

DYNAMIK NATIONAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS 2026–27



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CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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These regulations apply to the Dynamik National Schools competition for and any other school competitions under the jurisdiction of Basketball England. All additions/amendments from 2025-26 season are highlighted in yellow.

(The Basketball England National School Competition Regulations are subject to approval and amendment by the Executive Board of Basketball England)

1. MANAGEMENT:

- 1.1 The Competitions are the official national inter-school championships of Basketball England. The responsibility for the organising of these competitions lies with the professional staff of Basketball England.
- 1.2 By entering and registering to participate, schools and individuals accept the regulations regarding disciplinary action and appeals.

2. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY:

- 2.1 Any individual school, college or academy, officially recognised by the Department of Education, may apply to enter the National School Competition.
- 2.2 Basketball England reserves the sole right to decide which Teams will be accepted to participate in the National Competition and the Divisions that each Club will compete in.
- 2.3 Basketball England reserves the right to refuse entry to any school, college or academy to any of its competitions.
- 2.4 Schools entering teams in both the Premier and Conference competitions within the same age group must provide a list of players assigned to each squad before their first game is played. Under no circumstances may a player represent both teams. Any breach of this regulation will result in all games in which a Premier player has played down being forfeited.
- 2.5 No players that are registered by the AoC in the WEABL, EABL or CBL are permitted to play in these leagues. This rule will not apply to the National Schools U17 League, which does permit EABL, WEABL and CBL players.
- 2.6 Entries for the National School Competitions will have an entry deadline; this date will be determined by Basketball England and will be clearly stated on the [Basketball England website](#).
- 2.7 The person responsible for the administration of the school basketball teams shall be referred to as the “key contact person”. All actions of the key contact person are deemed to represent the authority of the school.
- 2.8 Communication between schools and Basketball England should be conducted through the key contact person. Their details can be found in the Handbook. Only the key contact person will be acknowledged as the person to communicate decisions to Basketball England, unless the school has informed Basketball England of a nominated alternative. Basketball England should be informed in writing of any permanent or temporary changes to the school’s key contact person.
- 2.9 An individual school entering the National School Competitions shall be represented at its fixture by an employee of that school. In signing the entry form the Head Teacher / Principal of the institution accepts responsibility for the actions of its employees.
- 2.10 Entry Fees for the national school competitions will be £50 per team.
- 2.11 Entry Fees must be paid 30 September. If this fee is not paid by this date, then Basketball England reserves the right to withdraw teams from the competition.
- 2.12 Should a previous season’s entry fee be outstanding, that institution will not be allowed to enter the league.
- 2.13 The Entry Fee is automatically forfeited if the school withdraws their entry. If entry into any Competition is declined the Entry Fee will be refunded in full.
- 2.14 To withdraw a team, a withdrawal form must be submitted [here](#). A team's withdrawal from the competition shall not be deemed official until the team has submitted the official Withdrawal Form and written confirmation of the withdrawal has been issued by Basketball England.

3. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

3.1 The age for each player is taken as at the 1 September of each season.

3.2 To be eligible for an age group a player must be born on or after the date listed in the table below:

Age Group	Eligibility
Under 19	01/09/2007
Under 17	01/09/2009
Under 16	01/09/2010
Under 14	01/09/2012

3.3 Institutions that are found to have played ineligible players may face disqualification from the National School Competitions for the remainder of that season.

3.4 Players must be in full-time attendance at the institution that they represent in the competition. It is recommended that team's field at least eight players per fixture.

3.5 It may be possible for a student to be on a funded study programme at more than one school/college. In such circumstances, the student will play for the institution at which they study more guided learning hours. If this college does not enter a team in the student's chosen sport, the college at which the student studies fewer hours must make a written request to the other college for the student to play in their team.

3.6 At the U14 and U16 Co-Ed age groups female players are permitted to play in this age group only if there is no female team available for them to play for within their school environment and they are of the correct age, physical and mental ability. When permitting a female player to play within competitions at these two age groups, the education establishment will need to complete a Consultation and Consent Form for each female player. Therefore, liability will rest with the school under their pastoral and OFSTED regulations and Duty of Care to each female player.

4. COMPETITION FORMATS:

4.1 U14 & U16 Co-Ed and Girls:

Many of these competitions are primarily facilitated by the School Games Organisers (SGO) or local county contact. If a County School Games Organiser is not facilitating these age groups direct entry can be made to Basketball England. The SGO will be responsible for facilitating the Local School Cluster round and County rounds with the County winners progressing to the regional stages. Basketball England will organise the direct entries and from the regional rounds onward and the regional winners will progress to the Playoffs (item 4.4). Direct entries shall consist of school teams where there is no county competition or, for established teams, where the SGO permits them to participate through this route. Direct entry offers two options; schools will have the ability to enter either Co-Ed Premier or Co-Ed Conference competitions. Competitions will split into these different levels where there is a need and will also be dependent upon the number of schools that enter at each level. The Premier competition is for established basketball schools with a successful history of competing at national level and is likely to include an increased amount of travel. Entry into the Premier competition is subject to the previous season's performance and applications will be assessed by Basketball England. The Co-Ed Conference competition is for new and developing schools where there is no locally organised competition. The SGO will organise the Local School Cluster rounds and County rounds while Basketball England will organise the direct entries. From the regional round stage onward Basketball England will organise the games and the regional winners will progress to the Playoffs (see item 4.4).

4.2 U14 & U16 Co-Ed Premier Competitions:

These competitions are organised by Basketball England. Entry is made direct to Basketball England, and the format will be dependent upon the number of entries received. This is open to all schools that wish to play basketball at the higher level. The competition format will begin with regional pools, and these will be determined by the schools' geographical location. Teams will play each other in their pool. Depending upon entry numbers, positions in pool play will determine the

teams to progress to the national knock out stages until teams are found to progress to the National School Competitions Final Event

4.3 U17 & U19 Men and Women:

These competitions are organised by Basketball England. Entry is made direct to Basketball England, and the format will be dependent upon the number of entries received. This is open to all schools, colleges and academies. The competition format will begin with regional pools, and these will be determined by the schools' geographical location. Teams will play each other in their pool. Depending upon entry numbers, positions in pool play will determine the teams to progress to the playoffs.

4.4 U17 & U19 Men Premier Competitions:

These competitions are organised by Basketball England. Entry is made direct to Basketball England, and the format will be dependent upon the number of entries received. This is open to all schools that wish to play basketball at the higher level. The competition format will begin with regional pools, and these will be determined by the schools' geographical location. Teams will play each other in their pool. Depending upon entry numbers, positions in pool play will determine the teams to progress to playoffs.

4.5 Playoffs:

The playoff zones are as follows: (1) North, (2) Central, (3) London, and (4) South. The North zone will comprise of the regions Yorkshire & Humberside, North West and North East. The Central zone will include East Midlands, West Midlands and the East, while the South zone will cover the South West, South and South East regions. The London zone will consist of the five Borough Partnership areas; i.e. North, East, South, West and Central London. Teams will initially compete within their zone to progress through the playoff rounds leading to the national final.

4.6 Playoff Matches will be played as single leg matches **hosted by** the home team as designated by Basketball England. Teams will be given a window of opportunity to ensure that the matches are completed. A deadline will be set for each round; matches will need to be fulfilled prior to this deadline. Failure to meet this deadline, the fixture will be sent to be reviewed by the Basketball England and an outcome will be determined.

4.7 Basketball England reserves the right to amalgamate regions where few entries have been received and to adjust the format of the relevant competition for the teams involved. In the event of such an amalgamation, the designated qualifiers could come from one region.

4.8 The teams that qualify for the playoffs of the school's competitions shall observe any arrangements by Basketball England for the staging of these fixtures, especially with regard to any sponsorship agreements.

4.9 In all competitions schools will be scheduled to play an opponent until an age group winner is determined.

4.10 In pool fixtures the positions will be determined by awarding three points for a win and one point for a loss. In the event of a match lost by forfeit or default, no points are awarded to the losing team and points may be deducted if it is considered appropriate.

4.11 The League positions shall be determined by awarding the following points:

- Three points for a win and one point for a loss.
- Three points shall be awarded to the non-offending team for a Match that is won by forfeit.
- Zero points shall be awarded for a Match lost by forfeit.
- All games that are 'void' at the end of the season will result in a score line of 0-0 and no points awarded to either team.

4.12 Teams that forfeit games during the pool stage of the competitions without a valid reason will not be permitted to progress beyond the pool stage.

4.13 In the event of a tie in league points at the end of the season, this shall be resolved as follows:
a) If there are two teams involved in this classification, the result(s) of the game(s) between the teams involved will be used to determine the placings.

- b) 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 points difference considering the results of all the games played in the league by both teams.
- c) If more than two teams are equal in the placings, a second classification will be established considering only the results of the games between the teams that are tied.
- d) In the event that there are still teams tied after the second classification, then points difference will be used to determine the placings, considering only the results of the games between the teams still tied.
- e) If there are still teams tied, the placings will be determined using points difference from the results of all their games played in the league.
- f) If at any stage using the above criteria, a multiple tie is reduced to a tie involving only two teams, the procedure in a) and b) will be applied.
- g) If it is reduced to a tie still involving more than two teams, the procedure beginning with) is repeated.
- h) Points difference will always be calculated by subtracting points against/conceded from points for/scored.

- 4.14 Matches can be arranged in the form of central venue tournaments (triangular, quadrangular, etc.) or leagues, depending upon the geographical spread and the number of teams entered. Otherwise, full fixtures are to be fulfilled.
- 4.15 It is recommended that, for leagues, games should follow FIBA regulations (i.e. four 10-minute quarters (stopping clock), two minutes between quarters and a 10-minute half-time break) and that, for tournaments, the quarters should be shortened to 7 minutes each. If the length of time available becomes an issue, there is the option to shorten games by agreement between the teams (e.g. shorter quarters or by adopting a running clock format).
- 4.16 Any claim for an outstanding/postponed game must be received by Basketball England **not less than** 14 days prior to fixture deadline in order that full consideration of the claim can be made before confirming final league positions and playoff places

5. FIXTURES:

- 5.1 Basketball England will prepare a fixture list prior to the start of the Season. The dates of the season will be as published on the Basketball England website.
- 5.2 Matches shall be played prior to the published **deadlines** for the various rounds of each competition in the calendar. No arrangements other than this can be accepted without the prior consent of Basketball England.
- 5.3 Both teams have an equal responsibility for arranging the fixture.
- 5.4 The home team is responsible for confirming the fixture, with the away team at least seven days prior to the game.
- 5.5 The first named team in the fixture is the home team and is expected to stage the match. Any alternative arrangement must be mutually agreed on in writing by both parties. Authorisation from Basketball England may be required.
- 5.6 A visible scoreboard, and a visible clock, showing at least the time for the game in minutes shall be provided by the home team at every match. These facilities shall be clearly visible to both team benches.
- 5.7 The home team is to provide scoresheets and table equipment for the game and is responsible for providing suitable first aid equipment at the venue.
- 5.8 Spectator space if available should not interfere with the playing space. Spectators should be adequately supervised by the relevant institution staff.
- 5.9 Teams arriving more than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time will find themselves liable to the forfeiture of the fixture. The away team must contact the home team if they are to be late.

It is however the intention that the match should take place if possible and officials are requested to keep this in mind when making decisions.

- 5.10 Where a school is responsible for the postponement of a confirmed match or does not fulfil a fixture, without the consent of its opponents, Basketball England may consider the matter and award the non-offending team the game 20 – 0; league points may also be deducted. If games are postponed in agreement with both teams, a new date for the match must be confirmed no later than 1 week after the postponement. Both teams share equal responsibility for agreeing a new date for the fixture following a postponement.
- 5.11 Where a school is responsible for the postponement of a confirmed match due to the venue operator cancelling the booking, the game must be rescheduled within seven days of the postponement. Confirmation from the venue that the original booking was cancelled by the venue operator must be provided. Failure to provide confirmation from the venue operator will result in consideration of the matter by Basketball England which may result in the game being **forfeit in favour of** the opposition.
- 5.12 In the event of postponements due to severe weather conditions or unforeseen road delays the following will apply:
- a) The travelling expenses (if applicable) of the match officials will be paid by the home team. Any dispute over the team responsible for the postponement, and subsequently any costs, will be resolved by Basketball England within seven business days.
 - b) Any court hire cost will lie with the team responsible for the postponement if the match is re-arranged later. In a forfeit, the home club is not entitled to claim court hire costs from the away school; however, they will be awarded the game 20-0.
 - c) The responsibility for notifying match officials of a postponement rests with the home club.
- 5.13 Whenever two schools fail to reach an agreement as to when a match shall take place, within seven days of the date of the original fixture postponement, Basketball England shall specify the date and time of the match.
- 5.14 Where a match is abandoned the Competitions Review Panel or the Competitions Manager shall reach a decision on the result and outcome of the match, based on the circumstances around each case. Only personnel listed on the original Scoresheet are eligible to play in any replay.
- 5.15 All fixtures must be played no later than the league deadline as published by Basketball England. Any fixtures that have not taken place by the league deadline will be marked as Void.
- 5.16 A team's withdrawal shall not take effect until Basketball England has issued written confirmation to all affected teams. Until such confirmation has been issued, all scheduled fixtures involving that team shall remain valid. Teams must not treat a fixture as cancelled or assume that a team has withdrawn based on informal communication or any unofficial information. Where a scheduled fixture has not been played and Basketball England has not issued written confirmation of the team's withdrawal, the opposing club shall be entitled to claim the fixture in accordance with the competition regulations.
- 5.17 Schools should take reasonable precautions to safeguard the match officials and other participants from unsatisfactory behaviour by their own players, officials, and supporters.

6. FINALS EVENTS:

- 6.1 Basketball England will organise and promote the finals events as it deems appropriate. Disciplinary and other issues that may occur during the event, will be acted on as quickly as possible and the **Competition** Manager will have overall discretion on any matters that require an immediate decision. Further disciplinary action may be taken in accordance with Regulation 12 after the event.

7. PLAYING RULES:

- 7.1 All games are played according to current FIBA regulations unless otherwise stated. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes no Zone Defence in the u14 age brackets.
- 7.2 The home team should provide the match ball. **Wilson** basketballs are the approved ball for competitions under the jurisdiction of Basketball England.
- 7.3 Official basketball sizes:
- Size 5 for U14 girls
 - Size 6 for U14 Co-Ed and U16, U17, U19 women
 - Size 7 for U16 Co-Ed and U17, U19 men
- 7.4 Games should be played on a full-size court not less than 20m x 11m. After the pool stage matches, a full-size court of not less than 26m x 14m is needed. During the pool stage matches, venues with old court markings will be permitted. However, from the first round of the playoff stage onwards, only venues with the updated court markings will be permitted. From the playoff stage onwards, games must be played at a facility with a minimum ceiling height of 6m.
- 7.5 When arranging a fixture, the venue address, game time and respective playing colours must be confirmed. In the event of a colour clash on the day, the home team shall change.
- 7.6 If a coach is disqualified during the game they must be replaced by another adult representing that school who is suitably DBS checked and holds a Level 2 basketball coaching qualification.
- 7.7 When a player in a National Schools fixture (regardless of age) is disqualified, a designated coach or member of institution staff, with a current enhanced DBS certificate, must accompany the player out of the playing area. If there is no coach or member of institution staff available, the player must remain in the hall on the opposite side of the court to their team bench area and must not intervene or communicate with the team. If the disqualified player is to remain in the hall, any further intervention or incidents will be taken into account in any disciplinary investigation after the match.
- 7.8 During the game, the only persons permitted to sit on the bench are the head coach, the 12 players and a maximum of eight bench personnel with special responsibilities (including assistant coaches), i.e. 16 persons in total.
- 7.9 During the game, the referee must order any player who is bleeding or has an open wound to leave the playing area. The player may return to the court only after the bleeding has stopped and the area affected, or the open wound has been completely and securely covered. Cleaning/Blood packs should be kept court side to clean any blood/vomit from the area.

8. RESULTS:

- 8.1 It is the responsibility of the winning team to submit the result on PlayHQ within 24 hours of the game finishing.
- 8.2 The white copy of the scoresheet must also be uploaded via the [Result Submission form](#).

9. MATCH OFFICIALS:

- 9.1 Referees and table officials should be appointed by the home team for each game. Referees should hold a minimum of a Level 2 qualification, unless they are a development referee and therefore hold a level 1 qualification (regulation 9.4). Match officials should wear the regulation uniform.
- 9.1.1 If the home team is unable to arrange two referees for a game, the away team must be advised at least 48 hours prior to the fixture for them to assist with the appointments. Should two referees not be able to be appointed, the game may be postponed (should both teams agree), reversed (should both teams agree) or be played with one referee (should

both teams agree). If an agreement cannot be reached, the non-offending team may claim the game.

9.1.2 A team cannot make a claim for a game after the game has commenced. Should a game start, both teams are deemed to have accepted the conditions at the commencement of play.

9.2 Referees and table officials should be registered with Basketball England.

9.2.1 School Staff may officiate games provided they hold the appropriate officiating qualifications, are registered with Basketball England, and meet any other requirements outlined in these Rules and Regulations.

9.3 For all age group competitions within the school competitions, educational establishments may appoint one development referee to officiate home games. The development referee must meet the following criteria:

- i. Must be qualified with Basketball England to referee level 1 or 2.
- ii. Must be registered with Basketball England as a referee.
- iii. Must have an independent (not a member of the school/college), qualified (Level 2 minimum), registered & experienced (at least 2 years' experience and has officiated games in the previous two seasons) co-official 18 years old or over.
- iv. No siblings/family taking part in fixture.
- v. Is not registered to participate in the same competition.
- vi. Is a minimum of 2 years older than age group they are officiating.
- vii. Development referees should be paid in line with regulation at the level 1 rate

9.4 The following match fee and expense rates will apply as a guideline of the payment of officials:

LEVEL OF OFFICIAL	REFEREES	TABLE OFFICIALS
Level 5	£27.00	£21.00
Level 4	£26.00	£19.00
Level 3	£24.00	£16.00
Level 2	£23.00	£14.00
Level 1	£22.00	£13.00

Expenses paid to referees will either be in the form of:

Travel by Rail: The actual fare paid up to a maximum of second class ordinary return.

Travel by Road: 45.0p per mile. This figure does not apply where the official is using a company car, in which case the rate shall be 18.0p per mile for all mileage. (NB - see also official's expenses claim forms for further details)

It is recommended that the total match fee and expenses that may be claimed each game by each official should not exceed a combined total of £37.00.

For double-header appointments only one set of travel expenses may be claimed.

For appointments to all National School Championship Finals Basketball England will determine the appropriate match fee and mileage rate and or the level of expenses that will apply.

10. GAME PROMOTION:

10.1 If the home team wishes to provide a match programme, the visiting team should provide any requested information at least five days prior to the fixture. If a school chooses to promote their home fixtures, they are entitled to any profits resulting from the promotion and will be solely responsible for any financial loss incurred.

11. HOSPITALITY:

- 11.1 The home team is expected to provide adequate refreshments for the away team from the playoffs onwards, bearing in mind the distance travelled. If it is intended not to provide refreshments, the opposition should be informed when arrangements for the game are confirmed.
- 11.2 Should the away team require overnight accommodation expenses for the accommodation shall be covered by the away team.

12. DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

- 12.1 Basketball England will be responsible for disciplinary matters in accordance with these regulations and the Basketball England Disciplinary Code.
- 12.2 Individual schools, coaches, team managers, players and/or team representatives may be disciplined for breaches of the National Schools Rules and Regulations, and/or the Basketball England Disciplinary Code or Code of Ethics and Conduct.
- 12.3 Institutions are responsible for their supporters and failure to control their behaviour could result in similar disqualification or other action as deemed appropriate within the powers of the Discipline Code.
- 12.4 In the event of a Participant committing a disqualifying foul during a match, the case will automatically be considered by the Disciplinary Officer under the following process:
- 12.4.1 Each referee is required to submit a written report on the matter, to Basketball England within 48 hours of the match finishing, via the Disciplinary Report form available [here](#).
- 12.4.2 Where a Participant has been disqualified and video of the incident is available this must be submitted within 48 hours if requested by Basketball England.
- 12.4.3 The Participant and/or the Institution may also submit written reports if they so choose. Each of these reports shall be prepared by its author making clear as to evidence seen directly by the author. These must be submitted by the timeline stated in the Disciplinary Document.
- 12.4.4 If a Participant is guilty of misconduct not involving disqualification, which any of the Match Officials consider to be of sufficient gravity to warrant consideration by Basketball England, a report should be submitted to Basketball England within 48 hours of the match finishing.
- 12.5 The Disciplinary Officer shall determine the level of sanction based on reviewing the referee reports and any additional reports/evidence made available to them.
- 12.6 Suspensions will be issued in line with the below table:

Incident	Suspension
- General Improper Conduct (including leaving the team bench area during a fight situation) - Unsportsmanlike Conduct - Verbal Abuse 1 (Obscene/Foul Language) - Violent Conduct 1 (Physical retaliation)	1 game
Verbal Abuse 2 (Excessive Obscene/Foul Language)	2 games
- Violent Conduct 2 (Pre-meditated physical violence) - Verbal Abuse 3 (Continuous & aggressive abuse)	Minimum 2 games

Violent Conduct 3 (Continuous violent behaviour/physical violence)	Minimum 3 games
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12.6.1 Where a Participant receives more than one disqualification during the same Season, they shall receive an additional suspension in accordance with the suspension framework set out below.

2nd Disqualifying Foul in Season	1 game suspension plus Incident suspension
3rd & Any Subsequent Disqualifying Foul in Season	2 game suspension plus Incident suspension

- 12.7 Disciplinary action as a result of a decision of the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England will normally come into force on the 14th day after the incident or as otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England. In all cases should an appeal be lodged against a decision of the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England; any disciplinary action will only be set aside if an application to do so is submitted and approved in accordance with the Appeals Policy.
- 12.8 Suspensions which cannot be served in their entirety before the end of a season will be carried forward to the following season.
- 12.9 A Participant under suspension for a Match may not participate in the Match, or act as a Participant from 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the Match, until after the end of the Match. They may be present in the Venue as a spectator unless otherwise stated by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England/ Disciplinary Commission.
- 12.10 Failure to observe a suspension or breaching any condition applied as part of a sanction will result in the case being referred to the Disciplinary Officer/Basketball England and further disciplinary action may be taken.
- 12.11 Players, coaches, teachers and representatives of the school shall not directly or indirectly approach match officials before, during or after the game to give information or make comment which may be regarded as being intended to influence a match official's judgment or neutrality in any way. Such action will be regarded as serious misconduct and the offender and the club they represent may be subject to disciplinary action.
- 12.12 At the discretion of Basketball England, a decision may be taken to allow the institution to administer disciplinary action instead of Basketball England in order to ensure no individual is disciplined twice for the same incident.

13. APPEALS

- 13.1 Any Institution or individual may appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Officer, Officer of Basketball England or Competitions Review Panel in accordance with the Basketball England [Appeals Policy](#) by submitting an appeal with Basketball England as follows:
- 13.1.1 Where a Participant wishes to Appeal a Decision, they must lodge a written intention to Appeal with Basketball England ("Notice of Intention") within 72-hours of notification of the Decision being made unless the full "Notice of Appeal" is required to be submitted prior to this deadline. This must be submitted [here](#).

- 13.1.2 The full “Notice of Appeal” must be submitted by the appellant in writing to Basketball England within 48 hours in respect of Disciplinary Officer decisions and within seven days for other decisions (unless otherwise specified) of the appellant being notified of the relevant decision. This must be submitted [here](#).
- 13.1.3 The appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £250.00, or where the Participant directly subject to the Decision is aged under 18 at the time of the Decision the Appeal Fee is £100.00
- 13.1.4 An independent appeals panel will review the appeal submission and will elect in its sole discretion to determine the validity of the appeal either (i) based solely on the written submission, or (ii) on the basis of the written submission and by hearing oral evidence given by the appellant together with any other party or parties who, in the appeal panel’s opinion may be affected by the decision. For the avoidance of doubt, a personal hearing shall be convened solely at the discretion of the appeal panel chair and is not an automatic right of the appellant.
- 13.1.5 Any decision of the appeals panel shall be final and binding on the parties, subject to any further right to appeal in accordance with FIBA regulations.
- 13.1.6 The appeals panel shall determine whether the deposit is returned to the appellant in full, in part, or not at all.
- 13.1.7 The Appeals Panel may award costs and expenses against the appellant as it deems appropriate.

14. DISPUTES:

- 14.1 If disputes cannot be resolved amicably between the teams they may be referred to the Basketball England.
- 14.2 Any dispute alleging a breach of these regulations in relation to a Match must be submitted to Basketball England within 48 hours of the scheduled match. The dispute must be submitted by the Key Contact using the [designated form](#) and must be accompanied by a deposit of £100. This deposit may be refunded if Basketball England determines that the dispute is valid.
- 14.2.1 For all Playoff fixtures, and all fixtures played on the league deadline date, any dispute must be submitted within 24 hours of the completion of the Match.
- 14.3 Any dispute submitted under this Regulation will be shared with the opposing Team.
- 14.4 Under no circumstances can any dispute be submitted which seeks to question the validity of the result of the Match on the basis of the performance, quality or decisions of Match Officials.
- 14.5 Should a match take place or continue under the existing conditions the game started with, it then cannot be disputed. The Scoresheet and all reports forwarded to Basketball England who will determine the validity of the events.
- 14.6 All disputes and protests relating to Matches will be adjudicated by the Competitions Review Panel or the Competitions Manager.
- 14.7 Basketball England reserves the right, at any time during the Season, to review any Match. Where such a review identifies a breach of these Regulations, Basketball England may take any appropriate disciplinary or regulatory action in accordance with these Regulations.
- 14.8 Where a game is recorded by either team, Basketball England are entitled to request a copy of this footage. If requested, the footage should be sent within 48 hours.
- 14.9 Where the dispute relates to the governance or administration of the Competition by Basketball England, such complaints will be dealt with through the Basketball England [Complaints Policy](#).

15. SIGNING UNDER PROTEST:

- 15.1 The captain of the Team may sign the Scoresheet under a protest if its interests have been adversely affected by:
- a. An error in scorekeeping, timekeeping or shot clock operations, which the referees were authorised to correct the error under Official Basketball Rule Article 45 (correctable errors) but failed to do so.
 - b. A decision to forfeit, cancel, postpone, not resume or not play the game.
 - c. A breach of player/coach eligibility rules.
- 15.2 A game may not be protested on the basis of decisions made by the match officials, with exception of regulation 15.1(a).
- 15.3 The captain of a team wishing to protest must notify the Crew Chief immediately after the final buzzer of their intention to protest and clearly state the reasons. Upon such notification, the Crew Chief shall ensure that the scoresheet remains open for a period of 15 minutes following the end of the game, during which time the team may decide whether to proceed with the protest.
- 15.4 If no protest is requested, the scoresheet may be signed by all match officials to formally close the game. All match officials must remain available to the Crew Chief until the scoresheet has been signed by all parties.
- 15.5 To lodge a protest, the captain must sign the scoresheet in the section marked "Captain's signature in case of protest." This must be followed by a written submission outlining the grounds for the protest, submitted by the Key Contact to Basketball England within 72 hours of the completion of the match. The submission must be accompanied by a deposit of £100. The submission should be submitted [here](#).
- 15.6 For all Playoff fixtures, and all fixtures played on the league deadline date, any protest must be submitted within 24 hours of the completion of the Match.
- 15.7 By signing the scoresheet under protest, the institution becomes automatically liable for payment of the £100 deposit, regardless of any subsequent action taken.
- 15.8 The Crew Chief shall be required to report the protest to Basketball England within 48 hours of the match finishing. The report should include the reasons given by the team on the day for lodging their protest.
- 15.9 Protests in respect of Matches during an event organised by Basketball England must be submitted in writing within one hour of the completion of the match, accompanied by a deposit of £100 to Basketball England.
- 15.10 If the scoresheet is not signed under protest in accordance with this regulation, any protest submitted afterwards will not be considered and will be automatically dismissed.
- 15.11 All protests relating to Matches will be considered by the Competitions Review Panel or the Competitions Manager.

APPENDIX 1 - DISCIPLINARY TIMELINE

The timeline shows a guide of the in-game disciplinary process. This is not definite and **will** be adjusted accordingly **depending on the day of the game.**

Wednesday	Incident
Thursday	
Friday	Reports Received. Must be received by Friday 12:00pm Notification of Disciplinary Process and officials reports sent to team
Saturday	
Sunday	
Monday	
Tuesday	Deadline for teams to submit reports
Wednesday	Disciplinary case sent to the Disciplinary Officer
Thursday	
Friday	Disciplinary outcome sent to team. (Deadline for team to submit appeal 48 hours following notification.)
Saturday	
Sunday	

Monday

Tuesday

Suspension Letters issued

Wednesday

Suspension in force