



Local Rules

for Senior Competitions

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Local Competition rules

2 Rules of the competition

1. This document defines the approved local rules for competition/s sanctioned by the Toowoomba basketball association.
 - a. The approved local rules include the administrative bylaw instructions of the competitions as approved by the association.
2. The objective of these rules is to provide a competition for members of the Association to participate in a safe environment for the purposes of skill development and enjoyment.
3. Information on the results, draw and upcoming Association events are available via the TBA website at www.toowoombabasketball.com.au or email competitions@toowoombabasketball.com.au.
4. Suggestions and complaints must be directed through the affiliated club to the Competitions Administrator in the first instance. If the competitions Administrator is unable to resolve the matter it shall be referred to the senior sub-committee for resolution. Issues regarding a particular scheduled game must be notified in writing at least 7 days prior to the scheduled playing time. The Competitions administrator will consider the item & make a ruling in accordance with the competition rules or at their discretion refer the matter to the senior sub-committee.
5. The Dictionary in Schedule 1 defines particular words used in this document!

3 Conditions of the competition

1. The sanctioned competition/s for each calendar year is designated in Schedule 2.
2. The fixture draw for the Seasons competition is available on the Association website.
 - a) Game times and venues may change due to operational logistics. All changes will be advised by the Competitions Administrator.
3. The number of graded divisions in the competition is sanctioned by The T.B.A senior sub-Committee.
 - a. The grading of team nomination/s must be approved by the T. B. A senior sub-Committee.
 - b. The grading of team nomination/s may include social division/s as recommended by the senior subcommittee & approved by the T.B.A Management Committee.
4. Amendments to the rules of the competition may be made at any time in the interest of the competition providing approval is granted by the T.B.A Management committee following a recommendation from the Seniors Sub-Committee.
5. Each team participating in the competition must be able to provide a basic level of first aid for their team members.
6. Any member, volunteer, parent or spectator must comply with all directive/s made by the T.B.A Competitions Administrator. Failure to comply with this condition will result in

disciplinary action as determined by the Association. The disciplinary action considered by the Association may include, but is not limited to, the exclusion of any person from the venue/s of Association sanctioned competition/s and event/s.

4 Eligible members

1. Only Financial registered member/s of the Association **nominated by an Affiliated Club** are eligible to participate in the competition.
2. Member/s suspended from sanctioned competitions and event/s by any BQ affiliated Association are ineligible to participate in any T.B.A competition until the terms of the suspension are fulfilled.

5 Team nominations

1. Affiliated Clubs are eligible to nominate **one** (1) team in each division of the competition.
2. If each club has fielded a team in a particular Grade the senior sub- committee may at its discretion accept additional team/s from an affiliated club.
3. Affiliated clubs must ensure that all team nominations are received by the association Secretary not less than two (2) weeks before the scheduled date of commencement of the competition. Nominations that don't conform to this requirement may be rejected.
4. Each team nomination shall consist of not less than seven (7) and not more than ten (10) eligible members.
5. Each team nomination must designate a member of the team as captain.
6. Each team nomination must designate a non-playing bench Coach, if a non-playing bench coach is not available the captain of the team may perform the duties of the coach.
7. Each team nomination must designate a minimum of two (2) members of the team to participate in the **(Free)** association beginner referee course for each season.
 - a. The association beginner referee course will be conducted at the commencement of the sanctioned competition.
 - b. A minimum of two (2) members of the team must be available to attend the course on the date sanctioned by the Senior Sub-Committee.
 - c. One (1) member of the team must be available to referee a scheduled game in each week of the sanctioned competition.
 - i. The appointment of referee/s to each scheduled game will be at the discretion of the Competitions Administrator.
 - d. Failure to comply with this condition will result in forfeiture of 3 of the team's competition point/s. For repeated offences disqualification of the team from the competition may be imposed.
8. Eligible members are not permitted to participate in more than one (1) team in the competition, unless they are replacing a member in a higher grade.
9. Restriction of eligible members

- a. Members participating in the Association's senior representative program are not permitted to participate in a senior graded division other than A Grade.
- b. Junior members are **not** permitted to participate in a senior division other than A Grade or B Grade **NOTE:** Junior members are permitted to participate in an unlimited number of A Grade or B Grade fixtures. Juniors who take part in the Senior Competition must be 16 years of age to play in the Senior Competition unless they are playing as part of a Representative team which is playing in the Senior Competition (eg. Under 16 Rep)

1. Local modification of the Official Basketball Rules

2. Article 4 Teams

- a. Item 4.3 Uniforms – The uniform of the team members shall consist of:
 - Shirts of the same dominant **Affiliated Club Registered colour** front and back.
 - The referee will allocate a **10 point penalty per infringement** of the local uniform rule at the commencement of a game.
 - 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 singlet. Skins, tights, and similar undergarments can be worn during cold weather less than 12 degrees Celsius (May to September). Any garments must be the same dominant colour as the team uniform.
 - Clubs' sponsorship/advertising arrangements **must** be provided to the TBA Management Committee for approval **prior** to being implemented or displayed.

3. Article 6 Captain: Duties and powers

- a. Item 6.1 – The captain (CAP) is a player designated on the score sheet prior to each game. Where a coach is not nominated by the team the captain is the default coach for the game.

4. Article 8 Playing time, tied score and extra periods

- a. Item 8.2 – There shall be an interval of play of three (3) minutes before the game is scheduled to begin. This time is allocated for team warm up.
- b. Item 8.3 - There shall be intervals of play of one (1) minute between the first and second period (first half), between the third and fourth period (second half).
- c. Item 8.4 – There shall be a half-time interval of play of two (2) minutes.
- d. Item 8.7 – If the score is tied at the end of playing time for the fourth period, the score is recorded as a tie (except in semi-finals, finals or grand finals) where after a 1 minute break an extra period of 3 minutes will be played or as many such periods of 3 minutes as is necessary to break the tie.

5. Article 18 Time out

- a. Item 18.2.5 - One (1) time-out may be granted to each team at any time during the each period & one (1) in an extra period.
6. Article 20 Game lost by forfeit
- a. Item 20.1 Rule – A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:
 - Ten (10) minutes after the scheduled starting time, the team is not present or is unable to field five (5) players ready to play in any A Grade or A Reserve Grade fixture however teams may start the game with four (4) players in all other grades but a fifth player must be present to play before the end of the first period.
 - The referee will allocate a maximum of ten (10) points to the team which is ready to play at the scheduled starting time or one (1) point per minute elapsed until the minimum number of players is ready to play; whichever is the lesser.
 - If two (2) teams are not present ten (10) minutes after the scheduled starting time, the game will be deemed a forfeit.
 - b. Item 20.2.3 – If in a competition the team forfeits for the third time, the team shall be disqualified from the competition and the results of all games played by this team shall be nullified.
7. Article 49 Timer: Duties
- a. Item 49.2 – The timer shall:
 - Stop the game clock when:
 - i. An official blows the whistle while the ball is live in the last two (2) minutes of the second half or on a Referees time out as directed.

6 Competition points, penalties and member eligibility

1. The Competitions Administrator is responsible for awarding all competition points, penalties, fines, suspensions or other actions for any breaches of the competition rules and criteria, codes of conduct, behaviour bringing the game or association into disrepute, or any other matter coming to the attention of the Association.
2. Competition points will be awarded to teams according to their win-loss records according to Attachment D – Classification of Teams of the Official Basketball Rules of FIBA.

Win	Three (3) points
Tie	Two (2) points
Loss	One (1) points
Forfeit	Zero (0) points
Bye	Zero (0) points

3. Abandoned game points will be awarded according to the score at the time of abandonment, subject to a review by the Competitions Administrator; taking into consideration the reason for the abandonment, game time played and other issues deemed relevant.
4. Loss of game by forfeit
 - a. The final score will be recorded twenty (20) to zero (0) and the forfeiting team will be required to pay the forfeit penalty fee.
 - b. If both teams forfeit the scheduled game both teams will be required to share the payment of the forfeit penalty fee.
 - c. Games are forfeited by members not eligible to participate.
 - d. A team notifies the competitions administrator of a forfeit.
5. Members must play not less than 50% of the scheduled games of the competition to be eligible to participate in semi-finals and finals & to be eligible for selection in the T.B.A Mountaineers representative program.
 - a. Notwithstanding an extended injury prevents a member from fulfilling the 50 % requirement, the member's Affiliated Club may make a written submission to the Senior Sub-Committee, outlining the special circumstances, and requesting approval for the member to participate in the Finals. This submission must include a letter from the member's medical practitioner confirming the type of injury and the required recovery period, which caused the player to not be able to fulfil this playing condition.
6. Junior members that play not less than 50% of the scheduled games of the competition **are eligible** to participate in semi-finals and finals.
7. Reportable incidents including dismissing a player from the court must be lodged by official report with the TBA Seniors Sub-Committee within 48 hours (by the close of business on the end of the second business day) by the controlling referee for the game.
8. A member may only play in a higher or lower graded division at the Approval of the TBA Competition Administrator.
9. Teams which determine that they will not be able to field a team for a scheduled game are required to notify the Competitions Administrator twenty four (24) hours in advance of the scheduled starting time. Payment of the forfeit penalty fee will be the forfeiting teams responsibility & must be paid prior to the teams next scheduled fixture match or the team will be ineligible to play any further games till the any outstanding forfeit fine is paid.
10. Transfer of an affiliated club member to another Affiliated Club
 - a. Members of the Association must compete for their registered Affiliated Club or for the team nominated by an Affiliated Club or the Junior Sub-Committee.
 - b. No player clearances can occur after a season has commenced for an existing registered member wishing to transfer to another Affiliated Club. Clearances for members with outstanding fees or failing to meet any other conditions or penalties will not be considered. An Association Clearance Form must be completed online and approved by the member and current affiliated Club prior to final approval being given by the Association.

- c. Any team competing with a member without transfer clearance concedes loss of the game by forfeit.
- d. A transfer clearance is not required for returning members of the Association inactive for the preceding twelve (12) months.

8. Game officials duties and powers.

- 1 .The referee & umpire must be in full uniform for all games (black shoes, sox, pants with belt or shorts/tights, belt & the official sponsors Shirt).
2. Must be in the stadium **15 minutes before game time**, and court-side 5 minutes prior to game start for full warm up period.
 3. Check score bench is manned & functional.
 4. Introduce self & partner to both coaches prior to start of game.
 5. Both officials to be in attendance at judiciaries involving incidents during their game.
 6. Ensure no one enters the playing court other than competing teams, ie, no people shooting during time outs, quarter/half time breaks, or on game change-over.
 7. Check completion of scoresheet/stadium scoring during/after each game, **Sign & print your name or enter your individual officials code in the system.**
 8. Hustle on all dead ball situations & make every effort to keep games on time.
 - 9 .Game officials shall administer the local rules of the competition approved in this document.
 10. The Competitions must administrator shall be responsible for appointing referees to all local fixture games.
 11. The competitions administrator is responsible for appointing a score table coordinator who shall be responsible for determining the eligibility of each score table official registered with the Association to officiate the competition.

9. Member fees

1. All Registration fees are to be paid on line prior to a member's participation in any competition game.
2. The game fees and membership registration fee for competition is designated in Schedule 3.

Schedule 1 - Dictionary

Item	Definition
Affiliated	Means having signed an affiliation agreement with the Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc.
Graded Division	Means the graded playing divisions sanctioned by the Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc.
BA	Means The Australian Basketball Federation Incorporated trading as Basketball Australia.
BQ	Means Basketball Queensland
Club	Means a Club operating under affiliation with the Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc.
Coach	Means a person nominated by a Club to coach a team in a TBA sanctioned competition.
Coaching Qualification Level	Means the level of coaching accreditation approved under Basketball Queensland guidelines.
FIBA	Means Federation Internationale de Basketball.
FIBA Rules	Means playing rules authorised by the Federation Internationale de Basketball.
Completed Game	Means a game where a scoresheet has been duly signed by the relevant Referee, and others as required, after expiry of the allotted time for the game or such time as the game is abandoned.
Game	Means a competition game administered by the TBA.
Association	Means the Management Committee of the Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc.
Manager	Means a person nominated by a team to manage that team within a TBA sanctioned competition.
TBA	Means Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc. or the Association
TBA Management Committee	Means the Management Committee as defined in the Constitution the Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc.
Toowoomba Basketball Association's Mountaineers Representative Program	Means any team selected to represent the TBA in any BQ sanctioned representative competitions.
Toowoomba Senior Competition	Means the local domestic competition sanctioned by the

	Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc.



Schedule 2 – Sanctioned competition

Patron's Cup

Nominations called

Nominations Close

Compile & Publish seasons Draw

Competition to begin



President's Cup

Nominations Called

Nominations Close

Compile & Publish seasons Draw

Begin Competition

From

To

Week 1

Week 2

Week 3

Week 4

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

Week 9

Week 10

Week 11

Week 12

Week 13

Week 14

Week 15

Semi- finals

Finals

Grand Finals

Notes:

All fixtures are played at St Mary's College located at Herries Street, Toowoomba.

Games are scheduled to tip off each hour generally beginning at 6 pm through to 9 pm Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Scheduled competition days for senior competitions are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Men's Divisions - Monday – A Grade, Wednesday – B Grade & C Grade.

Women's Divisions - Monday – A Grade, Tuesday – B Grade

Schedule 3 – Member fees*

Item	Fee	Description
Member Registration	\$115 per player	<p>Includes the Toowoomba Senior Division competition and any other TBA sanctioned competitions, games, courses and events, excluding representative teams.</p> <p>This includes Basketball Queensland registration and sports limited insurance (see Basketball Queensland website for more details).</p> <p>Clubs may add an additional Club fee on top of this amount at their discretion.</p> <p>Membership entitles each member to participate in all competition/s scheduled by the Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc. during the year of the receipted date of registration ending on the 31st of December that year.</p>
Club Membership		This membership fee is set at the discretion of each Club and included in the Member Registration fee.
Game Fees	\$70 per game per player	The game fee must be paid on line by all team players prior to taking the court. Teams winning by forfeit shall receive a refund of their game fees for that game at conclusion of the competition.
Forfeit Penalty Fee	An amount equal to the forfeiting teams game fees	Forfeiture fees are necessary to ensure the viability of the program. These fees shall be paid in full prior to the forfeiting team's next scheduled game. Members of a team that have not paid a forfeit fee are not permitted to participate in any Association event until such fees are paid. The forfeiting team members shall each be responsible for their share the payment of any forfeit fee incurred.

Code of behaviour

In all competitions conducted under the jurisdiction of the Toowoomba Basketball association inc officials are directed to enforce a zero tolerance policy to any unsportsmanlike actions or comments by players, coaches, assistant coaches, managers, or team followers. Officials are directed to ensure they do not inflame the situation by inflammatory comments or gestures. Where team officials or players are disputing decisions made by officials with comments or actions that reflect on the integrity or ability of the referee or umpire then the officials shall enforce the rules & administer a Technical foul. The captain of a team & or 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)!**

Code of conduct for members

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition. Any approach must always be conducted in a reasonable manner.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any competition or event sanctioned by the Toowoomba Basketball Association Inc.
4. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays regardless of whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
7. Cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and development.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
10. Respect the belongings of others.
11. Do not act in a manner that is offensive to others, this includes the use of swearing or offensive language.
12. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, you could not participate.
13. Communicate any concerns, disputes, complaints or other issues about players, parents, coaching staff, team management or any other relevant party by way of writing to the secretary of your relevant Club within 3 working days of the incident. No exceptions!
14. The Club Management Committee reserves the right to investigate any issue to bring about a resolution or to refer the matter to the TBA senior sub-committee for a determination if necessary.

Code of conduct for members guests

1. Member's guests include parent, spectators of any member of public present at a TBA sanctioned competition or event.
2. Remember that players participate in sport for their enjoyment and commitment to team mates.
3. Encourage other players to participate and help with their development.
4. Focus on improving skills performance rather than winning or losing.
5. Always play according to the rules and settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
6. Never ridicule or yell at a player for making a mistake or losing a game.
7. Remember that even senior players continue to develop best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
9. Respect officials' decisions and encourage others to do likewise.
10. Show appreciation for volunteers, coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, players could not participate.
11. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
12. Communicate any concerns, disputes, complaints or other issues about players, parents, coaching staff, team management or any other relevant party by way of writing to the relevant Club Management Committee within 3 working days of the incident. No exceptions!
13. TBA and Basketball Queensland holds the right to use, for publicity purposes, photographs of players and other participants taken during competition or events sanctioned by the TBA.