



DARWIN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

OFFICIAL RULES

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VERSION 1.1

DBA LEAGUE RULES

Introduction

Changing these rules

- (a) DBA may change these rules from time to time by:
 - (i) amending something in these rules; or
 - (ii) deleting something in these rules or adding something to them; or
 - (iii) revoking these rules and adopting new rules in their place.
- (b) A change to these rules cannot have retrospective effect.
- (c) If DBA changes these rules during a Season:
 - (i) DBA must first consult with the Participating Clubs, using a process or methodology determined by the EO; and
 - (ii) the change cannot substantially change the way in which the DBL competition for that Season is conducted, when the way in which the DBL competition for that Season is to be conducted under these rules before the change is viewed overall; and
 - (iii) the change only takes effect when DBA notifies Participating Clubs of the change at least two (2) weeks in advance of the change.

1. Competition

- a) There will be two (2) seasons per year, with timing to be set by the DBA Board.
- b) One (1) season will be known as Championship season and one (1) season will be known as Challenge season.

- c) The Championship season only will have Championship rings, MVP portraits, an awards dinner and any other additions that may be added by the Competition coordinator and/or Executive Officer.

2. Eligibility

- a) Each club must be incorporated and affiliated with the Darwin Basketball Association, at the time of nomination and maintain this status throughout the season.
- b) All clubs must ensure the Basketball Australia processes for restricted players is adhered to and that working conditions on the stated visa are adhered to.
- c) A Club must maintain at least four (4) Junior sides for a minimum period of one (1) season in order to then be able to nominate a League side into the immediately following Challenge season.
- d) Should a club fail to nominate both Men's and Women's teams after the initial entry of both, the club will have one (1) season to re-enter the side that was withdrawn.

3. Nominations – Fielding of teams

A Club that wishes to field teams in the DBL agrees to be bound by the DBA constitution, by-laws and policies and to abide by the rules applying to the DBL, and agrees to be bound by all BA policies. A Club may field teams in the DBL during a Season only if:

- a) it fields both a Men's team and a Women's team within two (2) years of initially entering the DBL; and
- b) it makes an application to DBA to enter those teams in the DBL by the Application Deadline; and
- c) the application is in the form prescribed by DBA; and
- d) the Club pays the Nomination Fee to DBA; and
- e) DBA accepts the application; and

- f) each club nominates a maximum of one (1) team in each League competition (Men's/Women's); and
- g) the Club provides a list of 8 members + Coach at the time of their team nomination; and
- h) any sponsorship set to cover registration or team nominations, has been invoiced and paid in full prior to taking the court; and
- i) each team has a maximum of 2 restricted players (imports) participate in each game; and
- j) all restricted players provide to the DBA a copy of their Visa Confirmation letter, stating date of grant and date of expiry, before taking the court; and
- k) within the first 3 weeks an assistant coach and manager (team contact) must be named.

4. Seasons

- a) The Championship season will have an equal number of rounds (e.g. teams may play each other once, twice or three times) depending on length of season, incurring double headers where needed.
- b) The Challenge season length will be determined by the DBA Board prior.

Act of God

- a) In an instance of uncontrollable natural forces that prevent the operation or delivery of a schedule round game or final game the League Manager shall make all decision with regards to the game/s. The League Manager shall determine if they are postponed, moved to an alternate venue, cancelled, deemed a draw or any other course of action appropriate for the situation.

5. Awards

5.1 Coach of the Year

- a) DBA will confer the award of Coach of the Year after the last Regular Season Game has been played.

- b) The League Manager will request each head coach and team captain of the teams participating in the DBL during that Season to submit votes on a 3–2–1 basis for people eligible for this award. Each Participating Club must ensure that its head coach and team captain submit the votes in the way and at the time required by the League Manager.
- c) The League Manager will determine the winner of the award on the basis of the votes submitted.

5.2 *23 & Under Youth League Player of the Year*

- (a) DBA will confer the award of 23&U Youth League Player of the Year after the last Regular Season Game has been played.
- (b) The League Manager will request each head coach and team captain of the teams participating in the DBL during that Season to submit votes on a 3–2–1 basis for people eligible for this award. Each Participating Club must ensure that its head coach and team captain submit the votes in the way and at the time required by the League Manager.
- (c) The League Manager will determine the winner of the award on the basis of the votes submitted. The winner of the award must be a Registered Player in the DBL during that Season who is equal to or under 23 years of age and has Australian basketball nationality.

5.3 *Most Valuable Player League*

- a) For the Championship Season, 3–2–1 Votes shall be awarded by referees after each regular season game. At the end of the regular season, DBA shall generate a list of candidates for the Most Valuable Player League for both Men's and Women's competitions.
- b) This list shall be based on the top ten (10) players for the Championship Season, as per referee votes. Players will be required to have played a minimum of ten (10) games to be eligible for consideration for the Season League Most Valuable Player award.
- c) The League Manager will request each head coach and team captain of the teams participating in the DBL during that Season to submit votes on a 3–2–1 basis for people on the above generated list for this award. Each Participating Club must ensure that its head coach and team captain submit the votes in the way and at the time required by the League Manager.

- d) The League Manager will determine the winner of the award based on the votes submitted.

5.5 All Star League Team - National

- (a) After the end of the Season, the League Manager will request each Participating Club to nominate two (2) guards and three (3) forwards/centres for the All-Star League Team – National for that Season, who are classified as unrestricted players. Each Participating Club must submit its nominations in the way and at the time required by the League Manager. A Participating Club cannot nominate any player who is or was one (1) of its Registered Players during that Season, even if that player has left the Club.
- (b) Players will be required to have played a minimum of ten (10) games to be eligible for consideration for the award.
- (c) The League Manager will determine the All-Star League Team National on the basis of the nominations submitted.

5.5 All Star League Team - International

- (a) After the end of the Season, the League Manager will request each Participating Club to nominate two (2) guards and three (3) forwards/centres who are restricted players, for the All-Star League Team – International for that Season. Each Participating Club must submit its nominations in the way and at the time required by the League Manager. A Participating Club cannot nominate any player who is or was one (1) of its Registered Players during that Season, even if that player has left the Association.
- (b) Players will be required to have played a minimum of ten (10) games to be eligible for consideration for the award.
- (c) The League Manager will determine the All-Star League Team International on the basis of the nominations submitted.

5.6 Referee of the Year

- (a) After the end of the Season, the League Manager will consult with the Coach and Captain of each League team in both the Men's and Women's competition to determine who is Referee of the Year for that Season.

- (b) The League Manager will determine the Referee of the Year on the basis of those votes.

5.7 *No disputes permitted*

- a) No one can dispute the outcome, or process towards the outcome, of any of the above awards.

6. Draw

6.1 *Setting of the draw*

- a) The draw will be set by the Competitions Manager and Executive Officer at least two (2) weeks prior to the first game.
- b) Any requests for changes must be submitted in writing at least one (1) week prior to the first game.
- c) Once the season has commenced no changes to the draw will be made unless it is under extreme circumstances, with all affected teams and DBA in agreement.