



Coffs Harbour Basketball Association

JUNIOR COMPETITION BY-LAWS

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NOMINATION OF TEAMS

1. Teams must consist of at least seven (7) registered players.
2. 2024 Competition Age Groups
 - U-10 Born 2015-2018
 - U-12 Born 2013-2014
 - U-14 Born 2011-2012
 - U-16 Born 2009-2010
 - U-18 Born 2007-2008
3. Players must be turning at least six (6) years of age in that calendar year to play in the junior competition.
4. A forfeit fine of \$85 is in place for unnotified forfeits. There will be NO forfeit fee charged if the team notifies the association no later than 5pm the previous day. If a team forfeits without sufficient notice that team will not be eligible to play again until the \$85 forfeit fine is paid.
5. Players must play in the designated age group. Exceptional circumstances will be taken into consideration.
6. CHBA may accept junior representative teams to play in the junior competition as a development pathway. These teams will require prior approval from CHBA and we reserve the right to decline any other teams that are predominantly representative player based.
7. Club teams will receive priority over representative teams.
8. If a player is playing in a representative team in the junior competition, they must fulfill their obligations of playing in the club team. Players who decline to play for their club will be ineligible to play for the representative team.

DISPUTES

1. CHBA shall adjudicate all disputes regarding these By-Laws under the Administrative Tribunal or the Judiciary Tribunal By-Laws.

REGULATIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY

1. All players must pay their annual insurance fee to be registered with Basketball NSW.
2. Players can play in a higher division or grade for a total of two (2) games only without penalty. However, after a third game in that grade or division that player is then qualified for that team permanently and will forfeit the right to play in their original grade or division. Please note that players cannot play two (2) games in a higher grade or division with one team and then two (2) games with another team.
3. Use of an unregistered player constitutes a forfeit which is recorded as a 20-point loss and minus three (3) competition points.
4. Any player playing under an alias or another players' name constitutes a forfeit which is recorded as a 20-point loss and minus three (3) competition points.
5. Players cannot interchange between teams in the same competition.
6. To have played for a team means being on the scoresheet and being deemed by the referees to be on the team bench prepared and able to take the court for that game.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. Unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws, the rules of play shall be those of Basketball NSW.



TIMING

- Games will be played in four (4) periods of 10 minutes with a one (1) minute interval between the first and second periods, a three (3) minute half-time interval and a one (1) minute interval between the third and fourth periods.
- Teams are permitted to have two (2) timeouts per half, but they cannot be used in the last two (2) minutes of the game.
- The game clock stops for all timeouts.
- The game clock also stops for all whistles and successful baskets in the last two (2) minutes of the game if the score difference is less than 20 points.
- There are no shot clocks used in junior domestic competitions.

OVERTIME

- In round games a tie shall be a valid result.
- In semi-finals and grand finals extra periods of three (3) minutes (fully timed) will be played to break a tie with two (2) minute intervals in between periods.

GRADING

- Teams will be graded into divisions of comparable ability as much as possible. Teams may be re-graded during the competition if completed scores indicate continuous score disparities. Discussions can be arranged between the team contact and CHBA to discuss re-grading if required and CHBA will make the final decision.

GAME FEES

- Individual game fees must be paid upfront in a single payment. If players have not paid their fees by due dates, or arranged a payment schedule approved by CHBA, they will not be permitted to take the court.

STARTING A GAME

- Games cannot start unless teams have a minimum of four (4) players ready to take the court. If teams are unable to start at the scheduled starting time the game clock will be started.
- Teams arriving late will be penalised two (2) game points per minute (or part thereof) until 10 minutes have elapsed at which time the game shall be declared a forfeit.
- Referees will administer the late penalty rules.

PLAYING UNIFORMS

- All players must be correctly attired in team colours.
- Playing singlets
 - Must be the same colour and style and correctly numbered front and back according to the current rule book.
 - Playing numbers are to be 0-00 and 1-99.
 - Under shirts may be worn but must be the same colour as the playing singlet and no long sleeves.
 - Singlets must be tucked in where possible.
- Shorts must be the same colour with no pockets. No casual or board shorts. Skins may be worn under basketball or active wear shorts.
- Players out of uniform are eligible to play but the opposition team will be awarded 10 game points for each player out of uniform.
- In grading games players will not be penalised for being out of uniform.
- In the case of two teams taking the court with the same colours, CHBA bibs will be worn by the team listed as Team A on the scoring system.
- Players are not permitted to wear any equipment that may cause injury to other players. The following are not permitted.
 - Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, helmets, casts or any brace made of plastic, leather, metal or any other hard substance.
 - Objects that could cause cuts or abrasions.
 - Hair accessories or jewellery.



COURT AND BALL

21. Ball Sizes

U-10	Boys	Size 5	Girls	Size 5
U-11	Boys	Size 5	Girls	Size 5
U-12	Boys	Size 5	Girls	Size 5
U-13	Boys	Size 6	Girls	Size 6
U-14	Boys	Size 6	Girls	Size 6
U-15	Boys	Size 7	Girls	Size 6
U-16	Boys	Size 7	Girls	Size 6
U-17	Boys	Size 7	Girls	Size 6
U-18	Boys	Size 7	Girls	Size 6

22. Lower height rings (2.59m) will be used for U-8 and U-10 competitions. Regulation height (3.05m) rings will be used for all other competitions.

23. Free throws in U-8 and U-10 competitions will be taken from the small line 600mm in front of the standard free throw line. Free throws will be taken from the standard line in all other competitions.

ZONE DEFENCE

24. Under Basketball Australia rules for competition games, all age categories from U-14 and younger are not permitted to play zone defence. Players in U-8, U-10, U-11, U-12, U-13 and U-14 must play man-to-man defence only.

25. If a coach believes the opposition in the age categories outlined in Rule 24. are playing zone defence they should inform the CHBA court supervisor who, with the assistance of the referee supervisor, will make an immediate assessment of the game and make a ruling.

DEFENCE – U-8 & U-10 COMPETITIONS

26. Players must only play half-court defence in these age groups. Once a basket is scored or a team is given possession of the ball from the sideline in the back court, the defensive team should retreat to the halfway line before they start defending. They may not attack the ball until it is over the halfway line.

27. Players can only defend one (1) opposition player in open court. Where two (2) or more players defend one (1) offensive player, the offensive team will be awarded the ball from the sideline. Once the ball is into the key area any number of players may defend the ball.

28. Coaches are allowed onto the court in the U-8 age group to assist the movement of players around the court. Coaches should keep out of the way of the ball and should not enter the key area.

MERCY RULE

29. If a team in the U-8, U-10, U-11 and U-12 competitions has a lead of 20 points or more they must play back court defence during which time there will be no traps or presses. Once the lead is reduced to 15 or below, the team may play full court defence again. This rule is to be enforced by the coaches within the spirit of CHBA'S Code of Conduct.

SCORING RULES

30. The three (3) point rule will not be used for U-8, U-10, U-11 and U-12 competitions, meaning all baskets will be awarded two (2) points irrespective of where they are taken.

BEHAVIOUR

1. Behaviour of all players, coaches, officials and spectators must be sportsmanlike at all times and in the best interests of the game in accordance with CHBA Zero Tolerance Policy and the Code of Conduct outlined by Basketball NSW.

2. Players who, in the opinion of the referee, breach behavioural policies or behave in an unsportsmanlike manner can be issued with a technical or unsportsmanlike foul.

- Players who receive a technical or unsportsmanlike foul will be removed from the game for 5 minutes.

- If the player receives a second technical or unsportsmanlike foul in the same game they will be ejected from the game.



3. Reports from the referees or supervisors will be referred to the CHBA Administrative Tribunal or Judiciary Tribunal.
4. Hanging on the ring, backboard or net may result in a technical foul as per the FIBA rules.
5. Players, coaches and managers displaying behaviour which compromises the safety of themselves and/or others may be dismissed from the court by the referee, supervisor or any CHBA official.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Competition Points/Forfeits

1. Competition points awarded for games will be three (3) points for a win, two (2) points for a tie (round games only) and one (1) point for a loss. Teams who forfeit will receive no points for a notified forfeit and minus three (3) points for an unnotified forfeit.
2. Teams that forfeit twice without notification can be removed from the competition.
3. In the case of an unnotified forfeit, that team in attendance may use the court for a practice session at no cost.

Score Bench Duty

4. Each team is required to provide a person to perform score bench duty for their game.

Semi-Finals

5. To be eligible to play in semi-finals and grand finals a player must have played a minimum of five (5) competition games for that team. Grading games do not count towards finals eligibility.
6. Special consideration for players missing games due to injury or illness must be in writing to CHBA, accompanied by a doctor's certificate.
7. Special consideration is at the discretion of CHBA.
8. Forfeits count as games played for all non-offending teams. Forfeits do not count as games played for players of offending teams.
9. The top four (4) teams in each division will progress to the semi-finals. Winners of the semi-finals will progress to the grand final.
 - Semi-Final 1 is 1st v 4th
 - Semi-Final 2 is 2nd v 3rd
 - Grand Final is the winner of semi-final 1 v winner of semi-final 2.
10. The methods for determining semi-finalists and grand finalists as described above may be varied at the discretion of CHBA.
11. In the event that teams finish the season on equal competition points they will be separated in the first instance by comparing the results of games between the teams on a win/loss basis.
12. If teams cannot be separated by the rule above then points for and against in all games played during the competition will be taken into consideration. The team with the higher percentage will fill the higher position.
13. The percentage will be decided by "points for" divided by "points against" x 100.
14. There will be no point score or finals for the U-8 competition.