



# TBA 2017 JUNIOR PRESIDENTS CUP

## Competition Rules and Criteria

The aim of this competition is to provide a domestic local competition within the Toowoomba area where basketball players of all ages and abilities are able to participate in basketball for enjoyment and skill development.

The competition is open to all players who are registered, fully paid members of Clubs affiliated with the Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc. (TBA), within the Age Divisions nominated by the TBA Juniors Sub-Committee.

TBA reserves exclusive rights to all publicity and promotion, through all forms of media, in relation to the competition and related events. Participating Clubs wishing to undertake Club based promotion via the competition must seek prior written approval from the TBA Juniors Sub-Committee.

The TBA Juniors Sub-committee reserves the right to ask someone to show cause and/or remove any person found in breach of these rules from participating further without refund of any monies paid.

The Age Divisions for the 2017 competition season are:

Age Division	Eligible Birth Year
U9	2009/2010/2011
U11	2007/2008
U13	2005/2006
U15	2003/ 2004
U17	2001/2002
U19	1999/ 2000

Competition times and venues:

- U9Mixed 4:15pm St Marys Tuesdays
- U11Mixed 5:00pm St Marys Tuesdays
- U13Girls 4:15pm St Marys Thursdays
- U13Boys 4:15pm USQ Thursdays
- U15Girls 5:00pm St Marys Thursdays
- U15Boys 5:00pm USQ Thursdays
- U17Girls 6:00pm St Marys Thursdays
- U17Boys 4:00pm St Marys Fridays
- U19Girls 6:00pm St Marys Fridays
- U19 Boys 7:00pm St Marys Fridays

## Team Nominations

- a) Affiliated Clubs are eligible to nominate multiple teams in each age group in this competition. If there are 8 or more teams in an age group, the age group will be split into divisions.
- b) Team nominations shall be lodged via email to [juniors@toowoombabasketball.com.au](mailto:juniors@toowoombabasketball.com.au) by the closing date on the TBA web site. To be accepted each team must have a Nominated coach plus a minimum of 6 players. Acceptance of team nominations received after the competition grading shall be at the discretion of the TBA Junior Sub-Committee.

## 1. Player Eligibility

- a) All players competing in this competition must be:
  - i. Fully registered, financial members of the Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc. (TBA) with no outstanding fees; and
  - ii. Registered members of a basketball Club affiliated with the TBA.
- b) Players are not permitted to play in the age group below their true age group.
  - i. Exemptions may be approved at the discretion of the Junior Sub-Committee
- c) Any Club that has more than one (1) team in a Division **cannot interchange players between teams.**
- d) **No inter club transfers are permitted after a competition has commenced.**
  - i. Exemptions may be approved at the discretion of the Junior Sub-Committee
- e) **Players must play a minimum of 50% of round games in their Division in order to be eligible to play in the Semi-Finals, Finals & Grand Finals. Note=Players playing up a grade must have played 50% of games in their true age team to be eligible to play up a grade.**
  - i. Exemptions may be approved at the discretion of the Junior Sub-Committee
- f) **Players must compete in a minimum of 50% of the scheduled fixture games in their nominated (true age) team to qualify for selection in a Toowoomba Mountaineers representative team.**
  - i. Exemptions may be approved at the discretion of the Junior Representative Sub-Committee

Any club that registers a player after the commencement of the competition and the player does not meet these criteria because of a serious injury or illness may apply in writing to the Juniors Sub-committee for an exemption (Attaching a medical certificate) stating the reason/s for such application. Any such applications shall be considered on a case by case basis at the Junior Sub-Committees discretion.

- g) Any player under suspension for any reason is not eligible to play until the terms of the suspension have been fully served.
- h) Players must abide by all Basketball Queensland By-Laws at >>Inside BQ >> Admin.
- i) **Eligibility for selection as a Toowoomba junior representative coach.**  
*Priority shall be given to coaches who are currently coaching one or more junior teams in the current junior club championship. Only coaches who hold a current official coaching accreditation are eligible for selection as a Toowoomba representative coach.*

## 2. Game Rules

1. Games will be played according to the FIBA rule book unless otherwise specified in this Rules document.
2. Games are to run as follows:

The clock is not stopped during the game, except for the last two minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

In the event of a tied score at the end of a game, no extra time periods will be played except in semi-Finals and Finals.
3. A 3 minute warm up, 2 minutes half time break, 1 minute between quarters

<b>Game</b>	<b>Periods</b>	<b>Time-Out Entitlements</b>
Under 9 and Under 11	4x 8min quarters	Clock stoppages last 2min of 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter. 1 Time out each half with clock stopped (1 Minute).
Under 13	4 x 8 minute quarters	Clock stoppages last 2 min of 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter. 1 Time out each half with clock stopped (1 Minute).
Under 15, Under 17 & Under 19	4 x 10 minute quarters	Clock stoppages last 2 min of 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter. 1 time-outs during the first half, 2 time-outs during the second half with clock stopped (1 Minute).

At the end of each game, the clock will be “reset” by the timekeeper ready for the 3 minute warm up. **At 1 minute to start time, the referee will blow the whistle and call players to the court.**

4. Teams must have a minimum of four (4) players and a coach to start the game at the designated game time. If 4 players are not available to take the court, the game clock will still commence at the designated start time. The team that is short shall be penalized by the awarding of one point for every minute or part thereof that they do not have four players on the court ready to play up to a maximum of 10 minutes. If after 10 minutes a team still does not have four players on the court ready to play it shall forfeit the game. If both teams are short then the game will be declared a double forfeit and cancelled unless both teams agree to play a scratch match with no game fees refunded. In the event of a forfeit by one team and no scratch match occurs an \$80 Forfeit fee shall be incurred and shall be paid prior to the forfeiting teams next scheduled fixture game. **It shall be the responsibility of the forfeiting teams club to ensure payment of such forfeit fee.**

Where a team notifies a forfeit 48 hours before the scheduled game a forfeit fee will not be incurred.

Where a forfeit occurs or the forfeiting team fails to give the required **48 hour’s notice** the forfeit fee (above) shall apply.

**Teams that have outstanding forfeit fees will not be allowed to play any further games until all Fees are paid. No team member is eligible to play for any other team till that player’s share of any outstanding forfeit fine has been paid.**

Where a team forfeits more than (3) times during the competition season, that team shall be ineligible to play in semifinals finals or grand finals.

#### **Forfeits Notification**

(a) Notice of forfeit must be given by the team coach/manager or affiliated club officer and requires two steps.

(b) Advising the TBA Competitions Administrator by spoken contact (Telephone call or in person or by acknowledged SMS with a confirming response)

(c) Advising the opposition team via their coach/manager or affiliated club officer by spoken or acknowledged contact.

5. **Sin Bin** - Any player receiving a **TECHNICAL FOUL** for abuse of an official or an **UNSPORTSMANLIKE FOUL** will be required to leave the court immediately and report to the court controller. The offending player will be 'sin binned'. This will cause the player to be out of the game for the next **5 minutes** (playing time).

Using the game clock the referee and/or scorer will time 5 minutes of playing time. By a substitution the player may return back into the game at the direction of the referee once the 5 minutes has elapsed.

A sin-binned player may be replaced by a substitute if one exists. A second similar offence by the same player will result in the player being disqualified from the game and/or reported.

Referees are encouraged to warn players in a courteous manner of any behaviour or language that may lead to Technical or Unsportsmanlike fouls.

- If a player is sin binned in the last minute of the 1st half the time carries over into the 2nd half.
- If a player is sin binned with 4 minutes left in the last half they are out for the remainder of the game.
- If the player refuses to leave the game then normal rules will be applied and the player will be disqualified and/or ejected and/or reported.
- If a team only has 5 players then they will only have 4 for the time the player is off.
- If you have any further questions, please ask your referees/referees supervisor or court controller before the game.

### 3. Player Uniforms

**Subject to the club affiliation agreement** all teams shall wear the uniform nominated on the clubs team nomination form or shirts of the same dominant affiliated clubs registered colours front & back. School teams affiliated with a club may wear their school uniforms where the singlets are the same and playing shorts are of the same uniform. All players on a team shall wear the shorts of the same colour. Players will be permitted to wear a T shirt under their playing singlet only if the T shirt colour matches the main body colour of the playing singlet. Skins, tights, & similar under **garments** may be worn. All players in the same team shall wear shorts of the same colour. Players not adhering to uniform regulations will not be eligible to play in any finals games.

### 4. Coaches

All teams must have a coach present at all times during the game.

A coach may not participate in the competition if under suspension of any kind.

All Coaches (other than a parent of a participating player) are to hold a current Suitability card and abide by the Coach's Code of Behavior at all times.

## 5. Balls for Games

Balls to be provided by TBA

- A. Size 5 for U/9
- B. Size 6 Basketballs to be used for **all female age divisions U11-U19;**
- C. Size 6 for Under 11 and Under 13 Boys' divisions;
- D. Size 7 Basketballs to be used in Under 15/17/19 Boys' Age Groups;

## 6. Player Numbers

Acceptable playing numbers shall be: 4-15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, and 50-55 clubs should do their best to ensure they use these numbers however exceptions will be made for older uniforms used. Numbers should be easy to read and be on the front and back of singlets.

## 7. REGISTRATION & Game Fees

Players whose registration, game fees & any other charges have not been paid shall be ineligible to play.

**NOTE: NO NAMES MAY BE ADDED TO THE PRINTED SCORESHEET**

### Registration

**U9-** \$50 registration, \$50 game fee/team- full court, coaches to referee

**U11-** \$50 registration, \$60 game fee/team- full court, association referees

**U13/U15-** \$100 registration, \$60 game fee/team- full court, association referees

**U17/U19-** \$100 registration, \$60 game fee/team- full court, association referees

## 8. Scoretable

Each team **MUST** supply at least ONE score bench official for each game. It is encouraged that this be a parent or someone over the age of 12.

- a. Score-Table officials must be seated at the score-table at the start of warm-up time.
- b. The rostered score-table panel should consist, as a minimum, of a person for the score sheet, and a second person to operate the scoreboard/time clock. A third person may attend the score-table as a supervisor or trainee. No more than three (3) people will be seated at or near the score-table.

## 9. Players' Bench

1. The players' bench at either side of the score-table is restricted to Players, Team Coaches, Team Manager and anyone administering Sports Medicine.
2. A team official must be seated on the player's bench before the commencement of each game. A team **WILL NOT** take the court without a team official.
3. All Spectators **must** be seated elsewhere in the spectator seating area. Spectators **must not** walk in front of the team bench or score-table while the game is in progress.

**10. The Referee & umpire must be in full uniform for all games (Black Shoes, Socks, Black pants, belt & the Official Referee sponsors shirt, either grey or green).**

1. Must be in the stadium **15 minutes before game time**, and court-side 5 minutes prior to game start for full warm-up period.
2. Check score bench is Manned & functional.
3. Introduce self to both coaches prior to start of game.
4. Both officials to be in attendance at judiciaries involving incidents during their games.
5. Ensure no one enters court other than competing teams, i.e., no people shooting during time outs, quarter/half time breaks, or on game change-over
6. Check completion of scoresheet during/after each game, **sign & print your name**
7. Hustle on all dead ball situations & make every effort to keep games on time.
8. Game officials shall administer the local rules of the competition approved in this document
9. **The referee's rostering officer** is responsible for appointing referees to all local fixture games.
10. **The competitions administrator** is responsible for appointing the score table officials as required.

## 11. Points System

The points awarded are as follows:

Win	3 points;
Bye	0 points;
Draw	2 points;
Loss	1 point;
Forfeit	0 points

1. If there are two teams that finish equal at the end of the regular season playing schedule then only the result(s) of the game(s) between the two teams involved (head to head) will be used to determine the final placing in the regular season standings.
2. In the event that the total points scored and conceded are the same in the games between the two teams, the classification will be determined by **GOAL AVERAGE** taking into account the results of all the games played in the League by both teams.
3. If more than two teams are equal in the placing, a second classification will be established taking into account only the results of the games between the teams that are tied.
4. In the event that there are still teams tied after the second classification, then **GOAL AVERAGE** will be used to determine the placing, taking into account only the results of the games between the teams still tied.
5. If there are still teams tied, the placing will be determined using **GOAL AVERAGE** from the results of all their games played in the League.
6. If at any stage, using the above criteria, a multiple team tie is reduced to a tie involving only two teams, the procedures in Part (i) and (ii) will automatically be applied.
7. **GOAL AVERAGE** will always be calculated by division.
8. Where there is a tied score on the ladder at the end of the season, all games played for the season shall count in points for and against percentage to determine placing's.

## 12 Semi-Finals and Finals Format

1. Semi-Final A – 1 vs. 4
2. Semi-Final B - 2 vs. 3
3. Grand Final – Winner of Semi-Final A vs. Winner of Semi-Final B

Game timing rules for Semi-Finals and Finals may vary according to the number of teams in each age-group, at the discretion of the T.B.A Competitions Administrator.

## 13. Judiciary

1. The TBA Management Committee will nominate members to the Judiciary Tribunal Panel for hearings arising from this competition.

## 14. No Zone Defense Rule

### Definition of Zone Defense

- Any defense in the half court which does not incorporate normal man to man defensive principles
- Trapping defenses which rotate back to man to man principles are acceptable

### Violations of Man to Man Defense

- 1 or more players are not in an acceptable man to man position in relation to their man & ball
- A cutter moved all the way through the key and was not defended using acceptable man to man techniques e.g. challenged, switched, followed
- Following a trapping or help and recover situation the team make no attempt to re-establish man to man defensive positioning
- Teams Zone press and did not assume man to man defensive positioning once the ball was in the quarter court

### **No zone defense is allowed for Age Groups below U15**

- a) First offence – warning
- b) Second offence – technical foul issued to the coach
- c) Third Offence in any one game – forfeit of the game

It is the responsibility of **the TBA Competitions Administrator** to police the “No Zone” rule

This person will:

- Take into account the intention of the defensive team
- Take into account the time and state of the game
- Take into account the movement or lack of movement of the offensive team.

Deliberate and pre-meditated use of zone defense at a critical time of a game will be acted on immediately. If there is any doubt, the benefit of the doubt will be given to the defensive team.

When, in the opinion of the **Competitions Administrator**, a violation occurs, they will request the referees to charge the coach of the offending team at the next dead ball with the above listed penalties.

## 15. Protests

1. Any player or team wishing to register a protest concerning any aspect of a fixture game may do so via a Formal Complaint Form. **A PROTEST SHALL NOT BE WRITTEN ON THE BACK OF THE SCORESHEET.**
2. The Formal Complaint Form shall be lodged with the T.B.A Competitions Administrator not later than **24 hours after of the game.** Any protest not received within 24 hours or is written on the back of a score sheet shall be deemed invalid and will be ignored.

## 17. Codes of Behavior

**NOTE:** In all Competitions conducted under the jurisdiction of the Toowoomba Basketball Association INC all officials are to strictly and promptly enforce all of the rules of all sanctioned competitions and have the full support of the association. Any unsportsmanlike actions or comments by players, coaches, assistant coaches, managers or team followers is expected to be penalized promptly. Officials are directed to ensure they do not inflame the situation by inflammatory Comments or gestures. Where Team officials or players are disputing decisions by officials with comments, actions or gestures that reflect on the integrity or ability of the officials then the officials will enforce the rules & administer a technical Foul. The captain of a team & the coach may seek information providing this is done in a courteous manner & at an appropriate time. Once the official gives an answer that is the end of the conversation, **(there is to be no debate!)**

### Players' Code of Behaviour

- Play by the rules and observe your Code of Behaviour.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Respect the belongings of others as well as respect for the facilities in which you play your sport.
- Do not act in a matter that is offensive to others, this includes the use of bad language.
- Show appreciation for, and cooperate with, volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, you could not participate.

## **Parents & Spectators Code of Behaviour**

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Support your Club and volunteers by offering your assistance with tasks relating to your child's team – as well as the Club in general. Without your Club and the generosity of other volunteers, your child could not participate.

## **Officials' Code of Behaviour**

- Operate within the rules, by-laws, policies and spirit of the sport and teach your players that rules of the sport are mutual agreements which no-one should evade or break.
- Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each player. Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person. Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
- Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just-average need and deserve time.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behavior and promote respect for all opponents.

- Emphasize the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
- Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Remember, you set an example. Your behavior and comments should be positive and supportive. Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
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