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GENERAL

1 Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 In these Regulations the following terms shall (unless otherwise required) have the following meanings:

"Agreed Criteria"	the criteria set out in Appendix 6;
"Amateur Leagues"	Senior leagues under the governance of Basketball England including WNBL One, Division Two Men, WNBL Two, Division Three.
"Away Team"	the Team which plays or is to play or should have played a Match (except for a finals Match) but is not the Home Team for such Match;
"Basketball England"	The National Governing Body for basketball in England, company number 01429756 with registered office address NSC, Gate 13, Rowsley St, Manchester, M11 3FF.
"BBL"	The Basketball League Ltd (company number 01998309) with registered office address Unit E3, Leicester Business Centre, 111 Ross Walk, Leicester, LE4 5HH;
"Bench Personnel"	a person at least 12 years of age that has a defined role within the Team (other than a Head Coach, Assistant Coach or Player-including those that are not playing in the fixture, not in playing kit) authorised by the Crew Chief to sit on or by the Team Bench, and be in communication with the Team during the Match, including statisticians.
'Bet'	To risk a sum of money or valued item on the result of an event or competition
"British Player"	(i) a Player eligible to play for Great Britain in accordance with the FIBA Regulations; and/or (ii) a Player that holds British Citizenship;
"Club"	any Basketball club which is, for the time being, licensed by Basketball England;
"Club Affiliation Fee"	the fee set out at paragraph 2 of Appendix 2;
"Club Secretary"	the person responsible for the administration of a Club;

“Coach”	the person appointed as to lead the Team, directing tactics and controlling substitutions, and 'Coach' shall be deemed to include assistant coaches unless otherwise stated;
“Commissioner”	a person appointed by Basketball England to oversee the running of a Match, before during and after to ensure rules and regulations are adhered to; and to provide verbal and written feedback to the Match Officials;
“Competitions Review Panel”	Will consist of three members of Basketball England Staff with responsibility for the management of competitions. .
“Court Manager”	a person nominated, in respect of each Match, by the Home Club to be responsible for all aspects of the Match (other than the playing of the Match);
“Cup Competitions”	the National Cup (Men and Women); the National Trophy (Men and Women); National Shield (Men); and Patrons Cup (Men);
“Director”	a person legally appointed as a director of a Club;
“Disciplinary Officer”	a person appointed by the Executive Board to be responsible for disciplinary matters related to misconduct;
“Division”	each division of a League Competition;
“Domicile”	the country, which an individual regard as their natural home. It is the place of abode to which they intend to return in the event of their going abroad. Everyone has one domicile only. Unlike dual nationality, it is not possible to have two domiciles under English law;
“EEA Country”	<p>the following countries: Austria; Belgium; Bulgaria; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hungary; Iceland; Italy; Latvia; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Malta; Netherlands; Norway; Poland; Portugal; Republic of Ireland; Romania; Slovakia; Slovenia; Spain; Sweden</p> <p>and the United Kingdom (together with the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man);</p> <p>Switzerland is neither an EU nor EEA member but is part of the single market - this means Swiss nationals have the same rights to live and work in the UK as other EEA nationals.</p>

“EEA”	European Economic Area;
“EU Settlement Scheme”	The EU Settlement Scheme allows a EEA/EU/Swiss National to apply for either settled or pre-settled status to remain in the UK after the 1 st January 2021.
“Entry Fee”	the entry fees listed at paragraph 1 of Appendix 2;
“EEA Player”	a Player from an EEA Country or a Swiss national;
“Executive Board”	the executive board of directors for the time being of Basketball England;
“FIBA”	the International Governing Body for basketball Fédération Internationale de Basketball;
“FIBA Regulations”	the general statutes, internal regulations, other rules and regulations and decisions of FIBA from time to time in force;
“Free Agent”	a Player or Coach who is neither licensed by Basketball England nor contracted to any Club;
“Goal Difference”	the difference between points for/scored and points against/conceded;
“Governing Body Endorsement”	the process of obtaining an endorsement from Basketball England of an application for a migrant licence under the Sports section of the UK Border Agency Points Based System for Managed Migration;
“Home Club/Team”	the Club/Team at whose venue a Match (except for a finals Match) is played or is to be played or should have been played;
“Inter-Club Transfer”	a transfer between two Teams from the same Club in accordance with Regulation 20;
“International Clearance”	a letter of approval from another federation granting approval for a Player to be licensed in England;
“Junior Leagues”	The age groups that make up these leagues are Under 18, Under 16, Under 14.
“League Competition”	the National Basketball League Competitions together with the British Basketball League;

“Match”	an individual game of basketball played in accordance with these Regulations, forming part of the Competitions;
“Match Officials”	the Commissioner, Crew Chief, Umpire(s), the Table Officials and the Statisticians;
“National Basketball League Competition”	<p>the following competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Division One Men including Playoffs; (b) Division Two Men including Playoffs; (c) Division Three Men including Playoffs; (d) Division One Women including Playoffs; (e) Division Two Women including Playoffs;
“National Basketball League Standards”	the document attached at Appendix 4;
“National Competitions”	<p>the following competitions (and the following letter codes will be used to designate fixtures):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Division One Men including Playoffs; (B) Division Two Men including Playoffs; (C) Division Three Men including Playoffs; (E) Division One Women including Playoffs (F) Division Two Women including Playoffs (G) National Cup Men; (H) National Cup Women; (N) Under 18 Men’s National Cup; (P) Under 18 Women’s National Cup; (Q) Under 16 Men’s National Cup;

	(R) Under 16 Women's National Cup;
	(S) Under 18 Men's League;
	(T) Under 18 Women's League;
	(U) Under 16 Boys League;
	(V) Under 16 Girls League;
	(XB) Under 14 Boys League;
	(XG) Under 14 Girls Leagues;
	(Y) Under 12 Girls Leagues;
	(Z) Under 12 Mixed Leagues;
"National Competitions Licence"	a licence for Players, Coaches and Bench Personnel to participate in the National Competitions;
"National League Team"	any Team participating in a League Competition;
"National Team"	the Great Britain basketball team and/or England basketball team;
"National Team Player"	a Player that plays for the National Team;
"Non-EEA Player"	a Player who is not an EEA Player;
"Nursery Team"	an additional senior team that operates, and is registered with Basketball England, under the same Club management as a Principal Team;
"Officiating Appointments"	the appointment of Match Officials in respect of each Match;
"Participant"	Players, Coaches, assistant coaches and Bench Personnel;
"Personal Data"	has the meaning as set out in the Data Protection Act 1998;
"Player"	an individual licensed by Basketball England to participate in a Match;
"Playoff Competition"	the knockout stages of a League Competition at the end of the Regular Season;

"Principal Team"	where a Club fields two or more senior teams in any BBL or NBL Competition, the team participating in the highest League Competition;
"Professional Leagues"	are known as BBL, Division One Women's Teams also known as the WBBL and Division One Men's Leagues Only.
"Referees"	The officials shall be a crew chief and 1 or 2 umpire(s);
"Regular Season"	the Season up to the commencement of the Playoff Competition;
"Rules of Basketball"	the rules promulgated by FIBA from time to time according to which the Sport is played throughout the world;
"Scoresheet"	a standard form used to record the score in a Match, which also records the participating Players and Coaches along with the Match Officials; The scoresheet permitted is an Official running scoresheet only (FIBA/Non -FIBA Copies permitted)
"Season"	the playing season which extends from the first date on which the Competitions involving a Team takes place until the last date on which the Competitions involving that Team takes place;
"Senior National Cup Competitions"	the following competitions: (a) National Cup Men; and (b) National Cup Women;
"Significant Interest"	a shareholding of ten per cent (10%) or more in the controlling company;
"Standard Contract"	the standard playing contract from time to time in force, as issued and approved by Basketball England;
"Surety Fee"	the fees listed at paragraph 3 of Appendix 2;
"Table Official"	a person appointed by Basketball England, a regional representative or Home Club as a table official in respect of a Match; The table officials shall be a scorer, an assistant scorer, a timer and a shot clock operator.

“Team”	a team of Players representing a Club in a Match;
“Team Bench”	the designated courtside area for members of the Teams in accordance with Regulation 37;
“Team Delegates”	a maximum of 21 individuals made up of the Players, Head Coach, up to 2 Assistant Coach(s) and Bench Personnel
“Team Representative”	any person nominated by a Club to represent its interests at any time during a Match (who shall not be a Match Official or the Court Manager, but may be a member of the Team);
“Technical Commission”	an appointed group, present at a fixture (usually a finals event) who are in place to provide advice, give guidance and opinion on disciplinary matters should the need arise
“UK Anti-Doping”	the body responsible for ensuring sports bodies in the UK are compliant with the World Anti-Doping Code through implementation and management of the UK’s National Anti-Doping Policy;
“UK Anti-Doping Rules”	the UK Anti-Doping Rules (as amended from time to time) as adopted by Basketball England;
“Umpire(s)”	The none lead referee(s) in a match;
“WADA”	the World Anti-Doping Agency;
“WADA Code”	the World Anti-Doping Code
“Win Percentage”	Win percentage is calculated by dividing the number of games won by the total number of league games available to be played in the league (games played + any voided games) and multiplying by 100.
“Youth Leagues”	the following league competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Under 18 Men's League; (b) Under 18 Women's League; (c) Under 16 Boys League; (d) Under 16 Girls League;

(e) Under 14 Boys League; and

(f) Under 14 Girls League

1.2 Where the context so admits:

1.2.1 words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa;

1.2.2 words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender; and

1.2.3 words importing persons shall include firms, corporations and unincorporated associations.

1.3 Reference to any Act, Statute or statutory provision shall include a reference to that Act, Statute or statutory provision as amended, re-enacted or replaced from time to time, whether before or after the date of adoption of these Regulations, and any former Act, Statute or statutory provision replaced (with or without modification) by the Act, Statute or statutory provision referred to and any subordinate legislation made thereunder respectively.

1.4 Section, Regulation and Appendix headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the construction of these Regulations.

1.5 Any reference in these Regulations to the National Basketball League (NBL) includes the corresponding Play-Off Competition and Cup Competitions unless otherwise stated.

1.6 the terms including, include, in particular or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.

GOVERNANCE

2. Jurisdiction

These Regulations apply equally to all of the National Competitions, unless otherwise stated in the Regulations.

On the Basketball England website, you will find links to Basketball England's rules and regulations, the BE Rules & Regulations, the EB Code of Ethics & Conduct, and other Basketball England policies and procedures (together, the "Basketball Rules"). All relevant documents can be downloaded from the Basketball England website and should be read prior to applying for Membership of Basketball England. The Basketball Rules govern important issues such as anti-doping, safeguarding, whistleblowing, and social inclusion etc. On becoming a Member, you and the club committee agree(s) to (i) comply with the Basketball Rules; and (ii) ensure that individual members of your club also comply with the Basketball Rules when taking part in any Basketball activity.

3. Delegation

The Executive Board has delegated responsibility for the National Competitions to the Competitions Review Panel. Responsibility for the decisions of the Competitions Review Panel is vested in Basketball England's professional officers.

4. Affiliation

4.1 In order to participate in any of the National Competitions, a Club must be affiliated to Basketball England.

4.2 Where a Club's normal home venue is situated outside England that Club shall ensure that it is affiliated to:

4.2.1 Basketball England; and

4.2.2 the appropriate governing body in the country in which its home venue is situated,

PROVIDED THAT the application for affiliation to Basketball England is endorsed and approved by the governing body referred to in Regulation 4.2.2 above.

5. Nursery Teams

5.1 No Nursery Teams, or Clubs having any official or unofficial obligation to or connection with another Club in the BBL, Division One Women's Teams also known as the WBBL, National Basketball League is permitted to participate in:

5.1.1 the same Division as its Principal Team (without the prior approval of Basketball England); and/or

5.1.2 the Senior National Cup Competitions.

Where Basketball England deems it to be appropriate, Nursery Teams may participate in the Women's National Trophy and/or Men's National Shield Competitions.

5.2 A Nursery Team may contract directly with Players on its behalf, and novate such rights under that contract in favour of its Principal Team, PROVIDED THAT provisions enabling this are specified in the Player's contract.

- 5.3 A Nursery Team may use the same team-name and/or the same home venue as that of its Principal Team. Where a Nursery Team does not use the same home venue as its Principal Team, the Nursery Team must use a home venue within a 6 mile radius of the home venue of its Principal Team.
- 5.4 Where a Club fields a Principal Team and Nursery Team(s) in a BBL, Division One Women's Teams also known as the WBBL or National Basketball League Competition, all senior players shall only be licensed for one Team, with no movement permitted between the Teams except where a formal transfer occurs (in accordance with Regulation 20 below).
- 5.5 Notwithstanding Regulation 5.4 above, any Under 23 British Player licensed for the Nursery Team, may be listed on the Scoresheet for the Principal Team during the Season ("Play-Up"). For the avoidance of doubt, there is no limit or restriction on the number of Matches an Under 23 Player can Play-Up. Players licensed for the Principal Team are not permitted to be listed on the Scoresheet for the Nursery Team ("Play-Down").
- 5.6 Any Under 23 Player that plays-up must participate in:
- 5.6.1 fifty percent (50%) of Regular Season Matches for the Nursery Team in order to qualify for the Nursery Team play-off Matches; and
- 5.6.2 fifty percent (50%) of National Cup/Mens National Trophy/Patrons Cup/ Mens National Shield/ Women's National Trophy Matches in order to qualify for the Nursery Team finals of that tournament.

For clarity, this only applies to players in the Under 23 category, Under 18 players are able to Play up in a senior team without restriction.

- 5.7 It is intended that Nursery Teams should primarily exist to enable young players who are no longer Under 18, or who are exceptionally talented and therefore unsuited to play in the Under 18 competitions, to participate at a higher level. Permission for a Nursery Team to participate in the National Basketball League is therefore dependent on the operation of this philosophy, and Basketball England reserves the right to withdraw permission for a Nursery Team to participate in the National Competitions if Basketball England is of the opinion (in its sole discretion) that this philosophy is not being respected.
- 5.8 In all other respects in these Regulations a reference to a Club shall be considered to apply equally to a Nursery Team, and Nursery Teams must conform to these Regulations in the same way as all other Clubs, unless there is a specific statement to the contrary. In particular, a Nursery Team must always promote its Matches, as if it is a standalone Club, and comply with the National Basketball League Standards.
- 5.9 Any Club found to have breached Regulations 5.5 to 5.9 (inclusive) above may be disqualified from the particular Competition in which such breach occurred and may also be fined and/or have League points deducted.

6 Management of Clubs

- 6.1 All Clubs shall register with Basketball England the name of the company or other legal entity that is responsible for controlling the affairs of the Club, or the names of at least three persons who are responsible for the management of the Club. If the Club is under the control of a company or other legal entity, this company shall register with Basketball England the names of the persons designated as Directors of that company and submit a copy of its memorandum

and articles. Where a Club is not controlled by a company, the names of the persons responsible for the management of the Club shall be considered to be the Directors, and these shall be subject to approval by Basketball England.

- 6.2 The name of the Club Secretary shall be registered with Basketball England. This person may (but need not necessarily) be a Director, and may (but need not necessarily) be the secretary of the company controlling the Club. In the case of a company, the name of the company secretary shall also be registered with Basketball England. All actions by the Club Secretary are deemed to carry the full authority of the club unless and until such time as an action may be countermanded by a mandate supported by a majority of the Directors. A Club is deemed to be responsible for actions by its Directors relating to the Sport, (which may include, but is not limited to, public statements, letters to the media and approaches to players licensed to play for other clubs).
- 6.3 No person may be added to or deleted from the list of Directors of a Club, except by a written statement signed by a majority of the other Directors, or by a decision of the company, unless such Director(s) submit their resignation in writing.
- 6.4 No person may:
- 6.4.1 be a Director or a Club Secretary of more than one Club at the same time; or
 - 6.4.2 have a Significant Interest in more than one Club at the same time; or
 - 6.4.3 have a Significant Interest in a Club and be a Director or Club Secretary of another Club; or
 - 6.4.4 be a Director or Club Secretary or have a Significant Interest in one Club and be a licence holder for another Club, except where the Clubs are competing in mutually exclusive competitions.
- 6.5 Where a Director and/or Club Secretary applies to be registered for another Club, such application automatically constitutes a statement of resignation as a Director, Club Secretary, or other officer of the first Club, except that where the person is registered as a Director of a Club-company, their application to be licensed for another Club cannot be approved until such time as they are officially removed from the list of Directors of that company. Failure to notify Basketball England of dual membership would be a breach of these Regulations and may be referred to the Disciplinary Officer.
- 6.6 A Club Secretary may only be replaced by a mandate supported by a majority of the Directors, unless the Club Secretary resigns, in which case the existing Directors shall nominate a new Club Secretary as soon as possible.
- 6.7 All communications between a Club or Team and Basketball England will be conducted through the Club or Team Secretary unless the Club or Team has informed Basketball England of a nominated alternative. The Club shall notify Basketball England in writing of any permanent or temporary change to the Club Secretary.
- 6.8 Each Club in the National Basketball League shall comply with the National Basketball League Standards and have an adequate level of administration to enable it to discharge the essential functions of a Club to a level acceptable to Basketball England.
- 6.9 Each club within the National Basketball League shall have a Club Welfare Officer

and dedicated DBS verifier. Their details shall be registered with Basketball England and CWO's will maintain current safeguarding training to at least a Level 2 and maintain a current enhanced DBS (valid for three years) also supplied to Basketball England.

- 6.10 Each Club in the National Basketball League shall promote, present and develop the Sport to the best of its ability, and at a level of competence and suitability to the satisfaction of Basketball England.

7 Team Names

- 7.1 All team names are subject to final approval by Basketball England.
- 7.2 All team names must include a specific geographical location (the county, city or town where the Team / venue is based). A nickname can also be included (Rockets, Magic etc).
- 7.3 Any club sponsor names are subject to approval by Basketball England. The approved geographical location, nickname and Sponsor will be used in Basketball England's official schedules.

8 Finance

- 8.1 Each Club in the National Basketball League must display adequate levels of finance to enable it to perform in all respects in a manner that is consistent with its status.
- 8.2 Each Club shall keep accounting records which:
- 8.2.1 are sufficient to show and explain the Clubs' transactions;
 - 8.2.2 are such as to disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Club at that time;
 - 8.2.3 comply with any legal requirements applicable to the Club;
 - 8.2.4 comply with such provisions as may from time to time be reasonably specified by Basketball England; and
 - 8.2.5 comply with such requirements as are contained in the FIBA Regulations or regulations made thereunder from time to time.
- 8.3 In the event that Basketball England considers that a Club may be unable to fulfil its obligations under these Regulations then Basketball England shall be entitled to require such Club to provide to Basketball England and/or its appointed representatives or advisers such accounting records referred to in Regulation 8.2 as Basketball England deems necessary.
- 8.4 Such accounting records shall be kept confidential by Basketball England and its appointed representatives and advisers save as required by law or to the extent that the same are in the public domain otherwise than by reason of a breach of the provisions of this Regulation 8.4.

9 Liability

Each Club agrees to indemnify Basketball England (together with its members, officers, employees and contractors) from and against any and all costs, damages, losses, expenses and/or claims (including but not limited to claims for loss of profit or income and reasonable legal or professional fees) which may be made by any third party and which are a consequence, whether directly or indirectly, of the Club not complying with these Regulations (whether wilfully, negligently by action or omission or otherwise howsoever) and whether or not such loss was foreseeable by Basketball England and/or the relevant Club at the time of the Club's agreement to be bound by these Regulation

THE NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

10 Entrance to the National Competitions

10.1 Approval

10.1.1 Basketball England reserves the sole right to decide which Clubs/Teams will be accepted to participate in the National Competitions and the Division that each Team will compete in.

10.1.2 Basketball England shall be responsible for the selection of Teams to compete in the National Basketball League for the following Season, and of Teams to compete in tournaments organised by Basketball England.

10.1.3 A Club/Team shall be entitled to appeal the decision of Basketball England made in accordance with Regulation 10.1.1 and/or 10.1.2 PROVIDED THAT such appeal is made in accordance with Regulation 49.5

Any appeal lodged regarding the selection of the teams to compete in Basketball England National Competitions should be made in line with regulation 49.5. Appeals associated with the selection of teams will be heard by Appeals Panel.

10.2 Entrance Fees

10.2.1 Applications to enter the National Basketball League must be accompanied with payment of the full Entry Fee by 1st June preceding the year in question.

10.2.2 The Entry Fee is automatically forfeited if the Club withdraws their entry. If entry in to any Competition is declined the Entry Fee will be refunded in full.

10.2.3 All Clubs (including those in membership of BBL/ Division One Women's Teams also known as the WBBL (as appropriate)) must also pay an annual Club Affiliation Fee to be received by Basketball England no later than 1 September preceding the season in question.

10.3 Surety Fees

10.3.1 All Clubs must place a Surety Fee on deposit with Basketball England by 1 June preceding the Season.

10.3.2 Where a Club has two or more Senior Teams competing in the NBL, it shall pay an additional fee of £200 for each of its 'second' Teams over and above the single Surety Fee it has lodged. The single Surety Fee will always be paid at the highest level as indicated in Appendix 2.

10.3.3 Where a Club has Surety Fee at the end of the Season and intends to participate in the NBL in the following Season, the Surety Fee will be retained by Basketball England throughout the close season period. Where a club does not make an entry into the league, Basketball England will refund the money by BACS. However, where a club does not fulfil this request by the 31 December following the previous season the team played within the league, Basketball England will retain the surety fee.

10.3.4 Where a Team withdraws from a competition the following fines will apply:

- a) If a team in the senior NBL or Jnr. NBL Premier Leagues withdraw from a competition before June 30th preceding the season in question, Basketball England will refund the surety fee only. After June 30th Basketball England shall be entitled to retain half of the surety fee. After the 31st August Basketball England will retain the surety fee in addition to any fines that may be levied in accordance with Regulation 49.16. Any remaining funds will then be refunded to the club via BACS.
- b) If a Jnr. NBL Conference League team withdraws from a competition before June 30th preceding the season in question, Basketball England will refund the entry fee and surety fee in full. After the 30th June Basketball England shall be entitled to retain the half of the surety fee, the remaining funds will be refunded. After 31st August the full amount will be retained by Basketball England.
- c) in addition to any fines that may be levied in accordance with Regulation 49.16. Any remaining funds will then be refunded to the club via BACS.

Please refer to Appendix 11 Pandemic Policy for the 2020/21 season on this regulation.

10.4 **Entry to Cup Competitions**

- 10.4.1 Entry to the senior competitions shall include automatic entry into Cup Competitions for which the Club is eligible unless the Club informs Basketball England that it does not wish to participate in these Cup Competitions prior to 1st June preceding the Season in question SAVE IN RESPECT OF Division 1 Men & Women and Division 2 Men, where participation in all Cup Competitions is mandatory.
- 10.4.2 Clubs that have not applied for entry to the NBL may enter the Women's National Cup competition by making an application to Basketball England no later than 1st June preceding the Season. An entry fee of £50.00 must accompany such applications.
- 10.4.3 Clubs in membership of the BBL / Division One Women's Teams also known as the WBBL and affiliated to Basketball England, are permitted to enter the National Cup competition PROVIDED THAT an application is received by Basketball England prior to 1st June.

11 **Club Positions and League Rankings.**

- 11.1 The League positions shall be determined by awarding:
 - 11.1.1 two points for a win and zero for a loss in senior leagues; and
 - 11.1.2 three points for a win and one point for a loss in all age group competitions.
- 11.2 Zero points shall be awarded for a Match lost by default or forfeit. In the event that a Match is lost by default or forfeit, Basketball England may also deduct a number of points as it considers to be appropriate in accordance with Regulation 24.3.

12 **Equality of Points**

12.1 In the event that two or more Teams have the same number of league points at the end of the Season, the positions of such Teams in the league shall be determined as follows:

12.1.1 Where two Teams are tied, the result(s) of the Match(es) between the two Teams involved shall determine the positions.

12.1.2 In the event that the total points scored and conceded are the same in the Matches between the two Teams, the positions will be determined by Goal Difference taking into account the results of all the Matches played in the league by both Teams.

12.1.3 If more than two Teams are tied, the positions will be determined by taking into account only the results of the Matches between the Teams that are tied.

12.1.4 In the event that there are still Teams tied after the process set out in Regulation 12.1.3 above, then Goal Difference will be used to determine the positions, taking into account only the results of the Matches between the Teams still tied.

12.1.5 If there are still Teams tied, the positions will be determined using Goal Difference from the results of all the Matches played by those Teams in the league.

12.1.6 If at any stage through the process set out in Regulations 12.1.3 to 12.1.5 (inclusive), a multiple tie is reduced to a tie involving only two Teams, the procedure in Regulations 12.1.1 and 12.1.2 will be applied.

12.1.7 If it is reduced to a tie still involving more than two Teams, the procedure beginning with Regulation 12.1.3 shall be repeated.

13 **Playoffs**

13.1 **Senior Competitions:**

Playoff Competitions for the Men's and Women's National Basketball League will take place at the completion of the Regular Season usually involving (but not restricted to) the eight highest placed Teams in each Division. Playoff formats will be published by Basketball England prior to the commencement of the Regular Season.

13.2 **Age-Group Competitions:**

Playoff Matches will be played as single leg matches on the home courts of one of the competing teams unless otherwise decided by Basketball England, for example a Final Four Tournament. Playoff formats will be published by Basketball England prior to the commencement of the Regular Season.

14 **Promotion and Relegation**

14.1 Promotion and Relegation is determined on final league positions over the full season; playoff and cup competitions are not taken into account.

14.2 Teams which finish in first and second places in:

14.2.1 Division Two Men may make an application to join Division One Men;

14.2.2 Division Three Men may make an application to join Division Two Men;

14.2.4 Division Two Women may make an application to join Division One Women,

14.2.5 Jnr.NBL Conference teams can make an application to join the premier level

competition at the same age group that they were placed in first or second

place only in the conference league competition, not all applications will be

authorised due to join the premier level.

PROVIDED THAT such Clubs fulfil the National Basketball League Standards for the relevant Division.

14.3 Any Team:

14.3.1 that finishes in the bottom two places in of Division One Men, or does not meet the National Basketball League Recommended Standards, will be relegated to Division Two Men;

14.3.2 that finishes in the bottom two places of Division Two Men or does not meet the National Basketball League Recommended Standards will be relegated to Division Three Men;

14.3.3 that finishes in the bottom two places in Division One Women, or does not meet the required standards, will be relegated to Division Two Women unless otherwise decided by Basketball England.

14.3.4 that finishes in the bottom two places in the Jnr.NBL Premier level competition, or does not meet the required standards will be relegated to the conference level at the same age group unless otherwise decided by Basketball England.

Relegation places are based on the size of the league at the start of the season, optimal league size is maximum of 12 teams.

14.4 Basketball England shall be entitled to withdraw the licence of any Club to play in the National Basketball League where that Club:

14.4.1 finishes in last place in the lowest Division of its relevant League; and/or

14.4.2 finishes in first or second place in Division Two or Division Three Men in two successive seasons and fails to apply for promotion.

14.5 The performance of all Clubs with regard to their compliance with these and other relevant regulations issued by Basketball England shall normally be reviewed on both 30th November and 31st January during the playing season. Clubs will be advised in writing of perceived shortcomings and the remedial action necessary. This will be based on the Basketball England Standards Document. Basketball England shall be entitled to take whatever action it deems appropriate for Clubs consistently failing to comply with appropriate rules & regulations.

15 **The Trophies**

- 15.1 All trophies awarded to League and/or Cup winners remain the property of Basketball England. When the winning Clubs have been ascertained, Basketball England will present the appropriate trophy to that Club, who will be responsible for its return to Basketball England, prior to 1 September of the following Season, in good order and condition. In the event that a trophy is not returned by this date, Basketball England shall be entitled to collect the trophy, at the cost of the Club. Basketball England shall keep the trophies at all other times.
- 15.2 Should a trophy be damaged whilst under the care or custody of a Club, the Club shall be liable to pay to Basketball England either (in the sole discretion of Basketball England) (i) an amount equal to the value of the trophy (at the time such damage occurred); or (ii) or an amount equal to the cost of complete repair. Should a trophy be lost, destroyed or damaged beyond repair whilst under the care and/or custody of a Club, the Club may be required to pay to Basketball England a sum equivalent to the present value of the trophy in addition to any other penalty that Basketball England may impose.
- 15.3 Basketball England will present 16 individual mementoes to the Teams which have finished in first and second place in all Senior National Competitions.
- 15.4 No additional identical mementoes will be awarded or purchased other than those set out in Regulations 15.3 and 15.5.
- 15.5 Basketball England will present mementoes to the Players and Coaches that participate in the Cup and Playoff Finals. When a Player or Coach taking part is disqualified for misconduct, the memento to which they may be entitled in accordance with this Regulation 15.5 may be withheld at the discretion of Basketball England.
6. Where the 'End of the Regular season Awards nominations are applied to leagues, it is compulsory for all teams to provide nominations and votes for these awards. This is a mandatory process and any teams that do not provide these submissions will be fined £100.00 in line with regulation 49.16.

16 **Cup and Playoff Finals**

Senior Competitions:

- 16.1 Basketball England (and/or BBL / Division One Women's Teams also known as the WBBL) will arrange for the organisation and promotion of the Cup Finals and the League Play-off Finals as appropriate. At such events, Bench Personnel must be dressed in smart clothing, tracksuits and denim are not permitted save that a Team manager and/or physiotherapist may wear a Team tracksuit.
- 16.2 A Technical Commission will, in respect of each Cup Final and League Playoff Final organised by Basketball England, be nominated by Basketball England to take responsibility for disciplinary action and such other decisions related to such Match as may from time to time be necessary.
- 16.3 In the event that Basketball England appoints an organisation, Club or individual to promote the Cup Final or League Playoff Final on its behalf, such promoter shall be responsible for providing benefits for each competing Club as agreed with Basketball England. However, Basketball England shall ensure that the promoter reserves a minimum of 100 tickets for any Cup Final and/or League Playoff Final for a competing Club to purchase. These tickets shall remain available for the competing Clubs until 10 days prior to the event unless otherwise agreed with the event promoter.

- 16.4 In addition to the reserved tickets made available in accordance with Regulation 16.3 above, each competing Club will receive a maximum of 21 event tickets/event passes for use amongst the competitors and bench personnel of the competing Club. These event tickets/event passes are not transferable and must be held by licensed bench personnel.

Age-Group Competitions:

- 16.5 Junior National Cup and Play-off Finals will be played at a neutral venue unless otherwise decided by Basketball England. At such events, Bench Personnel must be dressed in smart clothing, tracksuits and denim are not permitted save that a Team manager and/or physiotherapist may wear a Team tracksuit.16.6 Basketball England will normally present mementoes to the players and coaches that participate in the Finals. When a player or coach taking part is disqualified during any part of the Final, the memento to which they may be entitled may be withheld at the discretion of Basketball England.
- 16.7 Each competing Club will receive a maximum of 21 event tickets/event passes for use amongst the competitors and bench personnel of the competing Club. These event tickets/event passes are not transferable and must be held by licensed bench personnel.

PARTICIPANTS

17 Individual Membership & Licensing

- 17.1 All Participants in BBL / Division One Women's Teams also known as the WBBL Division One Women's Teams also known as the WBBL (as appropriate) and National Competitions must be registered as an individual member with Basketball England and pay the fee set out in paragraph 4 of Appendix 2.
- 17.2 In addition to Regulation 17.1 above, all Participants in BBL / Division One Women's Teams also known as the WBBL (as appropriate) and National Competitions are required to have a National Competitions Licence (which shall include a current passport photograph) in accordance with the fees set out at paragraph 5 of Appendix 2
- 17.3 All fees are exempt from VAT and are non-refundable.
- 17.4 All Coaches including assistant coaches must hold at least the Basketball England Level 2 Coach Award, In Division One Men the Coach must hold a Basketball England Level 3 Coach Award prior to the issue of a National Competitions Licence save that this Regulation 17.4 shall not apply to a Non-EEA and EEA/EU (From 1st January 2021 unless the individual has a EU Settlement Scheme permit) Coach who has not previously been registered in England provided however that in subsequent seasons (i.e. after the Non-EEA Coach's first Season or EEA/EU/Swiss National coach's first season)) this Regulation 17.4 will be deemed to apply.
- 17.5 No player may hold a valid National Competitions Licence to represent more than one Club in any National Competition save where an Under 18 Player is licensed to play senior basketball for another Club.
- 17.6 No Coach can be licensed for two Clubs that compete in the same league or competition at any one time.
- 17.7 A clear, enhanced DBS valid for three years (any unclear DBS certificates shall be risk assessed individually) and approved safeguarding training are required for anyone registering in regulated activity with children including, but not limited to, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Physios and Team Manager.
- 17.8 All licenced participants shall not accept, lay or otherwise enter into any Bet with any other party (whether individual, company or otherwise) in relation to the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any basketball match or Competition under Basketball England Jurisdiction or BBL/WBBL games.
- 17.9 All licenced participants shall not directly or indirectly solicit, induce, entice, instruct, persuade, encourage, intentionally facilitate or authorise any other party to enter into a Bet in relation to the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of any basketball match or Competition.
- 17.10 Issue of Licences
- 17.10.1. Each Club shall ensure that all applications for National Competitions Licences are made via Basketball England's online registration system. Applications may be submitted at any time, and Basketball England will normally consider all applications meeting the required conditions within seven Business Days.
- 17.10.2. Once an application has been submitted, Basketball England may

require additional documentation to be provided in order for such application to be approved, including but not limited to:

- a) a completed transfer form: if a player is registered with a Club and wishes to register with another Club;
- b) a completed International Clearance Request Form; if a player has been registered with a National Federation outside of England, it is the responsibility of the Club to send this information to Basketball England;
- c) a Self-Declaration Form; if a non-British Player is registering with Basketball England for the first time and has never registered with another Basketball Federation outside of England. Anyone found to be providing false or misleading information to Basketball England with regards to their licence application, shall be immediately suspended for the remainder of the season and the club shall be fined a fixed penalty per £250 per incident.
- d) A Confirmation of Amateur Status form; if a Non-EEA player competes in Division Two Men or lower or Division One Women or lower they must confirm that they have never played in a professional league or are attempting to play in a professional league in the future. EEA/EU/Swiss nationals after the 1st Jan 2021, will be required to complete an Amateur status form, in order to compete in the above leagues. This is not required IF the player has a settlement scheme permit.
- e) such other documents as may be requested or required by Basketball England (such as, by way of example only, a valid Disclosure and Barring Service check); and
- f) in the case of a senior or U20 Non-EEA Player / Coach, valid UK entry documentation (Work Permit/Certificate of Sponsorship and or Visa), photocopy of a valid passport and a signed valid contract where applicable (in accordance with Regulation 17.7.13 below).

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- g) All participants from an EEA European Economic Area (EEA), EU or Switzerland must provide their EU Settlement scheme permit to apply for National Competitions Licence. This permit must show an expiry date and will come into force from 1st January 2021. Any EU nationals that wish to come to the UK on or after the 1st January 2021 and to gain a National Competition Licence must have the relevant Work Permit to do so and will then follow the same eligibility checks as a NON-EEA Player.

17.10.3 Payment must be made in full to Basketball England for all National Competitions Licence applications prior to approval.

17.10.4 In the event that Basketball England approves an application, the licence will normally be issued with effect from the date that the approval was given. Approved licences (Digital Licences) will be available on the 'Basketball England's Membership portal'. The approval and issue of a licence or can only be undertaken on Business Days between the hours of 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

17.10.5 Once a National Competitions Licence has been approved and issued, the participant becomes eligible to participate in National Basketball League or Cup Matches. By participating obtaining a licence, the participant:

- a) accepts the authority and jurisdiction of Basketball England and agrees to abide by its rules and regulations and the Code of Ethics and Conduct;
- b) agrees to comply with the UK rules anti-doping regulations and penalties in force from time to time for the official competitions of Basketball England and FIBA;
- c) agrees to submit to doping control tests and to abide by the respective anti-doping regulations as appropriate; and
- d) agrees that Basketball England may forward the participant's Personal Data to FIBA and/or UK Anti Doping for use in connection with doping control.

17.10.6 A Player who was previously registered in any other country is not permitted to play in the BBL, WBBL or Basketball England National Basketball League Competitions until clearance has been received from that country in accordance with the regulations of FIBA.

17.10.7 Where Basketball England (in its sole discretion) considers there to be any doubt as to the national status of the person concerned, all relevant documents should be submitted to Basketball England so that Basketball England can determine that person's national status.

17.10.8 Basketball England reserves the right to decline to license a person for any particular Club(s), at its sole discretion; similarly, it may choose to cancel or suspend a licence for any person at its sole discretion.

17.10.9 Failure to comply with any of the conditions relating to licensing will render a person ineligible to represent that Club.

17.10.10 No licence will be issued for a Non-EEA Player and EEA/EU Player (from the 1st January 2021 unless the player has a EU Settlement Scheme permit) that is being paid to play or coach unless a current Work Permit and/or Governing Body Endorsement and/or Certificate of Sponsorship has been issued by Basketball England and the UK Border Agency and is accompanied by a signed valid employment contract. EEA/EU/Swiss Nationals on or after the 1st Jan 2021 will also be subjected to the same restrictions, unless the person has a valid settlement scheme permit. Only teams in BBL, WBBL and Division One Men may apply to Basketball England for a Governing Body Endorsement using one of the appropriate forms set out at Appendix 6. Save for a player or coach who has the (appropriate) right to work as a professional sports person in the UK on their current entry clearance into the UK.

17.10.11 Normally, Basketball England will only support the issue of Work Permits and/or Governing Body Endorsements and/or Certificates of Sponsorship by the UK Border Agency, for Players and Coaches that meet the Agreed Criteria and for no other personnel. Work Permits and/or Governing Body Endorsements and/or Certificates of Sponsorship and the granting of Non-EEA Licences will not be supported by Basketball England for any Club that is not in good financial standing with Basketball England.

17.10.12 For a licence to be issued for Non-EEA Players or Coaches and EEA/EU Players or coaches (from the 1st January 2021 unless the player has a EU Settlement Scheme permit to play or coach in Amateur Leagues, documentation must be provided to Basketball England which demonstrates that such Player and/or Coach holds appropriate entry clearance into the UK. A licence will not be issued for a Player and/or Coach who does not have leave to remain in the UK. A declaration of

Amateur status is also required for Non-EEA and EEA/EU (from 1st January 2021 unless the individual has a EU Settlement scheme permit) Players or Coaches, background checks will be carried out by Basketball England to determine whether or not the player meets amateur status requirements to be licensed for Basketball England Competitions in line with Home Office rules of Amateurs playing in Amateur Leagues. At any point during the season, Basketball England reserves the right to remove a Player / Coach's licence if they are found to be in breach of this rule. The Amateur Status Declaration form is set out at Appendix 8, please note this is not required for EEA/EU/Swiss Nationals who hold a valid EU Settlement Permit.

17.10.13 The number of licences that may be issued to a Club is restricted in accordance with Regulation 18 below. In the event that a Club which has a full quota in any category wishes to license an additional person in that same category, the application for the additional licence must be accompanied by confirmation of their new status. Such person is ineligible to represent a Club once the new application is received by Basketball England.

17.11 Validity of Licences

17.11.1 Prior to the start of the Season, all Clubs should submit via Basketball England's online registration system applications, accompanied by any other required documents, for persons they wish to license in the forthcoming season (in accordance with Regulation 17.1 above). If a person or Club submits more than one licence application in the course of a Season, without having been first released or transferred, they shall be deemed guilty of misconduct in accordance with Regulation 49.1. Applications will be considered by Basketball England, and a licence granted for each application that Basketball England deems to be acceptable.

17.11.2 Persons may be licensed at any time during the season up to 31 January. To be eligible for consideration, an application for a Player's licence, accompanied by the relevant documents and fees, must be received by Basketball England on or before 31 January of the Season in question. Thereafter licence applications can only be considered in respect of Coaches and Bench Personnel, and in such cases only bona-fide applications will be approved. The exception to this rule is for new registrations for age group conference teams and Intra Club Teams. Please see below:

- (a) A player can be registered for an age group conference team, in which compete within the conference leagues and where a new registration can be applied for up to the last game of the regular playing season; no transfers are permitted from club to club. The player must not have been registered previously with Basketball England or registered for the last two seasons for any BE National League Competitions or any other International Federation that is recognised with FIBA
- (b) Junior age group, Intra club transfers are permitted within a club up to seven days prior to the end of the season for their new transfer team based within the club and must meet regulation 20.11

17.11.3 A Player playing in all leagues may be licensed to participate in a competition prior to 31st January however their work permit, Governing Body Endorsement / Certificate of Sponsorship & Entry Clearance /

International Clearance / Transfer Form can arrive after this date. In all cases the person does not become eligible to coach/play until such time as work permit Governing Body Endorsements / Certificate of Sponsorship & Entry Clearance / International Clearance / Transfer Form is received. Please refer to Appendix 11 - Pandemic Policy for the 2020/21 season on this regulation.

- 17.11.4 A person does not become eligible to represent a Club until their application has been approved by Basketball England. The arrival of any application via Basketball England's online registration system does not in itself guarantee the eligibility of the person concerned.
- 17.11.5 To be valid, a licence must be issued and endorsed for the Season, Club and Team in question.
- 17.11.6 No Player licence applications may be received, and no transfer may take place after 11.59pm on the 31st January until the end of the Season. The exception to this rule is for new registrations for age group conference teams in line with regulation 17.8.2 Please refer to Appendix 11 - Pandemic Policy for the 2020/21 season on this regulation.
- 17.11.7 In respect of calculating the deadlines set out in these Regulations the European Convention on the Calculation of Deadlines applies, which provide that when a deadline expires on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, it is extended to include the very next working day. (unless otherwise stated).

17.12 Licence Cards

- 17.12.1 Before each Match, the Club must present to the Commissioner or, if there is no Commissioner, the Crew Chief and Scorer the licence cards of all Players who are to play in the Match. The licence numbers must be inscribed on the Scoresheet. In addition, the licence cards of the Coaches and Bench Personnel must also be present for inspection. This can be done by either presenting the digital licences on a laptop/tablet/smart phone or printing the licences page off IN COLOUR and presenting to the commissioner. The following processes can be followed in obtaining licence cards:

Option 1: Print the licence cards from the portal and change the settings on the printer to print more than one on a page

Option 2: Screenshot the licence card from the computer, put it on a word document and lay them out as required and then print off

Option 3: Take a screenshot on the phone of each licence card and then present at the game

Option 4: Present the licence cards via the portal at the game

- 17.12.2 Licence cards are categorised as set out in Appendix 1.
- 17.12.3 Only persons holding a Coach licence may act as the Coach or assistant coach. Only persons holding a referee licence may act as a referee and only persons holding a table official licence may act as a table official.
- 17.12.4 Failure to comply with Regulations 17.9.5 to 17.9.6 (inclusive) may result in a fine and/or possible forfeiture of the Match as determined by the Competitions Review Panel. At matches organised by Basketball England the Technical Commission will decide the eligibility of a person to

participate in the event.

17.12.5 In the event of a valid licence not being produced for a Player, Coach or Team Follower that person shall not be permitted to participate in the Match in question. A valid licence card is described in regulation 17.9.1

If it is declared that a player will arrive after the tip off time but during the Match, then the player subsequently fails to arrive, the Table Officials must cross the name of that player off the Scoresheet.

17.12.6 Each team should review the licences of the opposition team. Should any challenge be made to the validity of such licences, the final decision shall lie with the Commissioner or, if there is no Commissioner, the Crew Chief. Such final decision should be reported to Basketball England.

17.13 Loss of Licence

17.13.1 A team that withdraws from a competition shall automatically lose its licence to compete, and any application in future seasons will only be considered for the lowest available division.

17.13.2 Teams that have been accepted into a Competition, and who subsequently withdraw, will be fined and the Surety Fee may be retained by Basketball England in part or in full acting in its sole discretion, in addition to any fine that may be levied.

18 Eligibility

Senior Competitions:

18.1 Players may play in Senior Competitions having attained their 15th birthday.

18.2 Subject to the remaining provisions of Regulation 18, a Team shall only be able to field a maximum of one Non-EEA Player in any Match.

For the avoidance of doubt, there shall be no limit on the number of British players and/or EEA/EU/Swiss National players that have EU Settlement Permit for the UK or Work Permitted EEA/EU/Swiss Nationals for 2020-21 season.

In Division One Men for any Match in the League competition and/or where two Division One Men's teams play each other in a Cup Match, a Club can register on the Scoresheet a maximum of 2 Non-EEA Players. In addition, Division One Men's teams are permitted to play two Non-EEA Players from the Quarter Final round of the National Cup competition.

18.3 All Non-EEA and EEA/EU/Swiss nationals (From 1st January 2020) players / coaches must have a valid contract of employment as a basketball player / coach with their club in order to be classified in the appropriate category. Clubs are reminded that they are responsible for the operation of PAYE & NI requirements for all employees and Basketball England may require documentary evidence to verify that where such a contract of employment exists, the due statutory procedures are being followed.

18.4 For FIBA licensing purposes, an EEA player still counts as a Non-EEA player, and therefore the appropriate FIBA registration and licence fees are payable (See Appendix 2). In addition, all regulations regarding International Clearance will also apply to National, Non-EEA and EEA players.

18.5 After a person has been licensed for a Season they cannot apply to alter their national status during the course of that Season.

18.6 During the course of the Season:

18.7.1 Clubs in Division One and Two Men may licence a maximum of 4 Non-EEA Players; and there is no limit on the number of EEA/EU/Swiss Nationals requiring work permits through their club (GBE) or that hold a EU Settlement Scheme Permit for the 2020-21 season.

18.7.2 Clubs in the Division Three Men, Division One and Two Women may licence a maximum of 3 Non-EEA Players and there is no limit on the number of EEA/EU/Swiss Nationals that do or don't hold a EU Settlement Scheme Permit for the 2020-21 season.

The requirements of Regulation 18.1 must be satisfied and a licence must be cancelled before an alternative licence may be issued. Where a licence is cancelled by virtue of the application of this Regulation 18.9, the Player shall become a free agent, unless they currently hold a standard form contract which has been deposited with, and approved by, Basketball England and continues to be honoured by the Club. Rotation of Non-EEA Players can take place PROVIDED THAT a Team does not exceed the quota of Non-EEA Players allowed by Regulation 18.1 in any one Match.

18.7 A Club is permitted to license a maximum of one Non-EEA, EEA/EU/Swiss National Coach per Team. Any Team that has a Non-EEA, EEA/EU/Swiss National Coach must also have a National assistant coach.

18.8 Licences can only be issued for Participants who are present in the UK. Whenever a person holding a senior competitions licence is absent from England for a continuous period in excess of 30 days during the period 1 September - 31 March, their licence shall automatically be suspended, and cannot be activated again until after the following 31 May save where a new licence application is received by Basketball England.

18.9 In order for a licence application to be considered, the individual must be present in the UK at the time of such application. For the avoidance of doubt, applications will not be considered or approved by Basketball England in respect of individuals who remain outside of the UK and intend to enter the UK at a later date.

18.10 A Player who was previously registered in any country other than the UK is not permitted to play in any national competition until clearance has been received from that country in accordance with the regulations of FIBA.

18.11 The regulations of FIBA prohibit players / coaches being registered until they are present in the UK. It is permissible for a Club to make an agreement with an individual, prior to his or her arrival in England, so as to secure exclusive rights for their services. Basketball England shall have the sole right to interpret, enforce or annul any such agreement at its sole discretion.

18.12 Where an individual holds two or more legal nationalities, his/her eligibility to play in the National Competitions shall be determined in accordance with Regulation 18.1. Where that individual is eligible to play as a British Player, he/she shall declare (if eligible) in writing before he/she is registered for the National Competition that if summoned to represent the relevant National Team for Great Britain, England, Scotland or Wales, he/she will play for that Team.

- 18.13 Basketball England may, in its absolute discretion, refuse to issue a licence to any Player, Coach, Match Official or Team Follower. Any such refusal shall be subject to Basketball England's appeals procedure as set out in Regulation 49.5.
- 18.14 Asylum seekers and refugees may be licensed as British Players if the Player has been granted asylum or refugee status in the UK. This will be at the sole discretion of Basketball England and reconsidered on an annual basis.
- 18.15 In order to participate in the Final of the National Cup, a Player must be registered with Basketball England no less than seven days prior to that Match. In the event that the aforementioned seventh day falls on a weekend, the Player must be registered by the Friday prior to the seventh day (i.e. eight or nine days before the Match) in order to participate in such Match.

Age-Group Competitions:

- 18.17. Eligibility for all Junior Leagues and all Junior National Cup:
- (i) Junior Age Groups: ages of players taken at 1st Sept of each season
 - (ii) At the U12 age group- minimum age permitted is for the player to be attaining their 10th birthday from the 1st September of each academic year.
 - (iii) At the Under 14 age group- minimum age permitted is for the player to be attaining their 11th birthday from the 1st September of each academic year.
 - (iv) At the Under 16 age group- minimum age permitted is for the player to be attaining their 13th birthday from the 1st September of each academic year.
 - (v) At the Under 18 age group- minimum age permitted is for the player to be attaining their 15th birthday from the 1st September of each academic year.
 - (vi) A Junior Age Group player can apply for talent exemption in line with appendix 10, where a panel of experts will have the ability to authorise talented individuals to play at the senior level or up in age as appropriate. The player must meet the conditions outlined in appendix 10 and provide all supporting evidence of this, with their case submitted to competitions@basketballengland.co.uk.
 - (vii) There are no restrictions on the number of EEA and Non-EEA players in a Team.
 - (viii) Teams must field a minimum of 8 players.
 - (vx) A Player who is licensed with Basketball England to play for a Junior Club may also license with Basketball England to play for a different Club in order to participate in the senior competitions if his/her Junior Age Group Club is not connected to a 'parent' senior Club, this is subject to the written approval of both Clubs.
 - (ix) A Player who is licensed with Basketball England to play for a Junior Age Group team which also has a 'parent' senior team may only play for that senior team in the National Competitions.

- (xi) Where an Junior Age Group player is licensed to play in the senior competitions for a Club that does not have a team in the Under 18 competitions, the Player may also play for a different Club in the Junior Age Group competitions provided that such Club does not have a senior team in the National Competitions.
 - (xii) A club not competing in the Under 18/Under 16 Leagues may license up to a maximum of 15 players for the Under 18 or Under 16 National Cup.
 - (xiii) Zone/Combination Defences are permitted at the Under U16 and Under 18 conference level competitions in quarters one and three, this includes the female age groups where there is no premier competition and just one league, Man to Man Defence can be played throughout but is mandatory in quarters two and four. There are no restrictions for premier level competition's. Where two teams meet in playoffs or cup competitions and one team is conference level and the other team is premier level, the game will be bound by the highest of the two leagues rules and therefore, zone defence can be played throughout the game, as per premier level rules at this age group.
 - (xv) Zone / Combination Defences are not permitted in Under 14 and Under 12 competitions. Man to Man Defence is mandatory.
 - (xvi) All Under 14 Girls and Boys Conference games must play to the rules of the Basketball England's All Must Play Rule, this format can be seen in appendix 7 for this age group and use the Rotational Schedule in Appendix 9.
 - (xvii) All age group Regional league games with the exception to the Under 16 Biys Regional league must play to the rules of the Basketball England's All Must Play Rule Triangular format, this format can be seen in appendix 8 for this age group and use the Rotational Schedule in Appendix 9
 - (xviii) All Under 12 Girls and Under 12 Mixed leagues must play to the rules of the Basketball England's All Must Play Rule Triangular format, this format can be seen in appendix 8 for this age group and also use the Rotational Schedule in Appendix 9.
 - (xix) The age group restrictions are applied to Junior teams and ages permitted to play at an age group can be found in appendix 1: Licence Cards and Age Group Eligibility
 - (xx) A club can only enter a maximum of two teams per junior age group only.
 - (xxi) An U18 Player who is licensed with Basketball England will be limited to play (and be licensed) for only two teams at any one time, this includes play in all competitions. (BBL, Division One Women's Teams also known as the WBBL Senior and Junior NBL). The two age group teams cannot be at the same age group; it must be two separate age groups/senior competitions.
- 18.18 When a player under 18 years of age is disqualified from a match, a designated coach or bench personnel who is licensed to the team and club must accompany the disqualified player out of the sports hall and remain with them. If there is no such coach or bench personnel available, the player must remain in the hall away on the opposite side of the court to their bench and must not intervene or communicate with either team or the officials. 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.

19 **Contracts**

- 19.1 All National Competition Licences expire on the last day of the Season in question in accordance with the official calendar of Basketball England.
- 19.2 After expiry of any licence:
- 19.2.1 a noncontract Player shall become a Free Agent and may subsequently be licensed or contracted by any Club. Any Club for which the Player was formerly licensed shall have no entitlement to request any compensation for the Player's services;
 - 19.2.2 a Player who has been subject to a Standard Contract, as issued and approved by Basketball England, which expires prior to the start of a forthcoming Season, shall become a Free Agent and may subsequently be licensed or contracted by any Club. Any Club for which the Player was formerly licensed shall have no entitlement to request any compensation for the Player's services; and/or
 - 19.2.3 a Player who is subject to a Standard Contract which extends into the forthcoming Season shall, except by agreement of his Club, only be licensed for that Club in the forthcoming Season.
- 19.3 A Free Agent may, subject to FIBA Regulations, sign an application for a Competitions Licence at any time, and for any Club, except during the period 1 February to 31 May each year, or as otherwise restricted by other rules and/or regulations, and any Club for which he was formerly licensed shall have no entitlement to request any compensation.
- 19.4 A Club may at any time release a noncontract Player and shall notify the Player of such release and shall surrender his licence to Basketball England (by confirming the release in writing), whereupon the Player shall immediately become a free agent.
- 19.5 A contracted Player shall be entitled to apply for a licence to coach at the Club he or she is contracted to without compensation. Any subsequent request by the Player or his new Club for a licence for the coach to play will be subject to the terms embodied in the Standard Contract for the period of time stipulated by the Standard Contract.
- 19.6 In order to establish the existence of a Standard Contract, a Club shall, within 7 days of signature by both parties, forward to Basketball England the signed Certificate of Contract contained in the Standard Contract. Where a Player and his/her Club, (or related companies, organisations or sponsors of the Club) have agreed more than one contract to cover the same period of time, both contracts must be sent to Basketball England.
- 19.7 A Player, Coach and/or Team Follower may, at any time, demand their release. The Club for which they are licensed must comply within 7 Days, unless it is of the opinion that the Player, Coach and/or Team Follower owes money to the Club (the Club must submit an account of the debt for Basketball England to consider). Basketball England shall hold the individual participants licence until such time as Basketball England is satisfied that such money has been paid (to the extent that the debt is considered by Basketball England to be accurate and a true account of agreement between the parties).
- 19.8 A Player shall have the right to invoke arbitration by Basketball England, in accordance with Regulation 50.7, where the Player reasonably considers that a Club is acting unreasonably in relation to the provisions of the Standard Contract

governing expiry, release and transfer.

19.9 In the event that Basketball England determines that a Club is in breach of the terms and conditions of a Standard Contract so as to merit the immediate termination of that contract, the Player shall thereafter be deemed to be a non-contract Player for the purposes of these Regulations.

19.10 This Regulation 19 and regulation 20 below shall apply to a person who is licensed solely as a Coach, save in so far as they relate to the Standard Contract and, therefore, at the end of a Season, a Coach shall have the status of a free agent. This Regulation 20 shall apply to a person who is licensed as both a Player and a Coach as if the person is a Player only.

20 **Transfers**

20.1 The terms and conditions contained in the Standard Contract shall govern the transfer of any Player / Coach to whom such a contract applies and shall take precedence over any conflicting terms in these Regulations.

20.2 Where a Player / Coach is transferring between Clubs, the new contract must be sent to Basketball England within seven days of signature by both parties.

20.3 A transfer of a Player / Coach from one Club to another during the course of a Season shall not normally be permitted, unless the Player / Coach, the transferee Club and the transferor Club have all consented to such transfer and the terms of such a transfer. If all parties cannot come to an agreement, Basketball England shall consider the matter, whose decision shall be binding on all parties.

20.4 If a Player / Coach wishes to seek a transfer of his licence during the course of a Season, he/she must submit this request in writing to both the Club concerned and Basketball England. For a Player / Coach who has not signed a contract with a Club, the Club must comply with this request within seven days and inform Basketball England.

20.5 Where the transferor Club and the transferee Club cannot agree terms for the transfer of a contracted Player, either Club shall have the right to invoke arbitration by Basketball England in accordance with Regulation 50.7.

20.6 Once an agreement has been reached relating to the transfer of a Player / Coach, a transfer form shall be completed and signed by the Player / Coach and the Secretary or otherwise authorised representative of the transferee Club and transferor Club. The form should contain all details of the conditions agreed by the parties and which are being submitted to Basketball England for its consideration. This form shall then be sent to the headquarters of Basketball England, together with the new licence application, any current licence card and the appropriate licensing fees.

20.7 The applicant shall only become eligible to represent the new Club once the documents have been received and approved by Basketball England, such approval to be communicated to the Clubs via e-mail from Basketball England. It is the responsibility of the transferee Club and transferor Club to ascertain that the transfer has been successfully completed. The new club will then have to register the player to compete in the National Basketball League.

20.8 If any transfer fee is payable in respect of the transfer of a Player / Coach in accordance with these Regulations, such fee shall be deemed to be exclusive of Value Added Tax, unless specifically stated otherwise, and the Value Added Tax at the current rate shall be payable in addition to the fee stipulated if the transferor Club is registered for Value Added Tax.

- 20.9 A signed transfer form shall constitute proof that the transferor Club is satisfied that the fee and any Value Added Tax thereon has been or will be paid to them by the transferee Club and a transfer shall not subsequently be annulled by virtue of a breach of contract by the transferee Club.
- 20.10 No more than 8 transfers shall be permitted between the same transferor and transferee Team/Club in any Season. A transfer shall not be approved by Basketball England if it includes an automatic return clause. A transfer may include a provision related to payment by a transferor Club if the licensed person re-joins the transferor Club at a later date.
- 20.11 All Under 18 intra club transfers in line with regulation 17.9.2 and 20.10 can be transferred between the teams within a club up to seven days in advance of the regular playing season for the new team they wish to transfer to.
- 20.12 Whilst a person holds a Competition Licence, no person representing any other Club shall approach the person with a view to inducing him to leave that Club, unless permission has been granted in writing by a duly authorised representative of the Club to which the person is currently licensed. Any infringement of this rule shall be treated by Basketball England as misconduct and action may be taken in accordance with Regulation 49.1.
- 20.13 The use of an agent to conduct any aspect of a transfer of a Competitions Licence is strictly prohibited and accordingly any such transfer shall be arranged directly between the transferor Club, transferee Club and the individual concerned.
- 20.14 A person having represented a Team (i.e. by having their name included on the Scoresheet) as a Player or Coach in any Cup Competition cannot subsequently represent any other Team as a Player or Coach in the same Cup Competition during the Season.

FIXTURES

21 Arrangement of Fixtures

21.1 National Basketball League

In all Divisions, all Clubs shall play each other for a scheduled number of Matches home and away to determine the League champions.

21.1.2 No Jnr.NBL/NBL league fixtures shall be played on either Jnr.NBL/NBL League Cup Final date and no Jnr.WNBL and WNBL fixtures shall be played on the Jnr.WNBL/WNBL Cup Final date.

21.2 National Cups

21.2.1 The National Cup (Men) will be played as follows:

- (a) First Round: this will involve sufficient Teams to provide 32 teams in Second Round. This round may also give a number of teams a bye.
- (b) Second Round: this will involve 32 Teams.
- (c) Third Round: this will involve the sixteen winning Teams from the Second Round Matches.
- (d) Quarter Finals: this will involve the eight winning Teams from the Third Round Matches.
- (e) Semi Finals: this will involve the four winning Teams from the Quarter Final Matches.
- (f) Final: This will involve the winners of the Semi-Final Matches, and will be played on a single leg basis at a neutral venue arranged by Basketball England.

Basketball England will conduct the draw for each competition which may include geographical organisation and seeding in the rounds prior to the quarter finals. Basketball England shall determine which teams (if any) are awarded byes in its absolute discretion.

21.2.2 The National Cup (Women) will be played as follows:

- (a) First Round: this will involve sufficient Teams to provide 16 Teams in the Second Round.
- (b) Second Round: this will involve sixteen Teams.
- (c) Quarter Finals: this will involve the eight winning Teams from the Second Round Matches.
- (d) Semi Finals: this will involve the four winning Teams from the Quarter Final Round Matches.
- (e) Final: this will involve the winners of the Semi-Final Matches, and will be played on a single leg basis at a neutral venue arranged by Basketball England.

Basketball England will conduct the draw for each competition which may include geographical organisation and seeding in the rounds prior to the quarter finals.

- 21.5 For age-group competitions the following shall apply:
- 21.5.1 Under 18 Cup (Men and Women) Under 16 Cup (Boys and Girls), Matches will be played on a single leg knock-out basis.
 - 21.5.2 Under 18, Under 16, Under 14 Premier Leagues, teams shall be split into divisions playing each other home and away culminating in end of season Playoffs. The Premier League winner will be determined by the winner of the Playoff / Final Four Tournament.
 - 21.5.3 Under 16 Regional Leagues, teams shall be split into conferences playing each other home and away format. A Regional League Conference winner will be determined by a team winning their Conference.
 - 21.5.4 Under 18, Under 16 and Under 1 Conference Leagues, teams shall be split into divisions playing each other home and away. The Conference divisional winner will be determined by a team winning their Divisional Conference. There will be a promotional playoff for this level of competition only, where the lowest seeding from the premier level at an age group will compete for the following season promotional spots with top seeds from the conference level.
 - 21.5.6 Under 14 Regional Leagues, teams shall be split into divisions playing each other in a triangular format or singular fixtures. A regional divisional conference league winner will be determined by a team winning their divisional conference.
 - 21.5.7 Under 12 Leagues, teams shall be split into divisions playing each other in a triangular format or singular fixtures. A divisional conference winner will be determined by a team winning their divisional conference.
- 21.6 The Home Club shall provide suitable refreshments for the Away Team and the Match Officials at the following Matches, failure to do so will result in an automatic fine:
- Division One Men
 Division One Women
 All Senior Cup and Playoff games from Quarter Final onwards
 All Age-Group Cup and Playoff games from Quarter Final onwards

22 **Tip Off Times and Duration of Matches**

- 22.1 Matches shall normally be played on a Saturday or Sunday. They may, however, be played on such other days as Basketball England may from time to time stipulate or by mutual agreement provided that such days have been approved by Basketball England.
- 22.2 All Matches shall take place at the following times, unless special authorisation has been given by Basketball England. For Junior National Cup and Play-off quarter final games, the earliest a game can tip for juniors is 12pm, due to greater travel distance, unless mutually agreed between the two teams:

	Saturday	Sunday	Weekdays
Men/Women	13.00 – 20.00	13.00 – 17.00	19.30 – 20.00
Youth Leagues	11.00 – 18.00	11.00 – 17.00	By mutual agreement

- 22.3 In the case of triple header Matches, earlier start times may apply.
- 22.4 Normally, no Team shall be required to undertake a weekend fixture that does not enable its Players to arrive back at their home base/meeting point by:
- 22.4.1 Midnight on Sunday, unless otherwise agreed, for senior teams; or
- 22.4.2 22.00 on a Saturday night or 21.00 on a Sunday (unless otherwise agreed by Basketball England) for Under 18 Teams.
- 22.5 No days and times (other than those set out in Regulations 22.1 to 22.4 above) will normally be permitted by Basketball England except in the case of televised Matches.
- 22.6 The Home Team must confirm all details with the Away Team at least two weeks before the Match and the Away Team must acknowledge such confirmation. If confirmation hasn't been received by the away team in under two weeks prior to the fixture, the game will still go ahead and the away team must make contact with the home team to establish if the details of the fixture is per the Basketball England Website (after 31st August). If the game was to be postponed it must be mutually agreed in line with regulation 23.4
- 22.6.1 Where a home team does not confirm the game two weeks in advance of the fixture and the game details (tip-time/venue) are in anyway different from what is listed on the Basketball England website, the home team will be liable to find alternate arrangements, should the away team not be able to attend the amended time/venue.
- 22.7 In the event that a Team arrives after, but within fifteen minutes, of the scheduled tip off time:
- 22.7.1 The Crew Chief (in consultation with the Team Representatives) will decide what time the Match will start; and
- 22.7.2 That Team shall be liable to a fine in accordance with Regulation 49.16.
- 22.8 It is the intention of Basketball England that wherever possible a Match should take place, and Match Officials are requested to keep this in mind when making decisions. When considered appropriate by the Commissioner (or Crew Chief where a Commissioner is not present), the Commissioner (or Crew Chief) may (in consultation with the Court Manager) amend the designated tip off time for any Match.
- 22.9 If a late tip off caused by the Away Team results in the Home Team incurring additional court hire costs, the Away Team will be liable to reimburse the Home Team for such additional court hire costs provided that the Home Team submits proof of such additional court hire costs in the form of an official invoice from the Home Team's venue. This must be provided within 7 days of the date of the scheduled Match.

23 **Re-Arrangement, Postponement, Abandonment and Replaying of Matches**

- 23.1 Basketball England will prepare a fixture list prior to the start of the Season. In exceptional circumstances, Basketball England may require a Match to be rearranged.
- 23.2 Where a Club is required by Basketball England to play a Semi Final or Final Match within 36 hours of a scheduled League Match, then that Club may request

that the League Match be rearranged (and Basketball England will normally approve such request). Applications for rearrangement must be submitted within 48 hours of the definitive date of the Match becoming known to the Club seeking the rearrangement. A rearrangement will only be approved for Matches taking place before a fixture, not for those scheduled after (i.e. if a Cup Match takes place on a Sunday, a Match taking place on the Saturday can be rescheduled but where the Cup Match occurs on the Saturday, the Sunday Match cannot be rescheduled).

- 23.3 Where a Team is required by Basketball England or the BBL/WBBL to play a Final Match, the Club may request that all other Matches involving their teams that day be rearranged. Basketball England will normally approve such a request provided that the request is submitted within 48 hours of the Team being confirmed in the Final.
- 23.4 No changes are permitted in respect of any fixture list relating to a Competition, save that: Please refer to Appendix 11 - Pandemic Policy for the 2020/21 season on this regulation.
- 23.4.1 Prior to 31 August, whenever two Clubs reach agreement regarding the rearrangement of a Match (including a change in date, venue or tip time), they may jointly make an application in writing to Basketball England using the Fixture Change Form (available to download from, or provided upon request by, Basketball England) for the matter to be considered; and
- 23.4.2 After 31 August, the request to change any Match from its published date will not be considered by Basketball England for Senior Competitions and Jnr.NBL/WNBL Premier Competitions across all age groups unless the reason to change of the date is due to venue unavailability. Documentation is required by the facility operator in advance of the game must be submitted. The change of tip time is permitted only in exceptional circumstances, it must be changed and confirmed up to 28 days in advance of the fixture and teams must be aware that by doing so, there is no guarantee officials may be appointed it must also be authorised by Basketball England.
- 23.4.3 For all Jnr.NBL/WNBL Conference and Regional into Under 12 competitions a request to change any match date, tip time and venue after the 31 August will be considered by Basketball England, The Club responsible for the change shall be liable to pay an administrative charge of £15.00 if a new date, tip time and venue is agreed upon within 7 days of the original fixture postponed. on or after the 8th day the charge will rise to £35.00 All changes after 31st August must be approved by the opponent of the team making the request. The maximum a team can request a postponed fixture is twice per team for the regular playing season.
- 23.5 Where a Match is re-arranged in accordance with Regulation 23.4.2 or 23.4.3 above, the Home Club shall be responsible for notifying the Match Officials of such change. In the event that the Home Club or Basketball England fails to notify the Match Officials of such a change and the Match Official(s) arrive at the venue on the original date that the Match was scheduled to be played, the Home Club will be liable for the travel expenses and half of the match fee of such Match Official(s)
- 23.6 In the event that, within fourteen days of the date of the original Match postponement, two Clubs fail to reach an agreement as to when a Match shall take place, Basketball England will specify the date and time of the Match and the Team responsible for the postponement shall be liable to pay the relevant

administrative charge set out in Regulation 23.4.3 above.

- 23.6.1 All requests to postpone fixtures made at least 7 days in advance, between clubs must be in writing, stating why the postponement is being requested. The request can either be agreed or rejected by clubs in writing.

Games will be deemed to be 'as scheduled' unless confirmation has been received. Clubs not responding to requests will forego the right to claim compensation for costs incurred, should a game not go ahead.

If a request to postpone a junior game is agreed by either team, then the HOME team is responsible for offering two alternative dates to the opposition within 5 days of the postponement being agreed. The away team must respond within a further 5 days and either accept the new date or offer an alternative two dates.

Should the Home team not be able to accommodate these two dates, they must contact Basketball England within 4 days to ask for a date to be set in line with regulation 23.6.

- 23.6.2 Late postponements. Where a club requests to postpone a game LESS than 7 days before the scheduled match the process outlined in regulation 23.4.4 should be followed. Should a request for postponement be made within 48 hours of the scheduled start time, a phone call should be made advising the problem and correspondence should be followed up with an email. It is acknowledged that emails sent within 48 hours of a scheduled fixture may not be able to be responded to, and will not impact the non the right to claim compensation.

- 23.7 All Crew Chiefs have the power to stop and, where necessary, abandon a game if they feel the behavior of anyone involved puts the welfare of a participant or spectator at risk.

All Basketball England officials will, accept the moral authority to implement procedures to provide a duty of care for all participants and spectators.

Where a Match is abandoned, the Competitions Review Panel shall reach a decision on the result and outcome of the Match based on the circumstances surrounding each case. Only personnel listed on the original Scoresheet are eligible to play in any replay. If a Club is unable to field a full Team in the replay (by way of example only, due to injury or illness) then Basketball England shall (in its sole discretion) determine whether such replay should be rescheduled for an alternative date or be forfeited by the Club unable to field a full Team. The provisions of this Regulation 23.7 shall apply equally to any rescheduled replay.

- 23.8 Where a Club is responsible for the postponement of a scheduled Match (up to 48 hours prior to the Tip off time) due to the venue owners cancelling the court booking, the Match must be rescheduled within fourteen days of the postponement. (In line with regulation 23.4.4) Confirmation from the venue that the original booking was cancelled by the venue owner must be provided (within 7 days of the postponement). Failure to provide confirmation from the venue owner will result in consideration of the matter by the Competitions Review Panel, who shall be entitled to award the Match to the opposition.

- 23.9 In the event that a Match is postponed due to a Global Pandemic, severe weather conditions, unforeseen road delays or breakdowns:

- 23.9.1 The travelling expenses (if applicable) of all the Match Officials will be paid by the Home Team;
- 23.9.2 The Team responsible for the postponement of the Match shall be liable for the costs of court hire where such Match is re-arranged for a later date. In the case of a forfeit, the Home Club may make a compensation claim as set out in Regulation 24.4 below;
- 23.9.3 The responsibility for notifying Match Officials of a postponement rests with the Home Club;
- 23.9.4 Any dispute over the Team responsible for the postponement and/or the amount of any costs will be resolved by Basketball England within 7 days;
- 23.9.5 Basketball England may ask for confirmation or proof of the travel that was intended, type of vehicle used and details of the breakdown, including any roadside assistance.
- 23.9.6 If a Global Pandemic arises Basketball England have the right to cancel all fixtures until it is safe to continue, in some cases this may lead to the season finishing earlier than normal.
- 23.9.6.1 The Appendix 11 pandemic policy will come into effect during the 2020-21 season only, it will be adopted and supersede all current regulations in place.

24 **Failure to Fulfil Fixture Obligations**

- 24.1 A Team shall forfeit a Match if:
- 24.1.1 fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled tip off time, the Team is not present on the court or is unable to field five (5) Players ready to play save where, by agreement of all parties, a Match tips off late (e.g. as a result of travel delays); and/or
- 24.1.2 its actions prevent the Match from being played; and/or
- 24.1.3 it refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the Crew Chief.
- 24.2 When a scheduled Match is forfeited in accordance with Regulation 24.1 above, an automatic fine will be imposed. In addition, the Competitions Review Panel shall be entitled to increase the fine as follows:

Competition	1st Offence Fine (£)	Subsequent Offences Fine (£)	Maximum Fine (£)
Division 1 and 2 Men	500 plus 2 point deduction	Removal from league	
Division 1 and 2 Women & Division 3	150	300 plus 2 point deduction	500 or removal from league
Under 18 Competitions	100	200	500 or removal from league

24.3 Where a Club is responsible for the postponement of a scheduled Match (within 72 hours of the tip off) or does not fulfil a fixture, without the consent of its opponents, the Competitions Review Panel may issue a fine no greater than the maximum amount set out above. In addition, the Match in question will be awarded to the non-offending Team 20 – 0 and such number of league points as the Competitions Review panel shall determine (in its sole discretion) may be deducted. Compensation may be sought from non offending team, for any charges that may be incurred due to the late cancellation of the game in line with this regulation, maximum amount that can be claimed is up to £75.00 for a Senior Fixture and £50.00 for a Junior Fixture, only facility hire, travel expenses and officials costs incurred in line with regulation 23.5 and 40.8 can be taken into consideration and evidence of the cost associated must be proved. The amount awarded is at the discretion of Basketball England and the compensation will be deducted from the fine issued by Basketball England and will only be compensated once the fine has been paid in full from the offending team. Any compensation claim must include evidence of costs and must be submitted within 7 days of the date of the scheduled Match.

24.4 The offending Club may also be liable to pay compensation to the other Club for facility hire and travel expenses only. The amount of compensation will be determined by the Competitions Review Panel following the receipt of written submissions and evidence of costs from both Clubs within 7 days of the date of the scheduled Match. The maximum compensation claim shall not exceed £250.

24.8 Any Club which, without just cause, fails to fulfil a League or Cup Match on the appointed date shall be liable to forfeit League points and or to expulsion from the competition. It may also be liable to pay a fine and/or compensation to Basketball England and/or other Clubs which may have been affected in accordance with Regulation 24.2.

24.9 Where any League Match is not fulfilled within the Regular Season, the Club responsible for the original postponement will be liable to a fine for non-fulfilment of the said fixture in accordance with Regulation 24.2 In addition, the Match in question will be awarded to the non-offending Team 20 – 0.

Provided that the process outlined in 23.6.1 and 23.6.2 has been adhered to.

24.10 Any claim for an outstanding/postponed Match must be received by Basketball England not less than 14 days prior to the first Play-Off Match, in order that full consideration of the claim can be made before confirming the final League positions and Play-Off places.

24.11 If a Senior Team fails to fulfil 90% of its scheduled league fixtures in a Season, its league record may be expunged in its entirety after consideration by the Competitions Review Panel. In addition, Basketball England may (in its sole discretion):

24.11.1 forfeit the relevant Team's licence (in accordance with Regulation 14 below); and/or

24.11.2 impose a financial penalty; and/or

24.11.3 refuse to re-admit that Team into the relevant league.

25 **Clashes with National Team Events**

25.1 From the conclusion of the competition until 31 August and for the duration of the European Championships, selection for the any National Team takes priority

over all Club commitments (in accordance with Regulations of Basketball England, nos. 4 & 5).

- 25.2 No age group league games can take place on an Aspire Day. These dates will be set in advanced and no games to be scheduled on these dates.
- 25.3 Any National League Team with two (2) or more Junior National Team Players in their squad has the right to request a change to the date of their Matches to avoid clashes with National Team training camps or Matches provided that such request is made on or before 1 November in the relevant year. This change must be agreed to by the requesting Team's scheduled opposition. This provision only applies to National Team training camps or Matches which are a part of the official calendar.

26 **Court Managers and Team Representatives**

- 26.1 The Home Club shall nominate a Court Manager for each Senior Match. The Court Manager shall be responsible for all aspects of the Match except the playing of the Match and must not be involved in the Match in any other official capacity. Match Officials may advise on court layout but responsibility and accountability remain with the Court Manager.
- 26.2 Each Club shall nominate a Team Representative from their bench personnel to represent their interests at any time during the Match to the court manager.
- 26.3 The Match Officials, the Court Manager and the Team Representatives, and at least five playing members of each Team, are required to be present at the venue at least one hour prior to the scheduled Tip off time, failure to adhere to this must be accompanied by a phone call to the Court Manager or home team representative to advise on expected time of arrival.
- 26.4 The Court Manager will conduct a pre-Match meeting with the Match Officials, Team Representatives and Commissioner if applicable, one hour prior to the scheduled Tip off time. The participants at this meeting should assemble at or near the Scorer's table.
- 26.5 If the Match officials are at two consecutive Matches on the same day, the pre-Match meeting for the second Match should take place immediately after the first Match. Teams and Match Officials must provide the Table Officials with the relevant licences and team lists at this time. Licences are required for all participants and a full team list is required at this time.
- 26.6 Failure to attend the pre-Match meeting and/or not having the requisite number of Players and/or licences at the venue in accordance with Regulation 26.4 or 26.5 above will result in an automatic fine being imposed by Basketball England in accordance with Regulation 49.16.

27 **Commissioner**

- 27.1 Basketball England will, in its sole discretion, nominate Commissioners for Regular Season Matches and only for specific reasons, where it deems appropriate.
- 27.2 The Commissioner shall, where appointed:
- 27.2.1 be at the venue of the Match at least one-hour prior the Tip off time to hold a meeting with the Crew Chief, Umpire, Court Manager and Team Representatives;
- 27.2.2 during the Match, be seated at the Scorer's table, in such a position as to

be able to easily view the Scoresheet;

- 27.2.3 ensure that the Match is conducted in accordance with the spirit and letter of these Regulations, and shall encourage the full co-operation of the Match Officials, Court Manager and the participating Clubs;
 - 27.2.4 following completion of the Match, complete the Commissioners' Report Form, available on request from Basketball England, and send it to the headquarters of Basketball England;
 - 27.2.5 convey to the headquarters of Basketball England any claim or protest received from any of the Clubs participating in the Match, together with any information that the Commissioner deems relevant. A club must inform the Commissioner if it intends to sign the Scoresheet "under protest";
 - 27.2.6 as a nominated representative of Basketball England, be responsible for handling any dispute, excluding items covered under the rules of the Match and advise those involved of their responsibilities with regard to the Regulations concerning the submission of reports etc;
 - 27.2.7 receive travelling and subsistence expenses in accordance with the current rates of Basketball England;
 - 27.2.8 prior to commencement of the Match, and after consultation with the Crew Chief and the Court Manager, make any decision regarding whether the Match shall take place and determine the Match Tip off time;
 - 27.2.9 following completion of the Match, discuss the Match with the Court Manager and the Away Team Representative; and
 - 27.2.10 after consultation with the Crew Chief, Court Manager and Team Representatives (where appropriate), make decisions regarding all aspects of the Match not covered by the Rules of Basketball.
- 27.12 Where a Technical Commission is in operation in accordance with Regulation 16.2 above, the Technical Commission shall be responsible for the duties of the Commissioner as set out in Regulations 27.2.4 and 27.2.8.

28 Warm-ups and Practice

- 28.1 20 minutes prior to the actual tip-off time of the Match, the court must be available for warm-up.
- 28.2 Any action during the warm-up period of a Match (pre-Match, half-time, or during any interval of play), which is likely to damage equipment, is strictly prohibited. Any Player who breaches the provisions of this Regulation 28.2 after a warning from any of the Match Officials shall be liable to pay a fine imposed by Basketball England in accordance with Regulation 49.16.
- 28.3 Before the 1st and 3rd quarters and each extra period, a Team shall have the exclusive right to practice in that half of the court into which it will be attacking in the forthcoming period.

29 Use of Official Balls

- 29.1 Each Team shall be responsible for providing its own practice balls.

- 29.2 The Crew Chief shall approve the match ball at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled tip off time.
- 29.3 All National Competition Matches shall be played with the official approved ball of Basketball England (See Appendix 5).

30 **Scoresheets and Match Results**

Senior Competitions:

- 30.1 Legible electronic copies of the Scoresheet, the Statistics File (Division One Men, Division One Women and Division Two Men only) shall be emailed by the Home Club to Basketball England scoresheets@basketballengland.co.uk no later than 48 hours following completion of the Match. Basketball England shall be entitled to impose a fixed penalty in accordance with Regulation 49.16 for a breach of this Regulation 30.1.
- 30.2 When FIBA LiveStats software has been used, it should be operated with two qualified statisticians during a match and the Home Club must, in addition to the requirements set out in Regulation 30.1 above, e-mail the game file to Basketball England stats@basketballengland.co.uk within 48 hours of completion of the Match. The provision of live statistics (on the internet) using the FIBA LiveStats software is mandatory for all Division One Men, Division One Women and Division Two Men's Teams throughout their respective League and Playoff games, in addition to this where two of these league teams meet in the National Cup. No live stats link will be a breach of the regulations and a fixed penalty in accordance with regulation 49.16 will be applied this can be in addition to a fixed penalty for not submitting the Stats game file to Basketball England in accordance to regulation 30.1.
1. The home team for each Division One Men and Division One Women league teams are responsible for videoing and uploading a copy of the game film to Krossover within 48 hours of the game taking place and submitting for game breakdown for every league game. The sanctions listed in regulation 49.16 will be imposed for teams that do not meet this league requirement.
- 30.4 Following signature of the Scoresheet by the Crew Chief, the Umpires and the table officials, the scorer shall pass all three copies of the Scoresheets to the Court Manager who shall be responsible for their distribution. In the absence of a Commissioner, the Scorer shall pass the sheets to the club organiser. In the absence of a Commissioner the Court Manager is responsible for ensuring that the Scorer can obtain the Crew Chiefs' signatures immediately following the end of the Match.
- 30.5 The Court Manager or appointed team administrator shall be responsible for notifying Basketball England of the result of the Match (including any statistical information requested by Basketball England). In all cases this should be done by inputting the required data onto the online Game Day portal as the match ends, but no later than midnight on the day the Match took place. Any breach of this Regulation 30.4 shall result in the imposition of a fixed penalty in accordance with Regulation 49.16.

Age-Group Competitions:

- 30.6 The Home Club shall be responsible for notifying Basketball England of the result of the Match (including any statistical information requested by Basketball England). In all cases this should be done by inputting the required data onto the online Game Day portal as the match ends, but no later than midnight on the

day the Match took place. Any breach of this Regulation 30.5 shall result in the imposition of a fixed penalty in accordance with Regulation 49.16.

- 30.7 A legible electronic copy of the Scoresheet shall be e-mailed by the Home Club to Scoresheets@basketballengland.co.uk within 48 hours of the Match.
- 30.8 The home team for Under 16 Boys and Girls Premier league teams are responsible for Videoing and uploading a copy of the game film to Krossover within 48 hours of the game taking place and submitting for game breakdown for every league game. The sanctions listed in regulation 49.16 will be imposed for teams that do not meet this league requirement.
- 30.9 In the event of a Coach being ejected from a game, where no suitable qualified and registered assistant coach is present the game will be abandoned and referred to the Competitions Review Panel and/or Disciplinary Officer for consideration regarding the outcome of the game.

(Note: All Age-Group National League teams are expected to travel with at least 2 appropriate adults in line with the Basketball England Safeguarding Policy)

31 **Full Strength Teams**

- 31.1 In all Matches a Team must have a minimum of 8 players ready to play at the scheduled tip off time. Any breach of this Regulation 31.1 shall result in the imposition of a fixed penalty in accordance with Regulation 49.16.
- 31.2 All Participants listed on the Scoresheet at the start of the Match must be present at the end of the Match (unless disqualified or taken to hospital etc). Participants are prohibited from leaving part way through a Match in order to attend and/or participate in another Match.
- 31.3 A Club is required to participate in any Competition it is entered into to the best of its ability.
- 31.4 All Clubs competing in National Competitions agree to give priority to these competitions above all other. In the event of a clash, the National Competition Match shall take priority unless otherwise agreed with Basketball England.

FACILITIES

32 Venues

- 32.1 Applications for entry to the National Basketball League shall include a request for the right to play home games at an approved playing venue for the upcoming Season. In the case of two or more Clubs applying for the same venue, the Competitions Review Panel shall consider the applications and determine which Club shall be awarded the rights to that venue or, in special circumstances, order that the venue be shared by two or more Clubs.
- 32.2 Each Club shall register its home venue with Basketball England, and no Club shall play a home Match at any other venue, without the prior approval of Basketball England. If a Club wishes to change its permanent home venue, it must apply to Basketball England for permission.
- 32.3 An existing National Basketball League Club may lodge an objection with Basketball England where it considers that another Club proposes to play home matches in National Competitions, at the same level of competition, at a venue unreasonably close to its established home venue. The Competitions Review Panel shall consider any such objection and determine each case on its merits.
- 32.4 Basketball England does not undertake or guarantee access to any venues used in the National Competitions and it is recognised that the control of playing venues is exercised solely by the venue owners.
- 32.5 The playing facilities for Clubs in the National Basketball League must be of a quality deemed by Basketball England to be suitable for the level of the competition. This must be in line with the Basketball England Facilities Standards Document (Appendix 5).
- 32.6 Clubs shall ensure that their home venues comply with current government health and safety legislation and are able to provide documentation in support of that fact.

In particular, clubs are expected to provide:

- The venues risk assessment
- The venues up to date health and safety certification
- The venues proof of public liability insurance

- 32.7 Venues are subject to approval by Basketball England, and must have suitable accommodation for spectators in line with the Basketball England Facilities Standards Document (Appendix 5).
- 32.8 Each Home Club is responsible for providing a level of stewarding suitable for both spectator control and for Match Officials. A breach of this Regulation 32.8 will result in the imposition of a fixed penalty in accordance with Regulation 49.16.

33 Match Programmes and Team Lists

- 33.1 The Home Team shall provide a Match Programme in line with the Basketball England Standards Document; and
- 33.2 Teams are required to provide their opponents with a comprehensive Team list at least seven days prior to the Match.

34 **Equipment**

- 34.1 The Home Club shall ensure that its home venue provides an electronic scoreboard and game clock which can be read by the Players, Match Officials and spectators throughout the course of the Match. The clock must at least show the passing of time in minutes. In the event of a game clock being of such construction that it is not possible for both Teams to have an equally good view of it the Home Team must notify the all parties at the pre-Match meeting.
- 34.2 For all Matches in the Senior National Basketball League and Under 18 & 16 Premier Leagues a suitable 24-second device, visible to all participants, must be provided for the administration of the 24-seconds rule. A visible shot clock shall be located at each end of the playing court, ideally above the backboard, or in a position on the floor diagonally opposite each other and must be visible to the table officials. The device must have a digital display and countdown and must reset to 24 seconds and 14 seconds where required.
- 34.3 The Home Club shall ensure that in respect of each Match played at its home venue, pressure-release rings are used and suitable padding is fixed to the backboard edges in all Senior, U18 & U16 Matches played at its home venue.

35 **Display of Team Names and Sponsorship**

The Home Club shall be responsible for the display of Team names any relevant material relating to the competition (e.g. sponsors' names) at the venue, as Basketball England may from time to time notify the Home Club. Any breach of this Regulation 35 may result in the imposition of a fixed penalty in accordance with Regulation 49.16.

36 **Tickets**

- 36.1 Each Home Club shall make available 17 seats for:
- 36.1.1 officers of Basketball England and their guests – 5;
 - 36.1.2 directors of Away Teams and their guests – 4;
 - 36.1.3 a guest of the Commissioner, Crew Chiefs and Table Officials - 6; and
 - 36.1.4 Basketball England Officiating Coaches – 2.
- 36.2 The seats made available in accordance with Regulation 36.1 above may be reallocated if they have not been taken up 30 minutes prior to the scheduled Tip off time, except where the Home Club has been given prior notification.
- 36.3 The Home Club shall also provide complimentary tickets:
- 36.3.1 to all Matches played under the jurisdiction of Basketball England:
 - (a) Honorary Officers – 1;
 - (b) Members of Executive Board - 1 and Guest;
 - (c) Regional Representatives – 1;
 - (d) Staff of Basketball England - 1 and Guest;
 - (e) National Team Coaches and Managers – 1;

- (f) Match Officials appointed by Basketball England - Guest

36.3.2 to all Matches promoted by Basketball England for:

- (a) Honorary Officers - 1 and Guest;
- (b) Members of Executive Board - 1 and Guest;
- (c) Regional Representatives – 1;
- (d) Staff of Basketball England - 1 and Guest;
- (e) Match Officials – Guest.

37 **Team Bench**

- 37.1 The Home Team shall, for all Matches, have the Team Bench and its Team's own basket on the left side of the scorer's table, facing the playing court, at the tip off.
- 37.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 37.1 above, if the two Teams agree, they may interchange the Team Benches and/or baskets.

38 Team Uniforms

- 38.1 Team uniforms must comply with the official rules of basketball (as updated and defined by FIBA) <http://www.fiba.basketball/documents>
- 38.2 Team Uniforms may carry advertising subject to any requirement from time to time specified by, and the prior approval of, Basketball England.
- 7. Permitted uniform/equipment contrary to the FIBA rules:
 - 7.1. Socks do not have to be the same dominant colour for all team members but do need to be visible.
 - 7.2. Players are permitted to wear a hijab.
 - 7.3. All players on the team who wear arm and leg compression sleeves, headgear, wristbands and headbands and tapings, do not need to be the same solid colour.
 - 7.4. Any other equipment not specifically mentioned in this article must be approved by Basketball England.

39 Colours

- 39.1 In the event of a known colour clash, the Away Team shall change to colours that provide a suitable contrast to those worn by the Home Team. Should a colour clash become evident at the venue or during the pre-Match meeting, the Home Team shall change to a colour providing a suitable contrast to that of the Away Team. In the event of a dispute on a Match day as to whether there is a colour clash, the Crew Chief shall make the final decision which shall be binding on both Teams.
- 39.2 Each Club must register details of its first choice colours (vests and shorts) with Basketball England. The Home Team must always wear its complete registered colours. It is the responsibility of the Away Team to ensure that its uniforms contrast sufficiently with those worn by the Home Team, and in any case of doubt, it is recommended that the Home Team have two alternative uniforms available. It is also recommended that the Home Team also ensures that a set of uniforms, dissimilar from their first choice colours, are available at the venue, for use by them in case of an unavoidable colour clash.
- 39.3 After 31 August, no Club may change its registered first choice of colours, except with the special agreement of Basketball England.
- 39.4 For Matches played on neutral courts, or promoted by Basketball England (including Cup and final ties) Basketball England will decide in its sole discretion which colours are to be worn by each Team.

MATCH OFFICIALS

40 Appointment and Expenses

- 40.1 All Match Officials operating in National Basketball League and Cup Competitions must be licensed with Basketball England.
- 40.2 For senior competitions, all Crew Chiefs and Umpires will be appointed by Basketball England for each Match.

In all competitions, the Home Club shall be responsible for paying the Crew Chief and Umpire match fees and expenses as set out in Appendix 3.

HMRC expects all payments to be made by bank transfer or cheque. All officials are responsible for paying their own taxes and National Insurance and must comply with HMRC regulations.

Payments by BACS must be paid within 7 clear working days of conclusion of the match. Where payments are not received on the 8th day Basketball England will not appoint any officials to the next home game until payment is made. If no payment is made 5 days prior to the next scheduled match, then the game will be forfeited. For clubs who breach this on the second occasion they will be required to make payment in advance or on the day by BACS or by alternative payment option listed below.

Payments made in cheque or cash must be made prior to the match.

Any failed payments will result in disciplinary action against the club in line with regulation 49.

- 40.3 For age group competitions the following shall apply:
- 40.3.1 For all Junior NBL games the Crew Chief (and on occasions, the Umpire) may be appointed by Basketball England for each Match. When an official is not appointed by Basketball England, the Home Club is responsible for the appointment of licensed, qualified neutral official(s) who must have no connection with the Home Club (the only exception to this is in line with Regulation 40.3.6).
- 40.3.4 In the event of a Home Club appointing an official that does not meet all of the above regulations (40.3.1 – 40.3.3) the game will be forfeited and the club may be subject to disciplinary procedures.
- 40.3.5 For Junior NBL Quarter Final Playoff matches onwards and Junior National Cup Semi Final matches onwards a neutral Crew Chief and umpire will be appointed by Basketball England.
- 40.3.6 In the case where the Home Club appoint the match officials, they must meet the following criteria
- (i) Must be licenced with Basketball England as a referee.
 - (ii) In the case that a referee is under 18, his or her co-official must be at least 18 years old, qualified (Level 2 minimum), and licenced as a referee with Basketball England.
 - (iii) No siblings/family taking part in fixture.
 - (iv) Is not registered to participate in the same competition.

- (v) The Crew Chief must be completely independent from the club and not hold any position in any capacity within a club.

The number of referees, at each level, that should be appointed to each League and/or Playoff Match should be as follows;

League	N.o. Referees (Level 2)	N.o. Referees (Level 1)
Under 18 Premier & Conference U16 Premier & Conference U14 Premier	2	0
Under 16 Regional Under 14 Conference & Regional U12 Leagues	1	1

Basketball England reserves the right restrict any referee from officiating in any fixture if they are not deemed competent and don't meet the required standard.

Any breach of this regulation will result in the game being declared forfeit by the Home Club.

40.4 If a Commissioner is appointed by Basketball England in accordance with Regulation 27.1 above, the Home Club will be informed and shall pay the Commissioner's match fee and expenses as set out in Appendix 3.

40.4 The Away Team may exercise its right to nominate a Team Representative to be seated at the Scorer's table with the agreement of the Crew Chief.

40.5 If a Commissioner is not appointed in accordance with regulation 27.1 above, the Crew Chief shall be responsible for such duties of the Commissioner as they may be capable of performing.

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

40.7 All NBL Fixtures shall be publish online via the Basketball England website a list of all fixtures and all Senior Referee appointments only will be published on Assignr website. It is the responsibility of the Match Official's to gain access to this information on a weekly basis. Should a Club alter any of the information after 5.00pm on a Friday, the Home Club shall be responsible for informing the Match Officials of the change and where an official attends a fixture that has been cancelled/postponed the Home Team is liable for the travel expenses and half of the match fee.

41 **Table Officials**

41.1 Table Officials shall be provided by the Home Club, who should be neutral officials and not associated with the Home Club where possible. It is the responsibility of the Home Club to pay the Table Officials expenses in accordance with the current rates of Basketball England set out in Appendix 3. All Table Officials must wear the approved Basketball England uniform or red clothing visible when seated.

- 41.2 The number of Table Officials, at each level, that should be appointed to each League and/or Playoff Match should be as follows, this includes 24 second operators:

League	N.o. Table Officials (Level 3)	N.o. Table Officials (Level 2)	N.o. Table Officials (Level 1)
Division One Men	3	0	0
Division Two Men	2	1	0
Division Three Men	1	2	0
Division One Women	2	1	0
Division Two Women	1	2	0
Under 18/16 Premier	1	1	1
Under 18/16 Conference/Regional	0	1	1
Under 14 Leagues	0	1	1
Under 12 Leagues	0	0	2

- 41.3 In any cup competition, the appointment of Table Officials should be commensurate with the Division in which the Home Team competes.

Failure to meet these regulations will result in an automatic fine being imposed (See Regulation 49.16).

42 **Assessment**

Clubs may submit reports on the handling of the Match by Crew Chiefs and Umpires. Any such reports should be submitted to Basketball England within 48 hours following the Match to nationalleague@basketballengland.co.uk.

43 **Referees**

Referees must wear the current Basketball England Officiating uniform, for all games in National Competitions.

44 **Failure to Arrive / Delay**

- 44.1 All Match Officials must ensure that they are present at the venue 1 hour prior to the scheduled tip off time and ensure that they are present on the playing court 20 minutes prior to the scheduled tip off time.

- 44.2 All fixtures require two suitably qualified referees in line with regulation 40.3.6 for the game to take place. If it is not possible to allocate two referees by 24 hours prior to the game taking place, then the game will be cancelled. Should the teams not agree to a postponement, the matter will be referred to the Competitions Review Panel to determine an outcome

- . If two referees were appointed to a game, however, should one or both Referees withdraw less than 24 hours prior to the game due to (a) injury, (b) illness, (c) unforeseen circumstances), then the following shall apply:

1. A member of either team who holds a suitable qualification and licenced with Basketball England, can take over with agreement from both teams.
 2. If no suitable replacement official is available, then the game can go ahead with one Match official, only if both teams agree to this, and the Referee also agrees and is minimum Level 2 qualified and 18 years of age. Alternatively, either team can choose to postpone the game. If the game is subsequently cancelled or postponed as a decision by either team, the game must be rearranged for a later date in line with regulation 23 in terms of re-arranging a fixture and any costs incurred are the responsibility of the home team.
- 44.2.3 In the event of a dispute the home team will be asked to provide evidence to BE of the Match Official's appointments within 7 days of the original fixture date, that should have taken place. Should such evidence not be available, this may result in game being declared Forfeit by the home club.
- 44.3 Should both Match Officials fail to arrive, the Commissioner (if present) and the Court Manager will follow Regulations 44.2.1 to 44.2.4 (inclusive) as far as possible, in order for the Match to take place.
- 44.4 The Commissioner and the Team Representatives, having been informed that one or both of the floor officials are on their way and that they will arrive before the scheduled Tip off time will decide, bearing in mind the distance being travelled by the absent Match Official(s), whether they will be allowed to officiate.
- 44.5 Once a Match Official is substituted, this shall not normally be changed, even if the designated Match Official(s) arrives. The same two Match Officials shall continue throughout the Match. The Commissioner/Crew Chief shall have discretion to dis-apply this Regulation 44.5 in exceptional circumstances.
- 44.6 In accordance with the rules of the Match, all Table Officials must be present at the scorer's table 30 minutes prior to the start of the Match. If a Table Official is not present at the scorer's table 30 minutes prior to the scheduled Tip off time without prior communication as to the reason for the delay (travel delay/unforeseen circumstances), the Commissioner or Court Manager should take the necessary steps to appoint suitable replacements.
- 44.7 If a Table Official has failed to arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled starting time, and if no communication has been received by the organisers the following procedure should be adopted:
- 44.7.1 If another suitably qualified table official is at the venue or in the immediate vicinity he/she shall be informed that their services may be required;
 - 44.7.2 If there is no suitably qualified Table Official available, the Commissioner, in consultation with the Crew Chief shall decide who shall be the replacement Table Official;
 - 44.7.3 If the Table Official fails to arrive by the time the Crew Chief signals three minutes, then the substitute official will be the timekeeper; or
 - 44.7.4 Once the Table Official is substituted this shall not normally be changed, even if the designated Table Official(s) arrives.

- 44.8 In the event of injury to or illness of a Match Official during the course of a Match, the Commissioner and/or Crew Chief may appoint a substitute at their discretion in accordance with the procedure set out in Regulation 44.2.1 to 44.2.4 (inclusive) above.

45 **Media**

Match Officials are not permitted to make comment to representatives of the media; on any public websites and/or on social media including any electronic format over any incidents that may have occurred during Matches in which they officiate. Match Officials who breach this Regulation 39.11 will be referred to the Disciplinary Officer in accordance with Regulation 49.1.

MEDICAL MATTERS

46 **First Aid and Equipment**

The Home Club shall be responsible for providing suitable first aid equipment at the venue and all teams shall have a first aider present, qualified to a minimum of “basic first aid” (one-hour training).

47 **Blood Injuries**

During a Match, the Crew Chief 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.

48 **Anti-Doping**

48.1 Any person for whom a positive result has been determined in respect of the use of a prohibited substance (or refusing to take a test for such substances) shall automatically be referred to UK Anti Doping who will determine the appropriate penalty under the WADA code.

48.2 If a Player has been found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation during a Competition, the result of the Match shall remain valid. However, in such a case, the Player in question shall forfeit any medals and prizes.

48.3 In accordance with UK Anti-Doping Policy, where more than one member of a team has been notified of a possible Anti- Doping Rule Violation in connection with an Event, the team may be subjected to Target Testing during the Event Period.

Furthermore, if more than two members of a team are found to have committed an Anti -Doping Rule Violation during an Event Period, this shall be treated as misconduct pursuant to the disciplinary rules for which an appropriate sanction shall be imposed on the team (*e.g., loss of points, Disqualification from a Competition or Event, or other sanction*) over and above any Consequences that are imposed on the individual participants committing an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.

In addition, the ruling body of the Event may provide in the Event rules for further (Event-specific) sanctions to be imposed on the team in such circumstances

48.3 Players will receive a provisional suspension in accordance with Article 7.7 of the UK Anti-Doping Rules 2015. UKAD in conjunction with Basketball England will issue a ‘Notice of Charge’ to both the Player and the Club.

DISCIPLINE AND DISPUTES

49 Disciplinary Action

- 49.1 Disciplinary matters related to misconduct by Participants, Match Officials, Club Directors and other Club Officials or members, occurring during or immediately prior to, or following a Match will be considered by the Disciplinary Officer and/or Basketball England as appropriate. The Disciplinary Officer and/or Basketball England as appropriate shall also be responsible for dealing with all other matters pertaining to misconduct within the sport.
- 49.2 In special cases, as determined by the Disciplinary Officer in his or her sole discretion, a special Commission, comprising three persons, shall be formed to consider a particular disciplinary matter.
- 49.3 Participants, Match Officials, Club Directors and other Club Officials or members may be fined and/or suspended for any disciplinary matter as decided by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England. A fine up to £10,000 may be imposed for any single offence. Instead of, or in addition to, fines and/or suspensions, the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England may take such action in respect of the outcome of a game including ordering a replay, deducting points, declaring the Match void. The penalties for common offences are set out in Regulation 49.16. The suggested penalties are guidelines only and the imposition of such penalty is at the discretion of the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England dependent on the circumstances on each offence.
- 49.4 The Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England may take disciplinary action in respect of any matter that it considers to be liable to bring disrepute to the sport of Basketball and/or Basketball England. Any offence committed at a Venue before, during or after a Match by any Participants, Match Officials, Club Directors and other Club Officials or members will be referred to the Disciplinary Officer under Regulation 49.1. The Disciplinary Officer may also co-opt as an 'assistant' any special technical advisor where appropriate in order to assist in reaching a decision. The Disciplinary Officer shall at all times determine what evidence is admissible and what is not.
- 49.5 Any Club or individual may appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Officer, Officer of Basketball England or Competitions Review Panel by submitting an appeal with Basketball England as follows:
- 49.5.1 The grounds for the appeal must be submitted by the appellant in writing to Basketball England within seven (7) days (unless otherwise specified) of (i) the appellant being notified of the relevant decision or (ii) the date of any incident incurring automatic disciplinary points.
- 49.5.2 The appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of £250 for senior competitions and age group competitions.
- 49.5.3 An appeals panel appointed by Basketball England 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.

- 49.5.4 Any decision of the appeals panel shall be final and binding on the parties.
- 49.5.5 The appeals panel shall determine whether the deposit is returned to the appellant in full, in part, or not at all.
- 49.5.6 The Appeals Panel may award costs and expenses against the appellant as it deems appropriate.
- 49.6 In the event of a Participant being disqualified or expelled from a Match, will automatically be considered by the Disciplinary Officer under the following process:
- 49.6.1 Each Match Official is required to submit a written report on the matter, to Basketball England within 48 hours of the match finishing.
- 49.6.2 Where a Participant has been disqualified and video of the incident is available this must be submitted to Basketball England within 72 hours.
- 49.6.3 The Participant and/or the Club 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.
- 49.6.4 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 by them and the Club concerned notified accordingly, if appropriate.
- 49.7 A system of cumulative "penalty points" will apply, and a one game suspension comes into force whenever a Participant's total penalty points reaches (or exceeds) each of the following totals: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 etc. The suspension will take effect from / or after 14 days after the disciplinary incident, as determined by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England.
- 49.7.1 Disqualifications automatically invoke the following minimum penalty points:
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| Player or Team Follower | 7 |
| Coach | 10 |
- 49.7.2 In addition the following automatic fines will apply:
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| 2nd Disqualification in Season | £75 fine |
| 3rd & Any Subsequent Disqualification in Season | £150 fine |
- 49.8 The Disciplinary Officer will consider whether any additional penalty points should be added after consideration of the reports referred to in Regulation 49.6. This will normally be the case for disqualifications of a grievous nature. In the event of a report being submitted related to misconduct not involving disqualification, this will be dealt with in accordance with Regulations 49.12 and 49.13, and, if the report is accepted, an appropriate number of penalty points allocated to the Participant concerned. Where visual evidence is presented, and this evidence indicates that other persons may be liable for disciplinary action, this will only be actioned after the relevant party has been notified. Disciplinary points incurred within 6 weeks prior to the end of a season will be carried forward until 30th November of the following season.

- 49.9 Disciplinary action in respect of automatic penalty points incurred by disqualification will come into force on the 14th day after the incident or as otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England during which time the Participant will be able to appeal under Regulation 49.5. This does not preclude the Disciplinary Officer for imposing further penalty points or a fine for the incident. Whenever a fine is imposed on a Participant under Regulation 49.7, they are suspended from all basketball activity until the fine has been paid in full to Basketball England.
- 49.10 At the end of each season, all cumulative totals will revert to zero, except as set out in Regulation 49.8.
- 49.11 Match Officials shall not make any recommendation or comment, either in their report or otherwise, as to the disciplinary action that they consider to be appropriate.
- 49.12 Disciplinary action as a result of a decision of the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England will normally come into effect 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 or automatic points, any disciplinary action will be suspended until such time as the appeal is heard.
- 49.13 Any club, player or official offering or receiving any reward or other inducement to or from another club or person to win or lose a match, or being found guilty of placing a wager on any basketball match in which they are involved, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct, and shall be dealt with in accordance with Regulation 49.4
- 49.14 Any club which deliberately fields a weakened team without what Basketball England considers to be good reason, or is deemed to have deliberately lost a match, shall be deemed to be guilty of misconduct and may be dealt with in accordance with item 49.4. Basketball England may require teams to provide medical certificates in cases of doubt regarding illness or injury.
- 49.15 Participants and or club officials shall not directly or indirectly approach Match Officials before, during or after the Match 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 will be dealt with in accordance with item 49.4.
- 49.16 The following fines will automatically be imposed:

OFFENCE	PENALTY
Failure to provide qualified and licensed Table Officials: (Regulation 41)	£25 per official and possible disciplinary action for the club
Forfeiture of fixture: (Regulation 24)	Senior: See Regulation 24 Junior: £100 - 1 st offence £200 – subsequent

Failure to attend the pre-match meeting and/or late arrival of team for pre Match meeting (5 players): (Regulation 26.5)	£50
Failure to email Scoresheet as required: (Regulations 30.1 and 30.6 as applicable)	£40 - 1 st offence £60 - 2 nd offence 1 Pts deduction – subsequent
Failure to upload or send FIBA LiveStats game file as required: (Regulation 30.2)	£40 - 1 st offence £100 - 2 nd offence 1 Pts deduction – subsequent
Failure to live webcast the FIBA LiveStats game as required: (Regulation 30.2)	£15 – 1 st £30 -2 nd Offence 1 pts deduction -subsequent
Failure to update result service: (Regulations 30.4 and 30.5 as applicable)	£15 - 1 st offence £30 – subsequent
Failure to video and submit/upload the game tape to Krossover for game breakdown (regulation 30.3 and 30.8)	£150.00 – 1 st Offence £250.00 – 2 nd Offence £500.00 – 3 rd Offence and final written warning Immediate expulsion from league – 4 th Offence
Failure to provide refreshments where required: (Regulation 21.6)	£50
Failure to field 8 players: (Regulations 31.1)	£50
Failure to provide scoreboard / 24 seconds device: (Regulations 34.1 & 34.2)	£100
Failure to provide adequate stewarding: (Regulations 32.8)	£50
Fielding an Ineligible Participant: (Regulations 17.9.4)	Minimum £500 plus consideration by the Competitions Review Panel
Failure to ensure branding & numbering shirts/court: (National Basketball League Standards)	£25 per offence
Failure to submit nominations for the ‘End of season’ awards when requested	£150.00 per team
Team arriving on the playing court up to 15 minutes after the scheduled tip off time: (Regulations 22.7)	£50

Clubs will also be fined at the discretion of Basketball England for their failure to meet any of the National Basketball League Recommended Standards. The level of fines will be determined by Basketball England in its sole discretion.

- 49.17 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. A person under suspension from a Match is also barred from participating in any other Match(es) in the Competition(s) for which they may be eligible, that take place on the same day as the Match specified for their suspension, unless otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Officer/ Basketball England.
- 49.18 Failure to observe a suspension or breaching any condition applied as part of a suspension is classed as a breach of suspension. Any breach of suspension will result in the case being referred to the Disciplinary Officer and further disciplinary action will be taken.
- 49.20 Suspension will apply to Matches in the National Competitions. They will not apply to other events, including FIBA competitions, unless otherwise determined by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England.
- 49.21 The Disciplinary Officer shall have the power to amend the awarding of automatic points if they are of the opinion that a miscarriage of justice has taken place.

50. Disputes

- 50.1 Any dispute or complaint relating to a Match must be recorded in accordance with the procedure indicated in Regulation 50.5 and followed by submission of a written report, which must be received at the Headquarters of Basketball England within 72 hours of the completion of the Match in question. Such submission must be accompanied by a deposit of £100. The deposit may be returned if the complaint is considered by Basketball England to be valid. Any Club that submits a complaint under this Regulation 50.1 must also send a copy of the complaint to the opposing Club, and to the Match Officials for the Match in question. Under no circumstances can any complaint be submitted which seeks to question the validity of the result of the Match on the grounds of the quality of Match Officials appointed by Basketball England or its nominees.
- 50.2 Disputes or protests in respect of Matches during an event organised by Basketball England must be recorded in accordance with 50.1, and submitted in writing within one hour of the completion of the match, accompanied by a deposit of £100, to a member of the Technical Commission or where no such person is present, to the Commissioner, or the senior representative of Basketball England in attendance.
- 50.3 If either team, or the Match Officials, has any reason to consider the circumstances may be such as to invalidate or forfeit a match, this should be stated at the start of the game prior to tip off, and reported to Basketball England by the Match Officials and the Home team. Should a match then 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.
- 50.4 If prior to or during the course of a Match, the coach, captain or representative of a competing Team has a complaint related to these Regulations, they should notify the Commissioner (or Crew Chief in the absence of a Commissioner), who shall record the matter. The Crew Chief should be notified immediately if the ball is dead and the clock is stopped, or at the first opportunity thereafter. The captain of the Team shall make their observations to the Crew Chief in a calm and courteous manner. The Crew Chief may explain their decision or, if

necessary, may examine the Scoresheet and check the score and the playing time remaining. The interruption of play thus caused, should it exceed 30 seconds, shall be charged as a Time-Out to the team in question, unless the Crew Chief, recognising the validity of the observation, decides otherwise.

- 50.5 If, at the end of a Match, a Team considers that it has suffered unreasonable harm by virtue of any occurrence connected with the Match, with the exception of decisions by the match officials, the captain of the Team may sign the Scoresheet "under protest". The captain of the team wishing to sign the scoresheet under protest must notify the Crew Chief immediately after the final buzzer. Once the final buzzer sounds the scorer is required to record the time at the bottom of the scoresheet. The Crew Chief should ensure that the Scoresheet remains open until the 15-minute period has elapsed. If there is no request to protest the game, the scoresheet can be signed by all officials to mark the closing of the game. All Match Officials should remain at the disposal of the Crew Chief until the Scoresheet has been signed by all parties. If a Team signs the Scoresheet "under protest", it must then adopt the procedure indicated under Regulations 50.1 and 50.2 to ensure the protest is valid. Regardless of subsequent actions, by signing the Scoresheet "under protest", a club becomes automatically liable to pay the deposit of £100
- 50.6 All disputes and protests relating to Matches will be considered by the Competitions Review Panel.
- 50.7 For disputes relating to Standard Contracts or transfers, the parties involved may apply to Basketball England to convene an arbitration to resolve the dispute. Any such arbitration shall be governed by the Arbitration Act 1996 and amounts to a binding arbitration agreement for the purposes of Section 6 of that Act. The seat of the arbitration shall be England. All costs relating to the arbitration shall be determined by the arbitrator(s) in their absolute discretion.
- 50.8 Where the query or complaint relates to complaints about the governance or administration of the Competition by Basketball England, such complaints will be dealt with by the Chief Executive.

MISCELLANEOUS

51 **Governing Law**

These Regulations and any disputes or differences arising in relation to them shall be governed in all respects by English law.

52 **Jurisdiction**

Any dispute arising out of or in connection with these Regulations (including any dispute or question about the existence or validity of these Regulations) shall be resolved in accordance with these Regulations and/ or the Articles of Association of Basketball England and decisions made pursuant to these Regulations shall be final and binding on all Clubs, players and other parties.

53 **Severability**

If any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be found to be void or unenforceable, such provisions shall be deemed to be deleted from these Regulations and the remaining provisions of these Regulations shall continue in full force and effect.

54 **Variations**

These Regulations may be varied from time to time (whether by way of alteration, addition, deletion or otherwise) by the Executive Board.

Basketball England shall give not less than thirty clear days' notice to each Club of any changes to these Regulations before they are effective unless exceptional circumstances apply and in which case as much notice as is reasonably practicable shall be given.

APPENDIX 1 – LICENCE CARDS & AGE ELIGIBILITY

Category	Born Between
Senior Players	31/08/97 or earlier
Under 23	01/09/1997 -31/08/200
Under 20	301/09/2000 -31/08/2002
Under 18	01/09/2002 – 31/08/2006
Under 16	01/09/2004 – 31/08/2008
Under 14	01/09/2006 – 31/08/2010
Under 12	01/09/2008 - 31/08/2011

Category	Eligibility
Senior	Eligible only to play in Senior competitions, a player must have attained their 15 th birthday.
Under 20	Eligible to play in Senior competitions.
Under 18	Eligible to play in Under 18 competitions and above. minimum age permitted is for the player to be attaining their 15 th birthday from the 1 st September 2020 this permits all players in School Year 10.
Under 16	Eligible to play in Under 16 competitions and above. minimum age permitted is for the player to be attaining their 13 th birthday from the 1 st September 2020 this permits all players in School Year 8.
Under 14	Eligible to play in Under 14 competitions and above. minimum age permitted is for the player to be attaining their 11 th birthday from the 1 st September 2020 this permits all players in School Year 6.
Under 12	Eligible to play in Under 12 competitions and above. minimum age permitted is for the player to be attaining their 10 th birthday from the 1 st September 2020 this permits all players in School Year 5.

APPENDIX 2 – LICENCE FEES

1. TEAM ENTRY FEES

DESCRIPTION	COST
Division One Men (inc. Cup & Trophy where eligible)	£650
Division Two Men (inc. National Cup)	£525
Division Three Men (inc. National Cup)	£475
Division One Women (inc. National Cup)	£325
Division Two Women (inc. National Cup)	£325
Junior NBL – Premier League Entry	£110
Junior NBL – Conference League Entry	£90
Junior NBL – Regional League Entry	£70
Junior NBL – Under 12 competitions	£70
Junior National Cup Entry	£35

2. CLUB

DESCRIPTION	COST
Senior Club	£60
Junior Club	£45

3. MEMBER REGISTRATION FEES

STANDARD BASKETBALL ENGLAND MEMBERSHIP TYPE		FEE
Adult		£15.00
Junior		£8.50

BBL, WBBL & NBL COMPETITION LICENCE			
LICENCE TYPE	NATIONALITY	CATEGORY	FEE
Senior Player	British	BBL	£30.00
		NBL	£30.00
	EEA	BBL	£150.00
		NBL D1	£150.00
		NBL D2/3/ D2 Women	£100.00
		WBBL	£100.00
		NBL D1 Women	£100.00
	Non-EEA	BBL	£500.00
		NBL D1	£500.00
		NBL D2/3/ D2 Women	£500.00
		WBBL	£500.00
		NBL D1 Women	£500.00
Under 20 Player	British	BBL	£2500
		NBL	£25.00
	EEA/Non-EEA	BBL	£25.00
		NBL D1	£25.00
		NBL D2/3/D2 Women	£25.00
		WBBL	£25.00
		NBL D1 Women	£25.00
Players 18 & Under		Under 18	£10.00
		Under 16	£10.00
		Under 14	£10.00
		Under 12	£10.00
Coach	All	Senior team	£35.00
	All	Under 18 team	£15.00
Team Follower	All	Senior	£12.00

Note: this is the age of the team follower not the team they follow.		Under 18	£12.00
Crew Chief (18+)	All		£40.00
Crew Chief (U18)	All		£40.00
Table Official (18+)	All		£23.00
Table Official (U18)	All		£23.00

BBL, WBL & NBL FIBA LICENCES			
LICENCE TYPE	NATIONALITY	CATEGORY	FEE
Senior Player	EEA	BBL	£240.00
		WBL	£120.00
	Non-EEA	BBL	£240.00
		WBL	£120.00
Under 20 Player	EEA	BBL	£240.00
		WBL	£120.00
	Non-EEA	BBL	£240.00
		WBL	£120.00

4. Notes.

All membership fees include the standard Basketball England membership fee, plus the relevant competition licence fee. A FIBA fee will then also be added if applicable.

All clubs must pay a club fee at the start of the season, regardless of which competitions they enter. If your club has at least one senior teams, then the “Senior Club” fee applies. If your club only has junior teams (ie. Under 18 and below) then the “Junior Club” fee applies.

APPENDIX 3 – MATCH FEES AND EXPENSES

Type of Match	Referees	Table Officials
3-Person Officiating NBL Division One Mens National Cup Womens National Cup QF onwards WNBL Division One Playoffs QF onwards NBL Division Two Playoffs QF onwards	£30.00	£22.00
NBL Division Two	£39.00	£20.00
WNBL Division One Women's National Cup Rounds 1 and 2 NBL Division Three	£33.00	£17.00
WNBL Division 2 incl. Playoffs.	£23.00	£11.00
Under 18, Under 16 League, National Cup & Playoff Matches	£18.00	£9.00
Under 12 League, Under 14 League & Playoff Matches	£13.00	£6.00
Level 5 Referee / Level 4 Table Official.	£16.00	£12.00
Level 4 Referee / Level 4 Table Official.	£15.00	£10.00
Level 3 Referee / Level 3 Table Official.	£14.00	£8.00
Level 2 Referee / Level 2 Table Official.	£13.00	£7.00
Level 1 Referee / Level 1 Table Official	£10.00	£5.00

For Junior NBL regular season games the total match fee and expenses that may be claimed each game by each official shall not exceed a combined total of £30.00.

For all Junior Playoff matches the £30.00 max claim will not apply to ensure suitable officials can be appointed.

1. Expenses paid to Referees will either be in the form of:

- (a) Travel by Rail: the actual fare paid up to a maximum of second-class ordinary return; and
- (b) Travel by Road: 35.0p 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).

All receipts for train/bus travel should be supplied along with the expenses claim form.

2. For officials who are officiating more than one game in a day, travel expenses should be split between each home teams may be claimed.

3. For all officials, a subsistence allowance of £10.00 may be claimed when an official is necessarily away from home in excess of 10 hours. (This paragraph shall not apply to Basketball England National Competition Finals events).

In all competitions, the Home Club shall be responsible for paying the Crew Chief and Umpire match fees and expenses (all receipts for train/bus travel should be supplied along with the expenses claim form) as set out in Appendix 3.

HMRC expects all payments to be made by bank transfer or cheque. **All officials are responsible for paying their own taxes and National Insurance and must comply with HMRC regulations.**

Payments by BACS must be paid within 7 clear working days of conclusion of the match. Payments made in cheque or cash must be made prior to the match. Any failed payments will result in disciplinary action against the club in line with regulation 49.



APPENDIX 4 – NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDARDS

		D1/2 Men	D3 Men	D1 Women	D2 Women	U18/16 Premier League	U18/16 Conference/ Regional League	U14 Premier League	U14 Conference/ Regional League	U12 Mixed/ Girls
Statistics	Mandatory use of FIBA LiveStats software for the provision of statistics	✓		✓						
	Provision of statistics desirable but not mandatory		✓			✓				
Krossover	Mandatory use of video recording a game and uploading to crossover for game footage breakdown	✓ Div 1 Only		✓		✓ U16 prem Only				
First Aid	A Sports Therapist and/or First Aid person to be provided by home team. It is desirable for each team to have a first-aider in their team.	✓		✓						
	First Aid at Work Certificate / Emergency Aid Certificate holder is recommended to be present at each game/venue.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promotion - A club should promote its matches and the club to a level commensurate with its status. A website is desirable.	PA/Music, court announcer and team introductions.	✓		✓						
	Clubs are required to supply media reports and complete the relevant media documents following the game.	✓		✓						
	Clubs are required to supply forms of digital media as requested to assist in the promotion of the game and reporting. Photos / videos	✓	✓	✓		✓				

Match Programme - to be supplied for each home game commensurate with its status. This must include all relevant sponsors' adverts as provided by Basketball England. Each programme must carry any and all adverts for Basketball England sponsors as required.	Two colour cover, Professional design, Minimum 8 pages.									
	Two colour cover, Professional design, Minimum 4 pages.									
	Desirable but not mandatory.									
Game day personnel	That the club has the appropriate level of stewarding at all matches. Minimum one steward per 100 people.									
	Ensure that there are an adequate number of club personnel for match day tasks and stewarding.									
Coach Qualification and those administrating the club. All Clubs are required to have sufficient coaching and playing personnel to enable ALL League fixtures to be completed on the relevant days.	Level III Coach, assistant coach, and a Secretary with experience of club administration.									
	Level II Coach and a Secretary with experience of club administration.									
	Player coaches permitted but must have an assistant coach named on the score sheet									
	Team Manager required									
	Identified person responsible for marketing, promotion and PR									

APPENDIX 5 - BASKETBALL ENGLAND FACILITIES STANDARDS

Playing Court

The playing court shall be marked with 50 mm lines, as per the Official Basketball Rules. Lines should be of a contrasting colour to the floor colour.

The height of the ceiling or the lowest obstruction above the playing floor shall be a minimum of 7 metres.

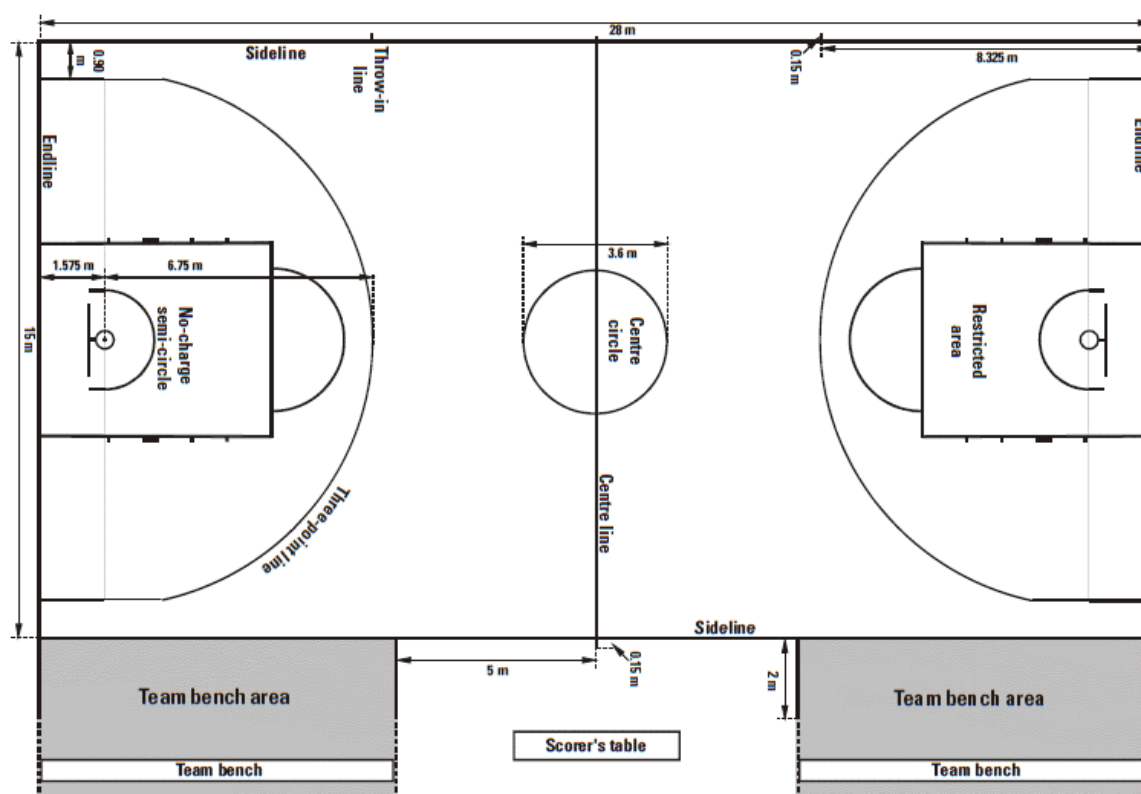
Lighting should be uniform across the playing area and a minimum of 500 lux.

The temperature of the playing area should be between 16°C -19°C.

The official size court for Senior Division 1 Men and Women and Division 2 Men is 28m x 15m. Venues with the older court size court size of 26m x 14m are only permitted in Division Three, Division Two Women, and Junior NBL.

The minimum required safety run to any obstruction including table equipment and team benches is 2m for senior competitions and 1m for junior competitions.

Fig.1 Basketball Court Dimensions and Set Up



Advertising boards

Advertising boards can be located around the court and must be a minimum of 2m from the end line and side lines. Boards should not exceed a height of 1m.

Seating

Minimum seating requirements:

Division One & Two Men*	250
Division Three Men*	100
Division Four Men*	50
Division One Women*	100
Division Two Women*	50
Junior Leagues* (as appropriate)	50

*Must have adequate provision for disability/wheelchair users, this should be of 6 or 1 to every 100 of seated capacity.

Changing Facilities

The home club shall ensure that 2 separate changing rooms which can accommodate a minimum of 17 people per team are available and include access to shower and toilet facilities.

A further 2 separate changing rooms which can accommodate 3 people with access to showers and toilet facilities are also required for use by match officials.

Equipment

Ring and Backboards

The home club shall ensure that in respect of each match played at its home venue, pressure-release rings meeting European Standard EN 1270 are used with 70 kilogram flex break.

The ring should be fixed to the framework in such a manner so that no force, transmitted by the ring is directly applied to the backboard.

The height of the ring will be 3,050mm from the top edge down to the playing surface. Nets shall be white in colour and suspended from the ring no less than 400mm and 450mm in length.

Fig. 2 Drop down goal support structure example

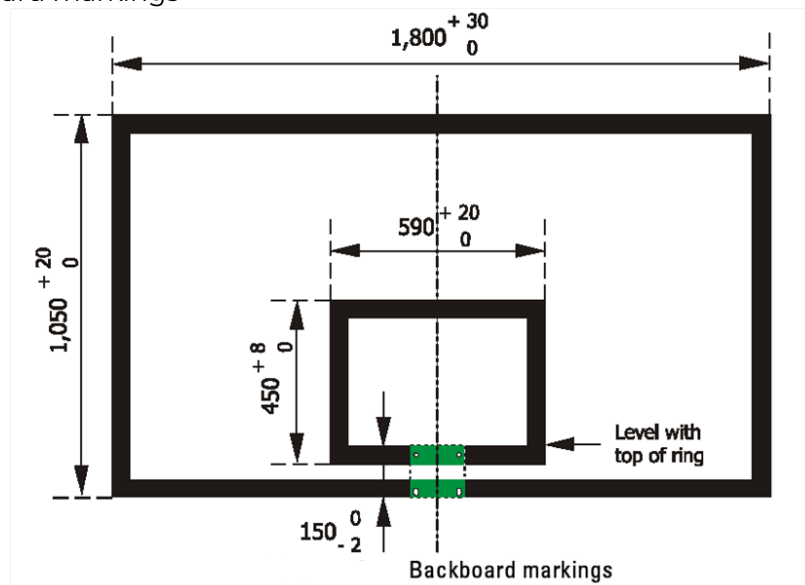


Backboards shall measure 1,800 mm horizontally and 1,050 mm vertically. Backboards can be made of timber or transparent material with a minimum thickness of 19mm

All lines on the backboards shall be:

- In white, if the backboards are transparent.
- In black, if the white painted backboards are non-transparent.
- 50mm in width.

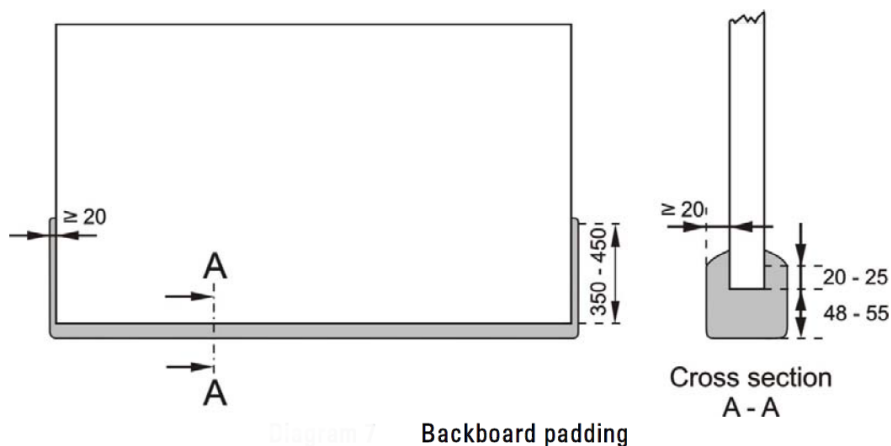
Fig. 3 Backboard markings



Suitable padding is fixed to the backboard edges in all Senior, Under 18 and Under 16 matches played at its home venue.

Venues with older backboards measuring 1,800 mm by 1,200 mm must ensure that fixed padding is provided for all levels of competition.

Fig. 4 Backboard Padding Example



Floor type

The playing surface should meet the requirements of BS EN 14904:2005. Ball bounce must also achieve a minimum of 90% rebound and friction is to be between 80-110 when measured with a pendulum slip test device. The preferred floor type is an A4 timber floor with FIBA approval. Carpet, solid granwood or macadam floor surfaces are not suitable.

Scoring

The Home Club shall ensure that its home venue provides an electronic scoreboard and game clock which can be read by the Players, Match Officials and spectators throughout the course of the Match. The clock must at least show the passing of time in

minutes and running score. In the event of a game clock being of such position that it is not possible for both Teams to have an equally good view of it; the Home Team must notify the commissioner at the pre-Match meeting.

Fig. 5 Basic Scoreboard Example



For Senior Men Division 1 and 2 and Division 1 Women electronic scoreboard with digital countdown to show score, time, team fouls and time-outs are mandatory.

For Matches in the Men's and Women's League and Cup, the device must have a digital display showing countdown and score.

For all Matches in the Senior National Basketball League and Under 18 & 16 Premier Leagues a suitable 24-second device is required and must reset to 14 seconds. Shot clocks should be visible to all players and officials. Preferred location directly above the backboard.

Fig. 6 Basic Shot Clock Example



Table Equipment

The five player foul markers provided for the scorer shall be of white colour numbered from 1 to 5 (1 to 4 in black and the number 5 in red).

The two team foul markers provided for the scorer shall be of red colour and clearly visible to everyone involved in the game, including the spectators, when positioned on either side of the scorer's table.

The alternating possession arrow must be positioned in the centre of the scorer's table and shall be clearly visible to everyone involved in the game, including the spectators.

Electrical or electronic devices may be used but they shall meet the above specifications.

Basketballs

The official approved ball of Basketball England shall be played with for all matches in the National Basketball League. The following ball sizes must be used for all matches in the National Basketball League;

- Senior Men Size 7 (Wilson Solution)
- Senior Women Size 6 (Wilson Solution)
- Under 18 Boys Size 7 (Wilson Evolution)
- Under 18 Girls Size 6 (Wilson Evolution)
- Under 16 Boys Size 7 (Wilson Evolution)
- Under 16 Girls Size 6 (Wilson Evolution)
- Under 14 Girls Size 5 (Wilson Reaction Pro)
- Under 14 Boys Size 6 (Wilson Reaction Pro)
- Under 12 Girls Size 5 (Wilson Reaction Pro)
- Under 12 Mixed Size 5 (Wilson Reaction Pro)

SIZE 5



27.5"

SIZE 6



28.5"

SIZE 7



29.5"

NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE FACILITY STANDARDS

		D1/2 Men	D3 Men	D1 Women	D2 Women	U18/16 Premier League	U18/16 Conference/ Regional League	U14 Premier League	U14 Conference/ Regional League	U12 Mixed/ Girls League
Playing Court with a minimum run-off of 2m from the court edge to any obstruction (inc. team benches, seating etc) for senior competitions and 1m run off for junior competitions	28 x 15m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	26 x 14m		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Basketball Goals 3.05m from floor	Pressure release rings with 70KG flex break with adequate back support frame.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Backboards - 1.8m x 1.05m (minimum thickness 19mm), and 1.2m from end line. Older backboards sized 1.8m x 1.2m must be padded	2 backboards made from transparent material	✓								
	2 backboards made from transparent or wood material		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Backboard sides and lower edge must be padded.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Flooring	Timber or synthetic floor meeting standard European Standard EN 14904:2005. Timber Area Elastic A4 floor preferred	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Spectator Provision	250 seated spectators.	✓								
	100 seated spectators.		✓	✓						
	50 seated spectators as required.				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Changing Rooms	Two separate 17 person changing rooms with access to shower and toilet facilities for use by home and away teams.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Two separate 3 person changing rooms with access to shower and toilet facilities for match officials (male & female).	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Heating/Lighting	Recommended temperature comfort for participants and spectators 16°C.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	A minimum of 500 Lux lights For televised games a minimum of 1400 Lux is required	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scoreboard	Electronic scoreboard with digital countdown to show score, time, team fouls and time-outs mandatory. Players names and fouls desirable.	✓	✓	✓						
	Running score and electronic / digital game time to be shown				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	24 seconds device that must reset to 14 seconds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

APPENDIX 6 - BASKETBALL ENGLAND GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS & FORMS

This guidance is to be used for all Tier 2 and Tier 5 governing body endorsement requests made on or after the 12 April 2019.

Section 1: Overview of governing body endorsements for tier 2 (sportsperson) and tier 5 (temporary worker) creative and sporting categories of the points-based system

This page provides a brief explanation of the endorsement requirements a sport governing body has agreed UK sponsors of Tier 2 (Sportsperson) and/or Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting categories of the points-based system must show.

The Tier 2 (Sportsperson) category is for elite sportspeople and coaches who are internationally established at the highest level and whose employment will make a significant contribution to the development of their sport at the highest level in the UK, and who will base themselves in the UK.

The Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting category is for sportspeople (and their entourage where appropriate) and coaches who are internationally established at the highest level in their sport, and/or will make a significant contribution to the development of their sport in the UK.

Sport governing body is one recognised by one of the home country sports councils for example Sport England. Every governing body must be approved by the Home Office before they are included in [Appendix M](#) of the Immigration Rules.

The application process explained: migrants applying to come to the UK under either of the sporting categories above need to be sponsored by an organisation that has a sponsor licence under Tier 2 (Sportsperson) or Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting.

If you wish to sponsor such migrants, you must have a sponsor licence. Before you apply to the Home Office for a licence you must be endorsed by the governing body for your sport. This endorsement confirms to the Home Office that the application for a licence is from a genuine sports club (or equivalent) that has a legitimate requirement to bring migrants to the UK as sportspeople. Once licensed, you can assign certificates of sponsorship to a sportsperson or coach with a job offer that allows them to apply for leave to enter or remain in the UK. Each individual must also have a personal endorsement from the governing body for their sport before you assign the certificate of sponsorship.

The list of governing bodies and the tiers for which they are currently approved by the Home Office is in [Appendix M](#) of the Immigration Rules.

Approved governing bodies will work within the Home Office [code of practice for sports governing bodies](#) and must comply with any immigration regulations, UK legislation and the principles of the points-based system as detailed on the [GOV.UK](#) website.

Length of Endorsement

Governing body endorsements should be issued for a period appropriate to the period of approval for sponsorship or the tier under which the migrant's application is being made, that is:

Type of application	Tier	Length of endorsement
Sponsor	Tier 2 (Sportsperson) and/or Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting)	4 years from date of issue
Migrant	Tier 2 (Sportsperson)	For an initial maximum period of 3 years, with a further extension of a maximum period of 3 years. If the contract is for fewer than 3 years, it will be issued for the length of the contract.
Migrant	Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting	For the length of the contract or up to a maximum of 12 months, whichever is the shorter period.

Change of Employment

If a migrant is intending to change employer, their new employer must request a new governing body endorsement. The endorsement can be issued for the length of the contract or to the maximum period permitted within the category, whichever is the shorter. The new employer must assign a new certificate of sponsorship to the migrant to allow them to apply to the Home Office for new leave to remain. Leave to remain must be granted before the migrant can start work with the new employer.

Salary

The salary should be agreed as part of the contract between the migrant and the sponsor. This and the other conditions of employment should be at least equal to those normally given to a resident worker for the type of work undertaken. The salary must meet the current requirements of the national minimum wage.

Supplementary Employment

Migrants are eligible to undertake supplementary employment under the Home Office supplementary employment regulations. The 'Supplementary employment' section of the [Tiers 2 & 5: guidance for sponsors](#) has more information on this.

Section 2: Requirements

This page explains Basketball England requirements under the Tier 2 (Sportsperson) and Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting categories. The endorsements apply to England, Scotland and Wales.

Consultation

The following requirements have been agreed by the Home Office following consultation between Basketball England, Basketball Scotland, Basketball Wales, the British Basketball League, the Women's British Basketball League.

Review

The requirements will be reviewed biennially. The next review will be in February 2021.

Length of Season

The season for basketball runs from mid to late September to late April/early May.

Requirements

The table below shows the endorsement requirements for sponsors and migrants.

Category	Requirement	
Sponsor Tier 2 (Sportsperson) and/or Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting	Governing body endorsements from Basketball England will only be issued for clubs participating in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> British Basketball League (BBL) Basketball England Division 1 Men Women's British Basketball League (WBBL) 	
Migrant Tier 2 (Sportsperson) and/or Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting	Players	Players graduating from the USA and Canada <p>First time players, including new players (previously played in the UK but outside of the 18 months) from USA & Canada and players coming to the UK who have graduated from the USA and Canada must have completed at least 4 years eligibility in the college system (this can include up to 2 years at junior college), having played in either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) division 1 or 2 National Athletic Inter Schools Association <p>Some players take 5 years to complete their 4 years college education due to taking a year out known as red-shirting. Players will not be penalised for following this option.</p> <p>The playing record should confirm that the player has made a significant contribution to the game. In the previous 2 seasons the player must have played in at least 75% of games they were eligible to play in, which includes conference and tournament games.</p> <p>International players</p> <p>Clubs applying for a governing body endorsement for an international player will need to demonstrate, that the player has played in at least 75% of their national team's available games for a playing nation ranked in the top 20 in the world in the previous 2 seasons as measured by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA).</p>

Category	Requirement
	<p data-bbox="695 271 1289 427">Available games international games include friendly fixtures, unless it can be proved that they were not available for those games.</p> <p data-bbox="695 477 1219 548">Top domestic professional league players</p> <p data-bbox="695 573 1326 685">Players who have played for a professional league team that have competed in either of the following competitions:</p> <ul data-bbox="746 712 1161 913" style="list-style-type: none"> • Euro league • Euro Cup • NBA D-League • FIBA Champions League • Fiba Europe Cup <p data-bbox="695 947 1326 1137">within the last 2 seasons are eligible for endorsement. They must have played in at least 75% of games they were eligible to play in, which includes conference and tournament games.</p> <p data-bbox="695 1162 1182 1234">Players performing community coaching/promotional work</p> <p data-bbox="695 1261 1334 1794">Players who are required to carry out some coaching duties as part of their contract should hold the BE Level 2 Coaching Award before undertaking any coaching duties for a club. If a club applies to employ a player who does not hold the BE Level 2 Coaching Award but satisfies all the player criteria, a governing body endorsement may be issued, on the condition that once they enter the UK they will achieve the BE Level 2 Coaching Award within the first playing season. Once the individual has attained the award they will be able to undertake coaching duties.</p> <p data-bbox="695 1821 1318 1933">Governing body endorsements will not be issued for individuals solely to complete a coaching qualification.</p> <p data-bbox="695 1957 1150 1991">Extensions: players returning</p> <p data-bbox="695 2018 1305 2085">Where an overseas player is returning for another season to either BBL, WBBL or</p>

Category	Requirement
	<p data-bbox="695 273 1331 497">Basketball England's Division One Men after playing in the UK during the previous season, the UK club have to demonstrate that they played at least 75% of their previous UK team's competitive games where they were available for selection.</p> <p data-bbox="695 524 1302 672">The definition of the term 'available' is when the selection of the team was undertaken the player was not injured or suspended.</p> <p data-bbox="695 698 1062 734">Change of employment</p> <p data-bbox="695 761 1321 1214">If a player is transferred from one team to another during a season, the new club must obtain a new governing body endorsement before assigning a new certificate of sponsorship (CoS). The new player cannot play until they have been granted new permission to stay (leave to remain) in the UK. The UK club have to demonstrate that they played at least 75% of their previous UK team's competitive games where they were available for selection.</p> <p data-bbox="695 1240 1302 1388">The definition of the term 'available' is when the selection of the team was undertaken the player was not injured or suspended.</p> <p data-bbox="695 1415 1062 1451">Replacement of players</p> <p data-bbox="695 1478 1327 1738">Where a club wishes to replace a player, such as due to injury, they should apply for a governing body endorsement for the new player. If the injured player is still able to play they may do so whilst the replacement endorsement is being considered.</p> <p data-bbox="695 1765 810 1800">Injuries</p> <p data-bbox="695 1827 1334 2051">Injuries will be excluded from the assessment if the club can provide medical evidence stipulating the period of the injury and the number of games the player missed. The club will be required to provide evidence that the player was</p>

Category	Requirement	
Tier 2 (Sportsperson) and/or Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting	Head Coach	<p>playing regularly prior to and after the injury.</p> <p>In order to obtain the governing body endorsement, the individual must not be subject to a provisional suspension or any unexpired period of ineligibility from playing and/or coaching activities in any jurisdiction as a result of being charged with or found guilty of a corruption offence and/or a doping offence and/or another misconduct offence.</p> <p>Students that have studied overseas and played in overseas college systems</p> <p>Students from non-EEA countries require a governing body endorsement under the Tier 2 (Sportsperson) or Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting categories if they wish to play for a professional or semi-professional club.</p> <p>Governing body endorsements will be issued for the post of head coach only.</p> <p>Coaches should hold the Basketball England (BE) Level 3 Coaching Award or its equivalent. If a club applies to employ a coach who does not hold the BE Level 3 Coaching Award or its equivalent but satisfies all other aspects of the criteria, a governing body endorsement may be issued on condition that once they enter the UK they will normally achieve the BE Level 3 Coaching Award within the first playing season.</p> <p>Clubs should provide evidence of the individual's previous coaching experience. A coach must have been in a Head Coach or Assistant Coach position for a Senior Professional Team, competing in a professional league, recognised by FIBA or in the US College System, in NCAA1, NCAA2 or NAIA in the last two seasons. Evidence to show a recruitment search has been undertaken should be provided. This should include a copy of an advertisement and details of responses - see the full policy</p>

Category	Requirement	
		<p>guidance on sponsoring a worker for more information.</p> <p>Where clubs are applying for renewal of a governing body endorsement, the coach must have achieved a BE Level 3 Coaching Award. Clubs do not need to supply details of a recruitment search for coaches returning to the UK.</p>

Further information

This information is available on the [Basketball England](#) website.

For any queries relating to the requirements or the endorsement process please contact:

Gail Richards
Senior Delivery Manager Game

Telephone: 03006001170

Email: Gail.Richards@basketballengland.co.uk

Information on visas and immigration is available on the [GOV.UK](#) website.

Dispute handling procedures

Information about Basketball England dispute handling procedures can be found [here](#).

Section 3: Process for applying for an endorsement

How to apply for governing body endorsements for Tier 2 (Sportsperson) and Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting sponsor licence applications

Clubs eligible for a Tier 2 (Sportsperson) sponsor licence governing body endorsement should use the application form in Annex A.

Clubs eligible for a Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting sponsor licence governing body endorsement should use the application form in Annex B.

All potential sponsors should note that the purpose of an endorsement for a prospective sponsor is to confirm to the Home Office officials processing sponsor applications that the application is from a bona fide sports club or equivalent that has a legitimate requirement to bring migrants to the UK as sportspeople. The Home Office has additional criteria for sponsors that must be met in order for a club to be granted a sponsor licence. It is not Basketball England who will grant a sponsor licence.

How to apply for governing body endorsements for Tier 2 (Sportsperson) and Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting migrant applications

Once a club has obtained its sponsor licence from the Home Office, the sponsor will be able to apply for Certificates of Sponsorship, which it will allocate to migrants coming here to work for it. Each migrant that a club wishes to employ needs to be assigned a Certificate of Sponsorship. However, before a club can assign a Certificate of Sponsorship to a sportsperson, they will also have to obtain an endorsement from Basketball England for all applications made for individual sportspeople and coaches.

Tier 2 (Sportsperson) clubs should use either:

Annex C: Tier 2 Migrant Governing Body Endorsement Application Form (Player)

Annex D: Tier 2 Migrant Governing Body Endorsement Application Form (Coach)

Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting clubs should use either:

Annex E: Tier 5 Migrant Governing Body Endorsement Application Form (Player)

Annex F: Tier 5 Migrant Governing Body Endorsement Application Form (Coach).

ANNEX A: TIER 2 (SPORTSPERSON) SPONSOR LICENCE GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION

This form should be used to apply to Basketball England for a governing body endorsement of an application for a sponsor licence under the Tier 2 (Sportsperson) category of the Home Office points-based system.

Please complete all sections of the form below unless otherwise indicated:

Required start date of sponsor endorsement application:	
Name of club:	
Address:	
Contact name and position:	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Email	
Date of application	
Signature	

Supporting evidence required: None

Please send this form to:

Basketball England, NSC, Gate 13, Eithad Campus, Rowsley St, Manchester, M11 3FF.

The information on this form and any additional supporting document may be disclosed to the Home Office in the event that they investigate Basketball England and the processes and procedures used for governing body endorsements.

ANNEX B: TIER 5 (TEMPORARY WORKER) CREATIVE AND SPORTING SPONSOR LICENCE GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION

This form should be used to apply to Basketball England for a governing body endorsement of an application for a sponsor licence under the Tier 5 (Temporary worker) Creative and Sporting category of the Home Office points-based system.

Please complete all sections of the form below unless otherwise indicated:

Required start date of sponsor endorsement application:	
Name of club:	
Address:	
Contact name and position:	
Telephone number:	
Fax number:	
Email:	
Date of application:	
Signature	

Supporting evidence required: None

Please send this form to:

Basketball England, NSC, Gate 13, Eithad Campus, Rowsley St, Manchester, M11 3FF.

The information on this form and any additional supporting document may be disclosed to the Home Office in the event that they investigate Basketball England and the processes and procedures used for governing body endorsements.

ANNEX C: TIER 2 INDIVIDUAL MIGRANT GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION FORM - PLAYER ONLY

This form should be used to apply to Basketball England for a governing body endorsement of an application for a migrant under the Tier 2 (Sportsperson) category of the Home Office points-based system.

Please return this completed form to:

**Basketball England, Governing Body Endorsements,
NSC. Gate 13. Etihad Campus. Rowsley St. Manchester. M11 3FF**

Please complete all sections of the form below unless otherwise indicated:

Full name of player	
DoB	
Nationality	
Current address	
Employment start date	
Employment end date	
Address migrant employed at	
Job title	
Salary (where appropriate)	
Name of club	
Sponsor endorsement ref	
Contact name and position	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Email	
Date of application	
Signature	

Supporting evidence and or additional documents required:

- player statistics/profile
- signed player contract

The information on this form and any additional support document may be disclosed to the Home Office in the event that they investigate Basketball England and the processes and procedures used for governing body endorsements.

**Please indicate which of the following criteria are met:
(all that are applicable)**

Returning players

- i. Did the player play in at least 75% of games available to the team in the relevant league (BBL, WBL or Division One Men) finishing not more than 18 months ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

First time players, including new players (previously played in the UK but outside of the 18 months) from USA & Canada and players coming to the UK who have graduated from the USA and Canada

- i. Did the player complete 4 years eligibility in the college system in one of the following?

NCAA I		NCAA II		NAIA	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – (proceed to ii)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

- ii. Did the player complete his/her final year of college not more than 18 months ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – (proceed to iii)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No (proceed to iv)

- iii. Did the player play in at least 75% of games in the final two years of college?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

- iv. Did the player play for a professional league side finishing not more than 18 months ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – (proceed to v)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

v. Did the player play in at least 75% of games available to him/her for that side?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

First time players who did not attend US College:

i. Did the player play for a professional league side finishing not more than 18 months ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – (proceed to ii)

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

ii. Did the player play in at least 75% of games available to him/her for that side?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – (proceed to iii)

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

iii. Did the player play in at least 75% of his/her country's available international games (including friendly fixtures) within the past two seasons?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

No – (proceed to iv)

First time players straight from a top domestic professional league - players could have attended NCAA or NAIA Colleges across all divisions but need to meet the following requirements for the team they play professional for)

i. Did the player play for a professional league team that played in either of the following; Euro league, Euro Cup, NBA or the NBA G-League, finishing not more than 18 months ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – (proceed to ii)

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

ii. Did the player play in at least 75% of games available to him/her for that side?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

ANNEX D: TIER 2 (SPORTSPERSON) MIGRANT GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION FORM HEAD COACH

This form should be used to apply to Basketball England for a Governing Body Endorsement of an application for a migrant under the Tier 2 (Sportsperson) category of the Home Office points-based system.

Please return this completed form to:

**Basketball England, Governing Body Endorsements
NSC. Gate 13. Etihad Campus. Rowsley St. Manchester. M11 3FF**

Please complete all sections of the form below unless otherwise indicated:

Full name of Head Coach	
DoB	
Nationality	
Current address	
Employment start date	
Employment end date	
Address migrant employed at	
Job title	
Salary (where appropriate)	
Name of club	
Sponsor endorsement ref	
Contact name and position	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Email	
Date of application	
Signature	

Supporting evidence and or additional documents required:

- coach profile
- evidence of coaching qualification if issued by another federation.
- signed contract

The information on this form and any additional support document may be disclosed to the Home Office in the event that they investigate Basketball England and the processes and procedures used for governing body endorsements.

**Please indicate which of the following criteria are met:
(all that are applicable)**

Returning coach

Where clubs are applying for renewal of a governing body endorsement, the coach must have achieved an BE Level 3 Coaching Award. Clubs do not need to supply details of a recruitment search for coaches returning to the United Kingdom.

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Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

First time coaches

Coaches should hold the Basketball England (BE) Level 3 Coaching Award or its equivalent. If a club applies to employ a coach who does not hold the BE Level 3 Coaching Award or its equivalent but satisfies all other aspects of the criteria, a governing body endorsement may be issued on condition that once they enter the United Kingdom they will normally achieve the BE Level 3 Coaching Award within the first playing season

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Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

Clubs should provide evidence of the coach's previous coaching experience. A coach must have been in either a Head Coach or an Assistant Coach position in the last two seasons, for a senior professional team, competing in a professional league, recognised by FIBA or in the US College System, in NCAA1, NCAA2 or NAIA.

1. Evidence to show a recruitment search has been undertaken and should be provided. This must include a copy of an advertisement and must have been advertised in the UK, details of all responses must be included. - see the sponsor for more information.

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Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

ANNEX E: TIER 5 (TEMPORARY WORKER) CREATIVE AND SPORTING MIGRANT GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION FORM – PLAYER ONLY

This form should be used to apply to Basketball England for a governing body endorsement of an application for a migrant under the Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting category of the Home Office points-based system.

Please return this completed form to:

**Basketball England, Governing Body Endorsements
NSC. Gate 13. Etihad Campus. Rowsley St. Manchester. M11 3FF**

Please complete all sections of the form below unless otherwise indicated:

Full name of player	
DoB	
Nationality	
Current address	
Employment start date	
Employment end date	
Address migrant employed at	
Job title	
Salary (where appropriate)	
Name of club	
Sponsor endorsement ref	
Contact name and position	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Email	
Date of application	
Signature	

Supporting evidence and or additional documents required:

- player statistics/profile
- signed player contract

The information on this form and any additional support document may be disclosed to the Home Office in the event that they investigate Basketball England and the processes and procedures used for governing body endorsements.

**Please indicate which of the following criteria are met:
(all that are applicable)**

Returning players

- ii. Did the player play in at least 75% of games available to the team in the relevant UK domestic league (BBL, WBL or Division One Men) finishing not more than 18 months ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

First time players, including new players (previously played in the UK but outside of the 18 months) from USA & Canada and players coming to the UK who have graduated from the USA and Canada

- i. Did the player complete 4 years eligibility in the college system in one of the following?

NCAA I		NCAA II		NAIA	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – (proceed to ii)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

- ii. Did the player complete his/her final year of college not more than 18 months ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – (proceed to iii)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – (proceed to iv)

- iii. Did the player play in at least 75% of games in the final two years of college?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

- iv. Did the player play for a professional league side finishing not more than 18 months ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes – (proceed to v)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

v. Did the player play in at least 75% of games available to him/her for that side?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

First time players who did not attend US College

i. Did the player play for a professional league side finishing not more than 18 months ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – (proceed to ii)

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

ii. Did the player play in at least 75% of games available to him/her for that side?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – (proceed to iii)

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

iii. Did the player play in at least 75% of his/her country's available international games (including friendly fixtures) within the past two seasons?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

No – (proceed to iv)

First time players straight from a top domestic professional league - players could have attended NCAA or NAIA Colleges across all divisions but need to meet the following requirements for the team they played professional for

i. Did the player play for a professional league team that played in either of the following; Euro league, Euro Cup, NBA or the NBA G-League, finishing not more than 18 months ago?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – (proceed to ii)

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

ii. Did the player play in at least 75% of games available to him/her for that side?

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

ANNEX F: TIER 5 (TEMPORARY WORKER) CREATIVE AND SPORTING MIGRANT GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT APPLICATION FORM – HEAD COACH ONLY

This form should be used to apply to Basketball England for a governing body endorsement of an application for a migrant under the Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) Creative and Sporting category of the Home Office points-based system.

Please return this completed form to:

**Basketball England, Governing Body Endorsements
NSC. Gate 13. Etihad Campus. Rowsley St. Manchester. M11 3FF**

Please complete all sections of the form below unless otherwise indicated:

Full Name of Head Coach	
DoB	
Nationality	
Current address	
Employment start date	
Employment end date	
Address migrant employed at	
Job title	
Salary (where appropriate)	
Name of club	
Sponsor endorsement ref	
Contact name and position	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Email	
Date of application	
Signature	

Supporting evidence and or additional documents required

- coach profile
- evidence of coaching qualification if issued by another federation.
- signed contract

The information on this form and any additional support document may be disclosed to the Home Office in the event that they investigate Basketball England and the processes and procedures used for governing body endorsements.

**Please indicate which of the following criteria are met:
(all that are applicable)**

Returning coach

Where clubs are applying for renewal of a governing body endorsement, the coach must have achieved an BE Level 3 Coaching Award. Clubs do not need to supply details of a recruitment search for coaches returning to the UK.

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Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

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No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

First time coaches

Coaches should hold the Basketball England (BE) Level 3 Coaching Award or its equivalent. If a club applies to employ a coach who does not hold the BE Level 3 Coaching Award or its equivalent but satisfies all other aspects of the criteria, a governing body endorsement may be issued on condition that once they enter the United Kingdom they will normally achieve the BE Level 3 Coaching Award within the first playing season

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Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

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No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

Clubs should provide evidence of the coach's previous coaching experience. A coach must have been in either a Head Coach or an Assistant Coach position in the last two seasons, for a senior professional team, competing in a professional league, recognised by FIBA or in the US College System, in NCAA1, NCAA2 or NAIA 1. Evidence to show a recruitment search has been undertaken and should be provided. This must include a copy of an advertisement and must have been advertised in the UK, details of all responses must be included - see the sponsor for more information.

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Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

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No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

APPENDIX 7 - ALL MUST PLAY - SINGLE FIXTURES ONLY

The All Must Play rule is to create a more competitive playing environment and is to encourage all players to participate during a Jnr. NBL fixture across the age groups below, where a single fixture takes place.

Aimed at:

- Under 12 (Single fixtures only)
- Under 14 Conference Age Group (male and female)
- Under 14 Regional Age Group (male and female), single fixtures
- Under 16 Regional Competitions.

The rules are:

- Games will consist of 4 quarters of 10 minutes, with the first and third quarters split into 4 periods of 5 Minutes.
- For teams of 10 players, the coach can choose how they wish to rotate their players, all players must play in one five-minute period of both quarters one and three.
- For teams of 11 and 12, the coach can choose when they rotate the 11th and 12th player at their own discretion, however the coach does not need to play these players at all.
- For teams of nine or less, a rotational schedule (appendix 9) will be in place to rotate players in quarters one and three. Coaches will need to number their players and list this along with their playing number, name and licence number at the start of the game and given to the table officials. Please be aware that any teams playing with less than 8 players can occur a fine in line with regulation 31.1.
- All games will be home and away format.
- Games will be stopping clock.
- Normal timeouts will be administered however there will be no stoppages for switching players with halftime 10 minutes maximum.
- If a player is injured or fouled out and the team has less than 10 players, the coach of said team shall decide on who fills this place, ensuring that the minutes are shared equally across the team.

In addition;

If a player has a pre-existing medical condition which may affect their ability to participate in accordance with the game rules, with the child and parent's permission, officials should be informed at the pre-game meeting but officials don't need to know what the condition is. Reasonable adjustments can be made to enable the player to participate.

Both Coaches and Officials have a duty of care to ensure the safety of players. If a coach has any health or wellbeing concerns about a player during the game, they should inform an official. If a player is taken off the court, this does not necessarily mean that they cannot play for the duration of the game. Again, reasonable adjustments can be made.

When it comes to welfare and injuries, the head coach has ultimate responsibility in deciding what is best for the player at that specific moment. A player leaving the game can recover and re-enter the game later. If officials are in doubt over the decision of the coach, they should allow it to happen, but email competitions@basketballengland.co.uk to raise their concerns

- Man to man defence is only permitted throughout the games, zone defence and combination defence's are not permitted including zone presses.
- When a game reaches a 20-point deficit the team that are in the lead by this amount, must not play full court man to man defence, it must play half court man to man defence only.
- Games will be 5 v 5 and play on full size basketball courts in line with the National League Playing Rules and ring size 10ft.
- Ball sizes: Under 12 Mixed/Girls (single fixtures), Under 14 Girls – Size 5 Wilson Reaction Pro Ball, Under 14 Boys - Size 6 Wilson Reaction Pro Ball. Under 16 Boys -Size 7 Wilson Evolution Ball
- All other FIBA rules apply

APPENDIX 8 - ALL MUST PLAY RULE & TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The All Must Play Triangular Tournament rule is to create a more competitive playing environment, where teams come together to play once or twice a month rather than weekly competition. The rules and format are to encourage all players to participate during a Jnr. NBL fixture whilst trying to limit travel, where players can play at the correct level to them:

Aimed at:

- Under 12 Age Group
- Under 14 Regional Age Group

The rules are:

- Games will consist of 4 quarters of 6 minutes. The first and third quarters will be split into 4 periods of 3 Minutes.
- For teams of 10 players, the coach can choose how they wish to rotate their players, all players must play in one 3-minute period of both quarters one and three.
- For teams of 11 and 12, the coach can choose when they rotate the 11th and 12th player at their own discretion, however the coach does not need to play these players at all.
- For teams of nine or less, a rotational schedule (Appendix 9) will be in place to rotate players in quarters one and three. Coaches need to number their players and list this along with their playing number, name and licence number are required at the start of the game and given to the table officials. Please be aware any teams playing with less than 8 players can occur a fine in line with regulation 31.1.
- Three timeouts are permitted throughout the game and no stoppages for switching players.
- There will be a 30 second break between quarters one and two and quarter three and four, maximum of 5 minutes for halftime.
- Minimum 10 minute warm up must be provided prior to each game taking place.
- The format for the competition is triangular tournaments where each team will host one (possibly two) triangular events, where three teams within the league will play games against each other. The home team, is responsible for all court hire and officials' fees, games should take up to one hour to play, the format looks like the following:

Game 1: Home team v Away Team A

Game 2: Away Team A v Away Team B

Game 3: Home Team v Away Team B

Please note in some cases some teams may host more than three teams or less, this is dependent upon the size of the league. In some cases, a single fixture can be played should a team postpone or forfeit the fixtures at the tournament, this fixture should follow the Appendix 7 - all must play rule instead of these rules.

- If a player is injured or a player is fouled out and the team has less than 10 players, the coach of said team shall decide on who fills this place, ensuring that the minutes are shared equally amongst the team.

In addition;

1. If a player has a pre-existing medical condition which may affect their ability to participate in accordance with the game rules, with the child and parent's permission, officials should be informed at the pre-game meeting but officials don't need to know what the condition is. Reasonable adjustments can be made to enable the player to participate.
 2. Both Coaches and Officials have a duty of care to ensure the safety of players. If a coach has any health or wellbeing concerns about a player during the game, they should inform an official. If a player is taken off the court, this does not necessarily mean that they cannot play for the duration of the game. Again, reasonable adjustments can be made.
 3. When it comes to welfare and injuries, the head coach has ultimate responsibility in deciding what is best for the player at that specific moment. A player leaving the game can recover and re-enter the game later. If officials are in doubt over the decision of the coach, they should allow it to happen, but email nationalleague@basketballengland.co.uk to raise their concerns.
- Man to man defence is only permitted throughout the games, zone defence and combination defences are not permitted including zone presses.
 - When a game reaches a 20-point deficit the team that are in the lead by this amount, it cannot play full court man to man defence, it must play half court man to man defence only.
 - Ball Size: Under 12 age group, Size 5 Wilson Reaction Pro basketball. Under 14 Regional League Size 6 Wilson Reaction Pro Ball for boys and Size 5 Wilson Reaction Pro Ball for girls.
 - In the mixed league single male gender teams are permitted as well as mixed gender teams. In the female league all teams must be female teams only.
 - Games will be 5 v 5 and play on full size basketball courts in line with the National League Playing Rules and ring size 10ft.

All other FIBA rules apply.

APPENDIX 9 – ROTATIONAL SCHEDULE – NINE OR LESS PLAYERS IN A TEAM

UNDER 12 & UNDER 14/UNDER 16 (REGIONAL) AGE GROUPS REGIONAL LEVEL - TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENTS



1. Teams of 10 or more can select which players they play in each period of the 1st and 3rd quarters but no players can play in both periods of the 1st and 3rd quarter.
2. It is entirely up to the coach if they want to play players 11 and 12 at all in any part of the game.
3. Please note that teams who play a fixture with less than 8 players will be liable to a fine in line with regulations 31.1 and 49.16.

Team 6 Players						
1st half			2nd half			
1st Qrt	2nd Qrt	3rd Qrt	4th Qrt			
1	x x		x			3
2	x x		x			3
3	x x		x x			4
4	x x		x x			4
5	x		x x			3
6	x		x x			3
5	5		5	5		

Team 7 Players						
1st half			2nd half			
1st Qrt	2nd Qrt	3rd Qrt	4th Qrt			
1	x x		x			3
2	x x		x			3
3	x x		x			3
4	x		x x			3
5	x		x x			3
6	x		x			2
7	x		x x			3
5	5		5	5		

Team 8 Players						
1st half			2nd half			
1st Qrt	2nd Qrt	3rd Qrt	4th Qrt			
1	x x		x			3
2	x x		x			3
3	x		x			2
4	x		x			2
5	x		x x			3
6	x		x x			3
7	x		x			2
8	x		x			2
5	5		5	5		

Team 9 Players						
1st half			2nd half			
1st Qrt	2nd Qrt	3rd Qrt	4th Qrt			
1	x x		x			3
2	x		x			2
3	x		x x			3
4	x		x			2
5	x		x			2
6	x		x			2
7	x		x			2
8	x		x			2
9	x		x			2
5	5		5	5		

APPENDIX 10 – PLAYER EXEMPTION POLICY



This policy has been created to allow for a panel of experts to have the ability to authorise individuals to play in competitions which as per our regulations are not accessible to them. This includes talented players that require a higher level of competition or allowing female players to play in male assigned competitions if a team/opportunity isn't available to them within a reasonable distance.

The panel would be comprised of experts across the game with an independent chair. Any Player Exemption received will be reviewed and processed on a case by case scenario and the outcomes of this will not be publicised, but the club and parent will be made aware of any decisions made.

Note: Long Term Athletic Development models have been developed in most top sporting nations and alongside this is usually an intervention for a talent exemption rule which allows for the difference in development age and stage of talented players.

Decisions will be predicated on four factors:

- 1) Anthropometric
- 2) Personal/Sociological
- 3) PCDE's (Psychological Characteristics of Developing Excellence)
- 4) Environmental - training provision, coaching, family etc.

The benefits of this approach include:

1. Aligns completely with Basketball England's Player Development Framework
2. Tracks and supports players appropriately
3. Follows and aligns with other world class player development interventions
4. Is pragmatic in finding solutions to player advancements in the sport
5. Gets more exposure to our players
6. Builds the confidence of our players

The player/parent making the application to be exempt for the rules must meet the following policy criteria and evidence all areas listed below:

- 1) Assessment policy criteria:
 - a) British Eligible
 - b) Psychometric assessment
 - c) Biometric Assessment
 - d) Education Impact assessment
 - e) Safeguarding manager sign -off
 - f) How safeguarding (e.g. showers, transport) is managed by the club.
- 2) Creation of a Club / Player / Guardian agreement – signed by all parties.
- 3) All requests must be submitted to competitions@basketballengland.co.uk and will be concluded within 28 working days of receipt:
 - a) All requests must meet and work within the timescales listed in the NBL Rules and regulations, in terms of the registration of players.

- b) There will be no appeals process as the final decision is made by the panel assessing the case.
- c) Publishing requests – We will release data on the number of applications made and the number of approved and declined requests.

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.x

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 competitions@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 – 17th August 2020
3. Third payment – 21st September 2020

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 (competitions@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	*£100.00 or £50.00
U18 Men's National Cup	N/A
U18 Women's League	*£100.00 or £50.00
U18 Women's National Cup	N/A
U16 Boys League	*£100.00 or £50.00
U16 Boys National Cup	N/A
U16 Girls League	*£100.00 or £50.00
U16 Girls National Cup	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 ~~31st July~~ **11th August 2020** 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 **31st 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 **30th September**, all entry fees are non-refundable, but the surety fee will be refunded.
 - Withdraw by **31st 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	Registration deadline	Licences	Team Entry Fees	Local League
1	End of Sept (as planned)	Start of May events as normal 24/25 th April for seniors and 1/2 nd May JFF*	Membership to run 1 st September to 31 st August	NBL deadline for membership & licensing for players is 31 st January 2021	Licences to run 1 st September to 31 st August (apart from NL player licences, which will expire 31 st May)	No change- entry fees going live in June	Membership & licences to run 1 st September to 31 st August
2	Nov (2-month delay)	End of May events event's as normal 24/25 th April for seniors and 1/2 nd May JFF*	Membership to run 1 st September to 31 st August	NBL deadline for membership & licensing for players is 12 th February 2021	Licences to run 1 st September to 31 st August (apart from NL player licences, which will expire 31 st May)	Should BE decide to cancel the National Cup then £50 deduction from senior fees for final instalment of entry fees.	Membership & licences to run 1 st September to 31 st August
3	Dec (3-month delay)	End of May events 15/16 th April for seniors and 22/23 May JFF*	Membership to run 1 st September to 31 st August	NBL deadline for membership & licensing for players is 1 st March 2021	Licences to run 1 st September to 31 st August (apart from NL player licences, which will expire 31 st May)	Should BE decide to cancel the National Cup then £50 deduction from senior fees for final instalment of entry fees.	Membership & licences to run 1 st September to 31 st August
4	Jan (4-month delay)	End of June/early July proposed seniors 26/27 th June and JFF 8/9 th July*	Membership to run 1 st September to 31 st August	NBL deadline for membership & licensing for players is 31 st March 2021	Licences to run 1 st September to 31 st August (apart from NL player licences, which will expire 31 st July)	Should BE decide to cancel the National Cup then £50 deduction from senior fees for final instalment of entry fees.	Membership & licences to run 1 st September to 31 st August

*Please note an update for the end of season dates for senior and junior events and dates for events.

Through our Return to Play Roadmap and current government advice, please find a further update for the rules and regulations for the 2020-21 season only.

The main consideration for change is the lead times to confirm fixtures with BE and league/cup opponents and what happens if there is a local lockdown or a case of COVID-19 within a team and where other personnel within the team have been exposed to the virus, in this case the government advice on this has to be followed. The following amendments to the rules and regulations on this are as follows below:

Local lockdown/COVID-19 case -Should a game be postponed due to a local lockdown or a case of COVID-19 within a team and where the team have been exposed to the individual and there is a need to postpone the game in question, both clubs should ensure they re-arrange the fixture in line with the re-arranging a fixture and a new date is confirmed within 14 days of the current one being scheduled. All games are expected to be fulfilled by the end of the season, with the option of playing the game midweek where possible. If the fixture cannot be scheduled by the end of the game will be void and the scoreline will be 0-0 and no fine applied to this.

Confirming fixtures: The date will be moved from the usual 31st August deadline to confirm fixtures to BE/opposing teams without a fixture change fee being applied, teams have to confirm all fixtures including tip times 7 days prior to the start of the season. This date will be communicated once we have a firm league start date and a date all games need to be confirmed by. Full rule update would follow as per below.

23 Re-Arrangement, Postponement, Abandonment and Replaying of Matches

23.1 Basketball England will prepare a fixture list prior to the start of the Season. In exceptional circumstances, Basketball England may require a Match to be rearranged.

23.4 No changes are permitted in respect of any fixture list relating to a Competition, save that:

23.4.1 prior to ~~31 August~~, 7 days prior to the official league start of the season, this date is to be confirmed by BE once we are in a safe place to do so, whenever two Clubs reach agreement regarding the rearrangement of a Match (including a change in date, venue or tip time), they may jointly make an application in writing to Basketball England using the Fixture Change Form (available to download from, or provided upon request by, Basketball England) for the matter to be considered; and

23.4.2 after ~~31 August~~, the league start-up date is announced, once the 7th date prior to this has elapsed the request to change any Match from its published date will not be considered by Basketball England for Senior Competitions and Jnr.NBL/WNBL Premier Competitions across all age groups unless the reason to change of the date is due to venue unavailability or due to a local lockdown or the team has a COVID-19 case. Documentation is required by the facility operator in advance of the game must be submitted or information from local government documentation. The change of tip time is permitted only in exceptional circumstances, it must be changed and confirmed up to 28 days in advance of the fixture and teams must be aware that by doing so, there is no guarantee officials may be appointed it must also be authorised by Basketball England.

23.4.3 For all Jnr.NBL/WNBL Conference and Regional into Under 12 competitions a request to change any match date, tip time and venue after the ~~31 August~~ the league start-up date is announced, once the 7th date prior to this has elapsed will be considered by Basketball England, The Club responsible for the change shall be liable to pay an administrative charge of £15.00 if a new date, tip time and venue is agreed upon within 7 days of the original fixture postponed. on or after the 8th day the charge will rise to £35.00 All changes after ~~31st August~~ the league start-up date is announced, once the 7th date prior to this has elapsed must be approved by the opponent of the team making the request. The

maximum a team can request a postponed fixture is twice per team for the regular playing season.

- 24.3 Where a Club is responsible for the postponement of a scheduled Match (within 72 hours of the tip off) or does not fulfil a fixture, without the consent of its opponents, the Competitions Review Panel may issue a fine no greater than the maximum amount set out above. In addition, the Match in question will be awarded to the non-offending Team 20 – 0 and such number of league points as the Competitions Review panel shall determine (in its sole discretion) may be deducted. Compensation may be sought from non-offending team, for any charges that may be incurred due to the late cancellation of the game in line with this regulation, maximum amount that can be claimed is up to £75.00 for a Senior Fixture and £50.00 for a Junior Fixture, only facility hire, travel expenses and officials costs incurred in line with regulation 23.5 and 40.8 can be taken into consideration and evidence of the cost associated must be proved. The amount awarded is at the discretion of Basketball England and the compensation will be deducted from the fine issued by Basketball England and will only be compensated once the fine has been paid in full from the offending team. Any compensation claim must include evidence of costs and must be submitted within 7 days of the date of the scheduled Match. **Please note this rule will not be enforced should the reason be deemed due to a local lockdown due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic or due to an individual testing positive to COVID-19 and the team have been exposed to the individual, meaning the team has to self-isolate in line with Government advice. Teams should ensure they make their opponents at the earliest opportunity and ensure all officials are also made aware.**

The following rules will not be applied for the 2020-21 season for teams within the following leagues, or cup competitions/playoffs, meaning no after game refreshments are required, including the fines will be redundant for this. This may also include finals events, where it may not be safe to provide after game match refreshments to teams but will be confirmed in advance of an event taking place.

- 21.6 The Home Club shall provide suitable refreshments for the Away Team and the Match Officials at the following Matches, failure to do so will result in an automatic fine:
- Division One Men
 - Division One Women
 - All Senior Cup and Playoff games from Quarter Final onwards
 - All Age-Group Cup and Playoff games from Quarter Final onwards

Aspire Sessions – No Aspire session will be listed in the fixtures up to December 31st 2020, only 2021 dates will be listed and communicated at a later date.

Promotion and Relegation for 2021-22 – Following a meeting of Basketball England's Leagues and Competitions Advisory Group, it has been decided there will be no promotion and relegation between any National Basketball League divisions following the 2020/21 season due to the challenges for the sport caused by COVID-19. The group has met after hearing feedback from clubs across the senior and junior leagues and the decision has been made to suspend movement between divisions for one season. The NBL entry process for the new season has closed and the league structures finalised, with five teams taking up the option of a season-long league sabbatical. With a start date for the 2020/21 campaign yet to be finalised, the Advisory Group listened to concerns from clubs and unanimously opted to run fixtures with no promotion or relegation.

This means:

- Teams who finish in the top two places in the divisions in 2020/21 season cannot apply for the higher leagues for 2021/22, unless spaces become available from the higher leagues and a team can demonstrate the standards required of the division above during this season.
- Teams who finish in the bottom two places within a division at the end of the 2020/21 season, will not be relegated from the league they are based within and will hold their place into the 2021/22 season.

The Advisory Group considered the following factors in their decision:

- The need for flexibility during the season because of the possibility of a second wave of infection and further lockdown restrictions
- The potential for individuals within the basketball community to contract COVID-19 or needing to self-isolate, meaning teams are unable to compete at full strength, have to postpone fixtures or are unable to complete their season
- The potential loss of income for clubs because of restricted attendances or sponsorship
- Overseas players being unable to travel

National League Standards

The following standards will be updated for the 2020-21 season.

Match Program - to be supplied for each home game commensurate with its status. This must include all relevant sponsors' adverts as provided by Basketball England. Each program must carry any and all adverts for Basketball England sponsors as required. This will not be applied for the 2020-21 season as physical handouts, these can be done in digital form and emailed to opposing teams to pass to any spectators. This affects as a mandatory requirement for Division One Men and Women, Division Two Men and Division Three Men.