



NORTHERN SUBURBS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

SENIOR COMPETITION
HANDBOOK 2024





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This handbook aims to provide all relevant information surrounding the 2024 Senior Domestic Competition and expectations for the 2024 Competition 1.

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2024 AUTUMN KEY INFORMATION

Venue: All senior divisions will be held at North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre, Level 5 - 36 Hume Street, Crows Nest, 2065.

Registration Process:

Each person participating in an NSBA Competition requires a Norths/BNSW Membership which is processed through PlayHQ.

Team Managers will need to provide the team link to each player and coach to ensure they are linked to the team. This link will ensure the players NSBA/BNSW Membership is active, and it adds them to the team list for that competition. Please note this process must be completed EVERY competition.

When completing the link, **ONE** of the following things will happen:

1. If you have a PlayHQ account and your Registration does NOT expire during the competition – When completing the link PlayHQ will not force you to pay the Registration fee. However, you will still need to complete the link to join the team list.

2. If you have a PlayHQ account and your Registration WILL expire during the competition – When completing the link PlayHQ will force you to pay for 12 months Registration even if your Registration is not due to expire until a later date. When completing your Registration, the process will add 12 months rego onto your current expiry date. Therefore, you are not paying additional fees than what you would be required to, you are simply paying them early to ensure you have a valid Registration for the entire competition. For example, if your registration expires on 19 March 2024 (which is inside of the competition dates), when you complete your PlayHQ registration now, it will force you to pay the Registration fee. 12 months of registration will then be added onto your current expiry date, making it expire on 19 March 2025.

3. If you are new to NSBA – When completing the link PlayHQ will force you to pay the Registration fee regardless of your current expiry date as it will not recognise you in the system. Please be assured that we have a process in place with BNSW for data transfer and will be in touch if you have been adversely affected by this process.

Active Kids Vouchers (AKV):

The NSW Government announced an extension of the 2023 AKV so that they now expire on 31st January 2024. 2024 vouchers (means tested) will then be released on 1st February 2024. NSBA has created a process to enable players to claim either their 2023 or 2024 vouchers toward their 2024 Registration or Autumn competition Team Fees.

Please read the below information carefully. Given the tight turnaround with expiration dates, **we will not be able to provide any extensions to due dates.**



Players have two options if they wish to use their Active Kids Voucher towards their Basketball fees.

1. Using an Active Kids Voucher towards Player Registration: If you would like to redeem an Active Kids Voucher for your NSBA/BNSW Registration, this can be done at the checkout in PlayHQ. Under the 'Payment and Summary' section, go to 'Vouchers' and click 'I have a government voucher'. You will then need to select the Active Kids Voucher from the drop-down menu and enter in the Active Kids Voucher code.

- **2023 Vouchers:** If you would like to use your 2023 AKV toward your 2024 Registration, you MUST complete your registration on PlayHQ before 31st January when the vouchers expire. After this date, PlayHQ will not accept them.
- **2024 Vouchers:** PlayHQ will accept 2024 vouchers from 1st February when they are released by Service NSW.

2. Using an Active Kids Voucher towards Team Fees: AKV can be processed by NSBA and credited to the Team Fees. This process is completed by the Team Manager by collecting the full name, date of birth and voucher number from each player. The Team Manager is then responsible for sending one email through to Abbey Martin sportsadmin@nsba.com.au with all the players vouchers information to be processed and credited to the final team fees invoice.

2023 Vouchers: The Team Manager must email Abbey by Thursday 25th January with the relevant 2023 AKV details to ensure enough time for NSBA to process the vouchers before they expire.

2024 Vouchers: The Team Manager must email Abbey by Friday 9th February with the relevant 2024 AKV details.

The relevant reduction of both 2023 and 2024 AKV will then be applied to the team's invoice before the invoice is issued.

Please note that each individual player can only use ONE Active Kids Voucher towards their Team Fees. For example, if a player has a 2023 AKV and a 2024 AKV, they can't use both vouchers towards the Team Fees. However, a player can use the 2023 AKV towards their Registration and the 2024 AKV towards their Team Fees, or vice versus.



Competition Structure:

- NSBA offers Men's, Women's, and Mixed Divisions from Sunday-Thursday.
- Please note that some divisions have less rounds due to public holidays.
- A regrading process will take place after Round 5 if necessary.

DAY	DIVISIONS PLAYED	TIME SLOTS	NO. ROUNDS
SUNDAY	Men's B-E and Women's B-D	4:00pm-9:50pm	18 (4/02/2024-16/06/2024)
MONDAY	Men's B-C and Women's B-C	6:45pm-10:05pm	19 (29/01/2024-17/06/2024)
TUESDAY	Men's B-C and Mixed	7:35pm-10:05pm	21 (30/01/2024-18/06/2024)
WEDNESDAY	Men's Premier and Men's A-C	6:45pm-10:05pm	21 (31/02/2024-19/06/2024)
THURSDAY	Women's Premier and Men's B-D	6:45pm-10:05pm	20 (1/02/2024-20/06/2024)

Senior Competition Finals Format:

- Playoffs will be between the top 4 teams, as a knockout.

Semi Final 1: First Place vs Forth Place

Semi Final 2: Second Place vs Third Place

Grand Final: Winner of SF1 vs Winner of SF2

- Please note that players must have played 8 games throughout the season to be eligible for the playoffs.
- All teams are expected to be available for the playoffs upon entry into the competition. This means having 6 or more eligible players. Any team that forfeits their place into the playoffs may not be accepted into future NSBA Competitions.

Please note that Prizes will only be given to the Champions of each grade.

Senior Finals Dates:

Day	Semi Final Date	Grand Final Date
Sunday	23/06/2024	30/06/2024
Monday	24/06/2024	01/07/2024
Tuesday	25/06/2024	02/07/2024
Wednesday	26/06/2024	03/07/2024
Thursday	27/06/2024	04/07/2024



Competition Operations:

- Please view our [Competition By-laws](#).
- Please note that some by-laws are changing during the competition, these will be formally notified in due course.
- NSBA provides game balls for all competitions. We try to give the best basketball experience to our members by providing the best quality balls we have for our competitions. Unfortunately, in the past when providing our best basketballs, we had a large number of balls taken from the centre on game days which resulted in a large financial loss for the association. For the start of Competition 1, we will be trialling providing the best quality balls we have for competition games. If we notice that these balls are being taken away from the sports centre during competitions, we will be reducing the quality of the balls provided for games.
- Please read the uniform section relating to your competition found in the Competition By-laws. A reminder that players **MUST** wear shorts **WITHOUT** pockets.
- If you or your team has any concerns on Game Day, please pass this on directly to the Game Day Coordinator (GDC). This can include referee or player complaints, injuries, or incidents.
- If you sustain an injury whilst competing in an NSBA Competition, please complete the below steps:
 1. Complete the NSBA Injury Report Form (can be completed at North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre)
 2. Complete the Basketball NSW Injury Claim Form. This form can be found here. (Only required if the injury requires you to claim a rebate of medical costs)
 3. Once the Basketball NSW Injury Claim Form is completed, please email the form to be signed off by NSBA. Please send the form to nsisc@nsba.com.au
 4. Once the form is signed off by NSBA and returned to you, please email the form to Corporate Services Network Insurance (claims@csnet.com.au) to submit your claim. They will manage your claim going forward.



Competition Fees:

Season fees will be charged in 2 phases:

- Team Nomination Fee- **\$444** (includes game fees for rounds 1-3)
- Balance of fees to be invoiced the week of Monday 12th February.
- Payment of invoice due Friday 1st March. If payment is not made by this date, a late fee of \$100 will apply.

DAY	GRADE	TYPE	ROUNDS	NOMINATION FEE	REMAINDER OF TEAM FEES	TOTAL
Sunday	Men's B-E and Women's B-D	Running Clock	18	\$444	\$1545	\$1989
Monday	Men's B-C and Women's B-C	Running Clock	19	\$444	\$1648	\$2092
Tuesday	Men's B-C and Mixed	Running Clock	21	\$444	\$1854	\$2298
Wednesday	Men's Premier and Men's A-C	Premier: Fully timed and No Duty A-C: Running Clock	21	\$444	Running Clock: \$1854 Men's A: \$1938 Premier: \$2190	Running Clock: \$2298 Men's A: \$2382 Premier: \$2634
Thursday	Women's Premier and Men's B-D	Premier: Fully timed and No Duty B-D: Running Clock	20	\$444	Running Clock: \$1751 Premier: \$2071	Running Clock: \$2195 Premier: \$2515



Forfeit Procedure:

If your team is required to forfeit a game, please call NSBA Front Desk (02 9906 7877). You **MUST** speak to someone; a voicemail is not an accepted forfeit notice. Once you speak to a staff member, please follow the phone call up by emailing the following details to: nsisc@nsba.com.au

- Team Name
- Team Grade (including day played e.g., Monday Men's B)
- Team forfeiting against
- Game time and location
- Reason for forfeiting.

Team Duty:

- All teams are required to provide a competent person to complete duty (score table) on their own game.
- Should your team only have five players on the day and no additional person to complete duty, your team is still required to have someone complete duty. This means you would need to play with four players on the court so that one person can complete duty.
- Under the Competition By-laws, Game Officials are entitled to forfeit the game should a team not fulfil their duty requirements.
- Failure to complete Duty will be reported by Game Officials to the Competition Manager who will issue the forfeit on the results ladder.

To help ensure smooth operations, we encourage all teams to organise someone to complete duty for their game in advance.

Please note a review of the Duty process has been completed and a formal update will be released in due course.