

All BC-CWBL Players and Coaches must be familiar with the rules and regulations of the Division 2 League as described herein and available at [www.bcwbs.ca](http://www.bcwbs.ca). These regulations have been formulated to support achieving our league goals.

#### **A. GOALS**

- To provide a league at an intermediate level for players/teams in BC (recreationally competitive league)
- To provide a positive sport experience in which to develop players across BC in a competitive game environment
- To facilitate athlete, coach and officials development
- To encourage and support regional wheelchair basketball programs / clubs throughout BC
- To minimize the economical and geographical barriers to facilitate participation in wheelchair basketball
- To foster a sense of inclusion within the wheelchair basketball community by bringing players across BC together in the spirit of sport and camaraderie
- To encourage participants to adopt healthy, independent and active lifestyles
- To support the growth and development of wheelchair basketball in BC

#### **B. TEAM REGISTRATION**

- All teams must submit a team roster along with their league registration fee including performance bond by the deadline dates as shown below.

Regular Rate: **\$750 + \$250** (performance bond), must be **received** by BCWBS Office **by September 26 (Friday), 2014**

Late Rate: **\$850 + \$250** (performance bond), **received** by BCWBS Office **after September 26 (Friday), 2014**

This is a one-time fee for league play throughout the season and is allocated to cover partial costs associated with running the BC-CWBL Division 2 league.

- All teams must have a minimum of 7 players on their roster. Teams may register up to a maximum of 15 players but only 12 players may participate in each tournament. It is recommended to register as many players as possible to ensure your full participation in league tournaments.
- No registration exception will be accepted unless a special request is provided in writing to the League Commission 7 days before each deadline and the Commission approves it.
- All teams must identify a **team representative**, who will be the main contact with BCWBS. They need to be able to communicate with BCWBS regularly on email basis and responsible for forwarding any league/tournament related information to their team members.
- All teams must identify **impact players and non-region players** on their roster. Division 2 Commission will review and approve each roster **by October 9 (Thursday) by evaluating whether the rosters meet the league's goals**. The Commission will notify all the team reps if any changes need to be made. Confirmed rosters will be distributed to all the team reps and appeal will be accepted within 2 days. The Commission will discuss on any appeals, make decisions, and distribute the final rosters. No further appeals are accepted. \* Rosters received after October 9 must also be approved by the Commission.

### C. PERFORMANCE BOND

- A \$250 team performance bond, a separate cheque **post-dated to March 1, 2015** or a credit card number which is valid at least until April 1, 2015, is required at registration. Failure to honor all commitments will result in forfeiture of the performance bond unless exceptional circumstances are provided in writing to the commission and approved by the commission.
- If a team withdraws their attendance in a tournament that they have committed to **less than 5 weeks before the scheduled tournament date**, the D2 commission determines the appropriate penalty based on the cost that occurred due to the withdrawal, which will be taken from the team performance bond. (Each penalty would not exceed \$250.)
- Penalty for missed scorekeeping assignments will be taken from the team performance bond unless submitted directly from the penalized player.
- The team performance bond (less applicable penalties) of \$250.00 will be returned to the team within 14 days after the final championship game

### D. PARTICIPANTS

- **BC players** are encouraged to play with a local team or a team close to where they live. If there is no local teams in the area, player(s) are encouraged to create a team however not a requirement. **A team can roster non-region players only in the way that supports the development of the team and its local players, and not to take away an opportunity from the team and those players to develop.**
- If a **BC player** wishes to play with another team than his/her local team, both teams in question must agree on the matter and report to the commission for approval.
- **The League Commission approves impact players and non-region players on each team's roster.**

#### \* Division 2 Impact Player:

**Any current men's national team, past men's provincial team player (in the last 4 seasons), past CWBL Finals team player (in the last 2 seasons) and / or any current or former women's national team player (in the last 4 seasons including present).** Any athletes not falling under above criteria who may be in question would have their status determined by the League Commission.

### E. ELIGIBILITY

- All players must be current members of BCWBS in good standing and athlete in good standing (i.e. signed an athlete code of conduct and has no outstanding payment from previous seasons) to be eligible to play. **They will NOT be allowed to play any games until they become a member. If non-member players participate in a game, their team forfeits the game.**  
*\* Please contact BCWBS on the membership rules for an out of province team/players.*
- A player's name may only appear on one team roster per division during the season with the exception that a player may transfer to a new team after receiving approval by the League Commission.
- To accommodate players entering the league throughout the season, **additions to a team roster** may be made up to **2 weeks prior to each tournament.**
- If a player who is not on the roster participates in a game, their team forfeits the game. In the case when a non-member player plays in a forfeited game, they must sign **the BCWBS game-day waiver form** before their first game starts.
- All BC-CWBL Division 2 players **should** compete in at least two games prior to the BC-CWBL Finals. This is a recommendation to encourage all players to commit themselves to their team and the league. However, all properly rostered players **except for impact players** are eligible to compete in the Finals without a game minimum at this time. **Impact players must** compete in at least two games prior to the BC-CWBL Finals unless special circumstances arise and a request of waiver in writing is approved by the Commission.
- **Academy players or players reside in out of province are eligible to play without meeting a number of games requirement as long as they are rostered properly (i.e. registered at the beginning of the season and rostered for each tournament).**

- BC-CWBL Division 2 will consist of 4 official tournaments including the BC-CWBL Finals which will determine the provincial champion. Division 2 teams **must play in at least 2 of the 3 regular season tournaments** to be eligible to play at the BC-CWBL Finals. In case of an exceptional circumstance, a team may request a waiver and the League Commission will make a decision on their eligibility. The League Commission will also consider exceptions for new teams and returning teams in order to encourage their participation in the league.

## F. CLASSIFICATION

- Classification system 0.5 through 4.5 will be used. Able-bodied participants will be 4.5.
- Total number of points on the court may not exceed 17 in Division 2 except:
  - If a team plays a player who is eligible under the Individual Point Deductions Rule, the team will be entitled to add one (1) additional and/or 0.5 point to the total for each eligible player that is on the court.

### Individual Point Deduction Rules:

- 45 to 49 years of age 0.5 deduction (Encourage veteran/retired players' participation)
- 50 and over one (1) point reduction (Encourage veteran/retired players' participation)
- Female player one (1) point deduction
- New player allowance Year 1: one (1) point deduction (Provide an opportunity for new competitive athletes try the sport and encourage recruitment)
- New player allowance Year 2 -- 0.5 deduction (Transitional point value for new players in second-year)

\* Multiple Deduction Opportunities: Allow more than one deduction per player however up to maximum total deduction of 2.0

\* No player point deduction will be provided for impact players.

\* The age deduction applies to the age of a player as of September 1, 2014.

\* A player that has played previously in the BC-CWBL or equivalent and returned is not eligible to register under the New Player rule.

\* The Division 2 League Commission will have the final authority to approve a player's final classification under these rules.

- BC classifiers may conduct classifications at BC-CWBL tournaments to classify new players or review existing players' classes.
  - New players may have their classification confirmed or changed at the end of every game.
  - Current players may have their current classification reviewed and changed at the end of every game.
  - If a player presents with a challenging situation, the classification panel may ask to meet the player for a functional assessment on the side court.
  - At the BC Finals, no changes will be made once the final rounds begin.
  - BC classifiers will not review players classified nationally or internationally.

## G. COMPETITION

- IWBF rules will be followed. Tie breaking for round robin competition as per IWBF rules.
- Except at the BC-CWBL Finals tournament, each team must supply 3 scorekeepers per game as indicated on the tournament schedule. Failure to have individuals report for scorekeeping duties **at latest 10 minutes prior to an assigned game time** will result in a **\$25.00 fine per scorekeeper per game missed**
- The Game Disqualification rule will be in effect for the 2014-15. Copy of this ruling is attached.
- In the case of forfeit, **the commission members present, opposition coach, and officials must be notified prior to the scheduled game time/start.** The head official must indicate the team forfeiting the game on the score sheet prior to the beginning of the game. However, the

game must continue in the best possible way through the use of pick-up players and game day waivers.

- Sport scoring: Win 2 points, Loss 1 point, Forfeit 0 point
- **The League Commissioner will determine team rankings and pool placement** for the BC-CWBL Finals based on results throughout the regular season in consultation with the League Commission.

#### H. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM

- All teams must have "light" and "dark" uniforms.
- Proper uniforms must be worn. All teams are encouraged to wear jersey numbers 4 – 15 (this is a requirement when competing at the CWBL Finals Open Division), however in the BC-CWBL uniforms may be numbered 0-99. **Uniforms without number must not be worn.**
- **Uniform bottoms must match in color among players on the same team.**
- **If a t-shirt is worn under the uniform, the color must match with the color of the uniform.**
- The first named team on the schedule is the home team and must wear light.
- A set of uniforms are available for loan. Please contact BCWBS office for more details.
- Game Ball – Molten Size 7

#### I. Equipment

- IWBFL rules will be followed.
- **Players must use non-marking tires. (No black tires are allowed.)**

#### J. WAIVER REQUESTS/APPEAL

Waiver Requests/Appeal Procedure Pre-Tournament

1. A team rep submits a request to the BCWBS office in writing by the designated deadline
2. The Commission members discuss over the phone or via email
3. The Commissioner sends a decision to all the team reps via email
4. Further appeals can be made within 1 day after the decision is emailed out
5. The Commission considers the appeal(s) and make the final decision
6. The Commissioner sends the final decision to the team reps
7. No further appeal is accepted

Waiver Requests/Appeal Procedure during a Tournament

1. A team rep submits a request verbally to a member of the Commission on site
2. The Commission members on site discuss on the matter
3. If needed, the Commission members call fellow Commission members off-site to discuss the matter
4. The Commissioner, or a Commission member if the commissioner is not present, reports the final decision to the team rep, and all other team reps involved in the matter
5. No further appeal to the decision is accepted

#### K. TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT DATES

October: Kelowna  
November: Kamloops or Lower Mainland  
January: Kamloops or Lower Mainland  
March: Lower Mainland

#### L. TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Players/teams will be responsible for costs incurred traveling to and from tournaments (ie. airfare, gas, hotel, and food). However, teams traveling for BC-CWBL tournaments are eligible for the BCWBS Travel Subsidy. Allocation of the subsidy will occur after each tournament and **only be disbursed if your team is properly registered and all players' membership fees are fully paid before the team's first**

**tournament.** The BCWBS managing director determines the formula for subsidy distribution. Out of province teams or players are not eligible for this service.

## **M. LEAGUE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION**

**League Committee:** Reviews rules and regulations, league and competition structure in the pre-season annually and be communicated with throughout the season by the League Commission.

- A representative from each active BC-CWBL D2 team
- BCWBS Managing Director, Manager of Program Development, Provincial and Regional coaches
- A member at large/advisor (optional)

**League Commission:** Will be responsible for making decisions on in-season issues

- Sian Blyth – BCWBS Managing Director & BC-CWBL League Commissioner (604) 333-3531
- Duncan Campbell - Non-Playing Advisor [duncancampbell@cwsa.ca](mailto:duncancampbell@cwsa.ca)
- Jen Krempien - Non-Playing Athlete Rep [jkrempien@gmail.com](mailto:jkrempien@gmail.com)
- Makiko Harada - BCWBS Manager of Program Development (604) 333-3530



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