



New Plymouth Basketball Association Senior League Local Rules

Game Durations

Premier and Premier Reserve

- 4 x 10-minute quarters. Stop clock per FIBA rules.
- Quarter time shall be of 1 minute duration; half time shall be of 2-minute duration.
- 2 timeouts in the first half, 3 timeouts in the second half per team.
- 1 timeout per team in overtime.
- Timeouts shall be of 50 second duration.
- Clock shall start on time.
- Game can start with 3 players. If there are not 5 players after 5 minutes, then it is deemed a default game and is recorded as such.

Overtime

- If a game is drawn at the end of regulation time, 2 minutes of extra time is played.
- If after these 2 minutes the score is still tied then a further 2 minutes is played.
- This continues until we have a winner.
- All personal and team fouls carry on into extra time.
- Each team is allowed 1 time out per period in extra time.

A and B Grade

- 4 x 12-minute quarters running clock with local rules.
- Except clock will stop in the last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter for fouls, substitutions, and time outs.
- Quarter time shall be of 1 minute duration; half time shall be of 2-minute duration.
- 2 timeouts in the first half, 3 timeouts in the second half per team.
- 1 timeout per team in overtime.
- Timeouts shall be of 30 second duration. Clock does not stop.
- Clock shall start on time.
- There will be no 24 second clock operating.
- Game can start with 3 players. If there are not 5 players after 5 minutes, then it is deemed a default game and is recorded as such.

Overtime

- If a game is drawn at the end of regulation time, 2 minutes of extra time is played.
- If after these 2 minutes the score is still tied, then a further 2 minutes is played. This continues until we have a winner.
- All personal and team fouls carry on into extra time.
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Disputes

Captain of the team to record details of the dispute on the back of the score sheet and sign it. Bring the issue to the attention of the League Controller on the night. This will then be presented to the NPBA Committee.

Uniforms

Shirts and Shorts: All players must have the same-coloured shirts and same coloured shorts. Shirts to be numbered front and back, not taped, in accordance with FIBA regulations, Article 4.3.2. Short sleeved T shirts and undershorts above the knee are not permitted.

Arm and leg garments shall comply with FIBA regulations, Article 4.4.2.

All players wearing an incorrect uniform will be told by the court controller and/or referee that they cannot take the court. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Forfeit

The game clock will start on time. Games can start with 3 players taking the court, once 5 minutes of game clock time is up, and there are not 5 registered players on the court, the game is then deemed as a forfeit. The clock will not stop during the 5 minutes.

Penalties

- If team forfeits a game without a minimum of 24hours notification they are issued with a formal warning.
- First offence: A warning letter will be sent out, outlining consequences for further infringements.
- Further offences: 3 competition points will be deducted and \$50 will be deducted from the team bond.

Duty Teams

Duty Teams must be ready for duty prior to the scheduled game start time. No phones are to be used while the game is in progress.

Scorebench

The following Scorebench personnel are required:

- Premier and Premier Reserve Grades – 3 competent people
- Social Grade (A & B Grade) – 2 competent people

Referee Duty

NPBA referees will be appointed to games throughout the season on a when available basis. It is imperative that teams have 2 competent referees available when on duty. For referee help please contact the Referees Coordinator.

Penalties for Duty default

- First offence: A warning letter will be sent out, outlining consequences for further infringements.
- Further offences: 1 competition point will be deducted and \$25 will be deducted from the team bond.

Rescheduled Games

NPBA must be notified in writing of any game rescheduling by the team wishing to change at least 7 days prior to the scheduled date. If games are rescheduled, teams must organise own venue, referees and scorebench at their own cost.

Games must be played within 3 weeks of scheduled date and results must be forwarded to NPBA otherwise points will not be allocated.

Rescheduling of games must be approved by senior league committee. The senior league committee will require who will referee, the venue, and the date of the rescheduled game.

Player Eligibility

All players must be registered to BBNZ on GameDay. Each player must also register to their respective team. Guidelines on how to register are posted on the NPBA website.

NBL and WNBL Players

- Men's teams are restricted to a maximum of 2 players from any 1st Division NBL team. Consideration will be given for players that are signed to the NBL team but to not regularly appear on the gameday roster.
- Women's teams are restricted to a maximum of 3 players from any WNBL team.
- Secondary school teams can apply in writing to NPBA Leagues Committee for exemption.

Play-offs and Finals Player Eligibility

- Players must have played a minimum of 6 regular season games to qualify for the play-offs and finals.
- NBL, WNBL and University students must have played a minimum of 4 regular season games to qualify for the play-offs and finals.

Teams

- Teams may register a maximum of 12 players at the start of the season.
- If a player is to be deregistered and another added a letter is required requesting this to the senior league committee.
- All teams must have a nominated coach on the scoresheet. The coach must be present. If no coach is nominated or present, then the captain assumes that role and responsibilities.
- Lower grade players may play up a grade (for their own club for 2 games, the 3rd game will be deemed as the new grade for this player).
- No Player can play at a lower grade without the written approval from the league committee.
 - The league committee will only consider written applications from players for re-grading.
- If a player is required for a representative team a player, from a lower grade may replace them without incurring a penalty.
- School players can only play for 1 team in the senior league.
- Clubs with 2 teams in the same grade may not transfer players between teams without written consent.
- All league committee decisions will be final.

Code of Conduct

The NPBA committee has the expectation that everyone shall adhere to Basketball New Zealand Code of Conduct rules. These can be found on the BBNZ website, and a copy is also available on the NPBA website. Further Code of Conduct rules adopted by NPBA are:

- Any abuse of officials by a member of NPBA may result in that member being cited for disciplinary action. The league controller has the right to remove spectators and players on the request from referees, from the stadium.

- 2 Technical fouls by a player incurred in a game, then the player must leave the stadium for the rest of the game and will automatically receive a 1 game stand down.
- 2 unsportsmanlike fouls incurred in a game then the player must leave the stadium for the rest of the game and will automatically receive a 1 game stand down.
- 1 unsportsmanlike foul and 1 technical foul incurred in a game then the player must leave the stadium for the rest of the game and will automatically receive a 1 game stand down.
- Disqualifying foul must leave the stadium floor. The player or players go before the disciplinary committee; meeting must be held within 1 week and will automatically receive a 1 game stand down.
- A player receiving 3 technical fouls during the season will receive a warning letter. On their next technical fouls that player will be required to attend a disciplinary hearing and will automatically receive a 1 game stand down.
- 2 technical fouls incurred by a coach in one season the coach will go before the disciplinary committee within 1 week and will automatically receive a 1 game stand down.

Mouthguards

- Mouth guards are compulsory to all players under the age of 19 years of age.
- If a player enters the court the referee has the right to request that the player either put their mouth guard in or be immediately substituted. The player may not re-enter the game until they have a mouth guard in place.

Scoresheets

Scoresheets must be completed 5 minutes before the game. iPad electronic scoresheet will be used. Guidelines for their use will be located on the scorebenches. Designated coaches and/or captains will be required.

Team Classification

Teams will be classified at the end of competition using the FIBA team classification rules. A summary of the points system is:

- 2 points for a win
- 1 point for a loss
- 0 points for a forfeit

The fixtures, results and ladder will be published on the NPBA website.