



## **Appendix 11 - Pandemic Policy 2020/21**

The purpose of this document is to outline the process that will be undertaken should a further pandemic take place during the 2020/21 season and provide details on what will happen should the season need to be suspended or curtailed at any point.

It is important that all members are aware of [Basketball England's Return to Play Guidance](#) and adhere to it at all times. This will limit the potential for COVID-19 issues throughout 2020/21.

### **Competitions and Entry**

Should a second wave of Coronavirus occur and play is suspended, there will be a need for flexibility by all to adjust the playing season where applicable. This may mean reducing other competitions (such as the National Cup and Playoffs) to ensure the league games can take place.

For the junior age groups, there may be a change to triangular events taking place and singular fixtures permitted only. This will be done to help limit contact between teams and allow for better control measures should a COVID-19 case be detected.

To support clubs with NBL entry fees, they will be split into three instalments. The first instalment is required upon entry via card payment or PO. Cheques cannot be accepted at present. For teams unable to pay by card or PO, please email [nationalleague@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:nationalleague@basketballengland.co.uk).

The deposit on entry is higher than the remaining payments as this will cover all initial administration, including creating structures, fixtures, and website updates. The remaining amount is split over two payments to cover the next stages of administration for operating the leagues. All new teams are required to pay a surety fee - this will need to be paid at the time of entry along with the first instalment fee. The breakdown for each league is as follows:

#### Payment dates

1. First payment - at the time of entry
2. Second payment - 30<sup>th</sup> July
3. Third payment - 30<sup>th</sup> August

DESCRIPTION	COST	First Payment on Entry	Second Payment	Final Payment
Division One Men (inc. National Cup)	£650	£250	£200	£200
Division Two Men (inc. National Cup)	£525	£225	£150	£150
Division Three Men (inc. National Cup)	£475	£175	£150	£150
Division One Women (inc. National Cup)	£325	£125	£100	£100
Division Two Women (inc. National Cup)	£325	£125	£100	£100
Junior NBL - Premier League Entry	£110	£60		£50

Junior NBL – Conference League Entry	£90	£45		£45
Junior NBL – Regional League Entry	£70	£70		
Junior NBL – Under 12 competitions	£70	£70		
Junior National Cup Entry	£35	£35		

Surety Fees will still be applied as normal at the time of entry, but the league fees can be paid via the instalment program above. If any team is struggling to pay the surety fee, please contact Gail Richards ([nationalleague@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:nationalleague@basketballengland.co.uk)) before completing the entry form.

Competition	Surety Fee
Division 3 Men	£630.00 New teams £200 for a senior second team with a team already in higher senior competitions.
Women’s League	£300.00
U18 Men’s League U18 Men’s National Cup	*£100.00 or £50.00 N/A
U18 Women’s League U18 Women’s National Cup	*£100.00 or £50.00 N/A
U16 Boys League U16 Boys National Cup	*£100.00 or £50.00 N/A
U16 Girls League U16 Girls National Cup	*£100.00 or £50.00 N/A
U14 Boys League	*£100.00 or £50.00
U14 Girls League	*£100.00 or £50.00
U12s Mixed League	*£100.00 or £50.00
U12s Girls League	*£100.00 or £50.00

\*First junior team surety fee is £100.00 and any additional junior team’s surety fee is then £50.00 per team.

Should Basketball England make the decision to cancel the Senior National Cup at the start of the season, £50 will be deducted for all senior teams from the final payment and the £35 returned to Jnr.NBL Teams that have paid to be a part of the competition. Should the National Cup knock out rounds begin and then the Cup competition get cancelled by Basketball England, no refunds will be given.

If the league season is cancelled, a percentage of the team entry fees will be carried over to the following season. If a club doesn’t re-enter the following season, a refund will be issued based upon the percentage of the league that has taken place, any refund would be issued in August 2021. Please note this is based on a normal 7 months league season. Should we get to the playoff stages, no refund will be given should the playoffs not take place.

## **Teams**

- Teams may wish to take a year's sabbatical and not participate in a league for the 2020/21 season. No surety refunds would be returned during this time, but the team would hold its place in the league it was based within from the 2019/20 season. Teams that were deemed as being relegated, will still be relegated and be unable to hold its place in the league it was relegated from
- Newly promoted teams for the 2020/21 season to a higher league, would not be eligible to take a year's sabbatical - they would need to compete within the higher league, unless they choose not to take promotion
- Should a team withdraw from the league after they have entered and paid their fees, the following rules will apply for the 2020/21 season:
  - Team withdrawal by **31<sup>st</sup> July**, the first team entry payment is non-refundable and the second or third payment is not required, and the surety fee is refunded.
  - Team withdrawal by **31<sup>st</sup> August**, the first team entry payment and second payment will be non-refundable, a third payment is not required, and the surety fee is refunded.
  - Team withdrawal by **30<sup>th</sup> September**, all entry fees are non-refundable, but the surety fee will be refunded.
  - Withdraw by **31<sup>st</sup> October**, the entry fee and surety fee will not be refunded.

## **Club Affiliation**

All clubs that register with Basketball England must be affiliated. This affiliation fee covers insurance for your club and enables you to gain the services needed for your club in terms of safeguarding, compliance, club and workforce support, plus up-to-date news and information. All clubs must renew their club affiliation fee, if they wish to continue as a basketball club and it is a requirement for clubs competing within the NBL. The fee for the club will not be refunded should the 2020/21 season not take place or concludes earlier than normal.

## **Individual Membership and Licensing**

As with the team entry fees, if the league season is cancelled, a percentage of the membership and licensing will be carried over to the following season. If a member doesn't re-enter the following season, a refund will be issued based on upon the percentage of the league that has taken place. Please note this is based on a normal 7-month league. No refund will be given should the playoffs not take place.

## **FIBA Player Fee (FIBA A Licence for WBBL/BBL individual players only)**

No refund will be given for the **FIBA player fees** as this is required to be paid for at the time of applying for the registration on the BE portal. There will be no rollover of this element of the fee and this would need to be paid for the following season. No refunds will be issued should a team apply for an **International Letter of Clearance** for a player to FIBA.

The policy for the season start-up in terms of the full scenarios for competition will be as follows depending upon a league start-up date. This also includes start and finish dates for a regular season across all angles of the game.

Scenario	Season start	Season End	BE policy on:			
			Membership Fees	Licences	Team Entry Fees	Local League
1	End of Sept (as planned)	Start of May	No change. Membership fees to run for duration of the season	No change- licences to run for duration of season	No change- entry fees going live in June	No change - playing licences and membership to run for duration of the season
2	Nov (2-month delay)	End of May	Membership fees to run for duration of the season (Nov-May)	Licences to run for duration of the season (Nov-May)	Should BE decide to cancel the National Cup then £50 deduction from senior fees for final instalment of entry fees.	Playing licences and membership to run for duration of the season (Nov-May)
3	Dec (3-month delay)	End of June	Membership fees to run for duration of the season (Dec-Jun)	Licences to run for duration of the season (Dec-Jun)	Should BE decide to cancel the National Cup then £50 deduction from senior fees for final instalment of entry fees.	Playing licences and membership to run for duration of the season (Dec-Jun)
4	Jan (4-month delay)	End of July	Membership fees to run for duration of the season (Jan-Jul)	Licences to run for duration of the season (Jan-Jul)	Should BE decide to cancel the National Cup then £50 deduction from senior fees for final instalment of entry fees.	Playing licences and membership to run for duration of the season (Jan- Jul)