



JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL LEAGUE RULES

ELIGIBILITY: To play in the Junior Primary School competition, each player must play in their respective year group (or higher if short of players) and is to be NPBA registered (details recorded on the NPBA Junior Membership Form).

1. GAME TIME: Year 5/6 grades two 18-minute halves (may play quarters if time permits)

- 1-minute half time - 1 x 30 second time out per half

Year 7 & 8 grades 4 x 10-minute quarters running clock.

- 1-minute quarter time, 1-minute half time, 1 minute three quarter time.

- 1 x 30 second timeout per quarter.

No time outs or substitutions in the last 2 minutes of game. If time out runs into the last 2 minutes, time in is called at the beginning of the last 2 minutes. Playing for time is against the principle of fair play, so an imaginary 30 second clock runs. The referee will control this.

No extra time is allowed. In event of a draw, both teams get 2 points.

2. SCORESHEET: Team scoresheets will be in the stadium foyer for **completion 5 minutes prior to game start time**. Please ensure all players names are recorded as they cannot be added once the game starts.

3. UNIFORMS: By the first game all teams are to have their **correct uniform, with tops numbered front & back, this includes correct coloured shorts**. If your team chooses purple shorts, then you must all have purple shorts with no other colour or large logos on them, unless the whole team have the same. Short-sleeved undershirts are only permitted if they are the same colour as main colour of the playing top. **No black soled or street shoes** are permitted to be worn on the stadium court areas. Mouthguards are compulsory, no mouth guard, no game.

4. PLAYERS: a) **Players must stay in the team he or she is registered in.** Players may not switch from team to team when a school has more than one team in the same grade. The team will lose that game by default.

b) A player from a lower grade may play for a higher grade for a **maximum of two games** before being deemed a permanent member of the higher-grade team. This is expected to happen only when there is an acute need in the higher-grade team. Indiscriminate use of lower grade players will result in loss of points. **A note must be made on the score sheet and the league controller notified.**

c) A player qualifies to compete in a semi-final and final after playing for **6 competition games** unless the player has a valid reason e.g. injury is the reason for being unable to play. No new registrations are

accepted in the last six weeks unless a pupil is new to a school and a letter is received from the School Principal notifying the NPBA of the new enrolment.

d) All jewellery/bracelets etc must be removed prior to taking the court. Nails to be clipped shorter than tip of fingers. No gum is to be chewed while on court.

f) All subs are to notify the bench and waiting to be called in by the referee.

5. BALLS: **Will be provided by NPBA.**

Miniball Size 5

Year 5 and 6 mixed size 5.

Year 7 Boys Size 6.

Year 7 and Year 8 Girls size 5.

Year 8 Boys size 7.

6. DUTY: **Each team must supply one supporter to do bench duty for their own game.** There should be no

extra people around the bench, as this creates problems and leads to mistakes being made. The supporters on duty should not leave the bench until the duty is complete. This includes half time. **Supporters are requested to sit in the stands above the courts to reduce congestion.**

7. REFEREES: Year 7 & 8: When rostered teams must provide **two referees** - one named referee from the membership form who must be high school age or older. Two Year 7 & 8 age referees are not permitted.

Referees to supply own whistle.

Year 5 & 6: Referees will be provided (on occasions you may be asked to referee if NPBA is short of referees).

8. DEFENCE: **All grades to play MAN TO MAN DEFENCE.** This means when the ball is in the area defined as the rectangular area from the centre of the 3-point line out to each side-line and down to the base each player must be marking a certain player. 1st offence - A warning is given. 2nd offence - A team foul is awarded to the coach of the offending team and the other team gets two free throw shots and the ball at halfway.

9. DEFAULTS: There should be no default games. But if for any reason the team needs to default, they should **contact the league controller by Friday** for Monday & Tuesday night games. If there is a valid reason for a default, the team needs to arrange to play the game, with results reported to the league controller.

No show defaults: Not turning up to play, the team will get **one written warning and loses two competition points**. If it happens again the team will be **removed from the competition**.

The game may start with three players on court and if the fifth player arrives within five minutes of the game starting, the game will continue. **After five minutes the referee must default the game if there are not five players present.** If both teams agree game may continue with score being invalid.

10. CODE OF CONDUCT:

All players, coaches and spectators are expected to follow the Basketball New Zealand rules for Code of Conduct and Fair Play.

The following activities are not permitted at the venue:

- a) Verbal or physical abuse.
- b) Smoking.
- c) The carrying or drinking of alcohol.

The league controller is responsible for policing the code and has the authority to remove persons in breach of the code from the venue. They also have the authority to report breaches to the disciplinary committee.

11. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE: This is set up by NPBA committee to consider breaches of the Code of Conduct.

The disciplinary committee shall have authority to:

- a) Convene hearings.
- b) Suspend persons for breaches of the code (for a minimum of two weeks).
- c) Deduct competition points from teams.

12. APPEALS: A decision of the disciplinary committee may be appealed to the NPBA committee, by notice in writing delivered to the chairperson, within three days of the disciplinary committee's decision. The appeal document must be accompanied by a payment of \$25.00. The main committee shall hear the appeal as soon as possible after the delivery of the notice.

The NPBA committee shall have power to:

- a) Dismiss the appeal in which case the appeal payment shall be forfeited.
- b) Allow the appeal in whole or in part.
- c) Allow the appeal and quash or vary the penalty imposed by the disciplinary committee. They shall have discretion on whether or not to refund the appeal payment.

13. POINTS: Win 3 points, Draw 2 points, Loss 1 point, Default 0 points.

14. TSB STADIUM USE: **NO BOUNCING OR PLAYING WITH BALLS** in the entire downstairs Foyer / Entrance area.

15. Please refrain from drinking fizzy drinks and eating food on the stadium floor.