

Basketball League Handbook

Warrington Basketball Association

Summer Season 2010

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Rule1.

WBA competition information

a. Leagues programming

Tuesdays (tip-offs from 6:40pm through to 10pm)

Men's, mixed

Fridays (tip-offs from 5:30pm through to 9:40pm)

Under 17s men, under 20s men

Saturdays (tip-offs from 8:30am through to 8:10pm)

School years 3&4 mixed, 5&6 mixed, 7&8 boys, 7&8 girls, 9&10 boys

b. Team entry fees

Junior team entry fee = £14 per team plus EB affiliations (see affiliations)

Senior team entry fee = £20 per team plus EB affiliations (see affiliations)

All team entry fees are to be paid on entry of a completed team entry form.

Teams entering after **31st July 2010** will not be required to pay a team entry fee.

c. Team match fees

School years 3to8 = £12 game fee plus £4 for a referee

School years 9&10 = £13 game fee plus £4.50 for a referee

Under 17s & 20s = £14.50 game fee plus £5.50 for a referee

Tuesday seniors = £21.50 game fee plus £6 for a referee

All match fees are to be paid prior to the scheduled tip-off of each match.

d. New season team entries deadline

- i. Team entries for the Summer Season 2010 need to be returned completed by **Monday 15th March 2010**.
- ii. Teams playing in the current Winter Season, who return a fully completed entry form by the closing date with the appropriate team fee, will be guaranteed a league position for the new season.
- iii. After **15th March 2010**, all league places will be allocated on a 'first-come-first-served' basis.

e. Length of season

Season starts: Tuesday 30th March 2010

Last game of season and grand finals day: Saturday 16th October 2010

No games: 2nd to 5th April, 3rd May, 31st May, 30th July to 30th August (all inclusive)

f. League age restrictions

- i. All junior players must be in the appropriate school year on the first day of the summer season. Note that some players will be a year above the appropriate school year for the period from September to October, and this **is** permitted.
- ii. Cut-off dates for other junior competitions:
 Under 17s, born on 1st September 1992 or later
 Under 18s, born on 1st September 1991 or later
 Under 19s, born on 1st September 1990 or later
 Under 20s, born on 1st September 1989 or later
- iii. For health and safety reasons, players may not play for a team that is two or more age groups above their own school year.
 (eg. a school year 4 player may not play in the school years 7&8 competition)

The exception to this rule is for players in school year 9 or above who are permitted to play in all age groups from school years 9&10 upwards, including senior competitions.

g. Affiliations

Junior clubs are permitted to make their own affiliation arrangements to England Basketball but must provide relevant information to the WBA. All referees and teams must be affiliated with England Basketball to participate in basketball competitions. From the team entry forms we will register each team with England Basketball, through the WBA..

The charges for affiliating are as follows:

Primary school teams	= £4.50 per team per season
7&8, 9&10, U18 teams	= £12.50 per team per season
Seniors	= £22.50 per team per season
Referees	= £3.60 per official per year

These fees are based on teams registering an average of 10 players per team. For example, the fee per player per annum for primary school players is 90p, so we have divided the year into 2 seasons and multiplied this cost by 10 players: 90p x 10 players 2 seasons = £4.50 per team. The individual cost for Under 18s is £2.50, for seniors is £4.50 and for referees it is £3.60.

All affiliations exclude England Basketball accident and liability insurance benefits. It is down to individual players and referees to take out the extra insurance should they require it.

a. School years 3&4

Ball: Size 5
 Baskets: Lowered to 8 feet
 Free Throws: 2.80m from the basket (the dotted line)
 Timing rules: No 3-second, 5-second, 8-second or 24-second rules
 Half court: The backcourt rule does not apply

Once a team has scored, it must retreat back to the halfway line to defend. Teams may defend full court in the last two minutes of the game if the difference in the team's scores is less than 10. The penalty for infringing this rule is sideline possession to the non-offending team.

Teams are not permitted to play any form of zone defence (including presses). The penalty for infringing this rule is an initial warning to the coach followed by a coach technical foul for repeated infringements.

b. School years 5&6

Ball: Size 5
 Free Throws: 2.80m from the basket (the dotted line)
 Timing rules: The 3-second rule (in the key) will be a 5-second rule

Where a team is 20 points ahead of their opponents they must retreat to half court after scoring a basket. The penalty for infringing this rule is sideline possession to the non-offending team.

Teams are not permitted to play any form of zone defence (including presses). The penalty for infringing this rule is an initial warning to the coach followed by a coach technical foul for repeated infringements.

c. Senior mixed**Team Members**

Teams must have at least two males and/or females on court at all times, except in circumstances resulting from injury or disqualification, where a team may go down to at least one of each sex. If players cannot be replaced legally then play continues with the reduced number of players.

Keyway restrictions

Males are prohibited from entering the far key area (furthest from sports hall entrance)
 Females are prohibited from entering the near key area (nearest to sports hall entrance)

Infraction of this rule will result in endline possession to their opposition. intentional key area offences will result in a technical foul being called against the offending player.

Ten Points Scoring Rule

Each player is restricted to scoring ten (10) points per game. Once all players named on a team's score sheet have scored ten points (unless fouled out), each player may then score a further ten points.

Rule3.**WBA league administration****a. Fixture requests**

All teams can expect to receive a fair distribution of match times throughout the season. Teams wishing to make any special requests regarding scheduling **MUST DO SO IN WRITING** and lodge this with the team's entry form. It should be noted that only legitimate requests will be considered. Every attempt will be made to cater for teams; however there is no guarantee that all requests will be met. Teams are expected to play at all times scheduled for their associated programme (see rule 1.a)

b. League tables

League points for matches will be as follows:

Win = 3, Draw = 2, Loss = 1, Walkover = 0, Penalty points = -1

New teams entering the leagues will be credited with 2 points for every league fixture up to 6th June 2010. After 6th June 2010 new teams will not be credited with 2 points per fixture to date and will be ineligible to play in the finals series (see Grand Finals and Eligibility).

The top one or two teams from all divisions, excluding play-off results, will be promoted at the end of the Winter Season. The bottom one or two teams will be relegated.

c. Moving divisions

Teams may move division only with a legitimate reason and with written permission from the Basketball Programmes / Administration Officer. The Basketball Programmes / Administration Officer will have the authority to move a team at any time in the season to an appropriate division to suit their ability level.

Teams moving UP a division will carry forward their current league points. Teams moving DOWN a division will be credited with 2 points per fixture to date.

After 6th June 2010, teams & players will not be permitted to change divisions / teams (except in exceptional circumstances. Teams will not receive any league points to date).

Rule4.**WBA team responsibilities****a. Team contact**

Each team shall nominate one person as a team contact for communication purposes during the season. It is the responsibility of the team to familiarise team members with league regulations and to distribute relevant information.

Rule4.**WBA team responsibilities (cont.)****b. Scoresheets**

All team players should print their full name and playing number on the scoresheet at least 10 minutes before the fixtured tip-off time. Scoresheets cannot be removed from reception until both teams have paid the correct team fee and the scoresheet is stamped "PAID". The last team to pay is responsible for taking the scoresheet to the scorebench. At the end of the game, the winning team should return the scoresheet to reception.

Players can join the game at any time only if they are registered for that team prior to the fixtured tip-off time.

c. Team official (scorer)

Every team must provide a competent scorer or timekeeper. The referee may delay the start of a match (not the clock) if teams fail to provide a scorer. Any team failing to provide a scorer may not lodge a protest in the event of a match dispute. If there is a discrepancy between the scoresheet and the scoreboard at the end of the game, the result on the scoresheet will be the one used.

d. Team entry forms and player registrations

- i. Team entry forms are to be completed fully, with all details, on entering a team and it is the team contact's responsibility to ensure that this form is updated throughout the course of the season.
- ii. Players must be registered on a team's entry form before they can play for that team. Teams playing unregistered players will forfeit all associated matches.
- iii. Teams must complete a registration form and make full payment (see rule 1.b) before entering the competition.

Rule5.**Conduct of players, coaches and spectators**

Any player, coach or spectator reported to have conducted themselves in a manner contrary to the best interests of basketball may be suspended or disqualified from WBA competitions. Any person suspended or disqualified may not play, coach or spectate at any Sport for All Centres.

Copies of the Sport for All Centres' codes of conduct for players, coaches and spectators, as well as the Sport for All Centres' disciplinary code may be obtained from the WBA on request.

a. Timing regulations

Each match will consist of halves of 20 minutes running clock with an interval of two minutes for half-time. Each team is permitted one time-out per half of one minute duration (running clock). The clock will stop only in the last two minutes of the match, on all referee's whistles and following successful field goals.

b. Uniforms

Teams must wear matching (in colour) shorts and vests, numbered on the front and back. Small side stripes on shorts will be allowed, if the shorts main colour is the same as the kit. Teams will be penalised 2 points player if in incorrect uniform actioned by the official at half time, and no later.

If a player has lost a kit or the team has a new player and they are in the process of purchasing one, allowances may be made, but only for a short period of time and with permission from the Basketball Programmes / Administration Officer

Tracksuit pants are **NOT** allowed and will be classed as illegal uniform. Players requiring special consent should seek approval from the Basketball Programmes / Administration Officer.

T-shirts under vests are **NOT** allowed.

All **new** teams will be allowed six (6) games from their first league fixture to comply with Uniform Regulations. On the seventh game penalties apply.

Numbers must be in the ranges of: **4-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, 50-55** ("0" or "00" are illegal numbers).

Please note that the uniform rule is enforced by the officials in all circumstances and is not at the discretion of the teams playing.

c. Colour clashes

Teams with similar coloured uniforms should organise a change of bibs (available from the centre staff) before their fixtured tip-off time. The first named team on the match fixture shall have priority of uniform colours. It is the responsibility of the playing teams to ascertain that there is a potential clash and to organise the bibs before the scheduled tip-off time as games will not be delayed.

d. Walkovers

A walkover occurs when:

- **A team cancels a scheduled match**
- **A team is more than ten minutes late (see late start penalty)**
- **A team has less than four legal players**
- **A team fields an illegal player (see player restrictions)**

In the event of a walkover the non-offending team will receive a win, with a match score 20-0.

In the event of a game not taking place due to a walkover the offending team will receive a walkover fine:

- UN-NOTIFIED WALKOVER: double team match fee penalty
- NOTIFIED WALKOVER: (over 48 hours notice) double match team fee less referees payments

Any team giving two (2) walkovers (notified or un-notified) will be disqualified from the competition, unless there are extenuating circumstances, and the Basketball Programmes / Administration Officer has been informed and agreed.

In the event of exceptional circumstances the Basketball Programmes / Administration Officer has the authority to replay a forfeited match at a mutually convenient time for the teams concerned.

Walkover fines must be paid within one week. Teams with outstanding fines will lose all their league points until all outstanding fines are repaid in full, in which case all league points will be reinstated. League points will not be reinstated after the last day of the season.

For leagues that involve play-offs, teams must have paid off any fines or short-payments in full no later than 7 days prior to the semi-final matches to have their points reinstated and to be eligible for play-offs. Teams with monies outstanding on the last day of the season will be ineligible to receive league trophies.

e. Scratch match

A scratch match is a match where ineligible players are involved to avoid a walkover. Both teams are required to pay their full game fees with the match being played under normal conditions. In this situation the team who was unable to field a legal team, will not receive a fine and will receive one (1) league point. The other team will receive a win, with score of 20-0.

f. Late start penalty

The referees will commence all games on time. When time is called to begin play, any team not ready on court with a minimum of 4 players ready to play will be penalised 2 points per minute, actioned by the referee at the start of the game. The scoresheet must be on the scorebench with a paid stamp next to both teams before the game can start. After 10 minutes walkover penalties apply.

g. Player restrictions

- i. All Yr 3&4 and Yr 5&6 are mixed competitions. Yr 7&8 up are single sex competitions, unless stated otherwise.
- ii. Players must be in school year 9 or above to play in senior competitions.
- iii. Each team may not register more than 3 national league players at any time during the season. The exceptions to the rule are where existing teams have more than 3 players registered for national league entering the season, or where a player is selected to play national league during the season which takes their quota above 3. Any other exceptions can only be approved by the WBA, and teams should make these requests in writing. It is the team contact's responsibility for ensuring that all national league players are identified by ticking the national league box on the team entry form.
- iv. Any teams fielding illegal players will forfeit the game 20-0.

h. Player transfers

Players may transfer to another team/club during the first 10 weeks of the season. Players wishing to transfer between team/clubs may only do so by completing a transfer form & with authorised permission of the Basketball Programmes / Administration Officer. Players transferring teams without permission will forfeit or lose all matches whilst illegally participating. After ten weeks, players will not be permitted to change teams (except in exceptional circumstances).

i. Grand finals and eligibility

Grand Finals will be held on **Saturday 16th October 2010**. To qualify for the play-offs and grand finals, a player must have played a total of five league games before the play-offs and grand final series.

Byes do not count as a game played. It is the club/team responsibility to ascertain a player's final eligibility at least two (2) weeks prior to the Grand Finals series (including play-offs). All queries must be in writing.

Team organisers should not write a players name on the scoresheet unless he/she plays in that game.. If players' names are on the sheet and they haven't played, a line must be put through the name.

For all school years 3 to 6 competitions, the season will finish with normal league games on grand finals day, and they will not take part in any play-off series. Medals will be awarded to league winners and runners up. All players on teams competing in primary school competitions will receive participation medals.

For all other competitions, the top four placed teams in the league will qualify for play-offs and will play semi-finals (1st v 4th, 2nd v 3rd) on the game before grand finals day followed by a final on grand finals day. All other teams will play on semi-finals day.

j. Court responsibilities

The team coach or, in their absence, team captain is responsible for the conduct of his/her team's players, scorers and spectators. Please read the guidelines concerning codes of conduct and spectator behaviour. Coaches and spectators must stay in their teams appointed area & cannot move up and down the sidelines.

k. Blood rule

If a player should bleed during the course of a game they must leave the court immediately and may not return until all bleeding has stopped or suitably covered. Any blood on players clothing, the ball or surface of the court must be cleaned before play can recommence.

l. Pregnancy

For health and safety reasons, no player may compete once she has passed the 3-months mark.

m. Jewellery & fingernails

All jewellery is to be removed with the exception of medical alert bracelets, flat wedding rings and newly acquired pierced earrings which shall be taped. Any other piercing that cannot be removed must be taped.

No adornment that may endanger player safety shall be worn. This includes hair clips/slides etc.

Fingernails must be short and smooth. The referee may check this but captains should check players before games. Acrylic nails will only be allowed if short and smooth. Nails are not allowed to be covered in order to avoid cutting.

n. Personal belongings disclaimer

All participants, spectators, coaches and match officials are responsible for their own personal belongings and vehicles whilst attending the Basketball Centre. B. H. Sports Management Ltd will not accept any responsibility for any items lost, stolen or damaged at the Centre. It is advised that items of value such as jewellery and mobile phones are not brought to the Centre.

o. First aid policy

Teams should provide their own first aid kits and ice packs. The Centre does not provide ice packs for injuries. Any application of ice to injuries is done at the discretion of the team. The Centre has a basic emergency first aid kit located behind reception. All injuries are to be reported to the Basketball Programmes / Administration Officer as soon as they occur and the Accident Book completed.

p. Alcohol & drugs

No player or official is allowed to compete at the Centre if they are under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. If any Centre member of staff feels that a player, official or spectator is under the influence of any substance, they will be asked to leave the Centre. No alcohol or illegal substance may be brought into the centre.

q. Smoking policy

The Centre has a no smoking policy. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building or outside the front entrance to the Centre.

r. Photography

Anyone wishing to use a camera, still or video must before attempting to use that camera, register their intent with the Centre staff at reception. This includes the use of camera-phones for photography.

From time to time the SFAC will have professional photographers on hand to take pictures of teams and players. These pictures will be available to buy after matches on these days. SFAC may use some of these images for promotional purposes. If your team or a member of your team does not want to be photographed, this must be brought to the attention of the centre.

s. Complaints procedure

Where possible complaints should be directed to the Basketball Programmes / Administration Officer at the time of the game in a calm and courteous manner. Threatening and abusive conduct towards Centre staff from players, coaches, spectators and officials will not be tolerated and such actions will be reported to the Management who will take disciplinary action against offenders, which may lead to prosecution.

The Complaints Procedure is available on request from the reception of the SFAC.

t. Criminal Records Bureau checks

All adults responsible for team organising or coaching junior teams are required to undergo a criminal records bureaux check. Forms are available from reception.

u. Dunking rule

Any person found hanging on the rings will be charged with a Technical Foul and may be suspended from continuing to play in that game. The full cost of any damage caused to a basket by dunking or swinging on the ring must be paid by the offender before that person will be allowed to recommence playing at the WBA.

THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL FACILITIES NETWORK

1-court netball / basketball centre

Bury Sport for All Centre

Philips High School
Park Lane
Whitefield
Manchester
M45 7PH

Tel: 0161 796 2034

Email: bury@sportforallcentres.co.uk

Monday evenings	Ladies' netball
Tuesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Wednesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Thursday evenings	Men's basketball
Friday evenings	Junior basketball
Saturdays	Junior basketball
Sunday days	Junior netball

2-court netball / basketball centre

Oldham Sport for All Centre

Kaskenmoor School
Roman Road
Hollinwood
Oldham
OL8 3PT

Tel: 0161 682 7278

Email: oldham@sportforallcentres.co.uk

Monday evenings	Ladies' netball
Tuesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Wednesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Thursday evenings	Ladies' netball
Friday evenings	Junior basketball
Saturdays	Junior basketball
Sunday days	Junior netball
Sunday evenings	Men's basketball Mixed basketball

3-court netball / basketball centre

Stockport Sport for All Centre

Reddish Vale Technology College
Reddish Vale Road
Reddish
Stockport
SK5 7HD

Tel: 0161 480 2223

Fax: 0161 480 3373

Email: stockport@sportforallcentres.co.uk

Monday evenings	Ladies' netball
Tuesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Wednesday evenings	Ladies' netball
Thursday evenings	Men's basketball Mixed basketball Women's basketball
Friday evenings	Junior basketball Men's basketball
Saturdays	Junior basketball
Sunday days	Junior netball
Sunday evenings	Ladies' netball

2-court basketball / netball centre

Warrington Sport for All Centre

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Latchford
Warrington
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Monday evenings	Ladies' netball
Tuesday evenings	Men's basketball Mixed basketball
Wednesday evenings	Junior volleyball
Thursday evenings	Ladies' netball
Friday evenings	Junior basketball
Saturdays	Junior basketball
Sunday days	Junior netball
Sunday evenings	Ladies' netball