

Greater Waikato Secondary  
Schools Basketball League  
(GWSSBL)

Handbook 2022

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## Introduction

The Greater Waikato Secondary School Basketball League (GWSSBL) aims to provide a quality, appropriate and accessible competition format that meets the needs of schools, and their players, with the support of associations and key stakeholders.

### The key objectives of the GWSSBL are:

- Ensure an accessible and cost-effective competition for secondary basketball players at all levels (including minimising unnecessary or excess travel for schools and teams, where possible)
- Enable quality participation experiences and skill development for all players
- Increase capability of administrators, coaches, and officials for Secondary Schools
- Provide high level competition for those who aspire to the external basketball pathways

## Competition Management

The GWSSBL is a multi-tiered competition across the greater region under the facilitation of the Waikato Basketball Council, Waikato Country Basketball and Thames Valley Basketball.

The overall competition management is governed and managed by an Advisory Group comprising representatives of Waikato Basketball Council, Waikato Country Basketball, Thames Valley Basketball, a WSSSA Executive representative and Secondary School appointed representatives. The game day management will include venue controller and game officials, supported by the schools.

This handbook relates primarily to the Metro and Waikato Country hub competitions. Refer separately to the Thames Valley Basketball Competition rules

## Competition Levels

The competition divisions will cater for the following divisions:

- **Mel Young Memorial Championship (Boys) and Eileen Stobie Memorial Championship (Girls)** Grade (*maximum 6 teams*)
- **Boys and Girls SENIOR PREMIER** Grade – Senior teams not in the above grade
- **Boys and Girls JUNIOR PREMIER** Grade **[Year 9 and 10 Only]**

- **Junior A Grade [Year 9 and 10 Only]**
- **Boys and Girls SENIOR Social (Open)**

The Premier competitions will be open to any Schools within boundaries of Waikato Basketball Council, Waikato Country Basketball Association, and Thames Valley Basketball Association.

The **WSS Basketball Advisory Group** reserve the right of discretion to approve up to three invitational teams from basketball associations beyond the region to give **any** division further strength. This inclusion would be reviewed annually.

**All grades, except Senior and Junior Premier**, will operate via a conference system (Metro and Country) where possible, to reduce travel demands on students and schools. It is the intention of the executive to look at Metro and Country play off finals.

### **Mel Young & Eileen Stobie Memorial Championship**

It is the intention of the Advisory Group to select 6-teams to compete in both events. The Waikato regional schools not involved in this competition, are welcome, to request midweek/friendly games with these schools.

There will be **no promotion/relegation matches to begin the 2022 season**. This is due to the significantly disrupted 2021 season, and the Hamilton/Metro and Country conference system being implemented to reduce travel demands for rural schools.

In the Mel Young (Boys) and Eileen Stobie (Girls) Memorial/Championships there will be only one team eligible from any school, that being their Premier or 1<sup>st</sup> Senior team.

The **Premier** grades for Boys and Girls will have the next best eight teams from the region and may include 2<sup>nd</sup> teams from any school.

It is likely that in Boys grades there maybe more than one division of Premier competition.

These divisions will be seeded on by the Advisory Group.

The **Junior Premier** grade for Boys and Girls will **ONLY** include **Year 9 & 10 players**. This **may** include 2<sup>nd</sup> teams from any school and external teams as stated by invitation from the Advisory Group.

## Competition Formats for 2022

### • *Premier Competition Format*

#### **Mel Young (Boys) / Eilleen Stobie (Girls)**

- 6 teams
- Double round robin
- Semi-final round (1 v 4 and 2 v 3), and 5 v 6 playoff
- Final, and 3 v 4 playoff

#### **Senior and Junior Premier**

One complete round robin games, Play-offs, and Finals

#### **FINALS**

The winners play winners and losers play losers for final placings and possible seedings for 2023 competition.

**NB:** *If any division only has six teams, then round 2 and play off section may include the top placed teams from the level below of the appropriate graded competition if possible.*

#### **Grading and Promotion-Relegation Rounds**

There will be **no promotion/relegation matches to begin the 2022 season**. This is due to the significantly disrupted 2021 season, and the Hamilton/Metro and Country conference system being implemented to reduce travel demands for rural schools.

Grading or grouping of teams will be based on performance in the 2021 competition by the GWSSBBL Advisory Group.

Play-offs and Finals will be played dependent upon team numbers/division. Some divisions may have a Cross-Over determine final Grade placings – Top three teams will be awarded Certificates. This rule will be reviewed once entries are completed and number of entries

## **Competition Structure**

- **Tuesday - JUNIOR PREMIER [stop clock] and JUNIOR A GRADE [running clock]**
- **Thursday – Senior Social (Open), (Boys & Girls) and Mel Young (Boys)**
- **Friday – Eileen Stobie (Girls) and SENIOR PREMIER RESERVE (Boys & Girls)**

## **Length of Competition**

The following table illustrates the weeks and days of play in 2022. **The weeks of play will commence with:**

### **Term 2**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August – **Eileen Stobie (Girls) and Senior Premier Boys & Girls**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August – **Junior Premier**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – **Junior A Grade**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August – **Mel Young (Boys)**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – **Senior A Grade**

### **Non-Playing Dates:**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Unless advised otherwise and agreed using GWSSBL Bylaws as a guide, games will be played on designated days and times.

### **Greater Waikato Secondary Schools Basketball League By-Laws # 20:**

#### **DEFAULTS, RESCHEDULING AND DEFERRALS**

Only in special circumstances and/or a commitment notified prior to the start of the season, on submission of entry, may games be rescheduled unless there is an emergency.

## **Eilleen Stobie (Girls& Mel Young (Boys). Premier Reserve Grades [stop clock]**

These Thursday and Friday night games are dependent on venues and travel of drawn teams, but games will be scheduled to start at 6.00pm or 7.30pm.

## **JUNIOR PREMIER [stop clock]**

Junior Premier matches will be held on Tuesday nights. These matches are dependent on venues and travel of drawn teams, but games will be scheduled to start at 6.00 or 7.30pm.

## **SENIOR SOCIAL/OPEN [running clock]**

Senior Social/Open matches will be held on Thursday nights. These matches are dependent on venues and travel, but games will generally be scheduled to start at 6.00pm, 7.00pm or 8.00pm.

## **JUNIOR A GRADE [running clock]**

Junior A Grade matches will be held on Tuesday nights. These matches are dependent on venues, but games will generally be scheduled to start at 6.00pm, 7.00pm or 8.00pm.

## **Eligibility and Entry Rules**

The Bylaws of Waikato Secondary Schools Sports Association are the focus of eligibility rules. NB:

- **By-law # 5 GENERAL ELIGIBILITY,**
- **By-law # 6 ELIGIBILITY – TEAM AND PLAYER REQUIREMENTS**

**NB:** *Exception to the Eligibility 6.2 may be granted as part of this competition to enable junior players to participate in senior leagues.*

*This is without the need to remain in the higher grade following 4 matches, under extenuating circumstances*

*Including if this supports the school to provide participation opportunities to a larger group of students – e.g., two teams can be fielded instead of one should players be permitted to ‘play up’.*

*Requests must be made in writing to the administrator in advance of the 4-game milestone and will be considered by the Executive.*

*It should be noted that these types of requests will primarily be considered in the girls’ grades to enable growth of participation.*

- **By-law #7 COMPOSITE TEAMS.**

### **Premier Boys and Premier Girls competitions**

In addition to the above the following Bylaw requirements will need to be met by all teams.

- **By-Law # 8 PREMIER ELIGIBILITY,**
- **By-law # 9 PREMIER**
- **By-Law # 10 PREMIER NON-DOMESTIC STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

Premier teams may have a named squad of 20 players, 12 players in a squad and ONLY 2 'New to School' (NTS) players for Basketball can play in a premier game (i.e., you can have more than 2 NTS players in your 20-player squad but only 2 can play per game). NTS students are those who have enrolled at the school within the last two years of the first day of the event/competition.

It is desirable that all teams should have a minimum of eight players listed on their team registration form.

All registration forms require the minimum of the player's name, gender, and DOB. **Premier** players lists will also require the **date of enrolment** at their school.

All entries will be taken by GWSSBL through the Enter Now Portal:

<https://enternow.co.nz/enternow-app/sportwaikato>

### **Costs and Fees**

Schools will have all fees charged upon entering through the Enter Now system.

A deposit will be required to be paid on team Entry.

Fees are required to be paid by the conclusion of Round 1, otherwise teams will not be placed into the draw for Round 2 or play-offs.

### **Costs**

Mel Young/Eilleen Stobie – 12 weeks (\$1000 plus GST)

Senior Premier Reserve– 12 weeks (\$1000 plus GST)

Junior Premier – 12 weeks (\$1000 plus GST)

Junior A Grade – 9 weeks (\$850 plus GST)

Senior Social (Open) – 9 weeks (\$800 plus GST)

### **Game Duration and Match Rules**

#### ***Game Duration and Running Clock***

Schools are responsible for double checking all draws online each week to make sure they have the most updated information.

Major changes to draws will be notified via email to schools concerned via their designated Basketball contact and Sports Co-ordinator. Schools will also be able to check draws and results through the “**WSSSA**” **App**. If people subscribe to “**Basketball**” they can get updated ‘**Alerts**’

All games will be played under the official FIBA rules and the Bylaws of the WSSSA, unless stated otherwise in these rules.

### **BOYS and GIRLS - Mel Young, Eileen Stobie & PREMIER RESERVE**

- Full sized court
- Stop clock games with 24 sec Shot clocks
- 4 x 10-minute quarters
- 2-minute break at end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- 5-minute half time
- Time outs - 2 in 1<sup>st</sup> half and 3 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half for a duration of 1 minute
- Maximum of two time-outs can be granted to a team in last two minutes of final quarter.
- Time outs can be taken at any time **except** by the scoring team immediately following a scored basket.
- In the event of the final score being a draw, 5 minutes extra time will be played to determine a winner. Should there be no result after the first 5-minute overtime; a second 5-minute overtime is played to determine a winner. There will be a two-minute interval before commencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Extra time period.
- Personal and team fouls will remain the same as at the end of the initial game during extra time periods.
- Only one time out per team is allowed in overtime. (Time outs leftover in regulation time may not be carried over)

### **BOYS and GIRLS - JUNIOR PREMIER**

- Stop clock games with 24 sec Shot clocks
- 4 x 10-minute quarters
- 2-minute break at end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- 5-minute half time



- Time outs - 2 in 1<sup>st</sup> half and 3 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half for a duration of 1 minute
- Time outs can be taken at any time **except** by the scoring team immediately after a scored basket
- In an event of the final score being a draw, 5 minutes extra time will be played to determine a winner. Should there be no result after the first 5-minute overtime; a second 5-minute overtime is played to determine a winner. Personal and team fouls will remain the same as at the end of the initial game.
- **No Zone Defence is permitted**
- Only one time out per team is allowed in overtime. (Time outs leftover in regulation time may not be carried over)

### **ZONE DEFENCE NOTES**

*To avoid “confusions” coaches of Junior League teams should familiarise themselves with the following extracts from the BBNZ Operations Manual.*

#### **(8.2) Under 16 Zone Defence**

*As there is general acceptance that the consistent use of zone defences in the younger age groups adversely effects the development of both defensive and offensive skills in younger athletes, the use of zone defences is banned at BBNZ Under 16 Finals and Under 14 Zonal Tournaments.*

#### **(8.2.1) Definition - Zone Defence**

*Any defence played in the half court which does not incorporate normal one on one defensive principles shall be considered to be a zone. For this purpose, trapping defences which rotate back to one-on-one defensive principles shall be acceptable.*

#### **(8.2.4) Penalty**

*a) 1st and 2nd Violation - warning to team and coach and a loss of possession.*

*b) 3rd Violation - Technical Foul on the Head Coach*

*c) 4th Violation - Technical Foul on the Head Coach and consequent disqualification.*

### **Junior A Grade/Senior Social (Open)**

- 2 x 20 min halves running clock quarters with stop-clock only in last two minutes of final quarter.
- 1-minute quarter time
- 2-minute half time
- Time outs - 2 in 1<sup>st</sup> half and 2 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half for a duration of 1 minute
- Time outs can be taken at any time **except** by the scoring team immediately following a scored basket

- **Tied games - No** games will result in a draw. To break the tie, teams will play as many **2-minute periods** of overtime as required to break the tie. All team fouls for the final period, as well as the player fouls for the full game, remain as per **F.I.B.A.** rules. One extra timeout is allowed in each 2-minute period by each team.
- Only one time out per team is allowed in overtime. (Time outs leftover in regulation time may not be carried over)

### **Points and Placing System – All Grades**

- **Match Points**
  - 3 points for a win, 1 point for a loss
  - Win by default = 3 points (with 20 – 0 score line)
  - Loss by default = 0 points (with 0 – 20 score line)
  - LATE or FAILURE to FIELD a team of at least four players within 15 minutes of start time, the team will forfeit the game and there will be no points awarded as per a default.

### **Placings Determination**

To determine play-off, in the event of teams being involved in a points tie, the following procedure shall apply:

- a. In the event of a two-way tie, the winner shall be decided on the basis of the game between the two tied teams. The winner will be the team that won the game between both teams.
- b. Where there have been one or more games between the two teams in the round robin, the higher placed team will be the team that has beaten the other team twice. If game wins between both teams are equal, a point “for and against” between the two teams will determine placing’s
- c. In the event that three or more teams are tied, points for and against between the three teams will determine placing’s.
  1. If a three-team tie remains, the points for divided by points against between those three teams will determine the winner.
  2. If two of the three teams are still in a tie, the “higher” placed team will be the team winning the game between those two teams.
- d. Thereafter FIBA rules shall apply.

## **Mouthguards**

- ALL PLAYERS must wear a mouthguard to take the court. Referees are the sole person to rule a player unable to play if they do not wear a mouthguard

## **Balls**

Schools are expected to provide their own match ball. All girls' grades will play with a **size 6** and all boys grades will play with a **size 7**.

## **Uniforms**

- a. All teams must register their team colours on the entry form. To ensure there are no uniform clashes, where possible an alternative strip should be available especially with all Premier grades.
- b. All players must have matching singlets and matching shorts. All players must tuck their singlets into their playing shorts.
- c. Each player's singlet shall be numbered on the front and back with plain numbers of a solid colour. The numbers shall be clearly visible and:
  - Legal numbers are 1 - 99 + 0, 00
- d. Players can wear compression shorts underneath their playing shorts,
  - T-Shirts under singlets are not permitted (unless medical certificate).
- e. No jewellery of any type will be permitted on the court. This includes any form of studs and rings on the body
- f. During the first two weeks of any competition teams may be allowed some flexibility relating to the uniform regulations. After that time incorrectly dressed players may be prevented from entering the game, unless a written agreement from the competition's management

## **Results and Game Management**

### **Draws and Results**

Draws and results are managed for the competitions on WSSSA website Sportsrunner and with support from GWSSBL administration. The referee coordinator will support referee appointments. Results are required to the administrator on the day following the competition or Monday for Friday games.

Results/Score Sheets are the responsibility of the Venue Controller and should be signed by the Team Manager or Team Captain of each team and the Referees. All names need to be printed in Block Capitals.

## Scoresheets and Score Bench

### Score bench

Score bench organisation and equipment are the responsibilities of both teams – first listed on draw in conjunction with the Venue Controller. Each team must provide one score- person (2 for games with 24 second clock) other than a player or coach, for his or her own game. Scorers are to use the scoresheets available and should endeavour to use the following colours for each quarter **Red**, **Blue**, **Green** & **Black**

Coaches and managers will be required to keep all players in their team bench area. A possession arrow will be used for a jump-ball. There will be only one jump-ball in a game at the beginning of each game.

If you are unsure of how to do the score bench competently, please inform the Venue Controller prior to the game so that they can assist you.

These are provided for teams and will be available at online at WSSSA website <https://wsss.org.nz/basketball/>

- Scoresheets need to be filled in at least **10 minutes** before the scheduled game start time.
- The team captain or manager is responsible for ensuring that this is completed.
- Please **PRINT** in **BLOCK** Letters the **SURNAMES** of Players
- Once the game is finished the score on the score sheet is indisputable- unless protest procedures are strictly adhered to.
- Any disputes should be brought to the attention of the Venue Controller in the first instance, and can be written on the back of the score sheet at the end of the game, or on an incident form which can be obtained from the venue controller or at [https://wsss.org.nz/basketball/match- resources/](https://wsss.org.nz/basketball/match-resources/).
- Unresolved disputes must follow this procedure, or a formal complaint can be lodged to Host Association staff.
- If a team defaults a game this must also be recorded on the score sheet with the defaulting team identified.

## **Referees**

All referees will be appointed by the Referee Coordinator for as many matches as possible with Premier/Senior games taking priority.

In 2022 there is a new payment structure.

All referees are to sign the score sheet and venue summary sheet after each game.

Summary sheet for each venue to be submitted with score sheets. Lower grades may well be expected to supply their own match officials – one from each team, it is important to note that this expectation is also in place for Premier grades should a referee be, for whatever reason, unavailable on the night.

## **Venue Controller and Facility Use**

Each hub will be expected to have a designated **VENUE CONTROLLER** with a set of duties. For key venue hubs this will be an appointed person

A **Venue Controller** is the person designated to accept responsibility for the smooth running of games.

The Venue Controller also needs to complete the game formalities. and returning results along with the report to administration management.

## ***Venue Rules***

- All players, team support staff and spectators must respect the rules of the venue and instructions of the venue controller. When players are not involved in the game, they must remain off the court including ½ time or time outs.
- No running or bouncing the ball in the corridor, seating areas, foyer, or reception area.
- Please walk only in designated areas around the courts and NO eating in the facility.
- Anyone found to be damaging the facility in any way will be removed immediately and suitable action taken. This may result in the school being invoiced.

## **Venues**

The venues will be allocated by GWSSBL with consideration where possible for travel scenarios.

## **Appeals and Judiciary**

**Referees** - any report from a match official against a player, team management or spectator involved in a GWSSBL sanctioned game must within 72 hours of the completion of that event, lodge their written report with the GWSSBL Advisory Group (via the GWSSBL Administrator) who will then deal with it in accordance with any RSO process or at the RSO request, by a WSSSA process.

**Other Person** - any complaint from any other person relating to a GWSSBL game must within 72 hours of the completion of that event lodge their written report with corroborating evidence initially to their school's Director of Sport. Then within this period, the Director of Sport should choose what action to take which may include dealing with it themselves or add their endorsement and forward it to GWSSBL Advisory Group (via the GWSSBL Administrator).

Any complaint relating to any alleged breach of the GWSSBL By-Laws or any other matter under the jurisdiction of WSSSA, must within 72 hours of the alleged breach be lodged in writing with corroborating evidence initially to their school's Director of Sport. Then within this period, the Director of Sport should choose what action to take which may include dealing with it themselves or add their endorsement and forward it to GWSSBL Advisory Group (via the GWSSBL Administrator) for resolution.

Any complaint that is not lodged through the Director of Sport nor has the endorsement of the complainant school's Director of Sport or Principal will be dismissed.

It is the responsibility of each school's Director of Sport to ensure their Principal is aware of any formal complaint and the nature of it.

The GWSSBL Advisory Group will consider all such complaints and depending on the nature of them shall either: (a) deal with the complaint itself in consultation with the principal(s) and parties of the school(s) concerned; (b) refer it to the WSSSA Complaints Review Committee; (c) refer it to the RSO; (d) in the absence of any established RSO process or a request by the RSO that WSSSA deal with a complaint, then a WSSSA representative may choose to deal with it themselves in consultation with the Principal(s) of the school(s) involved or refer it to Ga WSSSA CRC for their consideration and determination. Whichever, the following guidelines will be observed but with licence to go beyond if deemed appropriate/necessary:

- GWSSBL Basketball Advisory Group will gather any additional evidence deemed appropriate to the complaint.
- The Principal of the school or body against whom the complaint has been made will be notified in writing of the details of the complaint including the school, organisation or person bringing the complaint and the details of evidence provided.

- The principal receiving notice of the complaint will be asked to provide a written response to the WSS Basketball Advisory Group within 72 hours of the complaint being transmitted.
- A GWSSBL Advisory Group representative will then and where necessary in consultation with the WSSSA Chair, determine how the complaint is to be processed and advise the involved parties accordingly.
- The CRC and Hearing process proceeds as outlined in Appendix VII:

### **COMPLAINTS REVIEW & APPEAL PROCESS**

Any school wishing to appeal any Complaints Review Committee [CRC] decision and/or sanction must do so through its Principal, within 5 working days of any decision being formally notified and in doing so must include all the following:

- Written substantiated grounds for the appeal.
- The principal's signed endorsement of the appeal.
- An undertaking that the principal will attend the appeal hearing.
- A \$500.00 bond which the Appeals Committee may refund in whole or part pending the appeal outcome.

An appeal will have deemed to have been lodged when all of above have been received by the GWSSBL Administrator.

Ordinarily, appeals will be heard based on the record of the decision of the Disciplinary Panel [CRC] and the evidence received and considered by it.