



CLUB COMPETITION PLAYING REGULATIONS

Townsville Basketball Inc.

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For the intent and purpose of rule 4.6.1, this rule was introduced to the core competition rules in 2017 to create a greater balance of competition in TBI junior divisions and to deter the transfer of players between clubs. Players who transferred clubs in 2016 were granted club loyalty in 2017 to ensure that past transfers did not impact their ability to participate in TBI domestic competitions.

Club Championship Points

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Representative Player Restrictions in Junior Competitions

1.0 Preamble

Townsville Basketball Incorporated has a suite of documents that set the environment for basketball activities in Townsville. These documents include:

- Townsville Basketball Incorporated Constitution, the legal document that sets the framework within which Townsville Basketball Incorporated is obliged to exercise its powers to meet its aims and objectives. The constitution can only be varied by a General Meeting of Townsville Basketball Incorporated.
- The Townsville Basketball Incorporated By-Laws, set of rules which determine how we run the association on a day to day basis. The Townsville Basketball Incorporated Management Committee is empowered by the constitution to implement and change By-Laws.
- The Playing Regulations, A set of rules under which basketball competition is conducted. The Townsville Basketball Management Committee sets rules which determines how we run the competitions on a day to day basis. Townsville Basketball Incorporated Operational Staff, Competition Sub-committees and the affiliated clubs can recommend changes to the Playing Regulations.

Throughout the regulations the Townsville Basketball Incorporated Management Committee is given the opportunity to vary the regulations where and when appropriate. In exercising the power to apply rulings Townsville Basketball Incorporated Management Committee will consider the best interests of basketball, the intent of the rule, the financial impact on Townsville Basketball Incorporated and any extenuating circumstances.

The intent of these regulations is to ensure that competition is conducted in an environment that is fair to all concerned. The regulations have been developed in line with historical evidence to create a structure that promotes an even playing field to all clubs.

The regulations are also in place to vary International or Basketball Australia rules to suit local facilities, weather, court availability etc.

From time-to-time Townsville Basketball Incorporated will apply various interpretations to requirements, rules and regulations set elsewhere. These interpretations are given in Appendix 2 and form part of these playing regulations.

2.0 GENERAL

2.1 Basketball Australia Rule Book.

Unless otherwise varied elsewhere in this document, all games will be conducted under the official rules as laid down in the current revision of the FIBA Rule Book. All references to “rule book” in this document shall be taken to mean the current edition of the FIBA Rule Book.

2.2 Complaints and Appeals

All complaints regarding Townsville Basketball Incorporated games should be directed in writing to the Competitions Manager of Townsville Basketball Incorporated by the close of business the next business day. The requirements of the “Protest Procedures” section of the rule book must also be satisfied.

2.3 Alterations to Regulations.

The Management Committee shall have the power to, at any time, amend, delete from or add to the regulations set out in this document as per 1.0.

2.4 Clubs

All member Clubs will have full voting rights on any Townsville Basketball competitions Sub-Committee formed while that club continues to participate within the competition guidelines and fulfils all requirements of a participating Club.

Clubs must field a defined number of registered teams to constitute being a Club within the ranks of Townsville Basketball Incorporated. These teams can be made up within the Junior and / or senior body. This required number of teams is five.

2.5 Club Colours

Any Changes to club uniform colours, as outlined below, must have approval from Townsville Basketball Inc.

Club colours are the following:

Blackstars	Primary: Base colour - Black, trim colours - White/Red, number colours - White, shorts colours - Black Alternate 1: Base colour - Silver, trim colours - Black, number colours - Black. Shorts colours - Black Alternate 2: Base colour - White, trim colours - Black/Red, number colours - Black. Shorts colours - Black
Bouncers	Primary: Gold with black and white trim. Black numbers Alternate 1: Black with gold and white trim. Gold numbers Alternate 2: Pink with black and white trim. Black numbers
Cannons	Primary: White with sky blue and navy-blue trim and sky-blue numbers Alternate 1: Base – Sky blue with white and navy-blue trim and white numbers Alternate 2:
Giants	Primary: Royal Blue and Sky-Blue Trim and White numbers. Alternative 1: Sky Blue with Red Trim and Red Numbers Alternative 2: White with Red Trim and Red Numbers

Hyats	Primary: Red with white and black trim and white numbers Alternate 1: Base – White with red and black trim and red numbers
Phoenix	Primary: Purple with grey/Silver and orange trim. Silver numbers Alternate 1: Grey/Silver with orange and purple trim. Orange numbers Alternate 2: orange with purple and grey/Silver trim. Silver numbers
Whirlwinds	Primary: Bottle green with gold and white trim and gold numbers Alternate 1: Base – Gold with bottle green and white trim and bottle green numbers

2.6 Unfinancial Players

Any debt incurred with Townsville Basketball Incorporated must be paid by the requested date. If unpaid Townsville Basketball Incorporated may suspend a player from competition whether domestic or representative until Townsville Basketball Incorporated is satisfied the debt is, or will be, paid. If a debt is incurred by a person under the age of 18 years of age, the liability will be the parents or guardians of the child and therefore give the Townsville Basketball Incorporated Management Committee the authority to exclude any member of that family from playing basketball, given the family will be deemed to be unfinancial.

2.7 Suitability “Blue” Card Policy

All Coaches and Managers or any person (18 Years and over) in Townsville Basketball Incorporated whether paid employee or volunteer, who are working with children are to have a Suitability “Blue” Card (issued by and in accordance with the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Regulations / Legislation). Suitability “Blue” Cards must be carried on your person at all times whilst working with children.



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3.0 GRADING

3.1 General

The competition will consist of fixtures in various grades as listed under **Order of Grading**. These may be varied from time to time.

3.2 Order of Grading

The order of grading for men and women is as follows:

Men	Women
Championship Men	Championship Women
Men 1	Women 1
Men 2	U23 Women
U23 Men	Women 2
Men 3	Women 3
U23 Men 2	
Men 4	
Men 5	

The order of grading for Boys and Girls is as follows:

Under 18 Boys and Girls	(16 / 17-year-olds)
Under 16 Boys and Girls	(14 / 15-year-olds)
Under 14 Boys and Girls	(12 / 13-year-olds)
Under 12 Boys and Girls	(10 / 11-year-olds)
Under 10 Boys and Girls	(8 / 9-year-olds)
Under 8 Boys and Girls	(5 / 6 / 7-year-olds)
(must already have turned 5 years of age to be eligible)	

3.3 Aged Grade

3.3.1 Players playing U23 are aged grades.

The age of players shall be calculated on the December 31st of the current year. i.e. he/she must be under twenty-three (23) on the 31st of December to play Under 23 in that year.

3.3.2 All other Aged Grade

The age of players shall be calculated on the December 31st of the following year for the Summer Season and the current year for the Winter Season.

3.4 Aged grade players playing in higher grades.

Aged grade players may play in their underage grade and any higher grade as shown in the **order of grading** without any restrictions to the number of games and still be eligible to play in his or her own age group.

All players may play in their registered eligible age grade and any higher division within that grade as shown in the order of grading and still be eligible to play in his or her own age group/division. However, if that player takes the court in five games in any division higher than the division in which he or she was initially registered, he / she may not return to the lower division during the current season.

Exception:

Townsville Junior Basketball Representative Players (Div 1 & 2) (i.e. Representatives at Regional and / or State Championship Competitions) may play in higher age groups as well as their own age group but are only eligible to play in either Division One or Division Two. TBI Junior Rep players (Div 3) cannot play in the lowest division in the higher age group.

Townsville Basketball junior registered players may play in Senior grades subject to the Townsville Senior Basketball discretion and playing regulations.

3.4.1 Senior Grade Players Playing in Higher Grades

Any lower grade player may play in their registered eligible grade and any higher grade as shown in the order of grading and still be eligible to play in his or her own grade. However, if that player takes the court in five games in any higher grade, then the division, he or she was registered he/ she may not return to the lower grade during that current season.

3.5 Playing Seasons

3.5.1 Seniors

The playing year is divided into two seasons, Patron's Cup (6 weeks) and Championship (approx. 18 weeks) plus additional time for final series.

3.5.2 Juniors

The playing year is divided into two periods, Summer Season and Winter Season.

The Summer Season will be approximately 14 weeks duration plus additional time for finals.

The Winter Season will be approximately 14 weeks long plus additional time for final series.

See Rule 5 for the format of the Final Series.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

4.1 Registration

All players shall be registered with TBI through the online registration on the TBI website prior to playing any fixture match.

4.1.1 Senior Players

All players MUST pay a game fee on the night, prior to taking the court for their scheduled game.

4.1.2 Junior Players

All players MUST pay Season Game Fees or have a payment plan with TBI PRIOR to participating in any game in any competition.

All players MUST play in their primary age group according to the order of grading which relates to their year of birth, prior to being able to participate in any older age group.

The Competitions Manager/Court Supervisor can only add players to participate in any game. If a player's name is not uploaded on the Basketball Connect scoring system that player cannot take the court until the Competitions Manager/Court Supervisor has authorised / uploaded the respective player.

In the event that a player is added courtside without the consent of the competition manager, the offending team will be issued with a forfeit and awarded zero competition points.

All players changing clubs or associations must obtain a Certificate of Clearance from his or her previous Association or Club. See Clearances below.

4.2 Proof of Age

The Townsville Basketball Competitions Manager may request to sight proof of age before a player participates in any fixture match if reasonable doubt is present that said player is participating in the incorrect age group. If a player participates in a fixture match and then subsequently is found to be ineligible for that age group, the team will forfeit that game.

Proof of age must be by a Certified Birth Certificate or Current Passport or Govt issued id with DOB. In exceptional circumstances some other form of proof may be allowed As approved by TBI. New players need to produce proof of age to club executives.

4.3 Penalties

4.3.1 Unregistered players or Players from higher age group

Games in which a team plays unregistered players or players from a higher grade, without the approval of Townsville Basketball Incorporated, shall be regarded as forfeits. The offending team will receive no competition points for the match. The opposing team will be awarded full premiership points. No monetary fines will apply.

4.3.2 Players playing under another players name – Games in which a player plays under another players name without notifying Townsville Basketball Incorporated, shall be regarded as forfeits. The offending team will receive no competition points for the match. The opposing team will be awarded full premiership points. No monetary fines will apply.

4.3.3 Players playing up more than 1 age group – Games in which a player plays up more than 1 age group will result in a forfeit. The offending team will receive no competition points for the game. The opposing team will be awarded full premiership points. No monetary fines will apply.

4.4 Clearances

No clearance is required in the event of a person allowing his or her membership of a club or association to lapse for a period of one season or more immediately prior to the date of application for membership of this association.

Clubs or associations may lodge a protest if they believe a player has financial or other commitments associated with that player's previous association or club which extend back longer than the specified two (2) years. A ruling on that protest will be made by the Townsville Basketball Incorporated Management Committee.

International players must comply with Basketball Queensland, Basketball Australia and FIBA policies on clearances.

Players, who are registered with Basketball Queensland / Basketball Australia through another association, must obtain a clearance from that association before he/she is permitted to play in the Townsville competition.

Players wishing to obtain a clearance from a club shall do so asking the new club to notify the old club and TBI via email. The old club shall respond to the clearance request within seven (7) days to endorse the clearance or with a reason why the clearance is refused.

If the clearance is refused, the player may refer the matter to Townsville Basketball Incorporated for adjudication.

4.5 Playing in multiple clubs

Players are unable to be registered and play in more than one affiliated club within any Townsville Basketball competition. Exceptions to this rule can be appealed by written application from club delegates to the Competitions Manager of Townsville Basketball.

Exceptions may be granted under the following circumstances:

- Where a player is not able to participate for his or her primary registered club in the appropriate division of a higher age grade
- Where a player is unable to be accommodated by his or her primary registered club in the appropriate division of their own age grade.
- If a player plays also in the senior competition and is changing clubs. This is due to the nature of the different season timings.
- TBI will have final decision on appropriate division.

Appeal process:

The Club Delegates are entitled to appeal player eligibility related to the restrictions outlined in rule 4.5. In this case the appeal will be presented before a meeting of club delegates to review the appeal.

There must be a minimum of six (6) club delegates maximum one vote per club present for a vote to be passed on any player eligibility restriction appeals.

If a vote results in a tie e.g. 3-3, Townsville Basketball will vote for or against to reach a decision.

The appeal must be submitted in writing to the Townsville Basketball Inc. Competitions Manager within 14 days of the commencement of the competition or the player's first registration as a member of Townsville Basketball Inc. All submissions must be made by The Club delegates only.

4.6 Representative Player Restrictions in Junior Competitions

As per Appendix 4

4.7. Playing in higher grade.

4.7.1 Senior Championship Season:

If a player takes the court in five games in a grade higher than the grade in which he or she was initially registered, He/she may not return to the lower grade again during the current season. A player shall not play in a grade lower than registered without the approval of the Townsville Basketball.

4.7.2 Senior Patrons Cup:

If a player takes the court in three games in a grade higher than the grade in which he or she was initially registered, He/she may not return to the lower grade again during the current season. A player shall not play in a grade lower than registered without the approval of the Townsville Basketball.

4.7.3 Junior Summer Season

If a player takes the court in five(5) games in a grade higher than the grade in which he or she was initially registered, He/she may not return to the lower grade again during the current season. A player shall not play in a grade lower than registered without the approval of the Townsville Basketball, not including Grading Rounds

4.7.4 Junior Winter Season

If a player takes the court in five (5) games in a grade higher than the grade in which he or she was initially registered, He/she may not return to the lower grade again during the current season. A player shall not play in a grade lower than registered without the approval of the Townsville Basketball, not including Grading Rounds

See Exceptions below.

4.7.5 Exceptions:

All U23 players are eligible to play in his or her age grade and play in higher grades without limitation (in accordance with rule 3.2).

Players nominated in any lower grades may play in Championship Division as often as required.

A team cannot use a player from a lower grade if he or she has played in another team in the same grade in the current season. Townsville Basketball may relax this restriction, on application, if special circumstances exist.

Any player that plays in a NBL1 Senior team and is eligible to play under 23 competitions, then that player will only be permitted to play in the top section / division of that grade in the local competition.

Intent

The intent of this rule is to ensure that players can play both in their age group and in elite competition.

It is expected that players play at a level that is in keeping with their elite status.

4.7.6 Juniors Age Restrictions for Senior Competitions

Men's Competitions:

CDM – must be turning 16 in the year of the competition.

M1 – M5 – must be turning 15 in the year of the competition.

Women's Competitions:

CDW – Must be turning 14 in the year of the competition.

W1 – W3 – Must be turning 14 in the year of the competition.

4.7.7 Juniors playing in a higher Age Group.

All division 1 players playing in a higher age group need to play in a division suitable to their skill level as voted by club delegates.

4.8 Non-Australian players

Championship Division teams shall not play more than one (1) non-Australian citizens in any one game. A player is regarded as an Australian if he or she satisfies Basketball Australia's citizenship requirements.

Intent

The rule is intended to stop clubs "loading" teams with "imported" players. It is not intended to stop those non-Australian citizens who are not "regular" members of the Championship Division team or "recognised" players who would normally be playing in the highest grade. The onus is on the club concerned to ensure they are not breaching this rule. Clubs are advised to raise any additions to their Championship Division with Townsville Basketball. Townsville Basketball will arbitrate in all cases where breaching of this rule is suspected. Townsville Basketball may award the game to the opposing team if it feels that a club has breached this rule.

4.9 Registration of NBL1 and Player Eligibility

Intent

The intent of these rules is to ensure that players compete in the appropriate competition for their playing ability.

- NBL1 Top 10 players (as nominated by the NBL Head Coaches) must only play CDM/CDW.
- Any player who has played for any NBL1 team (or other State League level competition) in the previous year will need to apply to TBI to play in a lower division than CDM/CDW.
- Men's 1 and Women's 1 teams can only have a maximum of 3 CDM/CDW players per team. If a player has played more than a third of a season **in CDM or CDW** then they are considered a CDM/CDW player.'
- Limit of 10 players listed per team in **Basketball Connect** per game for all senior teams.
- CDM players are permitted to play in the Men's 1 competitions, but they are not permitted to play in the men's 2, Men's 3, Men's 4 or Men's 5 competitions. CDW players are permitted to play in the Women's 1 competition, but they are not permitted to play in the Women's 2 or Women's 3 competitions.

Any disputes about the application of this rule will be resolved by Townsville Basketball.

4.10 School based or Junior Rep Teams

Possibly teams from the school-based programs and TBI Junior rep program (i.e. Town High/SMMC/IPC) may be invited or request to play in the competition. Their participation will be under the following conditions.

- The team members fulfil all the responsibilities normally required of a player and a team.

- The names of up to ten (10) boy and ten (10) girl players shall be listed with Townsville Basketball Incorporated by the coordinator of the school or rep program in the same manner as all other players are registered. These players will form the school or rep teams to play in the competition.
- The teams will compete on the same basis and under the same rules as all other teams in the competition.
- When a club team plays a school team in the competition the game will be regarded as a BYE for the purposes of calculating Club Championship Points
- School **players cannot play for more than one team in the same grade**, but they may play in any other grade if they are registered with a club in the usual manner.
- Rep Team players may be allowed to play for more than one team in the same grade if they are a registered member of a club team and a member of TBI Rep Team. As Rep team usually play in a higher age group you will need to be registered and have paid 2nd game fees. **Approval from TBI will be required.**

4.11 Closing of Player Nominations

Players can join the competition at any time, but clubs are responsible to fully explain the situation to new players when the number of games remaining will not allow that player to qualify to play in the finals.

4.12 National Basketball League (NBL)/Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) /NBL1 Players

Intent

The intent of this rule is to ensure that the competition in Championship Division is evenly balanced, and no team can be loaded with elite players. It is not the intent of this rule to stop elite players playing for a club with which the player has obvious ties.

Restrictions

The following conditions have been adopted for Townsville Basketball Senior Clubs in Championship Division grades that will be limited to a combination of N.B.L. / W.N.B.L. and State League (e.g. NBL1) players under a points system whereby each team cannot have more than four (4) total points as allocated to each player.

- Each player will be allotted either, zero points, one point or two points.

Definitions

Clubs shall not nominate more than one (1) foreign player in the Championship Division team.

Foreign Players may play in other grades but will be subject to grading to Championship Division grade, thus only allowing a maximum of one (1) foreign player for the Championship Division team.

A NBL or WNBL player who averages greater than 30% of available court time in the in the previous/ current season as at the 31st of January of that year will be allotted 2 points.

A NBL or WNBL player who averages greater than 10% but less than 30% of available court time in the previous / current season as of the 31st of January of that year will be allotted 1 point.

A NBL or WNBL player who averages less than 10% of available court time in the previous / current season as of the 31st of January of that year will be allotted a zero point.

A NBL1/State League (men or women) player who averages greater than 60% of available court time in the previous / current season as of the 31st of January of that year will be allotted 1 point.

A NBL1/State League (men or women) player who averages less than 60% of available court time in the previous season as of the 31st of January of that year will be allotted a zero point.

Clubs may appeal any of the above conditions to the Townsville Basketball Management Committee if they have any problems meeting the criteria.

Club Status

If a player has played with his or her local Club for five (5) continuous years prior to attaining either NBL / WNBL or NBL1 status, then that player will be allotted a zero point.

Foreign Players

A foreign player is one that does not have Australian Citizenship.

AIS Players

All players from the AIS will be allotted points on percentage of playing times similar to NBL / WNBL and NBL1 / State League

Clearance Permissions

All players contracted or registered with an NBL, WNBL or NBL1 team other than Townsville State League teams will require permission from that team to play with any Townsville Senior Basketball Club.

Import Players

Players bought to Townsville-by-Townsville Basketball Incorporated to play NBL1 may be placed with teams by Townsville Basketball Incorporated. These placements will be made in the interest of a fair and even competition and in accordance with the By-Laws of Townsville Basketball Incorporated.

4.13 Players/Officials Ineligible to take the Court

Intent

The intent of this rule is to ensure that players and officials are not affected by any substance that may have a detrimental effect on their performance on the court or place themselves, other players or spectators at risk or injury albeit physical or mental.

A person is ineligible to take the court and participate or officiate in any Townsville Basketball fixture game if he / she, at the discretion of the Referee Supervisor or the Competitions Manager/Court Supervisor, shows any sign of alcohol or drug intake, as defined by smell of alcohol or impairment to balance or attitude.

5.0 FINAL SERIES

5.1 Finals

Townsville Basketball sets the format of the finals. Various formats may be adopted.

Generally the format shall be:

5.2 Patron's Cup

The top four teams will contest a Cross Semi-final & Final series for Patrons Cup.

The four finalists in Patron's Cup season shall play off as below.

First Semi Final: 1 v 4

Second Semi Final: 2 v 3

Winners of each Semi Final will meet in the Patron's Cup Grand Final

5.3 Championship Season

The finals series to be the top four teams with Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals and Grand Final. Semi-Finals will include playoffs for minor positions.

The four (4) finalists in the Championship Season will play off as described below.

Major Semi Final: 1 v 2 (winner to Grand Final / loser to Prelim-Final)

Minor Semi Final: 3 v 4 (winner to Prelim-Final / loser Eliminated)

Preliminary Final: Loser of Major SF vs Winner of Minor SF (Winner to Grand Final / Loser Eliminated)

Grand Final: Winner of Major Semi-Final vs Winner of Preliminary Final

5.4 Summer Season & Winter

The top four teams will contest a Cross Semi-final & Final series for both Seasons.

The four finalists in each season shall play off as below.

The semi-finals will include playoffs for minor positions in each division

The top four teams will play Semi-Finals, Preliminary Finals and Grand Final as listed below

Major Semi Final: 1 v 2 (winner to Grand Final / loser to Prelim-Final)

Minor Semi Final: 3 v 4 (winner to Prelim-Final / loser Eliminated)

Preliminary Final: Loser of Major SF vs Winner of Minor SF (Winner to Grand Final / Loser Eliminated)

Grand Final: Winner of Major Semi-Final Vs Winner of Preliminary Final

6.0 COMPETITION POINTS

6.1 General

Premiership points will be allotted as follows:

6.1.1 Junior & Senior Competitions

WIN	- 3 points	(played or forfeit)
LOSS	- 1 point	
FORFEIT	- 0 points	
BYE	- 3 points	
DRAW	- 2 points	

6.2 Teams even on points

When two or more teams become equal on premiership points final positions will be determined in accordance with the FIBA rule book "Classification of Teams". This states;

If 2 or more teams have the same win-loss record of all games in the group, the game(s) between these 2 or more teams shall decide on the classification. If these 2 or more teams have the same win-loss record of the games between them, further criteria shall be applied in the following order:

- Higher game points difference of the games between them.
- Higher game points difference of all games in the group.
- Higher number of game points scored in all games in the group.

If still tied before all games have been played in the group, tied teams shall share the same ranking. If these criteria still cannot decide at the end of the group phase, a draw shall decide on the final classification.

6.3 Split Rounds

For the purpose of "classification of teams" in the event of teams finishing the season equal on points, only points gained in full rounds will be counted. Full and split rounds shall be calculated from the beginning of the season.

6.4 Club Championship Points - *Please refer Appendix 3*

6.4.1 Senior Club Championship

To be eligible for championship points, a Club must have a Championship Division Team and must have no less than Five (5) teams. Points are accrued by the various clubs according to win/loss record of each of their teams. These points are then affected by the various criteria listed below, including penalties for forfeits and teams which pull-out mid-season and weightings applied to points earned from different divisions. An equalisation factor is applied to the resulting points tally for each club which divides the total number of points accrued during the season by the number of teams from that Club which started the season (lowest divisor will be 5). Finally, a special bonus is applied to the club tally for each team earning participation in finals.

6.4.2 Junior Club Championship – Winter Season

To be eligible for championship points, a Club must have a Junior Division 1 team and must have no less than Five (5) teams. Points are accrued by the various clubs according to win/loss record of each of their teams. These points are then affected by the various criteria listed below, including penalties for forfeits and teams which pull-out mid-season and weightings applied to points earned from different divisions. An equalisation factor is applied to the resulting points tally for each club which divides the total number of points accrued during the season by the number of teams from that Club which started the season (lowest divisor will be 5).

A bonus of 10 points will be given to a club if it fields teams in Div 1 and Div 2 of any division either/or two teams in Division 1.

Finally, a special bonus is applied to the club tally for each team earning participation in finals.

Junior calculations

Individual Team Points during Season				Division Weighting			Equalisation Factor	Grand Final bonuses	
+ For each win during season	+ For each loss during season	- During season for each forfeit or unregistered player	- During season for each team dropping out (+ loss of all prior points)	Bonus points for fielding 2 division 1 teams or a div 1 and div 2 team in an age group	X for each Div 1 team win and loss	X for all other grades win and loss	Points tally for each club from Individual team points during season and division weighting then divide by number of Club teams at season commencement	+ For each team win	+ For each team Loss
10	2	-5	-10	10	1	1	3	15	5

Senior Calculations

				Division Weighting			Equalisation Factor	Grand Final bonuses	
+ For each win during season	+ For each loss during season	- During season for each forfeit or unregistered player	- During season for each team Dropping Out (+ loss of all prior points)	X for each Championship Division team win and loss	X for each Div 1 team win and loss	X for all other grades win and loss	Points tally for each club from Individual team points during season and division weighting then divide by number of Club teams at season commencement	+ For each team win	+ For each team Loss
10 points	2 points	-5 points	-10 points	2 Points	1 point	1 point	(lowest divisor is 5)	5 points	3 points

7.0 FORFEITS

Intent

The intent of this rule is to ensure that players and referees are not inconvenienced by forfeits. The intent is also to ensure that teams intentionally forfeiting cannot externally influence the placing's on the competition ladder.

7.1 General

Any team forfeiting three (3) consecutive games may be disqualified from the competition and counted as a team withdrawal towards championship points.

7.2 Penalties

7.2.1 Senior Competitions

A forfeit of any scheduled game including non-competitive games shall result in a fine being issued to the club concerned. Townsville Basketball (via the Competitions Manager) may consider waiving the fine if written notification of the impending forfeit is lodged with the Townsville Basketball Competitions Manager by 2.00pm of the scheduled game day. Townsville Basketball may impose a penalty of \$100.00.

7.2.2 Championship Grade

Teams competing in Championship Division are not permitted to forfeit a game. Townsville Basketball will impose a penalty of \$250.00.

7.2.3 Junior Competitions

A forfeit of any scheduled game including non-competitive games shall result in loss of points being issued to the club concerned, as long as prior notice of minimum of 4 hours before scheduled game has been advised to the Townsville Basketball Competitions Manager. If no forfeit notification within this time frame is advised a fine of \$30.00 will be issued to the club concerned.

Townsville Basketball will examine the circumstances surrounding any such forfeit and recommend a course of action.

8.0 TIMING OF GAMES

8.1 General

All games will be played in four 10-minute quarters.

8.2 Championship Division

The clock will stop for time outs, disqualifying fouls (5 fouls etc.) and free throws.
In the last one minute of the 1st, 2nd & 3rd quarter the clock will stop on every whistle.

In the last 3 minutes of the 4th quarter and every extra period/s the clock will stop on every whistle.

The clock will also stop in the last two minutes of the 4th quarter and last two minutes of any extra period/s for each time the ball passes through the basket on a successful field goal attempt

The break between the 1st & 2nd Quarter and 3rd & 4th Quarters will be one minute only.

The half time interval will be 5 minutes.

The 24-second shot clock will operate on all matches of this grade.

8.3 Senior Competitions - Other Grades

For all other grades the clock will stop for time outs, and disqualifying fouls only in the first thirty-seven (37) minutes of the game.

During the last three minutes of the 4th quarter and any extra period/s the clock will stop on every whistle.

The clock will also stop in the last two minutes of the 4th quarter and final two minutes of any extra period/s each time the ball passes through the basket on a successful field goal attempt.

The break between the 1st & 2nd quarters and 3rd & 4th quarters will be one minute.

Half time interval will be three minutes.

8.4 Junior Competitions - All Grades

For all Under 12, 14, 16 & U18's grades the clock will stop for time outs, and disqualifying fouls only in the first thirty-seven (37) minutes of the game.

During the last three minutes of the 4th quarter and any extra period/s the clock will stop on every whistle.

For the Under 8 & 10 grade the clock will stop for time outs and disqualifying fouls only for the full duration of the game.

For all grades, the clock will also stop in the last two minutes of the 4th quarter and final two minutes of any extra period/s each time the ball passes through the basket on a successful field goal attempt.

The break between the 1st & 2nd quarter and 3rd & 4th quarters will be one minute.

8.5 Drawn Games

8.5.1 Juniors-up to finals.

Games tied at full time, a draw will be declared and both teams awarded 2 competition points.

8.5.2 Junior Finals.

Games tied at full time will play 2 extra overtimes of 3 minutes each. If score is still tied, then the next team to score will be declared the winner.

8.5.3 Senior Competition Patrons Cup

Games Tied at full time will be called a draw and each team awarded 2 competition points.

8.5.4 Senior Competition Championship Season- Extra Time

In all round games prior to the final's series, one extra periods of three minutes will be played to decide the winner. If the score is still even, game will be declared a draw and both teams awarded 2 competition points.

8.5. Senior Competition Championship Season – Finals

Games Tied at full time will pay 2 extra overtimes of 3 minutes. If score is still tied, then next team to score will be declared the winner.

8.6 Late Arrivals

When the Referees arrive at the court and the previous score bench officials have completed their duties and at the advertised time, the Referees can instruct the bench official to start the clock for a two (2) minute pre-game time to be run down. The referee will blow the whistle at the minute mark and again at the expiry of the pre-game time.

For each minute and part thereof, as shown on the game clock, that a team is late, the opponents will be awarded two (2) points. If a team is ten (10) minutes late then the match is forfeited and the game result recorded as 20 points to 0.

The procedure for all referees in administering the penalty will be as follows:

- i. On completion of the pre-game two (2) minutes timing and if both teams are not ready to play includes score bench, then the main clock may be started.
- ii. When both teams are ready to play the game clock shall be stopped, **but not reset**, while the referee calculates the penalty points to be awarded.
- iii. The clock shall be restarted when the game starts.

See also 8.7 Players Ineligible after Half Time

8.7 Minimum number of players.

8.7.1 Senior Competition

Teams in Championship Division and all section 1 grades i.e. M1, W1, Under 23 Men and Women, must commence with five players.

In all other grades teams may commence to play with less than five (5) players but not fewer than four (4) players, either at the scheduled time or at a time they decide within the ten (10) minutes, otherwise the game will be forfeited. The score will be recorded as 20 points to 0.

Only ten players are allowed to play in any game.

8.7.2 Junior Competition

In any game (fixtures or finals) Teams in all Under 10 Division 1, Under 12 Division 1, Under 14 Division 1, Under 16 Division 1 & Under 18 Division 1 grades must commence a game with five players. In all other grades teams may commence to play with four players either at the scheduled time or at a time they decide within the ten minutes otherwise the game will be forfeited.

8.8 Players ineligible after Half Time

Players are only eligible to play if their names are on the Basketball Connect scoring at the beginning of the game and they are in attendance, suited up and ready to play by the commencement of the 3rd quarter of the game.

Players not present and suited up at this time will not be permitted to play and their names / non-attendance will be indicated on the Basketball Connect iPad by the referee's.

However, with the interest of Junior Sport, if a players' name has been omitted from the Basketball Connect iPad and the game has commenced play and this player subsequently arrives and it is prior to the commencement of the third quarter, the omitted players name may be added to the iPad and allowed to participate in the game.

9.0 TIMING FOR FINALS

9.1 Patron's Cup Season

Timing will be the same as that used in the round games.

9.2 Championship Season

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION GRADES

The clock will stop for:

- Time-outs
- Substitutions – (incl. Disqualifying Fouls)
- Free Throws
- Every whistle in the last one minute of:
 - 1st quarter
 - 2nd quarter
 - 3rd quarter
- Every whistle in the last three minutes of the 4th quarter and extra Period/s
- Every time a successful scored field goal in the last two minutes of the 4th quarter and last two minutes of any extra period/s.

Quarter time break one minute.

Half time break three minutes.

OTHER GRADES:

The clock will stop for:

- Time-outs
- Disqualifying Fouls
- Free Throws
- Every whistle in the last three minutes of the 4th quarter and extra period/s

- Every time a successful scored field goal in the last two minutes of the 4th quarter and last two minutes of any extra period/s.

Quarter time break one minute.

Half time break five minutes.

If the shot clock is used then the clock will stop on every whistle in the last one minute of the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd quarter.

9.3 Summer Season

Timing will be the same as that used in the round games.

9.4 Winter Season

ALLGRADES:

The clock will stop for:

- Time-outs
- Disqualifying Fouls
- Free Throws
- Every whistle in the last three minutes of the 4th quarter and extra period/s
- Every time a successful scored field goal in the last two minutes of the 4th quarter and last two minutes of any extra period/s.

Quarter time break one minute.

Half time break five minutes.

9.5 Extra Time Periods

In the event of scores being even at the end of normal time, extra time period of three minutes will be played to decide the winner in accordance with the rulebook to decide the winner.

Extra periods will be three minutes duration in order to break the tied score.

There will be no sudden death play-off in finals

9.6 Use of Shot Timer

The shot clock will be used for Championship Division grades and Under 23, Under 14, Under 16 & Under 18 Division 1 grades or as decided by Townsville Basketball from time to time.

10.0 PLAYERS QUALIFYING FOR FINALS

Intent

The intent of this rule is to ensure that in general terms the players who played through the rounds are those that play in the finals. This is in the best interest of the players whose efforts carried their team through to the finals and the competition in general.

10.1 General

To be eligible to play in the finals of any grade a player must have taken part in one third of the games during the season with the team desiring the player's services in the final. One third shall be calculated to the nearest whole number of games. Byes shall not be counted in making this calculation. Townsville Basketball may vary this rule if it sees fit.

Prior to each final, Townsville Basketball Competitions Manager will issue all clubs a list of eligible players that have qualified to play in that final.

Names cannot to be added to the Basketball Connect scoring without prior approval by the Townsville Basketball Court Supervisor or referee supervisor.

EXCEPTION:

A team in Championship Division Grade may also call upon any of their Club players who have qualified in his or her grade and wishes to be included in the Championship Division Grade Semi-Final, Preliminary Final or Grand Final, even though they may not have played one third of the games in Championship Division during the season.

Prior to the Championship Division Grade finals series, the Townsville Basketball Competitions Manager (in consultation with each respective Championship Division Coach) will compile the names of all players that will participate in any finals games. Names can not to be added to the Basketball Connect scoring without prior approval by the Townsville Basketball Competitions Manager/Court Supervisor.

10.2 Extenuating circumstances.

Games missed through injury or serious illness will be counted in the qualification calculation provided that:

- a. Townsville Basketball Incorporated receives notification of a player's inability to play within seven (7) days of the injury. Proof of injury/illness may be required. An insurance claim will be accepted as notification.
- b. The player had played for the team requiring his/her services in the final prior to injury.

Townsville Basketball may allow a player, who has played less than the required number of games, to participate in the Finals if other extenuating circumstances can be proved.

Finals may not be forfeited. Townsville Basketball will consider extenuating circumstances and may recommend rescheduling of finals if it sees fit.

11.0 UNIFORMS

11.1 General

Uniform requirements are the same as those set down in the rule book.

All players should present themselves in a neat and tidy appearance while participating in all games.

11.2 Numbers

Each player shall be numbered on the front and the back of his/her uniform with plain numbers of solid colour contrasting with the colour of the uniform. .

11.3 Grace Period

A grace period of three (3) fixture matches will be given at the commencement of each season or from registration date to allow all teams to obtain and wear the correct uniform. Clubs need to notify TBI of Late registrations.

11.4 Alternative Colours

When teams from the same club are drawn to play each other in any grade they shall provide, at their expense, uniforms in contrasting colours. If there is any disagreement as to which team wears the alternative colour and the game is delayed for 10 minutes because of this disagreement, then a double forfeit will apply and a fine, as set by the Association, will be imposed on the clubs concerned.

11.5 Protective Equipment

The requirements of the rule book shall be adhered to.

Players are permitted to wear braces and protective equipment if they are not dangerous to any player.

11.6 Other Garments

- Tee shirts, if worn under the playing singlets, must be the same as the dominant colour of the playing singlets or black and white.
- Female players may wear their playing shirts outside their playing shorts.
- Compression garments are permitted. If they are not deemed dangerous to any player and need to be dominant club colour or black or white
- Shorts will not have pockets or anything sharp or hard on them such as zippers and buckles. All players will need to wear the club shorts.
- Appropriate footwear (non-marking shoes shall be worn on the court)
- No jewellery of any description will be worn whilst playing. Taping over piercings is allowed.

11.7 Coaching Uniforms

Any member of a team's coaching staff shall be attired in a club shirt (polo or t-shirt) and closed in shoes.

11.8 Uniform Penalty

Failure to comply with any part of the uniform policy at any point after the three-week grace period will be a 5-point penalty for each offence, to be awarded by the court supervisor or referees to the opposition team before the commencement of the 3rd quarter. Exceptional circumstances may be taken into consideration if they are communicated with Townsville Basketball.

12.0 GAME OFFICIALS

12.1 Scorer and Timekeepers General

Championship Division and Under 23 Division 1 U14 – U18 Division One Competition

Teams shall supply two (2) accredited persons for bench duties who will operate the time clocks, score board, shot timer, foul bats and the Basketball Connect iPad.

Other Grades

Each team will supply one (1) competent person for bench duties who will operate the time clocks, score board and the Basketball Connect iPad or Scoresheet.

12.2 Referees

From time to time it may be necessary to call upon the clubs to supply referees. Townsville Basketball will be involved in any such requirement and discussions will be held at the Management level to address all the issues thus raised. However, Townsville Basketball reserves the right to call upon clubs to supply referees under extenuating circumstances.

13.0 RESCHEDULING OF GAMES

Intent

The intent of this rule is to ensure that Townsville Basketball players are able to plan around a fixed schedule. However, the rule does acknowledge that certain unforeseeable events do occur and as a result the rules allow some flexibility for rescheduling. It must be acknowledged that any agreed rescheduling must inconvenience as few people as possible.

13.1 General

Townsville Basketball may cancel scheduled games or change game time and dates without notice should the need arise. **In all cases every effort will be made to give adequate advice to all teams affected.**

Games will not be rescheduled except under the following circumstances.

- a. A team has three (3) or more players absent because they have been selected in either Townsville Basketball Representative, State, Regional, university or school representative basketball teams. These players must be regular attending members of that particular team. The club concerned must apply in writing to Townsville Basketball Competitions Manager two (2) full week prior to the date of the scheduled game. An application will be considered if the representative team was not named in time to give the required notice provided that the maximum possible notice is given.
- b. Townsville Basketball may consider rescheduling games if fewer than five (5) players are available to play and there is no lower grade team from which to draw replacement players. Two (2) weeks written notice is required before consideration will be given to any applications for game rescheduling under this regulation.

Should a club wish to have a game rescheduled and are within the time frame stated above, when the request is made, the club requesting must do so by email and include TBI and the opposing club delegate.

The regular team coach is not regarded as a player for the purposes of this rule.

14.0 TERMINATION OF GAMES

Intent

From time to time it may be necessary to terminate games part way through. This is unusual and would only occur as a result of bad weather, power failure, serious injury or some other unforeseen event. This regulation is put in place to clarify how the outcome of the game is decided.

14.1 Responsibility

The Competition Manager has sole responsibility for deciding when a game should be terminated. Referees and players that have any concerns about prevailing conditions on court should discuss these concerns with the Competitions Manager.

If a game is terminated without the approval of the Competitions Manager, then Townsville Basketball will be responsible for deciding the outcome of the game. Townsville Basketball may award the game to either team or elect to replay the game.

14.2 Delayed start

Should the start of a game be delayed by more than ten (10) minutes due to power failure or technology malfunction then the Competitions Manager/Court Supervisor should be consulted. The Competitions Manager/Court Supervisor will normally cancel the game under these conditions but is empowered to assess conditions at the time in making the decision.

14.3 Player injury

Immediately it becomes obvious that an injured player should not be moved then the game will stop. If the stoppage lasts 10 minutes, then the Competitions Manager will normally cancel the game.

14.4 The result

If the cancellation occurs in the first half, then the game will be rescheduled.

If the cancellation occurs after the start of the second half, then the team leading at the time will be awarded the match.

15.0 PLAYER TRANSFERS

Intent

The intent of this rule is to ensure that the competition quickly reaches stability at the beginning of a new season. Player transfers not only affect the player but also in some cases may affect the viability of the team and the structure and balance of the competition.

Players are thought to be responsible for choosing the appropriate team with which they initially register. However, it is acknowledged that unforeseen events do occur and the rules allow some flexibility to take this into account.

15.1 General

Players wishing to transfer once the season has commenced (including grading) need to email TBI with the reasoning behind this request. If the request is approved TBI will email both clubs.

Once the season (including grading) has reached 50% of games played, no further transfers will be permitted.

As in paragraph 2, consideration for reasons deemed sufficient, a transfer may be approved if a request in writing is made to the Townsville Basketball Competitions Manager and approved by the Townsville Basketball Management Committee.

All transfers from the start of the regular season (after grading) must produce a clearance from their previous club during the season before any approval is given.

16.0 ADDITIONAL COMPETITION RULES

16.1 Modified Games

16.1.1 All Under 8 grades will play with the modified mini backboards.

Teams to sit on regular benches one team in the blue section the other team in the cream section. (this allows more room to play and gets the players used to coming off the bench) Games will be 12 minutes.

No scores are kept.

U8 players that are ready to play full court basketball may be granted an exemption from playing U8's

16.1.2 All under 10 & 12 grades will shoot their free throws from a modified free-throw line that will be 90cm distance in front of the senior free-throw line. This modified line will be a width of 5cm and length of 30 cm. If however, the player takes their free throws from the senior free throw line (player / coach decision) no penalty will be called if the player violates this senior line. Line violation will only be called if the player violates the Under10 & 12 line.

16.1.3 Coach on the Court U10 Games.

1 coach from each team can be on the court during the game in Division 2,3 and 4 only (Not U10 Division 1). Division 2 Coaches will only be allowed for Grading. They can't be in the way of the game and cannot communicate with referees regarding decisions.

Division 3 & 4 coaches will be allowed on the court during finals.

If the Margin is 20 points or more with 3 minutes remaining in the 4th quarter, the clock will continue to run. Coaches cannot call time outs. The clock will only stop in the event of an injury.

16.1.5 Heat Policy- TBI will notify clubs when this will be Implemented

All games commencing from 10am onwards, on courts 2-5 will have mandatory drink break at the 5-minute mark of each quarter. Clock will not stop for these breaks and we ask coaches to have their players ready to re-commence play quickly – the purpose of these designated breaks is for players to get a drink and refresh, not for strategic/time-out purposes.

Games on Court 1 will not have these measure in place due to air-conditioning.

Containers of cold water will be placed around the stadium and refilled throughout the day by TBI staff.

16.2. Zone Defence

“Key-way zone defence is not allowed in Under 8, 10, 12 & 14 competitions (as per Basketball Australia direction) Zone will be permitted for the second half only for U16 & U18 competitions. Sagging ‘help-out’ man-to-man defences are allowed, but a player may not stand in the middle of the key and guard the basket while in man-to man. Zone presses are allowed.

If a Coach believes his opponents are playing an illegal defence, then he/she may lodge a protest to the score bench and the bench will signal and alert the referee at the next dead ball. The team will not be charged with a time out for this. The referee shall warn the opposing coach of the protest and the score bench will summon the Townsville Basketball Competitions Court Supervisor (who will obtain assistance from minimum of 1 extra knowledgeable person – and who must not be a member of the clubs playing the in game in question). This panel will view the game and if they judge that the defence is illegal, then the coach of the offending team will be awarded a technical foul. If after that warning the panel perceives that a continuing illegal defence is disadvantaging the opposing team, then the offending team will forfeit the game.

16.3 For under 10 age group/s only – “COOL ZONE”

In any Under 10 domestic fixture game, when a player receives their fifth personal foul for that game, this player will be allowed back onto the court to continue their playing participation within the same game, after serving a five (5) minute “COOL ZONE (Cool off)” period. This 5-minute period will be timed by the score bench and respective game coaches. When the player can rejoin the game, they will only be allowed a further two (2) personal fouls in the game before they will be declared fouled-out of that game and no further participation allowed.

16.4 Mercy Rule

A Mercy Rule may be invoked when the margin between two teams in a game is above a certain number of points. The coach of the losing team shall approach the opposition coach to request the Mercy Rule. The Coach of the winning team must accept this request and abide by the Mercy Rule.

The Mercy Rule can be invoked when the margin between two teams is greater than 30 points in any Division 1 game and 20 points in all other Divisions.

If any Coach does not comply with the Mercy Rule once requested the Competition's Coordinator should be called upon to address the matter.

The Competition's Coordinator will issue a warning and request that the Mercy Rule be applied and if this is not adhered to by the offending team, the game will be declared as a forfeit. Competition points will then go to the opposition team.

16.5 Mercy Rule Explanation

The team that is leading will allow the other team to advance the ball across the half way line without hindrance by using whatever method the coach who is leading deems appropriate (passive defence, ¼ court defence etc.).

The Mercy Rule can be invoked by the losing coach when the margin between the two teams is thirty (30) points in Division 1 games and twenty (20) points in all other divisions.

In the interest of junior basketball development, ALL CLUBS are to instruct their Coaches about this understanding and to ensure they abide by this ruling.

16.6 Repeat Behavioural Offences

16.6.1 Juniors

Any junior player who receives 4 technical fouls within the same season (regardless of if they are received in different competition age groups) shall be automatically penalised with a week's suspension for every technical foul thereafter.

If a player receives their third technical foul for the season, they and their club will be notified via email during the week. This will occur again should they receive their fourth.

Should a player receive their 5th technical foul, they will be permitted to play out the rest of the round (provided they are not disqualified under FIBA rules e.g. two technical fouls within a game), and the penalty will apply for the following round. This means that should a player receive their 5th technical foul in U16s, they are still permitted to play U18s that round. The suspension is one round of each age group they play in. That is, if a player receives their 5th season technical in U16s in Round 10 but has a bye in their U14s team in Round 11, the penalty is missing U16s in Round 11 and U14s in Round 12. They would be permitted to play U16s in round 12.

16.6.2 Seniors

Any Senior player who receives 4 behavioural technical fouls within the same season (regardless of if they are received in different competition Division) shall be automatically penalised with a week's suspension for every technical foul thereafter.

If a player receives their third technical foul for the season, they and their club will be notified via email during the week. This will occur again should they receive their fourth.

Should a player receive their 5th technical foul, they will be permitted to play out the rest of the round (provided they are not disqualified under FIBA rules e.g. two technical fouls within a game), and the penalty will apply for the following round to all divisions.

16.7 Sin Bin

Any junior player who receives a behavioural technical foul will be automatically substituted out of the game for 5 minutes of game time (to be timed using Basketball Connect Scoring), which will carry across quarters (excluding quarter and half-time breaks) as required. This will occur regardless of how many eligible players remain on the court as a result. (i.e. even if this takes a team down to 4 or fewer players, sin bin will still apply.)

16.8 Coach Behaviour Zero Tolerance Policy

Townsville Basketball has a strict zero tolerance policy towards abuse of junior officials. Should a coach have a concern with the officiating, they are permitted to ask a question in a calm, reasonable manner when the official is nearby during a break in play. They are not permitted to call out across the court, use demonstrative gestures, or continually push an issue after a referee has provided an answer to their question. If a coach is dissatisfied with the answer they receive, they are permitted and advised to seek out the referee or TBI supervisor to attend and observe the game.

Any junior head coach who receives a behavioural technical foul (as opposed to a technical foul on the team bench) must leave the stadium. The Coach is not permitted to be at any court in the stadium until that game has been completed. The Coach can remain in the Carpark or the Courtyard.

17.0 GRADING GUIDELINES / JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

Before any competition season, Townsville Basketball will appoint a grading committee, which will be chaired by the Townsville Basketball Competitions Manager. Other members, of the Committee will be appointed based on their knowledge of the teams and players. In addition, each Club has the right to appoint one member to the committee.

The Competitions Manager will notify each club of the time of the meeting. It will then be the responsibility of the club to send a representative.

The primary goal in placing teams in divisions will be to produce divisions in which all teams are competitive. The following guidelines will be considered:

- There will be no more than eight teams in any division (except for under 8).
- It is better to have a team play in a higher division in which they might struggle than to play in a lower division in which they would always win by a large margin.
- It is desirable to avoid byes (odd number of teams in a division).
- Multiple teams from one club are allowed in a single division. However, care will be taken not to have most teams in one division from the same club.
- In general, each club should be allowed to have a team in first division, if they so desire. If the Grading Committee judges that such a team is far short of first division standard, then they may overrule such a request.

Each club registrar will indicate the desired division for each team on the Team Nomination form. If appropriate, the registrar will also indicate, in the space provided, any additional information that would help the grading committee in the grading process.

The committee will attempt to reach a consensus on the placement of teams. Any disagreements on team placement will be settled by majority vote.

At the conclusion of the grading committee meeting, each club will receive a list of team placements. At the same time each club will also receive a list of those teams that were placed in a different division than that requested by the Club on the team registration sheet.

If a club believes that a team has been assigned incorrectly, then a two-step process is to be followed:

- The club should inform the Townsville Basketball Competition's Coordinator in writing within 48 hours of its dissatisfaction and seek information on the reasons for the Grading Committee's decision.
- If after speaking with the Competition's Coordinator, the club still feels the matter is not settled to satisfaction, then the club should seek a review of the Grading Committee's decision by submitting a written request stating their reasons to the Competition's Coordinator. This written request must be made within 96 hours of the team placement advice from the Grading Committee.

The Grading Committee or Townsville Basketball Management Committee will meet regarding this request. The decision of this review will be considered final.



CLUB COMPETITION PLAYING REGULATIONS

APPENDIX

APPENDIX 1

Amendments

Playing Regulations revised / updated for TBI Management Committee approval for the 2024 playing season.

APPENDIX 2

Interpretations

These interpretations are taken from the Townsville Basketball Incorporated By-Laws.

From time to time, it may be necessary to make interpretations of various documents including:

- The Official Rule Book as approved by Basketball Australia
- The current Basketball Queensland Judiciary procedures and recommended penalties

These interpretations are intended to be applied to the club competition and carnivals/tournaments conducted by Townsville Basketball Incorporated under the auspices of Townsville Basketball Incorporated.

Other competitions such as Queensland Basketball League, Queensland State Championships, Queensland North Junior Basketball Challenge, will have other written interpretations as these are under the auspices of Basketball Queensland.

The interpretations are intended to tailor Playing Rules and Judiciary procedure to the local club competition, the physical environment or any other factor.

Article 47.2.2 of the Official Rule Book

APPENDIX 3

Club Championship Points

Criteria

Seniors - To be eligible for Championships Points, a Club must have a Championship Division team and have no less than five (5) teams.

Juniors – To be eligible for Championship Points, a Club must have a Junior Division 1 Team and have no less than five (5) teams.

Points are accrued by the various clubs according to the win/loss record of each of their teams. These points are then affected by the various criteria listed above, including penalties for forfeits and teams which pull out mid-season and weightings applied to points earned from different divisions. An equalisation factor is applied to the resulting points tally for each club which divides the total number of points accrued during the season by the number of teams from that club which started the season (lowest divisor will be 5).

A bonus of 10 points will be given to a club if it fields teams in Div 1 and Div 2 of any division either/or two teams in Division 1 in the Junior Competition.

Finally, a special bonus is applied to the club tally for each team earning participation in finals.

APPENDIX 4

Rep Player Rule

INTENT

For the intent and purpose of rule 4.6.1, this rule was introduced to the core competition rules in 2017 to create a greater balance of competition in TBI junior divisions and to deter the transfer of players between clubs.

Rep Rule for Summer 2024/25

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Special Note:

Due to recent events in the final rep team selections, players who made a rep team but then withdraw from the rep program will still be recognised as rep players for this club season. They will remain listed in the team they were originally selected for. The spreadsheet for rep players will be updated and will include those who have withdrawn. If you have any questions, please reach out to Holly.

4.6.1 Representative Player Restrictions in Junior Competitions

- Any club team will be entitled to have a maximum of three Division 1 (Heat & Flames) representative players in a division 1 team (club loyal exception).

- All Division 1 representative players (Heat & Flames players as well as Burdekin players if their team is nominated into NQJBC Division 1 or any other Qld Association in a SQJBC or CQJBC competition) must play in Division 1 competitions within their age group.
- All Division 2 representative players (Lightning players as well as Burdekin players if their team is nominated into NQJBC Division 2) must play in Division 2 or higher competitions within their age group.
- In the Summer Season any Division 1 or Division 2 representative players who choose to play an extra game in the higher age group must also play only division 2 or higher in the higher age group. These players will not be counted in the maximum of three Division 1 representative players in a division 1 team. Any Division 2 team will have a cap of 2 of these players allowed in a team. This rule will not apply to U12 Rep players that are U14 Club players in the Summer Season

The classification used for reference on forming teams for our domestic competition will be the following:

Age Group	Summer Season – 2024-25	
Under 19 Girls	Current representative teams as they are selected before the commencement of this season & previous and current representative teams (U23 Rep & NBL1) for players turning 18.	
Under 18 Boys	Current representative teams as they are selected before the commencement of this season	
Under 16	Current representative teams as they are selected before the commencement of this season	
Under 14	The representative teams from the previous BQ rep season as at July 2024	
Under 12	The representative teams from the previous BQ rep season as at September 2024	

EXCEPTIONS:

Club Loyal Players:

Any player who has maintained registration with the club for three consecutive years will be considered a Club Loyal Player. Clubs will be allowed to exceed the maximum of three Division 1 players in a team if all these players are club loyal. The preference of Townsville Basketball for the benefit of a level competition however would be for a club to attempt to split these players to form multiple teams as their first course of action. Club Loyal also applies to initial registrations for new players that make a rep team but the initial registration in less than three consecutive years and the player has not transferred clubs since the initial registration.

Minimum Number of Teams for Division 1 Competitions:

If in the circumstance that a Division 1 competition does not have at least four teams registered within the season, the club with the most representative players shall be required to split their representative players so that there are an even number of Heat/Flames players and Lightning players in each side. They will be required to form a second team using any other lower division player or division 1 player from a lower age group, bearing in mind that the lower age player must still compete in his/her own age group first. If the club does not have enough players in the lower age division, TBI will make the final decision of what club will need to make changes.

Townsville Basketball encourage all Lightning players to play in Div 1 club and all Sparks players to play in Div 2 club in own playing age group and if playing up an age group Heat/Flames must play in club Div 1 and Lightning and Sparks players must play in club Div 2 or higher.

No rep players are permitted to play in any division lower than Div 3 of any club competition.

Example: if 4 Lightning players are playing in a Div 2 comp in their own age group, TBI may move this team to club Div 1 based on grading results.

The Rep Rule for Winter will be issued when confirmed.

Rule Breach:

If any team has found to breach this rule, the game or games played will be deemed a forfeit and any club champion points will be deducted and awarded to the other team