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# TEAM ENTRY PACK

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## Introduction

Welcome to the Basketball England National Basketball League! Whether you are a new club or a veteran entrant of the past 10 seasons we are delighted to have you part of our competitions this season. This document has been created to help clubs with all the administration required to guide their team/s through a successful NBL campaign.

The NBL provides performance-based club competitions that are available for senior and junior age groups across England. There are three tiers for age group competitions and multiple tiers at the senior level competition. These leagues assist in the development of the game and act as a stepping-stone into the more performance-based competitions.

The aims and objectives of the NBL Competitions are to:

- Offer competitive fixtures and leagues across the country for all junior age groups and senior competitions, for both male and female participants.
- To increase and improve the quality of the players, coaches, and clubs in England.
- To develop, increase and improve the quality of match officials.
- To increase the awareness of basketball across the country.
- To provide a competitive environment for talented players that are a part of the Basketball England Performance Pathway.

The information contained in this document including details of membership and licence fees as well as notable rules & regulations are reviewed every season and therefore are subject to change. If you have any further questions on the contents of this pack then please get in touch with us via the contact details found at the end of document.

## Membership & Licences

In order to participate in NBL competitions, all individuals must be an affiliated Basketball England member and apply for a licence that reflects the role they will be fulfilling for the season. All membership and licence fees for both senior and junior competitions are listed below:

\*Please note, membership and licence fees are subject to change each season.

## NBL LICENCE FEES (includes membership)

NBL COMPETITION LICENCE (includes membership)			
LICENCE TYPE	NATIONALITY	CATEGORY	FEE
Senior Player	National	NBL - All Divisions	£55.00
	Non-National Type 1	NBL - All Divisions	£525.00
	Non National - Type 2	NBL - All Divisions	£160.00
Under 21 Player	National	NBL - All Divisions	£43.00
	Non-National	NBL - All Divisions	£46.00
Players 18 and under		Under 18	£23.00
		Under 16	£23.00
		Under 14	£23.00
		Under 12	£23.00
Coach	All	Senior team	£61.00
		Under 18 team	£36.00
Bench Personnel	All	All	£30.00
Referee	All	Senior NBL games	£67.00
		Junior NBL games	£26.00
Table Official	All	Senior NBL games	£46.00
		Junior NBL games	£26.00
Statistician	All	Senior NBL games	£46.00

## Regulations Summary

The below information details the most useful and most frequently queried rules & regulations regarding participation in NBL competitions. It is important to note that there are many more rules than the ones covered in this pack so if you are ever unsure on something please check the rules and regulations document or contact a member of the Basketball England team before taking any further action. The rules for senior and junior leagues differ in some areas so it is important to familiarise yourself with the rules that are relevant to the competition your team will be entering into. All additional information can be found in the NBL regulations for the 2022/23 season via this [link](#).

## Governance

**Affiliations** - All clubs participating must ensure they are affiliated to Basketball England, clubs can do this by paying the affiliation fee on the [membership portal](#) - (£61

Junior Club, £77 Senior Club) this will be the only option to enter your team. If your club is a new team they will need to register as a club [here](#)

**Team Names** – 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).

**Finance** – All clubs must display adequate levels of finance to enable it to perform in all respects in a manner that is consistent with its status. The information in the Fees and Finances section will help clubs with forecasting how much it will cost to participate in NBL competitions.

## Fees & Finances

\*The fees listed below are subject to change season on season.

### Team Entry Fees

DESCRIPTION	COST
Division One Men (inc. Cup & Trophy where eligible)	£750
Division Two Men (inc. National Cup)	£600
Division Three Men (inc. National Cup)	£520
Division One Women (inc. National Cup)	£420
Division Two Women (inc. National Cup)	£370
Junior NBL – Premier League Entry	£130
Junior NBL – Conference League Entry	£110
Junior NBL – Regional League Entry	£90
Junior NBL – Under 12 competitions	£90
Junior National Cup Entry	£40

### CLUB AFFILIATION FEES

DESCRIPTION	COST
Senior Only Club	£77
Senior & Junior Club	£77
Junior Only Club	£61

**NOTE:** All clubs must pay a club affiliation fee at the start of the season, regardless of which competitions they enter.

Teams competing in Basketball England Competitions are encouraged to establish a club-based approach to their structures. This means that the following are required:

- Appoint nominated volunteers into key positions and functions within the club (e.g., chairman, club secretary, treasurer, marketing officer, fundraising officer etc)

- Consider financial sustainability, keep a monthly spreadsheet, and write down all income and expenditure.
- Coaches and assistant coaches must be Level 2 qualified, be DBS checked and have a current safeguarding certificate.
- Organisation of courses within the club.

## Participants

### Individual Membership & Licencing:

- All individuals must obtain the relevant licence to fulfil the role they are participating in at National League Level.
- All coaches must be a minimum level 2 coach within the leagues.
- Division One men's coaches must hold a level 3 qualification.
- No player can be licenced to represent more than one National League club. The exception is where the club does not have a senior outlet and the individual is seeking to licence to play 'up' from a junior age group team.
- No coach can be licensed for two clubs that compete in the same league or competition at any one time.
- Basketball England will set a deadline for individuals to be licenced by and none will be processed further following this date.

### Eligibility:

- Coaches for junior teams must present a clear enhanced DBS check and appropriate safeguarding training as part of eligibility requirements prior to being licenced.
- Players may play in senior competitions having attained their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- Senior player eligibility is as follows, 2021-22 new eligibility: Based on two categories, National and Non-National. Non-National will be split into two type

National Basketball League						
			MEN			
Licence Type	Nationality	Category	NBL Division 1		NBL Division 2 & 3	
			Play	Register	Play	Register
Senior Player	National	Senior Player (18+)	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
	Non-National	Type 1 - Visa or work permitted required	2	4	1	3
		Type 2 - Settled Status/Pre-settled Status/ILR	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

National Basketball League			WOMEN			
Licence Type	Nationality	Category	WNBL Division 1		WNBL Division 2	
			Play	Register	Play	Register
Senior Player	National	Senior Player (18+)	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
	Non-National	Type 1 - Visa or work permitted required	1	3	1	3
		Type 2 - Settled Status/Pre-settled Status/ILR	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

### Eligibility for Competitions:

Category	Born Between
Senior Players	31/08/00 or earlier
Under 23	01/09/2002 - 31/08/2003
Under 21	30/09/2002 - 31/08/2005
Under 18	01/09/2005 - 31/08/2007
Under 16	01/09/2007 - 31/08/2009
Under 14	01/09/2009 - 31/08/2013
Under 12	01/09/2011 - 31/08/2014

Category	Eligibility
Senior	Eligible only to play in Senior competitions, a player must have attained their 15 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> birthday from

	the 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 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 <sup>th</sup> birthday from the 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 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 <sup>th</sup> birthday from the 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 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 <sup>th</sup> birthday from the 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 this permits all players in School Year 5.

## Fixtures

### Arrangement of fixtures:

- No NBL/Jnr NBL fixtures shall be played on National Cup final dates.
- 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

- 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).

### Rearrangement, Postponement, Abandonment and Replaying of Matches:

- 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.
- The responsibility for notifying Match Officials of a postponement rests with the Home Club.

- A Team shall forfeit a match if: 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 were, by agreement of all parties, a Match tips off late (e.g., as a result of travel delays).

**Match Results:**

- 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.

**Playing Kit**

**Team Uniforms:**

- Team Uniforms must comply with the official rules of basketball (as updated and defined by FIBA) <http://www.fiba.basketball/documents>
- Team Uniforms may carry advertising subject to any requirement from time to time specified by, and the prior approval of, Basketball England.
- 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.

**Game Day Match Costs:**

- This information will help you budget the costs for staging an NBL game to assist with you with budgeting for competing at this level.
- Facility Hire (roughly 3 hours for set up, warm up, game time and any overtime, set down.
- Plus officials costs below

Facility Hire	X3 hours court @ £ _____
Officials cost	
Total	

## Match Officials

### Appointments and Expenses:

- All Match Officials operating in National Basketball League and Cup Competitions must be licensed with Basketball England.
- For senior competitions, all Crew Chiefs and Umpires will be appointed by Basketball England for each Match.
  - Junior matches require officials to be appointed by the home team, a list of officials in a local area can be provided by Basketball England in the event that a team cannot source their own.
- 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.
- 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
- 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

League	No. Table Officials (Level 3)	No. Table Officials (Level 2)	No. 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

- 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:

## Medical Matters

### 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”.

### 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.

## Anti-Doping

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

## Facility Requirements

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
<b>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</b>	28 x 15m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	26 x 14m		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Basketball Goals 3.05m from floor</b>	Pressure release rings with 70KG flex break with adequate back support frame.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
<b>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</b>	2 backboards made from transparent material	✓								
	2 backboards made from transparent or wood material		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Backboard sides and lower edge must be padded.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
<b>Flooring</b>	Timber or synthetic floor meeting standard European Standard EN 14904:2005. Timber Area Elastic A4 floor preferred	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Spectator Provision</b>	250 seated spectators.	✓								
	100 seated spectators.		✓	✓						
	50 seated spectators as required.				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Changing Rooms</b>	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).	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>Heating/Lighting</b>	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Scoreboard</b>	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.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

## Disciplinary

The below outlines penalties that apply to offences committed whilst participating as a member club of the NBL. Some offences relate specifically to certain levels of competition, namely senior men and women so please read the specific regulation they refer to if you are unsure whether it would be applicable to your club.

Offence	Penalty
Failure to provide qualified and licensed Table Officials: (Regulation 41)	£40 per official and possible disciplinary action for the club
Forfeiture of fixture: (Regulation 24)	Senior: See Regulation 24 Junior: £100 - 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> offence £60 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence 1 Pts deduction - subsequent
Failure to upload or send FIBA LiveStats game file as required: (Regulation 30.2)	£40 - 1 <sup>st</sup> offence £100 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> offence 1 Pts deduction - subsequent
Failure to live webcast the FIBA LiveStats game as required: (Regulation 30.2)	£15 - 1 <sup>st</sup> £30 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence 1 pts deduction -subsequent
Failure to update result service: (Regulations 30.4 and 30.5 as applicable)	£15 - 1 <sup>st</sup> offence £30 - subsequent
Failure to video and submit/upload the game tape to Hudl for game breakdown (regulation 30.3 and 30.8)	£150.00 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Offence £250.00 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence £500.00 - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence and final written warning Immediate expulsion from league - 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

## Contacts

The Basketball England team is here to service our members Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm. Should any clubs or individuals need support, please do not hesitate to contact us via the below.

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