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Rules and Regulations

1. LEAGUE ENTRY FOR TEAMS:

An initial **\$100.00/team performance bond** must be paid at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), to ensure a team's entry into the League. Teams carrying over from the previous WWBL season with a remaining performance bond do not need to submit a performance bond. Team representatives are asked to contact the WSWBL Chair for further clarification. Payment by money order or certified cheque **ONLY** is payable to the "**W.W.B.L.**"

Please see Section 9 – Performance Bond/Team Defaults/Team League Expulsions for further details on the use of the performance bond.

The remaining **\$1500.00/team league fees** must be accompanied by a completed "Team Registration Form". Payment by money order or certified cheque **ONLY** is payable to the "**W.W.B.L.**" and can be mailed or dropped off at the Basketball Manitoba Office, 145 Pacific Avenue – 3rd Floor, Winnipeg, MB, R3B 2Z6. Office hours are 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. Teams not paying the total amount will not be scheduled for the WWBL season.

In the event the \$100/team performance bond was not paid on the upcoming day of the AGM, payment of the full **\$1600.00/team league fees** must be paid in full by all teams before the start of the season. Team submitting a full payment of \$1600 should advise the WWBL Chair of their intention to register.

2. LEAGUE FORMAT:

Game nights shall be Sundays through Fridays, and teams will play approximately one game per week, unless more are required for playoffs or rescheduled games. Depending on the number of teams per division teams may experience 'bye' weeks. All teams in each division will play the same amount of games.

The league format will be left up to the discretion of the Executive.

The divisions will be balanced and movement of teams between rounds will be left up to the discretion of the Executive.

3. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS:

All teams must have a minimum of 9, and a maximum of 15 players registered at any one time.

TEAM REGISTRATION FORMS: All teams must submit this completed form to the Basketball Manitoba Office with all players' names (printed), signatures, addresses and phone numbers. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.



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LETTER OF INTENT: Players may be added to a team's roster, or transferred from one team to another, by having both the player and Team(s) Representative(s) complete a **LETTER OF INTENT**, and having this form submitted to the Basketball Manitoba Office "**POSTMARKED**" on or before the player's first game with the team. The LETTER OF INTENT is available online at <http://www.wwbl.redzoneleagues.com> under FORMS & FILES.

The **DEADLINE** for registration of new players or transferring of players from one team to another is at the half-way point of the season. At this time all teams' rosters will become "**FROZEN**" and must remain unchanged for the remainder of the season.

4. LEAGUE PLAYING RULES:

All W.W.B.L. games are played under the official FIBA Rulebook (International Rules). The 24 second team **Possession** shot clock rule is in effect at all games; however, in games where there is not an actual 24 second clock in operation, the referees will estimate the first 14 seconds of team possession, they will verbally indicate "10 seconds left", and then they will visually count down the last 10 seconds.

5. UNIFORMS:

- a) All teams must have matching color and style uniform shirts with **clearly visible 4-Inch (10 cm) numbers on the front and 8 inch (20 cm) numbers on the back by the end of November**. The numbers "1" and "2" will not be acceptable on uniform shirts and players on the same team shall not wear duplicate numbers.
- b) Referees will be asked to enforce a one-shot technical for each non-matching uniform shirt after **November**.
- c) Uniform shirts must not have more than one dominant color. "Bi-color" uniforms will not be allowed. A solid color shirt with contrasting trim and numbers is acceptable.
- d) Teams shall avoid buying uniforms the same color as uniforms already existing in the league. If a team chooses to purchase the same color uniforms as an established team, it is the responsibility of the team purchasing the uniforms to purchase additional contrasting color uniform shirts or reversible jerseys (must have clearly visible numbers as mentioned above in section "5a").
- e) Any teams purchasing new uniforms must register and get approval of the new team colors from the W.W.B.L. Chair prior to ordering the new uniforms.
- f) An extension to the uniform deadline will be allowed to those teams which can display a copy of a uniform order form to the referees prior to each game after the **end of November as approved by the Chair of WWBL**.



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- g) The wearing of warm-up pants, "sweatpants" or "Cut-off" pants/sweatpants by players on the court during the course of the game will not be allowed.
- h) Any undergarments (i.e. t-shirts, tights or compression shorts) should be the same color as the main or dominant team uniform color. For example, black shirts -- black "under" shirts; black shorts -- black tights.
- i) All knee braces must be covered by a padded knee sleeve to help prevent injuries to other players. Any other item(s) that could cause cuts or abrasions are not permitted to be worn at any times as outlined in the FIBA Rulebook (Art. 13; Section 6; a & b).

6. REPORTING SCORES:

The **WINNING** team is responsible for reporting the game score to their division convenor immediately following the game **via email or text message**. **Please visit the WWBL homepage for the most up-to-date contact information for division conveners.**

7. SCHEDULE CHANGES:

A team wishing to initiate a schedule change must make their request **IN WRITING**, postmarked at least 7 days prior to the original game date. **ALL** written requests must include a **\$10.00 FEE**, and must be directed to the W.W.B.L., c/o Basketball Manitoba, 145 Pacific Avenue – 3rd Floor, Winnipeg, MB, R3B 2Z6. They must indicate in the letter the reasons for requesting the change.

Once the WWBL Chair has approved the postponement, **RESCHEDULING OF THE GAME WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TEAM WHICH INITIATED THE REQUEST**. Failure to have a game rescheduled will result in the initiating team being given a **LOSS** in the League Standings.

8. LEAGUE STANDINGS:

The division conveners will keep their respective Divisions' cumulative standings throughout the season. Teams will be given "points" towards their standings as follows:

WIN	2 points
LOSS	1 points
FORFEITURE/DEFAULT	0 points

Only the team that defaulted the game will receive 0 points. The team that was defaulted against will still receive 2 points. If a team is disqualified from the league, all team's games against that team will not count towards the standings.

9. PERFORMANCE BOND/TEAM DEFAULTS / TEAM EXPULSION FROM THE LEAGUE:

As outlined in Section 1, all teams are required to provide a \$100 performance bond to the league (please refer to Section 1 for additional details). Should teams comply with all rules and regulations as



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outlined in the WWBL Rules and Regulations Section 9, they may request a refund of their \$100 performance bond in writing to the WWBL Chair and/or carry-over their \$100 performance bond to the following season. Should teams fail to comply with the WWBL Rules and Regulations Section 9, teams may forfeit all or part of their \$100 performance bond.

All teams are required to provide a minimum of one team representative at the WWBL Annual General Meeting and WWBL Semi-Annual General Meeting. As these meetings will be used to elect Executives, distribute league information and collect player feedback, it is imperative that all teams be represented. Should a team not be represented at one of the above meetings, they will **forfeit \$50 of their \$100 performance bond**. Should a team not be represented at both of the above meetings, they will **forfeit their entire \$100 performance bond**.

Any team that "defaults" one game during the season, by simply not showing up for a scheduled game, will forfeit \$50 of their \$100 performance bond. The team that was defaulted against will receive the \$50 as a credit towards their performance bond. Any team which "defaults" two games during the season, by simply not showing up for a scheduled game will be immediately removed from the WWBL for the remainder of the season without refund.

Any team which "forfeits" 2 games during the season, due to a flagrant disregard for the rules and/or the officials during a game which results in the suspension of the game by the referee, will be automatically removed from the League until the Executive can meet to review their situation.

If for any reason your team must cancel a game, please do not take it upon yourself to cancel the game. You must get in contact with one of the following 3 people:

1st call: WWBL Chair

2nd call: WWBL Vice-Chair

3rd call: WWBL Secretary

Please refer to item #6 "Schedule Changes"

10. "PLAYER" DISCIPLINARY POLICY:

ALL FLAGRANT PERSONAL AND TECHNICAL FOULS called by the referees against players and/or coaches will be recorded on a yellow 🟡 **Foul** Report Card, and immediately submitted by the referees to the 🟡 **Basketball Manitoba office**. Players receiving either their 2nd flagrant foul during the current season, or their 3rd flagrant foul during the past two seasons will be given a suspension by the Basketball Manitoba Disciplinary Committee. The suspension may vary from 1 game, to the remainder of the season, or longer, depending on the nature of the flagrant foul(s).

Players/teams may appeal the calling of a particular 🟡 **Flagrant Foul** by submitting a written appeal to the Basketball Manitoba office, postmarked within 7 days of the date of the game in which the foul was given.



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11. GYMNASIUM USE POLICY:

It is imperative that all teams, players and team followers are made aware of, and strictly adhere to, the following regulations with regard to the use of our "borrowed" school gymnasiums:

- i) NO **SMOKING AND NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** anywhere in the schools (gyms, halls, locker rooms, etc.)
- ii) All facilities must be kept in a **CLEAN** state at all times - please ensure that all showers are turned off when not in use, that all water is mopped up immediately, and that all garbage (regardless of whose it is), is picked up and disposed of when leaving the facility. Please remove any outside shoes or boots before entering the gym.
- iii) Players and fans must enter and exit via doors opened nearest to the playing gymnasium; and walking about in other areas of the school is not allowed for security reasons.
- iv) All players/fans must be responsive and courteous to all school staff requests.
- v) It is the responsibility of **EVERYONE** to take immediate action to enforce the above regulations; and to inform the Basketball Manitoba Office at 925-5775 of any problems or of any damage, which may be done to these facilities.
- vi) No animals of any kind are allowed in any of our facilities.
- vii) The gym facilities are not to be used as a day care for the evening, please keep all children under control at all times.

12. TIE BREAKING FORMAT:

Ties for any position in the final league standings shall be resolved by comparing the records of the teams involved in the following priority:

- a) Record of teams tied in games involving only those teams;
- b) For and against of teams tied in games involving those teams only;
- c) For and against ratio of all games played; and
- d) Toss of a Coin.

13. Jewelry

Jewelry including piercings of any kind, necklaces, hair clips and bobby pins are not permitted. Covering with tape is not allowed and the player will be asked to leave the court until all jewelry is removed.