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## HOW TO ENTER – EXISTING TEAMS

To enter an existing team, representatives will be provided a link from the competition manager to log into PlayHQ, register their team for the upcoming season, and make payment online. If you do not receive the link, please contact the WBA office during business hours or email [seniors@waverleybasketball.com](mailto:seniors@waverleybasketball.com)

## HOW TO ENTER – NEW TEAMS

To enter a new team into WBA's Senior Domestic Competition, please familiarise yourself with the rules and regulations, and follow the PlayHQ Registration link below.

New teams can use the link below to entry/register; however, they must also pay a \$300.00 refundable bond for their first season (more details below). This bond will be requested after entry is accepted.

## ENTRY LINK AND CLOSING DATE

**ENTRIES CLOSE:     Sunday January 7**

**CLICK HERE: <https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/acaec>**

All new teams entering will not be accepted unless they contact WBA directly and space permits:  
[seniors@waverleybasketball.com](mailto:seniors@waverleybasketball.com)

## ENTRY PROCESS INFORMATION

Existing and new teams can only select the competition they desire, not specific sections/pools. Sections will be managed based on how many new team entries, plus the previous season competition ladders.

New teams must contact the WBA Office to submit their grading request. When WBA creates fixtures, we will follow up with team representatives if we do not have your preferred section. Please allow flexibility for three sections with your entry; for example, if you seek Section 5, you will be listed as 4-5-6 if there is no room in Section 5, and we need to adjust to fit you in.

After the closing date, WBA will manually accept entries on a case-to-case basis. For example, Monday and Wednesday Men usually fill up quickly, and space may not be available for more team entries for these two competitions. WBA will contact new teams if there is insufficient room to accept your team entry, and a full refund will be provided.

The fixture creation process will commence two weeks before the season commencement date. Schedules will be released online within seven days of Round 1, and team representatives will receive an automatic email and text message as soon as schedules are published online.

Five grading games are included in all senior competitions. Three grading games will be published initially, followed by a review and movement of teams. The next two grading games will then be published, and the results will be reviewed again at the conclusion of all five grading matches. New fixtures are released 48 hours after your last grading game.

## REGISTRATION

Late registrations will only be accepted if space permits. Teams not submitting their registration by the due date are not guaranteed their nominated competition.

After successfully registering their senior team online, representatives will receive a unique PlayHQ individual team link. This link must be shared with all teammates so that participants can register directly into that team.

This unique team link must also be used during the season if any players join or fill in. Additional players joining teams during the season must not only register using the unique PlayHQ team link but full details must be included on the 'LiveScore Courtside Monitors before their first game.'

Any player found playing under another person's name will have the team's game forfeited and risk being reported.

Team Representatives will receive an automatic email regarding registrations whenever a name is added courtside. 'Fill-In Players' can play a maximum of two games before finalising registration. Failure to complete registration will have game results forfeited and further ladder points not awarded.

If you misplace the unique team link, please email [seniors@waverleybasketball.com](mailto:seniors@waverleybasketball.com)

For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#)

## SEASON DATES

WBA Senior Domestic Competitions run the following two seasons each calendar year:

Autumn Season = January to June

[CLICK HERE for Playing Dates](#)

Spring Season = July to December

## TIMING RULES

All matches will be played according to the rules as stated by FIBA, the world's governing body of basketball, except WBA specific competition information found in this document.

**TIMING RULES** Listed Separately, please [CLICK HERE](#)

## AGE RESTRICTIONS

Players must be 16 years of age at the commencement of the season. If players under 16 register to play, they must fill out an age indemnity form with their parent's permission to acknowledge any risks. [Age indemnity forms](#) can be obtained on the WBA website.

Players in the O'35 competition must be 35 years of age to participate.

Players in the U/23 competition must be under 23 as of 30/06/2024 and cannot turn 23 during the season.

## WITHDRAWAL

Teams withdrawing after schedules have been prepared will forfeit their entry fee and bond.

## FOREITS AND WALKOVERS

Teams must use the online form found on the WBA website to notify a forfeit: [CLICK HERE](#)

Teams who give forfeits receive a fine based on how much notice was given. Teams who provide the WBA office at least 24 hours' notice of a walkover receives a \$80 fine, teams who give insufficient notice receive a \$110 fine, while teams who give no notice receive \$160 fine.

Walkover fines must be paid at the teams following match. Failure to do so will forfeit any ladder points for games played while the fine is outstanding.

Two un-notified walkovers consecutively or three in a season will result in team withdrawal.

## WEEKLY COSTS

Game fees are \$90.00 per team and must be paid before the start of a scheduled match. Teams are responsible for paying the game fee to the cashier at the canteen.

Cash and card facilities are available, but American Express/AMEX cards are not accepted.

## TEAM BONDS

\$300 Bonds must be paid when entering new teams. The bond is refundable upon departure from competition providing your team has no unpaid accounts. Please apply in writing to WBA via email if you wish to obtain your bond returned and ensure you include full name, address, team details and bank information for a direct deposit.

## GAME ISSUES AND FIRST AID

WBA requires all games to commence accordingly to their schedule time. Referees have been advised to use the scoreboard clocks as the official time. Teams are reminded to pay attention to the green count down timers used on the scoreboard prior to their game, so that all players can be on the court ready to start the game when the clock expires and displays the schedule start time.

Any issues experienced during your game should be brought to the attention of the referees immediately. If the referees are unable to resolve the issue, please seek out the Referee Supervisor.

First Aid is the responsibility of each team and individual. Ice can be obtained from the canteen foyer freezer and Band-Aids/tape is available at the cashier or referee room. The Referee Supervisor also has access to a first aid kit with additional items for assistance if requested.

## SCHEDULING CHALLENGES

It is the team's responsibility to locate and review fixtures online. Teams will be sent an automatic message once schedules are published. Teams must check prior to the first round and ensure teammates are aware. Teams will be contacted if there are any issues with your application.

All teams can expect to receive an even spread of games during a season, and individual time requests are not guaranteed. Management reserves the right to change schedules where necessary.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a list of schedules and an overview of the nightly program for each competition.

## OAKLEIGH RECREATION CENTRE

Monday and Wednesday Men are now using additional courts at Oakleigh Recreation Centre, 2A Park Road, Oakleigh. Every section will have games scheduled at Oakleigh, which will rotate across both Waverley Stadium and Oakleigh Stadium.

Games at Oakleigh Rec Centre Stadium will be displayed on your fixture as:

ORC1 (court 1) ORC2 (court 2) ORC5 (court 5)

Games at Waverley Basketball Stadium will be displayed as:

WAV1 (court 1) to WAV6 (court 6)

## SCORING CONDITION FOR ALL HOME TEAMS

HOME Teams must provide a competent scorer for their game. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for details

- This is a mandatory playing condition; the HOME team is the first listed on schedules and left-hand side of scoring monitor and score board
- No scorer = no play.
- Players can interchange as scorers
- Schedules will be manually checked for evenness of home/away matches.

## UNIFORMS

Teams must ensure that they are wearing a basketball uniform that adheres to the [WBA Uniform Policy](#).

Any player in incorrect uniform will incur a five (5) point penalty. All players are required to wear a team uniform consisting of same-coloured tops for each team member. Likewise, with bottoms, all teams must all be wearing the same-coloured shorts. Tops and shorts do not have to match, but must be the same colour for each team member.

***Please Note: Navy Blue and Black are considered different colours***

A limited number of hire tops are available from the front cashier for \$10.00. Please make sure your team has tops organized prior to the season start date. If a colour clash occurs, please speak to the cashier/canteen member prior to your game.

All players must remove objects such as watches/jewellery (taping of facial jewellery is not permitted under FIBA Rules) that may be dangerous to other players. A wedding band may be worn, but must be appropriately taped.

Nails must be cut. Players failing to cut their nails at the direction of the referees will not be permitted to play.

## WAVERLEY REFEREES

Any individual who is registered with the VBRA – Waverley Branch must adhere to the behavioural expectations laid out in the VBRA – Waverley Discipline Policy when partaking in any WBA sanctioned game or event, regardless of the capacity being fulfilled by the individual.

## ILLEGAL AND UNREGISTERED PLAYERS

Failing to enter new player details on the LiveScore monitors, and playing new players under withdrawn or absent player's names renders players illegal.

Playing people under another person's name, or playing unregistered players is an offence and **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. If teams are found to be playing members illegally, game results will be altered so the offending team will lose the match and points and qualifications will be removed. Repeat offenders will be suspended and/or reported.

Players can only play in the one team in any nightly competition, and must play under their correct name (Please note: Thursday Men and Over 35s are considered different competitions, as too are Sunday U/23 and Sunday Mixed). A player from a team that has a bye or walkover cannot play with

another team in the same nightly competition. A full explanation of the WBA Illegal Player Policy can be [found here](#)

## **FINALS QUALIFICATIONS**

Players listed on the LiveScore monitors will qualify for the game they are listed. Teams must only list players present and in uniform at the game. Referees will check playing lists at half time and conclusion of matches.

To be eligible to qualify for finals all players must compete in eight (8) of the season's fixtured games. Players replacing other players during the season do not accumulate replaced player's game total. Teams are responsible for checking the website for eligibility of players and for team final placings.

Any queries relating to finals or qualifications must be directed to the WBA office seven days or more prior to the Semi Final. No queries will be dealt with during finals.

## **WBA POLICIES AND SENIOR DOCUMENTS**

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a full list of WBA Policies and [CLICK HERE](#) for Senior Documents