



# U19 Academy Basketball Leagues Rules & Regulations 2024-25

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These regulations apply to the following Elite Academy Basketball League (EABL), Women's Elite Academy Basketball League (WEABL) & College Basketball League (CBL)

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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:

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| “AOC Sport”                 | The Association of College Sport, registered office 2 - 5 Stedham Place off New Oxford Street London WC1A 1HU   |
| “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.  |
| “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 in the Team Bench area, and be in communication with the Team during the Match, including statisticians. |
| “British”                   | A Player that holds British citizenship   |
| “CBL”                       | College Basketball League that has two tier. Tier 2 CBL and Tier 3 CBL Regional league.   |
| “Chairperson”               | Person responsible for the DiSE element of club led partnerships that only compete in EABL/WEABL  |
| “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;  |
| “Competition”               | the three Academy leagues of CBL, EABL, WEABL including the Playoffs.   |
| “Competitions Review panel” | Three-person panel representing Basketball England  |
| “Delivery Manager Game”     | Basketball England Member of the management team for the Delivery Game Team Department  |

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| “DISE”                   | a course offered through Basketball England that is a Diploma in Sporting Excellence for basketball, that only EABL/WEABL partnerships can deliver for its nominated students. |
| “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.   |
| “EABL”                   | Elite Academy Basketball League, male league that is currently Tier 1 of the Academy System.   |
| “Entry Fee”              | the entry fees listed by AOCSport and invoiced via them.   |
| “Executive Board”        | the executive board of directors for the time being of Basketball England and AOC Sport.   |
| “FIBA”                   | the International Governing Body for basketball<br>Fédération Internationale de Basketball;  |
| “FIBA Live stats”        | the software used to obtain in live game stats.  |
| “FIBA Regulations”       | the general statutes, internal regulations, other rules and regulations and decisions of FIBA from time to time in force   |
| “GB Basketball”          | The National federation of the sport in the UK that are responsible for national teams affiliated with FIBA.   |
| “Goal Difference”        | the difference between points for/scored and points against/conceded   |
| “Head Teacher/Principle” | Person responsible for education led institutions/partnerships (EAL/WEABL only)  |
| “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;  |
| “Synergy”                | Video analysis program   |
| “Key Contact Person”     | Person responsible from the partnerships (EABL/WEABL only)/institutions who liaises with AOC/BE with regards to competition administration.                                    |
| “Match”                  | an individual game of basketball played in accordance with these Regulations, forming part of the Competitions;  |
| “Match Officials”        | the, Crew Chief, Umpire(s), the Table Officials and the Statisticians.   |

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| “Participant”         | any Member, Officer, Official, Player, member of a Club, League or Regional Association sanctioned by and/or falling under the jurisdiction of Basketball England   |
| “Partnerships”        | EABL/WEABL DiSE partnerships that have been granted partnership status in line with regulation 3.5.   |
| “Player”              | an individual registered with AOC Sport and 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;   |
| “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 and fouls in a Match, which also records the participating Players and Coaches along with the Match Officials; The scoresheet permitted is the 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;  |
| “SportLomo”           | AOC Sport Online sport system.  |
| “Statistician”        | a person appointed by Basketball England, a regional representative or Home Club as a statistician in respect of a Match; The statisticians shall be an inputter and a spotter.   |
| “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;  |

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| "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 Game Day Delegate, but may be a member of the Team);                 |
| "Transfer"            | a transfer between two Teams from the same Club in That play at different levels of the competition, listed in regulation 2.6   |
| "Umpire(s)"           | The non lead referee(s) in a match;   |
| "WEABL"               | Women's Elite Academy Basketball League, female league That is currently Tier 1 of the Academy System.  |
| "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. |

1. **Management:**
- 1.2 The competition will be administered jointly between Basketball England (BE) & Association of Colleges (AoC) Sport in consultation with the two league appointed representatives from the teams that are competing within the leagues, One representative will cover EABL and one will cover the WEABL. Both of these roles are in a non-management role and in a consultative role only.
- 1.2 The Executive Boards of BE & AoC Sport have delegated the responsibility for organising the competition to Basketball England's professional staff .
- 1.3 The Disciplinary Officer is responsible for disciplinary matters related to the misconduct of players, match officials and school/college officials, including coaches, assistant coaches, and bench personnel. An appeal may be lodged against any decision of the Disciplinary Officer in accordance with the BE Appeals Policy
- 1.4 Decisions made by the Disciplinary Officer may be referred to the Delivery Manager Game or a three-person panel representing Basketball England known as the Competitions Review Panel. By registering to participate, individuals accept the regulations regarding disciplinary action and appeals.
2. **Registration and Entry:**
- 2.1 Institutions wishing to compete in the EABL and WEABL must have been awarded DiSE Partnership status or Havebeen invited to participate in the league.
- 2.2 Schools/Colleges must have participated in Dynamik Schools/AOC Sport Regional Leagues in the previous season and ensure they meet the new team entry pack information found in Appendix . A meeting between the school/college and Basketball England is a mandatory requirement prior to confirming teams for the new season.
- 2.3 BE/AoC Sport reserves the right to refuse entry to any institution especially if any outstanding fees from the previous season are still owed.
- 2.4 All institutions invited to enter the competitions must be affiliated to Basketball England and be members of AoC Sport.
- 2.5 All players must be registered using AoC Sport's online system SportLomo and registered with Basketball England obtaining the relevant licence required before the first game commences. Failure to do this will result in games being forfeited until all players have been registered.
- 2.6 The last day for players registration on the AOC Sports Online system SportLomo to play in the Academy leagues for a team is 31<sup>st</sup> January. No new players can then be registered after this date.
- 2.7 The maximum an EABL/WEABL team can register players on AOC SportLomo to play in these two leagues are 20 players in total, these players will also be the only players listed on any academy websites. Players can be transferred in and out of the team by the club notifying BE/AOC of the players to be removed and added to teams.
- 2.7.1 Teams can make a written request for a maximum of three players to be deregistered from the EABL/WEAB/CBL and then registered for AoC regional leagues. Once deregistered, the player cannot then be reregistered for the EABL/WEABL/CBL. Applications must be received before the Christmas break.
- 2.8 The person responsible for the administration of the institution's basketball team shall be referred to as the 'key contact person'. All actions of the key contact person are deemed to represent the authority of the institution.
- 2.9 Communication between institutions and BE/AoC Sport should be conducted through the key contact person. Only the key contact person will be acknowledged as the person to communicate decisions, unless the institution have informed of a nominated alternative. BE/ AoC Sport should be informed in writing of any permanent or temporary changes in the key contact person.
- 2.10 Upon registration the Principal / Head Teacher of the institution or the Chairperson of Club Led Programs/partnerships accepts responsibility for the actions of its employees and accepts the responsibilities of the organisation set out within these Rules and Regulations and must comply fully with any disciplinary investigations and sanctions applied

### 3 Player Eligibility:

- 3.1 The age of each player is taken as at the 1st September of each season.
- 3.2 All players must be under 19 and over 16 as per Regulation 3.1, registered on the Individual Learning Record of the institution/partnerships (EABL/WEABL) for which they play and must be on a programme of study which is funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency, subject to exception in Regulations 3.4 and 3.5
- 3.2.1 if the player is a pupil at an institution, studying a higher level qualification at level 4 or above' course and their ILR is on the college/institution system (registered on HESA with the competing college and not the university that awards the qualification), then the player is eligible to compete within the competitions as a third year student.
- 3.3 Part time students must be on a study programme on at least band 2 of the National Funding Rates and studying a minimum of 280 hours.
- 3.4 In exceptional circumstances players under the age of 16 (Year 10 and 11 students) will only be considered and must have been at the primary educational institution / Trust for more than two academic years and have attended on of Basketball England's Pathway programme
- 3.5 EABL and WEABL only. DiSE Partnerships (all recognised members of the partnership) are eligible to participate (following successful registration) in the EABL and WEABL if registered at any of the partner organisations, meeting regulation 3.2 and covered by the institution/school/colleges public liability insurance
- 3.5.1 DiSE only partnerships, are permitted to make a request that a student who attends an Independent School and is British, who are on the GB Basketball trajectory as a top 14 player at their current GB age group, will be enabled to make a request to play in the EABL or WEABL. The request will need to follow BE's Eligibility and Participation Exemption Policy
- 3.5.2 A DiSE Partnership can nominate a maximum of two institutions /schools/colleges as member bodies to the Basketball England DiSE Partnership. Each partner must be identified within a current and signed SLA or MoU. 3.5.3 WEABL Invitational non DiSE Partner teams may name a club as a member of the partnership. Any player must hold a NBL licence for the named club and must be year 12-13 unless granted permission under 3.4.
- 3.6 Institutions that are found to have played players that do not meet the Eligibility requirements may face disciplinary action through the BE Discipline Code and in accordance with BE's Eligibility and Participation Exemption Policy.
- 3.7 It is recommended that team's field at least 8 players per game.
- 3.8 Players competing in the EABL/WEABL are NOT permitted to compete in U19 conference competitions organised by BE or AoC Sport. This includes AoC Sport Regional & National competitions.
- 3.9 Players competing in the CBL are NOT permitted to compete in U19 conference competitions organised by BE or AoC Sport but can compete in AoC Sport Regional & National competitions.
- 3.10 It may be possible for a student to be on a funded study programme at more than one school/college. In such circumstances, the student will play for the institution at which they study more guided learning hours. If this college does not enter a team in the student's chosen sport, the college at which the student studies fewer hours must make a written request to the other college for the student to play in their team.
- 3.11 Students competing in the competitions must be on a FE course only unless under aged and must be studying normal school education.

### 4 Competition Format

- 4.1 BE/AoC Sport reserves the right to adjust the format or rules of the competition as is deemed appropriate.
- 4.2 All league formats will be home and away fixtures unless otherwise communicated by BE/AOC, no single game can count as the result in two games between the same two teams. Individual games must be played on both occasions in line with the fixtures listed.

- 4.3 The teams that qualify for the playoff rounds and the Finals shall observe any arrangements by BE/AoC Sport for the staging of these fixtures, especially with regard to any sponsorship agreements.
- 4.4 The League positions shall be determined by awarding the following points:  
 -Three points for a win and zero point for a loss in all competitions.  
 -Three points shall be awarded to the non offending team for a Match lost by default or forfeit. A fine in line with 5.18 will also be applied for Not fulfilling the fixture.  
 -All games that are 'void' at the end of the season will result in a score line of 0-0- and one-point league Deduction for both teams, a fine in line with 5.18 will also be applied for not fulfilling the fixture.
- 4.5 In the event of a tie in win percentage at the end of the season, this shall be resolved as follows:  
 a) If there are two teams involved in this classification, the result(s) of the game(s) between the teams involved will be used to determine the placings.  
 b) In the event that the total points scored and conceded are the same in the games between the two teams, the classification will be determined by point difference taking into account the results of all games played in the league by both teams.  
 c) If more than two teams are equal in the placings, a second classification will be established taking into account only the results of the games between the teams that are tied.  
 d) In the event that there are still teams tied after the second classification, then point difference will be used to determine the placings, taking into account only the results of the games between the teams still tied.  
 e) If there are still teams tied, the placings will be determined using point difference from the results of all their games played in the league.  
 f) If at any stage using the above criteria, a multiple tie is reduced to a tie involving only two teams, the procedure in (a) and (b) will be applied.  
 g) If it is reduced to a tie still involving more than two teams, the procedure beginning with (c) is repeated.  
 h) Point difference will always be calculated by subtracting points against/from points for/scored.
- 4.6 Teams in the EABL will have end of season playoffs to determine a EABL overall champion. With the playoff format to be circulated to the teams.
- 4.7 Teams in the WEABL will have end of season playoffs to determine a WEABL overall champion. With the Playoff format to be circulated to the teams.
- 4.8 CBL (Tier2) teams will have end of season playoffs to determine a CBL overall champion. With the playoff Format to be circulated to the teams.
- 4.9 The two bottom placed teams of the two CBL (Tier 2) leagues will take part in a promotional playoff with CBL Regional League winners. The four winners will qualify to play in the CBL (Tier 2) league for the following season. Teams looking for these promotional spots must meet Tier 2 standards that are in place. The Bottom two places for CBL Regional leagues will be relegated to play in AOC/Dynamik National Schools for a minimum of one season before they can make an application to re-join the league.
- 4.10 Any team that does not fulfil and meet the Academy Delivery Standards (at the appropriate level of compliance – Category one, two, or three) may see their league status revoked and removal from the league they are participating in.
- 4.11 Teams that withdraw from a season after the structures have been confirmed are not permitted to re-enter the league the following season and must re-enter as a new team after one season. The team must then compete during this period of time in the AOC Sport Regional league or Dynamik National Schools League.
- 5 Fixtures**
- 5.1 The EABL/WEABL & CBL management committee will generate dates for all the regular season games and be published at least 21 days before the start of the season. It is the responsibility of the Home institution to provide necessary information, i.e. tip off times, officials, colours, map etc for the away team at least 7 days before the fixture date. In addition to SportLomo the fixtures & results will be listed on the EABL/WEABL & CBL websites.
- 5.2 A visible scoreboard, and a visible clock shall be provided by the home team at every game. Shot clocks must be provided for all EABL/WEABL fixtures and have the relevant qualified table officials operating them. These facilities shall be clearly visible to both team benches.
- 5.3 The home team is to provide a score sheet for the fixture and the scoresheet must be emailed to AOC after the game has finished and the result updated on SportLomo. The home team is also responsible for the table equipment for the fixture and is responsible for providing suitable first aid equipment at the venue.



- 5.4 Both teams must ensure they produce their college identification cards for inspection by the officials prior to the game commencing.
- 5.5 For EABL/WEABL games the home team will upload their game film to Synergy within 12hrs of the game being completed. For CBL games the home team will upload their game film to Synergy for game exchange purposes only within 12hrs of the fixture being completed.
- 5.6 FIBA LiveStats software is to be used for all WEABL and EABL teams to obtain the game stats and to complete the Synergy process. When operated live, it should be operated with two licenced statisticians who hold at least the Introduction to Statisticians qualification. A live webcast, using the League Licence Code provided by Basketball England and FIBA LiveStats software, is desirable for all EABL and WEABL teams. This is applicable throughout their respective League and Playoff games. Where stats have not been completed live using the League Licence Code it is mandatory for the game stats to be completed retrospectively from video using a match key by 2359 of the day that the game took place on. If the stats are not completed by 2359 of the day that the game took place on, the home team will be fined £25.00.
- 5.7 For CBL games the home team is also responsible for taking full stats for BOTH teams live at the game. Any software (FIBA LiveStats, iPad app, etc) can be used for this. However, when submitting stats the pro-forma provided by BE Must be completed for each game. No Stats are required for ABL Regional league
- 5.8 It is compulsory for all EABL/WEABL/CBL teams to provide nominations and votes for end of season awards this is a mandatory process and any teams that do not provide these submissions will be fined £150.00.
- 5.9 Spectator space if available should not interfere with the playing space. Spectators should be adequately supervised by the relevant school/college staff.
- 5.10 Teams arriving more than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time will find themselves liable to the forfeiture of the fixture. The away team must contact the home team if they are to be late. It is however the intention that the match should take place if at all possible and officials are requested to keep this in mind when making decisions.
- 5.11 Teams may only rearrange games with permission from EABL/WEABL & CBL management. Prior to 16th September, teams may rearrange fixture changes to a mutually agreed date and submit a Fixture Change Form, signed by both teams, to [angela.eason@aoc.co.uk](mailto:angela.eason@aoc.co.uk) so this can be approved by BE. On approval, the date will be updated on SportLomoby AoC Sport. After 16th September, changes will only be agreed in exceptional circumstances. These fixtures should be prioritised over all other competitions so rearrangements should be kept to a minimum, with all teams permitted to postpone two games per institution per season. A fixture change request form must be completed accompanied with a £50 fixture change fee paid by the team making the request and signed by both teams. If the issue is a venue issue no fee has to be paid but proof of the venue issue has to be submitted at the time of requesting a re-arrangement. A new date for the fixture must be submitted on the form. This will need to be agreed by BE and updated on SportLomoby AoC Sport prior to the original scheduled fixture date £50 payments are to be paid to AoC Sport in the form of a cheque, credit card payment or purchase order number.
- 5.12 Where an institution is responsible for the postponement of a scheduled game (48 hours prior to the tip off) or doesn't fulfil a fixture, without the consent of its opponents, BE/AoC Sport may consider the matter and award the non-offending team the game 20-0; league points may also be deducted. If games are postponed for other reasons, a new date for the game must be confirmed with the key contact person, BE & AoC Sport no later than 1 week after the postponement
- 5.13 Where an institution is responsible for the postponement of a scheduled match (up to 24 hours prior to the tip Off due to the venue operator cancelling the booking, the game must be rescheduled within seven (7) days of the postponement. Confirmation from the venue that the original booking was cancelled by the venue operator must be provided. Failure to provide confirmation from the venue operator will result in consideration of the matter by BE/AoC Sport which may result in the game being awarded to the opposition
- 5.14 In the event of postponements due to severe weather conditions or unforeseen road delays the following will apply:
- The travelling expenses (if applicable) of the match officials will be paid by the home team. Any dispute over the team responsible for the postponement, and subsequently any costs, will be resolved by BE/AoC Sport within seven (7) days.
  - Any cost of court hire will lie with the team responsible for the postponement if the game is arranged for a later date. In the case of a forfeit the home school/college is not entitled to claim court hire costs from the away school/college; however, they will be awarded the game 20-0.

c) The responsibility for notifying the match officials of a postponement rests with the home institution.

- 5.15 Any claim for an outstanding/postponed Match must be received by BE/AOC not less than 14 days prior to the End of the regular playing season, in order that full consideration of the claim can be made before confirming the final league positions and Play-Off places.
- 5.16 Institutions should take reasonable precautions to safeguard the match officials and other participants from unsatisfactory behaviour by their own players, officials and supporters.
- 5.17 A £500.00 AoC Sport fine (per game) will be applied to any team that doesn't complete in each of their scheduled Fixtures.
- 5.18 The white copy of the official score sheet shall be forwarded, at the completion of the fixture, by the home team to Angela Eason [angela.eason@aoc.co.uk](mailto:angela.eason@aoc.co.uk).
- 5.19 The home team is responsible for:
- Uploading a copy of the game film to Synergy within 12 hours
  - EABL/WEABL undertaking FIBA Live stats for each home game
  - For CBL games, sending in the statistics box score (using pro forma) to [academy@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:academy@basketballengland.co.uk)- within 24hrs of the game finishing CBL teams using Synergy need to upload game film within 12 hours to ensure the stats are returned in 24 hours.
- All teams are responsible for:
- Providing information requested from the EABL/WEABL & CBL management team for use on the website and press releases adhering to any deadlines set.

The below sanctions will be imposed for teams that do not meet the requirements: -

- 1) £150.00 Fine
- 2) £250.00 fine
- 3) £500.00 Fine, ineligible for playoffs and final written warning
- 4) Immediate expulsion from league

- 5.20 No Team shall be required to undertake a fixture that does not enable its Players to arrive back at their home base/meeting point by: Midnight, unless otherwise agreed.

## 6 Finals Events

- 6.1 BE/AoC Sport will organise and promote the finals events as it deems appropriate and will deal with disciplinary and other issues that may occur during the event.

## 7 Playing Rules:

- 7.1 All games are played according to current FIBA regulations unless otherwise stated.
- 7.2 The home team should provide the match ball. The Wilson basketball is the approved ball for competitions under the jurisdiction of Basketball England.
- 7.3 All games should be played on a full court no less than 26m x 14m with a minimum of a one metre run off around the playing court. All courts must have Post 2012 court markings and any games that don't meet this criteria will forfeit the game 20-0.
- 7.4 When arranging a fixture, the venue address, game time and respective playing colours must be confirmed. In the event of a colour clash the home team shall change.
- 7.5 If a coach is disqualified during the game, they must be replaced by another adult representing the institution who is suitably DBS check and holds a Level 2 basketball coaching qualification.
- 7.6 When a player aged under 18 years of age is disqualified from a match, a designated bench personnel who is licensed to the team and club, with a current enhanced DBS certificate, must accompany the player out of the playing area into a public space. If there is no bench personnel available, the player must remain in the hall on the opposite side of the court to their team bench area and must not intervene or communicate with the team. If the disqualified player is to remain in the hall, any further intervention or incidents will be taken into account in any disciplinary investigation after the match. Any personnel without a current DBS certificate shall be risk assessed individually. Approved safeguarding training is required for anyone in regulated activity with children including, but not limited to, coaches, assistant coaches, physios and team managers.

- 7.7 Players can only be ejected from the game and/or from the courtside, and not from the hall. If further action is required, this should be taken against the coach of the team In line with regulation 7.6
- 7.8 During the game, the only persons permitted to sit on the bench are the coach, assistant coach, the (12) players, and a maximum of seven team followers with special responsibilities (which can include a maximum of 5 other registered players that are not playing and cannot be kitted up), i.e. 21 persons in total. It is recommended that each team has a team manager.
- 7.9 During the game, the referee must order any player who is bleeding, or has an open wound to leave the playing area. The player may return to the court only after the bleeding has stopped and the area affected or the open wound has been completely and securely covered.

## 8 Results

- 8.1 Game results MUST be entered directly into SportLomo within 6 hours of the games conclusion.
- 8.2 All EABL and WEABL fixture results must be sent via Whatsapp to the designated competitions telephone number that will be circulated, within one hour of the game finishing. The name of the top three scorers and well as the results must be reported.

## 9. Match Officials

- 9.1 Two referees and two table officials for shall be appointed by the home team for each game, an additional table official is also required by the WEABL/EABL home teams to operate the shot clocks and be qualified to the correct level (When no Level 3+ table Official can be found, the priority is that a shot clock is used, so a Level Two can be used in these competitions only, where they have experience or undertaken a Level 3 course before). Referees should hold at least a Level 2 qualification, table officials at least a level 1 and all should wear regulation uniform. Where payment is involved, the match officials shall be paid by the home team before the start of the game. BE will make appointments for the Finals event.
- 9.2 In the case where the Home school/college/partnership appoint the match officials, they must meet the following criteria
- (i) Must be licenced with Basketball England as a referee/table official/statistician
  - (ii) In the case that a referee is under 18, their 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 school/college/partnership and not hold any position in any capacity within a club.
- 9.3 In the event of a Home team appointing an official that does not meet all of the above regulations (9.2) the game will be forfeited, and the partnership or institution may be subject to disciplinary procedures
- 9.4 Match officials must be qualified and become a members of Basketball England and are subject to the Basketball England Code of Conduct & Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
- 9.5 Match officials should not make public comments, including via electronic media, regarding incidents in the games in which they have officiated. Transgressions will be referred to the Basketball England Disciplinary Officer.
- 9.6 The following match fee and expense rates are a guideline of the payment of officials:

| Qualification Level  | Referees | Table Officials & Statisticians |
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| Level 5 Referee/ Level 5 Table Official (MAX CLAIM £30 INCL. EXPS)   | £24.00   | £18.00                          |
| Level 4 Referee / Level 4 Table Official (MAX CLAIM £30 INCL. EXPS)  | £23.00   | £17.00                          |
| Level 3 Referee / Level 3 Table Official. (MAX CLAIM £30 INCL. EXPS) | £21.00   | £13.00                          |
| Level 2 Referee / Level 2 Table Official.( MAX CLAIM £30 INCL. EXPS) | £20.00   | £12.00                          |
| Level 1 Referee / Level 1 Table Official.( MAX CLAIM £20 INCL. EXPS) | £19.00   | £11.00                          |

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

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

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

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

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.

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

## 10 Game promotion

- 10.1 Teams are required to adhere to any requests related to league sponsorship (ie. Banner to be hung in gym, sponsor related social media, etc). Any conflicts of interest with team's own sponsorship agreements will be dealt with on an individual basis.

## 11 Disciplinary Action

- 11.1 Basketball England will be responsible for disciplinary matters in accordance with these regulations and the Basketball England Disciplinary Code.
- 11.2 Individual schools/Colleges, clubs, coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, players and/or team representatives may be disciplined for breaches of the Academy Basketball Rules and Regulations and/or the Basketball England Disciplinary Code and Code of Ethics and Conduct. Disciplinary action could include disqualification of a team or officials from competition for any period that may be decided by the Basketball England Disciplinary Officer or a Disciplinary Commission. Teams are also responsible for their supporters and failure to control their behaviour could result in similar disqualification or other action as deemed appropriate within the powers of the Discipline Code..
- 11.3 In the event of a player, coach or bench personnel being disqualified during a match the Basketball England Delivery Game Team and AOC Competitions Administrator should be informed. Each match official is required to submit a written report regarding the incident, within 48 hours of the completed fixture, The respective schools, colleges and/or any individual may also be required to submit written reports . Each of these reports shall be prepared by its author making clear as to evidence seen directly by the author. The matter will then be referred to the Disciplinary Officer. The Match official's reporting form can be found [here](#)
- 11.4 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 (one match ban), 15 (second match ban), 20 (third match ban), 25 (fourth match ban), etc. The suspension will take effect from /or after 14 days after the disciplinary incident, as determined by the Disciplinary Officer /Basketball England. A fine may be imposed as well as a game suspension, the fining system is defined in appendix 2.
- 11.4.1 Disqualifications automatically invoke the following minimum penalty points:
- |                         |                 |    |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----|
| Player or Team Follower | Bench Personnel | 7  |
| Coach                   |                 | 10 |
- 11.5 Disciplinary action in respect of automatic penalty points incurred by disqualification will come into force on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 13. This does not preclude the Disciplinary Officer for imposing further penalty points
- 11.6 At the end of each season, all cumulative totals will revert to zero.
- 11.7 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.
- 11.8 Disciplinary action because 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.

- 11.9 A Participant under suspension for a Match may not participate in the Match, or act as a Participant from 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the Match, until after the end of the Match. They may be present in the Venue as a spectator unless otherwise stated by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England.
- 11.10 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 Basketball England for further action as appropriate.
- 11.11 Players, coaches, teachers, lecturers and representatives of the school/college shall not directly or indirectly approach match officials before, during or after the game to give information or make comment which may be regarded as being intended to influence a match official's judgment or neutrality in any way. Such action will be regarded as serious misconduct and the offender and the club they represent will be subject to disciplinary action.
- 11.12 At the discretion of the Delivery Manager (Game) a decision may be taken to allow the school/college to administer disciplinary action in order to ensure no individual is disciplined twice for the same incident.
- 11.13 All disciplinaries will be kept on record for one season by the Delivery Manager (Game) to ensure all disciplinaries are monitored and accumulated from any other Basketball England Competitions. If sanctioned under the Disciplinary Code, any outcome may be held for a longer period of time, depending on the severity of the incident.
- 11.14 Basketball England may in appropriate cases at their sole discretion raise misconduct charges in addition to or instead of action taken within these procedures, in accordance with the BE Disciplinary Code.

## 12. Appeals

- 12.1 Any Club or individual may appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Officer, Officer of Basketball England or Competitions Review Panel in accordance with BE's Appeal's policy.

## 13 Disputes

- 13.1 Any dispute or complaint relating to a Match must be recorded in accordance with the procedure indicated in Regulation 13.4 and followed by submission of a written report, which must be received to [academy@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:academy@basketballengland.co.uk) within 24 hours of the completion of the Match in question. Such submission must be accompanied by a deposit of £100 to AOC Sport. The deposit may be returned if the complaint is considered by Basketball England to be valid. Any team that submits a complaint under this Regulation 13.1 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 BE or the home team and any other nominees
- 13.2 The BE Delivery Manager (Game) will adjudicate within 72 hours of receiving submissions from each team.
- 13.3 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 AOC/BE by the Crew Chief and teams wishing to forfeit the game. A match shall take place or continue under the existing Conditions the game started with and it then cannot be disputed, and all reports are required to be forwarded to Basketball England on the [academy@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:academy@basketballengland.co.uk) email address who will determine the validity of the events.
- 13.4 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 and regulation 13.1, 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 13.1 to ensure the protest is valid

and make BE/AOC within the hour of the game finishing that a game is being protested, full reports are to follow in line with regulation 13.1 Regardless of subsequent actions, by signing the Scoresheet "under protest", a club becomes automatically liable to pay the deposit of £100 paid within the same timescales in regulation 13.1 as the written submission.

13.5 All disputes and protests relating to Matches will be considered by the BE Delivery Manager Game Department which may also be considered by a panel of three Basketball England staff known as the 'Competitions Review Panel'

## Appendix 1

### Disciplinary Timeline

#### EABL/WEABL/ABL

The timeline shows a guide of the in-game disciplinary process. This is not in any way definite and may be adjusted accordingly.

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| <b>Wednesday</b>  | Incident   |
| <b>Thursday</b>   | Reports Received. Must be received by Friday 12:00pm   |
| <b>Friday</b>     | Notification of Disciplinary Process and official's reports sent to club                                   |
| <b>Saturday</b>   |  |
| <b>Sunday</b>     | Deadline for teams to submit reports   |
| <b>Monday</b>     | Consideration by Disciplinary Officer  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>    |  |
| <b>Wednesday</b>  |  |
| <b>Thursday</b>   |  |
| <b>Friday</b>     | Disciplinary outcome sent to club<br>(deadline for clubs to submit appeal 48 hours following notification) |
| <b>Saturday</b>   |  |
| <b>Monday-</b>    | Suspension Letters issued  |
| <b>Tuesday-</b>   |  |
| <b>Wednesday-</b> | Suspension in force  |
| <b>Thursday-</b>  | Suspension in force  |

(Time frames for midweek games will be adjusted accordingly.)

## Appendix 2

### In-Game Disciplinary Guideline Document

#### Underlying Principles

Basketball is a fast sport played at professional, semi-professional and amateur level by athletic players. In such a sport situation will naturally arise that will require debate and disciplinary decisions, and BE's disciplinary system is there to support and protect all participants without sanitising the sport.

Each case must be judged on its merits and decisions reached by applying judgement and discretion.

#### Disciplinary guidelines

Regulation 11 of the U19 Elite Basketball League rule and regulations states that a system of cumulative "penalty points" will apply, and a one game suspension automatically comes into force whenever a person's total penalty points reaches (or exceeds) each of the following totals: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 etc.

The tables on pages 3 to 5 are to be used as guidelines only in respect of the type of disciplinary action that will be taken against all participants for improper conduct as detailed. They are not in any way definitive and the Disciplinary Officer/Compliance Manager/Panel will make their judgement as appropriate after taking into account all the evidence made available to them.

The after disqualification points column refers to actions of a participant after they have been disqualified, e.g. a player is disqualified for violent conduct, which will give them at least a one game ban, they then direct a stream of abuse at a participant or kick an advertising board, they will then get additional points on top of the points normally received for the 'act' of disqualification. The Disciplinary Guidelines will also apply to Spectators and Team Followers of their respective clubs.

The timeline for disciplinary will be found in appendix 1 of the U19 Elite Basketball League rules and regulations.

Basketball England reserve the right in appropriate cases at their sole discretion raise misconduct charges in addition to or instead of action taken within these procedures, in accordance with the BE Discipline Code

#### Disciplinary procedures

##### Outstanding suspensions

Any suspension or part thereof which remains outstanding at the end of a season resulting from these disciplinary procedures must be served at the commencement of the next season, within the terms of these disciplinary procedures. Before a participant is eligible to serve a suspension in a following season they must be registered to compete with their respective team. No suspension can be served unless the participant's registration is fully complete. Once registered a suspension letter will be issued by Basketball England to highlight the fixtures/dates during that current season for which the carried over suspension should be served.

##### Re-arranged matches

The Disciplinary Officer shall have discretionary power to rule that a match shall not count towards the completion of a suspension if it is satisfied that the game has been arranged by the club with a view to enabling a player to complete his suspension and thus qualify him to play in a specific match.

##### Dismissals

Where a player is disqualified by the referees, he/she must leave the game, but not the venue, they may sit courtside until the game has ended. Where a coach or official is disqualified by the referees, he/she must leave the game and the playing venue, with the assistant coach/school/college personnel taking lead of the remainder of the game. The coach/Official will take no further part in the game (including not in a spectating capacity or via electronic devices such as mobile phones etc).

BE shall not tolerate discriminatory or violent conduct of any kind. Any incidents deemed Serious Offences will be referred to Basketball England to investigate and consider under the BE Disciplinary Code. .

## Grading & Description of offences

There are five possible grades for each offence. Grade 1 is the lowest level of offence and Grade 5 the most serious.

The most common offences are listed in the sentencing guidelines below with a description to assist all those concerned in referring to incidents in a standardised manner.

Any misconduct by match officials shall be considered under the Disciplinary Code.

Sanctions for any case heard under the Basketball England Disciplinary Code will be at the discretion of a Disciplinary Panel.



## Players

|   | Incident   | Disqualification Points | After Disqualification Points | Not Disqualified Points | Fine          |
|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent Conduct 3 (Continuous violent behavior/physical violence)</li> </ul>  | Unlimited               | Unlimited                     | Unlimited               | Up to £10,000 |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent Conduct 2 (Pre-meditated physical violence).</li> <li>Verbal Abuse 3 (Continuous &amp; aggressive abuse)</li> </ul> | 8-21 added              |                               | 15+                     | Up to £1000   |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent Conduct 1 (Physical retaliation).</li> <li>General Improper conduct.</li> </ul>                                     | 5-10 added              |                               | 9-15                    | Up to £500    |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal Abuse 2 (Excessive Obscene/Foul Language)</li> </ul>   | 3-8 added               |                               | 4-12                    | Up to £200    |
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsportsmanlike Conduct</li> <li>Verbal Abuse 1 (Obscene/Foul Language).</li> </ul>   | 0-3 added               |                               | 5-10                    | N/A           |

In addition, fines may be imposed when deemed necessary for incidents whether the participant was disqualified or not.

## Coaches

|   | Incident  | Disqualification points | After Disqualification points | Not Disqualified points | Fine          |
|---|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent Conduct 3 (Continuous violent behavior/physical violence).</li> </ul>  | Unlimited               | Unlimited                     | Unlimited               | Up to £10,000 |
| 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent conduct 2 (Premeditated violent behavior).</li> <li>Violent Conduct 1 (including towards own Team Members).</li> </ul> | Unlimited               | Unlimited                     | Unlimited               | Up to £1000   |
| 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal Abuse 3 (Continuous &amp; aggressive abuse).</li> </ul>   | 3-12 added              |                               | 15+                     | Up to £500    |
| 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal Abuse 2 (Excessive Obscene/Foul Language).</li> </ul>   | 6-12+ added             |                               | 10+                     | Up to £200    |
| 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Improper Conduct.</li> <li>Verbal Abuse 1 (Obscene/Foul Language).</li> </ul>  | 0-8 Added               |                               | 4-15                    | N/A           |

In addition, fines may be imposed when deemed necessary for incidents whether the participant was disqualified or not.

