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WAROONA AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)

# BY-LAWS

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# **WAROONA AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)**

## **BY-LAWS**

These By-laws are as adopted by the Waroona Amateur Basketball Association (Incorporated) here in referred to as 'the Association', and are to be read in conjunction with the Constitution of the Association, and rules of Basketball Western Australia, Basketball Australia and International Basketball Federation.

### **1. POWERS OF EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Executive Management Committee shall have the power and authority to enforce or waiver these by-laws at its discretion as deemed necessary, in the best interest of the Association. The Executive Management Committee shall deal with any breaches of these by-laws as deemed appropriate and just.

### **2. GAMES**

2.1 All games played under the jurisdiction of the Association shall be played in compliance with the Association Constitution and By-laws, and in accordance with the rules of Basketball Western Australia, and amended from time to time by Basketball Australia.

2.2 The Association shall arrange all basketball competitions in specific categories for players registered with teams of the Association.

### **3. FIXTURES**

Prior to the commencement of each basketball season, the Association may appoint a person or sub-committee to prepare a fixture list for all games to be played in competition under the control of the Association and to allocate courts and times for such games.

### **4. WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATED TEAMS**

In the event that a team is withdrawn from a competition after the commencement of a season, the Management Committee shall determine how the fixtures will be re-organised and for which games premiership points will be awarded.

### **5. LADDER**

5.1 Teams shall be classified according to their win-loss record according to the following point system – 4 premiership points shall be awarded to the winning team, 2 premiership points shall be awarded to each team in the case of a draw, and no points shall be awarded to the losing team.

5.2 If two or more teams have the same win-loss record of all games, the classification shall be decided by the percentage of points scored by the team, and points scored against the team.

### **6. TEAMS**

Each team shall consist of:

- (a) No more than 12 team members entitled to play, including a captain; and
- (b) A coach, a team manager and if a team wishes, an assistant coach.

### **7. UNIFORM**

7.1 Each team in the junior competition of the Association shall be provided with a team singlet, with each playing member being responsible for wearing the club shorts.

7.2 Each team in its nomination in the senior competition of the Association shall nominate its colours and designs of playing uniform.

- 7.3 Such design shall be approved by the relevant Management Committee unless, in the opinion of the Management Committee, it clashes with that of another team. If there is a clash with an existing team, the new team will be required to submit another colour and/or design.
- 7.4 Undergarments (bike shorts, t-shirts, compression garments) may be worn under uniforms but must be of the nominated team colour/s or black.
- 7.5 Fill-in players must wear the correct coloured shirt, but may wear black shorts.
- 7.6 All shirts must be numbered on the front and back, with these numbers being easily visible to officials.
- 7.7 Teams shall use numbers 0 and 00 and from 1 to 99.
- 7.8 Players on the same team shall not wear the same number.
- 7.9 Following the fourth fixture game, two game points will be allocated by the umpire to the captain of the opposing team for each player out of correct uniform.
- 7.10 All players must tuck their shirts into their playing shorts.

## **8. OTHER EQUIPMENT**

- 8.1 All equipment used by players must be appropriate for the game. Any equipment that is designed to increase a player's height or reach or in any other way give an unfair advantage is not permitted.
- 8.2 Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other players.
- The following **are not** permitted:
    - Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding;
    - Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (fingernails must be closely cut); and
    - Headgear, hair accessories and jewellery.
  - The following **are** permitted:
    - Shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded;
    - Compression sleeves of the same dominant colour as the shirts or black;
    - Compression stockings of the same dominant colour as the shorts or black; if for the upper leg, it must end above the knee; if for the lower leg it must end below the knee;
    - Knee braces if they are properly covered;
    - Protector for an injured nose, even if made of a hard material;
    - Mouthguards;
    - Spectacles, if they do not pose a danger to other players;
    - Headbands, maximum 5cm in width, made of non-abrasive, unicolour cloth, pliable plastic or rubber; and
    - Taping of arms, shoulders, legs, etc.
- 8.3 Any other equipment not specifically mentioned in this by-law must be approved by the Management Committee.

## **9. JUNIOR NOMINATIONS**

- 9.1 A player may take part in any match under the jurisdiction of the Association provided a prescribed form for such a player has been received by the Association. Such prescribed form shall include the following details:
- (a) Name of team (if applicable);
  - (b) First name and surname;

- (c) Date of birth;
- (d) Street address and postal address;
- (e) Contact numbers;
- (f) Email address; and
- (g) Signature of the parent or guardian

9.2 Registration of a player shall be valid for the duration of their membership with the Association.

9.3 A junior player must be at least 8 years of age and under the age of 18 years as at the 31st December in the year of the grand final. The Management Committee, when grading and provided a majority decision is reached, may make an exception to this rule should it be in the best interests of the Association.

## **10. SENIOR NOMINATIONS**

10.1 Each team shall, prior to a date decided by the Management Committee, submit their nominated team, team colours and design, and the division in which they wish to participate in on the prescribed form for the upcoming season.

10.2 The Management Committee shall consider all such nominations and should the nomination be accepted, endeavour to allocate into the division requested given that such will be in the best interest of the competition.

10.3 The players on the team lists accepted by the Management Committee shall be the only players allowed to play within the team unless participating in a game as a fill-in. New players wishing to be added to a team list must be approved by the Management Committee.

10.4 A fill-in player may only participate in games under the following conditions:

- (a) The player is not a member of another team within the division;
- (b) To give a team a maximum playing side of 6; and
- (c) The player can play for multiple teams but only participate in a maximum of 3 games in the season. If the player would like to exceed this amount of games, they must pay all fees due and will be allocated to a team by the Management Committee in the best interests of the competition.

## **11. CODE OF CONDUCT**

11.1 All players, coaches, officials and associate members must read, sign and abide by the Code of Conduct.

11.2 Parents/Guardians of players under 18 years of age must also read sign and abide by the Code of Conduct.

11.3 Upon entry to the venue, all other persons including but not limited to officials and spectators agree to abide by the Code of Conduct, as reminded by signage throughout the venue.

11.4 Any breach of the Code of Conduct shall be dealt with by the Executive Management Committee.

## **12. CLEARANCES**

All clearances in writing shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

## **13. FEES**

13.1 All fees are to be paid by the end of the third fixture date of the season.

13.2 Players commencing after the third fixture date must pay all fees owed before the fourth fixture date, unless the individual is a fill-in player.

13.3 Any junior player competing in both the junior and senior competitions shall receive a discount to the value of the Basketball WA Affiliation fee.

13.4 If a player has not paid their fees by the due date, they must seek authorisation from 2 members of the Management Committee or that team automatically forfeits 4 premiership points for playing an unregistered player, until such fees are paid.

#### **14. FORFEITS**

14.1 A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:

- (a) The team is not present or is unable to field 5 players ready to play 15 minutes after the scheduled time to begin;
- (b) Its actions prevent the game from being played; or
- (c) It refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referee.

14.2 If a team forfeits, the game is awarded to the opponents and the score shall be 20 to 0. Furthermore, the forfeiting team shall receive 0 points in the classification.

14.3 A team intending to forfeit a scheduled game must notify the opposing team and the Management Committee at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled game. Any team that fails to do so shall be fined \$50 for the first occurrence, \$75 for the second occurrence and a maximum fee of \$100 for the third and subsequent occurrences.

14.4 A game that has been forfeited may continue as a non-qualifying scratch match if the teams so desire. Weekly court hire fees are still applicable to cover the cost of umpires.

#### **15. INTERRUPTED GAMES**

Unless otherwise agreed by the Management Committee, the following shall be the duration of interrupted games played under the control of the Association:

- (a) If for any reason the game is stopped prior to the commencement of the second half, the game shall be rescheduled; and
- (b) If for any reason the game is stopped following the commencement of the second half, the game score shall stand as it is.

#### **16. QUALIFYING ROUNDS**

16.1 In each qualifying game, 4 premiership points shall be awarded to the winning team, 2 premiership points shall be awarded to each team in the case of a draw, and no points shall be awarded to the losing team.

16.2 If two or more teams have the same win-loss record of all games, the classification shall be decided by the percentage of points scored by the team, and points scored against the team.

#### **17. FINALS ROUNDS**

17.1 After the conclusion of all qualifying round games, the final round games shall be played in the following order:

- (a) First Semi Final – the team finishing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> position shall play the team finishing in the 4<sup>th</sup> position with the loser being eliminated from the finals, and the winner advancing to the Preliminary Final;
- (b) Second Semi Final – the team finishing in the 1<sup>st</sup> position shall play the team finishing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> position with the loser advancing to the Preliminary Final and the winner advancing to the Grand Final;

- (c) Preliminary Final – the team that won the First Semi Final shall play the team that lost the Second Semi Final, with the loser being eliminated from the finals and the winner advancing to the Grand Final;
- (d) Grand Final – the team that won the Second Semi Final shall play the team that won the Preliminary Final, with the winner becoming the Premiership team for that division; and
- (e) The Management Committee shall decide the finals format for each grade.

17.2 In the event of a drawn finals game, the game shall continue with an extra period of 5 minutes, or with as many such periods of 5 minutes required to break the tie. Teams shall change baskets at the beginning of each additional period with an interval of 2 minutes between each period.

## **18. INJURIES**

18.1 In the event of an injury to a player(s), the officials may stop the game.

18.2 Any player who is bleeding or has an open wound must be substituted. That player may return to the court only after the bleeding has stopped and the affected area or open wound has been completely and securely covered.

## **19. REMOVAL OF PLAYERS FROM COURT**

If a coach or any team member removes a team from the playing court whilst a game is in progress, they shall be required to appear before the Management Committee and demonstrate just cause as to why a penalty should not be imposed on the person and/or team for that action.

## **20. UNAUTHORISED ENCROACHMENT**

20.1 In the event of an encroachment onto the playing court by unauthorised persons, or the cessation of play by other unlawful means, the umpire shall call an umpire's time out and seek the assistance of the other umpire and other Management Committee personnel to clear the playing court so the game may be resumed, if deemed appropriate by the Management Committee.

20.2 Any team whose officials and/or players are found to be responsible for any unauthorised encroachment of any playing court shall be dealt with however the Management Committee deems appropriate. Parents and spectators may also be asked to leave the court area by the Management Committee.

## **21. TEAM CAPTAIN**

21.1 The team captain is a player designated by his coach to represent his team on the playing court.

21.2 The team captain may communicate in a courteous manner with the officials during the game to obtain information, however, only when the ball becomes dead and the game clock is stopped.

21.3 In the senior competition, the team captain is also responsible for ensuring all monies owed by the team are duly paid, and all team members are in correct uniform. Any penalties issued to a team shall be the responsibility of the team captain to manage.

## **22. OFFICIALS**

22.1 The officials shall be a referee and an umpire. They shall be assisted by the table officials.

22.2 The table officials shall be a scorer and a timer.



22.3 The officials and table officials shall conduct the game in accordance with these by-laws, the Constitution of the Association and rules as determined by Basketball Western Australia, Basketball Australia and International Basketball Federation.

22.4 Each team shall supply a table official.

22.5 The coach and/or captain shall be responsible for all team personnel seated on the team bench.

## **23. COACHES**

23.1 All coaches at representative competitions must complete a Level 0 coach course prior to performing their role as coach.

23.2 When performing their role as coach, all coaches under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult mentor who is not involved in any other role for the duration of the game or training session

## **24. UMPIRES**

24.1 The umpires' coordinator shall organise a panel of umpires which shall be used to appoint umpires to officiate at each game played under the control of the Association.

24.2 All umpires shall be suitably attired for the game as prescribed by Basketball WA.

24.3 All payments to umpires shall be determined by the Executive Management Committee. Any alterations to payments or method of payments shall be decided by the Executive Management Committee in consultation with the Umpires' Coordinator of each competition.

## **25. TEAM SUPPLIED UMPIRES**

25.1 All teams, junior or senior, or both junior and senior, must supply an umpire as per the roster.

25.2 A team that does not supply an umpire as per the roster shall be fined \$50.

25.3 This fine is to be paid before the team's next playing game. If the fine is not paid, the team shall be suspended until the fine is paid.

25.4 All suspended games shall be recorded as a forfeit.

## **26. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

26.1 All players must be registered and affiliated with the Association to participate in any games.

26.2 A player must have paid all fees due and have their name on the scoresheet by half time to be eligible to play in that scheduled game.

## **27. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR FINALS**

To be eligible to compete in any final round game, a player must participate in a minimum of 4 games with court time for that team, in that division during the qualifying rounds of that season.

## **28. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS / OFFICIALS**

28.1 The following shall be classified as ineligible:

- (a) A player not registered with a team of the Association unless classed as a fill-in player;

- (b) A player who has not paid fees or monies to the Association within the stipulated date;
- (c) A player / official who is under suspension; or
- (d) A player who has not played enough games to qualify for finals.

28.2 The Association shall inform Basketball WA of all ineligible players as soon as possible to ensure notification to other Associations.

28.3 An official who is classed as ineligible shall not officiate in any capacity at any game, including but not limited to coaching, umpiring and scoring.

28.4 If any game is won by a team which included a player who is ineligible, the team shall forfeit the game with all penalties applying. The offending team shall forfeit their score and premiership points.

28.5 Should the opposing team also play an ineligible player in the same game, no score or premiership points shall be awarded to either team.

## **29. TECHNICAL FOULS**

29.1 Any player who receives two technical fouls within the same playing game shall automatically receive 1 game suspension to be served immediately.

29.2 Any player who receives three technical fouls within the same season shall automatically receive 1 game suspension to be served immediately following the receipt of the third technical foul.

29.3 Each technical foul received following the three technical fouls in 28.2 shall result in 1 game suspension to be served immediately, and this is to continue for the remainder of the season.

29.4 A suspension is considered to have been served when applied to a physical playing game.

29.5 If a game is delayed for any reason including but not limited to a bye or forfeit, then the suspension shall be transferred to the next game until it is considered served.

## **30. JUNIORS PLAYING IN SENIOR COMPETITION**

30.1 A junior playing in the senior competition only shall not be eligible to fill in for a team that is short of players in the current junior competition.

30.2 Individual teams shall be responsible to obtain parental permission prior to the junior competing in the senior competition.

30.3 The junior shall be required to pay all necessary game fees for the senior competition for the night they are playing.

30.4 Juniors playing in the junior competition are allowed to also play in the senior competition, however are encouraged to fulfil their junior commitment first.

30.5 Juniors playing more than 4 senior games must pay the senior association fee minus the Basketball WA affiliation fee.

## **31. JUNIOR PLAYING CONDITIONS**

31.1 All junior players shall be allocated to teams by the Management Committee whether they are registered at the beginning of the season or entering the competition at a later date.

31.2 In the youngest grade, the following shall apply at the Management Committee's discretion:

- (a) No full court press;

- (b) Lowered rings;
- (c) Size 5 ball to be used;
- (d) Free throws to be taken from the dotted line; and
- (e) Any other rules deemed appropriate.

- 31.3 Coaches are to rotate players fairly to allow each player reasonable court time and opportunity to develop.
- 31.4 A player cannot play more than 1 game in their nominated grade in 1 night.
- 31.5 If a team is short, they may draw as many players from a lower grade as required to make a maximum playing side of 6.
- 31.6 A lower grade player may play a maximum of 3 games in a higher grade as a fill-in. Any player that exceeds this shall be deemed a higher grade player and must remain in that higher grade for the remainder of the season.
- 31.7 Players drawn from the lower grade must be used on a rotational basis where possible.
- 31.8 Parental permission is required each time a player from a lower grade plays in a higher grade.
- 31.9 A player may change grades under special circumstances with approval of the Management Committee, given that the player submits such request in writing at least 1 week prior to proposed change.
- 31.10 Attempts at slam-dunking are accepted, however hanging on the rings or nets is prohibited.
- 31.11 Any circumstances not covered in these playing conditions will be dealt with by the Management Committee at the time of occurrence.
- 31.12 Failure to abide by the Junior Playing Conditions shall incur a forfeit to the team in breach and any other penalties as the Executive Management Committee deems necessary.

## **32. SENIOR PLAYING CONDITIONS**

- 32.1 A player cannot play more than 1 game in their nominated division in 1 night.
- 32.2 If a team is short, they may draw as many players from a lower division as required to make a maximum playing side of 6.
- 32.3 A lower division player may play a maximum of 3 games in a higher division as a fill-in. Any player that exceeds this shall be deemed a higher division player and must remain in that higher division for the remainder of the season.
- 32.4 If a team is short, they may draw 1 player from a higher division to make a maximum playing side of 5.
- 32.5 A higher division player may play a maximum of 3 games in a lower division as a fill-in.
- 32.6 A higher division player is not permitted to play in a lower division final.
- 32.7 A player may change divisions under special circumstances with approval of the Management Committee, given that the player submits such request in writing at least 1 week prior to proposed change.
- 32.8 Attempts at slam-dunking are accepted, however hanging on the rings or nets is prohibited.

32.9 Any circumstances not covered in these playing conditions will be dealt with by the Management Committee at the time of occurrence.

32.10 Failure to abide by the Senior Playing Conditions shall incur a forfeit to the team in breach and any other penalties as the Executive Management Committee deems necessary.

### **33. REPORTS**

33.1 The following shall have the power to report any affiliated player, team, official or spectator for a breach of the laws of the game or of the rules or by-laws of the Association:

- (a) Any member of the Executive Management Committee;
- (b) Umpires' Advisor;
- (c) Umpire's Coordinator;
- (d) Officials; and
- (e) Any financial member.

33.2 All reports must be submitted by completing the Association's Report Form.

33.3 All reports must be submitted to the Association Secretary, or in their absence a member of the Executive Management Committee, within 48 hours of the incident being reported.

33.4 A full Executive Management Committee Meeting must be held with a majority approval required to determine if the matter is to be referred to the Tribunal. For further information on this process, refer to the Association's Constitution and/or Procedure Manual.

### **34. TRIBUNAL**

Refer to 'Tribunal By-Laws' for policy, procedure and guidelines for the Tribunal and managing disciplinary actions.

### **35. AWARDS / VOTES**

35.1 The following awards and trophies shall be presented by the Association each season:

- (a) Association Most Valuable Player – shall be awarded to the player who polls the highest number of umpires' votes in each division of each grade of the junior and senior competitions;
- (b) Runner-up Association Most Valuable Player – shall be awarded to the player who polls the second highest number of umpire's votes in each division of each grade of the junior and senior competitions;
- (c) Team Most Valuable Player – shall be awarded to the player who polls the highest number of umpires' votes in each team of each division of each grade of the junior competition.
- (d) All-Star – shall be awarded to the players who poll the 5 highest number of umpires' votes in each division of each grade of the senior competition;
- (e) Best Team Player – shall be awarded to the player who displays sportsmanship and commitment to the team for each team of each division of each grade of the junior competition, as decided by the coach.
- (f) Male Basketballer of the Year – shall be awarded to the male player who polls the highest number of umpires' votes across all teams in all divisions of all grades of the junior competition;
- (g) Female Basketballer of the Year – shall be awarded to the female player who polls the highest number of umpires' votes across all teams in all divisions of all grades of the junior competition;
- (h) Premiers – shall be awarded to all members of the team that wins the grand final in each division of each grade of the junior and senior competitions;
- (i) Runner-up Premiers – shall be awarded to all members of the team that loses the grand final in each division of each grade of the junior and senior competitions;

- (j) Grand Final Most Valuable Player – shall be award to the player who is voted the Most Valuable Player of the grand final in each division of each grade of the junior and senior competitions, as decided by the umpires of that grand final;
- (k) Country Championships Most Valuable Player – shall be awarded to the player who receives the greatest support from team mates and officials for being the most valuable player in each representative team at the BWA Country Championships;
- (l) President's Award – shall be awarded to the person(s) whom the President of the Junior Management Committee and President of the Senior Management Committee deem worthy for contributions to each competition respectively;
- (m) Redbacks Award – shall be awarded to the person(s) whom the Association President deems worthy for contributions to the Association; and
- (n) Any other awards or trophies as the Executive Management Committee shall deem appropriate.

35.2 The Executive Management Committee may at its discretion allow a donor or donors to donate or establish an award or trophy in a form approved and bearing the name of the donor or donors.

35.3 In every qualifying round game the umpire shall award votes for players they consider to be the Most Valuable Player in that game. The player that the umpires declare Most Valuable Player of each game shall receive 3 votes, the player that the umpires declare second Most Valuable Player of each game shall receive 2 votes and the player that the umpires declare third Most Valuable Player of each game shall receive 1 vote. These votes are to be recorded on the applicable form with accompanying details including:

- (a) Division and date;
- (b) First name and surname;
- (c) Team; and
- (d) Playing number.

35.4 In the event of two or more players polling an equal number of umpires' votes, a countback system shall apply whereby the player who received the most '3' votes is awarded the winner. If this results in another draw, the countback system shall apply again whereby the player who received the most '2' votes is awarded the winner. If this results in another draw then both players shall be awarded the winner.

35.5 In the junior competition, only one trophy shall be awarded to the player voted Runner-up Association Most Valuable Player and Team Most Valuable Player, and this trophy shall be larger than a trophy presented to the latter.

35.6 In the junior competition, only one trophy shall be awarded to the player voted Association Most Valuable Player and Team Most Valuable Player, and this trophy shall be larger than a trophy presented in the previous by-law point.

35.7 The Male and Female Basketballer of the Year shall be calculated by the number of votes received by a player divided by the total possible votes throughout the season to allow for a fair comparison between competitions including byes and excluding byes.

35.8 Three members of the Management Committee shall be appointed to review and approve all votes tallied through the qualifying season.

35.9 A player who has been found guilty of any charge at a hearing of the Protests and Disputes Board during the current season shall be disqualified from being eligible to receive any awards or trophies, with all votes polled by that player to be disregarded.

35.10 All votes are to be recorded on the relevant form and submitted to the relevant Management Committee immediately following the finalisation of each game.

## **36. PENALTIES**

- 36.1 The Executive Management Committee shall have the power to impose and enforce a penalty on any member, official or team for any of the following offences, including but not limited to:
- (a) The playing of an ineligible player in any match;
  - (b) Failure to pay any prescribed team fines within the prescribed date; and
  - (c) Any breach of these by-laws or the Constitution of the Association.
- 36.2 Any fine imposed on a member, official or team under these by-laws shall be paid within the prescribed time with failure to do so resulting in ineligibility to vote at any meeting of the Association, and to take any further part in any competition in any capacity for that season.
- 36.3 Any fines not paid by the beginning of the finals series shall result in that team being ineligible to compete in the finals rounds.

### **37. APPEALS**

- 37.1 Any club, team or player may appeal against any imposed penalty resulting from a breach of these by-laws within 24 hours of receiving notification of the penalty and any such appeal shall be considered by the Executive Management Committee.
- 37.2 The decision of the Executive Management Committee in regard to any appeal shall be final and in the case of a failed appeal, the original fee shall be payable by the original due date.

### **38. DISPUTES**

Should any dispute or objection arise as to the meaning or interpretation of any of these by-laws, such dispute or objection shall be managed by the Executive Management Committee.

### **39. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

- 39.1 The Management Committee shall appoint a coordinator to organise and arrange representative team in the allotted divisions and grades to compete in carnivals, including but not limited to:
- (a) BWA Country Championships;
  - (b) BWA State Championships; and
  - (c) Regional carnivals.
- 39.2 The Management Committee shall as early as possible and as may be deemed necessary, advertise, promote and select or appoint coaches, umpires and managers of representative teams in accordance with the relevant selection criteria and appointment procedure.
- 39.3 The Executive Management Committee shall decide upon a set payment to assist in covering expenses including, but not limited to accommodation and travel, incurred by Association Officials (coaches and umpires only) at carnivals.
- 39.4 Any team without coaches, umpires, scorers or team managers by the closing date of nominations for the carnival will not be nominated.
- 39.5 Coaches and team managers shall arrange tryouts and trainings, and ensure the presence of all players and officials at any of the games of a carnival.
- 39.6 A selection panel shall be formed for all representative teams. This panel shall consist of the coach (as assigned by the Management Committee) and at least 2 persons not associated with the team being selected.
- 39.7 Selection of representative teams shall be a consensus between the Management Committee, selection panel and coach.

- 39.8 Any player unable to attend a tryout or team training session must personally notify the coach within an appropriate time frame.
- 39.9 Representative teams and officials' positions will be open for re-selection for each carnival.
- 39.10 All players shall be required to complete a carnival code of conduct and medical consent form prior to each carnival.
- 39.11 The team manager of each team shall check and verify that each player taking part in any game is correctly registered and is eligible to play in any such game, as outlined in the carnival rules, the Association rules or otherwise directed by the Management Committee.
- 39.12 The team manager of the representative team shall be responsible for distribution of uniforms prior to the first game of the carnival, and collection of uniforms immediately after the final game of the carnival.
- 39.13 The team manager is responsible for the return of uniforms to the Association no later than 3 days after the carnival. Officials will not receive payments until uniforms are returned.
- 39.14 For all carnivals, the rules regarding eligibility of players, required officials, dates, times, venues and playing conditions shall be complied with and be binding on all members and officials of such representative teams. Any member, official or team that breaches such rules shall face the penalties of that carnival, and may also face the penalties of the Association.
- 39.15 Failure to comply with any of these by-laws shall result in ineligibility of that player, official or team, whichever is appropriate, participating in the carnival in which non-compliance occurs.

#### **40. REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 40.1 Representative teams are intended to be as competitive as possible to promote the strength of the Association, and as such any team deemed to not be competitive shall not be nominated.
- 40.2 Any affiliated player may try out for selection in representative teams provided that they:
- (a) Are playing in the current local competition;
  - (b) Meet the division and grade requirements; and
- 40.3 In addition to clause 39.1, any member of the Association that is found guilty of a charge by the Tribunal shall be ineligible to represent the Association at any carnival, in any capacity, including but not limited to a player, coach or umpire, until the penalty has been completed.
- 40.4 Selection of the representative team shall be considered on, but not limited to participation, attitude, attendance at training and performance during current local competition.

#### **41. REPRESENTATIVE OFFICIALS SELECTION CRITERIA**

- 41.1 All representative officials must possess a current Working with Children card.
- 41.2 All persons wishing to be considered for any official's position must complete and submit the prescribed form before the due date.

- 41.3 If only one nomination is received for any official's position, then that nominee shall be declared in that position.
- 41.4 If more than 1 nomination is received for any official's position, then the Management Committee shall decide on the successful nominee.
- 41.5 Selection of the representative team coaches shall be considered on, but not limited to:
- (a) Relationship to team;
  - (b) Relationship to eligible players;
  - (c) Prior coaching experience;
  - (d) Prior carnival experience;
  - (e) Relevant qualifications;
  - (f) Actively coaching in the current local competition; and
  - (g) Any other criteria the Management Committee may deem appropriate.
- 41.6 Selection of the representative team manager shall be considered on, but not limited to:
- (a) Relationship to team;
  - (b) Relationship to eligible players;
  - (c) Prior team managing experience;
  - (d) Prior carnival experience;
  - (e) Relevant qualifications;
  - (f) Actively team managing in the current local competition; and
  - (g) Any other criteria the Management Committee may deem appropriate.
- 41.7 Selection of the representative umpires shall be considered on, but not limited to:
- (a) Relationship to team;
  - (b) Relationship to eligible players;
  - (c) Prior umpiring experience;
  - (d) Prior carnival experience;
  - (e) Relevant qualifications;
  - (f) Actively umpiring in the current local competition; and
  - (g) Any other criteria the Management Committee may deem appropriate.

## **42. STATEMENTS**

No public statement is to be made on behalf of the Association other than by the President or their authorised delegate.

## **43. ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS**

43.1 These by-laws may only be added to, altered or otherwise amended following the passing of an appropriate notice at a Special General Meeting or Annual General Meeting.

43.2 Each alteration and amendment to these by-laws shall be advised in writing to each team in the Association.