

## From EBOA Member Communications:

**EBOA Referees** have **no jurisdiction** over **Player Eligibility** at any League!

**Do not involve yourself in Player Eligibility for any reason!**

A **forfeited game[s], or Player not be allowed to play**, caused by the **EBOA Referees** not allowing Players to play over Player Eligibility will result in **Game Fee Fines!**

***Player Eligibility is strictly managed and controlled by the League's Disciplinary Policy, enforced by the Leagues.***

## Message from the EBA regarding a trial policy this season for the EBA Women's Divisions

Dated October 23, 2022 – Request for posting on the EBOA website November 30, 2022

Following our board meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>, where we reviewed the results of the women's league survey that was conducted by our Directors Melanie and Cheryl earlier this fall, the board has approved two changes to how we will run the women's league, effective this season. We will trial these changes for the 2022/23 Winter Season and evaluate them to see if we wish to make them permanent.

1. To address the difficulty teams are having fielding enough players for games (which seems to be particularly prevalent this year, despite increasing roster size to 20), teams will be able to substitute up to two players from other teams. These substitutes must be currently registered with EBA (including registration with Alberta Basketball Association through Ramp) and playing in your division or in a lower division.

If you need a substitute, the league will not be facilitating this - you must message an individual or team rep directly. All team reps are cc'd on this email so you have their contact information. You may also post on the EBA Facebook page if you are looking for a player. We recommend you look at games playing before or after yours, as those teams may be more likely to be available. This is a practice that works well in other women's leagues, so we hope it will reduce the number of forfeited and re-scheduled games, and make scheduling less stressful for team managers. Bringing in a substitute should not create an unfair advantage at any time. If a team feels it has, then this should be brought to the attention of Connie. As well, all subs MUST 1) wear a matching jersey, and 2) be noted on the scoresheet by inputting their number and name as usual, with their regular team noted in brackets after the name). We are relying on a sense of fairness and community for this to work well.

2. Loud and clear, we heard that the biggest challenge for current players and attracting new players is the inconsistency in nights of play. As a league, we are severely restricted by gym times available at the Saville, and weekday evening time slots are in high demand from a large number of other groups, meaning we have to also utilize weekend gym times, but for this season we will try to institute "Ladies Nights" where teams play mostly Wednesdays and Sundays. We understand that this may be difficult for some individual players who have already committed to the season, and hope the substitute option above alleviates this. In addition to providing certainty, we hope this will create greater community across divisions in women's basketball.

3. We would also like to clarify that you may add players to your roster at any time, to a maximum of 20 players. The league does not need to grant permission for this, we just need you to notify us, ensure they are registered with ABA and we ask the reason to ensure that teams are not bringing in players to unfairly stack their roster. There appeared to be some confusion about this in the survey.

If you have any questions or concerns with these changes, please contact one of our Directors, Cheryl ([cheryl@intl-strategies.com](mailto:cheryl@intl-strategies.com)) or Melanie ([melanie.storme@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.storme@gmail.com)). They will also be in touch with anyone who was sent the survey to provide additional updates and plans for the women's league. These changes are just a start to strengthening the league for everyone.

Connie  
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