

**Warrington
Basketball
Association
Team Participation
Handbook**

**2008/09
Winter Season**



WBA COMPETITION INFORMATION

Team Registration Fee

Junior team entry fee - £14 per team

Senior team entry fee - £20 per team

Warrington

Years 3&4, 5&6, 7&8 = £11.00 game fee + £4.00 for a referee

Year 9&10 = £13.00 game fee + £4.00 for a referee

Junior Under U19s = £14.50 game fee + £5.50 for a referee

Seniors = £19.00 game fee + £5.50 for a referee

New Season Entries Deadline

- Team entries for the Winter Season 2008/09 need to be returned completed by Monday 29th Sep 2008.
- Teams playing in the current Summer Season, who return a fully completed entry form by the closing date with the appropriate team fee, will be guaranteed a league position for the new season.
- After 29th September, all league places will be allocated on a “first-come-first-served” basis.

Length of Season

Season Starts	Christmas Break NO GAMES	Grand Finals
Mon 13 th Oct	20 th Dec – 2 nd Jan	Saturday 4 th April

League Age Restrictions

- All junior players must have been in the appropriate school year on the first day of the Winter Season.
- For Under 19 competitions, players must be born on 1st September 1990 or later.
- Players will not be permitted to play for a team that is two or more age groups above their own school year (*e.g. School year 3&4 player cannot play in year 7&8 or above*).

WBA RULE MODIFICATIONS

School Years 3&4 Competitions

Ball:	Size 5 Basketball
Baskets:	To be lowered to 8 feet
Free Throws:	2.80m from the basket (the dotted line of the circle)
Timing Rules:	There will be NO 3-SECOND RULE There will be NO 5-SECOND RULES There will be NO 8-SECOND RULE (getting the ball over half court) There will be NO 24-SECOND SHOT CLOCK
Half Court:	The backcourt rule does not apply

Once a team has scored, it must retreat back to the halfway line to defend. This principle allows the younger players to gain confidence in advancing the ball up the court. Teams may defend full court in the last two minutes of the game if the difference in the team's scores is less than 10.

School Years 5&6 Competitions

Ball:	Size 5 Basketball
Baskets:	Full height – 10 feet
Free Throws:	2.80m from the basket (the dotted line of the circle)
Timing Rules:	The 3-SECOND RULE (in the 'zone area') will be 5-SECONDS

Where a team is 20 points ahead of their opponents they must retreat to half court after scoring a basket.

Senior Mixed Competitions

Team Members

Teams must have at least two males and/or females on court at all times, except in circumstances resulting from injury or disqualification, where a team may go down to at least one of each sex. If players cannot be replaced legally then play continues with the reduced number of players.

Keyway restrictions

Males Males are prohibited from entering the far zone area (furthest from sports hall entrance)

Females Females are prohibited from entering the near zone area (nearest to the sports hall entrance)

If a male or female lands within the prohibited area, endline possession will be awarded to their opposition (if intentional zone area offences occur, a technical foul may result).

Ten Points Scoring Rule

Each player is restricted to scoring ten (10) points per game. Once all players named on a team's score sheet have scored ten points (unless fouled out), each player may then score ten points again.

Fixture Requests

All teams can expect to receive a fair distribution of match times throughout the season. Teams wishing to make any special requests regarding fixturing **MUST DO SO IN WRITING** and lodge this with the team's entry form. It should be noted that only legitimate requests will be considered. Every attempt will be made to cater for teams; however there is no guarantee that all requests will be met.

League Tables

League points for matches will be as follows:

Win = 3, Draw = 2, Loss = 1, Walkover = 0

New teams entering the leagues will be credited with 2 points for every league fixture up to 19th Dec 2008. After 19th Dec 2008 new teams **will not** be credited with 2 points per fixture to date and will be ineligible to play in the finals series (*see Grand Finals and Eligibility*).

The Top two teams from all divisions, excluding play-off results, will be promoted at the end of the Summer Season. The bottom two teams will be relegated.

Moving Divisions

Teams may move division only with a legitimate reason and with written permission from the Basketball Development / Administration Officer. The Basketball Development / Administration Officer will have the authority to move a team at any time in the season to an appropriate division to suit their ability level.

Teams moving UP a division will carry forward their current league points. Teams moving DOWN a division will be credited with 2 points per fixture to date.

After 19th Dec 2008, teams & players will not be permitted to change divisions / teams (except in exceptional circumstances. Teams will not receive any league points to date).

WBA TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

Team Contact

Each team shall nominate one person as a team contact for communication purposes during the season. It is the responsibility of the team to familiarise team members with league regulations and to distribute relevant information.

Scoresheets

All team players should print their full name and playing number on the scoresheet at least 10 minutes before the fixtured tip-off time. Scoresheets cannot be removed from reception until both teams have paid the correct team fee and the scoresheet is stamped "PAID". The last team to pay is responsible for taking the scoresheet to the scorebench. At the end of the game, the winning team should return the scoresheet to reception.

Players can join the game at any time only if they are registered for that team prior to the fixtured tip-off time.

Team Official (Scorer)

Every team must provide a competent scorer or timekeeper. The referee may delay the start of a match (not the clock) if teams fail to provide a scorer. Any team failing to provide a scorer may not lodge a protest in the event of a match dispute.

CONDUCT OF PLAYERS, COACHES AND SPECTATORS

Any player, coach or spectator reported to have conducted themselves in a manner contrary to the best interests of basketball may be suspended or disqualified from Ball Hall competitions. Any person suspended or disqualified may not play, coach or spectate at the Ball Halls.

Copies of the Ball Hall codes of conduct for players, coaches and spectators, as well as the Ball Hall disciplinary code may be obtained from the Ball Halls on request.

WBA LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

Timing Regulations

Each match will consist of halves of 20 minutes running clock with an interval of two minutes for half-time. Each team is permitted one time-out per half of one minute duration (running clock). The clock will stop only in the last two minutes of the match, on all referee's whistles and following successful field goals.

Uniforms

Teams must wear matching (in colour) shorts and vests, numbered on the front and back. Teams will be penalised 2 points per player if in incorrect uniform actioned by the official at half time, and no later.

Tracksuit pants are not allowed and will be classed as illegal uniform. Players requiring special consent should seek approval from the Basketball Development / Administration Officer.

T-shirts under vests are allowed but must be a similar colour as their uniforms dominant colour.

All new teams will be allowed six (6) games from their first league fixture to comply with Uniform Regulations. On the seventh game penalties of 2 points per player apply. A new player joining a team will also have six (6) games to comply with the uniform regulations.

Numbers must be in the ranges of: 4-99. (Numbers outside this range will be considered illegal, ie 0, 1, 2 and 3 are illegal number).

Please note that the uniform rule is enforced by the officials in all circumstances and is not at the discretion of the teams playing.

Colour Clashes

Teams with similar coloured uniforms should organise a change of bibs (available from the centre staff) before their fixtured tip-off time. The first named team on the match fixture shall have priority shall have priority of uniform colours.

Walkovers

A walkover occurs when:

A team cancels a fixtured match

A team is more than ten minutes late (see late start penalty)

A team has less than four legal players

A team fields an illegal player (see player restrictions)

In the event of a walkover the offending team will receive a win, with a match score 20-0.

In the event of a game not taking place due to a walkover the offending team will receive a walkover fine:

UN-NOTIFIED WALKOVER: double team fee penalty

NOTIFIED WALKOVER: (over 48 hours notice) double team fee less referees payments

Any team giving two (2) walkovers (notified or un-notified) will be disqualified from the competition.

In the event of exceptional circumstances the Basketball Development / Administration Officer has the authority to replay a forfeited match at a mutually convenient time for the teams concerned.

Walkover fines must be paid within one week. League points (2 per week) will be deducted for outstanding fines. League points deducted as a result of non-payment are not reimbursed after the fine is paid. Teams with outstanding fines will be ineligible to play in any finals series.

Scratch Match

A scratch match is a match where ineligible players are involved to avoid a walkover. Both teams are required to pay their full game fees with the match being played under normal conditions. In this situation the team who was unable to field a legal team, will not receive a fine and will receive one (1) league point. The other team will receive a win, with score of 20-0.

Late Start Penalty

The referees will commence all games on time. When time is called to begin play, any team not ready on court with a minimum of 4 players ready to play will be penalised 2 points per minute, actioned by the referee at the start of the game. The scoresheet must be on the scorebench with a paid stamp next to both teams before the game can start. After 10 minutes walkover penalties apply.

Player Restrictions

All Yr 3&4 and Yr 5&6 are mixed competitions. Yr 7&8 up are single sex competitions, unless stated otherwise. Players must be in year 9 or above to play in senior competitions. Any teams fielding illegal players will forfeit the game 20-0.

Each team may not register more than 3 national league players at any time during the season. The exceptions to the rule are where existing teams have more than 3 players registered for national league entering the season, or where a player is selected to play national league during the season which takes their quota above 3. Any other exceptions can only be approved by the WBA, and teams should make these requests in writing.

Player & Team Transfers

Players may transfer to another team/club during the season. Players wishing to transfer between team/clubs may only do so by completing a transfer form & with authorised permission of the Basketball Development / Administration Officer. Players transferring teams without permission will forfeit or lose all matches whilst illegally participating.

Moving & Entering Divisions

Teams may move division only with a legitimate reason and with written permission from the Basketball Development / Administration Officer. The Basketball Development / Administration Officer will have the authority to move a team at any time in the season to an appropriate division to suit their ability level. Teams moving up a division will carry forward their current league points. Teams moving down (or entering) a division will be credited with 2 points per fixture. After 7th June 2008 teams will not be permitted to change divisions / teams (except in exceptional circumstances, in which case teams will receive no league points to date).

Grand Finals & Eligibility

Grand Finals will be held on **Sat 4th April 2009**. To qualify for the play-offs and grand finals, a player must have played a total of **five** league games before the play-offs and grand final series. Team organisers should not write a players name on the scoresheet unless he/she plays in that game.

Byes do not count as a game played. It is the club/team responsibility to ascertain a player's final eligibility at least two (2) weeks prior to the Grand Finals series (including play-offs). All queries must be in writing.

For the Year 3&4 competition, the season will finish with normal league games, and they will not take part in any play-off series. Medals will be awarded to league winners and runners up. All players in the years 3 to 6 competitions will receive participation medals.

For all other competitions, the top four placed teams in the league will qualify for play-offs and will play semi-finals (1st v 4th, 2nd v 3rd) followed by a final on grand finals day. All other teams will play play-off matches on semi-finals day (eg 5th v 6th, 7th v 8th etc.)

Dunking Rule

Any person found hanging on the rings will be charged with a Technical Foul and may be suspended from continuing to play in that game. The full cost of any damage caused to a basket by dunking or swinging on the ring must be paid by the offender before that person will be allowed to recommence playing at the Ball Hall.

Court Responsibilities

The team coach or, in their absence, team captain is responsible for the conduct of his/her team's players, scorers and spectators. Please read the guidelines concerning codes of conduct and spectator behaviour. Coaches and spectators must stay in their teams appointed area & cannot move up and down the sidelines.

Blood Rule

If a player should bleed during the course of a game they must leave the court immediately and may not return until all bleeding has stopped or suitably covered. Any blood on players clothing, the ball or surface of the court must be cleaned before play can recommence.

Pregnancy

No player may compete once she has passed the 3-months mark.

Jewellery & Fingernails

All jewellery is to be removed with the exception of medical alert bracelets, flat wedding rings and newly acquired pierced earrings which shall be taped. Any other piercing that cannot be removed must be taped.

No adornment that may endanger player safety shall be worn. This includes hair clips/slides etc.

Fingernails must be short and smooth. The referee may check this but captains should check players before games. Acrylic nails will only be allowed if short and smooth. Nails are not allowed to be covered in order to avoid cutting.

Personal Belongings Disclaimer

All participants, spectators, coaches and match officials are responsible for their own personal belongings and vehicles whilst attending the Ball Hall. B. H. Sports Management Ltd will not accept any responsibility for any items lost, stolen or damaged at the Ball Hall. It is advised that items of value such as jewellery and mobile phones are not brought to the Ball Hall.

First Aid

Teams should provide their own first aid kits and ice packs. The Ball Hall does not provide ice packs for injuries. Any application of ice to injuries is done at the discretion of the team. All Ball Halls have a basic emergency first aid kit. All injuries are to be reported to the Basketball Development / Administration Officer as soon as they occur and the Accident Book completed.

Alcohol & Drugs

No player or official is allowed to compete at the Ball Hall if they are under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances.

Smoking Policy

All Ball Halls have a no smoking policy. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the building or outside the front entrance to the Ball Halls.

Photography

Anyone wishing to use a camera, still or video must before attempting to use that camera, register their intent with the Ball Hall staff at reception.

Complaints

Where possible complaints should be directed to the Basketball Development / Administration Officer at the time of the game in a calm and courteous manner. Threatening and abusive conduct towards Ball Hall staff from players, coaches, spectators and officials will not be tolerated and such actions will be reported to the Management who will take disciplinary action against offenders, which may lead to prosecution.

The Complaints Procedure is on the back page of this handbook and is also displayed at each Ball Hall.

ALL OTHER ENGLAND BASKETBALL RULES APPLY

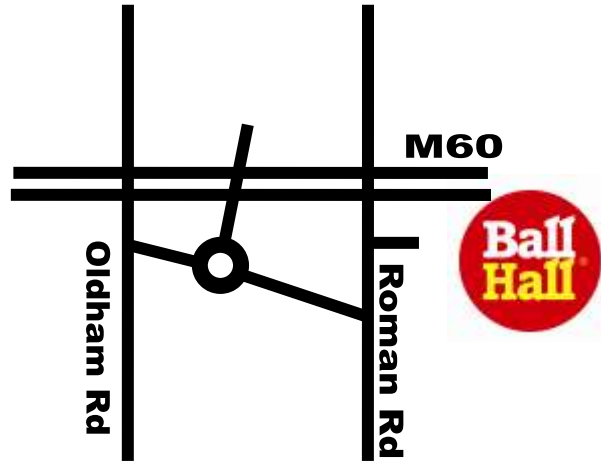
Team Organiser's Notes:

THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL FACILITIES NETWORK

Oldham Ball Hall Sport For All Centre

Kaskenmoor School
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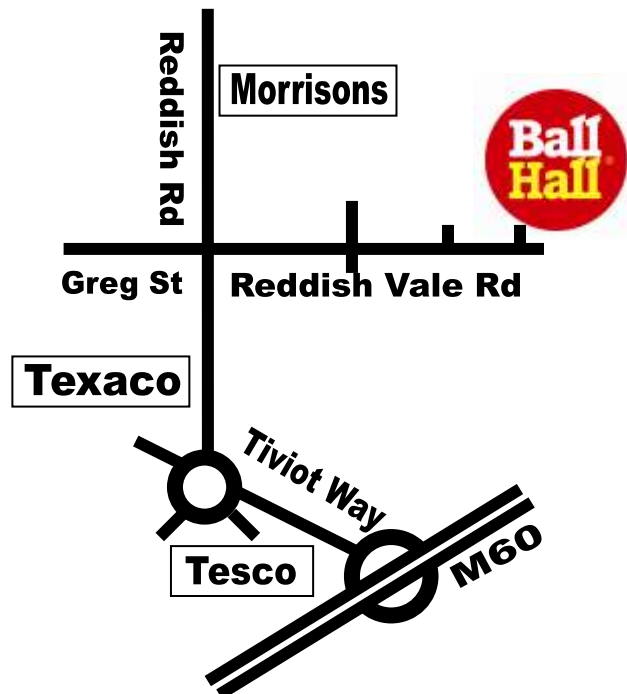
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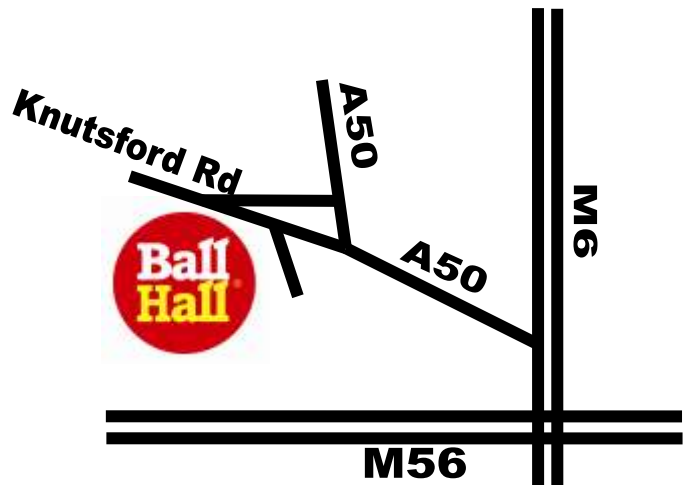
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Complaints Procedure

The Complaints Procedure has been established to provide patrons of the Ball Halls with a formal procedure to address issues that arise from programmes conducted at the Ball Hall.

- 1. All complaints must be placed in writing and forwarded to the Programme Supervisor no sooner than 24 hours after the event and no later than 5 days.**
- 2. The correspondence should outline the relevant concerns including the nature and, where possible the full names and contact details of those involved.**
- 3. Within seven days of receiving the correspondence, the Centre Management will investigate the matter raised. This investigation can include discussing the issues with individuals named in the original correspondence along with other relevant parties.**
- 4. Once the investigation has been finalised, a written response will be forwarded.**
- 5. If the complainant is not satisfied with the outcome, a letter of appeal can be submitted to:**

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