

West of England Basketball Association (WEBBA)

Rules

1 ENTRIES AND FEES

- 1.1 Teams who wish to enter competitions run by WEBBA should submit their application to the Men's or Women's Competition Secretary by 1st September. Entries may be considered after this date, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 1.2 The Executive Committee has the right to decide if they wish to accept a club into any competition within WEBBA. The structure of competitions shall also be decided by the Executive Committee
- 1.3 Each team shall pay an annual fee for entry to the league. A separate fee for entry to any other competitions may be levied. The entry fee referred to shall be paid in part or in full as required by the Executive Committee.
- 1.4 Details of venue and start time should be notified to the Executive Committee no later than 1st September. Details supplied after this date, may require the approval of the Executive Committee.

2 DUTIES OF THE HOME TEAM

- 2.1 To provide;
 - 2.1.1 two competent table officials, at least one of whom must be qualified at level 2, or be in the process of taking the award. All table officials must hold a valid Basketball England (BE) licence.
 - 2.1.2 an electronic count-down clock, either wall mounted or table-top, which also shows a running score.
 - 2.1.3 an official scoresheet, team foul markers, player foul markers, a possession arrow, a stop watch.
 - 2.1.4 adequate changing and showering facilities.
 - 2.1.5 playing area to BE specifications adequately covered, illuminated and available for a start time between 19:15 and 20:15 Monday to Friday, or between 14:00 and 20:15 hours on a Sunday. Teams should be given 15 minutes court time prior to the start of any match.
 - 2.1.6 facilities open to inspection by members of the Executive Committee.
 - 2.1.7 a suitable match ball.
- 2.2 To;
 - 2.2.1 pay floor officials in cash before the commencement of the game. Subsequently, to appeal to the Chair if the expenses are considered to be excessive. In Cup, Plate, Trophy and play-off matches the visiting team shall pay half the match officials costs to the home team.
 - 2.2.2 complete the match statistics online via the WEBBA homepage within 2 days of the match being played.
 - 2.2.3 all completed scoresheets should be photographed and emailed to the relevant competitions secretary within 2 days of the match being played. The originals should be stored until the end of the season and must be available if required by any officer of the Association.
 - 2.2.4 send to the Disciplinary Officer a copy of the scoresheet and a copy of the match report form to arrive within two days of a match being played if a disqualification, protest or any other unusual event occurs within or in the aftermath of the game.
 - 2.2.5 in the event of the scoresheet being signed by either team 'Under Protest' send the original organiser's

(white) scoresheet to the relevant Competition Secretary within two days of the match being played.

2.2.6 have a suitable alternative kit available in the event of a clash.

3 DUTIES OF ALL CLUBS AND TEAMS

- 3.1 Clubs, club members and team followers are expected to abide by the BE Code of Conduct
- 3.2 All competitions will be conducted in accordance with the Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA rules) unless stated otherwise.
- 3.3 Each club or team secretary will receive a fixture list for the coming season. On receipt of this list, secretaries will be permitted to request an alteration only if the fixture has been set for a period when the team has previously indicated that it would not be available. Otherwise the club or team will be deemed to have accepted the fixtures as stated, and to have agreed to play all games on the appointed dates. In case of any dispute, teams are reminded that every effort should be made to play a game, where possible.
- 3.4 Teams must wear matching uniform and correctly numbered kit.
- 3.5 The coach of each team is responsible for ensuring that the WEBBA team sheet includes all the individuals to be named on the scoresheet, that the team sheet and BE licences are available for inspection by the referees prior to the commencement of the game, and that all licence numbers are entered correctly on the score sheet.
- 3.6 To supply to WEBBA a list of active referees, including a minimum of one qualified referee per team who would be available to officiate at least one game per week. Failure to do so may mean the team's entry is rejected or their participation in the league is withdrawn. It is the responsibility of the secretary of each club to ensure that its referees are aware of all refereeing commitments. At the discretion of the Committee, teams in their first season of playing in WEBBA Competitions may be excused from this requirement.
- 3.7 To inform the relevant Competitions Secretary immediately upon the intended postponement/cancellation of any game. The team requesting the postponement/cancellation must inform the floor officials, Referees Secretary and the opposition. The team responsible for the postponement/cancellation will be liable to a fine unless the postponement/cancellation is accepted as being entirely beyond its control.
- 3.8 When a game is postponed/cancelled, the team, which is not responsible, may apply to claim the game by default. Any such claim must be received by the relevant League or Competition Secretary within seven days of the date originally scheduled for the fixture.
- 3.9 If a postponement is accepted by the opponents, the team requesting the postponement has a duty to seek an alternative date acceptable to the opponents, and will be required to find replacement floor officials in consultation with the Referees Secretary. No rearrangements may be made without the knowledge of the relevant Competitions Secretary. The relevant Competitions Secretary should be notified of the new date within seven days of the originally scheduled date. Failure to follow this procedure may result in a loss of game by default or deemed unplayed.
- 3.10 Each team is required to send one representative to the AGM and any other meeting called by the Executive Committee. A club not entering WEBBA in the following season is not compelled to attend the AGM, but maintains its voting rights at that AGM. A new club joining WEBBA will be welcomed to the AGM but will have no voting rights until the commencement of the new season (generally considered to be 1 September prior to commencement of fixtures for the new season).
- 3.11 All clubs are to return in a clean condition any trophies won the previous season by the date given at the time of presentation.
- 3.12 In the event of a colour clash the Home team will change.
- 3.13 Only males are eligible to play in the Men's divisions/competitions and only females may play in the Women's divisions/competitions.
- 3.14 Clubs must comply with WEBBA safeguarding requirements.

4 REFEREES

4.1 This refers to all floor officials - both the crew chief and umpire(s)

- 4.2** All match officials must hold a valid BE licence. Only officials on the WEBBA Approved Referee List are permitted to referee games organised by WEBBA. Independent officials are to apply to the WEBBA Committee to be placed on the Approved Referee List. The Approved Referee List will be maintained on the WEBBA homepage by the Referees Secretary.
- 4.3** Match officials are expected to inform the Referees Secretary of their availability when requested. (See Appendix 1).
- 4.4** Officials unable to fulfil a commitment once refereeing appointments have been published, must find a suitable replacement. Changes must be notified to both teams and the Referees' Secretary.
- 4.5** In the case of the non-appearance of a Club referee, the Club concerned will be liable to a fine and/or loss of league points.
- 4.6** If as a result of the non-appearance of a Club referee the game is not played, the defaulting Club may be liable for any referees' expenses, the travelling and court expenses (if specially booked for the game) of both teams. Where the referee is Independent of any Club, that official may be liable for the costs involved. Details of any claims for expenses must be received by the relevant Competition Secretary within 7 days of the scheduled date of the match.
- 4.7** In the case of a game being postponed or cancelled with less than 72 hours notice, the referee may claim their match fee, plus any travel expenses incurred. Any claim must be received by the relevant Competition Secretary within 5 days of the scheduled match.
- 4.8** Referees are required to comply with FIBA (playing) rules and interpretations for all matches.
- 4.9** Referees are required to inspect the licences of all individuals named on the score sheet and to check the correct entry of licence numbers.
- 4.10** Referees should inform the appropriate officer of any aspect of a team's behaviour, appearance or facilities that falls short of the required standard.
- 4.11** In the case of the disqualification of any player, coach or team follower, each floor official must independently submit within 2 days, a written report to the Disciplinary Convener (or the Referees' Secretary for forwarding). Similarly, referees should submit any post-match misbehaviour reports within 2 days.
- 4.12** In the case of a team captain signing the scoresheet 'under protest' the referee must determine the cause of the protest and investigate the claim, with the assistance of the table officials, if appropriate. Each floor official must independently submit within 2 days, a written report to the relevant Competitions Secretary.
- 4.13** In the case of non-arrival of an appointed floor official(s), the clubs concerned will play the game provided that the following conditions are met;
- 4.13.1** A substitute official is available who is acceptable to the match referee and who is on the WEBBA Approved Referee List.
- 4.13.2** Unless there are special circumstances, as determined by the match referee, such official(s) should officiate the whole game, and in so doing relinquish all connection (e.g. coaching, supporting) with the teams involved.
- 4.13.3** If the official who fails to arrive is the referee, the umpire shall assume the duties of the referee.
- 4.13.4** Once a game commences with a replacement official, this signifies the acceptance of this official by both

teams.

4.14 WEBBA will not recognise games played with only one floor official.

LEAGUE POINTS

5.1 Two points will be awarded to the winning team, one point to the losing team, and no points to a team forfeiting. In the case of a game remaining unplayed which the Executive Committee deems not to be the fault of either of the teams concerned, the Executive Committee may, at its discretion, award a league point to each of those teams.

5.2 This system also applies to knock out competitions incorporating pools.

6. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

6.1. At the end of the playing season the first two teams and the last two teams in each division will be eligible for promotion or relegation subject to the final decision of the Executive Committee.

6.2. In the event of teams in promotion or relegation positions tying with equal league points the issue will be decided by the aggregate scores of games played between those teams which finish equal on league points. If still level, play-offs may take place.

7. REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS

7.1. Each club, their players, referees, table officials, bench personnel and coaches (hereafter all called individuals) are required to register with BE and obtain the relevant licence. This must be done before any games are played.

7.2. Clubs which fail to register in time will forfeit all games until the process has been completed.

7.3. An individual who has a valid BE licence is eligible to participate in games.

7.4. Before an individual is allowed to participate in a game, their team must send a copy of their BE licence to the registrar. The registrar will ensure they are also registered for the correct club and team on the WEBBA homepage.

7.5. The licence will show the club for which an individual is registered and which team within that club.

7.6. No player may represent a club or team during the current season other than the one for which they are licensed unless:-

7.6.1. permission is obtained from the relevant Competitions Secretary.

7.6.2. the WEBBA homepage has been updated to reflect the transfer.

7.6.3. clearance is obtained from the player's former club.

7.6.4. they are acting as non-playing coach for another team in WEBBA

7.7. 'Paid basketball professionals' are not permitted to play in WEBBA. These individuals may be involved with a club in any other capacity than 'player'

7.8. When a player is relicensed for another club or team, they may not play in a Cup, Plate or Trophy competition for their new club or team if they have already played in the competition that season.

7.9. Players will not be licensed for league competition after 31 January in the current season, except at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

7.10. Players will not be licensed for Cup/Plate or Trophy competitions after 31 December in the current season

7.11. Should play-offs be held, to be eligible, players must have appeared in a minimum of one third of the team's

league fixtures for the season.

- 7.12. Individuals will not be licensed for a new club at the beginning of a season or re-licensed during the course of a season if they owe money (match fees, subscriptions etc) to the club they are leaving. A maximum debt of £50 will apply. The club to which the debt is owed must provide details.

8. CLUBS WITH TWO OR MORE TEAMS

- 8.1. Each player must be designated for one team only.
- 8.2. In addition to the Club, the licence and WEBBA homepage will clearly show the team to which the player is licensed.
- 8.3. If a club has more than one team in the same division of the league, a player may only play for the team for which they are licensed. Transfers may only take place between the teams in accordance with Rules 7 and 9.
- 8.4. A player licensed for a lower division team may represent a higher division team in their club provided the referee is informed before the game commences and that no more than 3 such players are listed on the score sheet.
- 8.5. If a player represents any higher division team three times in a season, they are not allowed to play for any higher division team again, unless they are re-licensed for the higher division team for the remainder of the season. This rule does not apply to players with a junior BE Licence.
- 8.6. A player from a higher division team may be relicensed for a lower division team provided that the lower division team has not played more than half of its scheduled league games. Relicensing must take place before the player plays for the lower division team.
- 8.7. The following relicensing conditions apply;
 - 8.7.1. The club secretary gives written notice to the Competitions Secretary.
 - 8.7.2. No such relicensing may take place after 31 January.
 - 8.7.3. No player may be relicensed more than once in a season.
 - 8.7.4. Once relicensed with a lower team, a player may not represent the higher team.
- 8.8. In knockout competitions a player may only play for the team to which they are licensed.

9. CUP, PLATE AND TROPHY COMPETITIONS

- 9.1. The Cup and Plate Competitions will be played as decided by the Executive Committee.
- 9.2. Teams may enter Cup, Plate and Trophy competitions only at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Requests to enter these competitions should be stated on the team's entry form. Entries from teams which forfeit Cup, Plate and Trophy games may not be accepted in the following season.
- 9.3. The Cup and Plate competitions shall normally be played on a one-leg, knockout basis. In all ties the team drawn first shall have the home advantage, unless by mutual agreement.
- 9.4. The Trophy competition is a handicap competition. The handicap will be made known before the competition commences and will be in force during the whole competition.
- 9.5. All games must be played on or before the date specified in the fixture list or competition draw.
- 9.6. All completed scoresheets and/or match report forms must be sent to the appropriate Competitions Secretary. This is the responsibility of the home team.

10. DISQUALIFICATIONS AND MISCONDUCT

- 10.1 In the event of a player, substitute, coach or team follower being disqualified during a game or being the subject of a complaint to do with misbehaviour in connection with a game, the following procedure will be adopted:
- 10.1.1 All floor officials (referee and umpire{s}) must independently, and within two days, submit a written report to the Disciplinary Officer
- 10.1.2 In the case of a disqualification, but not of a misbehaviour report, the disqualified person must serve an automatic suspension of one match. This will be the next WEBBA match to be played by the disqualified person's team. Teams that include suspended persons, in any capacity, will forfeit two league points and be fined for including an ineligible person.
- 10.1.3 Personnel who are subject of a WEBBA suspension are prohibited from attending WEBBA matches during the course of their suspension, either as a player, coach, referee, table official, team follower or spectator until the suspension is completed. The Committee must be informed if an individual is banned from a particular venue.
- 10.1.4 As soon as is practicable, the Disciplinary Officer will arrange a date for a hearing by a Disciplinary Panel that will normally consist of a Chair and two other members. The Disciplinary Officer will act as secretary and not normally be a Panel member.
- 10.1.5 Correspondence about the hearing will be between the Disciplinary Officer and the secretary of the club of the disqualified person. The disqualified person will be invited to the hearing and may be accompanied by another person of his/her choosing. Should the disqualified person be unable to attend, he/she may be represented by another member of his/her club who holds a current BE licence.
- 10.1.6 The Panel will be empowered to extend the period of suspension and to impose further penalties, if deemed necessary.
- 10.2 The above procedures will also apply to a person who is the subject of a misbehaviour report
- 10.3 The home team is responsible for the behaviour of its supporters and any unaffiliated spectators. The visiting team is responsible for the behaviour of its supporters. Games played on a neutral court are the responsibility of the organisers
- 10.4 Individuals or groups who are guilty of behaviour considered by a match official to be inappropriate or unacceptable may be asked to leave the hall. A match official who considers a spectator's behaviour to be inappropriate or unacceptable shall first liaise with a representative of the home team in order that this action is carried out. Depending on the venue, this may also involve liaising with the facility management.
- 10.5 If any person involved refuses to comply with the instruction of the representative of the home team and/or the facility management, the game may be abandoned and a game forfeit imposed on the offending team.
- 10.6 The referee and umpire of the game where the incident takes place must submit a report to the relevant competition secretary within 2 days of the game.

11. APPEALS PROCEDURE

APPEAL AGAINST A RESULT

- 11.1. In the event of a scoresheet being signed by a team captain 'Under Protest', the following procedure will be adopted:
- 11.1.1. The Club Secretary must communicate with the relevant competition secretary, detailing the reasons for their protest, within 3 days of the match taking place. No appeal will be accepted if the written appeal is not received within the time limit.
 - 11.1.2. The appeals fee, or proof of payment, must accompany any such appeal. If a scoresheet is signed 'Under Protest' and no letter is received, the appeal fee will be levied in any case.
 - 11.1.3. The appeal will, initially, be heard by the Executive Committee
 - 11.1.4. If the original result is confirmed, the appeal fee will be forfeited. The club will, however, have the right to take the appeal to an Independent Appeals Panel which may include a representative of WEBBA.
 - 11.1.5. The appeals fee will be returned to the club if the appeal is successful.

APPEAL AGAINST A DISQUALIFICATION

- 11.2. In the event of an appeal against a disqualification, the following procedure will be adopted:
- 11.2.1. The Club Secretary must appeal in writing so that the appeal is received by the Disciplinary Convenor within 3 days of the original disqualification. The appeal document must include a statement of the grounds on which the appeal is being made. No appeal will be accepted if the written appeal is not received within the time limit.
 - 11.2.2. The appeals fee, or proof of payment, must accompany any such appeal.
 - 11.2.3. If an appeal is to be made, then the automatic one match suspension will not apply. The Club Secretary must contact and inform the Convenor as soon as it is decided to appeal so that the position concerning this suspension is clarified.

APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL

- 11.3. In the event of an appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Panel [but NOT the original disqualification] the following procedure will be adopted:
- 11.3.1. The appeal should in the first instance be submitted in writing within 3 days to the Disciplinary Convenor who will inform the Executive Committee that an appeal has been made. The appeal must include the grounds upon which the appeal is being made.
 - 11.3.2. The appeals fee, or proof of payment, must accompany any such appeal.
 - 11.3.3. The appeal will, initially, be heard by the Executive Committee or by a Sub-committee formed of Executive Committee members. The appellant(s) will be invited to attend. The Executive Committee/Sub-committee will have the power to increase, reduce or confirm the original penalty imposed by the WEBBA Disciplinary panel. If the penalty is reduced, the appeal fee will be returned. If the original penalty is confirmed or increased, the appeal fee will be forfeited. The appellant will, however, have the right to take the appeal to the Independent Appeals Panel.
 - 11.3.4. In the event of the appellant wishing to continue with the appeal, the Executive Committee will arrange for an Independent Appeals Panel to hear the appeal. The Appeals Panel may include a representative of WEBBA.
 - 11.3.5. The appellant will have the right to attend and receive a personal hearing, or be represented by another member of his/her club who holds a current WEBBA licence.
 - 11.3.6. The Appeals Panel will be empowered to reduce, confirm or increase the penalty imposed by the WEBBA Disciplinary panel.
 - 11.3.7. Should the appellant's club not wish to enter an appeal, the individual concerned may appeal direct.

- 11.3.8. The appeals fee will be returned to the club or appellant, as applicable, if the appeal is successful. WEBBA defines a successful appeal as one that results in a reduction of the penalty originally imposed or as amended by the WEBBA Executive Committee. Confirmation of the original penalty does not constitute a successful appeal.

APPEAL AGAINST A DECISION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 11.4. In the case of a club or individual wishing to appeal against any decision made by the Executive Committee (e.g. fines, match forfeits or team suspensions), the following procedure will be adopted:
- 11.4.1. Pay fines or expenses levied as requested.
 - 11.4.2. The appeals fee, or proof of payment, must accompany any such appeal.
 - 11.4.3. Send to the Chair within 3 days of the receipt of the original decision a written report
 - 11.4.4. The Chair may convene a Sub-Committee of the Executive Committee to hear such appeals. This Sub-Committee may not include members who are party to the decision, which is the subject of the appeal.
 - 11.4.5. Every club or individual has the right of appeal to BE, once the appeals procedure has been exhausted.

12. SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

- 12.1. Clubs or individuals persistently or flagrantly failing to follow WEBBA rules may be suspended.
- 12.2. Clubs under suspension will not be allowed to re-arrange games due to be played during the period of suspension. Points will be awarded to the opposition due to forfeit. Such games shall be awarded to the opposition by forfeit.
- 12.3. In the event of a team being expelled from the League or completing less than 75% of its fixtures, all games involving that team will be void. No league points will be awarded to the suspended team.

13. FINES, FEES AND EXPENSES

- 13.1. Failure to comply with any WEBBA Rule may result in a fine for each offence and/or a loss of League points and/or suspension.
- 13.2. All fines levied and expenses must be paid by the date specified.
- 13.3. Clubs which fail to abide by the rules of the Association may be liable to the following penalties
- 13.4. Fines are as follows:
- 13.4.1. £10 per game for failure to complete the statistics online within 2 days of the game being played.
 - 13.4.2. £30 for failure to send the scoresheet and match report form to arrive within 2 days if a disqualification, protest or other unusual event has occurred.
 - 13.4.3. £10 per game for failure to provide at least one table official, qualified at Level 2 or above.
 - 13.4.4. £30 per game for non-appearance of referees associated with a club. Expenses may also be payable to both teams if, as a result of the non-appearance of a referee, the game is not played.
 - 13.4.5. £30 for including on the scoresheet an unregistered or unlicensed individual.
 - 13.4.6. £30 per trophy for failure to return trophies by specified date or to return trophies in an uncleaned and/or unpolished condition.
 - 13.4.7. £30 per Club for non-attendance at AGM/SGM or pre-season meeting.
 - 13.4.8. £30 for each notified alteration to playing details subsequent to the construction and initial publication of league or competition schedules.
 - 13.4.9. £25 per club for officials not complying with the request of the Referees' Secretary for their availability (1st offence) £40 per club for officials not complying with the request of the Referees' Secretary for their availability (2nd offence). For further offence the Executive Committee may apply additional penalties.
- 13.5. Fines for cancellations or postponement of games will be as follows:
- 13.5.1 £10 per game for cancellations/postponements made on or before 1st September
 - 13.5.2 £20 per game for cancellations/postponements made after 1st September and up to 72 hours before the scheduled start time.
 - 13.5.3 £30 per game for postponement or cancellation of a game within 72 hours of the scheduled start time. In addition the club at fault will be required to pay referees' fees (at Level 2 rate) if the referees have not received 72 hours notice of cancellation.
 - 13.5.4 £40 per game for postponement or cancellation of a game within 24 hours of the scheduled start time.

In addition the club at fault will be required to pay full referees' fees plus any other consequent expenses incurred by opponents or officials.

- 13.5.5 £50 for failure of sufficient members of a team to turn up for a game having given no previous warning. In addition full fees and expenses will be payable to the opposition and all match officials. Expenses will only include court costs if the court has been booked specially for the game.
- 13.5.6 £50 for a game which is not completed due to the action of a player, coach, team follower or spectator. In addition, the offending team may have points deducted and possible expulsion from the competition.
- 13.6 Fees are as follows:
 - 13.6.1 £50, refundable if successful, for all appeals against Committee decisions other than against decisions made by a Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
 - 13.6.2 £50, refundable if successful, for all protests against match results indicated by a signature in the scoresheet protest box.
 - 13.6.3 £50, refundable if successful, for appeals against disqualifications in matches.
 - 13.6.4 £100, for appeals against decisions made by a Disciplinary Sub-Committee, refundable if successful. If the appeal is not successful, the appellant may also be liable for any additional costs involved in excess of the initial fee.
 - 13.6.5 The League entry fee will be determined by the Executive Committee with notice given to clubs prior to the AGM.
 - 13.6.6 Entry to Cup and/or Trophy competitions (non-League teams only): 40% of League entry fee plus club deposit as defined in Rule 1.
 - 13.6.7 Referees match fees are as follows:
 - i Level 4 or 5 Referee; £19 per game
 - ii Level 3 Referee; £18 per game
 - iii Level 2 Referee; £17 per game
 - iv Level 1 Referee; £14 per game
 - 13.6.8 £4 per senior and £2 per junior for WEBBA licences where the players concerned are not BE registered via the WEBBA Registrar. (Some exceptions apply.)
- 13.7 Expenses are as follows:
 - 13.7.1 Committee members will be paid for expenses incurred directly relating to the execution of their duties.
 - 13.7.3 Referees may claim travel allowance at the BE rate, currently (September 2019) 35 pence per mile.
 - 13.7.3 Referees and other officials who officiate at two successive games at the same venue may claim a subsistence allowance of £5. Where the successive games involve home teams from different clubs, this allowance, along with travel expenses should be divided and claimed equally from the two clubs concerned.
- 13.8 Fines and fees are subject to change by the Executive Committee, notice of which will be circulated to clubs.
- 13.9 Clubs shall pay any sum demanded in fines by the date specified. Any Team that fails to do so may incur additional penalties eg additional fines, loss of league points, suspension from WEBBA and be ineligible for entry into WEBBA competitions in future seasons.

14. IMAGE AND VIDEO

14.1. Principle - This rule is aimed at balancing individuals' right to record images in a public place with the right to privacy of West of England Basketball Association (WEBBA) members. In particular athletes, coaches and match officials participating in an amateur league such as WEBBA have a greater expectation of privacy than professional athletes in a televised competition. As a principle, the WEBBA Image and Video Policy (IVP) must uphold this expectation whilst allowing clubs and WEBBA members to film for legitimate purposes, e.g. player improvement and tactical review.

14.2. Rule

- 14.2.1. All WEBBA members shall comply with the WEBBA Image and Video Policy (IVP) published on the website.
- 14.2.2. No filming is allowed from the bench area.
- 14.2.3. The policy shall be reviewed annually or after significant change by the WEBBA Committee.
- 14.2.4. Alleged violations of the policy by WEBBA members must be reported to the WEBBA Committee Chair in writing within 24 hours of the event taking place. An IVP violation form will be made available via the

WEBBA homepage.

14.2.5. The WEBBA Committee shall review these reports at the next scheduled meeting unless the report is received within 24 hours of the meeting and determine if any penalties apply.

14.3. Penalty

14.3.1. The penalty for violating the WEBBA IVP shall range from a simple warning to exclusion from the league.

14.3.2. The Committee will decide the appropriate penalty by quorate vote, having reviewed the submitted evidence, and taken into account any aggravating and mitigating factors as listed below:

14.3.3. Aggravating factors:

- Presence of minors in the recorded media
- Recidivism
- Publication of recorded media
- Recording carried out in such a way as to intimidate/unduly influence the match officials

14.3.4. Mitigating factors:

- First time
- Recording immediately ended when informed of IVP
- Recordings of minors made in good faith and immediately and permanently deleted on court to the satisfaction of parents or guardians of the minors involved

15. INTERPRETATION AND REVISION

15.1. Powers of interpretation and revision shall reside with the Executive Committee subject to the general scrutiny of the Area exercised through General Meetings.

15.2. Any revision of the WEBBA Rules affecting the generality of clubs and introduced during the course of the playing season shall not come into effect until 21 days from the notification of such revision to clubs.

APPENDIX TO WEBBA RULES OF COMPETITION

GUIDELINES FOR REFEREES APPOINTMENTS

- i For season 2021-2022 the Assignr system of appointing match officials will be used
- ii During the season, referees will be asked to make themselves available to referee WEBBA games by completing their availability on the Assignr system.
- iii Prior to the next set of games, the referees appointments for those games will be published on Assignr.
- iv If, once the series of appointments have been published, an official finds he/she is unable to undertake a game for which they have been appointed, it is the responsibility of the official and the official's club to find a suitable replacement of commensurate experience.
- v Should the official find they have been appointed to a game in error (e.g. when they have stated they are not available on that date, or they have been appointed to a match involving their own club) the referees secretary will be responsible for re-appointing an official for that game.
- vi Should officials not provide dates they are available when requested, Rule 13.4.9 may apply

13.4.9 £25 per club for officials not complying with the request of the Referees' Secretary for their availability (1st offence) £40 per club for officials not complying with the request of the Referees' Secretary for their availability (2nd offence). For further offence the Executive Committee may apply additional penalties.

See also Rule 4.5

Version control

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