



SBA A GRADE 2012

BASKETBALL LEAGUE



SOUTHLAND BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION A GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2012

The 2012 A Grade Basketball League will run on Tuesday nights in a round robin format with finals to be held on 14 August 2012. Competition length may vary dependant on number of teams entered but will be at least 12 weeks. Games will be played at Southland Boys' High School and the Blues Rugby Club (Conon Street).

REGISTRATION

Teams may register their teams by submitting a fully completed initial registration form by **Friday 5 May 2012**.

The full registration form must be received by **Wednesday 23 May 2012**. Please note that at least full names of players and dates of birth must be entered on this form. The software package that BBNZ use will not allow us to register people without dates of birth.

Full registration fees are \$770 (incl GST)

LEAGUE DATES

15 May, 22 May, 29 May,
5 June, 12 June, 19 June, 26 June,
3 July, 10 July, 17 July, 24 July, 31 July,
7 August and 14 August

IMPORTANT DATES

SBA/A Grade Meeting
Tuesday 8 May 2012

Initial Registration
Friday 5 May 2012

Full Registration
Wednesday 23 May 2012

INITIAL TEAM & SBA MEETING

A meeting will be held between SBA organisers and teams on **Tuesday 8 May, 6:00 pm**, at Stadium Southland to discuss and confirm rules, entries and address any queries or suggestions.

***NOTE:** In order to record top scorers from the beginning of competition, teams should supply full player registration prior to the first night of competition (15 May 2012).

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League Entry Terms & Conditions

UPON ENTERING TEAMS AGREE TO ALL THE FOLLOWING...

League Administration

Registration

Teams are required to have a fully completed **official** initial registration form submitted to SBA by **Friday 3 May 2012**. No late or phone entries can be accepted.

Full registration forms are due by **Wednesday 23 May 2012**. **Please note that full player names and dates of birth must be entered onto these forms.**

Entry forms and fees are due as per calendar. Teams who have not submitted official entry forms in writing will not be registered.

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Entry Fee

Full payment of \$670 +GST (\$770) is required by **Tuesday 5 June 2012**. **Initial nonrefundable deposit of \$200 must be received with entry to confirm team registration.**

Teams with Secondary school players who will be registered in the Friday night competition will receive a discount of \$15 per player. Teams will need to indicate who they are on their registration forms so that we can include the discount on the invoice.

Draw

The draw and notices will be emailed to main team contacts and posted to the Southland Basketball Association website (www.basketballsouthland.co.nz). The website will be updated regularly and will be the primary source for updated draws, results and news. This year we will also be using Facebook and Twitter for update notifications.

Once the draw is finalised no changes will be made, so if there are dates your team may not be able to play it is important you notify this on the entry form before competition starts.

Referees

Teams are to give the name of one person who may assist as a referee when required. They will be provided with ongoing assistance.

Questions / Concerns

If at any time during the league a team has queries, concerns or protests, these are to be put in writing through the SBA office either via email, post or dropped into the office.

Competition Rules & Procedures

Protests

Protests are to be written on the back of the score sheet, with a contact number and signature of the coach provided. The competition controller will contact the coach with a decision on the matter. Any protest not occurring on the night can be forwarded in writing directly to the SBA office.

Uniforms

- » Tops are to be all of the same colour and type (e.g. all singlets or all t-shirts)
- » Tops are to be numbered with a big number on the back and a small number on the front.
- » T-shirts are no longer permitted to be worn underneath singlets. (FIBA ruling)
- » Shorts are to be of similar type, same colour and above the knee.
- » **No track pants, tights under shorts or ¾ length shorts.**
- » Players who do not comply with the uniform rules will not be allowed onto the court (Referees and competition controllers will enforce this).

Defaults

- » If a team is unable to play an assigned game, they may approach the other team to see if they are able to play the game at another time (organising own venue & referees). You must inform the SBA in writing and more than 48 hours before scheduled game.
- » The defaulting team must inform: the Southland Basketball Assn, the opposing team, the referee (contact details will be supplied by the SBA) and the duty team.
- » If a team has three or more players away representing Southland Basketball teams, you can choose to defer your game that particular week. Please inform SBA of any teams that may be in this situation.
- » Defaulting teams will have 1 point deducted from their competition points. Teams who default duty will also have 1 point deducted from their competition points.
- » Any team who defaults twice during a competition will be disqualified from that competition.

Code of Conduct

- » All competitors, coaches, and supporters must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the spirit of fair play and sporting behaviour. They shall give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators, the stadium staff members and others.
- » All venues and equipment and the facilities at the venues used by the Southland Basketball Association must be treated with respect and left tidy.

Disciplinary Procedure

The disciplinary procedure for misconduct will be dealt with under the guidelines of Southland Basketball's Policies and Procedures manual section "[Judicial Processes](#)".

League Rules

Rules

- » The Official FIBA rules apply for general game play
- » **Four x ten** minute quarters: **stop-clock**
- » One minute break between quarters
- » Three minutes for half time
- » Two time outs may be taken in the first half of the game and three in the last half.
- » Four team fouls per quarter before shots are taken
- » Substitutions can be made on either team's ball
- » Players may only play for one team.
- » If there are not five players on the court ready to play (with the score sheet completed) at the allocated game time, the clock will start. If they are still not ready after five minutes, the result will be recorded as a default.
- » Each team can register as many players as they wish but only 12 may play each game.
- » Only those players listed on the team registration form & the game's score sheet are able to take the court

Balls

- » All men's teams will play with a size 7 ball
- » All women's teams will play with a size 6 ball

Referee Duty

- » Each team may be rostered on to referee approximately every second week. Please let us know who your allocated referees will be so that we can include their name in the draw when they are required.
- » If the named person is unable to referee, it is up to them to find a replacement.
- » Failing to provide a referee when you are rostered to do so will result in the team losing one competition point.
- » If a team has to default, they are still required to provide a referee if rostered on.

Scorebench Duty

- » Each team will have rostered duties, which will be either the game before or after their own.
- » You are required to provide at least three people to do the duty.
- » Failing to attend to your rostered duty will result in the team losing one competition point.
- » If a team has to default, they are still required to do duty or arrange replacements.
- » It is expected that the 24 second clock will be operated by the duty team this season.

Finals

- » After the round robin games have been completed, semi finals will take place (1 v 4 & 2 v 3), the winners playing in the final.
- » Teams on equal points will be ranked by result of games against each other in the round robin. If this game was a draw, or they played twice with a different team winning each time, point's differential will decide the deadlock.
- » Playoffs will be held for minor placings on the semi finals night.
- » To be eligible to play in the semis or finals, players must have played at least four round robin games for the team.

Points System

Win 2 points	Draw 1 point	Loss 0 points
Defaulted Game -1 point	Defaulted Duty -1 point	Bye 2 points