North East Basketball Board



Rules – Regulations

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Rules – Regulations

Senior & Juvenile from 2018/19 season onwards

1. MANAGEMENT OF COMPETITIONS

1.1 These regulations govern the operation of the **North East Senior & Juvenile Competitions** for the season 2018/19 onwards. The regulations will be subject to a full review at the end of the season, based on:

a. The operation of the local league competitions
b. The clubs' suggestion for amendments to the Regulations as outlined in 1.8
c. Proposals from the North East Basketball Boards or any subcommittee

1.2 The North East Basketball Board (NEBB) will be here in after referred to as **the Board**

1.3 The Board will be responsible for all policy concerning Local Area Competitions, as delegated by the Council of Basketball Ireland. The Board will consist of an Executive Committee and one representative of each affiliated club.

1.4 The Board is an integral part of Basketball Ireland and these regulations shall be read as conforming to its regulations to which all clubs, teams, players, officials, coaches and administrators are bound.

1.5 The Board is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its underage members. Every individual involved in basketball under the jurisdiction of the Board should, at all times show respect and understanding for their rights, safety, and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Board and the guidelines contained in the code of ethics and good practice for Children's sport in Ireland.

1.6 All club officials, coaches, referees of games where underage players must be garda vetted and must complete a Safeguarding 1(Code of Ethics Awareness) Course. They must be aware of the guidelines in the Code of Ethics and good practice for Children's sport in Ireland. All coaches must hold a coaching qualification appropriate to the age/grade being coached.

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1.7 The Executive Committee will be comprised of the following members:

1. Chairperson
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Registrar
5. League Fixtures Secretary
6. Public Relations Officer
7. Child Protection Officer
8. National Area Boards Committee representative
9. Referee Liaison Officer

1.8 The official channel of communication between the Executive Committee and a participating club is the Club Secretary, as nominated on the Basketball Ireland Club Registration Form when the club registers with Basketball Ireland each season and the Board Secretary. All correspondence, other than fixture changes must be from club secretary to NEBB secretary only. Correspondence must be typed, email is acceptable.

1.9 These regulations form part of the Regulations of Basketball Ireland and should be read in conjunction with them. Communication will occur as required to ensure that these regulations are complementary to agreed strategic objectives and the development of pathways for Irish players as proposed by the Council of Basketball Ireland.

1.10 All suggested amendments to the regulations must arrive with the Secretary of the Board on or before 31st April of the current season for consideration by the Board at their AGM, which will take place no later than ?.

1.11 By entering into and being registered to play Board Competitions, clubs and/or individuals must accept these regulations in their entirety.

1.12 The Disciplinary Committee may impose disciplinary action and/or fines for breaches of the regulations that have no specified penalty.

1.13 All trophies will remain the property of the Board. When the winning clubs have been ascertained, a person nominated from the Executive will present the appropriate trophy to that club. The club in turn will then be responsible for its return to the Area Board by 31st January of the following season.

1.14 Failure to return the trophies by this date may result in the Board collecting the trophy, with the cost of this paid by the club.

1.15 Should a trophy be damaged whilst under the care of custody of a club, the club may be required to refund to the Board the amount of the present value of the trophy, or the cost of thorough repair. Should a trophy be lost or destroyed from any cause whilst under the care and custody of a club, the club

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may be required to pay the Board a sum equivalent to the present value of the trophy in addition to any other penalty imposed by the Board

1.16 The season begins on September 1st of the current year and ends on August 31st of the following year.

1.17 The Board will have the right to exercise its judgement and discretion in the interpretation of these regulations taking into account the best interests of Basketball Ireland, its clubs, its players and/or potential players.

2. COMPETITION STRUCTURES

2.1 LOCAL COMPETITION REGULATIONS

2.1.1 All officials should be provided with updated versions of the local competition rules and regulations at the commencement of each competition and each team coach should have an updated copy of these regulations at each game.

2.1.2 All games must start on time. If one team is not ready on court ready to play 15 minutes after the appointed start time, a walkover will automatically be awarded to the team already on court unless the teams and referee(s) have reached an alternative agreement.

2.1.3 If for any reason the start of the match is delay, the two coaches shall decide the length of the game. In the event of a non-agreement, the referee shall decide.

2.1.4 Where circumstances cause the shortening of a game, coaches cannot refuse to play but if they have a complaint, they should have their captain sign the score sheet "under protest" at the end of the game

2.1.5 Any team that concedes a walkover may be subject to a penalty as specified in Section 6, Fixtures.

2.1.6 All adult teams in the league are required to pay a bond of €200 which will be returned on completion of:

a. All league/cup games. Any team that concedes more than two walkovers in one season can be withdrawn from the league for the remainder of the season, with the final decision being taken by the Disciplinary Committee

b. The registration of an active graded/intro referee who will make themselves available for appointments during that current playing season

2.1.7 All correspondence to the club secretary, shall be deemed to have informed the club in full by the Executive Committee. It is up to the representative to

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pass the information onto the relevant personnel.

2.1.8 A change in club secretary must be notified to a member of the Executive within 5 days of the change.

2.1.9 All correspondence from the Executive Committee requesting a reply must be answered within seven (7) days. Failure to do this will result in an automatic fine, as set in Appendix 1.

2.1.10 Any club/team that wishes to play in a neighbouring Area Board competition/tournament must comply with the requirements of the Basketball Ireland Link Agreement procedures

1. The team must obtain permission through a signed Link Agreement from their own Area Board to confirm they allow them to play.
2. The team must obtain written permission from the receiving Area Board through a signed Link Agreement to confirm they allow them to enter the league in question.
3. All the team players must continue to play in their own geographically based Area Board's competition (if available) as well as the new Area Board's competition to ensure development is not slowed.
4. This procedure must be repeated for each season. No rolling agreements may exist.

2.1.11 Any club/team that wishes to play in a national competition must inform the Board **prior** to entry of the national competition.

2.1.12 Teams may be required from time to time to play two (2) matches in one week, one (1) home & one (1) away

2.1.14 Any matter that may arise and is not covered by the existing competition regulations, the Executive Committee shall deal with and decide the matter accordingly.

2.2 NEBB JUVENILE REGULATIONS

All juvenile competitions will be played under BI National Underage Rules unless stated otherwise

2.2.1 A player may only be able to play in a maximum of two (2) age groups within his/her band in any one season, e.g. a player aged 11 (who is under 11 on 1st January of a given season) can play either U11 and U12 or U11 and U13. He/she cannot play U11, U12 and U13. Players may only play up 2 years older than

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their own age eg an U11 player **may not** play U14

2.2.2 The minimum number of players must be ten (10) up to and including U14. If a team doesn't have 10 players by the start of the 2nd quarter (U14), or 4th Quarter(U12), the game will be played, but the team can only be awarded one point regardless of the actual game score.

2.2.3 Where both teams have less than ten (10) players, the game must be played but both teams are awarded one (1) league point each.

2.2.4 When a team is reduced to less than 10 players after the game has started (e.g. injury), the game must proceed with the reduced number of players in relevant quarters. The result of this game stands and the league points are awarded accordingly.

2.2.5 The maximum number of players for U14 and older is twelve (12). At U14 more than 12 players may play once agreement is reached with the coach of the other team. Up to U13 there is no maximum number of players.

2.2.6 **Player Rotation**:(To be written in line with national underage rules when they become available)

a) U9 – U12: all players must play a minimum of one (1) full quarter and ***IN*** a maximum of two (2) of the four quarters.

b) U14 all players must play one (1) full quarter and ***IN*** a maximum of three (3) quarters. Five (5) players must play in the 1st quarter and a different five (5) must play in the 2nd quarter. Additional players must play one (1) full quarter in the second half.

c) ** In overtime, any five (5) players may play

d) ** If a team has a player injured or fouled out, they must not substitute a player who has already fulfilled their quota of quarters (U12 – two (2) quarters; U14 – three (3) quarters). They must continue that quarter a player short

e) U16 and above: FIBA Rules apply

2.2.7 **Man-to-Man Defence is mandatory** for all competitions up to and including U14. Teams playing at U16 level and above can play either Zone Defence or Man-to-Man Defence, however Man to Man is encouraged for the further development of the individual player. See Appendix 8 for further details.

2.2.8 No Defensive Press is allowed in the first 3 quarters up to and including U12 level. Players must return to the half court after a score or when the referee has stopped the game for a foul or violation. At U14, a defensive press is allowed from the start of the game - however if a team is winning by 15+

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points then it is not permitted. At U16 level and above, teams may full court press at any stage. See Appendix 8 for further details.

2.2.9 Up to and including U12 will use a size five (5) ball; U14 will use a size six (6) ball. Girls U16 and older will continue to use a size six (6) ball whilst boys U16 and older will use a size seven (7) ball.

2.2.10 Up to U11 play into an eight and a half (8.5) foot basket, U12 and older into a ten (10) foot basket

2.2.11 Three pointers will only be recorded as a three pointer at U14 level and above, otherwise they will be recorded as two points.

2.2.12 All games should be played in four 6-10 minute quarters. Game times for the NE Juvenile Leagues 2018/19 are as follows: U12 4 X 6min quarters, U14: 4 X 7min quarters, U16: 4 X 8min quarters; U18: 4 X 10min quarters.
Where teams play more than one game in a day, the duration of a quarter may be reduced to 6 minutes as a minimum time for a quarter.

2.2.13 In games where over time is required there will be three (3) minutes for Senior & Juvenile. FIBA Rules apply.

2.3 NEBB SENIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS

2.3.1 No player under 16 years of age on the 31st December of the current season may take part in adult competition.

2.3.2 All games should be played in four (4) by ten (10) minute quarters.

2.3.3 All clubs must allow a minimum of ninety (90) minutes per game & in case a game ends level added time for extra periods.

2.3.4 Where a club/venue has more than one team competing in local league, enough time must be made available for the maximum time for all games and any extra periods.

2.3.5 All teams playing senior divisions must have full-size indoor courts with; FIBA approved court markings, proper table officiating equipment, baskets & nets and a visible electronic scoreboard.

2.6 LOCAL COMPETITION FINANCES

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2.6.1 Referee Fees: Each club is required to pay referee fees **as agreed with** NERA (North East Referee's Association) in communication with the Executive Committee. Payment of referees will be made by the home team's officer on the game day prior to the game taking place.

1 For open draw cup games the referee's will be appointed by the appointments officer but paid for by the first named team.
2 For Top 4 format games the Board will cover the cost of all officials paid for on the game day.

2.6.2 Monies owed: Any monies owed to the Board by a club not received by the due date will be subject to penalties as agreed by the Disciplinary Committee.

2.6.3 If a club competing in local competition folds or withdraws from competition, leaving outstanding monies owed to the League, the officials and players of the club which folded will be responsible for the payment of one seventh of the outstanding debt before they will be permitted to play or be involved with any other club.

2.6.4 Dishonoured cheques: Cheques from clubs that are not honoured upon presentation will be liable to monetary penalty plus bank charges

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3 ENTRANCE CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

3.1 APPLYING TO ENTER LOCAL COMPETITION

3.1.1 There is no automatic entry to any Board competitions. Applications to enter the leagues must be received annually, must be accompanied by the entry fee (if required) and a bond. All fees must be received by the Board registrar by the deadline set out by the Executive Committee. Completed applications received outside of the deadline (which must include the complete fee) will be subject to adjudication by the Executive. See Appendix 1.

3.1.2 Clubs that wish to play teams in another Area Board must first obtain written permission through a Link Agreement from the Board before approaching a neighbouring Area Board. Only once both Area Boards agree, the club in question may apply for local competition. This process is not a rolling one and must be repeated prior to the start of each season and given deadlines.

3.1.3 All clubs must also pay an annual Basketball Ireland club membership registration fee and complete the Basketball Ireland online registration as specified by the Basketball Ireland Registrar. Further all clubs must ensure their members register and pay their annual Basketball Ireland player/coach etc membership fee as per rule 4.1.2

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3.1.4 All clubs competing in the league must be a registered member of Basketball Ireland and their players should be registered with their Board under their player registration scheme.

3.1.5 Further, all clubs must pay a player registration fee and a team bond as specified by the Board

3.1.6 Any team withdrawing from local league competition after the fixtures have been released will forfeit their entry fee and/or bond by the club. In addition clubs will be fined for withdrawing from a competition after this date and will be subject to sanction per fixture not fulfilled. See Appendix 1.

3.1.7 Basketball Ireland hereby disclaims any liability whatsoever in respect of promotions, game or any events organised by club team and/or team companies participating in local area competitions. Teams participating in local competition **must take out a public liability insurance policy** (minimum requirement is €6.4 million public liability insurance cover). NEBB reserves the right to request proof of this insurance at any time. The policy shall indemnify Basketball Ireland in the event of any, and all subsequent claims or actions.

3.1.8 Clubs/Teams must comply with the BI/NEBB photography policy for the taking of photographs/video at senior or juvenile league matches. All those wishing to take photographs at juvenile games must complete a permission form which must be available at the venue.

3.1.9 Clubs/Teams must inform **prior to purchase** the Board of any decision to change club/team colours so as to avoid disappointment if clash of colour occurs. Home team must change.

3.1.10 Team names are subject to approval by Basketball Ireland as outlined in the Basketball Ireland Regulations.

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3 REGISTRATIONS

NEBB club and league Registration procedures must be in line with current data protection legislation regarding collecting, storing and sharing of data

4.1 REGISTRATION PROCEDURES & DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATION

4.1.1 As per Basketball Ireland Regulations, all clubs must be registered with Basketball Ireland through the club registration scheme. Their players competing in local competition must be registered and licensed with the Board under their team/player registration scheme.

4.1.2 All coaches, assistant coaches, club officials (any person, other than the coach or players, authorised by the referee to sit on the team bench, and be in communication with the team during game, including statisticians/ physiotherapists etc.), must be registered with the Board and also as an individual member of Basketball Ireland. Only those registered will be permitted to sit on the team bench.

4.1.3 Any club who plays an unregistered or ineligible player in any game covered by these regulations shall automatically forfeit the game and be fined accordingly (Appendix 1).

4.1.4 A player must only be registered with one club at any one time to play local competition.

4.1.5 A club player may only play for one team throughout the season if the club has two teams of the same status or age group

4.1.6 No player may be registered to play in two Regions at the same time with two separate clubs.

4.1.7 To register a player for local competition the following steps must be taken:

a) The Board Player Registration Form, and the required fees as outlined in 4.1.9, need to be received by the Registrar by the designated deadline. A copy of the player current passport/birth cert must be held by the club secretary/registrar in case of the need for verification at any stage. **The league registrar must receive the registration form five (5) working days prior to playing.** All documentation must be signed by the secretary of the applying club.

b) Club registration forms must be completed in full and **signed by the player** and, in the case of underage players **their parents.** This documentation should be retained by the club and must be made available to the league registrar if the need for verification arises.

4.1.8 If the player has transferred from another club, a copy of the completed Basketball Ireland transfer form must accompany the application. This transfer must be signed by the acquiring club, the transferring club and finally the **Area Board** the transferring club is affiliated to before it will be accepted.

- If the player previously played outside of Ireland, then International Clearance as outlined in section 4.2 must be sought by Basketball Ireland from the Federation the player last played with.

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4.1.9 The local competition player license fees for this season are as follows:

U-12, €5

U-14 to U-18 is €10

Senior €15

There is no fee to play up to 2nd underage team.

4.1.10 All players playing in senior competitions **must pay** the **senior fees**, irrespective of age

4.1.11 Teams can add to their player list at any time up to the 31st December of the current playing season. Only players who have played in the league may take part in the 'Top 4' Cup and Plate tournaments.

4.1.12 The deadline for registration of senior players with the Board is the 31st December current playing season. The deadline for registration of Juvenile players is the 31st Dec of the current season with the exception of Under 12 players, who can be registered up to the end of the league.

4.2 INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE OF PLAYERS

4.2.1 Any player who has played outside Ireland since the previous Basketball Ireland season, or who is new to playing in Ireland must receive clearance from the last National Federation in which the person played, or came from. In some cases, a National Federation may charge a fee for this clearance, which must be paid by the requesting club.

4.3 TRANSFERS

4.3.1 The closing date for transfer applications shall be the 31st of October of the current season.

4.3.2 Teams may only accept three (3) incoming transfers from the same club in consecutive years to play local competition. If the transfer requests exceed three from any one club, additional transfers **may be** accepted by the Executive Committee **in exceptional circumstances.**

4.3.3 A player wishing to transfer from one club to another must comply with the transfer regulations of Basketball Ireland and must complete the Basketball

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Ireland official transfer form as specified. Any monies owed or kit must be returned to the original club

4.3.4 The transfer form must be signed by the club secretary of the club the player is transferring from, as well as the secretary of the new club. A player shall be eligible to play for the new club once the League Registrar/Secretary have confirmed approval. If the player is U-18 a signature of a parent/guardian is required on the transfer form.

4.3.5 If a club refuses to release a player, they must also notify the player in question along with the Registrar(s) within seven (7) days of the official transfer request. A written reason must be submitted to the Registrar(s) outlining why the player should not be released. If the player is a Juvenile player, the club must notify the player in question and their parent/guardian. The ultimate decision to sanction a transfer will be taken by the Board.

4.3.6 No club officials of another club should approach an underage player with a view to signing him/her.

4.3.6 If a player from a club, which is no longer registered with Basketball Ireland, is seeking a transfer, they must receive written permission from the Area Board to which the club was last registered.

4.3.7 In accordance with the Basketball Ireland Regulations, a player once registered and transferred may not register again with the same club in that season.

4.3.8 In all transfer situations the club secretary will have five (5) days from the date of the receipt of the transfer request form (24 hours after the form is confirmed sent by email/post/fax) to sign it or refer the case to the Board Secretary for adjudication. The player can request the matter be forwarded for adjudication if no action has been taken after the five (5) day period.

4.3.9 A player may only transfer once in any one season.

5.1 UNIFORMS & FACILITIES

5.1.1 Teams are required to wear matching uniforms. Unless otherwise specified, the uniform must be numbered as outlined in the FIBA Official Rules of Basketball. The numbers 4-15 must be used first

5.1.2 Teams must wear their stated registered colours for all games, as stated on registration. Permission must be sought from the Executive Committee if a team intend to change uniform colour prior to or mid season.

5.1.3 Teams that fail to comply with Regulations 5.1.1 & 5.1.2 will be automatically fined €10 per player concerned.

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5.1.4 All teams should have two sets of playing kit; one of the designated sets should be lighter in colour than the other.

5.1.5 In the event of a colour clash, the first named team on the fixture list shall change.

5.1.6 All undergarments must be of the same single colour as the uniform.

5.1.7 All home venues shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

5.1.8 The home team must provide a visible electronic clock, a Basketball Ireland score sheet and table equipment i.e. pens, arrows, foul markers and team foul markers. They must also provide adequate changing facilities with hot showers, toilets, the correct court markings and the use of an official Molten match ball.

5.1.9 Clubs with home venues are responsible for the conduct of their players, members and spectators at all times while the venue is being used for their games.

5.1.10 The referee has the final decision with regard to a game going ahead or not. The referee must be satisfied that the venue is safe for play. Every effort should be made by the home team to overcome any difficulties but if the situation cannot be made safe for players and officials then the referee will decide accordingly.

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6. FIXTURES

6.1 FIXTURES SCHEDULE

6.1.1 The leagues schedule is arranged by the fixtures secretary. At JUVENILE LEVEL, matches are to be fixed between all clubs at the fixtures meeting. At senior level, matches will be fixed by the fixtures secretary based on availability submitted by participating teams prior to the start of the season.

6.1.2 Each registered club must send at least one delegate to the fixtures meeting, who must agree fixtures with delegates from the other clubs . Failure to do so will result in a fine (Appendix 1)

6.1.3 Clubs should establish dates of factors which may affect their availability for fixtures eg mock exams(check school calendars), religious ceremonies, etc, prior to the fixtures meeting, to avoid disruption to the schedule later in the season.

6.1.4 Start time for games shall be decided by the home team Starting times for weeknight games should normally be between 18.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs while Saturday and Sunday games should normally be between 11.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs.

6.1.5 Teams may be required from time to time to play two (2) matches in one week, one (1) home & one (1) away

6.1.6 League fixtures will be played on a home and away basis, alternating between the first and second half of the season

6.1.7 Games must be played as per the fixtures list unless permission is approved by the fixtures secretary to change the fixture and /or venue

6.1.8 At least half of a team's games (1st round games) must be played on or before the 31st December in any one season, with as even a split as possible between home and away games in each half of the season.

6.1.9 Confirmation of all fixtures should be sent to the league fixtures secretary within seven (7) days of the fixtures meeting/receiving the fixtures schedule.

6.1.10 Failure to confirm fixtures to the league fixtures secretary will result in the league fixtures secretary setting them as necessary.

6.1.11 Home teams are responsible for communicating with the visiting team(s) to make final arrangements about the fixture. Contact must be made at least 5 days in advance.

6.2 Fixtures re-scheduling/postponements

6.2 Once the fixtures calendar is set, requests for permission to change a fixture must be notified in writing/by email to the league Fixtures Secretary

- This must done five days before the scheduled fixture date.
- The secretaries/ fixtures secretaries of both clubs must offer the league Fixtures Secretary two dates (different days) for the revised fixture within three days of receipt of the cancellation request email.

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- These alternative dates must be within two weeks of the cancelled fixture

6.2.1 Late cancellations will only be allowed in exceptional circumstances
Circumstances for late cancellation/postponements considered are:

- The death of a direct relative belonging to a player, coach or club committee member involved with either team as outlined in club registration information.
- Inclement weather i.e. snow, severe ground frost or high wind
- Loss of venue at short notice (evidence must be provided)

The procedure set out in 6.1.4 should be used to find an alternative date for the re-fixture.

6.2.2 In the case of a late cancellation, it is the responsibility of the cancelling team to notify the fixture secretary **and** the opposing team not less than 3 hours prior to tip off

6.2.3 In the event of clubs not being able to reach agreement on an alternative date the fixtures secretary will fix a date, time and venue for the re-fixture. This may result in a team losing home venue

6.2.4 Where a team fails to fulfil a fixture, the offending team may be liable for all costs incurred i.e. venue costs, travel expenses and referee costs. The team may also be fined and/or penalised by the Executive Committee.

6.3 LEAGUE STRUCTURE

6.3.1 League points will be awarded as follows: three (3) for a win, one (1) for a loss/default** and zero (0) for a walkover/forfeit.
At U12/14, if the default arises as a result of not having the minimum of 10 players by the start of the second quarter, the team concerned will lose the game by default, the score will be recorded as twenty – zero(20 – 0) and the team be awarded one(1) point at the start of the game. The other team shall be awarded three (3) points regardless of the final score in the game.

**At U12/14, if neither team has 10 players by the start of the second quarter, the score will be recorded as zero zero(0-0), and both teams will be awarded one point each.

6.3.2 In the case of the forfeits arising for other reasons, additional penalties may be applied at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

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6.3.3 A half way league checkpoint will occur on December 31st of the current playing season. All games scheduled for the first half of the season MUST be played by that date, unless permission has been received from the executive. Otherwise failure to play will result in no points being awarded

6.3.4 A forfeit/walkover CANNOT be decided between two clubs/coaches/managers. If two teams are having difficulty fixing a game then communication MUST be done in writing/by email to the league fixtures secretary with suggested dates and times. The league fixtures secretary, in conjunction with the executive committee, may fix a time and date for the game, or may award a walkover. For the avoidance of doubt no '6 point' games are allowed

6.3.5 The team with the greatest number of points at the conclusion of the league shall be declared the league winner

6.3.6 If two or more teams finish on equal points, the results of games between the tied teams will determine the placings. Failing this, FIBA guidelines will apply to determine the final league classifications. However if time permits, a deciding game can be applied – the Executive Committee may decide tied teams will play a deciding game at a neutral venue.

6.3.7 If a team withdraws or is expelled from the league then all games in which the team participated prior to the withdrawal or expulsion will be considered null and void and will not be included in the league table – if the team has played everyone once, the first round of games may be included.

6.3.8 Should a team fail to fulfil fewer than 80% of its matches(ie miss more than 20% or 3 matches, whichever is greater) in a season a fine of €100[€50 Juvenile] will be levied

6.4 GAME ARRANGEMENTS

6.4.1 The home team should ensure there is a venue manager appointed for all their games so the venue is ready and available for a game to proceed i.e. venue open on time, changing rooms clean, player & spectator seating available, floor dry & clean etc

6.4.2 The home team is responsible for the provision of a score sheet

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6.4.3 At the end of the game, the winning team shall be responsible for the return of the white score sheet to the league fixtures secretary. Failure to do so within seven (7) days will result in a walkover awarded in favour of the losing team and a possible fine. (Appendix 1)

6.4.4 Unless otherwise stated, it is the responsibility of both teams taking part to provide table officials to perform the functions of scorekeeper and timekeeper. If the visiting/home team fail to provide a table official then the home/visiting team may provide both officials.

6.4.5 The table officials will be responsible for correctly completing the following information on the official score sheet: a) Competition, b) Home Team, c) Away Team, d) Venue, e) Date, f) Time.

6.4.6 Teams must provide the table officials with a team list, with player names, kit number and BIPIN number, at least 15 minutes prior to the start of their game.

6.4.7 **20 Point Rule**: If a team is 20 points ahead in a juvenile game then any subsequent scores must not be shown by the Table Officials on the scoreboard unless matched by a score on the opposite side. The correct score will be recorded on the scoresheet.

6.5 CUP/PLATE COMPETITION STRUCTURE

6.5.1 The Cup Competition will be played in a Top 4 format. This will be decided by using the final top four league positions at the end of the season. 1 v 4 & 2 v 3.

6.5.2 In leagues with 8 or more teams there will also be a 'Plate' competition to coincide with the Top 4s at the end of the season. The draw will be decided by positions 5-8 as follows: 5 V 8 and 6 V 7.

6.5.3 Only players who have participated during the league season will be eligible to compete in the cup or plate competitions.

6.5.4 All players participating in a senior cup are cup tied and may only represent one team in NEBB senior cup competition

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7 GAME PROCEDURES

The **home team** is responsible for taking reasonable precautions to control the behaviour of followers/spectators. However, disciplinary action may be taken against either team for the behaviour of its followers. A venue officer must be present. Spectators may be asked to leave a venue at any time.

The use or consumption of Alcohol in or around a game venue prior/during or after a game is strictly prohibited by the Board

7.1 OFFICIALS

7.1.1 All match officials (commissioners, referees) operating in league Competitions must be registered and licensed as appropriate with Basketball Ireland. Unlicensed/unregistered officials will not receive any officiating appointments from the local Referee's Association (NERA) and clubs who use unlicensed officials will lose points from games played and may also be fined.(See Appendix 1). All table officials should be trained and registered

7.1.3 Where an appointments officer has appointed referee(s) to games but the officials have not arrived 10 minutes prior to the game starting and no communication has been received detailing the reason for the late arrival, the following action may be taken

A: If one/two suitably qualified and registered officials are at the venue, they may take charge of the game

B: If no suitable officials are present, the match will not to be played. It will be a decision of the organising committee what action will be taken

7.1.4 Once a substitute official is named this will not be changed, even if the original official arrives at the venue.

7.1.5 It is the responsibility of the home club to pay the officials' expenses in accordance with the North East Referee's Association (NERA) guidelines below:

A) The Official(s) should be at the venue on time (10 mins prior to tip-off) unless adequate explanation is provided
B) The Official(s) must have the appropriate claim sheet with them on the day of game
C) The Official(s) must provide their BI registration number prior to any payment taking place

7.1.6 Where Officials turn up to a venue for a scheduled match but no game takes place, the Officials will be paid for their travel only.

7.1.7 All games shall be refereed by two Officials:

a) **Senior Games:** 1) Two graded or, 2) one graded & one Intro
b) **Juvenile Games:** 1) Two graded or, 2) one graded & one Intro or 3) one graded.
c) At no time should two Intros be allowed to officiate **unless** under the supervision of a Tutor.
d) At no time should an Intro be allowed to officiate on their own at any grade.

7.1. 8 If a host club is unable to appoint two suitably qualified referees to any game they **must,** in advance, inform the travelling team to allow them the opportunity to provide a second referee. The expenses for this referee will be paid for by the travelling club.

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7.1.8 The Officials must be satisfied that a venue is safe for a game. If there is a difficulty that cannot be rectified for a game to proceed in a safe manner for players & officials, then the game can be postponed. A report shall be forwarded to the Board Fixture secretary who will deal with the issue. Check 7.1

7.1.9 Table Officials: One competent person **from each team** should be available to take up the duty of scorer or time keeper.

a) If the visiting/home team fail to provide a table official then the home/visiting team may provide both officials. It should be noted however, that the non-complying team cannot then interfere with the table officials once the game has started and have no redress on discrepancies
b) All table officials should be competent and be familiar with FIBA rules Art; 48 - 50 and Official Signals.

7.1.10 All officials should wear the approved uniform (if applicable) as designated by Basketball Ireland.

8 DISCIPLINE, PENALTIES & APPEALS

8.1 DISCIPLINE OF CLUBS, CLUB MEMBERS, CLUB OFFICIALS, COACHES, PLAYERS & GAME OFFICIALS

8.1.1 It is compulsory for the Executive Committee of the Board to appoint an Appeals Committee and Disciplinary Committee at the start of the season. These Committees should consist of one member of each participating club with the exception of the club/clubs involved in the appeal or disciplinary matter. A minimum of three (3) members must be present to hear any appeal or disciplinary matter

8.1.2 The Disciplinary Committee shall be responsible for all disciplinary matters arising from the competitions and other activities organised by the Board.

8.1.3 Individuals may be fined or suspended for any matter pertaining to Board competitions as decided by the Disciplinary Committee

8.1.4 Decisions from disciplinary matters have the right of appeal to the respective Board Appeals Committee.

8.1.5 Discipline of referees is a matter for NERA (North East Referee's Association)

8.1.6 All Competitions within the Board are considered to provide competition for amateurs, where the players are involved in competition for educational values, personal pleasure, satisfaction, and for the love of the sport, not for monetary nor material gain. The Board under no circumstances will tolerate any player/coach or club participating at any level for monetary or material gain.

8.2 COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

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8.3 EFFECT OF SUSPENSION

8.3.1 Any disciplinary action decided by the Disciplinary Committee will take effect 7 days after the decision has been notified to all parties unless a written appeal and fee are received as outlined in 8.6

8.3.2 In the event of a senior player or coach being disqualified from any game under the jurisdiction of the Board, the player/coach shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of two (2) games. A juvenile player disqualified from any game will be automatically suspended for one(1) game. This suspension takes effect immediately and cannot be appealed. However greater suspensions may be imposed depending on the Officials report.

8.3.3 All disciplinary action will be applied to both league and cup competition regardless of what competition the incident took place in.

8.3.4 Any suspension not served in full before the end of the season will be carried forward into the following season.

8.3.5 Any player or coach who is suspended may not play or sit within the team bench area. He/she may be present at the venue unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee.

8.3.6 Any player/coach/bench personnel or individual suspected of being under the influence of Alcohol before or during a game will be asked to excuse themselves form proceedings and the venue. A report will be forwarded to the Board Executive.

8.4 PENALTIES

8.4.1 Outside of automatic fines, the Disciplinary Committee may impose penalties upon individual players, clubs or club members as it sees fit.

8.4.2 Penalties may be in the form of fines, league points, suspension or disqualification from their respective local league competition or any other penalties deemed appropriate by the Board from time to time.

8.4.3 The Board Secretary will notify all penalties in writing. A penalty imposed by the Disciplinary Committee, not including automatic fines as outlined in Appendix 1, may be appealed in the first instance to the Board Appeals Committee. Such an appeal shall be in writing and will be provided to the Board Secretary within five (5) days of the notice of the penalty and be accompanied by a bond of €50 or €20 for juvenile clubs

8.4.4 The appeal must clearly state the grounds on which the penalty is being appealed and shall include any documentary evidence to be considered necessary to support the appeal. The Board Appeals Committee may not always hold an appeal hearing for such appeals.

8.5 WRITTEN PROTEST

8.4.1 If a team believes that its interests have been adversely affected by a decision of an official [referee or umpire(s)] or by any event that took place during a game, it

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must proceed in the following manner:

8.4.2 The captain (CAP) of that team shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee that his/her team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the score sheet in the space marked "Captain's signature in case of protest".

This is in accordance with the procedures outlined in the FIBA Official Basketball Rules "C - Protest Procedure"

8.4.3 A written protest and the appropriate fee (€50) or (€20 in the case of juveniles) must be sent to the Board secretary within five (5) working days and the fee sent within 10 working days, following the date of the game. Email is acceptable but must be followed up with a phone call to ensure the receipt of the email. A copy of the written protest must also be sent to the fixtures secretary and club secretary of the opposing team.

8.4.4 If either the written protest or the fee is not received within the specified time, the protest shall be considered null and void. If the decision is made in favour of the team making the protest, the fee shall be refunded in full.

8.4.5 All protests will be heard within 7 days of receipt of the protest

8.5 APPEALS

8.5.1 In order for an appeal to be valid it must be received in writing by email or letter post by the Board Secretary within seven (7) days of the decision made and must be accompanied by a deposit of AMOUNT?. This deposit will be returned if the appeal is upheld.

8.5.2 On receipt of an appeal, the secretary shall notify the club, against who the complaint has been made, in writing within seven (7) days of receipt of the communication. On receipt of this notification, the defending club shall be allowed seven (7) days in which to lodge their reply to the secretary.

8.5.3 The Board Appeals Committee may call a meeting to discuss the appeal. Alternatively if required, a date and time for an oral hearing, once set, shall also be communicated to both parties.

- A: The party bringing the appeal shall state their case first. The defending body or committee will then state their case. Each side will have the opportunity to cross-examine the other side through the Chair. The Board Appeals Committee members may also question both sides.
- B: The Chairperson once satisfied that all involved have had ample time to state their case and cross examine, shall then terminate that part of the appeal meeting and ask all parties to withdraw to allow the committee to make their decision.

8.5.4 The decision of the Board Appeal Committee shall be forwarded orally, in writing, by e-mail or letter post to both parties. Both parties must offer either a telephone number or e-mail to the committee for early receipt of the decision. A written copy of the decision shall also be forwarded within seven (7) days by post to both parties.

8.5.5 If the decision is made in favour of the individual / club / team making the appeal, the fee shall be refunded in full.

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8.5.6 If all the Board appeal mechanisms have been exhausted, only then can the decision be appealed to the National Appeals Committee, as outlined in Basketball Ireland Regulations.

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8.6 PAYMENT OF FINES

8.6.1 Payment of fines must be completed by close of the current season. Failure to clear fines laid by the Executive Committee may result in a temporary suspension of the clubs registration for the following season(s).

8.6.2 All fines imposed, whether they are individual or club fines must be paid by the date specified.
All clubs will be liable to pay a member's fine and seek reimbursement from that individual.

8.6.3 No fine outside of the automatic penalties in Appendix 1 may be appealed until it has been paid.

8.7 CUP/PLATE SEMI-FINALS & FINALS

8.7.1 In the specific case of the Cup semi-final or finals weekend the following procedures shall apply:

- A: Protests must be submitted within thirty(30) minutes following completion of the game. The fee (€50) must accompany the written protest, which must be handed in person to a member of the Executive Committee.
- B: A technical committee (if applicable) will also deal with the disciplinary matters arising from games over the weekend. A decision with will be made and communicated to the club on such incidents within sufficient time constraints.
- C: The technical committee's (if applicable) decision will be final. Due to time constraints there will be no right to appeal such decisions.

9. MEDIA ADVERTISING & SPONSORSHIP

9.1.1 Basketball Ireland and NABC encourages clubs and/or teams to enter into sponsorship, advertising and endorsement agreements with commercial enterprises, companies, individuals or organisations provided that no such agreement is contrary to the interest of basketball.

9.1.2 Basketball Ireland and NABC reserve the right to decide on the appropriateness of advertising and sponsorship images that clubs may use at basketball venues. The advertising of tobacco products and hard alcohol is not permitted.

9.1.3 Basketball Ireland and NABC reserve the right to claim sponsorship exclusivity on brands, companies and institutions in respect of the National Competitions. If an exclusivity clause is implemented, clubs or teams will not be permitted to enter into any sponsorship or advertising agreement pertaining to team names,

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uniform advertising, and advertising signage at games, courtside services products and game sponsorships.

9.1.4 Exclusivity for advertising signage, courtside services products and game sponsorships shall only be exclusive to the particular competition for which Basketball Ireland sponsorship applies.

9.1.5 A Club shall fulfil all obligations and display signage as directed by the CO in support of Basketball Ireland Sponsor(s). Penalty for non-compliance is outlined in Appendix 1. The Club may be subject to further sanctions as deemed appropriate by the NABC.

9.1.6 Teams must use basketballs and equipment as approved by Basketball Ireland and the NABC.

9.1.7 All Basketball Ireland local competitions matches shall be played with the official Molten approved ball of Basketball Ireland.

10. Important information & Forms

Appendix 1: Schedule of Automatic Fines

Failure to complete team registration application form by deadline (Late fee) €25
Local competition withdrawal fee €100(senior) or €20(juvenile) competition or loss of **Bond**
Failure to attend/engage with fixtures meeting at start of the season €25
Failure to attend notified Board meeting €25
Failure to fulfil fixture as on fixtures schedule - loss of points and fine at the discretion of disciplinary committee
Failure to return white score sheet within seven (7) days of fixture - €20, and loss of points after fourteen (14) days
Failure to provide any item(s) of table equipment including clock, visible scoreboard and FIBA approved score pad €5 per item
Use of an unregistered coach and/or team follower €25 per person
Use of an unregistered player forfeit of match, further penalties may be applied by the Disciplinary committee if appropriate
Use of an unregistered official = €50 per official & loss of game
Failure to wear matching uniforms €10 per player (Senior players only)
* Administrative charge for request to change a senior fixture after issue of initial draft fixtures €20
* Late once off fee for change of fixture request after league has started €50
Failure to reply to official correspondence from the Executive Committee within 7 days - €50
Failure to use approved match ball in competitions €20 per match
Failure to fulfil more than 20% of matches (or more than 3 matches, whichever is greater) in a season - €100[€50 Juvenile]
Others as instructed by the NABC/Executive Committee during the season as instructed.

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Appendix 2: Basketball Ireland Transfer Form – On nebb.ie or Basketball Ireland website

Appendix 3: Constitution of the NEBB - as drafted in 2016(On Website)

Appendix 4: Basketball Ireland Link Agreement Form - insert

Appendix 5: Club Affiliation Form - insert

Appendix 6: Team / Player Registration Form - insert

Appendix 7: National Underage Rules 2018 - - put on website when available

Appendix 8: League Contact Details - insert

Appendix 9: NEBB Data Protection Policy - insert when drafted

Appendix 10: NEBB Safeguarding Statement -as per Basketball Ireland Template

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