



## **Hills Raiders Basketball Association**

### **WABL Player Allocation Policy for HRBA Domestic Seasons**

#### **Rationale**

As the Raiders WABL footprint continues to expand and deepen it is important that Domestic basketball continues to thrive in an environment of equality but that domestic clubs are not penalised for player development as they produce WABL quality players.

This policy puts boundaries in place to prevent “stacking” domestic teams with representative players, creating super teams that give other teams no chance of winning. However, this needs to be balanced by encouraging domestic clubs to develop players along a high-performance pathway, but not suffer for that effort by being unable to play those players with their friends and coaches.

A player selected to play in the Western Australian Basketball League (WABL) for any Association, from the most current season, being January to December 2023, will be defined as a WABL player.

When selecting players to be registered for a team, the following restrictions apply:

#### **GIRLS:**

- Maximum of 5 WABL players in a team when playing in an age-appropriate grade, (maximum of 2 Championship players).
- If more than 5 WABL players, the team must play up an age grade. The Coach or Club Registrar can allocate the team to a division which will be reviewed during the grading process.

#### **BOYS:**

- Maximum of 4 WABL players in a team when playing in an age-appropriate grade, (maximum of 2 Championship players).
- If more than 4 WABL players, the team must play up an age grade. The Coach or Club Registrar can allocate the team to a division which will be reviewed during the grading process.

All girls and boy teams with the maximum number of WABL players described above are to play in Division 1 of the age-appropriate grade.

Hills Raiders Basketball Association reserves the right to apply an exemption to this rule where appropriate. HRBA reserves the right to refuse any team or player into the competition. Team divisions may be changed at the end of the grading process as determined by HRBA.



## **Interpretation**

The following definitions apply to the classification of a WABL player.

- A WABL player is considered current for the most recent season of WABL, which in this case is the 2023 season of WABL.
- If a player is moving to the next age grade in the Domestic competition, they will be counted as a WABL player regardless of the WABL age group they participated in during the 2023 WABL season.
- If a player has applied to play in a team a full age grade above their age, their WABL status will not be counted for that team.
- If a player has not participated in the most recent WABL season they are no longer classified as a WABL player.
- The WABL Allocation Policy will be reviewed and updated annually.