally permitted into the venue subject to the game technical officials being able to effectively officiate the match. Should the use of these items interfere with the audibility of game calls, the Referee may stop the match and request their use be discontinued or removed via the **Game Commissioner**.

6.5.11 Floor maintenance

It is the responsibility of the **Home Team** to ensure that:

- (a) Floor wipers are available during the game to mop dry any wet spots which may be on the floor. Technical officials are not expected to perform this duty. At least two floor wipers (one each end) of at least 10 years of age are to be provided throughout the game, equipped with broom or other suitable style floor wipers;
- (b) No promotions may be conducted by any **SBL Club**, either pregame or during the half time break, that may involve the introduction of a foreign substance to any part of the playing surface, either within the playing area or on the area surrounding the floor;
- (c) A blood kit in accordance with the **Basketball Australia** Blood Policy must be available for use as required by a senior **SBL Club** official.

6.5.12 Court Announcer

It is the duty of the Court Announcer to:

- (a) play warm-up music prior to each game and appropriate music (no profanity) during the game, time outs, game breaks and at half time;
- (b) introduce teams/players/coaches/referees to the spectators;
- (c) Acknowledge Country prior to each game;
- (d) play the national anthem prior to each game
- (e) provide information relative to the state of the game that may not be readily available to the spectators;
- (f) promote SBL sponsors at appropriate times;
- (g) provide live reads as advised by the SBL;
- (h) acknowledge official guests to the audience as a whole;
- (i) provide a legitimate commentary on the game (as detailed below).

Specific guidelines:

1. The Court Announcer is an official of the game and as such **visiting teams** should be treated in an equal way. Neutrality extends to what is said, not necessarily how it is said. It is reasonable for the Announcer to use more emphasis in their tone in relaying positive information about the **home team** in comparison to similar information on the **visiting team**;
2. There shall be no commentary or music while a **player** has the ball in their possession to shoot free throws (refer to game limitations - point 3);
3. Comments during the course of play that take longer to make than the time it takes a team to progress to the halfway point of the court are too long;

4. Game commentary should be limited to providing the following information at the appropriate times:
 - i. Scoring - who scored, three pointers, accumulative individual totals and an occasional mention of assists may be appropriate;
 - ii. Foul - Who fouled, numbers of fouls both individual and team. Who is shooting free throws and how many (if required) plus the end result of the attempts;

NOTE: The Referee's call should not be pre-empted in any way. The announcer must wait for the Referees decision and signal - DON'T GUESS. Incorrect information can create confusion and embarrassment to all.
 - iii. Violation - name the violation - NOT the player;
 - iv. Time out - which team called it and how many they have had;
 - v. Rebounds, blocks and steals - can be mentioned if required and appropriate, but who made turnovers is generally not appropriate for comment.
5. The Court Announcer is not a cheerleader, barracker, noise generator or game critique. The principal duties are to pass information to the crowd, encourage it, but not incite it. Modifiers, which imply critical analysis should be avoided, eg. nice try, great block, super shot, etc. as an editorial description;
6. Any comment reflecting on the performance of the Referees, either positive or negative, is not allowed. Similarly any criticism of the SBL or its staff is not allowed. Critical remarks of any type towards players or coaches are not acceptable (including pre-taped comments played on the PA system);
7. **Home teams** should generate their crowd support and noise through methods other than the Court Announcer, e.g. team mascots, cheer leaders, etc.;
8. The Court Announcer should be an official conduit between the game Referee and the audience in conveying information relative to rule decisions that may not be apparent to the spectators. There are often timing and rule confusions that occur between the Referees and the score table, or between the Referees themselves resulting in game stoppage and consultation. The Court Announcer should be able to clarify these circumstances with the spectators after they have been resolved. This is an important function;

9. Acknowledgement of official **SBL sponsors** and guests are a part of the Court Announcers duties. These announcements should be limited to pre-game, time out and quarter/half time breaks. The Court Announcer will be obligated to acknowledge any SBL naming rights sponsor and any other SBL major sponsors as requested by the **General Manager**.

6.5.13 Scoretable and statisticians

- (a) The **Home Team** must provide a score table consisting of at least five, two of which must be at least Level 2 qualified and the remainder shall be at least Level 1 qualified, unless prior exemption approval is granted by the **General Manager**;
- (b) The **Home Team** is responsible for recording the statistics of the game and providing this information to both teams and to the **General Manager in accordance with the following**:
 - i. Statistics will be recorded using a software program specified by the **SBL**. Where the software program provides the functionality, live webcasting of the statistics is compulsory. If circumstances prevent webcasting at the game conclusion, a subsequent webcast shall be performed within twenty four (24) hours of the **game** concluding;
 - ii. Statisticians used by the **SBL Clubs** must be Level 1 qualified and a staff of at least two Statisticians must be used for each **game**;
 - iii. The statistics for the **game** must be accurate and must reflect the official score sheet when submitted to the **General Manager**;
 - iv. Where the **SBL** provides electronic versions of team files for use, **SBL Clubs** must use these team files at all times and **players** must not be manually added unless authorised by the **General Manager**;
 - v. Statistics in the form of a box score shall be provided to each team immediately at the conclusion of each quarter;
 - vi. Following reconciliation of the statistics and score sheet, the **game** shall be finalised within the statistics software program and each team shall be provided with a copy of the validated box score.

6.5.14 Documented medical procedures

The **Home Team** shall have a documented incident report procedure to follow in the case of serious injury and with which the **Game Commissioner** is familiar.

6.5.15 Video recording of games

- (a) In the absence of an automated camera system, the Home Team must ensure each game is video recorded for the purpose of, but not limited to:
 - I. Live Streaming;
 - II. Referee development;
 - III. Scouting;
 - IV. Tribunal evidence;
 - V. Statistics collection or review and
 - VI. League promotion.

- (b) For the recorded video to be fit for purpose outlined in 6.5.14 (a) the video recording must:
 - I. Be competently recorded to ensure it is clear and in focus;
 - II. Cover the whole game, including player introductions and extend to at least one minute after the game, full time;
 - III. Not be edited;
 - IV. Not be paused during any breaks in play, including timeouts, quarter, half and three-quarter time;
 - V. Generally show all players on court and preferably all Referees in the frame, particularly when the ball is in play in the front court;
 - VI. Be recorded at the highest resolution possible, but not less than 720p (HD) and
 - VII. Be retained in original format to be available to the General Manager on request for at least fourteen (14) days after the game.

6.5.16 Video live streaming of games

- (a) In the absence of an automated camera system, the home Association must live stream game video to a League approved platform.

- (b) The live stream must:
 - I. Cover the whole game, at least from tip-off through to the completion of the game;
 - II. Include commentary by Association appointed commentators with the aim to provide a reasonably neutral commentary for the viewing audience;
 - III. Be streamed in not less than 720p (HD);
 - IV. Generally show all players on court, particularly when the ball is in play in the front court. Close up shots, replays and/or alternative camera angles should not be used while the ball is in play;
 - V. Be distributed as a clean feed, not including any scores, sponsors logos or graphics.

6.5.17 Game Day Photography

- (a) It is the requirement of the **Home Team** to have a suitably qualified or capable photographer on-site for each **SBL game**;
- (b) Photographers must upload images at Half Time and Full Time of each game to the distribution platform determined by the **General Manager**;
- (c) Photographers must capture and upload images of both participating **teams** from each game for the purpose of **SBL** promotion and use by the **visiting team**;
- (d) If a suitable photographer is unavailable, the **SBL** can provide a professional photographer at a cost of \$300 + GST per game day.
- (e) The **Home Team** shall provide the name of the game day contact when providing team lists prior to the commencement of any **SBL game**;

6.5.18 Post-game procedure

It is the responsibility of the **Home Team** to ensure that the following is completed as part of the post-game procedure:

- (a) In accordance with Rule 6.5.13 (b) vi, at game end following reconciliation of the statistics and score sheet, the game shall be finalised within the statistics software program to upload the game statistics to the **SBL** designated data warehouse;
- (b) Each Head coach completes an MVP voting slip immediately after each game;
- (c) Within one (1) hour of the game concluding, provide the **General Manager** with the final score and attendance in the required format.
- (d) By the deadline of 12noon two days following the game, home teams must upload the full video recording of the game to the video sharing platform determined by the **SBL**.

6.5.19 Post-game hospitality

To promote good sportsmanship, it is mandatory that each **Home Team** provides post game hospitality. Referees are to be invited and can attend at their discretion. The hospitality is to be based on the following:

- (a) The **home team** is to provide post game food of a suitable quality, variety and quantity for consumption at least by all **players, personnel** and Referees;
- (b) It is the objective of the **SBL** that the visiting team and Referees are received and treated as guests;
- (c) Approval for use of a post-game hospitality venue other than at the home stadium must be sought prior to the commencement of each new season;
- (d) Post-Game Hospitality can be provided in the form of a Take Away meal if preferred.

6.6 Visiting team responsibilities

The **visiting team** shall:

- (a) For game program purposes, submit a complete team list including (4) **personnel** names, (12) **players'** numbers, names, heights and positions, with players listed in playing order number, by 5:00pm on the Tuesday prior to the game using the League approved format.
- (b) The team list should be as accurate as possible and should not require significant variation on game day;
- (c) Attend the post-game function if provided by the **Home Team**.

6.7 Protest procedures

6.7.1 Protest

Any **Team** desiring to lodge a protest (as defined by FIBA except no protest may be made concerning a decision by a Referee) in respect of any match, must lodge such a protest in writing with the **General Manager** within forty eight (48) hours of the match. The **General Manager** is not obliged to meet face to face and may deal with the protest by phone, video conferencing, email or such means as they deem appropriate.

6.7.2 Notification of protest

Upon receipt of a protest, the **General Manager** shall immediately notify the opposing team in the match, which is subject to protest.

6.8 Forfeited games

- (g) A forfeit is deemed to occur when insufficient players representing a team are present at the fixtured starting time for a **SBL Game**. An **SBL Club** whose team for any reason fails to appear for or complete any fixtured pre-season, regular or finals game, including overtime, except for acts of God or events beyond such team's control shall be deemed to have forfeited that game and shall be liable to a fine and suffer such additional penalty as shall be deemed appropriate by the **General Manager**. In the event of an act of God or events beyond such team's control the **General Manager** will determine the outcome and if possible reschedule the game;

Notwithstanding Rule 6.1.6 Game abandonment, a forfeited game shall not be replayed;

- (h) In the event of a forfeit, the team forfeiting shall be deemed to have lost the game with a score of zero (0) points to twenty (20);

6.9 Competition ladders

6.9.1 Regular Season

- (a) For the purpose of displaying each competition's ladder during the regular season, teams shall be placed in order of number of wins;
- (b) If two (2) or more teams have the same number of wins, the ladder order will be determined by the teams' win/loss percentage, then total points for / total points against expressed as a percentage.

6.9.2 End of Regular Season

- (a) For the purpose of displaying each competitions ladder at the end of the regular season in order to determine a finals fixture, teams shall be placed in order of win/loss percentage;
- (b) If two (2) or more teams have the same win/loss percentage of all games in the competition, the ladder order for the tied teams shall be decided by;
1. Head to head only if all teams equal on win/loss percentage have played identical home and away games against one another.
 2. Overall percentage for/against of all regular season games.
 3. Largest win margin percentage for all regular season games.

If these criteria still cannot decide, a draw shall decide on the classification.

6.10 Finals

- a) The format of the finals will be determined by the League and published prior to the start of each season in accordance with the following: The competition structure;
 - b) In regard to the men's and women's competition, there are no conferences and a final eight (8) shall contest a final series for that competition;
 - c) The winner of Grand Final will be awarded the title of SBL Champions and will represent the League at the NBL1 Finals where applicable;
 - d) The SBL Grand Finals will be played at the Bendat Basketball Centre with the Women's and Men's games played on separate days;
- 7 Prior to the completion of the regular season games, the League will request finals venue availability and develop a draft finals schedule as soon as practical. The schedule will take account fixturing requests of the **SBL Clubs** involved with a preference given to the **Home Team**. The draft schedule will be referred to the **SBL Clubs** involved for comment prior to being finalised. The finals fixtures will then be finalised and provided to all **SBL Clubs**;
- 8 Appropriate seating should be reserved for SBL representatives. The General Manager will advise of required seating no later than two days prior to the game;
- 9 The designated **Home Team** for a finals game will assume all responsibilities normally associated with a regular season home game unless otherwise directed by the **General Manager**.

6.11 Other Game Provisions

6.11.1 Bench occupation

During the game the bench shall be occupied only by the contracted coach, and assistant coaches, contracted players, including squad and development players, team manager and trainer/physiotherapist.

6.11.2 Ejected coach or player

- 6.11.2.1 A **Player**, coach or assistant coach, upon being notified by a Referee that they have been ejected from the game, must leave the playing area immediately and remain in the change room of their team during such suspension until the completion of the game or leave the building;
- 6.11.2.2 The use of messengers and/or telephones or any other electronic media to transmit information from an ejected coach to the bench is in violation of the spirit of this rule and is subject to appropriate penalties or further action that may be appropriate in such circumstances including but not limited to a fine, suspension, forfeit of match, loss of competition points, or compliance points.

PART 7 - OTHER

7.1 League awards

7.1.1 Award categories

In both the men's and women's competition the following awards will be made:

- (a) A most valuable player (MVP);
- (b) All-1st Team;
- (c) Most Improved player of the year
- (d) Defensive player of the year;
- (e) Coach of the year;
- (f) Referee of the year.
- (g) Most improved referee of the year
- (h) Referee evaluator of the year

The following statistical categories will be awarded in both the men's and women's competition:

- (a) Leading scorer (regular season average);
- (b) Leading rebounder (regular season average);
- (c) Golden hands (total assists + total steals – total turnovers divided by games played);

To be eligible for statistical awards, a player must have played a minimum of 75% of games. In determining the statistical awards, statistics credited to a player for games in which they are ineligible shall be disregarded and that player's season statistics calculated using only those games in which the player was eligible to play.

A Grand Final MVP will be awarded in both the men's and women's competition.

7.1.2 Game by game voting

The coach of each team and the referees as a collective; shall award votes after each game; awarding three (3), two (2), one (1) votes for the match as directed by the League. The competition MVP winner, decided at the completion of the regular season, is the player who has received the most votes.

The League shall monitor coach voting and where appropriate, eg. votes not cast in accordance with the criteria or within the spirit of voting and is empowered to request a coach to recast their votes after a game.

The voting will not be published during the season.

7.1.3 End of season voting

MVP

At the conclusion of the regular season, the player with the most votes will be declared the MVP.

All-1st Team (Non-positional)

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches and team captains are to select their All Star Five by allocating, with five (5) being their first choice, four (4) their second choice, three (3) being the third, two (2) the fourth and one (1) the final choice. The following restrictions apply:

- a) The MVP winner will automatically become a member of the All Star 5.
- b) Coaches and captains can only vote for one (1) player in their own team.

Defensive Player of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches must nominate one (1) player from their team to be voted on for defensive player of the year.

The list of defensive players will be made available for coach and team captains to allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different players. Coaches and captains cannot vote for players in their own team.

Most Improved Player of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches must nominate one (1) player from their team to be voted on for most improved player of the year.

The list of most improved players will be made available for coach and team captains to allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different players. Coaches and captains cannot vote for players in their own team.

Coach of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches and captains must allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different coaches. Coaches and captains cannot vote for the coach of their own team.

Referee of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, coaches, evaluators and referees must allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different referees.

Most Improved Referee of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, referees and evaluators must allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different referees.

Referee Evaluator of the Year

At the conclusion of the regular season, referees must allocate votes, with three (3) being the best, two (2) and one (1) to three different evaluators.

7.2 Use of Illegal Drugs

Participants in the League must abide by the Anti-Doping Policy of **Basketball Australia**, including participating in any required ASADA testing as requested.

7.3 Integrity

Participants in the League must abide by the **Basketball Australia** National Integrity Framework and **Basketball WA** Code of Conduct.

7.4 Spectator conduct

- (a) Spectators will understand as a condition of entry that they may be asked to leave the venue by the **Game Commissioner**. This condition of entry must be displayed at the ticket office and/or at entry;
- (b) If a Referee believes that a spectator's behavior is unsatisfactory and worthy of a caution, then they will inform the **Game Commissioner** to issue the spectator with a warning. If the same spectator continues to act in a like manner, they will be ejected by the Game Commissioner at the direction of the Referee. The Referee shall then lodge an incident report to the league on the spectator's offences.
- (c) If a Referee believes that a spectator's behavior is reportable, they should inform the **Game Commissioner** to automatically eject that person from the stadium and make a Report to the Tribunal. The Referee shall then lodge an incident report to the League on the spectator offences.
- (d) Any spectator guilty of intentional physical contact with a Referee before, during or after a game will be ejected from the venue by the **Game Commissioner** or their representative and be liable to further action.
- (e) In accordance with **Basketball Australia's** Courtsiding Policy, posters stating that courtsiding is prohibited must be displayed and anyone engaging in courtsiding must be asked to leave the venue immediately by the **Game Commissioner**.

Appendix 1 Offences and penalties

The following table sets out the standard penalties to be applied for a breach of the **Rules of Operations** at the determination of the **General Manager**.

Offence	Rule reference	Penalty (per offence)
Administrative and procedural fines	2.2.3 Administrative and procedural fines	\$150
Forfeit	2.2.4 Fines and forfeits	\$1500 (Home team) \$2000 (Away team)
Change to fixture	2.2.5 Changes to venue/fixture, 6.1.5 Amendment to fixtures & 6.3.5 Starting time change (b)	\$100
Appeal	2.3.1 Introduction	\$500 bond
Conduct detrimental or prejudicial to League	2.4.2 Conduct detrimental or prejudicial to the League	Subject to the outcome of the BWA tribunal
League finance	2.5.1 Budgets	\$150
Failure to provide a copy of an Association budget on request		
Application for entry Withdrawal of a team	2.5.3 Withdrawal of entry	Minimum of 50% of the League annual licence fee
Sponsorship and League property. Non display of signage as directed by the GM	2.6 Sponsorship and League property	\$150 (per sign)
Venue requirements Failure to provide satisfactory equipment and services	3.3.1 Venue requirements	\$150 (per item)
Association uniforms and attire including placement of League trademark	3.4 Association uniforms and attire	\$100 (per uniform)

Seating Provision of crowd attendance numbers	3.5.2 Crowd attendance	\$250
Restricted player Unregistered player Uncleared player Unqualified for finals Unlicenced player	4.1.1 Restricted player limit, 4.2.1 Restricted players, 4.4 Registration, 4.6 Clearances, 4.7 Finals qualification, 4.3 Restricted and foreign born player procedures	FIBA fine and \$1000
Home Association obligation to referees	5.3 Home Association obligations to Referees	\$100 (per item)
Game day timing	6.3 Game day timing	\$100 (per item)
Home team responsibilities	6.5 Home team responsibilities	\$100 (per item)
Uploading of game footage	6.5.18 (d)	\$500 (per item)
Visiting team responsibilities	6.6 Visiting team responsibilities	\$100 (per item)
Other game provisions	6.6 Visiting team responsibilities	Subject to the outcome of the BWA Tribunal
End of season voting	7.1.3 End of season voting	\$100
Use of illegal drugs	7.2 Use of illegal drugs	Subject to BA, ASADA, WADA penalties
Integrity	7.3 Integrity	Subject to BWA, BA and National Integrity outcomes
Spectator conduct	7.4 Spectator conduct	Subject to the outcome of the BWA Tribunal

Appendix 2 SALARY CAP POLICY



STATE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SALARY CAP POLICY

PREPARED BY BASKETBALL WA (DECEMBER 2018)

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

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1.0 Overview

No Club is permitted to pay a team salary for a year totaling an amount in excess of the salary cap prescribed by these By-laws.

- (a) The total player salary cap for the SBL will be sixty thousand Australian dollars (\$60,000 AUD) per team per year.
- (b) Each club President will, within ten (10) business days of the conclusion of the SBL Grand Final, fill out the Statutory Declaration (see Appendix B) and forward this Declaration to the SBL General Manager. Such declaration will include a list of the amounts paid in accordance with clause (f) below and the total paid.
- (c) If reasonable evidence is presented to the Commission that the salary cap for a team has been exceeded, they may elect to direct the SBL General Manager to open all the contracts for that team and total the salaries. At that time the President of the Club whose team's contracts are being opened has the right to be present (at their own cost). This evidence plus any additional evidence obtained as a result of a reasonable investigation carried out by the SBL General Manager, will be presented to the Commission in summary form. Should the Commission wish to proceed with a penalty against a Club they shall give that Club the right to defend the charge at a meeting set by the SBL General Manager.
- (d) If a Club breaches the salary cap for any team, that Club may be liable for a fine not exceeded the exceeded amount of salaries, plus two thousand dollars (\$2,000). In addition, the team to which the breach related may lose competition points for all games in which the cap was exceeded and any other penalty which the Commission deems reasonable.

- (e) Whether or not a Club has breached the Salary Cap, any President who is found by the Commission to have falsely completed the Statutory Declaration as outlined in part 1.9 (b) may be reported to Legal Authorities and referred to the disciplinary tribunal.
- (f) For the purposes of these By-laws, salary means any match payments, wages, salary, commission, bonuses or allowances paid or payable (whether paid or payable in cash or in kind) to, or for the benefit of, an SBL player for their services in respect of the SBL Competition, be that playing, training or coaching.

For the avoidance of doubt, a Match Payment includes:

- i. all payments to Players (including base or retainer payments) for selection and performance in any SBL Match as agreed to in the Player's contract with the Club;
- ii. any upfront payments to Players for signing with the SBL Club; or
- iii. all statutory and other contributions payable by an SBL Club on behalf of or for the benefit of a Player to an approved superannuation fund.

2.0 Related SBL activities

Without in any way limiting this by-law the following payments paid or provided to, or for the benefit of a Player or associate of a Player by an SBL Club or by any sponsor, supporter, supporter group of or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that SBL Club are deemed to be included in this salary cap:

- i. payments, benefits or considerations made by the SBL Club received by spouses, direct family members, Player managers or other duly authorised representatives and any other third party of the Player;
- ii. any payment or provision of goods and services received by a Player or associate of the Player from any third-party person or entity for the purposes of playing basketball;

- iii. where a Player or an associate of a Player is employed by a SBL Club or any sponsor, supporter, supporter group or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that SBL Club and if such Player or associate is paid an amount which in the opinion of the SBL Commission is in excess of the market value of the Player's or the Player's associate's services or where the Player or associate does not provide services consistent with the normal terms and conditions of such employment, the amount by which the payment exceeds the market value of those services or the whole of the payment as the case may be. This excess amount will be determined at the discretion of the Commission, having regard to reasonable advice received;
- iv. any payment to a Player (other than full time Playing Coach) for coaching purposes, which have not received approval from the SBL Commission as legitimate coaching fees to be set outside the Salary Cap;
- v. any Player receiving payment for coaching purposes must hold or be working towards a minimum level zero (0) coaching accreditation and must provide evidence of such accreditation or training as the case may be upon request to the SBL Commission;
- vi. any lump sum paid directly or indirectly to a Player or an associate of the Player on termination of the contract to play basketball with a SBL Club;
- vii. any payment received as prize money for incentive or otherwise, other than memorabilia or as weekly after match prize incentives;
- viii. any payment to a Player (including a payment to be held in trust) by any person for the purpose of playing basketball for the SBL Club.

3.0 Non-SBL related services

For the avoidance of doubt, any payment to any Player who has not achieved a minimum Level 0 accreditation, or who is not working towards such a level, made in consideration for that Player's coaching services will be deemed a Player payment.

Where a player is remunerated for coaching either in Basketball Coaching Clinics run by the SBL Club, or in any business of basketball coaching operated by any sponsor, supporter, supporter group or any person or entity associated directly or indirectly with that SBL Club, then the player must have obtained a minimum level zero (0) coaching accreditation and must demonstrate to the SBL Commission carrying out a level of activity and hours of coaching which reasonably relate to the remuneration received. Any amount paid to the player which in the sole opinion of the SBL commission exceeds what is reasonably payable for the hours spent in providing the coaching, shall be deemed to be player payments.

Where a player or coach's contract for the SBL Competition includes remuneration for other non-SBL services provided by that player or coach to their Club, a signed statement by the Club apportioning that remuneration on a percentage basis between SBL and non- SBL purposes, shall be appended to the contract in question prior to the lodgment of the contract with the SBL office. Clubs should consult with the General Manager regarding apportionment prior to the signed statement being provided to the SBL.

Wages includes a benefit within the meaning of the Fringe Benefits Tax Assessment Act 1986 of the Commonwealth. Such a benefit shall be ascribed a monetary value in accordance with the provisions of that Act.

4.0 Items not included

- (g) Notwithstanding (f) above a Club may provide accommodation of a reasonable nature to a restricted player during the duration of their temporary visa and the value of this accommodation will not be deemed as salary. Similarly, the cost of airfares provided by the Club to locate a restricted player in Western Australia or to remove that player from Western Australia will not be deemed as salary, as well as reasonable payments made for the purpose of complying with obligations which relate to the Visa applicable for the player. This will include costs such as Medical Insurance.

- (h) Pursuant to clause (g), if in the opinion of the SBL General Manager the accommodation or airfare provided by a Club to a restricted player is excessive, then the Total value of that accommodation, or airfare will be considered salary for that season.
- (i) Payments made by the Club to players for Club development work or community relations work will not be included in the Salary Cap provided the payments are reasonable and in line with what is a commercially acceptable amount. If the SBL General Manager believes such payment is excessive the total payment will be included in the Cap. Notwithstanding this, the Club is entitled to present evidence to prove that the payment subjects this clause (i) is reasonable in the circumstances. The onus of establishing the level of reasonableness is on the Club making the payment.

5.0 Audit and Investigation

The Clubs undertake to cooperate fully with any enquiry into alleged breaches of the Salary Cap as outlined in these rules, and in the event of an ongoing failure to cooperate, the Commission has the power to order and Independent audit of the Club's records.

The cost of any such investigation or audit will be borne by the Club, and the Club acknowledges that they will abide by the decision of the Commission In relation to any findings in respect to breaches of the Salary Cap.

STATE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

SALARY CAP DECLARATION

I, _____

DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE as follows:

1. I am the President of the _____ (club/assoc.)
and I am authorised to make this declaration on the clubs behalf.

2. I have been shown and read a true, complete and accurate copy of each written contract between the Club (or persons acting on behalf of the Club with its authority) and all the players and coaches of the club.

3. The aggregate amount or value of all Basketball Payments (salaries) given to or applied for the benefit of or agreed to be given to or applied for the benefit of Players and Associates of the Players of the Club's team(s), by persons acting in concert with the Club and by persons acting pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding, formal or informal with the Club in respect of Calendar Year _____ is \$_____.

I sign this form sincerely believing the same to be true & accurate.

DATE _____

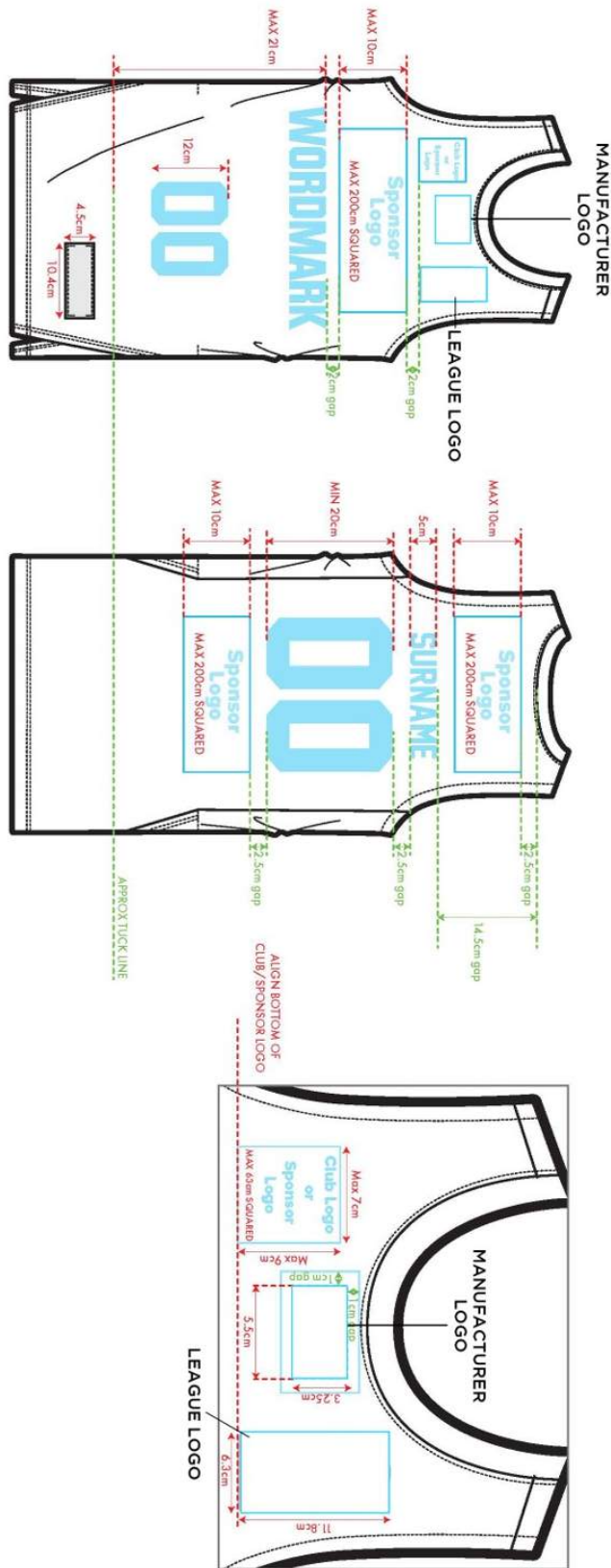
SIGNATURE _____

WITNESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

Appendix 3 Uniform Style Guide

ON COURT JERSEY HOME / AWAY / ALTERNATE



ON COURT SHORTS HOME / AWAY / ALTERNATE

