



Northern Suburbs Basketball Association Inc.

# **Domestic Competition Bylaws for Senior, Junior and Miniball**

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## Glossary of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Term
BNSW	Basketball New South Wales
NSBA	Northern Suburbs Basketball Association Inc
FIBA	International Basketball Federation

## Definitions

Item	Description
Senior Competition	a competition for players of 18 years or older at 31 December in the year of competition, or as otherwise stated in these bylaws.
Junior Competition	a competition for players under the age of 18 at 31 December in the year of the competition
Miniball Competition	a competition for players under the age of 12 (twelve) at 31 December in the year of the competition
Unisex Competition	a mixed social competition where teams comprise male and female players
A representative player	a player selected to represent their Association in any BNSW sanctioned competition. Representative player status is maintained for any NSBA domestic competition for the calendar year of representative competition.



- **Zero Tolerance Policy**

A zero tolerance policy operates during all NSBA activities.

People exhibiting violent, threatening or abusive behaviour will be required to leave the venue

- **Consequences of breaching behaviour codes**

Authorised personnel and officials are empowered to require people who breach behavior codes of conduct to leave the venue

- **Mercy Rule**

The team leading will not be allowed to play full court man to man defence or press and may only guard members of the opposing team once they cross into the leading team's back court.



## **1 Registration**

- a) Every player must be registered with the NSBA prior to playing in any NSBA competition.
- b) Members must on request by NSBA provide proof of identity and or registration.
- c) Registration applications will only be accepted from players that have no outstanding financial obligations with the NSBA.

## **2 Team Nomination**

- a) Nominations will only be accepted from teams that have no outstanding financial obligations with the NSBA.
- b) Teams must nominate a minimum of four players to be permitted to enter any competition
- c) To participate in any NSBA basketball game all players' names must be listed on their nominated team roster, on file at NSBA.
- d) Players wishing to transfer to another Team or Club during a season must provide written clearance from the Team or Club they wish to transfer from to NSBA for consideration prior to granting written approval.
- e) The team contact must be over 18 years of age

### **2.1 Seniors**

Prior to a registered junior member participating in the senior competition their parent or guardian must complete and sign, "Parent or legal guardians Consent, Release and Indemnity for a Norths junior participating in senior competition" form. See Annexure A,

This option is not available to Miniball players.

### **2.2 Juniors and Miniball**

- a) A player may only nominate for one team in any designated age group during the season.
- b) A player may only play in one team per age group.



- c) Players may play in more than one age group, provided they play at or above their actual age classification.
- d) Junior Players are eligible to play in the Senior Competition in accordance with these By Laws
- e) Miniball players are eligible to play in the Junior Competition in accordance with the Junior Game Rules and By Laws. Miniball players are not able to play in the Senior Competition.

### **3 Player Eligibility**

- a) Each player must enter their name and or playing number on the score sheet provided prior to participating in any match. Eligibility for finals will be determined by assessment of the score sheets. (Refer clause 4 (a).
- b) A player may only play for one team or club in any designated age group or grade during the season on a particular night.

#### **3.1 Seniors**

- a) A player can play at any level higher or lower than their nominated team's grade.
- b) No team can comprise of more than two players from a higher grade.
- c) The higher division is the player's first nominated team.
- d) All NSBA representative players must have their primary registration with NSBA and play in the NSBA domestic competition

#### **3.2 Juniors, Miniball and Reps**

- a) The age category of an individual player is governed by their age at 31 December of the year the season is to conclude, i.e. if the player is in an Under12 competition they must still be 11 years of age at the end of the calendar year.
- b) All NSBA representative players must have their primary registration with NSBA and play in the NSBA domestic competition.
- c) Should a team be entered that has 3 or more Representative players, that team must;
  - 1) Play in the Diamond League in their Representative age group, or
  - 2) Play up one age group
  - 3) If the team does not take up either of the above options it can participate in the regular competition grades in their age group but will not be eligible for the playoffs.



- 4) U/18's do not have a Diamond League but teams having 3 or more U/18 Representative players will be required to play in Division 1.

#### **4 Playoffs and finals – player qualification**

- a) A Senior or Junior player must play a minimum of 50% of the total games or 70% of the games in the second half of a season to qualify for playoffs
- b) Players failing to qualify may apply in writing to NSBA for consideration of a special dispensation not later than two (2) working days before their first playoff game.

The application must state the reasons for their failing to achieve the required minimum number of games played and include all relevant documentation. Favourable consideration will only be given in exceptional circumstances.

- c) Failure to apply for dispensation at least two working days before a player's first playoff game precludes them from participation in the playoffs.
- d) To be eligible for finals playoffs a team must have participated in more than 80% of the scheduled rounds.

#### **e) Miniball**

- 1) A player must play a minimum of three (3) games to qualify for playoffs.

#### **5 Game Fees**

- a) All game fees, (other than for Paid in Advance option) must be paid PRIOR to a team taking the court. If game fees have not been paid the game clock will run and the offending team will be penalised by 2 points per minute until all monies owed are paid and after 10 minutes if fees remain unpaid the game will be declared a forfeit.
- b) All other monies owed to the Association, including amounts in arrears (fines), must be paid PRIOR to a team taking the court.

##### **5.1 Refund Policy for game fees**

Teams which have Paid In Advance and withdraw from the competition before round 5 shall receive a refund of the amount paid less;

Game fees due for games played

Fines or penalties incurred and

A \$ 50.00 administration fee



Teams which have Paid In Advance and withdraw from the competition after round 5 shall receive a refund of the amount paid less;

Game fees due for games played

Fines or penalties incurred and

A \$ 200.00 administration fee

## **6 Game Timing**

a) Games will start on time. The clock is to be started by the Referee at the scheduled time or as soon as practical with a minimum 2 minute warm-up.

b) A Senior or Junior match will be forfeited if a team does not have a minimum of 4 players on court ready to play within 10 minutes of the scheduled game start time.

c) The clock will not be stopped or reset for the commencement of the game.

d) Should the minimum number of players take the court ready to play, before the expiration of 10 minutes, the game will proceed with the clock at the current time remaining and the offending team shall be penalised on the scoreboard at half time 2 (two) points per completed minute per player that the team was under the minimum requirement as specified in clause 6 (b) up to a maximum of 20 points.



## 6.1 Game timing parameters Seniors, Juniors & U13's

Grades	Premier, A Grade Men & Women	Other Senior Divisions, Juniors & Under 13's
Periods	2	2
Period Time	15 minutes	20 minutes
Timing	Fully timed	Running Clock
Timeouts per half per team	1 x 50 sec (clock stops)	1 x 50 sec (clock stops)
Half Time	2 Minutes	2 Minutes
*Entire Last Minute*	Clock stopped after each basket	Fully timed if within 10 points at the 1 minute mark.

24 Sec Shot clock is only used on Premier Men and Women's A grade

## 6.2 Miniball

Age Group	U8	U10	U12
Periods	2	2	2
Period Time	16 minutes	18 minutes	18 minutes
Timing	Running Clock	Running Clock	Running Clock
Timeout per half per team	1 x 50 sec (clock stops)	1 x 50 sec (clock stops)	1 x 50 sec (clock stops)
Halftime	2 minutes	2 minutes	2 minutes



## 7 Game and Duty Forfeits

Forfeits - consequences for team causing a game to be forfeit or forfeiting their duty

		<b>Seniors</b>	<b>Juniors</b>	<b>MB &amp; U13's</b>
<b>Notified forfeits* see note below</b>	Comp points Game score Game fee Fine	1 20-0 loss Payable No fine	1 20-0 loss Payable No fine	1 20-0 loss Payable No fine
<b>Subsequent Notified Forfeits</b>	Comp points Game score Game fee Fine	-3 20-0 loss Payable No fine	-3 20-0 loss Payable No fine	1 20-0 loss Payable No fine
<b>Un-notified</b>	Comp points Game score Game fee Fine	-3 20-0 loss Payable = game fee	-3 20-0 loss Payable = game fee	-3 20-0 loss Payable No fine
<b>Duty</b>	Comp points Game score Fine	-3 NA \$ 50	-3 NA \$ 50	NA NA NA
<b>Unregistered Player</b>	Comp points Game score Fine	-3 20-0 loss = game fee	-3 20-0 loss = game fee	-3 20-0 loss No fine
<b>Playing under and alias or another persons name</b>	Comp points Game score Game fee Fine	-3 20-0 loss Payable \$200 & Disciplinary Tribunal for player	-3 20-0 loss Payable \$200 & Disciplinary Tribunal for player	-3 20-0 loss Payable No fine

Note after 2<sup>nd</sup> un-notified or duty forfeit or 3<sup>rd</sup> notified forfeit a team is liable to be removed from the competition.



- a) In a team's first notified forfeit, their opponents will be awarded a 20 (twenty) to 0 (zero) point victory and 3 competition points, with the forfeiting team receiving 1 competition point
- b) The winning team is entitled to a refund of their game fee.
- c) The forfeiting team must pay their game fee.
- d) Senior and Junior teams forfeiting without notification will pay the game fee plus a fine equivalent to their game fee.
- e) To notify of an impending forfeit, and avoid a forfeit fine in the Senior and Junior competitions, teams must give written advice to NSBA (email, fax or letter) before 5.00 pm on the day prior to game.
- f) All fines must be paid before a forfeiting team's next scheduled game.
- g) Non payment of forfeit fines will result in the forfeiting team's subsequent games being shown as a 20 (twenty) to 0 (zero) point loss and possible further penalties until the original fine is settled.
- h) To appeal a forfeit, a team must lodge a written objection accompanied by payment of the forfeit fine, before their next scheduled game, to NSBA. The forfeit fine will be returned if the appeal is upheld.
- i) Fielding an unregistered player will result in an un notified game forfeit penalty; 20 (twenty) to 0, (zero) loss, – 3 (minus three) competition points, game fee payable and a fine if applicable to the competition.
- j) Playing under an alias or another players name will result in an un notified game forfeit penalty; 20 (twenty) to 0, (zero) loss, – 3 (minus three) competition points, game fee payable plus if applicable to the competition a \$200 fine and the player concerned will also be referred to the NSBA Disciplinary Tribunal.

## **8 Uniform:**

- a) All team members must be correctly uniformed before taking the court.
- b) All singlets must be numbered front and back with the same coloured numbers contrasting to the uniform colour. Numbers must be at least 20cm high on the back and 10cm high on the front.
- c) In fully timed games each team is required to wear uniform (singlet and shorts).
- d) In running clock games each team is required to wear matching singlets; shorts must be the same dominant colour throughout the team.



- e) Only T-shirts which are collarless with short sleeves and of the same dominant colour as the team's singlet are permitted to be worn.
- f) Compression garments, (Skins) are permitted to be worn in all Domestic Competitions.
- g) In the interest of safety shorts with pockets (i.e. Cargo Style Pants) are not permitted. NSBA staff are authorised to interpret this rule in the interest of safety.
- h) A per player penalty for players breaching any of these rules of 10 (ten) points per player to a maximum of 20 (twenty) points per team will be posted on the scoreboard at half time.
- i) Teams have 4 weeks from the commencement of the competition to comply with uniform requirements. Teams are required to contact the NSBA office to request an extension. Proof that uniforms have been ordered will be required.
- j) In case of a clash with team uniform colours the first named team in the draw must either provide an alternate coloured uniform or use alternate uniforms provided by the Association. This should be coordinated prior to the start of the game with NSBA staff.
- k) To ensure safety, fingernails must be kept short or the offender will be directed to cut them, to the official's satisfaction. Gloves and taping are not permitted. Hair must not be tightly platted.

In accordance with FIBA regulations

l) Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other players.

• The following are **NOT** permitted:

Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding.

Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (fingernails must be closely cut).

Headgear, hair accessories and jewellery.

• The following are permitted:

Shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded.

Knee braces if they are properly covered.

Protector for an injured nose, even if made of a hard material.



Spectacles, if they do not pose a danger to other players.

Headbands, maximum five (5) cm in width, made of non-abrasive, unicolour cloth, pliable plastic or rubber

## **9 Competition point structure:**

- a) Win 3 (three) points, Draw 2 (two) points, Loss and Notified Forfeit 1 (one) point.
- b) An Un-notified or a Duty Forfeit –3 (minus three) points.
- c) The position on ladder is calculated by total competition points divided by scheduled games played

## **10 Promotion and Relegation (Senior and Junior Competitions)**

- a) After final standings have been determined for the season, teams will face promotion or relegation for the next season's competition, subject to that move not being more than one grade.
- b) In the event of a draw occurring in the final standings FIBA guidelines will be used to determine ultimate positions.
- c) Teams competing in their grade's grand final qualify for the next highest grade. The bottom 2 teams of the ladder face relegation to the next lowest grade.
- d) For the purposes of this rule; A team seeking to enter a competition will be deemed to be the same if 3 (three) or more of its players were in that team in the previous competition.
- e) At the discretion of the Board authorised Sub Committee, teams who remain in the same grade, after qualifying for promotion, will incur a 10 (ten) point penalty for every game played for the next season, including the final's series or participate without a per game point penalty but not be eligible for the finals series.



## **11 Judiciary**

a) Players dismissed or disqualified from the court must leave the court area immediately. Players who are dismissed or disqualified or cited or reported by an official must appear before a Tribunal at the date and time notified.

Tribunals follow BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal by-laws.

b) Hanging on the ring, backboard, or net will result in a technical foul as per the FIBA rules of basketball. Please note that this rule applies during warm-up as well as actual game time.

c) Abuse of equipment will result in a citation by an NSBA official, which will incur a tribunal hearing in line with the current BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal by-law regulations.

d) Players exhibiting a loss of control which compromises the safety of themselves and or others may be dismissed from the court by the referee and or an NSBA official.

e) Any player under the age of 18 (eighteen) summoned to a Tribunal must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 (eighteen).

## **12 Unisex**

a) Unisex is a social competition where male and female players are permitted on court at the same time.

b) Miniball is a Unisex competition.

### **12.1 Unisex - Senior Competition**

a) Subject to a maximum of 5 players, up to three members of either gender can be on the court at any one time, failure to comply may constitute a forfeit. Teams may start a game with only 4 players providing players of both genders are present.

b) A male player may take a defensive position in front of a female player but must not attempt to block her shot. The male player's feet must remain on the ground and his hands within his cylinder. The penalty for infractions of this rule will be as if a shooting foul had been committed, with no foul recorded.

c) Males are not allowed to handle the ball within their team's offensive keyway.

d) Substitution of players is permitted on any whistle, throughout the duration of the game or after a basket is scored.



### 13 Duty Team

a) Every team must provide competent personnel for Duty

#### 13.1

- a) The Duty Team must be able to cover all four duty areas, 2 referees, 1 scorer and 1 time keeper.
- b) In the event referees are not available the duty team must cover or make arrangements to have all duties including refereeing covered by competent personnel.
- c) Duty Teams participating in games, (fully timed) where there is a 24 second shot clock must also provide a competent 24 second shot clock operator in addition to the other duty requirements.
- d) The duty team does not have to consist only of players, but it is the responsibility of the duty team to supply a competent duty crew.
- e) If two referees are appointed to the game the duty team's obligations are accordingly reduced.
- f) Duty Forfeit - Failure to fulfill any aspect of the duty team's requirements will constitute a duty forfeit, see Game and Duty forfeits item 7

### 14 Hoop height and ball size

#### 14.1 Ball Size

Male	5	5	6	6	6	7	7	7
<b>Age U</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Senior</b>
Female	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	6

#### 14.2 Hoop Height

U/8 and U/10      8'6" or 2590mm  
 Otherwise          10' or 3050mm



## 15 Age specific rules

### 15.1 Miniball and Juniors U13's & U14's

- a) NSBA advises that all teams are required to play “man to man” defense to enhance the individual skill and development of players. The use of a static Zone Defense is not permitted
- b) A coach can bring their concerns over a zone defence to the attention of NSBA staff that will observe the game and make a determination, advising coaches and referees as required.
- c) A coach who is found to be using static Zone Defense shall be penalized by a technical foul in the first instance and then a disqualifying technical foul on the second.

### 15.2 Miniball

Age Group	U8	U10	U12
<b>Free Throws</b>	1 shot worth 2 points & no player line up	Up to 2 shots	Up to 2 shots
<b>Taken from</b>	Line 60 cm closer to basket	Line 60 cm closer to basket	Line 60 cm closer to basket
<b>3 Point shots</b>	No	No	No
<b>Cross court Rule</b>	No	No	Yes
<b>Mercy Rule</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Minutes per half</b>	16, Running Clock	18, Running Clock	18, Running Clock
<b>Timeout per half per team</b>	1 x 50 sec (clock stops)	1 x 50 sec (clock stops)	1 x 50 sec (clock stops)
<b>Halftime</b>	2 minutes	2 minutes	2 minutes

### 15.2 Norths Mercy Rule Miniball

#### Up to and including 12's

When and whilst the point's differential is at 10 points or more the Mercy Rule will be applied by referees.



### **15.3 Norths Mercy Rule**

#### **Juniors U13's to U18's**

When and whilst the point's differential is at 15 points or more the Mercy Rule will be applied by referees

#### Mercy Rule

The team leading will not be allowed to play a full court man to man defence or press and may only guard members of the opposing team once they cross into the leading team's back court.

The mercy rule operates;

- After a basket is scored against the team with the lower score and
- A side or end line violation in that team's half which results in them having to inbound the ball.

It does not apply in broken play, change of possession or steal situations.

### **16 NSBA Board authorised Sub Committee**

a) The NSBA Board authorised Sub Committee if appointed, at its discretion, may waive / vary the application of these By-laws if it is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for doing so.

b) Non enforcement of any of the By-laws by the NSBA, (or its agents, employees or representatives) at the time of a breach of any one of them, shall not constitute a waiver of NSBA's right to subsequently enforce a By-law for the initial or subsequent breach.

c) All requests for consideration by the NSBA Board authorised Sub Committee must be submitted in writing via the NSBA office

d) Should there be an area not covered by these By-laws current FIBA rules will apply. Current FIBA rules are found at:

<http://www.fiba.com/pages/eng/fc/FIBA/ruleRegu/p/openNodeIDs/897/selectedNodeID/897/basketball/OfficialRule.html>



**Annexure A**

**IMPORTANT PLEASE READ AND ACCEPT BEFORE PROCEEDING**

Parent or legal guardians Consent, Release and Indemnity for a Norths junior participating in senior competition, (domestic or representative)

**Consent**

As the parent or legal guardian of, (enter the child's name)

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I consent to them participating in senior competition at Northern Suburbs Basketball Association Inc.

Recognising that in addition to the inherent risks associated with active sporting participation they may be exposed to an increased risk due playing alongside and against adults.

**Release and Indemnity**

Accordingly, I agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless Northern Suburbs Basketball Association Inc, its staff, contractors, directors, employees and volunteers from all liability, (including but not limited to personal injury, death of self or third party and or property damage) loss, damage or expense whatsoever arising out of the above named child's participation in these activities.

Print name of parent or legal guardian signing this form

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Signature of parent or legal guardian named immediately above

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Dated.....