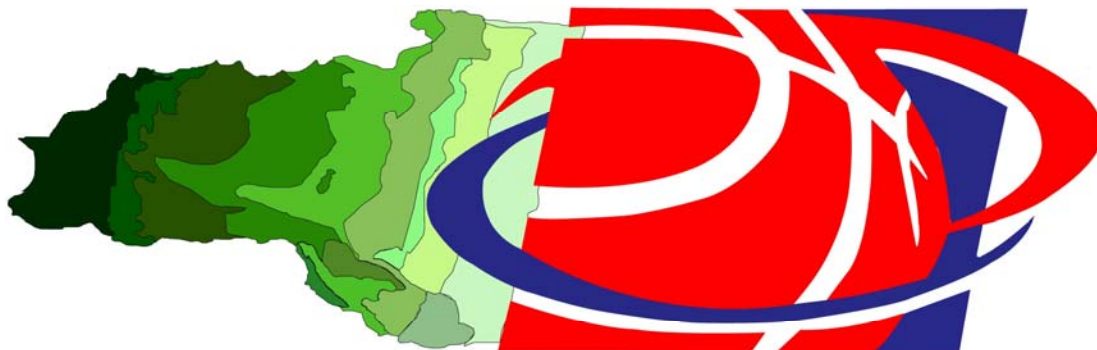


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2010 RULES & GOVERNANCE MANUAL



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MISSION STATEMENT

To exercise a leadership role in the promotion and development of the sport of basketball for all levels of athletes, participants, leaders, and volunteers. With an intensive effort to grow the sport of basketball; making it both accessible and the preferred sport across Western Jamaica.

GOVERNANCE

This commission shall set forth all rules and regulations of the various basketball programs and shall represent the last avenue of appeals and disputes within the WBA and all sanctioned tournaments and leagues.

CONTACT DETAILS

Its Board of Directors governs the WBA. The Board is comprised of the executive members of the WBA and representatives of each of its affiliates.

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1. PLAYING RULES

The league shall be governed by FIBA rules and regulations regarding basketball except where the WBA League commission has adopted special rules.

All WBA Leagues must adopt these general playing and participation rules. Any additional local rules relative to respective competition or administrative requirements must not contravene this document. Variations may be approved by Executive Council (WBA Commission) if deemed not to change the intent of the relative rule.

- 1.1 The WBA Playing Rules shall be the rules of FIBA. Variations to the WBA Playing Rules may be granted by the WBA on a League by league and case by case basis.
- 1.2 Each WBA men's league games shall consist of 4 x 10 minute quarters. This will also be applicable to WBA women's league games.
- 1.3 Acceptable playing numbers shall be; **4-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45 & 50-55.**
- 1.4 Each player in the men's competition is permitted five (5) personal fouls in each 40-minute game and each player in the women's competition are permitted five (5) personal fouls in each 40-minute game.
- 1.5 Ten (10) minutes must be set aside for team warm-ups prior to the start of the game. The pre-game warm-up can be changed to a minimum of five (5) minutes at the discretion and agreement of BOTH teams.
- 1.6 Half-time is 5-10 minutes at the discretion of the referees, but there must be a minimum of five (5) minutes for player warm-ups. Time between quarters shall be two (2) minutes.

Before the first and third periods, teams are entitled to warm-up in the half of the court in which their opponent's basket is situated.

The game referee shall closely police dunking in warm-ups. After warning the ENTIRE team ONCE, the referees shall penalize by a bench technical foul any player who snaps the basket release or attacks the rim in a manner that suggests damage may be done.

- 1.7 Roster size: each team is entitled to suit up and play twelve (12) players per game, provided that each player has complied with the relevant registration requirements.
- 1.8 Ensure all requirements are in place for assigned game where the team is designated as home team. This includes preparing court, benches, official tables and assisting with wiping up should there be rain.

For all games, the second team named in the programme (home team) shall have the Team bench and its own basket, on the right side of the scorers' table, facing the playing court.

However if the two teams involved agree, they may exchange the team benches and/or baskets.

- 1.9. Each team shall have two sets of uniforms. Where a clash in uniform colours occurs the home team wears light colour, visiting team dark colour.

2. PROFANITY & PHYSICAL ABUSE

- 2.1 Any player or coach using **PROFANITY** on or off the court shall be ejected from the game and they will not be allowed to participate in their next scheduled game. A second offence to this rule will result in suspension for the remaining of the season.
- 2.2 The interpretation of 'off the court' will include both the interior and exterior of the venue being used.
- 2.3 **FIGHTING is prohibited in the WBA and participants are subjected to suspension and fines, pending League commission decision.**
- 2.4 A player or coach verbally threatening or physically attacking an official or any member of the WBA Executive will not be allowed to participate in any WBA event.

3. MATCH BALL

- 3.1 The WBA owns the rights to the game ball and as determined by the WBA, this will be the only approved basketball to be used.

Men shall play with the size seven (7) 12 panel basketball and the women with the size (6) 12 panel basketball.

4. CLUBS

Each team shall consist of a CERTIFIED coach and consist of no less than eight (8) players and no more than fifteen (15) players. Every team must have a named Coach, who must pay a registration fee that will be determined on a yearly basis by the Executive Council. This fee should accompany the clubs registration.

- 4.1 The Western Basketball Association always reserves the right to accept or reject the registration of any club, player or coach.
- 4.2 Each certified coach and player must present their WBA issued identification badges at every game. Failure to do so can result in a penalty, fine or restriction of access to the court.

- 4.3 Each team must complete all forms supplied by the WBA in full and return them by the date specified. Failure to do so will result in that team's suspension from play until all completed forms have been returned.
- 4.4 No individuals shall be allowed to take part in any competition until twenty-four (24) hours after his/her registration by his/her Association or Club.
- 4.5 In the case of the Men's/Women's Knockout Competitions, players are restricted from participating in both Junior and Senior Knockouts if and where applicable
- 4.6 All players in the WBA's tournaments must be bona-fide members of the Association, Club, School or College for which they are competing and must be registered players of the WBA. A School player may represent his/her School in the School League and any Club as long as he/she is a bona-fide member of said Club and adheres to the regulation regarding registration under his/her section.
- 4.7 Non-Nationals shall be eligible to participate in any WBA competition after they have been in this country for one month.
- 4.8 A fee to be determined by the Western Basketball Association will be incurred for late registration. Final dates of registration will be announced by the WBA.
- 4.9 No more than four (4) persons may sit on a bench as team officials.
- 4.10 The coach or club management shall be responsible for the conduct and eligibility of their players.

5. TEAM MEMBERS

- 5.1 Minimum age is 16 years of age. Beginning in the 2011 season, the suggested maximum age will be 35 years of age. After this age, players are encouraged to develop a Masters League and to give back to the sport by coaching and officiating.
- 5.2 A club which is unable to field a team may merge with another club providing each club agrees to support their merged coaches and players and there are no other outstanding impediments such as unpaid fines.
- 5.3 The commissioner has the right to enquire about any team member's eligibility based on the individual representation by the club. Disciplinary action will be enforced if the member is proved ineligible.
- 5.4 Each team member, who is physically capable of doing so, must play in each of his or her team's game. Non compliance will result in game forfeiture.

- 5.5 **DRUGS, ALCOHOL (in glass bottles), TOBACCO, MARIJUANA, PROFANITY, ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED AT ALL WBA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS AND LEAGUES. Any *player* found violating this restriction, on the court or in the stands will be immediately suspended for a minimum of two games.**

Smoking tobacco (fans) is not permitted in the stands and must be restricted to the parking lot area, away from players and other fans.

Drinking of beer in the stands is permitted for fans, but not in glass bottles, for reasons of safety.

Use of profanity by fans will be closely monitored. The first occasion of profanity will receive a warning from WBA security/board members. The second use, on the same occasion, will result in removal from the premises and a one (1) game ban.

Repeated use of profanity over several games could result in a permanent ban from WBA sanctioned games.

6. DRESS CODE

The Dress Code will be that as set out in the Rules and Regulations of FIBA.

- 6.1 Team shall wear uniforms that comply with FIBA specifications (that is, a large number on the back of the jersey, with a small number on the front).
- 6.2 Teams are not obliged to have numbers attached to the shorts; but, if they choose to should ensure that the numbers correspond with those on the jersey – that is, the shorts and the jersey must carry the same number.
- 6.3 All team members shall wear the same colour and type uniform for games, with no difference in shade or design.
- 6.4 Socks must be worn above and be visible two inches (2") above the rim of the sneakers. The team's socks must be the same colour, with no difference in shade or design.
- 6.5 All players (including women) must place their shirts inside their playing shorts during a game.
- 6.6 Playing shorts **MUST NOT** be worn below the hips.

For all games:-

- The home team named in the fixtures shall wear the light coloured shirts (preferably white).
- The visiting team named in the fixtures shall wear dark coloured shirts.

- 6.7 It is the responsibility of the home team (i.e., the team named first) to find out which colour the visiting team (i.e., the team named last), will be wearing for a game and to make the necessary adjustment as to dress to avoid clashes of colours.

7. LEAGUE COMMISSION

This special committee will be appointed by the Executive and shall consist of the Vice President of Leagues, the Vice President of Development, the Commissioner and any other person(s) so appointed.

The League Commission so appointed shall:

- 7.1 Provide overall administration for all competitions;
- 7.2 Replace teams that have withdrawn from any competition if required;
- 7.3 Consider all protests;
- 7.4 Appoint game officials;
- 7.5 Approve venues for matches in accordance with the safety, development of the game and times for matches;
- 7.6 Set guidelines for the registration of teams and the approval of appropriate identification for players and officials.
- 7.7 Be present at all games and ensure the smooth operation of the game day.

8. COMPETITIONS

The official competitions of the WBA are as follows:-

- 8.1 The League Tournaments (Men's Basketball Championship, Men's Basketball Development League and the Female Basketball League);
- 8.2 The Mini School League Tournament;
- 8.3 The President's Cup Knockout Tournament;
- 8.4 Invitation Tournaments;
- 8.5 The Acid Dennis Memorial Game (the mid-season final game).

- *The League Tournaments* are the major tournaments organized by the WBA and shall

form the basis of any promotion and relegation i.e. Men's Basketball Championship, Men's Basketball Development League and Female Basketball League

- *The Mini School Camps* are league tournaments for Preparatory and Primary Schools usually held close to and/or during the summer months.
 - *The Knockout Tournaments* are elimination round tournaments, the number of which during the season is determined by the WBA Executive i.e. The President's Cup.
 - *The Invitation Tournaments* are specifically sponsored tournaments organized by the WBA at which various local or regional teams will be selected and/or invited for participation.
 - *The Acid Dennis Memorial Game* will be played between the first and second place team of the Men's Basketball Championship at the half way point of the season.
- 8.6 The WBA Executive has the right to determine the amount, type and length of each tournament to be held from season to season and teams must participate in all official tournaments of the WBA for which they are scheduled.

9. POST-SEASON & PLAYOFFS

- 9.1 The WBA Leagues commission shall be responsible for determining format and sites of the playoffs and championship games.
- 9.2 The WBA Leagues commission shall set date and times for championship games.
- 9.3 A player must play a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of regular season games in order to be eligible for play in the post season games. The only exception will be if the individual is away at school (out of town) at the start of the season and his/her name is on the roster from the beginning of the season.

10. FEES

- 10.1 All league fees shall be determined by the WBA Executive prior to the beginning of each season and or tournament.
- 10.2 Fees (and any pending fines) shall be paid by the specified date set by the WBA, failure to comply with this or any other registration requirement prohibits the team from participating in the league.
- 10.3 Pay ALL match fees (*if applicable*) before the scheduled game.

11. PUNCTUALITY AND FORFEITURE

- 11.1 All games must start within the designated time schedule. If all teams are not present at the beginning of a game, a fifteen (15) minute grace period will be allowed. An additional fifteen (15) minutes may be granted to teams from out of town, providing contact was made to the WBA ahead of time. The game will be forfeited after the 2nd grace period.

Unless there are significant and explainable extenuating circumstances, the forfeiting team will be responsible to pay the cost of the table officials and referees present at match time and will not be eligible to play their next match until those costs have been covered.

The league commissioner will enforce the penalty.

All Clubs and Officials taking part in the SECOND GAME **MUST** arrive one (1) hour after the scheduled time for the first game

- 11.2 Any team forfeiting three (3) games without satisfactory excuse will be automatically banned from competition and demoted to the lowest division in the subsequent season, if their application for registration is accepted by the WBA Executive Council.
- 11.3 Any Club that is found to have played an unregistered player will forfeit the game, in the first offence. The second offence will have such team removed from all competitions for the balance of the year.
- 11.4 All teams will be required to participate in opening and closing ceremonies when instructed to do so; this includes dress parade, interviews or media launches. **Failure to do will result in the club being fined a maximum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00).**

12. NOTIFICATION

- 12.1 Clubs must be given at least forty-eight (48) hours notice of changes in fixtures in which they are directly involved.
- 12.2 During Playoffs and Knockout rounds, Clubs may be given a minimum of twenty- four (24) hours notice for games.
- 12.3 Clubs requesting to have games postponed or rescheduled should give the Secretary or Leagues Manager at least seven (7) days notice of such intentions in writing and specify the reasons for their request.

13. OFFICIALS (WEBOB)

The Western Basketball Officiating Body (WeBOB) shall be responsible for:

- 13.1 Providing referees for all games;
- 13.2 Ensuring that all reports are presented to the League Committee within twenty four (24) hours of any reported incident;
- 13.3 Ensuring that all relevant forms are completed and presented to the League Committee;
- 13.4 Providing certification for table officials for all leagues;
- 13.5 Conducting clinics for referees/officials.
- 13.6 Every referee desirous of participating in the Western Basketball Association shall –
 - a. Be a member of the technical Commission;
 - b. Sign a code of conduct under which the referee will be governed;
 - c. Sign a contract with WeBOB for refereeing of games
 - d. Once the game has started the officials are responsible for the continuation, completion and conduct of the game. The commissioner on site may intervene upon the request of the officials.

14. APPEALS & PROTESTS

- 14.1 All protest shall be forwarded to the WBA President in writing within 24 hours of the occurrence of such incident.
- 14.2 A five hundred dollars (\$500.00) fee must accompany each written protest. This five hundred dollars (\$500.00) fee will be refunded if the protest is deemed legitimate.
- 14.3 Protests involving an official's judgment call will not be entertained. Protests tendered after the specified time will not be honored. Late protests will not be considered.
- 14.4 The person against whom a complaint is lodged shall bear his own cost and expenses for the hearing.

15. TRANSFERS

Transfer requests during the year can be made to the WBA League commission. The application fee for a transfer is **Seven Hundred Dollars (\$700.00)** and WBA has the responsibility of responding to transfer applications within 7 working days.

- 15.1 Players registered in an upper Division cannot participate in a lower Division. A lower division player is allowed to participate in an upper division for a maximum of **three (3) games**. On playing their fourth game that player **MUST** remain in that upper division for the duration of the season. Should a Club register more than one team in a particular division, players of those teams **CANNOT** switch zones. These stipulations apply to all competitions
- 15.2 The team to which the player is to be transferred should request the transfer by completing the transfer form prescribed by the WBA.
- 15.3 The team from which the player is being transferred should sign the said form consenting to the transfer.

16. PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY

- 16.1 Each game should be promoted and advertised by WBA where applicable to obtain maximum attendance. When and where applicable, the match should be presented with a suitable program, appropriate announcements; music and half-time entertainment for better enjoyment by patrons. Such music should enhance the atmosphere of the game rather than being a noisy distraction; there needs to be supervised discretion exercised by the commissioner/executive.
- 16.2 League awards are to be presented at the end of the season from game statistics recorded. Each statistical award shall be determined by a per average-per player with a minimum of 50% of games played to qualify. Games missed due to national team commitments shall count in calculations of awards.
- 16.3 The WBA logo is to be provided free of charge to members for uniform purposes; with a limit of 30 per member team per season.

17. AWARDS

The competition plays for the **Men's Basketball Championship trophy**, which will be awarded to the Grand Final game/series winner.

A trophy will be awarded to the **Most Valuable Player** of the season based on votes cast by the head coaches during the regular season.

A trophy will be awarded to the **Grand Finals Most Valuable Player**.

A trophy will be awarded to the **Coach of the Year** based on votes cast by the head coaches. The winning coach shall receive *the Dean "Fat Riley" Williams* award.

Team Discipline award will be made to the teams demonstrating in free throw shooting.

They will be recipients of the *Dwayne Headley Award*. **Referees of the Year** shall be determined as those referees appointed to the respective League Grand Finals.

Table Official of the Year shall be determined by the WBA Executive.

Games played recognition awards will be made to players and to teams to recognize every one hundred (100) games of participation in the Men's Basketball Championship.

Games officiated awards will be made to referees and umpires to recognize every one hundred (100) games of participation in the Men's Basketball Championship.

Individual statistical awards will be made to the top-ranked players in these categories:

- Assists
- Blocks
- Leading scorer
- Leading rebounder
- Steals

17.1 **Media Awards**

Media Awards shall be presented acknowledging excellence in the following categories on a League basis.

- Best Feature Story
- Best Action Photograph
- Best Print Coverage
- Best Radio Coverage
- Best Television Coverage

17.2 An All-Star Five will be awarded by votes cast by head coaches during the regular season for players in these categories:

1. Point Guard
2. Shooting Guard
3. Small Forward
4. Power Forward
5. Centre

18. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

In circumstances where there are persistent or willful breaches of these By-Laws, fines / penalties will be imposed.

WBA will use the Jamaica Basketball Association's Judicial Regulations for dealing with allegations of an offence arising from WBA related activities by persons over whom the WBA has jurisdiction.

Allegations of misconduct in relation to a WBA game (including conduct before or after the game) are to be made in the manner described in the JABA Judicial Regulations.

The Western Basketball Association, shall for the purposes of these rules, be the designated recipient of all reports of an alleged offence.

The WBA shall annually appoint a Disciplinary Committee comprising a minimum of three persons who have no connection with any WBA team or other associated basketball bodies and who shall be responsible for considering reports forwarded by the League Commissioner in accordance with these rules and the JABA Judicial Regulations.

All individual player penalties recorded in game(s) and suspensions are to apply to WBA league games, national team games; any other affiliated competition and Jamaica Basketball affiliated Leagues and Competitions. Without limiting the sanctions or penalties which may be imposed by the Disciplinary Committee, if for any reason, any player or member of the coaching staff is ejected from any WBA game that person will receive an automatic one-game suspension following the game from which they were ejected.

An appeal of a decision(s) is to be made through the Western Basketball Association appeals process – which is a separate committee of no less than three neutral persons. The selected individuals will not be affiliated to any other club or body.

19. PENALTIES – COACHES & TEAM OFFICIALS

- 19.1 Coaches who are disqualified and expelled from the vicinity of the court for having two (2) technical fouls shall receive no further sanction.
- 19.2 If a coach or other team official is disqualified and expelled from the game for insulting the Referees, Table Officials or a constituted official he shall be sanctioned with a three (3) game suspension. Any subsequent occurrence and such a person shall be suspended for the remainder of the season and fined Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)
- 19.3 If a coach or other team official provokes or initiates an incident or commits aggression against a Referee, Table Official or any opposing player, such a person shall be suspended for one (1) year and be fined Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

- 19.4 If a coach is expelled from the game for excessive protesting to the referees and/or table officials he shall be sanctioned with a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Subsequent occurrences will attract a doubling of the fine on each occasion.
- 19.5 Coaches and their assistants must be dressed in full-length pants and shirt with sleeve and collar for their games. Failure to comply will result in such a coach being ineligible to participate in the game.
- 19.6 Coaches will not be allowed to participate in any game while wearing sandals or slippers, unless in extenuating circumstances for which prior approval must be given by the WBA Executive.
- 19.7 It will be compulsory that coaches and players meet and shake hands at mid-court at the end of all games. (Failure to do so will be regarded as a breach of discipline and will be subject to fines and penalties.)

20. PENALTIES – REFEREES & OFFICIALS

- 20.1 Referees who fail to submit written reports regarding incidents which occur during games in which they officiate, within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence shall be suspended for two (2) weeks. This sanction may be waived if after careful evaluation it can be proven that unforeseen circumstances had prevented the report being prepared.
- 20.2 Referees who refuse to officiate in games to which they had been assigned shall be suspended for three (3) weeks.
- 20.3 Referees must be at a venue half an hour prior to the scheduled time for each match to which they are assigned. As with teams, there will be a fifteen (15) minute grace period from the scheduled start time. Failure to do so, without twenty-four (24) hours prior notification will result in a penalty of fifty percent (50%) of their match fee.
- 20.4 Referees who behave in a manner that brings discredit and disrespect to their status as well as bring the game into disrepute shall be immediately suspended and will face the Disciplinary Committee.
- 20.5 Referees who fail to turn up for an assignment without giving twenty-four (24) hours adequate notice shall be suspended for three (3) weeks and cover the cost of the other referee(s) and table officials. Any subsequent occurrence will attract suspension for the remainder of the season.
- 20.6 Referees who openly criticize and condemn other game officials in the presence of players and spectators shall be reported to the Disciplinary Committee. During this period such officials will not be eligible to officiate in any games until the Disciplinary Committee acts on the issue.

21. PENALTIES – PLAYERS

PLAYER OFFENCES PLUS MINIMUM PENALTY

- 21.1 **Ejection** from a game - \$1,000.00 fine plus automatic one (1) match suspension.
- 21.2 Repetition of this offence for season - \$3,000.00 fine plus (3) match suspension
- 21.3 Further repetition of this offence for season - \$5,000.00 fine plus six (6) match suspension.
- 21.4 **Violence** against another player - \$2,000.00 fine plus 3 matches suspension
- 21.5 Repetition of this offence for season - \$5,000.00 fine plus suspension for the rest of the season.
- 21.6 **Serious Acts of violence*** against another player - \$5,000.00 fine plus 6 matches Suspension
- 21.7 Repetition of this offence for season - \$10,000.00 fine plus suspension for the rest of the season and next season.
- 21.8 Acts of violence against a referee, match official or WBA executive - \$3,000.00 fine plus six (6) match suspension.
- 21.9 Repetition of this offence during the season - \$10,000.00 fine and suspension for the rest of this season.
- 21.10 **Serious Acts of violence*** against a referee, match official or WBA executive - \$10,000.00 fine plus suspension for rest of season
- 21.11 General lack of team, or known spectator, discipline before during or after a game - \$10,000.00 fine for the team

DEFINITION OF OFFENCES

AUTOMATIC EJECTION

- a) Repeatedly contesting a referee's decision
- b) Leaving the court of play in protest
- c) Offensive or rude gestures to an opponent, spectators, the referee, match officials or WBA executive present at a game.
- d) Insulting, rude, and/or disparaging remarks to a referee, match official or WBA executive official present at a game.

- e) Abusive and indecent language
- f) Unsportsmanlike behavior
- g) Failure to obey instructions of officials
- h) Showing dissent
- i) Kicking or throwing away the match ball
- j) Leaving the court of play and immediately removing playing vest
- k) Feigning an injury

(An ejection can be made from the court of play, the bench, the stands or extended place where the game is held)

ACTS OF VIOLENCE

- a) Striking an opponent or official once; including hitting, slapping, kicking and punching
- b) Deliberately colliding into a referee or an official during before or after a game
- c) Spitting at a opponent or an official
- d) Inciting others to become violent or boisterous.
- e) Threatening or intimidating an opponent or the match officials with violence.

SERIOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE

- a) Fighting; including trading punches, kicking, and repeatedly hitting an opponent or official or anyone
- b) Deliberate assaults that cause actual physical harm to anyone
- c) Wounding with intent; causing blood to emit from an opponent or official
- d) Violent conduct using a weapon to implement harm to another
- e) A brawl at a match
- f) Any other serious incidents of violence that causes actual physical injury to an opponent or official

LACK OF DISCIPLINE

- a) Invasion of the court or playing area
- b) Throwing of missiles
- c) Persistent insulting, disparaging or rude remarks; gestures to an opponent or the match officials.
- d) Unruly behavior
- e) Threatening an opponent or the match officials.

BRINGING THE GAME INTO DISPUTE

- a) Making public statements in the media about a referee, match official or WBA official which can be classified as disparaging, insulting, defamatory, or rude.
- b) Failure to honor a fixture
- c) Any other matter in the consideration of the WBA that would cause the game of basketball in western Jamaica to fall into disrepute.

Bringing the game into disrepute - \$5,000.00 fine

APPENDICIES:

COACHES BEHAVIOURAL GUIDELINES

Definition

- It is a requirement of all Clubs affiliated with Western Basketball Association to assume responsibility for the conduct of all athletes, coaches and spectators under their jurisdiction.

Goal Statement

- Violation of the Guidelines for Behaviour of Coaches and Athletes will be dealt with under the Western Basketball Association Discipline Policy.

Actions

- Always model mature behaviour consistent with that of WBA's Guidelines for Behaviour.
- **Be a Leader**, a positive influence and a role model.
- Reward effort, fair play and commitment.
- Recognize and respect the difference in your athletes.
- Demonstrate respect for all individuals involved in the game.
- Always consider the physical and emotional well being of the athletes.
- Communicate in a positive and rational manner.
- Respect the opposing coach within the spirit of the game.
- Always attempt to contribute to the betterment of the game.

PLAYERS' BEHAVIOURAL GUIDELINES

Definition

- Anyone who participates in an athletic activity is considered an athlete. It is expected that each athlete will compete to the best of his/her abilities at all times, keeping in mind the spirit of competition and of the game.

Goal Statement

- Any athlete participating in Western Basketball Association sanctioned events will be expected to adhere to the following Guidelines for Behaviour:
- **FAIR PLAY** is an athlete's first priority.
- Participate for the love and enjoyment of the game.
- Respect the efforts and accomplishments of your team mates and your opponents.
- Respect officials, coaches, spectators and event organizers.

- Respect the facility you visit or in which you play.
- Respect the rules of the game.

EXPECTATIONS OF CLUBS' SPECTATORS

Definition

- It is a requirement of all Clubs affiliated with Western Basketball Association to assume responsibility for the conduct of all athletes, coaches and spectators under their jurisdiction.
- Violation of the Guidelines for Behaviour of Coaches and Athletes will be dealt with under the Fair Play Policy. With respect to the enforcement of the conduct Policy for Spectators, we need your help and co-operation.

The following Procedures should be applied:

1. Should team spectators violate these Guidelines, a member of the Executive or Tournament Management Committee or a Western Basketball Association representative will approach the group and advise that its behaviour is not acceptable.
2. Should the behavior continue, the Western Basketball Association representative will approach the coach or an executive member of the club, if present and ask for their co-operation in dealing with this kind of situation.
3. If the Coach neglects to provide assistance, and/or should the behaviour persist, the Western Basketball Association representative will then bring the situation to the attention of the Game Official(s) and any or all of the following penalties may be invoked in the unfettered discretion of the Game Official(s): **a technical foul, suspension of play, or spectator ejection from stands.**

WBA PLAYER PLEDGE

A WBA Basketball Player:

- Knows that playing basketball is a privilege and not a right. As an athlete, he/she prioritizes his/her academics first, basketball second and social life third.
- Is responsible for his/her actions and realizes that his/her life is about decisions and choices. Possesses a genuine love for a hard battle, pushing his body physically, mentally and emotionally.
- Embraces a commitment to excellence and strives to be the positive, enthusiastic overachiever that his/her coaches continually push him/her to be.

- Is a unifier and not a divider, thinking of the team first, realizing his team is built with a family atmosphere of trust and dependability, always showing compassion and genuine concern for others.

It is a requirement that each individual player and coach must have read and understood the Rules and acknowledge same by signing the document **“Acknowledgement and Acceptance of the 2010 WBA Rules and Governance Manual”** before they will be allowed to participate in WBA sanctioned games.

Acknowledgement and Acceptance of the 2010 WBA Rules and Governance Manual

I, the undersigned club member, do acknowledge that I have read, understood and will comply with the 2010 Men's Basketball Championship Rules and Governance manual;

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This document must be signed by all Club members (players, coaches and officials)