



BYRON BAY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

DOMESTIC COMPETITION RULES 2024

Version 2 -2024

<p>1</p> <p>AIM & DISCLOSURE</p>	<p>(a) These domestic competition rules are created by the Byron Bay Basketball Association (BBBA) Board to enhance the experience and development of the Association (including its players, referees, game officials and spectators) and to optimise fairness in all association competitions to promote the sport of basketball in the local area.</p> <p>(b) BBBA Board reserves the right to alter these competition rules during the season in the best interests of the Association. Competitors, coaches, and officials must agree to follow the rules set out here and agree to only deviate with the explicit permission of the Board and it's delegates, relevant competition committee, and/or court controller. The rules will be enforced at the discretion of the Board and/or court controller.</p> <p>(c) By registering in any of the BBBA Domestic competitions, all players/coaches/managers/spectators agree to abide by the following Rules. FIBA Rules are in effect and any rule not addressed in these rules reverts to current FIBA Rules. Byron Bay Basketball Association is a member of Basketball NSW and Basketball Australia and as such, we adopt and adhere to all codes and policies released by both including adhering to all laws and public health orders.</p> <p>(d) <i>RISK WARNING: All participants should be aware of the risk arising with the playing of basketball. While we aim to minimise the risks, it is not possible to eliminate them all. The Board and Association accepts no responsibility for injury of any unregistered player.</i></p>
<p>2</p> <p>COMPETITIONS</p>	<p>(a) BBBA domestic competition runs in two seasons – Autumn (School Terms 1 & 2) & Spring (School Terms 3 & 4). Competition is not scheduled over school holidays or on public holidays.</p> <p>(b) BBBA aims to run the following competitions for Juniors – Primary School Boys, Primary School Girls, High School Boys and High School Girls. And the following competitions for Seniors – Mens & Womens and/or Mixed.</p> <p>(c) The competition will be set up online via Gameday Sports Management & Registration System to be available for all players in advance for the season.</p> <p>(d) Competition points are as follows:- WIN – three (3) competition points LOSS – one (1) competition point DRAW – two (2) competition points BYE – three (3) competition points FORFEIT (Notified within 2 hours of game time) – zero (0) competition points FORFEIT (Unnotified) – loss of two (2) competition points **Forfeits must be texted to Bekk Wall on 0405 244 552**</p> <p>(e) FINALS COMPOSITION – Finals is determined on the ladder according to the competition points above. For Junior comps, it is a two-week finals fixture where the top four (4) make semi finals with 1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd. Winners of those games play the Grand Final and the losers of those games play 3rd play off. For Senior comps, it is a three-week finals fixture where the top four (4) make semi finals with 1st vs 2nd and 3rd vs 4th. Winner of 1st v 2nd goes through to Grand Final game. Loser of 1st v 2nd</p>



		<p>plays winner of 3rd v 4th with loser of 3rd v 4th being knocked out. Winner of this last game goes through to Grand Final game. The Board reserves the right to change the finals format up to two (2) weeks before Semi-finals begin.</p> <p>(f) In cases where teams finish on equal points, it shall be determined according to the most successful win/loss ratio between the even teams during the regular competition season. In cases where this ratio is equal, it shall be determined by the teams point difference against the even teams with the higher point difference progressing to finals.</p>
3	PLAYERS	<p>(a) ALL players must be registered with Byron Bay Basketball Association with the online GameDay Registration which includes BNSW Annual Registration, BBBA Annual Fees and Player Season Fees. For new players only, there is an optional 2-weeks Free Trial period. Players exercising this option need to be all paid up before the third week of playing. Players who haven't paid during this period will not be able to take the court until payment is received (as per BBBA Fees, Payments and Refunds Policy).</p> <p>(b) BBBA Board set all registration costs and playing fees at the beginning of the season.</p> <p>(c) Player Season Fees are paid individually by each player.</p> <p>(d) MINIMUM AGES - Junior players must turn at least 8 years old during the current season and Senior players must turn at least 16 years old during the current season to be eligible to play. Written approval by the Board must be obtained outside these perimeters before taking the court. A waiver signed by parents is required for any under aged players.</p> <p>(e) GRADING – Grading occurs in the first few weeks known as Musters is at the discretion of the Board Directors and their delegates. Players are only allowed to play in ONE team in ONE DIVISION/GRADE/POOL in any ONE season with the Board-approved exceptions of :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) SENIORS Men's B Grade may have two (2) Men's A Grade players in the team with only one (1) allowed on the court any one time.(ii) JUNIORS High School Girls Non-representative female players may play Women's also due to low participation numbers(iii) JUNIORS NEJL U18 Boys players may play both High School Boys A Grade and Men's SENIOR competition in the interest of player development for BBBA.(iv) MIXED ONLY – Senior players, Junior players who are 16 years and above and Under 16 years old Juniors who have written approval from the board and a waiver signed by their parents, can play Mixed competition in conjunction with Seniors, High School Boys and High School Girls. Secondary competition fees will be applicable. <p>(f) REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS – In the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship, representative players must play in the grades listed below as a minimum grade and can NOT play in the lower grades.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) JPL U18's male players must play in Men's competition,(ii) NEJL U18's male players must play in High School Boys A Grade(iii) NEJL U18's female players must play in Women's/Mixed competition. <p>(g) FINALS ELIGIBILITY – Players must participate in 40% of all competition games (including byes and forfeits received) in that team prior to</p>



		commencement of the semi-finals. Exemptions to this for medical reasons must be received by the board before semi-finals begin.
4	TEAMS	<p>(a) Team composition is at the discretion of the directors of the Board and their delegates according to age, fairness, and ability. Teams are formed within the Grading & Representative player rules listed above - 3 (e) & 3 (f). All team changes must be approved by the relevant Board director and their delegates at any time from the start of musters to the end of season. This includes adding new players, removing existing players and any player transfers.</p> <p>(b) The first two (2) weeks of each season is when Musters occur in which team compositions and grading games begin to determine equal and fair competition.</p> <p>(c) Teams must have a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 10 players. JUNIORS ONLY - all new and existing players must go through the relevant grading Board directors and their delegates before being placed in a team. The decision of who is allowed into a team lies solely with the Board directors and the delegates and a Coach/Manager can not reasonably deny any player unless they have a maximum of 10 active players.</p> <p>(d) JUNIOR teams must have a main person of responsibility who can be a coach, manager and/or parent to manage the team, receive and distribute information and organise scorebench duties for the team. This person must be part of and active within the main WhatsApp chat for that Division. If a team is absent of the person of responsibility for more than 3 weeks, BBBA reserves the right to deduct competition points for that team.</p> <p>(e) SENIOR teams must nominate a Referee and a Senior Competition committee member from each team to participate. If a team is absent of either of these for more than 3 weeks, BBBA reserves the right to deduct competition points for that team.</p> <p>(f) All players attendance must be confirmed in the Courtside Scoring system before game begins. Players may be confirmed on Courtside after game commences and before half time begins.</p> <p>(g) Games may begin with a minimum of four (4) registered players of each team on the court and referees are present. If a team has three (3) or less players present within 10 minutes (end of 1st quarter), that team will forfeit the game but may continue to play with fill in players.</p> <p>(h) Any team playing unregistered players on their team or from another team without the Court Controller or Board's permission will result in a forfeited game.</p> <p>(i) Each Team MUST provide one scorebench person per game. BBBA reserves the right to deduct competition points for any team who does not provide scorebench for more than 3 weeks in a season.</p> <p>(j) TRANSFERS – Any player wishing to transfer teams after the season begins must have written approval from the Board prior to playing.</p> <p>(k) All teams who win their competition must go up a grade next season when there is room in their age group. Exemptions to this must be in writing to the Board.</p>
5	UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	<p>(a) All teams must organise their own uniforms – specifically playing singlets of the same colour with numbers on the front and the back. For new uniforms, please submit colour approval to the board prior to ordering.</p>



		<p>(b) Teams will be allowed three (3) weeks from the commencement of competition to be in their appropriate uniforms.</p> <p>(c) All players must be correctly uniformed for each game. If a player is in breach of the uniform code, the Court Controller may award the offending teams opponents two (2) points per offending player at the start of the game. This is capped at ten (10) match points per team.</p> <p>(d) Appropriate sporting shoes must be always worn. Sandals, Thongs, Crocs and Leather shoes are not permitted at any time.</p> <p>(e) Jewellery is NOT allowed at any time whilst playing. This includes but is not limited to watchers, necklaces, earrings, bracelets, facial piercings, rubber bands, hair bands, friendship brands and any metal or plastic hair accessories which could injure. Any piercing that is less than a month old may be taped at the Court Controller’s discretion.</p> <p>(f) Long fingernails (natural or acrylic) are not allowed. Court controller or referee to inspect before playing the game.</p> <p>(g) BALL SIZES - A size 6 ball to be used for Primary School, High School Girls and Senior Women’s competitions and a size 7 ball to be used for High School Boys and Senior Men. This is supplied by BBBA.</p> <p>(h) BLOOD BIN – A blood bin is to be supplied by the BBBA for any instance of blood on the court. The game must be stopped immediately to clean the area and any source of bleeding on a player is to be covered up before taking the court.</p> <p>(i) DUNKING – Dunking is allowed. Hanging on the ring is not allowed. Technical Fouls will be issued for anyone who is seen to be hanging on the ring as per FIBA Rules.</p>
6	REFEREES	<p>(a) Referees must wear the correct uniform according to their grading.</p> <p>(b) All players/coaches/managers/spectators must adhere to the referees’ decisions. A Zero Tolerance Policy is in effect at BBBA and any person not adhering to it, may be asked to leave by the Court Controller or a Board Member.</p> <p>(c) Any complaints or comments about the refereeing should be directed to the Referees Coordinator at refs@byronbasketball.com or to the Court Controller. Written complaints can also be made directly to the board via juniors@byronbasketball.com or seniors@byronbasketball.com.</p> <p>(d) Players/coaches/managers/spectators are not to address any junior referee directly at any time except to ask questions or to clarify a call.</p> <p>(e) SPECIAL GUIDELINES – Junior competitions – On court officials may carry out their roles less formally than senior competitions in the spirit of optimising each player and each teams’ opportunities. By providing leniency in calling of violations, they will attempt to promote development and mentor in terms of developing sportsmanship and leadership skills.</p>
7	GAME DISPUTES	<p>(a) Teams may protest the result of the game if it does not directly disagree with a referee’s call. Written submission is required to be addressed to the board within 24 hours of the game. The submission must set out good reasons for their complaint and the Board will not refuse to give any reasonable appeal an official hearing. The contact email for the board is info@byronbasketball.com with the subject line ‘FOR THE BOARD’.</p>



8. GAME DAY REGULATIONS

8.1	Game Timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) All Games are 10 minute quarters (b) Running Clock at all times for Junior competitions except for FINALS (8.8). Senior competitions use stop clock operations in the last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter if the score difference is within 8 points or less for regular competition games. (c) Teams must be present at the stadium ten (10) minutes before the game (d) Games to start on the scheduled time as long as the referees are present. (e) No Overtime unless for FINALS (f) No Shot Clock to be used
8.2	Game Breaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 1 minute (Qtr Time) – 2 minutes (Halftime) – 1 minute (Qtr Time)
8.3	Time outs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 1 time out per team per Quarter (b) No Time outs in the last 2 minutes of each quarter (clock must display at least 3 minutes) (c) Clock doesn't stop for time outs unless for FINALS (8.8) (d) All Time out requests to come through the scorebench and only when there is a stop in play
8.4	Substitutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Substitutions are only allowed when there is a stop in play (b) All substitutions are to go through the scorebench and referees will call them on
8.5	Fouls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Only five (5) personal fouls allowed per player per game (Scorebench is to display paddles to alert players when they have 4 fouls). (b) For Primary School comps ONLY, players must sit off after their 5th foul for two (2) minutes before going back on and sit off for two (2) minutes for every foul after that. (c) Only four (4) Team Fouls allowed per team per quarter (Bonus from 5th Foul except for offensive foul – Alert referees).
8.6	Zone Defence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) No ZONE DEFENCE for Primary School, High School Girls or High School Boys Pool C and below competitions. This is to be managed by the referees and court controller/Board directors with an official warning and followed by a bench Technical Foul if not complying.
8.7	Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Four (4) players from each team must be on the court to begin the game. (b) Teams have 10 minutes (one quarter) to get 4 players or it is a forfeit.
8.8	Finals Only (Semi-finals & Grand Finals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Clock stops for each time out (b) Clock stops in the last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter if the score difference is 8 points or less for both Juniors and Seniors. (c) Overtime of 3 minutes for Juniors and 5 minutes for Seniors.
8.9	Mercy Rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) In the event of a significant mismatch or blowout score of 20 points or more, officials and coaches from both teams may agree to adopt special rules to enable all players to better enjoy their game. These are some suggestions for a better flow: The leading team can choose to play defence only in other teams front court, The leading coach choosing to use his bench players for the game, The leading coach using tactics such as presses or traps. The emphasis will be on good sportsmanship and to minimise any humiliation tactics for the losing team such as half court traps, zone traps and defence delay by touching the wall. (b) Mercy Rule can be invoked in any competition with the agreement of all stakeholders involved.