



Coffs Harbour Basketball

Senior Domestic Competitions

By-Laws

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Nomination of Teams

- a) New teams entering the competition will be encouraged to enter their team under the name of a designated CHBA club (Seahorses, Mantas, Narwhals)
- b) Teams must have a minimum of seven (7) registered players.
- c) All nomination forms must be completed by the team's contact person over the age of eighteen (18) and be accompanied by the appropriate fees (where fees are listed).
- d) CHBA may accept nominated teams to enter the competition from their Junior & Senior Representative Program as a development pathway. Such "invited teams" so nominated will require prior approval from the CHBA Board of Management after considering their competitive ability.
- e) CHBA reserves the right to decline any team nomination on the grounds of
 - i Prior poor behaviour team reports
 - ii Non-payment of previous competition fees or fines from previous competitions

Disputes

- a) The Competitions Administrator shall adjudicate all disputes regarding these rules and regulations.
- b) Any concerns about the decision made must be made in writing to the Competitions Committee Chairperson.
- c) Where a dispute is not able to be resolved at the Competitions Administrator or Competitions Committee level it must be sent to the CHBA Board of Management for final arbitration.

Eligibility

- a) All players must be registered with Basketball NSW.
- b) Temporary player adjustment for short-handed teams: If a team has fewer than the required number of players, they may temporarily recruit one additional eligible player from a lower division to:
 - I. Avoid a forfeit when they have fewer than four (4) players, or
 - II. Allow a team to field five (5) players when they would otherwise have only four (4) players.Teams with only three (3) players are not permitted to borrow two (2) players. An individual player can be borrowed up to four (4) times in a single competition. Players may not be borrowed twice for one team and then be borrowed twice for another team.
- c) Where clubs have teams in the same division, players shall not interchange between teams.
- d) To have played for a team means being on the score sheet and being deemed by the referees to be on the team bench prepared and able to take the court for that game.
- e) Teams cannot earn competition points if they play an illegal player.
- f) All players must be aged 14 before they can play in any division of the CHBA Senior Competitions.



- g) Special consideration for a player aged 13 turning 14 in the year of the competition, will be made if that player is playing in the full representative team with a coach and manager present for all games.
- h) Any player playing under an alias or another player's name constitutes a forfeit which is recorded as a 20-point loss and minus three (3) competition points.

Playing regulations

- a) Unless otherwise stated in these By-Laws, the rules of play shall be FIBA Official Basketball Rules

Timing

- a) Games will be played in four (4) periods of ten (10) minutes, with 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.
- b) The clock stops for all time-outs
- c) Teams are permitted to have two (2) timeouts per half, only one timeout can be used in the last two (2) minutes of the last quarter. Teams are permitted to have one (1) additional timeout in each period of overtime in finals.
- d) The clock also stops for all whistles and successful field baskets in the last two (2) minutes of the game if the score is within 10 points.
- e) The twenty-four (24) second shot clock rule will not apply.

Overtime

- a) In round games a tie shall be a valid result.
- b) In semi-finals and grand finals, if scores are tied at the end of regulation time, additional fully timed periods of three (3) minutes will be played until the tie is broken, with a two (2) minute interval between periods.

Grading

- a) When submitting a nomination teams will nominate what grade they wish to play in.
- b) The initial weeks of the competition will involve grading games to help inform the grading process.
- c) The Competitions Administrator will determine division and grading to promote competitive balance and support the overall health of the competition.
- d) Teams may be regraded during the competition. Discussion can be arranged between the team contact and CHBA Competitions Administrator to discuss grading.

Game Fees

- a) From time-to-time Game Fees may be paid in full as a team or by individuals where this option is set up.
- b) Individual player game fees must be paid upfront in a single payment. If players have not paid their fees by the due dates or arranged a fee payment schedule through Basketball Connect, they will not be permitted to take the court.

Commencing a Game

- a) Games cannot commence unless teams have a minimum of four (4) players ready to take the court. If teams are unable to commence at the rostered starting time then the game clock will be started.



- b) Teams arriving late will be penalised two (2) points per minute late (or part thereof) until ten (10) minutes have elapsed at which time the game shall be declared a forfeit with the score 20-0

Playing uniforms

- a) New teams entering the competition will be encouraged to enter their team under the name of a designated CHBA club and can arrange uniforms accordingly.
- b) All players must be correctly attired in team colours.
- c) Playing singlets:
 - i. Must be the same colour and style and correctly numbered front and back according to the current rule book.
 - ii. Playing numbers are to be 0-00 and 1-99.
 - iii. Undershirts may be worn but must be the same colour as the playing singlet and no long sleeves.Singlets must be tucked in where possible.
- d) Shorts must be the same colour with no pockets. No casual or board shorts. Skins may be worn under basketball or active wear shorts.
- e) Players out of uniform are eligible to play but the opposition team will be awarded 10 game points for each player out of uniform.
- f) In grading games players will not be penalised for being out of uniform.
- g) 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.
- h) Players are not permitted to wear any equipment that may cause injury to other players. The following are not permitted:
 - i. Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, helmets, casts or any brace made of plastic, leather, metal or any other hard substance.
 - ii. Objects that could cause cuts or abrasions.
 - iii. Hair accessories or jewellery.

Court and Ball

- a) Ball sizes
 - i. Women Size 6
 - ii. Men Size 7

Behaviour

- a) Behaviour of all players, coaches, officials and spectators must always be sportsmanlike and in the best interests of the game in accordance with CHBA Zero Tolerance Policy and the Code of Conduct outlined by Basketball NSW.
- b) Players who receive a technical or unsportsmanlike foul will be removed from the game for 5 minutes.
- c) If the player receives a second technical or unsportsmanlike foul in the same game they will be ejected from the game.
- d) Reports from the referees or supervisors will be referred to the CHBA Administrative Tribunal or Judiciary Tribunal.
- e) Zero Tolerance reports can be submitted by any member and will be investigated by the Competitions Administrator in consultation with the court supervisor/referee supervisor on duty at the time of the incident.
- f) Hanging on the ring, backboard or net may result in a technical foul as per the FIBA rules.
- g) 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.



Competition points/Forfeits

- a) Competition points awarded for games will be three (3) points for a win, two (2) points for a tie (round games only) and (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.
- b) Forfeits shall be notified to the Competitions Administrator via email no later than 5pm the day prior to the match and shall be considered a 'notified forfeit'. A forfeit notified after that time will be considered an unnotified forfeit and the team will incur a deduction of three (3) competition points. Teams may apply for an exemption to the deduction penalty in extenuating circumstances via the Competitions Administrator. A decision will be made by the Competitions Director.

Score-Bench Duty

- a) Each team is required to provide a person to perform score-bench duty on their own game.
- b) Failure to do score-bench duty will result in the loss of two (2) competition points.
- c) Teams failing to do score-bench duty three (3) times in a competition may be removed from the competition.

Semi-Finals

- a) 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.*
- b) Special consideration for players missing games due to injury or illness must be in writing to CHBA, accompanied by a doctor's certificate.
- c) Special consideration is at the discretion of CHBA.
- d) Forfeits count as games played for all non-offending teams. Forfeits do not count as games played for players of offending teams.
- e) 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.
 - i. Semi-Final 1 is 1st v 4th
 - ii. Semi-Final 2 is 2nd v 3rd
 - iii. Grand Final is the winner of semi-final 1 v winner of semi-final 2.
- f) The methods for determining semi-finalists and grand finalists as described above may be varied at the discretion of CHBA.
- g) If 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.
- h) 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.
- i) The percentage will be decided by $(\text{points for} \div \text{points against}) \times 100$.