

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

A. GOALS

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

B. TEAM REGISTRATION

- All teams must identify a **team representative**, who will be the main contact with BCWBS. They need to be able to communicate with BCWBS regularly on email basis and responsible for forwarding any league/tournament related information to their team members.
- All teams must submit a team roster along with their league registration fee including performance bond by the deadline dates as shown below.
 - Early Bird Rate: \$600 + \$250 (performance bond), must be **received** by BCWBS Office by October 1, 2011
 - Regular Rate: \$675 + \$250 (performance bond), **received** by BCWBS Office after October 1, 2011 and before the first tournament that the team declared to attend

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

- All teams must have a minimum of 7 players on their roster. Teams may register up to a maximum of 15 players but only 12 players may participate in each tournament. It is recommended to register as many players as possible to ensure your full participation in league tournaments.
- No exception will be accepted unless exceptional circumstances are provided in writing to the League Commission 14 days before each deadline and the Commission approves it.

C. PERFORMANCE BOND

- A \$250 team performance bond post-dated to March 1, 2012 is required at registration. Failure to honor all commitments will result in forfeiture of the performance bond unless exceptional circumstances are provided in writing to the commission and approved by the commission.
- If a team withdraws their attendance in a tournament that they have committed to less than 5 weeks before the scheduled tournament date, the team performance bond will not be returned.
- Penalty for missed scorekeeping assignments will be taken from the team performance bond unless supplied directly from the penalized player.
- The team performance bond (less applicable penalties) of \$250.00 will be returned to the team 14 days after the final championship game

D. PARTICIPANTS

- No current men's national team players are eligible to play in BC-CWBL Division 2
- Only three impact players* will be allowed per team.

* Division 2 Impact Player:

Any current men's provincial team player and / or any current or former women's national team player (in the last 4 years including present) and / or former men's national team player (in the last 4 years).

- Impact players must be indicated on the team rosters upon submission. (new in 2011-2012)

E. ELIGIBILITY

- All players must be current members of BCWBS in good standing and athlete in good standing (i.e. signed an athlete code of conduct and has no outstanding payment from previous seasons) to be eligible to play. They will not be allowed to play any games until they become a member. If non-member players participate in a game, their team forfeits the game.
* Membership requirement for out of province teams is TBD. Please contact BCWBS for further information. (new in 2011-2012)
- There are no residence requirements.
- A player's name may only appear on one team roster per division during the season with the exception that a player may transfer to a new team after receiving approval by the league commission.
- To accommodate new players entering the league throughout the season, additions to a team roster may be made up to 1 week prior to each tournament and must be approved by the league commission.
- If a player who is not on the roster participates in a game, their team forfeits the game. In the case when a non-member player plays in a forfeited game, they must sign the BCWBS game-day waiver form before their first game starts.
- All BC-CWBL Division 2 players should compete in at least two games prior to the BC-CWBL Finals. This is a recommendation to encourage all players to commit themselves to their team and the league. However, all properly rostered players except for impact players are eligible to compete in the Finals without a game minimum at this time. Impact players must compete in at least two games prior to the BC-CWBL Finals unless special circumstances arise and a request of waiver in writing is approved by the league commission. (new in 2011-2012)
- BC-CWBL Division 2 will consist of 4 official tournaments including the BC-CWBL Finals which will determine the conference champion. Division 2 teams must play in at least 2 of the 3 regular season tournaments to be eligible to play at the BC-CWBL Finals. In case of an exceptional circumstance, a team may request a waiver and the League Commission will make a decision on their eligibility. The League Commission will also consider exceptions for new teams and former teams in order to encourage their participation in the league. (new in 2011-2012)

Playing in Two Divisions

- *Division 1 teams will have the option to draft players from the BC-CWBL Division 2 thus allowing these players to play in 2 divisions. This regulation will allow some of the higher*

caliber Div 2 players a chance to play Div 1 and develop their skills, while we need to ensure that the Div 2 league and teams are not directly affected by players playing in Div 1 where possible.

F. CLASSIFICATION

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

Individual Point Deduction Rules:

- 16 and under one (1) point reduction (Young developing players)
- 17 to 22 years of age 0.5 deduction (Transition point value Canada games aged athletes)
- 45 to 49 years of age 0.5 deduction (Encourage veteran/retired players' participation)
- 50 and over one (1) point reduction (Encourage veteran/retired players' participation)
- Female player one (1) point deduction
- New player allowance Year 1: one (1) point deduction (Provide an opportunity for new competitive athletes try the sport and encourage recruitment)
- New player allowance Year 2 -- 0.5 deduction (Transitional point value for new players in second-year)
- BC classifiers may conduct classifications at BC-CWBL tournaments to classify new players or review existing players' classes. (new in 2011-2012)
 - New players may have their classification confirmed or changed at the end of every game.
 - Current players may have their current classification reviewed and changed at the end of every game.
 - If a player presents with a challenging situation, the classification panel may ask to meet the player for a functional assessment on the side court.
 - At the BC Finals, no changes will be made once the final rounds begin.
 - BC classifiers will not review players classified nationally or internationally.

* Multiple Deduction Opportunities: Allow more than one deduction per player however up to maximum total deduction of 2.0 (new in 2011-2012)

* No player point allowances will be provided for persons playing at a higher level (i.e. Division 1, current and former (within 4 years) National team player, or league equivalent). This does not apply to player call-ups for D1 games.

* The age deduction applies to the age of a player as of January 1, 2012.

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

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

G. COMPETITION

- IWBFF rules will be followed. Tie breaking for round robin competition as per IWBFF rules.
- Except at the BC-CWBL Finals tournament, each team must supply 3 scorekeepers per game as indicated on the tournament schedule. Failure to have individuals report for scorekeeping duties at latest 10 minutes prior to an assigned game time will result in a \$25.00 fine per scorekeeper per game missed
- The Game Disqualification rule will be in effect for the 2011-12. Copy of this ruling is attached.
- In the case of forfeit, the commission members present, opposition coach, and officials must be notified prior to the scheduled game time/start. The head official must indicate the team forfeiting the game on the score sheet prior to the beginning of the game. However, the game

must continue in the best possible way through the use of pick-up players and game day waivers. (new in 2011-2012)

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

H. COMPETITIVE UNIFORM

- All teams must have "light" and "dark" uniforms.
- Proper uniforms must be worn. All teams are encouraged to wear jersey numbers 4 – 15 (this is a requirement when competing at the CWBL Finals Open Division), however in the BC-CWBL uniforms may be numbered 0-99. Uniforms without number must not be worn.
- Uniform bottoms must match in color among players on the same team. (new in 2011-2012)
- If a t-shirt is worn under the uniform, the color must match with the color of the uniform. (new in 2011-2012)
- The first named team on the schedule is the home team and must wear light.
- A set of uniforms are available for loan. Please contact BCWBS office for more details.
- Game Ball – Molten Size 7

I. TOURNAMENT DATES

Oct 15/16 or 22/23	Kelowna (TBC)
Nov 26/27	Douglas College New West / Trinity Western University
Feb 4/5	TCC - Kamloops
Mar 3/4	Douglas College David Lamb – Coquitlam

J. TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Players/teams will be responsible for costs incurred traveling to and from tournaments (ie. airfare, gas, hotel, and food). However, teams traveling for BC-CWBL tourneys are eligible for the BCWBS Travel Subsidy. Allocation of the subsidy will occur after each tournament and only be disbursed if your team is properly registered and all players' membership fees are fully paid before the team's first tournament. The BCWBS managing director determines the formula for subsidy distribution. Out of province teams or players are not eligible for this service. (new in 2011-2012)

K. LEAGUE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION

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

- A representative from each active BC-CWBL D2 team
- BCWBS Managing Director, Program Coordinator, provincial and regional coaches
- A member at large/advisor (optional)

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

- Carrie Linegar- BCWBS Managing Director & BC-CWBL League Commissioner (carrie@bcwbs.ca) (604) 333-3531
- Pat Harris, Regional Rep (250) 612-1181
- Anthony Purcell, Non-playing Rep (604) 345-6841



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