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I. GENERAL

1. Introduction to the BWB Competition Regulations

1.1. Scope of the Regulations

These Competition Regulations govern the National League, Women's Premier League, Women's League and Junior League competitions organised by British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) for the **current** season.

1.2. Applicable Regulations

These Competition Regulations are the only Regulations specified, and no other publication is applicable apart from the [IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules](#) and the [Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules Interpretations](#).

1.3. Entry into Force

These Regulations enter into force on **1st September**. They may be amended by BWB from time to time, in which case the changes will be communicated to Clubs and other stakeholders without undue delay.

1.4. Purpose of the Regulations

These Regulations have been written to ensure that the result of any wheelchair basketball match is decided on the court and within the spirit of the game.

2. Key Contacts:

BWB – membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk

BWB Referee Appointments - officials@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk

Safeguarding – safeguarding@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk

Complaints and Disciplinary – membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk

Classification: classification@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk

3. Definitions

BWB	British Wheelchair Basketball
BWB Competitions	Competitions organised or sanctioned by BWB, including league competitions, national championships, and other official events for wheelchair basketball Teams in the UK.
Club	A registered organisation or group within the BWB, which is responsible for organising Players and participating in BWB Competitions and leagues.
DBS	Disclosure and Barring Service - a criminal background check required for individuals in roles involving children or vulnerable adults, ensuring that individuals are legally eligible to participate in certain activities within BWB, such as coaching or officiating.

High Performance Partnership	Centres of excellence for wheelchair basketball in the United Kingdom
Home Nation Programme	See Article 33.6
International Club Competitions	Competitions between wheelchair basketball Clubs from different countries.
IWBF	International Wheelchair Basketball Federation, the global governing body for wheelchair basketball.
IWBF Regulations	The Internal Regulations of the IWBF governing the play, classification and organisation of wheelchair basketball competitions worldwide.
Junior Player	A player under eighteen (18) years of age. See Appendix 1.
League	Shall mean the structured competitions organised by BWB: • National League • Women's Premier League • Women's League • Junior League
Letter of Clearance	The document which authorises the transfer of a player from one national federation to another.
Membership Portal	The BWB administration platform: GameDay Passport
Player	An individual registered and licensed to play by the BWB to compete in BWB Competitions.
Team	A group of Players registered under a specific Club to compete in BWB Competitions. A Club may have multiple Teams in different divisions or competitions.
WADA Prohibited List	World Anti-Doping List of Prohibited Substances and Methods
Welfare Officer	The designated Club member ensuring the safety and wellbeing of players and participants in wheelchair basketball.
UKAD	United Kingdom Anti-Doping, the national body responsible for enforcing anti-doping regulations in the United Kingdom.

II. CLUBS, TEAMS AND PERSONNEL

4. Club Affiliation to BWB

- 4.1. All Clubs wishing to enter Teams into BWB Competitions must affiliate with BWB by [30th June] for the season ahead. Clubs not affiliated to BWB by this date will not be permitted to enter BWB Competitions.
- 4.2. The cost of affiliation is **£130 (one hundred- and thirty-pounds sterling)**.
- 4.3. Clubs that have employees are required to send their Employer Reference Number (ERN) within 7 days of registration to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk

5. Membership of Club Personnel in BWB

5.1. Requirements

All Club members, including players, coaches, table officials and Team staff (including, for example, Club classifiers and welfare officers), must have an active BWB membership and hold a role-specific licence on the BWB membership portal before participating in any BWB Competitions.

5.2. Virtual Licence Card

A virtual licence card listing their role-specific licences is accessible to BWB Members via their user profile. This virtual licence card must be presented to game officials, with a screenshot date stamp no older than forty-eight (48) hours before the fixture.

5.3. Membership Fees

The membership fees must be paid in full at the time of registration without exception. They are as follows:

Adult Membership	Junior Membership
£30	£15

6. Coaches

6.1. Qualification Requirements

6.1.1. Teams must have coaches with the right qualifications in accordance with these Competition Regulations. BWB reserves the right to postpone or declare forfeit a fixture if a coach does not have such qualifications.

6.1.2. Coaches in BWB Competitions must meet the following criteria:

- 6.1.2.1. Complete industry recognised Safeguarding Training (see Article **6.1.3**).
- 6.1.2.2. Hold a wheelchair basketball coaching qualification.
- 6.1.2.3. Complete the UKAD Coach Clean course within the last three (3) years; (Level 2 Coach Only)
- 6.1.2.4. Hold a valid DBS for the **entire season up to 31st August 2027** (see Article **8**); and,
- 6.1.2.5. Be a paid BWB member and hold a valid Coach licence for the [current] season (see **Article 5.1**)

6.1.3. In line with Article **6.1.2.1** above, coaches, **Team** Managers and Club Welfare Officers must have attended one of the following courses.

- a) UK Safeguarding and Protecting Children 1 (BWB preferred course) *; or,
- b) Time to Listen course; or,
- c) Sport Scotland Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport.

**Note: The UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children Training is valid for three (3) years. Consequently, coaches that have previously taken this course are permitted to do the UK Coaching online refresher course to revalidate their training following the initial three (3)-year period.*

6.2. Failure to meet qualifications

If a coach or Team does not have the required qualifications, a game may be postponed or declared forfeit. In the Junior League, if a coach or Team manager does not have the required licence by the date of their first fixture the Team will lose entry to the league, and the entry fee will not be returned unless agreed at the discretion of BWB.

7. Welfare Officer

7.1. Designated Welfare Officer

All Clubs must have a Licensed Welfare Officer listed on the membership portal no later than the 1st September and for the duration of the season. The failure to list a licensed Welfare Officer by 1st September will incur a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling).

7.2. BWB Membership Requirement

Welfare Officers must be members of BWB and **licensed** in accordance with Article 5.1.

7.3. DBS Requirement

In accordance with **Article 8** below, the Welfare Officer must have a valid DBS.

7.4. Safeguarding Course

The Welfare Officer must have attended one of the following courses or **gain approval from BWB for the use of any other recognised course:**

- a) UK Safeguarding and Protecting Children 1 (the BWB preferred course); or,
- b) Time to Listen course; or,
- c) Sport Scotland Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport.

8. Criminal Checks

8.1. Roles Requiring a DBS

The following Club roles require a valid DBS:

- Team Manager
- Coach
- Assistant Coach
- Welfare Officer

8.2. DBS Renewal

A DBS must be carried out at least every three (3) years and **be renewed at the start of the season in which it expires.** In other words, the date the DBS was issued must not be more than three (3) years ago at any point during the season.

8.3. DBS Process

Clubs must complete the DBS process through BWB's chosen application system in line with the BWB Safeguarding Policy. Payment shall be made directly to the DBS provider.

8.4. Access to DBS Records

BWB shall have access to each DBS issued. A DBS date will be recorded on the BWB Membership Portal, and a DBS qualification will be added to a user's individual profile once the necessary risk assessment has been completed. BWB will manage the data in accordance with [BWB's Data Privacy Notice](#).

8.5. Additional Checks

Additional checks may be requested by BWB at any time for membership or registration to be retained.

9. Name Changes

- 9.1. All Clubs or Teams wishing to change their name or merge Clubs must submit their proposed name or Club proposal to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk for approval by [1st September 2026].
- 9.2. Any Club or Team requesting to change their name after the [1st September 2026] deadline, will be subject to an administration fee of £20 (twenty pounds sterling).

III. PLAYERS

10. General

- 10.1. Except for the provisions in these Competition Regulations, there are no other restrictions on players eligibility to play in the BWB Competitions.

11. Classification of Players

- 11.1. Classification Requirements
Players must be classified in accordance with the [British Wheelchair Basketball Eligibility and Classification Policy](#)
- 11.2. Non -eligible players are permitted to play in all BWB competitions and will be classified as a 5.0 player.
- 11.3. Only one (1) non-classifiable player per Team may be on court at any one time.
- 11.4. Player Registration
- 11.4.1. Upon registration, if medical information is required to confirm a classification, BWB will assign a 5.0 classification.
- 11.4.2. Any player who does not have a classification on their licence must play as a 5.0. It is the joint responsibility of the individual and the Team administrator to ensure licence cards have a classification on. If missing, contact the BWB Membership for correction.
- 11.5. If a Club plays a Player that does not have a classification on their profile as anything other than a 5.0, all of the following applies:
- 1.1..1. a £50 (fifty pounds sterling) fine per fixture.
- 1.1..2. a one (1) league point deduction per game in which the Player participated.
- 1.1..3. 20-0 as a forfeit for each game the player participated in.
- 11.6. For more information on classifications and changing a classification, refer to the [British Wheelchair Basketball Eligibility and Classification Policy](#).

12. Player Responsibilities

- 12.1. Responsibility for Medical Fitness
It is ultimately the responsibility of the individual to ensure they are medically fit to play in a BWB Competition. **Nonetheless, Team staff and coaches shall exercise their responsibilities towards players with care and not knowingly put player health at unreasonable risk.**
- 12.2. Anti-Doping Awareness
Players, support personnel and parents/guardians of minors participating in a BWB Competition must be aware of their anti-doping responsibilities and must adhere to the [BWB Anti-Doping Policy](#).
- 12.3. Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)
It is a player's, or if a minor the parent's/guardians, responsibility to apply for a TUE for any medications containing a substance on the [WADA Prohibited List](#) prior to competing in BWB Competitions.

Note: An application for a TUE does not guarantee approval to play whilst using the specified medication. Approval is subject to confirmation by UKAD.

- 12.4. Understanding Obligations
Players are responsible for understanding their obligations and responsibilities contained in these Competition Regulations, including the disciplinary provisions.

13. Player-Club Relations

- 13.1. Player Contract Submission
Contracts between a Club and a player must be sent to BWB within seven (7) days of signature to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk. Contracts must be signed by all parties to the agreement.
- 13.2. Nature of Membership
A membership or registration with British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) DOES not constitute a contractual agreement between an individual member and any Club. It is solely a means of affiliation with BWB and participation in its sanctioned activities.
- 13.3. Transfer Disputes
BWB membership or registration cannot be used as evidence in the event of a transfer dispute during the season. Registration records do not imply or establish contractual obligations between a player and a Club.
- 13.4. Dispute Resolution Process
BWB will only support Clubs in disputes between players and Clubs where clear, written evidence is provided. This includes, but is not limited to, written and signed agreements outlining specific terms (e.g., financial obligations, playing commitments).
- 13.5. Financial Disputes In cases where a Club claims that a player owes fees or other payments, such claims should be supported by a signed agreement and accompanying documentation. Without such evidence, BWB will not support the Club through the process of finding a resolution.
- 13.6. Free Agent Status
Players become “free agents” at midnight on the day after the National Championship Finals each year and remain so until such time as they register to play for a Club in a BWB Competition for the new season. If no National Championship Finals take place, players are to be “free agents” as of 31st May. Subject to contract terms in 13.1.
- 13.7. Player Awareness
Teams are advised to ensure that players are made fully aware of their commitments and fees due.

14. Transfers

- 14.1. Transfer Request Deadline
Transfers may be requested until 31st January of the current season. No transfer request will be accepted after this date, **this includes transfers between teams within the same Club**. Transfers are not permitted at any point during the season in the Women’s Premier League.
- 14.2. Transfer Request Process
A transfer must be requested by submitting completing the BWB League Transfer Form on the **Gameday platform**. An administration fee of £15 (fifteen pounds sterling) is payable on completion of the form.
- 14.3. Club Response Time
The releasing Club must respond to the request via **the Gameday platform** within seven (7) calendar days of receiving it. Clubs must either confirm the release of the Player or refuse the transfer.

The failure to respond will incur a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) and result in the Player being transferred irrespective of the lack of consent.

14.4. Transfer Refusal

Transfers will be refused in the following circumstances only:

14.4.1. A Player is under contract with their current Club (as submitted to BWB in line with Article 13.1); and/or,

14.4.2. the Player is indebted towards their current Club (including, but not limited to, subscription arrears, kit).

14.5. Documentation of Debt

Clubs must provide documented evidence of any debt of a Player towards the Club. If BWB deems the claim of indebtedness substantiated, BWB will block the transfer until the player has paid the arrears.

14.6. Confirmation of Transfer

In all cases, Players will not be permitted to play for the new Club until the transfer has been fully completed on the Gameday platform.

14.7. One transfer per season

Only one (1) transfer per Player will be permitted per season.

14.8. Appeal

A transfer block can be appealed by an individual in line with BWBs Appeals Policy, which can be found in Article 91.

14.9. Player Minimum in Event of Transfers

Transfers do not affect a Clubs obligation to have a minimum number of Players as per Article 26.1.

15. *International Clearance*

15.1. Players playing abroad

Any Player, including British nationals, who in the last season they played was licensed to play in another country is not permitted to be licensed by BWB or participate in a BWB Competition until a Letter of Clearance has been received in line with the Section J3 of the IWBf Regulations from the NOWB where the Player was last licensed.

15.2. Consequences of Non-Compliances

Clubs that play players without a Letter of Clearance shall face the following penalties:

- a fine of £500 (five hundred pounds sterling).
- one (1) league point deduction per game in which the player played; and,
- 20-0 forfeiture per game in which the player played.

15.3. Clearance Request

Players falling under 15.1 must request clearance to be licensed by BWB using the International Clearance Request Form (Appendix 4).

15.4. Letter of Clearance

The Letter of Clearance may not be limiting or conditional. If applicable, it should mention any sanctions that may be in force against the individual. Such sanctions may include the unexpired period of suspension from playing, the unpaid amount of a monetary fine, or the unexpired portion of any other sanction (see section J3.3.1.3 of the IWBf Regulations).

15.5. U18 Players

An international transfer is not permitted before a Players 18th birthday, in line with section J3.4.1 of the IWBf Regulations.

- 15.6. **Administration Fee for Letters of Clearance**
In line with section J3.3.1.4 of the IWBF Regulations, BWB will charge the pound sterling equivalent (at the time of request) of \$50 (fifty US dollars) for the administration of providing a Letter of Clearance for any previous BWB member joining another NOWB. No Letter of Clearance will be provided without receipt of payment.
- 15.7. **Fees of other NOWBs**
In the event that another NOWB requests an administrative or other fee for the transfer of a Player previously licensed with BWB, BWB will not be held responsible for paying such fee.

16. Visas

Detailed information on visas, including definitions of terminology, can be found in the [BWB Governing Body Endorsement Policy](#).

- 16.1. **Applying for Governing Body Endorsements**
Teams in National League Premier Division and Women's Premier League can apply for Governing Body Endorsements for senior players or coaches under the International Sports Person criteria of the British Wheelchair Basketball Governing Body Endorsement Policy.
- 16.2. **No professional (as classified by Home Office criteria on Professional Sports Persons) non-British sportsperson or coach is permitted to register with BWB unless a valid Governing Body Endorsement from BWB has been received.**
- 16.3. **Consequences of Non-Compliance**
Clubs that register a player or coach without obtaining a Governing Body Endorsement shall face the following penalties:
- receive a fine of £500 (five hundred pounds sterling).
 - one (1) league point deduction per game in which the individual was involved; and,
 - 20-0 forfeiture per game in which the player played.

Any individual found to be in breach of this Article will have their Player/Coach licence suspended until a Governing Body Endorsement has been received and notification is provided to the Home Office.

17. Illegal Approaches

- 17.1. **No Approaches after Registration Deadline**
No Club shall approach a Player to persuade them to leave another Club after the deadline for Team registration referred to in Article 26.1. Any approach by a Club member or representative after the deadline is prohibited and considered misconduct. Violations shall be referred to BWB for investigation and may result in sanctions.
- 17.2. **Free Agents**
Only once a Player is classed as a free agent as per Article 31.6 can a Club contact a non-Club member.
- 17.3. **University Applicants**
As an exception to Article 17.1, a Club may approach a Player applying to a university for educational purposes and their associated Teams for the following season.
- 17.4. **Any Player moving location due to committing to a university away from home may contact Clubs in the area of their expected university at any time during the season.**
- 17.5. **Junior Players**

Junior Players shall not be approached under any circumstance. A Junior Players parents or guardian may be approached if the Junior Player is committing to a university the following season.

- 17.6. Pending Disciplinary Action and Transfer Approval
In the event of disciplinary proceedings for violation of Article 17.1, no transfer will be approved until the disciplinary process is complete.

18. *Trans Athletes*

- 18.1. Trans Men and Trans Women
Trans men and trans women are eligible to compete in any male or non-gender specific competition. The Team classification total would not increase when the athlete enters the court.
- 18.2. Non-Binary Athletes – Female Sex at Birth
- 18.2.1. Non-binary athletes whose sex at birth is female are eligible to compete in female specific competitions.
- 18.2.2. Non-Binary athletes whose sex at birth is female are eligible to compete in non- gendered competitions. The Team classification total would increase in line with the regulations for female and junior players specific to that competition.

Non-Binary Athletes – Female Sex at Birth

18.2.3 Non-binary athletes whose sex at birth is female but who have started the medical process to transition to male are eligible to compete in non-gendered competitions. The team classification total would not increase when the athlete enters the court. For further clarification please see our transgender policy.

- 18.3. Non-Binary Athletes – Male Sex at Birth
- 18.3.1. Non-binary athletes whose sex at birth is male are eligible to compete in male specific competitions.
- 18.3.2. Non-binary athletes whose sex at birth is male are eligible to compete in non-gendered competitions. The Team classification total would not increase when the athlete enters the court.

IV. OFFICIALS

19. Referee Appointments

- 19.1. Appointments
The BWB Referee Appointments Officer will appoint two (2) qualified Referees for official fixtures (except in the Women's Premier League – see below [Article 19.2](#)) where possible.
- 19.2. Women's Premier League
The BWB Referee Appointments Officer shall appoint three (3) qualified Referees for all Women's Premier League fixtures where possible.
- 19.3. Unavailable Referee
- 19.3.1. If on the day of the game only one (1) referee is available, the fixture will proceed and the unavailable referee must inform both the home Team and BWB via officials@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk to confirm their unavailability for the fixture.
- 19.3.2. Where the fixture is already scheduled as a single crew appointment, and the remaining referee becomes unavailable on the day, the fixture will be postponed. In this instance, the criteria set out in with [Articles 67.1 and 67.2](#) are to be followed.
- 19.4. No Requirement to Contact Referees
There is no requirement for Clubs to contact Referees prior to each fixture. If Referees fail to turn up at a game, please contact the BWB Referee Appointments Officer. If you're unable to contact the BWB Referee Appointments Officer from the venue, please cancel the game and make contact by telephone or email as soon as possible.

20. Referee Duties

- 20.1. Conducting Games
Referee shall conduct any game they are assigned to in accordance with the IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules, the Official IWBF Interpretation of these rules and any competition-specific rules (see Article 355).
- 20.2. Conflict of Interest
Referees must declare upon registration (obtaining a Referee Licence) with BWB to officials@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk any conflicts of interest in accordance with Article 23. Any new conflict of interest arising after the point of registration must be raised within 7 working days.
- 20.3. Adherence to Regulations
Referees must adhere to all other obligations contained in these Competition Regulations. Failure to do so may result in a disciplinary procedure and sanctions imposed by BWB (see Article 84.2).
- 20.4. Reporting Violations
Referees must report any possible violations of these Competition Regulations, in accordance with Articles 82.2 and 89.1.
- 20.5. Licensing
Referees in BWB Competitions must meet the following criteria and licence with BWB:
- Complete industry recognised Unconscious Bias training every 2 years (BWB Preferred option is UK Coaching)
 - Hold a BWB Referee qualification; or equivalent on the agreement of BWB

21. Table Officials

21.1. Home Team Responsibility

The home Team in all BWB Competitions is responsible for providing registered and appropriately licensed Table Officials. If an appropriate number of licensed Table officials are not present on the court (twenty) 20 minutes after the scheduled tip off time, the game shall be abandoned in accordance with Article 70.1, and sanctions applied in line with Article 86.3.

21.2. Minimum Requirements

The minimum Table Official requirements are outlined in Appendix 7.

21.3. Women's League

For Women's League rounds, Table Officials will be allocated games in the playing schedule by the competition organiser and circulated in advance.

21.4. Failure to Provide Table Officials

The failure of a Team to provide qualified & licensed Table Officials for all appointed games will incur a £50 (fifty pounds sterling) fine per official per game.

21.5. Fees

Table Official fees are referred in Article 78.6

22. Statisticians

22.1. Requirements for Statisticians

Statisticians are compulsory in the National Premier League, Women's Premier League and must be provided by the home Team.

22.2. Licence

All statisticians must hold a BWB Statisticians licence for the current season.

22.3. Live Game Statistics – Women's Premier League

In the Women's Premier League, home Teams must provide live game statistics for all games. Statistics must also be provided to opponents.

22.4. Failure to Provide a licensed Statistician

The failure to provide a statistician at a National League Premier Division or Women's Premier League home game will incur a fine of £200 (two hundred pounds sterling). BWB may use its discretion in exceptional circumstances.

23. Conflicts of Interest

23.1. Definition

Conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to:

- a family connection to Club members,
- affiliation with the same Club, or
- any other connection to Teams competing within same division.

23.2. Consent

No registered referee will be appointed to officiate a fixture if there is a conflict of interest, unless both Teams provide explicit consent.

24. Official Uniforms

- 24.1. All Officials are expected to wear the most up to date BWB kit for all BWB appointed fixtures.
- 24.2. Officials appointed for BWB events, and any broadcast League Games must wear the most up to date BWB uniform for all games. Kit can be purchased from the online shop: [British Wheelchair Basketball - Workforce | Kukri Sports](#). The password for ordering kit is BWBworkforce.

V. GENERAL COMPETITION PROVISIONS

25. Applicability

25.1. These general competition provisions shall apply to all BWB Competitions including Women's and Junior competitions.

25.2. Where there is a conflict between the general provisions and the competition-specific provisions for each BWB Competition, the competition-specific provisions shall apply.

26. Registration of Teams

26.1. Minimum Number of Players

All Teams must have a minimum of seven (7) licensed players by [14th September] ([12th October] for Women's League). The failure to register the minimum number of players by the aforementioned dates shall incur a £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) fine.

26.2. Registration Deadline - Teams

Clubs must enter their Teams for all BWB Competitions on the BWB membership portal by [30th June]. Entries received after this date will be accepted at BWBs sole discretion.

26.3. Registration Deadline - Players

Players cannot be registered after midnight on [31st January] of the current season unless the individual is turning fourteen (14) (thirteen (13) for Junior League) and therefore eligible for the specific competition during this time. As per Article 5.1, all players must have requested a licence in order to play in a BWB Competition for the remainder of the season.

26.4. Unregistered Player Exception

In exceptional circumstances, Teams may petition BWB to permit the registration of previously unregistered Players after the deadline in Article 14.1. BWB may decide in its sole discretion whether to permit such Players to register, taking into account fairness and the best interests of the sport.

26.5. Entry Fee

Each Team registering in a BWB Competition shall pay the entry fee by [30th June], which is set as follows

Competition	Team Fee
National League (inc. Premier Division)	£270
Women's League	£270
Women's Premier League	£550
Junior League	£125

27. Rosters

27.1. Minimum Players on Scoresheet

Teams are required to have at least seven (7) players (as per Article 26.1) inscribed on the scoresheet for each fixture during the season.

27.2. Registration of GB Players

Except for the Women's Premier League (see Article 45), there is no restriction on the number of GB players, including players selected for the GB world-class performance programme, that a Club can sign in a BWB Competition.

- 27.3. **Players Name on Scoresheet**
If a player's name is inscribed on the scoresheet without being crossed out due to not being present, BWB will determine that the player in question has participated in the fixture.
- 27.4. **Team Bench Composition**
27.4.1. A coach, assistant coach and up to a maximum of seven (7) Team staff are permitted to sit on the Team bench.
27.4.2. Each person on the Team bench must be registered with BWB and hold the relevant licence to perform their intended roles. In accordance with **Article 5.1**, non-licensed Team staff are prohibited from sitting on the bench.
27.4.3. Teams shall be fined **£50 (fifty pounds sterling)** for each ineligible individual per fixture.
- 27.5. **Level 2 Coach Requirement**
27.5.1. All registered Teams must have a licensed Level 2 coach.
27.5.2. Unless expressly agreed otherwise by BWB prior to a fixture, the Level 2 coach must be present at all fixtures where Junior Players are participating. The fixture will be postponed in accordance with **Articles 67.1 and 67.2** if a Team with a Junior Player does not have a licensed Level 2 coach available for any reason.
27.5.3. The failure of a Team to provide a Level 2 coach at a fixture (regardless of whether a Junior is involved or not) for two (2) or more occasions without express agreement from BWB or where extenuating circumstances exist and are accepted by BWB (see below **Article 27.6**) during a season will incur a £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) fine per occasion.
- 27.6. **Extenuating Circumstances**
Where Junior Player is not involved in the fixture (in any capacity), a licensed Level 1 coach over the age of eighteen (18) may lead the Team only in extenuating circumstances, presented to BWB on the day or at the latest within twenty-four (24) hours of the fixture.
- 27.7. **Signing of Scoresheet**
27.7.1. Table officials must present the scorebook to each Team coach and request they sign next to their name at least ten (10) minutes before tip-off.
27.7.2. Team coaches/captains must ensure that all player names, licence numbers and classifications are inscribed on the scoresheet. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £50 (fifty pounds sterling) per occasion.
- 27.8. **Use of Non-Licensed or Ineligible Players**
Teams that inscribe a non-licensed or ineligible participant on the official scoresheet will receive a £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) fine per fixture, a two (2) league point deduction per game in which the participant was involved, plus forfeiture per game set at 20-0.

28. *Primary Team*

- 28.1. All Players must register with a primary Team for the duration of the season. This will be considered their default Team.
- 28.2. Should a Player wish to change their primary Team once the season has started, BWB must authorise this change. No change will be authorised after the transfer deadline detailed in **Article 14.1**

29. *Playing Up*

- 29.1. If a Club has a Team in a higher division, Players may play up for one (1) other Team within their Club within the same competition (i.e., National League or Women's League). Each player can play for a maximum of two (2) Teams per Club, per season.

- 29.2. Players may not play down for a Team in a lower division.
- 29.3. Only five (5) Players may play up per fixture.

30. Classification of Teams

- 30.1. Each Team must be able to play within the Team classification points system for the division in which they are playing, which is outlined in the respective Special Competition Rules for each competition.

31. Withdrawal from Competition

- 31.1. **Withdrawal before Entry Deadline**
Teams may withdraw from a BWB Competition prior to the deadline of entry referred to in **Article 26.2** without penalty.
- 31.2. **Withdrawal after Entry Deadline**
Withdrawal from a BWB Competition after the deadline of entry referred to in **Article 26.2** shall result in forfeiture of the entry fee.
- 31.3. **Withdrawal before [10th August 2026]**
Withdrawal from a BWB Competition prior to [10th August 2026] shall result in the forfeiture of the entry fee and incur a fine of £250 (two hundred- and fifty-pounds sterling). **Clubs with multiple Teams must withdraw the Team participating in the lowest division unless otherwise agreed with BWB**
- 31.4. **Withdrawal after [10th August 2026]**
Withdrawal from a BWB Competition on or after [10th August 2026] shall result in the forfeiture of the entry fee and incur a fine of £480 (four hundred- and eighty-pounds sterling). **Clubs with multiple Teams must withdraw the Team participating in the lowest division unless otherwise agreed with BWB**
- 31.5. **Withdrawal after Season Start**
Withdrawal from a BWB Competition after the start of the season will result in the forfeiture of the entry fee, incur a fine of £600 (six hundred pounds sterling), void all results of the Team and result removal from the league table. **Clubs with multiple Teams must withdraw the Team participating in the lowest division unless otherwise agreed with BWB**
- 31.6. **Player Status After Withdrawal**
Players of a withdrawing Team shall become “free agents” upon a Teams withdrawal from competition. Except where a withdrawing Club provides documentary evidence of a player’s indebtedness at the time of withdrawal, players shall be free to register with another Team competing in the same competition before [31st January].

32. League Structure

- 32.1. The league structures are outlined in the specific competition provisions of each League.
- 32.2. BWB reserves the right to adjust a Leagues structure in the best interests of the sport.

33. Fixtures

- 33.1. **Provisional Fixture List**
BWB shall provide a provisional fixture list for Clubs to organise their fixtures for the coming season.
- 33.2. **Confirming Fixtures**

All Clubs must return their confirmed fixtures to: membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk including their home fixtures dates, venue, and tip times by [26th August]. The failure to provide fixtures may result in the game being forfeited due to no officials being appointed. A fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) shall also be incurred.

33.3. Fixtures between Teams of the Same Club

Clubs with more than one (1) Team in the same geographical division must play each other twice before either Team plays any other Team from another Club.

33.4. Reducing Fixture Congestion

Clubs shall work together to reduce the fixture congestion wherever possible. Club contacts will receive all fixtures at the same time to ensure clashes are minimised and any changes made to the draft fixtures are done collaboratively between Teams with the athletes in mind.

33.5. Fixture Prioritisation

Fixtures shall be prioritised in the following order:

1. GB Internationals
2. European Club Competitions
3. Women's Premier League
4. Women's League
5. Junior League
6. National League
7. Sanctioned BWB events
8. All other Club games and tournaments (both home and abroad).

33.6. Home Nations Programme Dates and international windows

Subject to prior approval from BWB, National League and Women's Premier League games are only permitted to be played on the weekends of the Home Nations Programme (including Commonwealth Games preparation and Regional Academies) if the Teams involved do not have any players participating in a Home Nations Programme. The dates of the Home Nations Programme are:

- [9th & 10th January 2027]
- [27th & 28th March 2027]

The failure to request prior approval to have fixtures on the above date shall incur a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling).

33.7. Confirming Fixtures with Opponent

Clubs must contact their opponent at least **Five (5)** days in advance of a fixture to confirm the venue and tip time. Clubs do not need to notify Referees but must copy in BWB Membership and the BWB Referee Appointments Officer who will check details corresponding to those listed on the official's appointment software.

33.8. Venue and Time Corrections

All matches must be played on the date, the time and at the venue specified on Gameday/BWB Website and not any other publication. If there is an error on Membership Portal, then Teams are responsible for letting membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk know as soon as possible who will update the details on the BWB website.

33.9. Fixture Changes

33.9.1. Fixtures may be re-arranged by submitting the BWB Fixture Change document (available from BWB). The BWB Fixture Change document must be sent via email to BWB, the opposition and the Referee Appointments Officer at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the original fixture date.

- 33.9.2. Requests with less than twenty-one (21) day's notice will only be considered in exceptional circumstances but will incur an administration fee of £15 (fifteen pounds sterling).
- 33.9.3. Failure to provide the form for a fixture change with sufficient notice will incur a fine of £50 (fifty pounds sterling).

33.10. Surety Fee

Teams that fail to complete all their league games in a season, or who have been excluded from the league the previous season, will only be permitted to enter the league the following season on payment of a £100 surety fee. This fee will be held by BWB until the completion of the season. If the Club/Team completes all its fixtures in this season, the surety fee will be returned in full.

34. National Championship Finals 22nd & 23rd May 2027 Derby Arena

34.1. Logos and Team Sheets

All Teams qualifying for the National Championships must send their Logo and Team Sheet for the National Championship Finals to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk by **Monday 3rd May**.

34.2. Qualification

Qualification to the National Championship Finals is determined by the specific competition provisions for each League.

34.3. Failure to Participate

The failure of a Team to participate in a game taking place at the National Championship Finals will result in the Team forfeiting the fixture 20-0 and incurring a fine of £500 (five hundred pounds sterling).

35. General Game Rules

35.1. Except for anything to the contrary below, all games shall be played in accordance with the [IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules](#) and the [Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules Interpretations](#)

35.2. Minimum warm Up times:

- 35.2.1. National League: 20 minutes before the game
- 35.2.2. Women's Premier League: 20 minutes before the game
- 35.2.3. Women's League: 15 minutes before the game
- 35.2.4. Junior League: 10 mins before the game

35.3. Half-time interval:

- 35.3.1. National League: Maximum 10 minutes
- 35.3.2. Women's Premier League: Maximum 10 minutes
- 35.3.3. Women's League: Maximum 10 minutes
- 35.3.4. Junior League: Maximum 10 minutes

35.4. Overtime: Five (5)-minute periods as per the Article 8.7 of the IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules, except in the Women's League where overtime is four (4) minutes in length.

35.5. Time outs: two (2) time-outs in the first half, three (3) in the second half as per Article 18.2.5 of the IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules. In the Women's League, there shall be two (2) time-outs per Team per half.

Points system

- 35.6. In all **completed** League games, two (2) league points will be awarded for a win and one (1) league point will be awarded for a defeat. **Games that are forfeited are not considered completed and the forfeiting Team does not receive any league points.**

- 35.7. A game may be declared void at the discretion of BWB, no league points shall be awarded for void games except in cases where fault or responsibility cannot be attributed to either Team. In these cases, BWB may award 1 league point to each Team.

36. Same win-loss record

- 36.1. For all BWB Competitions, if two or more Teams have the same win-loss record of all games in the group, the game(s) between these two or more Teams shall decide on the final league position. If the two or more Teams have the same win-loss record of the games between them, further criteria will be applied in the following order:
- a) Higher game points difference of the games between them.
 - b) Higher number of game points scored in the games between them.
 - c) Higher game points difference of all games in the group.
 - d) Higher number of game points scored in all games in the group.
 - e) If still tied before all games have been played in the group, tied Teams shall share the same ranking. If these criteria still cannot decide at the end of the group phase, a draw shall decide on the final classification.

37. Match Day Management

- 37.1. Team List
Team Contacts / Administrators must submit their Team list on the Membership Portal **60 minutes** before tip-off at the latest. The failure to do so will incur a fine of £25 (twenty-five pounds sterling) per occurrence.
- 37.2. Licence Cards
- 37.2.1. Playing Teams must show / provide the scorer, no later than twenty (20) minutes prior to tip-off, at all games their virtual Licence Cards.
- 37.2.2. Licence cards may be printed via the Team hub or may be a screenshot with date stamp no older than forty-eight (48) hours before the fixture.
- 37.3. Consequences of Not Showing Licence Cards
The failure by a Team to show valid licence cards for all participants on match day will result in the fixture being forfeited 20-0 in line with Article 86.1
- 37.4. Scoresheet Completion
It is the responsibility of Referees and table officials to ensure that the scoresheet is completed in full including correctly spelt names, licence numbers, classifications, and the lining out of those who did not attend the fixture.
- 37.5. Coach Responsibility
It is the responsibility of the Team coach to ensure that all participant licences are available on match day, and to verify their own Team information as presented on the scoresheet. Their agreement of this is their signing of the scoresheet.

38. Results

- 38.1. Entering Match Results
Match results must be entered directly onto the BWB match card by the Home Team by **midnight on the Sunday of the weekend that the fixture took place**. The failure to do so will result in a fine of £25 (twenty-five pounds sterling) per occurrence. **Fixtures will be locked after this time, and it will not be possible to enter a result.**

38.2. Individual Player Points

Individual player points must be entered directly onto the BWB match card by the home Team by midnight on the Sunday of the weekend that the fixture took place. Fixtures will be locked after this time, and it will not be possible to enter individual player points.

38.3. Forfeit

If a match is forfeited, the home Team must enter the result as a walkover on the Membership Portal.

38.4. Uploading Scoresheet

A visible and clear photograph of the scoresheet must be uploaded onto the Membership Team by midnight on the Sunday of the weekend that the fixture took place. If an official has made any notes on the back of the scoresheet, both sides must be photographed and uploaded onto the clubs Membership Portal. The failure to do so will incur a fine of £50 (fifty pounds sterling) per occurrence.

VI. SPECIFIC COMPETITION PROVISIONS

A. National League

39. Format

- 39.1. Unless stated otherwise, Teams will play each other once at home and once away in all divisions.
- 39.2. Except for the Premier Division (see Article 39.4), Clubs are permitted to have a maximum of two (2) Teams in the same geographical Division.

Premier Division

- 39.3. The Premier Division will be run on a national basis and will comprise of an optimum number of eight (8) Teams.
- 39.4. Clubs are restricted to only one (1) Team in the Premier Division.
- 39.5. A regular season Premier Division Champion will be declared once all league games have concluded.
- 39.6. The Teams finishing in the top four (4) positions in the Premier Division will qualify for the National Championship Finals.
- 39.7. To participate in the Semi-finals and Finals, Players must have played at least fifty percent (50%) regular season fixtures for their Team. BWB can grant exemptions to this rule on medical grounds. Supporting medical evidence may be requested.
- 39.8. The Teams finishing in the bottom two (2) positions at the end of the season will be relegated.
- 39.9. The above notwithstanding, BWB may retain a Team or Teams due to be relegated in the Premier Division if a number of Teams from Division 1 are prohibited from accepting promotion due to Article 39.4 or for any other reason related to maintaining eight (8) Teams.
- 39.10. Any Team within the BWB National League Premier Division is eligible to enter the IWBFB Euro Cup Competition.

Divisions 1, 2 & 3

- 39.11. Divisions 1 and 2 will consist of up to three (3) geographically split divisions, with a maximum of eight (8) Teams each. The number of divisions will be determined by BWB based on entries after the entry deadline.
- 39.12. Division 3 will consist of up to four (4) geographically split divisions. The number of divisions will be determined by BWB based on entries after the entry deadline.
- 39.13. To participate in the Semi-finals and Finals, Players must have played at least fifty percent (50%) regular season fixtures for their Team. BWB can grant exemptions to this rule on medical grounds. Supporting medical evidence may be requested.

Advancing to the National Championship Finals

- 39.14. If there are two divisions, the top two (2) Teams from each geographical division will advance to the National Championship Finals and shall play as follows:
- 1st North v 2nd South
 - 1st South v 2nd North

- 39.15. If there are three (3) divisions, the division winners and one wildcard Team will advance to the National Championship Finals. The wildcard Team will be selected from those Teams finishing 2nd in their regional

divisions. The wildcard will be given to the Team with the best win percentage against the Division winner, if two or more Teams have the same record the wildcard will be given to the Team with the best points difference against the division winner. If two or more Teams are still equal the criteria in Article 36 will be used to determine the wildcard.

The seedings will be based on win percentage against the second place in their division. If two or more Teams have the same record the criteria in Article 36 will be used to determine seeding. The wildcard Team will automatically be seeded fourth.

The semi-final fixtures will be:

- 1st seed v 4th seed
- 2nd seed v 3rd seed

- 39.16. If there are four (4) divisions in the case of Division 3, the Teams finishing in first position in each regional division will qualify for the National Championship Finals. BWB may change the structure of Division 3 and the qualification process for the National Championship Finals dependant on the number of entries.

Promotion and relegation – Division 1

- 39.17. The two (2) National Championship Finals finalists will be promoted to the Premier Division for the following season. Where a Team is unable to be promoted due to the Club already having a Team in the Premier Division, the winner of the 3rd v 4th Playoff at the National Championship Finals shall be promoted.
- 39.18. The Team finishing in the bottom position in each geographical division at the end of the season will be relegated to Division 2.
- 39.19. BWB may be forced to retain or promote a Team in Division 1 in the best interests of the League. BWBs decision is final.

Promotion and relegation – Division 2

- 39.20. The two (2) National Championship Finals finalists will be promoted to Division 1 for the following season. If Division 1 has three (3) divisions, the winner of the 3rd v 4th Playoff at the National Championship Finals shall also be promoted to Division 1.
- 39.21. The Teams finishing in the bottom two positions in each regional division at the end of the season will be relegated to Division 3.
- 39.22. BWB may be forced to retain or promote a Team in this division in the best interests of the League. BWBs decision is final.

Promotion – Division 3

- 39.23. All four (4) Teams qualifying for the National Championship Finals shall be promoted to Division 2 for the following season.
- 39.24. BWB may be forced to retain or promote a Team in this division in the best interests of the League. BWBs decision is final.

40. Change of Division

- 40.1. Request to Change Division
Any Team that competed in the previous **season** is permitted to submit a request to the Competitions Working Group to retain or change their divisional status upon the conclusion of that **season**. All requests must be sent to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk by 30th June.
- 40.2. Default Division Status

The Team will remain in their division for the following season if a request to change division from the **previous** season has not been approved, and the Team did not finish in a promotion or relegation spot.

40.3. BWB Discretion

The overall placing of Teams remains at the entire discretion of BWB. As per **Article 32.2**, BWB reserves the right to amend league structures in the best interests of the sport.

40.4. **New Teams**

All new Teams to the National League will be placed in the lowest geographic division.

41. Non-entry

- 41.1. Any Team who has entered a BWB Competition in the **current** season but chooses not to enter in the **following** season will be treated as a new entrant and placed in the lowest geographical division when entering in future seasons. At its discretion, BWB may place new entrants higher for sporting reasons.

42. Classification of Teams

42.1. Classification of Teams

National League games shall be played to the following classification on court:

- Premier Division - 14.5 Points
- Division 1 - 14.5 Points
- Division 2 - 14.5 Points
- Division 3 - 15.0 Points

42.2. Female or Junior Players

Where female or Junior Players are on court (**see below Article 43**), the maximum number of classification Team points allowable for the five players on court is capped in all divisions as follows:

- Premier Division - 17 Points
- Division 1 - 17 Points
- Division 2 - 17 Points
- Division 3 - 17.5 Points

42.3. Team Point Compliance

Teams who have five (5) players available allowing them to play within the points for their respective division must play to points at all times.

42.4. Forfeiture

Any Team arriving at a game that is unable to start the game within the Team points classification for their division will forfeit the game 20-0. **The game will be treated as a classification forfeit in line with Article 86.2.4**

42.5. Compliance during the Game

After starting a game with five (5) players, a Team who during the game cannot comply with the classification points system relative to their division because of lack of players due to legitimate injury, player fouling out or disqualification MUST NOT field five players over their respective division points. They may play with four players or less for the remainder of the game.

42.6. Consequences for Repeated Violations

Any Team that fails to play within Team points set for their division on four (4) or more occasions will be withdrawn from the league and fined £250 (two hundred- and fifty-pounds sterling). Any report of a Team

failing to play within Team points must be made in line with Articles 82.2 and 89.1. For Women's League and Junior League fixtures an occurrence shall be counted as one round of matches.

43. Female and Junior Players in the National League

43.1. Female or Female Junior Players

In all divisions in the National League, 1.5 (one point five) points is added to the Teams classification total for each female or female Junior Player on court (except for 5.0 females, see Article 43.2). For example, if one (1) female is on court, the Team total increases as follows:

- Premier Division, Divisions 1 & 2 – 16.0
- Division 3- 16.5

One (1) point is added to the Team classification total for each male Junior Player on court, subject to the maximum Team points allowable in Article 42.2.

43.2. 5.0 Female Players

When a 5.0 female Player goes on court, 0.5 points is added to the Teams classification. When a 5.0 female Junior Player goes on court, 1.0 point is added to the Teams classification. For clarification on Trans Athletes, refer to Article 18.

43.3. Male Junior Players

When a male Junior Player goes on court, one (1) point is added to the Teams classification total. For example, if one (1) junior is playing, the Team total increases as follows:

- in the Premier Division, Divisions 1 & 2 - 15.5
- Division 3- 16

One (1) point is added to the Team classification total for each male Junior Player on court, subject to the maximum Team points allowable in Article 42.2.

43.4. Age Restriction for Junior Players

No player under the age of fourteen (14) may be licensed to play in the National League. Any player may register and request a licence as soon as they reach the age of fourteen (14) irrespective of where in the season that date falls. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

44. Arrangement of National League Fixtures

44.1. Fixture Schedule

44.1.1. National League fixtures must be played between 19th September 2026 & 2nd May 2027

44.1.2. The weekend of [8th & 9th May] may only be used for rearranged fixtures during the season if no other alternative dates are workable. Prior approval from BWB must be sought before agreeing to use this weekend.

44.2. Conflicts with Other Leagues

National League games may be played on the weekend of Women's Premier League and Women's League or on nominated Junior League dates providing there are no clashes with female and/or Junior Players.

44.3. Prioritising Women and Junior Leagues

Teams with Players registered in the Women's Premier League, Women's League or Junior League must prioritise players participating in these leagues over playing National League games. If Players are registered for Teams in those leagues, fixtures must be rescheduled to allow female and Junior Players to participate. However, female or Junior Players not licensed for Women's Premier League, Women's League or Junior League are entitled to play National League games regardless of if there is a scheduling conflict.

44.4. Fine for Non-Compliance

A Club that plays a licensed Women's Premier League, Women's League or Junior League player in a National League fixture on a designated Women's Premier League, Women's League or Junior League weekend without prior approval from BWB will incur the following penalties:

- a £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) fine.
- a two (2)-point deduction per game in which the player played.
- forfeiture of the game 20–0, unless the game is won by opponent by more than twenty (20) points, in which case the game score will stand.

B. Women's Premier League

45. Team Roster

45.1. Nominated Players

Each Women's Premier League Team must name all players for the upcoming season using the BWB WPL Nominated Player form. Podium and Academy-funded athletes, as well as Elite International/Overseas Athletes should be identified. The form must be submitted to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk by 12th October. Failure to submit the form by the aforementioned date will result in a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling).

45.2. Player Cap

The maximum number of athletes in receipt of UK Sport Athlete Performance Award (APA) funding at Level A or Level B permitted to be registered within a WPL team is four.

45.2.1. An athlete who would otherwise be counted under clause 45.2 shall not count towards the four-athlete limit where they are enrolled as a student on a Level 5 or higher qualification at a recognised educational institution until the end of the season after the course finishes.

45.2.2. Where an athlete is awarded APA Level A or Level B status after the commencement of a season, that athlete shall not count towards the limit in clause 45.2 until the conclusion of that season.

45.2.3. Where an athlete has been continuously registered with the same WPL team for the two full seasons immediately preceding the award of APA Level A or Level B status, that athlete shall not count towards the limit in clause 45.2 until the conclusion of the season in which the award is made and for the following full season.

45.2.4. A team may register no more than two athletes exempt from the limit under clauses 45.2.1 and 45.2.3 at any one time.

45.3. Non-British Nationals

The maximum number of non-British nationals permitted per Team is capped at four (4). These players must comply with all BWB Governing Body Endorsement regulations (see **Article 16**) and visa requirements, where applicable. No more than 2 non-British Nationals are permitted on court at any one time

45.4. Females participating in other European Leagues are permitted to apply to IWBF Europe for a Dual Licence to compete in the BWB Women's Premier League, if they meet the following IWBF Europe criteria:

- Where female players do not have a domestic Women's League in their NOWB of origin, it is permitted that a female player may register with a second NOWB where a Women's League exists, to support their development and the development of a global women's programme.

46. Playing up/down

46.1. Playing Up

Players from Teams in Division **1** of the Women's League are permitted to play up into Teams within the Women's Premier League.

46.2. Playing Down

The GBR performance Team will designate a list of WPL only players by 1st September.

Any WPL player not included on this list will, in addition, be eligible to play for a Team in Division 1 of the Women's League only.

47. Competition Format

- 47.1. Number of Teams
The Women's Premier League will comprise of five (5) Teams.
- 47.2. Fixtures
Each Team will play home and away fixtures against the other four (4) Teams in the Premier League.
- 47.3. End of Season Playoffs
At the end of the regular season the top four (4) Teams will advance to the end of season play-offs, which will take place at the National Championship Finals. The playoffs will consist of:
- Semi-finals (1V4, 2V3)
 - 3rd v 4th play-off
 - Final
- 47.4. Eligibility for Semi-finals & Finals
To participate in the Semi-finals and Finals, Players must have played at least four (4) regular season fixtures for their Team. BWB will be able to grant exemptions to this rule on medical grounds. Supporting medical evidence may be requested.
- 47.5. Promotion/Relegation
There is no promotion or relegation from the Women's Premier League. New entrants will be subject to BWB approval in line with High Performance Partnership requirements.
- 47.6. Format Changes
The format of the Women's Premier League is subject to change at BWBs discretion.
- 47.7. Euro Cup
Any Team within the BWB Women's Premier League is eligible to enter the IWBFF Euro Cup Competition.

48. Arrangement of Fixtures

- 48.1. Season Dates
The Women's Premier League season must take place between [16th January 2027] and [16th April 2027].
- 48.2. Provisional Fixtures
The provisional Women's Premier League fixtures are scheduled for the following weekends:
- [16th & 17th January 2027]
 - [23rd & 24th January 2027]
 - [13th & 14th February 2027]
 - 20th & 21st March 2027]
 - [10th & 11th April 2027]
- 48.3. Friday Night Fixtures
Where agreed in advance with BWB and the opposition, Women's Premier League fixtures are permitted to take place on the Friday nights.

49. Classification of Teams

- 49.1. Maximum Team Classification
All games in the Women's Premier League will be played to a maximum Team player classification on court of 14.5 Points.
- 49.2. Junior Players
There are no additional points added to the classification points for Junior Players competing in the Women's Premier League.

- 49.3. Non-classifiable Players
Non-classifiable players are permitted to play in the Women's Premier League. Only one non-classifiable player may be on court at any one time as a 5.0 classification.
- 49.4. Team Point Compliance
Teams who have five (5) players available allowing them to play within the points for their respective division must play to points at all times.
- 49.5. Forfeiture
Any Team arriving at a game that is unable to start the game within the Team points classification for their division will forfeit the game 20-0. The game will be treated as a classification forfeit in line with Article 86.2.4
- 49.6. Compliance during the Game
After starting a game with five (5) players, a Team who during the game cannot comply with the classification points system relative to their division because of lack of players due to legitimate injury, player fouling out or disqualification MUST NOT field five players over their respective division points. They may play with four players or less for the remainder of the game.
- 49.7. Consequences for Repeated Violations
Any Team that fails to play within Team points set for their division on four (4) or more occasions will be withdrawn from the league and fined £250 (two hundred- and fifty-pounds sterling). Any report of a Team failing to play within Team points must be made in line with Articles 82.2 and 89.1.

C. Women's League

50. Team Roster

- 50.1. Clubs who enter the Women's League must register a minimum of **six (6)** players for each Team. Women's League Teams will have until **12th October** to ensure they have 6 (six) licensed players to comply. **Once a player is registered to a Team this will be considered a players primary Team for the purposes of 50.4 below.**
- 50.2. Player Eligibility Across Teams
Non WPL players can play for one other nominated Team. This Team must be confirmed with BWB at least 14 days before the first round of fixtures.
- 50.3. Maximum Team Participation
Any registered player may play for a maximum of two (2) Teams.
- 50.4. Fixture Clashes
Where there is a fixture clash the player must play for their primary Team unless otherwise agreed between both Teams.

51. Classification of Teams

- 51.1. Maximum Team Classification
All games in the Women's League will be played to a maximum Team player classification on court as follows:
- **Division 1 - 15.5 Points**
 - **Divisions 2 & 3 - 16 Points**
- 51.2. Female Junior Players on Court
Where female Junior Players are on court, 1.0 is added to the Teams classification Team points total allowed on court up to the following maximum caps:
- **Division 1 - 16.5 Points**
 - **Divisions 2 & 3 - 17.0 Points**
- 51.3. Non-Classifiable Players
Non-classifiable players are permitted to play in Women's League but only one non-classifiable player may be on court at any one time.
- 51.4. Team Point Compliance
Teams who have five (5) players available allowing them to play within the points for their respective division must play to points at all times.
- 51.5. Forfeiture
Any Team arriving at a game that is unable to start the game within the Team points classification for their division will forfeit the game 20-0. The game will be treated as a classification forfeit in line with Article 86.2.4
- 51.6. Compliance during the Game
After starting a game with five (5) players, a Team who during the game cannot comply with the classification points system relative to their division because of lack of players due to legitimate injury, player fouling out or disqualification **MUST NOT** field five players over their respective division points. They may play with four players or less for the remainder of the game.
- 51.7. Consequences for Repeated Violations
Any Team that fails to play within Team points set for their division on four (4) or more occasions will be withdrawn from the league and fined £250 (two hundred- and fifty-pounds sterling). Any report of a Team

failing to play within Team points must be made in line with Articles 82.2 and 89.1. For Women's League and Junior League fixtures an occurrence shall be counted as one round of matches.

52. Competition Format

52.1. Overview

The Women's League consists of a number of National Divisions determined by Team entries each season, which are organised at a central venue on weekends allocated by BWB during the season.

52.2. Structure

The size, number and format of each division will be determined once Team entries for the entire Women's League for the season have been confirmed.

Division 1

52.3. Structure

52.3.1. Division 1 will comprise of between four (4) and six (6) Teams.

52.3.2. Clubs are restricted to only one (1) Team in Division 1.

52.4. Champion

The results from Division 1 fixtures will determine the Division 1 Champions.

52.5. Relegation

52.5.1. The Team finishing bottom of the division at the end of the season will be relegated.

52.5.2. BWB may retain a Team due to be relegated in Division 1 if a number of Teams from Division 2 are prohibited from accepting promotion due to a Club already having multiple Teams in Division 1, or for any other reason as seen fit by BWB.

Division 2

52.6. Champion

The results from Division 2 fixtures will determine the regular season Division 2 Champions.

52.7. Promotion/Relegation

52.7.1. The Team finishing top in the division will be promoted to Division 1 the following season.

52.7.2. The Teams finishing in the bottom two (2) positions in the division will be relegated to Division 3 the following season.

52.7.3. BWB may retain a Team or Teams due to be relegated in this division. BWBs decision is final.

Division 3

52.8. Champion

The results from Division 3 fixtures will determine the regular season Division 3 Champions.

52.9. Promotion

The Team finishing in the top two (2) positions in the league will be promoted to Division 2 the following season.

53. Arrangement Of Women's League Fixtures

53.1. Schedule

The 2026-27 Women's League season will take place on the following Weekends:

- Round 1 - January 2027 [TBC]
- Round 2 - 27th&28th February 2027 UEL Sports Dock University Way London E16 2RD
- Round 3 – 17th&18th April University of Worcester Arena Hylton Road Worcester WR2 5JN

53.2. Non-Participation Penalty

The failure to participate in any one of the fixture weekends above shall incur a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling).

54. General Rules for Women's League

- 54.1. The League will be played on 10ft hoops
- 54.2. The Molten B6G4500 or B6G4550 composite basketball is the official game ball in the Women's League.
- 54.3. BWB will provide the game ball only, Clubs should provide their own warm up balls for each round of competition.
- 54.4. BWB will confirm game times for all Divisions once entries have been received.
- 54.5. Visual 24 second clocks will be used if available in all divisions.
- 54.6. There will be two time-outs per Team, per half.
- 54.7. If required, overtime periods will be four minutes in length.
- 54.8. The half-time interval will be a maximum of ten minutes
- 54.9. Prior to each fixture, warm-up allocations will be a maximum of fifteen minutes

55. Officials for Women's League

- 55.1. Clubs must bring a Level 2 qualified and BWB licensed Table Official to each round of Women's League. Failure to provide a qualified and licensed table official for each round shall result in a fine of £200 per round.
- 55.2. Table Officials will be allocated games in the playing schedule by the competition organiser and circulated in advance.
- 55.3. In all Women's League games two qualified Referees (where possible) will be appointed by the BWB Referee Appointments Officer.

D. BWB JUNIOR LEAGUE

56. Team Roster

- 56.1. If a Club with a National League Team enters a Team in the Junior League, Junior Players of the Club must play only for the Junior League Team at that Club. Junior Players may only play for another Team if the Club does not enter a Team into the Junior League.
- 56.2. Each Junior League Team must have a licensed Level 2 coach in attendance at every fixture. If no licensed Level 2 coach is available, the fixture will be postponed in accordance with **Articles 67.1 and 67.2.**

57. Classification Teams

- 57.1. All games in the Junior League will be played to a maximum Team player classification allowed on court of sixteen (16) points.
- 57.2. When female players are on the court, the maximum Team classification points allowed on court is capped at eighteen (18) Points. When each eligible female player goes on court, 1.0 is added to the Team classification total up to the 18-point Team cap.
- 57.3. Non-classifiable players are permitted to play in the Junior League. Each non-classifiable female player on court adds 0.5 to the Team classification total, up to the 18-point cap. Only one (1) non-classifiable player per Team may be on court at any one time.
- 57.4. **Team Point Compliance**
Teams who have five (5) players available allowing them to play within the points for their respective division must play to points at all times.
- 57.5. **Forfeiture**
Any Team arriving at a game that is unable to start the game within the Team points classification for their division will forfeit the game 20-0. **The game will be treated as a classification forfeit in line with Article 86.2.4**
- 57.6. **Compliance during the Game**
After starting a game with five (5) players, a Team who during the game cannot comply with the classification points system relative to their division because of lack of players due to legitimate injury, player fouling out or disqualification MUST NOT field five players over their respective division points. They may play with four players or less for the remainder of the game.
- 57.7. **Consequences for Repeated Violations**
Any Team that fails to play within Team points set for their division on four (4) or more occasions will be withdrawn from the league and fined £250 (two hundred- and fifty-pounds sterling). Any report of a Team failing to play within Team points must be made in line with **Articles 82.2 and 89.1. For Women's League and Junior League fixtures an occurrence shall be counted as one round of matches.**

58. Competition Format

- 58.1. The Junior League will consist of pools of three (3) or four (4) Teams. Each Team hosts one (1) round of three (3) games, involving two (2) opposition Teams.
- 58.2. The number of pools is determined by the number of entrants.
- 58.3. Pool groups will be regionalised as best as possible to avoid long travel distances.

Junior Playoffs

- 58.4. The top four (4) Teams will qualify for the Junior Play Offs which will be hosted by BWB at Wildcats Arena, Nottingham on Saturday 3rd April 2027.
- 58.5. Junior League Final
The Junior League final will be played at the Junior Playoffs on Saturday 3rd April 2027
- 58.6. Eligibility for Junior Playoffs
To play in the Junior Playoffs, players must have participated in a minimum of one (1) pool round for their Team. Exceptions to this will only be considered with the submission of medical evidence in writing to BWB at least fourteen (14) days before the Junior Play Offs.
- 58.7. Own Expenses
All qualifying Teams must attend the Junior Playoffs tournament with an eligible Team. Teams must cover their own travel and, if necessary, associated accommodation costs for the Junior Playoffs.
- 58.8. Pool Winners and Seedings
- 58.8.1. All Teams finishing top in their Pools will automatically qualify for the Playoffs.
- 58.8.2. Pool winners will be seeded based on win ratio against the second placed Team in the Pool followed by points average.
- 58.8.3. The remaining qualifying positions will be determined by the results against the top Team in each Pool. If win - loss ratios are the same among more than three second-place Teams, the points average from games against the top Team will be used to determine the qualifying Teams.
- 58.9. Format
- 58.9.1. Fixtures will take place as follows:
- Winner Pool 1 v Runner Up Pool 2
 - Winner Pool 2 v Runner Up Pool 1

59. Arrangement of Junior League Fixtures

- 59.1. Hosting Rounds
Each Club is responsible for arranging and hosting one (1) round, scheduled on one of the weekends listed below. If a Club is unable to host on these dates, they may apply to BWB for an exemption, which may only be granted if it does not affect other fixtures.
- 59.2. Games per round
The host Club, plus two opposition Teams will each play two (2) games at each round.
- 59.3. Game Schedule
To minimise travel time, the home Team should play the first and last game of the day with the two away Teams playing each other in the middle game of the day. An example format is given below:
- Game 1 – Host vs Away 1
 - Game 2 – Away 1 vs Away 2
 - Game 3 – Host vs Away 2
- 59.4. Travel to Northern Ireland
Teams placed in the same Pool as Northern Ireland are expected to travel to Northern Ireland for their round of Junior League. No exceptions to this will be made. Refusal to travel to Northern Ireland shall incur a fine of up to £1000 (one thousand pounds sterling).
- 59.5. Fixtures Schedule
Junior League Fixtures are schedule as follows:
- 1st Round 10th/11th October 2026, Hosted by Team 1: 1v2 2v3 1v3

- 2nd Round 14th /15th November 2026 Hosted by Team 2: 2v1 3v1 2v3
- 3rd Round 23rd /24th January 2027 Hosted by Team 3: 3v1 1v2 3v2
- 4th Round 13th/ 14th February 2027 Hosted by Team 4: 4v2 4v3 3v2

59.6. Round Completion Deadline
All Pool rounds of the competition must have been completed by March 2027.

60. *Junior League Game Rules*

60.1. Teams are not permitted to use a full court press if winning by more than twenty (20) points.

Clarification on Full Court Press:

for the purposes of these rules, a full court press is where four (4) or more players are seeking to prevent the opposition from advancing the ball over the midcourt line within eight (8) seconds. One (1) or two (2) players hustling the ball handler or picking back an offensive player is not considered a press.

60.2. Referee Discretion
Referees will however use their discretion in the interests of ensuring flow of the game such that players / coaches / Teams are provided with an opportunity to develop (the latter being a fundamental part of Junior League).

60.3. Consequences
Violation of this rule will lead to possession being given to the Team being pressed at the halfway line opposite the table with a reset shot clock to twenty-four (24) seconds. Persistent violation of the pressing rules could be judged by the Referee to be a coach technical (failing to control players).

VII. GAME ORGANISATION

61. Uniforms

61.1. Requirements

- 61.1.1. In all official BWB National Competitions players must wear matching kit. This comprises of matching-coloured vests of a single dominant colour with a legal playing number (numbers 0, 00 and 1 to 99). Players wearing an illegal number or kit will incur a £10 fine per player per occasion.
- 61.1.2. The home Team must wear light uniform (e.g., white, yellow or pale blue) unless otherwise agreed with opposition & officials. The away Team must wear dark or coloured uniforms.
- 61.1.3. All players must wear tracksuit bottoms, trousers or shorts of a uniform colour. Players wearing jeans will not be allowed to play.

61.2. Uniform Guidelines

- 61.2.1. The Uniform Guidelines in Appendix 5 are mandatory for all Women's Premier League Teams but shall serve as guidelines for all other leagues. If there is any conflict between Appendix 5 and the provisions below, Appendix 5 shall apply to the Women's Premier League.
- 61.2.2. The failure of Women's Premier League Teams to adhere to the requirements in Appendix 5 shall incur a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) per occurrence.

61.3. Kit Design Approval

All Teams in the Women's Premier League must email their kit designs for approval at least two (2) months prior to their first game. High resolution images must be sent of both the front and back with dimensions to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk.

61.4. Undergarments

- 61.4.1. Undergarments are permitted only if they are the same dominant colour as the playing strip.
- 61.4.2. Compression sleeves are permitted providing they are the same dominant colour as the playing shirt or black, or white but all players on the Team must wear the same colour.
- 61.4.3. Players are permitted to use any legal strapping (see IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules Interpretations, comments to 3.1).

61.5. Jewellery

No jewellery is to be worn at any time during fixtures, this includes the warm-up. The taping over of jewellery is not permitted. Any players found to be wearing jewellery will be asked to remove it. Failure to do so will result in the player being removed from court. This is at the Referees discretion.

62. Equipment

62.1. Wheelchairs

- 62.1.1. All wheelchair frames should be in accordance with Article 3.1 of the IWBF Official Wheelchair Basketball Rules.
- 62.1.2. All Women's Premier League Teams must comply with the Wheelchair Guidelines as outlined in Appendix 6. Failure to adhere to the requirements in Appendix 6 will incur a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) per user, per occurrence.

62.2. Hoops

Games shall be played with a 10ft hoop.

62.3. Balls

- 62.3.1. Official game Balls:

- 62.3.1.1. The official game ball for all Women's Premier League, Women's League and Junior League is the Molten B6G4500/B6G4550 (size 6) ball.
- 62.3.1.2. The official game ball for all National League Divisions is the Molten B7G4500/B7G4550 composite basketball.
- 62.3.2. The home Team shall provide at least two (2) official game balls in good condition for the Referee to choose from. The failure to do so will incur a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling).
- 62.3.3. However, as an exception to Article 62.3.2 above, BWB shall provide the official game ball in the Women's League and at all other BWB hosted events. Clubs must still provide their own warm up balls.
- 62.4. Table Equipment
 - 62.4.1. Home Clubs must provide the following equipment for all games:
 - 62.4.1.1. An official scorebook. In the National League Premier Division, the scorebook must be the current international version.
 - 62.4.1.2. A visible scoreboard comprising of a countdown resettable game timing device, Team score, the number of time outs taken, and Team fouls committed as a minimum. The scoreboard must be of a size easily visible to both coaches, preferably on opposite side to the Team bench areas.
 - 62.4.1.3. 24 second device and displays (see Article 62.5).
 - 62.4.1.4. Player foul markers numbered one to five.
 - 62.4.1.5. Team foul markers.
 - 62.4.1.6. Alternate possession arrow.
- 62.5. 24-Second Clock
 - 62.5.1. National League Premier Division, National League Division 1, Women's Premier League and Women's League Division 1: A visual 24-second clock is required
 - 62.5.2. Other competitions: a visual 24 second clock is required if available.
- 62.6. Venue and Equipment Responsibility

The home Team is responsible for the venue and equipment. Equipment failure and start time changes will not normally be considered to be outside the control of the Team.
- 62.7. Consequences for Non-Compliance
 - 62.7.1. The failure of the home Team to provide table equipment will result in a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) per game.
 - 62.7.2. If the home Club fails to provide an official scorebook and the game is unable to be played, in addition to a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling), the game shall be forfeit.

63. Risk Assessment

- 63.1. Host Club Responsibilities

For all BWB Competitions, the host Club is responsible for completing a risk assessment considering factors such as the venue and equipment being used (refer to National League and Competitions Standard Matrix).
- 63.2. Completing the Risk Assessment
 - 63.2.1. Risk Assessments shall be completed prior to hosting their first home fixture of the season. Failure to comply may affect the Clubs insurance policy.
 - 63.2.2. The risk assessment must also be revised and updated should there be any changes to venue which might impact the findings and recommendations of the original assessment.
 - 63.2.3. In addition, a risk assessment must also be completed for all venues used by a Team during a season (including training venues).

- 63.3. Template
A Risk Assessment template can be found in Appendix 4.

64. Venue

- 64.1. Requirements
64.1.1. All home games must comply with the venue requirements of the League Standards Matrix in Appendix 7
64.1.2. The failure to comply with league standards for Venue Requirements will result in a fine of £100 per occurrence.
- 64.2. Home Venue Failure
The failure to provide a home venue for any game on the dates prescribed for competition will result in the designated home Team forfeiting the fixture(s) 20-0 and incurring a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) and a one league point deduction in line with Article 86.1

65. Facilities

- 65.1. Venue Requirement
Each Club entering a Team(s) into a BWB Competition must have a suitable venue listed as their home venue for the duration of the season. The facility must be of a quality deemed by BWB to be suitable for the level of the competition. This must be in line with the BWB Facilities Standards Matrix (Appendix 7).
- 65.2. FIBA Court Markings
All venues used for a National BWB Leagues and Competitions must have FIBA Court Markings. Any Club hosting fixtures on any court not using FIBA Court Markings will be fined £250 (two hundred- and fifty-pounds sterling) and required to find an alternative venue for all remaining fixtures.
- 65.3. Referee Authority on Venue Standards
65.3.1. Upon arrival, the match Referees have the power to deem the fixture forfeited by the home Team if the venue being used does not meet the required standards set out in these Competition Regulations or League Standards Matrix (Appendix 7).
65.3.2. Referees can judge facilities not meeting reasonable health and safety standards, which must be reported to the BWB stating the reasons for the venue being classed as unsafe. BWB will request improvements and/or a change of venue ahead of the next fixture.
65.3.3. If the court does not meet the required standards of either Article 65.3.1 or 65.3.2 the fixture must be forfeited by the designated home Team 20-0 and the game abandoned.

66. Spectators

- 66.1. All spectators at a BWB sanctioned competition or event must adhere to the [BWB Code of Conduct](#). Failure to do so, may result in a BWB investigation being undertaken against the Club with which the spectators are associated with. Sanctions against the Club may be applied where appropriate.

67. Match Postponement

- 67.1. Postponement Due to Venue Cancellations
If a Team causes a match postponement (up to twenty-four (24) hours prior to the tip-off time) due to the venue cancelling the court booking, the match must be rescheduled (not necessarily played) within fourteen (14) days of the postponement. The Team must provide confirmation from the venue of the booking cancellation. If no confirmation is provided, BWB may award the match to the opposition after investigation.
- 67.2. Postponement Due to Other Reasons
If a Team postpones a match for any reason other than adverse weather or Government restrictions, the Team must provide suitable dates for rescheduling within fourteen (14) days. If the two Teams cannot agree

on a new date within four (4) weeks of the original match date, the result will be recorded as a **voluntary** forfeit in favour of non-offending Team. The offending Team will have one (1) league point deducted.

67.3. Responsibilities

When a fixture is postponed:

67.3.1. The home Team shall pay the travelling expenses of all match officials.

67.3.2. The home Team shall be liable for all costs associated including the cost of the court hire.

67.3.3. The home Team shall be responsible for notifying BWB and match officials of a postponement.

67.3.4. BWB may ask for confirmation or evidence of travel arrangements, including type of vehicle due to be used and details of the breakdown, including any roadside assistance.

67.3.5. All costs associated with the rearrangement of the fixture are to be paid for by the offending Team.

68. Public Health Guidelines

68.1. Teams must follow any government public health guidelines at the time of competition. Match postponement related to public health matters will follow the rules in **Article** 70.1

69. Adverse Weather

69.1. Responsibility for Safety

If adverse weather affects a fixture, Teams should make every effort to play while ensuring their own safety. If either Team feels they are unable to complete the fixture they must provide professional and independent evidence (e.g., from weather service, public transport company, police, motoring organisation, sports hall) indicating travel conditions and advice or hall closure notice. Teams are expected to call and email the opposition, officials (officials@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk) and BWB membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk) as soon as possible.

69.2. Postponed Fixture

In the event that a fixture is postponed due to severe weather conditions:

69.2.1. The home Team must pay the travelling expenses of match officials (if applicable) if the fixture was not cancelled fixture prior to the officials starting their journey.

69.2.2. The home Team shall be liable for all costs associated including the cost of the court hire.

69.3. Rescheduling

Within fourteen (14) days of the postponement of a match, the responsible Team shall propose new dates for the match within the current season fixture window. If the two Clubs cannot agree on a new date within four (4) weeks of the original match date, the match will be declared void and no points awarded to either Team.

69.4. Cancelled Major Events

If a specific round in the Women's League, the National Championship Finals or Junior Playoffs are cancelled due to adverse weather or Government restrictions, or any other unforeseen circumstances every effort will be made to find an alternative date, and where necessary, an alternative venue. If this is not possible, all fixtures will be void. In the case of the National Championship Finals, no finals champions will be declared among the participating Clubs and BWB shall decide on promotion and relegation through league standings.

70. Match Abandonment

70.1. If a Match is abandoned, BWB shall decide the result and outcome of the match based on the circumstances surrounding each case. Only participants listed on the original scoresheet are eligible to play in any replay. If a Club is unable to field a full Team in the replay (e.g., due to injury or illness) then BWB

shall in its sole discretion determine whether such replay should be rescheduled for an alternative date or be forfeited by the Club unable to field a full Team.

VIII. COMMERCIAL, TV & SPONSORSHIP

71. Ownership of Rights

- 71.1. BWB is the exclusive owner of any and all commercial and broadcast rights to BWB Competitions and games.

72. BWB Broadcast Fixtures

- 72.1. Due to broadcasting rights, no Team / title sponsors will be accepted onto any televised graphic or BWB press material. For example, should a Team be called Grantham and Co Liverpool Docklands the Team would be called Liverpool Docklands on all televised graphics and BWB press material. No exception to this rule will be made.

73. Live Streaming in the Women's Premier League

- 73.1. All Women's Premier League Fixture Live Streams must meet the BWB minimum broadcast standards (provided as a separate document). The failure to adhere to the minimum broadcast standards will result in a £250 (two hundred- and fifty-pounds sterling) fine.
- 73.2. All Women's Premier League Games must be live streamed in HD via BWBs YouTube channel. The stream must include commentary and on-screen graphics for the score, time and 24-second clock. Team fouls and time outs desirable. Commentary quality must meet broadcast standards.
- 73.3. Live stream must be made available to BWB for live broadcast via BWBs digital channels and BWB-approved media outlets/broadcasters. Live stream is not to be simultaneously broadcast through other channels unless instructed by BWB.
- 73.4. Where games are streamed by a national broadcast partner, sufficient access to home game venue must be allowed ahead of fixture, as well as compliance with broadcast partners venue and production standards.
- 73.5. All streamed/broadcast games must use the BWB Women's Premier League brand identity and be clearly branded as a BWB Women's Premier League game in line with BWB minimum broadcast standards.
- 73.6. Where games are broadcast, BWB must obtain a full floorplan of the field of play and examples of sponsorship that may require approval by the broadcaster. BWB/Broadcaster's decision is final.
- 73.7. For the avoidance of doubt, Article 72.1 shall apply to the Women's Premier League.

74. Tickets in the Women's Premier League

- 74.1. The home Team must provide ten (10) complimentary tickets each to both the away Team and BWB per fixture.

75. Sponsorship in the Women's Premier League

- 75.1. Advertising for hard alcohol, tobacco and pharmaceutical products is prohibited.
- 75.2. Advertising for a brand of beer or wine is permitted.

- 75.3. Engagement or promotion with a sponsor whose activities could be considered, in the reasonable opinion of BWB, likely to bring the reputation of the sport into disrepute is prohibited.

IX. FINANCIAL

76. Debts

76.1. Club Debt

- 76.1.1. Historic debt relating to a Club will be notified to the Club Administrator and be added to their individual profile on the BWB Membership Portal before 14th June 2026.
- 76.1.2. All outstanding debt must be cleared by this date. Failure to do so will prevent Teams from entering or result in being removed from BWB Competitions and Club Affiliation being revoked.

76.2. Individual Debt

- 76.2.1. Historic debt relating to an individual will be added to their online profile on the BWB Membership Portal before 14th June 2026. All outstanding debt must be cleared by this date.
- 76.2.2. Failure to clear the debt will result in the individual's membership and licence(s) being suspended until the debt has been settled.

76.3. Club In-Season Debt

Any in-season debt accumulated by a Club or Team must be paid within BWBs thirty (30)-day payment terms. Failure to do so will result in each game being forfeited 20-0 with a deduction of one (1) league point until the debt has been paid.

76.4. Individual In-Season Debt

Any in-season debt accumulated by an individual must be paid within BWBs thirty (30)-day payment terms. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of the individuals' licences and therefore ability to participate in BWB Competitions until the debt is settled.

76.5. No Participation with Debts

No individual will be permitted to participate in any official match in a BWB sanctioned Competition until all debt owed to BWB or an affiliated Club has been paid. The claimant must evidence any debt owed to an existing Club.

76.6. Disputing Debt

Individuals may dispute a claim of debt by evidencing that either that debt does not exist, or it has been settled.

77. Bankruptcy

77.1. Personal Liability

Individuals will not be held personally liable for any fines or debts incurred by a Club in event of bankruptcy, except where the fines or debts are directly related to the individual's behaviour or actions.

77.2. New Club Responsibility

In the event that a Club that owes money to BWB and/or its Player goes bankrupt, and a new Club emerges that appears to be a continuation of the previous Club (e.g., same personnel, logo, ownership, or other identifying features), BWB reserves the right to pursue the new Club for the outstanding debts. Additionally, the new Club will be ineligible to participate in any BWB Competitions until all outstanding debts from the previous Club have been settled.

78. Officiating Fees

Referees

78.1. Fees

For referees, the rates and travel expenses for the current season are as follows:

Competition	Fee	Expenses
Premier Division	£45	at £0.35 per mile for all miles of actual travel up to a maximum of 160 miles. Remaining expenses can be claimed from BWB by the referee.
Division 1	£40	
Division 2	£30	
Division 3	£25	
Junior League	£80 per day	at £0.35 per mile up to 100 miles. Remaining expenses claimed from BWB.

78.2. Single Referee

When only one (1) referee officiates at a game, they additionally receive 50% (fifty per cent) of the second Referees fee.

78.3. Travelling together

When two (2) Referees travel in the same vehicle to a game, only the driver can claim travel expenses. If officials incur car parking / toll fees, these must be paid in addition to the travel costs.

78.4. Sustenance

Referees are able to claim a maximum of £15 sustenance for BWB Events and Women's Premier League (payable by the Club) games only.

78.5. Club Payment

Officials must be paid on the day of the game or, if the method of payment is bank transfer, within three (3) working days of the fixture. The failure to pay an official promptly shall incur a fine of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling).

Table Officials

78.6. Fees:

For Table Officials, and Statisticians the rates and travel expenses for the current season are as follows:

Competition	Fee	Expenses
Premier Division	£25	at £0.35 per mile for all miles of actual travel up to a maximum of 160 miles.
Division 1	£20	
Division 2	£15	
Division 3	£15	

79. Table of Fees

Item	Article	Fee
Club Affiliation in BWB	4.2	£100
Membership in BWB	5.3	£30 - Adults £15 - Juniors
Name change request after deadline	9.2	£20
Transfer administration fee	14.2	£15
Providing a Letter of Clearance	15.6	GBP equivalent of \$50
Entry Fees into competition	26.5	£270 – National League (inc. premier Division) £550 – Women's Premier League £270 – Women's League £125 – Junior League
Change of fixture fee less than 21 days before original fixture	33.9	£15
Surety for failure to complete fixtures in the prior season	33.10	£100
Protest fee	81.3	£100
Appeal fee	91.3	£100

80. Table of Fines

Violation	Article	Fine
Failure to have a coach with the necessary qualification	6.2	Forfeit of entry fee (And revocation of entry)
Not playing a player without classification as a 5.0	11.5	£50
Failure to sign a return the League Transfer Form	14.3	£100
Playing without a Letter of Clearance	15.2	£500
Registration of an individual without a Governing Body Endorsement	16.3	£500
Failure to appoint a licensed Table Official	21.4	£50
Failure to appoint a statistician	22.4	£200
Failure to register minimum number of players by deadline	26.1	£100
Each ineligible person on bench per game	27.4	£50

Failure to provide a Level 2 coach on each occasion over two occasions	27.5.3	£100
Ensuring all player names, licence numbers and classifications are inscribed on the scoresheet	27.7.2	£50
Inscribing an ineligible player on scoresheet	27.8	£100
Withdrawal prior to entry deadline in 25.1	31.2	Forfeiture of the entry fee
Withdrawal prior to date	31.3	Forfeiture of entry fee + £250
Withdrawal after the date	31.4	Forfeiture of entry fee + £480
Withdrawal after the start of the competition	31.5	Forfeiture of entry fee + £600 (Plus voiding of all results and removal from league table)
Failure to return confirmed fixtures to BWB by required date	33.2	£100
Failure to request approval for fixtures on Home Nations Programme dates	33.6	£100
Failure to provide the form for a fixture change with sufficient notice	33.9	£50
Failure to attend a game at the National Championship Finals	34.3	£500 (Plus, forfeiture of fixture)
Failure to submit Team list on the Membership Portal before tap-off	37.1	£25
Failure to upload match results	38.1	£25
Failure to upload picture of the scoresheet	38.4	£50
Failure to play within Team points on four (4) or more occasions	42.6	£250
Playing a licensed Female or Junior Player in the National League on a weekend designated for Women's and Junior games	44.4	£100 (Plus, two-point deduction per game player played, forfeiture of game 20-0)
Failure to nominate Podium and Academy funded /Elite International/Overseas players	45.1	£100
Women's League - Failure to participate in a fixture weekend	53.2	£100
Women's Premier League – failure to adhere to Uniform Guidelines	61.2.2	£100
Women's Premier League – failure to adhere to Wheelchair Guidelines	62.1.2	£100
Failure to provide game ball	62.3.2	£100

Failure to provide table equipment	62.7	£100
Failure to comply with league standards for Venue Requirements	64.1	£100
Failure to provide a home venue	64.2	£100
Forfeiture of a game	86.2.1	<u>First offence/subsequent offence</u> £200/£500 – National League Premier Div. £100/£200 – National League Div 1-3 £200/£500 – Women’s Premier League £100/£200 – Women’s League £100/£200 – Junior League (except NI, below) £500/£500 – National Championship Finals (Plus, review of league position for subsequent offences)
Failure to travel to Northern Ireland	59.4 & 86.2.1	£1000
Failure to adhere to minimum broadcast standards	73.1	£250
Failure to pay officials promptly	78.5	£100
Failure to respond to a request for information	89.3	£100

X. PROTESTS

81. PROTESTS

81.1. During a Game

If a Team believes its interests have been adversely affected by a decision of a game official, or any event during a game, it must proceed in the following manner:

81.1.1. At the moment the incident takes place, the next time the ball becomes dead, and the game clock is stopped, the captain of the Team shall make their observations to the referee in a calm and courteous manner.

81.1.2. The referee may explain the decision, or, if necessary, may examine the Scoresheet and check the score and playing time. If the interruption exceeds 30 seconds, it shall be charged as a time out to the Team in question, unless the referee decides otherwise.

81.2. After the Game

81.2.1. If a Team considers that it has suffered unreasonable harm by virtue of any occurrence not related to decisions made by the game officials, the captain of the Team may sign the Scoresheet “under protest” within ten (10) minutes the end of the game.

81.2.2. The referee shall ensure that they do not close the Scoresheet by signing it until the ten (10)-minute period has elapsed. All game officials, and table officials, should remain at the disposal of the referee until they have signed the Scoresheet. If a Team signs “under protest” it must adopt the following procedure to ensure that the protest is valid.

81.3. Procedure

81.3.1. A written protest report must be received by BWB within seven days of the game and include the fee of £100 (one hundred pounds sterling) made payable to BWB. The fee is refundable if the protest is upheld.

81.3.2. All officials must submit a report to BWB within seven (7) days of the game. The written reports must be factual.

81.3.3. BWB will initially review the protest and may seek advice as needed.

XI. DISCIPLINARY – Forfeits and Sanctions

82. General

- 82.1. The following section relates to occurrences that take place within or around the field of play and in connection with official BWB Competitions and games. For any other disciplinary issues or complaints, please refer to the [Disciplinary Policy](#).
- 82.2. The above notwithstanding, any violation of these Competition Regulations must be reported to BWB, if possible, with supporting evidence.

83. Persons subject to discipline

- 83.1. The following natural and legal persons are subject to the jurisdiction of BWB:
- a) Players
 - b) Coaches
 - c) Clubs
 - d) Teams
 - e) Team followers
 - f) Club Officials
 - g) Game Officials
 - h) Spectators

84. Disciplinary Measures

- 84.1. BWB may impose the following disciplinary measures on Clubs or Teams:
- a) Warning
 - b) Reprimand
 - c) Fine
 - d) Suspension from wheelchair basketball activity
 - e) Voiding of game results
 - f) Game forfeiture
 - g) Withdrawal from a league or competition
 - h) Withdrawal of licence or registration
 - i) Reimbursement of expenses incurred by BWB
 - j) A combination of the above measures.
- 84.2. BWB may impose the following disciplinary measures on individuals
- a) Warning
 - b) Reprimand
 - c) Fine
 - d) Suspension from a specified number of games or a specified period of time
 - e) Suspension from BWB activities for a number of games or a specified period of time
 - f) Suspension from BWB activities for life
 - g) Ban from a venue(s)
 - h) A combination of the above measures

84.3. Recidivism

BWB may increase the otherwise applicable disciplinary measure in the case of the recurrence of the same or similar offence within three (3) years of the original offence.

84.4. Provisional suspension

Pending investigation or resolution of a disciplinary matter, BWB may impose a provision suspension or other provisional disciplinary measure.

84.5. Serving sanctions

84.5.1. Any sanction imposed will not be considered served, until the fine has also been settled. The suspension will continue to be in place until the debt is resolved.

84.5.2. Any player, coach, or Team staff member who is licensed for a Club with multiple Teams must serve the suspension for the Team they were representing at the time of receiving the disqualification. For the avoidance of doubt, the person suspended may not take part in any other Club games until the full suspension has been served. This applies to all BWB Competitions.

84.5.3. Any unserved ban from a previous season shall be carried forward to the following season.

85. Offences

85.1. The table below is a non-exhaustive list of offences and the corresponding disciplinary sanction that BWB may impose. BWB may impose whatever sanction it deems appropriate on the merits of each case.

85.2. BWB may impose, at its discretion, any disciplinary measure on any individual or entity that is deemed by BWB to bring the game or sport into disrepute. This includes via the use of social media and slander of the BWB, or any member of staff.

Incident	Suspension	Fine	Data Retention Period
1. Repeated instances of violent behaviour or physical violence <i>(Includes repeated incidents of pushing, hitting, assaulting players / officials / coaches / spectators)</i>	Minimum 10 matches	Minimum £250	5 years or length of ban + 1 year
2. Premeditated violent behaviour <i>(Includes planning to push, hit, assault players / officials / coaches / spectators as well as threatening with violence)</i>	Minimum 10 match	Minimum £250	5 years or length of ban + 1 year
3. Isolated instance of violent behaviour or physical violence <i>(Includes a single incident of pushing, hitting, assaulting players / officials / coaches / spectators)</i>	Minimum 6 matches	Minimum £250	2 years
4. Threatening or aggressive behaviour <i>(includes intimidation and threatening to physically injure someone)</i>	Minimum 4 matches	Minimum £50	2 years
5. Aggressive verbal abuse <i>(Includes discriminatory abuse, continuous abuse, repeatedly shouting at a player / official / coach / spectator)</i>	Minimum 2 matches	Minimum £50	2 years

6. Obscene and foul language <i>(Includes insults and swearing and the use of sledging directed at any player / official / coach / spectator)</i>	Minimum 2 matches	Minimum £50	2 years
7. Conduct likely to bring the game into disrepute/breach of code of conduct <i>(includes any conduct that can be considered against the spirit of the game by a player/ coach/official undertaken within the sports environment*)</i>	Minimum 2 matches	Minimum £50	2 years
8. Corruption/match-fixing/betting <i>(includes conspiring to commit corruption, attempting to influence players/coaches/ officials to affect the outcome of a match outside of playing parameters)</i>	Minimum 10 matches	Minimum £500 + payment of any profits made	5 years or length of ban + 1 year
9. Dangerous play likely to cause injury <i>(Includes any action during play which endangers the health and well-being of another player/coach/official)</i>	Minimum 1 match	Minimum £50	2 years

86. Forfeits

86.1. A Team sanctioned with a forfeit is considered to have lost a match 20-0 and does not receive any match points.

86.2. Circumstances of Forfeiting
In addition to forfeits imposed as penalties under specific provisions of these Competition Regulations, forfeits may also occur in the following circumstances.

86.2.1. Late Arrival

A Team shall forfeit the match if it is not present on the court twenty (20) minutes after the scheduled tip-off time or its actions prevent the match being played. This may be waived with explicit agreement from both Teams and officials.

86.2.2. Disqualified Coach

If a coach is disqualified during a game involving Junior Players and there is no other registered and licensed Level 2 coach present to take over from the disqualified coach, the fixture must be forfeited by the offending Team 20-0 and the game abandoned.

86.2.3. Voluntary Forfeit

A Team may forfeit a match by notifying the opposition, the game officials and the BWB in advance of the match.

86.2.4. Classification Forfeit

where a Team forfeits due to being unable to start a game within points but still turns up and participates in the game, the Team will be deemed to have lost the match 20-0 as in 86.1, however there will be no further sanction. If this happens to the same Team on 4 or more occasions regulation 42.6 shall apply.

86.3. Consequences of a Forfeit

When a scheduled match is forfeited (Articles 86.2.1, 86.2.2, or 86.2.3), a one (1) league point deduction will be applied to the offending Team and a fine will be imposed as follows:*

Competition	1st Offence Fine	Subsequent Offence Fines
National League Premier Division	£200	£500 & review of league position

National League Divisions 1-3	£100	£200 & review of league position
Women's Premier League	£200	£500 & review of league position
Women's League	£100	£200 & review of league position
Junior League	£100*	£200 & review of league position*
National Championship Finals	£500	£500 & review of league position

*For games due to be played away in Northern Ireland this fine will be up to £1,000 (one thousand pounds sterling)

- 86.4. Recording a Forfeit
If a match is forfeited, the home Team must enter the result as a walkover on the Membership Portal.

87. Disqualifying Fouls

- 87.1. Disqualification Penalties
Any licensed player, coach, or Team staff member disqualified from a game because of a disqualifying foul, will receive disqualification points and a fine in line with the offences listed in the table above.
- 87.2. Appeal
An appeal, if any, must be lodged within seven (7) days of the disqualification. For the Appeal Process consult Article 91.
- 87.3. Fine Issuance
If the appeal is unsuccessful or no appeal is lodged, the fine will be issued fourteen (14) days after the date of disqualification.
- 87.4. Reporting and Additional Penalties
All reports from game officials regarding disqualifying fouls will be sent to BWB, who may impose additional penalties if considered necessary in adherence with Article 85.2.

88. Sports Betting

- 88.1. Betting Prohibition
No player, **Coach**, Club/Team representative or official shall place or attempt to place a bet on any wheelchair basketball game anywhere in the world.
- 88.2. Facilitating Betting
No player, **Coach**, Club/Team representative or official shall request or facilitate another person to place a bet on any wheelchair basketball game anywhere in the world on their behalf.
- 88.3. Insider Information
No player, **Coach**, Club/Team representative or official shall disclose information to any person where it might be reasonably expected in the circumstance that the information could be used in relation to betting.
- 88.4. Bribery and Match Fixing
No player, **Coach**, Club/Team representative or official shall receive, seek or attempt to receive or seek a bribe to fix or contrive a result or the progress of a match or other event or competition in which they or their Club participates.
- 88.5. Reporting Betting Misconduct
A player, **Coach**, Club/Team representative or official shall report any approach or other activity which contravenes, or which may contravene, this article (88) to BWB and co-operate with any investigation and/or request for information including the provision of documentation (e.g. telephone/betting records to officials engaged in the investigation of suspected integrity issues in the sport in relation to betting).

- 88.6. Consequences of Violations
Any breach of this provision will be dealt with in accordance with Article 89.

89. Disciplinary Procedure

- 89.1. Reporting Incidents
If an incident happens during a game, reports must be filed in writing within forty-eight (48) hours in order for BWB to investigate.
- 89.2. Records
A record of all complaints made shall be kept and reviewed.
- 89.3. Preliminary Investigation
- 89.3.1. BWB may conduct a preliminary investigation and request information from any Player, Club Official or BWB licensed Official, including referees.
- 89.3.2. A response to a request for information must be given to BWB within seven (7) days.
- 89.3.3. Failure respond within the stated timeframe will result in a fine of £100 and will be taken into consideration when complaints and appeals are being considered.
- 89.4. Disciplinary Hearing
A party may be required to attend or provide information to a Disciplinary Panel (see Article 90) hearing prior to penalties being applied.
- 89.5. Witness Obligation
All persons are obliged to comply with a summons to appear as a witness. Sanctions may be imposed for failure to comply.
- 89.6. Right to Be Heard
A sanction may not be imposed until a party has been offered the opportunity to exercise their right to be heard. At the BWBs discretion, the right to be heard may be exercised solely in writing.

90. Disciplinary Panel

- 90.1. Appointment & Composition
- 90.1.1. BWB may at its discretion appoint and delegate its sanctioning authority to a Disciplinary Panel.
- 90.1.2. A Disciplinary Panel may act as a Single Judge or a panel of three (3), at the discretion of BWB.
- 90.1.3. Members of the Disciplinary Panel shall be appointed by BWB.
- 90.2. National Championship Finals
- 90.2.1. BWB may appoint an Ad-Hoc Judge to have disciplinary authority over games played at National Championship Finals.
- 90.2.2. The Ad-Hoc judge is granted the authority to review incidents, make rulings and enforce penalties as necessary during the Finals. This ensure that decisions are made promptly to avoid impacting the integrity of the competition.
- 90.2.3. The Ad-Hoc Judge must issue a decision before the next game that a Player/Coach/Team Staff is meant to participate in during the National Championship Finals.
- 90.2.4. If an incident occurs in the final game that a Player/Coach/Team Staff participates in during the National Championship Finals, the matter shall be referred to BWB for review. In such cases, BWB will follow the established disciplinary procedures outlined in these Competition Regulations.
- 90.2.5. Decisions of the Ad-Hoc Judge may be appealed in accordance with Article 91 below.

90.2.6. In cases where the disciplinary matter affects the outcome of the competition, such as player eligibility or Team qualification, BWB reserves the right to make any necessary adjustments to the tournament standings or award alternative penalties as deemed appropriate.

90.3. Conflict of Interest

In the event of a conflict of interest, members of the Disciplinary Panel shall recuse themselves. BWB shall appoint an alternative.

91. Appeals

91.1. Right to Appeal

There shall be a right of appeal to any decision made by BWB (or the Disciplinary Panel, as the case may be).

91.2. Appeal Submission

All appeals must be made membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk within seven (7) days of notification of the decision.

91.3. Appeal Fee

The appeal fee of £150 (returnable if upheld) must be paid to BWB at the time of submission.

91.4. Appeal Process

The appeal must be written and will be judged by an independent panel, (minimum of three (3) persons), considered qualified to adjudicate who will be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer.

91.5. The Final Decision

The result is final and shall be notified to the appellant within seven (7) working days of the appeal being lodged with BWB.

91.6. No Further Appeal

There shall be no further appeal from the decision of the independent panel.

Appendix 1. Licence Cards & Age Eligibility

CATEGORY	ELIGIBILITY
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Senior	To be eligible to play in senior BWB Competitions, a player must have reached the minimum age of fourteen.
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Junior	To be eligible to play in a National BWB Adult Competition a junior player must have reached the minimum age of fourteen (14).
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A junior player is someone that is 17 and under and holds a junior membership (If a junior is 17 as of the 31st August 2026 then they will still be able to hold a junior licence for the remainder of the current season).

The minimum age a player can be to enter the U18 Junior League is thirteen (13). A player must be thirteen (13) or older on 31st August 2026 in order to be registered. Any player may register as soon as they reach the age of thirteen irrespective of where in the season that date falls.

The maximum age a player can be to enter the Junior League is seventeen (17). A player must be seventeen (17) or younger on 31st August 2026 in order to be registered.

Appendix 2. International Clearance Request Form

BWB Club 2025-26	
Name of player requiring clearance:	
Nationality of player requiring clearance:	
Date of Birth:	
Name of last registered Team:	
Season last played:	
Country / Federation:	
Name and email for contact at previous Club (if known)	
Does this player have an agent?	
Agents Name:	
Agents Nationality:	

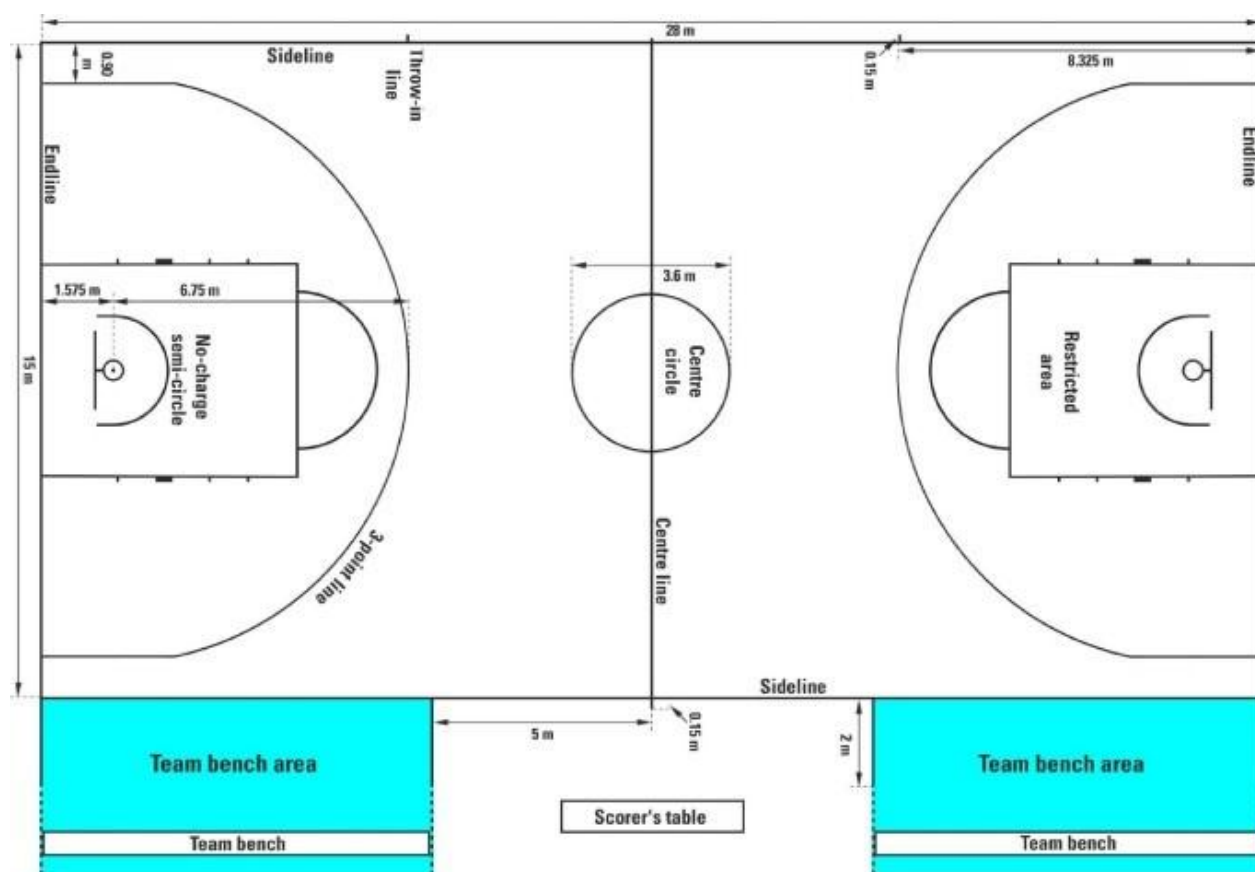
By submitting this request, I acknowledge that the above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Please return this to membership@britishwheelchairbasketball.co.uk

Appendix 3. BWB Facilities Standards

The following information are venue requirements for National League, Women's Premier League, Women's Participation League and Junior League. All Teams should use a venue that as a minimum matches the requirements below for all Official BWB matches.

- The playing court shall be marked with 5cm lines, all of the same colour and drawn in white or another contrasting colour and clearly visible
- The height of the ceiling or the lowest obstruction above the field of play must be a minimum of 7 metres.
- Lighting should be uniform across the field of play and be a minimum of 500 lux.
- The temperature of the playing venue should be between 16 °C – 19 °C where possible.
- If these standards are not met, it is the duty of the Referees to assess the safety and appropriateness of the venue and inform BWB of the outcome of this assessment.



Appendix 4. Risk Assessment Template

Risk Assessment Form

Club:	Venue:	Assessors Name

Hazard (What could cause harm?)	Risk (What could happen?)	Risk to (Who is affected?)	Existing Controls (What is done to minimise the risk?)	Risk Rating H - High M - Medium L - Low	Further Required Action
Inexperienced staff / volunteers / stewards	Chain of command between BWB Staff & Officials / Arena staff and Volunteers not clear	Volunteers / Staff	Briefing meeting for senior volunteers Orientation for volunteers and link with senior volunteers Role Descriptions issued	L	No further action required
Safety in Car Parks and Arrivals / Drop Off	Disabled athletes / supporters in Car Park areas. Pedestrians hit by moving vehicles. Car accidents. Coaches/vans/trailers on site – large vehicles	Officials, Participants, Staff & Public	Site regularly operates events and deals with car parking issues. - Clearly marked entrances and exits. - Younger Athletes escorted by their parents / guardians / Team staff.	M	Venue Staff to support traffic management and deal with issues.
Injury from Competing / or during the event.					
Obstructions, wet floors, trailing cables, etc.					
Spectator or Player Aggression / Violence					
Spectator Seating					
Heat / Exhaustion					

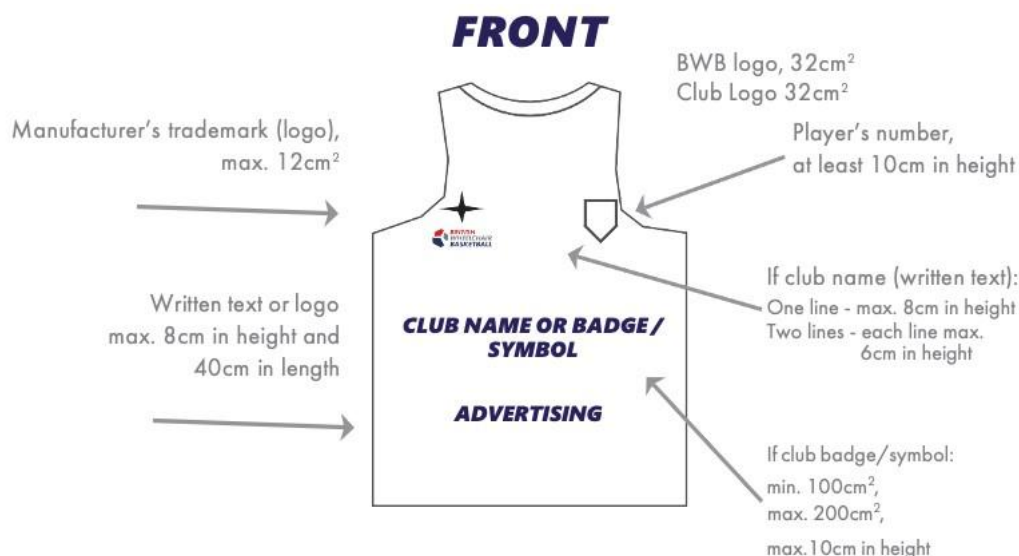
* The above is an example and not an extensive risk assessment. Each Club is required to produce their own risk assessment assessing all possible risk within their own environment.

Appendix 5. Uniform Guidelines

(Mandatory only for Women's Premier League, guidelines for all other leagues and competitions)

SHIRTS

1. Advertising in line with BWBs sponsorship guidelines are permitted in line with dimensions outlined below:
 - On the front of the shirts – max one main sponsor as indicated on diagram below, one additional sponsor is permitted but must not exceed the size of the Club or BWB logo. Must not obscure player numbers
 - On the back of the shirts – max two, must not obscure player numbers
 - On the shorts/pants - Max one per leg
2. The front of the shirt shall conform to the following provisions:
 - The manufacturers trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm².
 - The BWB logo must appear on the front of the shirt. (Only applicable to Teams in the Women's Premier League)
 - The players number must appear and be clearly visible and at least 10 cm high. Any other markings on the front of the shirt must be at a distance of at least 5 cm from the player's number.
 - The name or the badge or symbol of the Club may appear on the front of the shirts as follows:
 - Above the advertising.
 - If the written text comprises one (1) line, the letters shall be a maximum of 8 cm in height. If the written text comprises two (2) lines, the letters on each line shall be a maximum of 6 cm in height.
 - The badge/symbol must not be smaller than 100 cm² nor larger than 200 cm² and shall be a maximum of 10 cm in height.
3. Advertising of one (1) sponsor only is permitted provided that the written text or the sponsors logo is a maximum of 8 cm in height and maximum of 40 cm in length. One additional sponsor as identified in Article 1 of this Appendix.



4. The back of the shirt shall conform to the following provisions:

- The players surname may appear above the players number and shall comprise only one (1) line of text. The height of the writing must be between 6cm and 8cm. If the players surname is used on one shirt, the surnames of all players must appear on their shirts.
- The players number must appear and be clearly visible and at least 20 cm high. Any other markings on the back of the shirt must be at a distance of at least 5 cm from the player's number
- Advertising of two sponsors only is permitted on the back of shirts, provided that the written text or the sponsor's combined logos are a maximum area of 400cm² and individually must not exceed a maximum of 8 cm in height and of 40 cm in length.

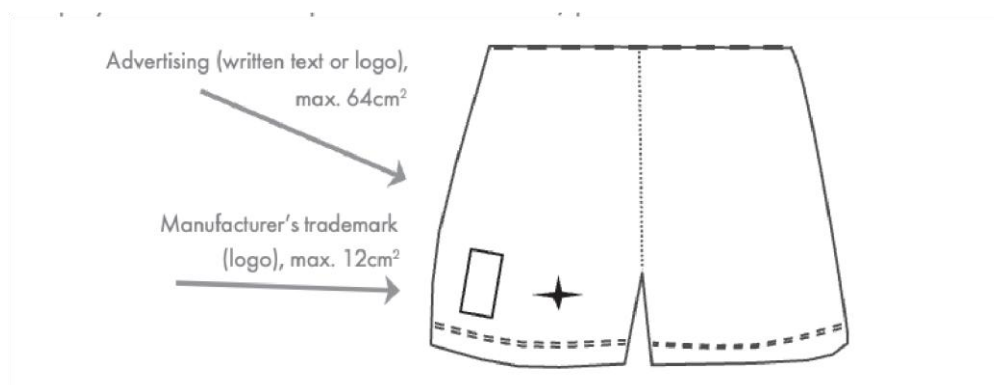


SHORTS/ TRACKSUIT TROUSERS

5. Advertising is permitted on the front of the shorts/pants (see diagram) provided that:

- The advertising is of one sponsor only, and
- The sponsors written text or logo is of a maximum of 100 cm²
- The manufacturers trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm².

6. The player's number is not permitted on the shorts/pants.



SOCKS

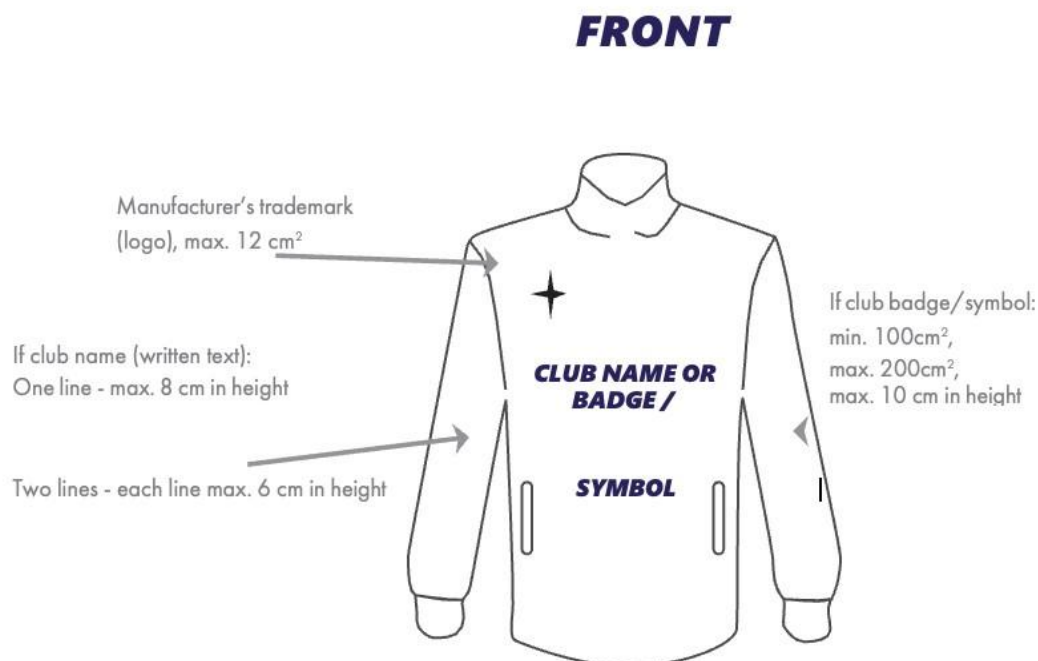
7. Advertising is prohibited on socks.
8. The manufacturers trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm².

WARM-UP T-SHIRTS

9. Advertising is permitted on the front of warm-up T-shirts but must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the playing shirts.
10. The name or the badge/symbol of the Club may appear on the front of the warm-up T-shirts.
11. Advertising is permitted on the back of warm-up T-shirts, but it must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the shirt.
12. The manufacturers trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm².

TRACKSUITS

13. Advertising is permitted on the front of tracksuits but must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the playing shirts.
14. The name or the badge/symbol of the Club or country may appear on the front of the tracksuits.
15. Advertising is permitted on the back of tracksuits, but it must be identical (same sponsor and size) with that on the front of the shirts.
16. The manufacturers trademark (logo) may appear, but it must not be larger than 12 cm².
17. The players family name is permitted on the back of the tracksuit, but it must be identical (same name and size) with that on the back of the shirts.





SHOES

- 18. Advertising is prohibited on the shoes.
- 19. The manufacturers trademark (logo) may appear.

UNDERGARMENTS

- 20. All undergarments such as T-shirts worn under uniforms, cycling shorts, etc., must be the same colour as the respective part of uniform.
- 21. Advertising is prohibited on all visible parts of undergarments.
- 22. The manufacturers trademark (logo) is permitted, but it must not be larger than 12 cm².

OTHER ACCESSORIES & PROVISIONS

- 23. Advertising is prohibited on all other accessories such as sweatbands, knee and elbow pads, etc.
- 24. The manufacturers trademark (logo) is permitted, but it must not be larger than 12 cm².
- 25. Advertising on uniforms, tracksuits, and warm-up T-shirts must be the same for all players of a Team.
- 26. The manufacturers trademark (logo) on uniforms, tracksuits, and warm-up T-shirts must be the same for all players of a Team.
- 27. Advertising for hard alcohol, tobacco and pharmaceutical products are prohibited.
- 28. Advertising for a brand of beer or wine is permitted.

BWB LOGO

- 29. BWB Logo can only be featured in white (reverse out) or full colour
- 30. Brand colours must be pantone matched on full colour version
- 31. White logo to be used on darker kit colours
- 32. Full colour logo on lighter kit colours
- 33. No other colour variation of BWB logo allowed
- 34. BWB logo must always feature at 80mm in width
- 35. BWB logo proportions must not be distorted, or fonts changed.
- 36. Full logo can only be used, and no deconstructed version is allowed.

Appendix 6. Wheelchairs

1. Advertising is prohibited on the wheelchair frame, frame protectors and side guards.
2. The manufacturers logo may appear in a maximum of two places on the frame tubing or frame protectors and may not exceed 2 cm in height and 20 cm in length.
3. Advertising is prohibited on the cushion.
4. The manufacturers logo may appear on the side or both sides of the cushion but must not exceed 30 cm² in each instance.
5. Advertising is prohibited on the back upholstery.
6. The manufacturers logo may appear on the back upholstery but must not exceed 30 cm².
7. Advertising is permitted on the player numbers attached to the back upholstery provided that:
 - the player number is clearly visible.
 - the writing or the sponsors logo is a maximum of 25% of the surface area.
 - it is identical to the one on the front of the shirt.
8. Advertising is prohibited on the wheels.
9. The manufacturers logo may appear on the wheels but must not exceed 12 cm².
10. Players may choose whether to use spoke protectors or not. Colourless, transparent spoke protectors where no printing appears are considered, for advertising purposes, to be in the same category as wheels that do not possess spoke protectors.
11. When spoke protectors are used, other than the colourless, transparent type, they must be of identical design and colour for all players on a Team that decide to use them.
12. Advertising is permitted on spoke protectors and is the only location on the players uniform/wheelchair where a second sponsor may be positioned in addition to the first sponsor that is permitted in other locations detailed in these regulations. Need to add size limit for ad and clean up how this is said. Figure out size based on 25% ratio.
13. The manufacturers logo of the specific wheelchair in question may appear on both spoke protectors but must not exceed 12 cm² in either instance.

Appendix 7. 2026-27 League Standards Matrix

	2026-2027 Season	National League				Women's League			U18s
		Premier League	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Premier League	Division 1	Division 2	Junior League
People	First Aider (Host)	C	C	C	C	C	C	N/A	C
	Safeguarding Training (Welfare Officer)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
	Coach Qualifications	Level 3 = D Level 2 = C	Level 3 = D Level 2 = C	Level 2 = C	Level 2 = C	Level 3 = C Level 2 = C	Level 3 = C Level 2 = C	Level 2 = C	Level 3 = C Level 2 = C
	Coach Requirements	DBS = C Safeguarding = C Coach Clean = C	DBS = C Safeguarding = C Coach Clean = C	DBS = C Safeguarding = C Coach Clean = C	DBS = C Safeguarding = C Coach Clean = C	DBS = C Safeguarding = C Coach Clean = C	DBS = C Safeguarding = C Coach Clean = C	DBS = C Safeguarding = C Coach Clean = C	DBS = C Safeguarding = C Coach Clean = C
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	Welfare Officer	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
	Statisticians	C	D	D	N/A	C	N/A	N/A	N/A
	FIBA Live Stats	C	D	D	N/A	C	N/A	N/A	N/A
Venue	Timber A3 or A4 Floor (or similar if agreed by BWB)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
	Backboard & Ring (European Standard EN 1270 with white net, timber or transparent backboard)	C	C	D	D	C	C	C	C
	Minimum Court Size	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
	FIBA Court Markings (post London 2012)	C	C	C	D	C	C	C	D
	Wall Mounted Scoreboard	C	C	D	D	C	C	C	C
	24 Second Clock	C	C	D	D	C	C	D	D
	Minimum Run Off (end lines)	2m	2m	2m	2m	2m	2m	2m	2m
	Minimum Run Off (side-lines)	2m	2m	1m	1m	2m	1m	1m	1m
	Temperature	16-19°C	16-19°C	16-19°	16-19°	16-19°C	16-19°	16-19°	16-19°

Game Ball	B7G4500/ B7G4550	B7G4500/ B7G4550	B7G4500/ B7G4550	B7G4500/ B7G4550	B6G4500/ B6G4550	B6G4500/ B6G4550	B6G4500/ B6G4550	B6G4500/ B6G4550
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C = Compulsory

D = Desirable

New this season

KEY:

**Recognised Safeguarding and Protecting Children Courses (We recommend that you attend face-to-face safeguarding training every three (3) years).

- Face-to-face training
- UK Coaching Safeguarding and Protecting Children NSPCC Time to Listen Training
- Sport Scotland Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport

Courses outside of the list must be submitted to BWB and will be reviewed on their learning outcomes, duration and course content.