

**RULES & REGULATIONS****1. AIMS**

To provide top level playing opportunities for all New Zealand Basketball Associations and Clubs affiliated to Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ), on a regular home and away basis.

- 1.1. To provide a competitive environment for the continuing and contributing development and exposure of New Zealand players with potential for future national and international recognition.
- 1.2. To provide a competition acceptable to the media and public so that it positively contributes to Basketball's ongoing efforts to gain prominence and recognition as a major sport in the New Zealand community.

**2. CONTROLS**

The New Zealand Men's Conference Basketball League, referred to as "CBL" herewith, shall be under the control and jurisdiction of the governing body, BBNZ.

**3. ENTRY ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1. Entry shall be open to Associations, and Clubs approved by BBNZ and endorsed by an affiliated Association, that can develop a team or teams of optimum standard and ability to compete at CBL level.
- 3.2. Able to provide adequate playing facilities and show sound administrative structure and processes;
- 3.3. Teams involved in the CBL must be financially viable and have access to a suitable playing venue that meets the approval of BBNZ;
- 3.4. Lodgement of an entry form, team roster or similar documents shall be deemed as acceptance in full these Rules and Regulations and acceptance of any Agreement or Contracts between BBNZ and any third party that may affect the CBL.
- 3.5. Team acceptance is reliant on receipt of the full entry fee by BBNZ before the scheduled payment date.

**4. FORMAT**

- 4.1. The CBL shall be played in zone conferences based on the geographic disposition of the teams entered and as determined by BBNZ. All teams will play at least one home and one away game against each team in the same zone conference.
  - 4.1.1. Points allocated shall be:
    - 2 points for a win
    - 0 points for a loss or default
    - -1 point for a forfeit (for the definition refer to FIBA Official Basketball Rules 2008 Art 20; 20.1)
  - 4.1.2. Following a minimum of two rounds of play, the two leading teams from each zone conference shall qualify for the CBL Finals system as determined prior to the start of the competition by BBNZ;
  - 4.1.3. The CBL Finals shall be hosted by one of the two leading teams from the designated zone conference for that year as determined by BBNZ on the basis of each zone conference being scheduled to provide the finals host on a minimum three year cycle. Where a host from the designated zone conference cannot be found then the finals hosting option shall default to the zone conference scheduled for the next year and so on until a host venue is found. The sequence of finals hosting returns to the zone conference scheduled order for the following year in such instances;
  - 4.1.4. The CBL Finals shall consist of section play followed by crossover games to determine final positions.
- 4.2. Classification of Teams (refer to FIBA Official Basketball Rules 2008 Section D, D1.1 to D1.8).
- 4.3. The CBL season shall be determined each year by BBNZ.
- 4.4. It shall be a requirement of entry that all teams must be prepared to play on any occasion determined by BBNZ including Sundays and public holidays.

**5. HOME GAME PROMOTION AND ORGANISATION**

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- 5.1. The Home Team shall perform the following functions:
  - 5.1.1. Provide a suitable standard of after match hospitality for visiting team members and referees. Use, wherever possible, any nationally arranged sponsorship packages. Unless otherwise advised in advance, the Home Team will cater for a maximum of 15 visiting team members;
  - 5.1.2. Appoint a publicity officer and actively promote each fixture and the CBL in general. Regular liaison with local media personnel is to be maintained;
  - 5.1.3. Undertake the duties designated by the BBNZ in regards to promotion of the CBL sponsor;
  - 5.1.4. Appoint a "Floor Controller" who will be responsible for the conduct of the games in accordance with Rule 5.2 and the BBNZ Internal Regulations;
  - 5.1.5. Provide free access to those persons designated by BBNZ;
  - 5.1.6. Hold reserved seats allocation for referee evaluator(s) in a position in which the game can be clearly viewed;
  - 5.1.7. Arrange competent score bench personnel and statisticians, for all games;
  - 5.1.8. Provide an official match ball, court lighting and equipment of high quality standard for the match;
  - 5.1.9. Make the official match ball available to the referees 30 minutes prior to game start for evaluation and retention until the game starts;
  - 5.1.10. Provide floor wipers (a minimum of two) who are over 10 years of age and able to perform these duties adequately. Floor mops or brooms must be used (NOT hand towels) for health requirements. It is recommended that medical gloves should also be worn;
  - 5.1.11. Arrange for, at least, a 1 hour pre-game practice for the Visiting Team at the match venue. The Visiting Team must be advised in advance if any circumstances prevent this being arranged and alternatives should be offered;
  - 5.1.12. Provide a lockable change room for use by the visiting team;
  - 5.1.13. Provide a lockable change room and key for use by the referees.
- 5.2. All games shall be played under the current playing rules of FIBA except where BBNZ alterations have been determined and with the following exception:
  - 5.2.1. Excluding the Finals, the Home Team shall have the choice of bench, basket and ball;
  - 5.2.2. The technical equipment and stadium facilities shall be in accordance with the BBNZ Internal Regulations;
  - 5.2.3. A report on the result of the game, including such details as designated by BBNZ, shall be emailed or faxed to an appointed contact person within 1 hour of the end of the game. This action does not replace in any way the requirement to email game stats files and/or fax all official, score sheets and game report documents to BBNZ, or its appointed agent, within the officially advised time frame;
  - 5.2.4. The electronic game file, once checked against the official scores sheet for correct individual player scoring and fouls, shall be emailed to all recipients identified by BBNZ no later than 1 hour following the conclusion of a game;
  - 5.2.5. A copy of the score sheet shall be faxed to all recipients identified by BBNZ no later than 1 hour following the conclusion of a game.
  - 5.2.6. The original score sheet and game report document shall be posted by "FAST POST" to BBNZ or their appointed agent, to arrive no later than the Tuesday immediately following the playing of a game.
  - 5.2.7. Should a protest or report by a team or official be lodged and recorded on the score sheet, a copy of the protest shall be faxed to BBNZ, or its appointed agent, no later than 1 hour following the conclusion of a game;
  - 5.2.8. It shall be the responsibility of the Floor Controller, to advise any player or coach incurring a disqualifying foul of the procedures involved as outlined in Rule 8.2 hereof as a consequence of receiving that foul;
  - 5.2.9. Where a programme blank is provided by the CBL sponsor or BBNZ, teams must make a programme on this available, or incorporate it as part of their programme;

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- 5.2.10. The Floor Controller shall ensure that no air horns or any other device that conflicts with a signal associated with the game is used in the venue. The Floor Controller shall also ensure that no placards, banners or other visual media is of an offensive or personal nature are displayed in the venue;
- 5.2.11. The Floor Controller shall ensure that all game commentary and announcements via the public address system are of a neutral nature.
- 5.3. Substandard performance in the area of Home Game promotion and organisation may result in a team being deemed unacceptable for the following year's CBL.

### 6. SPONSORSHIP SIGNAGE

- 6.1. Signage layout must comply with guidelines outlined by BBNZ.
- 6.2. Teams have the right to utilise these court-side signage spaces provided:
  - 6.2.1. The two spaces in front of the visiting team's bench are for the use of the visiting team;
  - 6.2.2. Teams have use of 12 of these court-side signage spaces;
  - 6.2.3. Signs are no larger than 2.4 metres in length and 0.6 metres in height;
  - 6.2.4. Signs are set back 2 metres from the court boundaries;
  - 6.2.5. Signs are of a construction that will not injure players.
- 6.3. On-court signage is permitted but may not be used for television games without the permission of BBNZ.
- 6.4. No signage is permitted on the backboards. Signs are permitted on the backboard upright supports (floor to board). Any such signs are to be no larger than 0.6 metres square.
- 6.5. Aerial signage is not allowed above the court or within 3 metres surrounding the court.
- 6.6. The overall impression of the stadium must be that no single team sponsor shall overshadow the CBL naming sponsor.

### 7. TEAMS

- 7.1. Team entry form and team rosters shall be submitted by the date(s) determined by BBNZ and prior to the start of the CBL and must be suitably endorsed by the team's affiliated Association and accompanied by the CBL entry fee to be valid.
- 7.2. Each team roster form shall detail the playing number, players full name (correctly spelt), date of birth, birth place, height and playing position of each player and any other information requested by BBNZ. Each player so listed shall endorse his inclusion on the team roster by signing the form or shall provide some other form of endorsement acceptable by BBNZ.
- 7.3. Team roster form shall contain no more than twenty (20) player's names. Registration of up to five (5) of the maximum twenty (20) registered players may be withheld from the initial roster and these may be added up until the midpoint of the season (being the start of the second round) or a later date if so designated prior to the start of the competition by BBNZ.
- 7.4. In the event of any duplication of names on registration forms received from two or more teams, the player's name shall be eliminated from all team rosters and the affected teams notified of such action. BBNZ may reinstate or replace a player following consideration of submissions received on the matter within 7 days of the elimination notice being sent.
- 7.5. **NEW ZEALAND PLAYER**  
A New Zealand Player shall include or be deemed to include a player who has New Zealand citizenship.
- 7.6. **RESTRICTED PLAYER**
  - 7.6.1. A restricted overseas player shall be one who is not a New Zealand Player as define in Rule 7.5 above;
  - 7.6.2. A copy of the Foreign Player Licence must be lodged with BBNZ;
  - 7.6.3. A restricted New Zealand Player shall be one who has a National Basketball League (NBL) average court time, for the current season, of fifteen (15) minutes or more per game played by the player as compiled and confirmed by the NBL;

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7.6.4. Each team shall be allowed a maximum of one (1) Restricted Player.

7.7. **CHANGES TO TEAM ROSTERS**

7.7.1. A player classified as a New Zealand player and registered before the designated midpoint of the season may be replaced on a team roster for any reason before the designated midpoint of the season;

7.7.2. A New Zealand Player replaced under 7.7.1 is eligible to represent another team if it is at a time before the designated midpoint of the season and provided that the team removing the player submit written advice to BBNZ, clearing the player of all obligations to that team. The player involved must also sign the submitted form requesting official clearance to represent his new team.

7.7.3. A player classified as a Restricted Player and registered before the designated midpoint of the season may be replaced on a team roster for any reason during all rounds of CBL play, but may not be replaced for, or during, the playing of the CBL Finals;

7.7.4. A Restricted Player replaced under 7.7.1 is eligible to represent another team if it is at a time before the designated midpoint of the season and provided that the team removing the player submit written advice to BBNZ, clearing the player of all obligations to that team prior to the replacement taking effect. The player involved must also sign the submitted form requesting official clearance to represent his new team;

7.7.5. A Restricted Player replaced under 7.7.1 is not eligible to represent another team in the CBL if it is at a time after the designated midpoint of the season;

7.8. **UNIFORMS**

Uniforms must be as follows:

7.8.1. Teams must register their main uniform colours and alternative uniform colours, of which one is a dark colour and the other a light colour. These shall remain fixed and may only be altered on application to BBNZ.

7.8.2. Uniform numbers used may be: 4-15 plus 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, 50-55 with numbers clearly displayed front and back in accordance with FIBA Official Basketball Rules.

7.8.3. Players surnames may be displayed on the back, above the number of all players uniform tops,. All names must be in a clearly visible, contrasting colour to the uniform.

7.8.4. Sponsors' logos and names are permitted but must be placed in such a manner that player's number remain clearly visible.

7.8.5. Where a CBL 'naming sponsor' logo is provided, this shall be attached to all uniform tops in either the front top right or top left.

7.8.6. The Home Team shall wear their main uniform for all home games.

7.8.7. Where a clash of colours occurs in any one game the Home Team shall wear their main uniform colours and the Visiting Team shall revert to their alternative uniform colours.

7.8.8. The Visiting Team shall supply:

- a) the playing personnel including their playing numbers, heights, ages, positions and uniform colours;
- b) the names of the coach, assistant coach (if applicable), manager, and any other non-playing personnel forming the "team bench" (eg: trainer, physiotherapist or doctor);
- c) the team accommodation and travel details.

8. **DISQUALIFYING FOULS**

8.1. When a disqualifying foul is imposed on any player or coach a report on the incident relating to the foul shall be submitted by the referee. The report shall be written on the reverse of the official score sheet and forwarded to BBNZ immediately and also provide as soon as practically possible to the teams involved.

8.2. Any player or coach who receives a disqualifying foul as mentioned in Rule 5.2.8 hereof, shall be given a copy of the score sheet report and advised by BBNZ or its appointed agent (see 7.2.6) at the fixture involved, that the said player or coach has the right to present their written submissions relating to the incident to BBNZ within 72 hours of the incident.

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- 8.3. Having received all evidence relating to the incident, BBNZ may impose a further penalty. Any penalty can be appealed in accordance with the BBNZ Internal Regulations.
- 8.4. Any player or coach who is disqualified from more than one game in any one season shall be automatically suspended from participation in his/her team's next scheduled game and may be liable to further penalty in accordance with Rule 9 hereof.

**9. PENALTIES**

- 9.1. BBNZ may impose either a monetary, suspension or other form of penalty for any breach of the foregoing Rules and Regulations.
- 9.2. In circumstances where there are breaches of rules or offences committed in relation to the CBL, the following fines may be imposed:
  - 9.2.1. Forfeit – a fine of \$500.00 and loss of 1 competition points is to be imposed;
  - 9.2.2. Playing an ineligible player – loss of game by default and a fine of \$250.00 is to be imposed;
  - 9.2.3. Failing to lodge either the score sheet, game report or correct and complete electronic statistic file in the stated timeframe – a fine of \$100.00 is to be imposed;
  - 9.2.4. Consistent and/or willful breaches of the rules and operations guidelines – a fine of up to \$1,000.00 is to be imposed as determined by BBNZ.
- 9.3. If a bond system is in place, the penalty is taken from the bond and then invoiced when penalties are incurred.
- 9.4. In respect of late payment of a fine, a further late payment penalty of 50% of the fine value shall be imposed after 30 days and for each further 30 days thereafter.

**10. REFEREES**

- 10.1. The BBNZ or their appointed agent is responsible for coordinating, appointing, and all relevant matters including identifying the CBL Referee Panel, rating referees for appointments and the referee roster.
- 10.2. CBL monies contribute to the costs associated with officials rostered to the CBL.
- 10.3. Referees who do not perform to the standard required may be removed from the CBL Referee Panel.
- 10.4. Referees who repeatedly perform to a high standard may have their appointments changed in recognition of their contribution.
- 10.5. BBNZ, or their appointed agent, shall change referee appointments where appropriate.

**11. GOVERNING RULES**

Any participant, Association or Club shall be deemed to accept in full these rules and regulations, the BBNZ Internal Regulations and FIBA Official Basketball Rules.