



District By-Laws

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Revision History

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27/9/2006	Reformatted Junior By-Laws printed in January 2001
13/10/2006	Implemented feedback from Junior Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified definition of national championships • Included 00 as an eligible singlet number
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23/9/2009	Incorporate colour clash by-law specifying that team B must change in case of a clash
26/2/2010	Combined Junior and Senior By-Laws Introduced 4 team finals structure Team size limited to 10 players Minimum age for juniors reduced to 6 Minimum age for seniors increased to 16 Increased major round eligibility to 40% of games Incorporated exemptions for SSA tournament Modified shot clock rule for Under 10s-14s Introduced 3 point line for all Under 14 Divisions Reduced clearance response time to 14 days Clarified process for acceptance of nomination changes Clarified local exemptions to ACC by-laws
7/10/2010	Incorporated Youth League and new Senior structure Limited players to playing in three competitions in a week Clarified premierships table classification criteria Clarified one-division demotion by-law Referenced BA definition of zone defence Clarified major round eligibility criteria for split/merged competitions and teams that have played in multiple divisions in a season

	<p>Removed redundant part of major round eligibility criteria relating to playing in multiple divisions in the last three minor rounds</p> <p>Applied injury exemption criteria to Premier League</p> <p>Clarified by-law relating nationals commitments with respect to School Sport Australia tournament</p> <p>Added selective incorporation of 2010 FIBA Rules</p> <p>Clarified option of wearing alternate uniform</p>
11/4/2011	Clarified admission fees for Youth League
26/7/2011	Clarified incorrect uniform penalty in cases of colour clashes
28/9/2011	<p>Clarified definition of “Higher Level Commitments”</p> <p>Added ability for lower division games and games missed due to “Higher Level Commitments” to count towards finals qualification</p> <p>Allowed transfer between teams in promotion/relegation competitions during first phase</p> <p>Added allowance for medic alert bracelets</p> <p>Added requirements regarding player registration, coach registration and club financial status</p>
29/2/2012	Added schedule for introduction of rule requiring shot clock to be reset to 14 seconds
11/9/2012	<p>Youth League Division 2 games to use FIBA timing</p> <p>Added 3x3 and NITP tours to Higher Level Commitments</p> <p>Clarified “Starting Five” by-law for games after the Premier League minor rounds have been completed</p> <p>Added BA clearance procedures for NBL/WNBL/SEABL</p> <p>Reference separate Premier League by-law document</p>
5/3/2013	<p>Clarified goals of competition and management role</p> <p>Modified definition of “Playing a game” with respect to major round qualification.</p> <p>New process for exemption requests and appeals.</p> <p>Moved some sections to the new Premier League By-Laws.</p>
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	<p>Clarification of 'Higher Level' commitments</p> <p>Clarification of Premiership positions</p> <p>Clarification Age eligibility</p> <p>Removal of Promotion/Relegation and all related rules</p> <p>Clarification of player movement with multiple teams in divisions and player movement between multiple divisions</p> <p>Clarification player eligibility for major rounds</p> <p>Clarification to Scorer, No Charge Semi Circle, Legal Numbers, Hair, Medic Alert and Forfeits</p> <p>Removal of SASI and clarification for NITP</p>
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1. Competition Structure

1.1. Goals

- a) The SA District competition, is the premier basketball competition in South Australia for males and females.
- b) The goals of the SA District competition are as follows:
 - i) to provide the opportunity for basketball players, coaches and officials to participate in the highest level of basketball competition in South Australia
 - ii) to provide a pathway for elite players, coaches and referees to progress to higher levels of basketball including national championships, national leagues, and national teams
 - iii) to provide an opportunity for participants to represent a club/association based near to where they live, at a high level
 - iv) to provide a competition which encourages basketball clubs/associations to increase participation rates
 - v) to reward affiliated basketball clubs/associations for their commitment to developing basketball at all levels

1.2. Rules and Regulations

- a) The SA District competition is governed by:
 - i) The SA District By-Laws
 - ii) The FIBA Rules of Basketball
- b) The Senior Division 1 competition is governed by:
 - i) The Premier League By-Laws listed in this document
 - ii) The SA District By-Laws
 - iii) The FIBA Rules of Basketball
- c) In cases where rules/by-laws in these documents conflict:
 - i) The Premier League by-laws take precedence over the SA District By-Laws and the FIBA Rules of Basketball
 - ii) The SA District By-Laws take precedence over the FIBA Rules of Basketball
- d) The Premier League By-Laws and SA District By-Laws are reviewed annually by the Basketball SA Competitions Management and any changes are approved by the Basketball SA Commission.

1.3. Management

- a) The SA District competition is managed by Basketball SA via its Competitions Department.
- b) Competition Management in Basketball SA is represented by the Basketball SA Commission, the Basketball SA Chief Executive Officer, the Basketball SA Competitions Manager and any other staff or committees appointed from time to time by Basketball SA to assist in the conduct or management of the SA District competition. All correspondence with the Competition management shall be conducted through the Competitions

Manager who will report to the Chief Executive Officer and the Basketball SA Commission.

- c) Competition Management shall determine the interpretation of the Premier League By-Laws, the SA District By-Laws and the FIBA Rules of Basketball, and shall rule appropriately.
- d) Competition Management is empowered by this clause to make decisions on all questions not provided for in the Premier League By-Laws or SA District By-Laws, in the best interests of the competition.
- e) Competition Management is empowered by this clause to make any discretionary ruling in the best interests of the competition, notwithstanding that such ruling may be in contravention of any rule or regulation contained in the Premier League By-Laws, the SA District By-Laws or the FIBA Rules of Basketball.
- f) Any appeal or proceedings in a tribunal or court in relation to Competition Management functions, powers, things done or actions taken must be taken against Basketball SA and not against Competition Management personally.

1.4. Definitions

- a) "Basketball SA" means Basketball South Australia Inc.
- b) "The Committee" means the Competitions Committee, as provided in the Basketball SA Constitution.
- c) "Set of fixtures" means the series of games scheduled by Basketball SA usually on a weekly basis in which teams play against other teams in the same Division.
- d) "Round" means the set of fixtures which result in each team in a Division having played a game, excluding those that have a bye.
- e) "Minor round" means the total set of fixtures played to determine an ordered ranking on a premiership table.
- f) "Major Round" means the series of games played at the conclusion of the minor round to determine the winner of the overall competition.
- g) "In writing" means by post and/or electronic medium such as facsimile or email.
- h) "The Tribunal" means the tribunal referred to in the Basketball SA Tribunal By-Laws.
- i) "Age grades" means all those divisions of the competition which play under the same age, eligibility and gender criteria.
- j) "Promotion/Relegation" means a competition structure whereby teams are divided into multiple groups, with each group participating in a self-contained competition for the duration of a phase, for the purpose of grading teams for a subsequent phase or season.
- k) "Phase" means a five round segment of a promotion relegation competition.
- l) A "Division" means an individual competition.

- m) An “Ineligible Player” means a player who is ineligible to play basketball under any provision of the by-laws.
- n) A “Week” means a seven day period from Monday through to the following Sunday inclusive.
- o) “Junior Competition” means Under 18s or younger
- p) “Youth League Competition” means Under 23s
- q) “Senior Competition” means open age divisions
- r) “Higher Level Commitments” means as any of the following:
 - i) Australian Under 14 Club Championships
 - ii) Australian Under 16, 18 and 20 Championships and Australian 3x3 Championships, starting at a time 8 days prior to the commencement of the tournament
 - iii) the Championship Division only of the Australian Schools Championships
 - iv) the School Sport Australia Tournament, in which the SAPSASA state team participates
 - v) Matches or camps involving Australian Under 17, 19, University or Senior teams.
 - vi) Matches in the National Basketball League and Women’s National Basketball League
 - vii) A tour conducted by either the Basketball SA NITP program or an equivalent interstate NITP program
- s) “Senior Division 1” means the Premier League competition
- t) “Senior Division 2” means the Reserve competition

1.5. Seasons

- a) All Senior (excluding Division 1), Youth League and Junior competitions, shall consist of two seasons - a Summer season from October to March and a Winter season from March to September.
- b) The Senior Division 1 competition shall consist of a Winter season only from March to September;

1.6. Age Grades and Divisions

- a) Competitions will be run in the following age grades:
 - i) Under 10 boys and girls
 - ii) Under 12 boys and girls
 - iii) Under 14 boys and girls
 - iv) Under 16 boys and girls
 - v) Under 18 boys and girls
 - vi) Under 23 men and women (referred to as “Youth League”)
 - vii) Open age men and women (referred to as “Senior”)

Within each age grade, multiple divisions will be run subject to team numbers.

1.7. Club and Team Eligibility

Senior Division 1 and Division 2, Youth League Division 1 and Junior Division 1

- a) The following clubs shall have the exclusive right to participate in the Senior Division 1 and Senior Division 2, Youth League Division 1 and Junior Division 1 competitions: Central Districts, Eastern, Forestville, North Adelaide, Norwood, South Adelaide, Southern, Sturt, West Adelaide and Woodville.
- b) A Club may nominate 1 team only within each Senior Division 1 and Senior Division 2, Youth League Division 1 and Junior Division 1 competitions.
- c) All clubs that field a men's and women's Premier League team in a season shall nominate and field teams in the corresponding men's and women's Senior Division 2 competitions in the same season and the preceding Summer season

Under 12, 14, 16 and 18 Division 2, Youth League Division 2

- d) The following clubs have the right to participate in these competitions, except in cases specified by g) below: Central Districts, Eastern, Forestville, North Adelaide, Norwood, South Adelaide, Southern, Sturt, West Adelaide, Woodville.
- e) No club may have more than 2 teams in these divisions, except in cases where a third division does not exist.
- f) The maximum number of teams in these divisions shall be 10, except in the following circumstances:
 - i) In cases where there are insufficient nominations to form a division 3 competition in one of these age groups, the number of teams in division 2 will be determined by Competitions Manager.
- g) Positions not filled by the 1st team from clubs listed in by-law 1.7(d) may be filled by any of the following, at the discretion of the Competitions Manager:
 - i) A second team from those clubs listed in by-law 1.7(d)
 - ii) For Under 12, 14, 16 and 18 Division 2 competitions, teams from Western
 - iii) For Youth League Division 2 competition, teams from Adelaide University, Flinders University, SA Church, Torrens Valley, United Districts, University of SA or Western.

The Competitions Manager may fill vacant positions, or leave positions vacant.

- h) In cases where there are insufficient nominations to form a division 3 competition in one of these age groups, the rights defined in d) are excluded.

Other Divisions

- i) Clubs that are eligible to nominate teams in Under 12-18 Division 2 competitions are also eligible to nominate teams in Under 10 Division 2 and lower competitions, and Under 12-18 Division 3 and lower competitions. Clubs that are eligible to nominate teams in Youth League

Division 2 competitions are also eligible to nominate teams in Senior and Youth League Division 3 and lower competitions. The Competitions Manager shall determine from season to season the number of teams that will participate in each of these divisions and in cases where there are more team nominations than positions available, the Competitions Manager shall make grading decisions.

All Divisions

- j) All clubs must be financial with Basketball SA at all times. Clubs that are not financial with Basketball SA may have their teams withdrawn from the competition at any time.

1.8. Competition Structure

Competition Format

The number of minor round games for each season will be determined by the Competition Management and may be subject to the number of playing weeks available from time to time during each season.

- a) Summer Season

The Summer season will generally commence in October each year and conclude in March the following year and consist of 13 minor rounds and 1 major round.

- b) Winter Season

The Winter season will generally commence in March each year and conclude in September and consist of;

- i) Junior competitions play 18 minor rounds and 3 major rounds
- ii) Youth League and Senior competitions play 24 minor rounds and 3 major rounds

1.9. Major Round Structure

- a) In the Summer Season the top 2 teams in each division at the end of the minor round games qualify for the 1 major round game as follows:

Grand Final 1 vs 2

- b) In the Winter Season, the top 4 teams qualify for finals and the major round structure is as follows:

Semi Final SF2 1 vs 2

 SF1 3 vs 4

Prelim Final PF Loser SF2 vs Winner SF1

Grand Final Winner SF2 vs Winner PF

1.10. Scheduling

Juniors

- a) All Under 10 competitions are played on Saturday mornings.
- b) Under 12, 14, 16 and 18 Division 1 and 2 competitions are played on Friday night.

- c) Under 12 and 14 Division 3 and below competitions are played on Saturday morning.
- d) Under 16 Division 3 and below competitions are played on Thursday night.
- e) Under 18 Division 3 and below competitions are played on Friday night.

Youth League

- f) Youth League divisions 1 and 2 are played on Tuesday night. Divisions 3 and below are played on Monday night.

Seniors

- g) Division 1 matches are generally played on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, though alternative days may be scheduled.
- h) Division 2 and 3 competitions are played on Tuesday night.
- i) Division 4 and below competitions are played on Wednesday night.

1.11. Changes to Competition Programs

Basketball SA will be the sole manager of all competition programs. No changes to these programs will be considered unless instigated by Basketball SA administration with the exception of situations clearly covered within these by-laws.

1.12. Games Rescheduled due to Clashes with Higher Level Commitments

- a) For Junior and Youth League competitions - if a team is missing a player for a scheduled game due to a clash with "Higher Level Commitments" and the team plays a player from a lower Division of the same age grade or from a younger age grade to cover the absence, this player is permitted to play in his/her usual team on the same night or in the same week i.e. he/she may play in two Divisions or two Age Grades.
- b) For Junior and Youth League competitions - if a team is missing three or more players for a scheduled game due to a clash with "Higher Level Commitments", a request to reschedule the match may be made in writing to Basketball SA at least 14 days prior to the scheduled date of the game. For the purpose of this by-law:
 - i) "Higher Level Commitments" is defined in by-law 1.4.
 - ii) A player is considered to be a member of the team if they have played a minimum of one game for the team in the team's previous four matches, including minor and/or major round games played in the previous season.
- c) No Senior games will be rescheduled due to Higher level Commitments

1.13. Stadium Admission

Stadium admission prices for all players, team officials, club and/or team members and general public will be set by Basketball SA and may be amended from time to time as Basketball SA sees fit.

- a) Basketball SA will issue each coach or assistant coach who has successfully completed the Basketball SA coach registration process an annual stadium pass which will permit free stadium admission.

- b) In Senior Division 2 and below and Youth League competitions, the following team members are admitted free to their fixture game by signing in:
 - i) 1 Team Manager
 - ii) Score table personnel – In competitions that use an electronic ‘Shot Clock’ the home team will supply two (2) score table personnel and the away team one score table person. In competitions where an electronic shot clock is not used each team (home and away) will supply one (1) score table person
- c) Basketball SA will provide stadium passes which provide free admission to the following people:
 - i) Basketball SA Life Members
 - ii) Basketball SA Hall of Fame Members
 - iii) Basketball SA 300 Club Members
 - iv) Basketball SA Competitions Committee members
 - v) Basketball SA Commission members
 - vi) Up to five committee members from each registered club at Basketball SA discretion.

1.14. Premiership Points

Premiership points shall be awarded as follows:

- a) WIN 3 points
- b) DRAW 2 points
- c) LOSS 1 point
- d) FORFEIT 0 points

1.15. Positions on the Premiership Table

- a) In competitions in which teams have an equal number of byes, including no byes, teams are classified according to the FIBA Official Rules of Basketball. The criteria for sorting the premiership ladder can be **partially** summarised as follows:
 - i) Premiership points
 - ii) Premiership points in games between tied teams
 - iii) Percentage (points for divided by points against) in **games between tied teams**. Note that for two-way ties, this is equivalent to the result of the game between the tied teams then
 - iv) Percentage (points for divided by points against) in **games between all teams**.
 - v) However for the full detail of the classification criteria, please consult the FIBA rules.
- b) In competitions in which teams have an unequal number of byes, positions will be determined as above, with the exception that “Premiership points” will be replaced by “Game Ratio”, which is defined as follows:

$$(\text{Wins} + (\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Draws}) - (\frac{1}{2} \times \text{Forfeits})) / \text{divided by Games Played}$$

In addition, this formula will also be used when applying criteria a) ii) in cases where tied teams have played an unequal number of games against each other.

Note that the above definition of “Game Ratio” does not correspond exactly to the “PCWon” field on SportingPulse, as “PCWon” does not take forfeits into account.

1.16. Nomination Changes

- a) Any club that withdraws a team from the competition after the notified closure of the nominations, shall be liable for a withdrawal fine of \$200.
- b) Late nominations and requests for a team to change divisions will not be considered after 50% of the rounds have been played. The acceptance or otherwise of late nominations or requests to change a team’s nomination prior to this time, is at the discretion of the Competitions Manager.
- c) If a team is accepted into a competition after a round has been played, the team will be allocated both a loss and a game played for each round that has been completed.
- d) If a team withdraws from the competition or is regraded, all previous games in which that team has played becomes a bye.

2. Player Regulations

2.1. Players per Team

A Team shall consist of up to a maximum of 10 players (excludes Senior Division 1).

2.2. Ineligible Players

- a) Any team which plays an ineligible player in a minor round game shall incur a \$50 fine and forfeit the game. The score shall be recorded as 20 to nil.
- b) Any team which plays an ineligible player in a major round game shall incur a \$200 fine and forfeit the game.

2.3. Age Eligibility

- a) To be eligible to participate in any Junior competition run by Basketball SA a player must turn 6 years of age prior to entering the court for their first game.
- b) To be eligible to play in a Junior age group, a player must be under the age group requirement (e.g. under 12 age group) on 31 December of the year in which the competition is to be completed.
- c) To be eligible to play in the Youth League, a player must be under the age of 23 years on 31 December of the year in which the competition is to be completed.
- d) To be eligible to participate in any Senior or Youth League competition run by Basketball SA a player must have turned 16 years of age prior to their first game. Exemptions will be granted for elite players who have been selected in Australian junior or senior squads.

2.4. Transfer Between Teams in Same Division

- a) During the Winter Season a player cannot play for multiple teams in the same division in the same season.
- b) During the Summer Season and where clubs have multiple teams in the same division, a player may play in more than one team in that division only during the first 5 rounds of the season

2.5. Transfer Between Teams in Different Divisions

- a) A player may be promoted any number of divisions from one week to the next.
- b) A player can only be demoted one division within an age grade from one week to the next, i.e., from one division to the next lower division in which the club has a team.

2.6. Playing in Multiple Divisions in the Same Week

- a) A player may not play in multiple Junior divisions in the same week.
- b) A player may not play in multiple Youth League divisions in the same week.
- c) A player may not play in multiple Senior divisions in the same week, except that a player who is not one of the “Starting Five” players in a Senior Division 1 game shall be eligible for the next game of the club’s next lower division team, but shall be ineligible for the next game of any other lower division team. A player may not play in multiple competitions on the same night
- d) During the period from the beginning of one Senior Division 1 game to the beginning of the next Senior Division 1 game a player who is one of the “Starting Five” players shall be ineligible to play a minor round game in any of the club’s teams in a lower senior division. For situations in which a club has no more Senior Division 1 games, this restriction extends until the end of the minor rounds of the current season for the lower Senior division.
- e) To assist in preventing overload, players are restricted to playing in a maximum of 3 divisions in a week. For example, this will prevent a player from playing an Under 18 game, a Youth League game, a Senior Division 2 game and a Senior Division 1 game in the same week.

2.7. Player Eligibility for the Major Round

- a) To be eligible to play for a team in the major round, a player must play a minimum of 40% of minor round games for that team or other teams in lower divisions in the same age group. For the purpose of this by-law “Youth League” and “Seniors” are considered as separate individual age groups, and for the Senior Division 1 competition, eligibility is as defined in the Premier League By-Laws.
- b) A bye **does not** count towards the total number of games that a team has played. A forfeit **does** count towards the total number of games that **a team** has played, and also counts towards the number of games that **every player** has played. This includes games forfeited by either one’s own team or one’s opponent. A game which has been cancelled becomes a bye.

Example 1

If a competition has 18 minor rounds and the team plays all 18 games (0 byes and 0 forfeits), the number of games a player must play is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Games Played} \times 40\% \\ & = 18 \times 40\% \\ & = 7.2 \\ & \text{Then, minus forfeits} \\ & = 7.2 - 0 \\ & = 7.2 \end{aligned}$$

We always round up to the nearest whole number so the player must have played 8 games to qualify.

Example 2

If a competition has 18 minor rounds and the team plays only 16 games (2 byes and 0 forfeits), the number of games a player must play is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Games Played} \times 40\% \\ & = 16 \times 40\% \\ & = 6.4 \\ & \text{Then, minus forfeits} \\ & = 6.4 - 0 \\ & = 6.4 \end{aligned}$$

We always round up to the nearest whole number so the player must have played 7 games to qualify.

Example 3

If a competition has 18 minor rounds and the team is scheduled to play 16 games but 3 are forfeits (2 byes and 3 forfeits), the number of games a player must play is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Games Played (includes forfeits)} \times 40\% \\ & = 16 \times 40\% \text{ hence} \\ & = 6.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Then, minus forfeits} \\ & = 6.4 - 3 \\ & = 3.4 \end{aligned}$$

We always round up to the nearest whole number so the player must have played 4 games to qualify.

- c) For teams which have participated in multiple competitions in the same season, including teams that have been demoted/promoted and competitions that have been split or merged during a season, qualification is based on the entire season, inclusive of all games the players and teams have played in all competitions.
- d) To satisfy a player's participation in a game the following must occur at some point during the game:
 - i) The player's name is recorded on the scoresheet
 - ii) The player is present on the team bench
 - iii) The player must be wearing an official playing uniform
 - iv) The player must meet all other by-law and rule requirements with respect to being able to be subbed onto the court, including those relating to uniforms, jewellery, footwear, hair, casts and braces
- e) A player who fails to qualify for a major round due to medical reasons, a clash with "Higher Level Commitments" as defined in by-law 1.4, or, in exceptional circumstances, other reasons, may apply for permission to play in the major round. The request must:
 - i) Be submitted a minimum of 14 days prior to the commencement of the major round
 - ii) Clearly state the games missed and the reason
 - iii) For medical issues, be supported by a medical certificate from a medical practitioner that documents the extent and duration of the issue.
- f) Exemptions to this by-law will only be considered if a player has played a minimum of 50% of the required number of minor round qualifying games in that division.

Example

If a player requires 9 games to qualify to play in the major round of a competition then for an exemption to be considered by the Competitions Manager, the player must have played at least 50% of the 9 required games (rounded up would be five games). If the player has not played the required 50% then the application shall not be considered.

- g) A player is ineligible to play in the major round of:
 - Multiple Junior divisions or age grades,
 - Multiple Youth League divisions
 - Multiple Senior divisions in Division 2 and below
- h) However, a player is eligible to play the major rounds of any combination of:
 - i) One Junior division
 - ii) One Youth League division
 - iii) One Senior division in division 2 and below
 - iv) Senior Division 1

Provided they have otherwise qualified for the major rounds of these divisions. In particular, a player is eligible to play in major round games in both the Senior Division 1 and 2 competitions, and may play in a Senior Division 2 major round game even if they were in the starting five of their club's previous Senior Division 1 game.

- i) A player can only play in the major round for one competition on any given night

3. Playing Conditions

3.1. Timing Conditions

- a) Definition of untimed game;
 - i) The clock shall stop only for time outs and recommence when the ball becomes live after a time out. The definition of "live" is as per the FIBA rules, meaning the time when the referee awards the ball to a player to inbound the ball or shoot a foul shot.
 - ii) The last 3 minutes of the 4th quarter, and any extra periods (major round only), shall be fully timed, as per the FIBA rules.
 - iii) There will be a 1 minute break after the first and third periods and 2 minutes at half time.
 - iv) The FIBA rule in which the clock is stop after a field goal during the last 2 minutes of the final quarter is not implemented.
- b) Definition of fully timed game is as per FIBA rules with the following exceptions;
 - i) All games (excluding Senior Division 1) will have a 1 minute break after the first and third periods and 2 minutes at half time except for
 - ii) The Senior Division 1 which will have a 2 minute break after the first and third periods and a 10 minute break at half time.
 - iii) The FIBA rule in which the clock is stop after a field goal during the last 2 minutes of the final quarter is not implemented, except in the Senior Division 1 competition.
- c) All divisions shall play 4 quarters with the following timing rules;

Age	Division	Quarter Length	Timing Rules
Under 10	All	10 minutes	Untimed
Under 12	All	10 minutes	Untimed
Under 14	1	8 minutes	Fully timed
Under 14	2 and below	10 minutes	Untimed
Under 16	1	8 minutes	Fully timed
Under 16	2 and below	10 minutes	Untimed
Under 18	1	8 minutes	Fully timed
Under 18	2 and below	10 minutes	Untimed
Youth League	1	10 minutes	Fully timed
Youth League	2 and below	10 minutes	Untimed

Senior	2 and 3	10 minutes	Fully timed
Senior	4 and below	10 minutes	Untimed

3.2. Extra Periods

- a) Minor round games in all divisions except Senior Division 1 will have no extra periods and should the game be a draw on the final siren of the 4th quarter the score at this time shall stand.
- b) Major round games in all Divisions will have extra period/s in accordance with FIBA rules until an eventual winner has been decided but with the following exceptions;
 - i) Junior Divisions shall run extra period of 3 minutes duration.
 - ii) Youth League and Senior Divisions shall run extra periods of 5 minutes duration.

3.3. Shot Clock

All competitions shall implement the 24 second shot clock rule as per the FIBA rules with the following exception:

- a) In Under 10, 12 and 14 Divisions the 24 second shot clock does not start for the 24 second count until the ball is in the front court of the team which has possession of the ball. In determining when the ball is in the front court it shall be when a player who is in the front court has control of the ball.
- b) The 2010 FIBA rule changes relating to the resetting of the shot clock to 14 seconds shall be implemented in all competitions.
- c) In Under 14, 16 and 18 Division 1, Youth League Division 1 and Senior Division 1, 2 and 3 games, an electronic shot clock shall be used where available. In other divisions, the shot clock rule shall be managed by the officials.

3.4. Scorers/Timekeepers

- a) All teams must provide their own Scorer/Timekeeper. In the event of any conflict, Team A shall supply the scorer and Team B shall supply the Timekeeper.
- b) Team A shall supply a 24 second shot clock operator, for games where this is required as per by-law 3.3.
- c) Each scorer, timekeepers and shot clock operator must not also be involved in the game as a player or a coach.
- d) If a team fails to provide the necessary score table personnel by the commencement of the first quarter, the opposition will be awarded 20 points at the first quarter-time break. If the penalty (20 points) is not added to the score sheet by the commencement of the second quarter (when the game clock starts) the penalty shall lapse. It is the responsibility of the match officials to ensure this penalty is added.
- e) Each team shall complete the scoresheet provided prior to the start of the game.
- f) Every effort shall be taken by both the teams and/or referees to ensure that a game takes place.

3.5. Balls and Ball Size

- a) In all divisions except Senior Division 1 each team shall provide a basketball to the Referees prior to the start of each game. The referees shall select the most suitable of the basketballs provided as the match ball.
- b) The following ball sizes shall be used;
 - i) Size 5 All under 10 divisions.
 - ii) Size 6 All female divisions of under 12 and above and all Divisions of under 12 and 14 boys.
 - iii) Size 7 All male divisions of under 16 and above

3.6. Three Point Line

- a) The three point line will not apply for games played in the following age grades:
 - i) Under 10 - all divisions
 - ii) Under 12 - all divisions
- b) In cases where multiple three point lines are marked on the court, the outermost three point line shall be used.

3.7. Height of the Basket

The height of the basket is to be lowered for all Under 10 competitions so that the ring shall lie in a horizontal plane 2.6 metres above the floor.

3.8. Free Throws

- a) The free throw line shall be varied as follows:
- b) Under 10 - Players in all divisions of this grade shall take free throws from a line placed 180cm inside the normal free throw line.
- c) Under 12 - Players in all divisions of this grade shall take free throws from a line placed 90cm inside the normal free throw line.

3.9. No-Charge Semi-Circle

- a) In cases where the no-charge semi-circle is marked, the no-charge rule will be implemented.
- b) In cases where the no-charge semi-circle is not marked, the no-charge rule will not be implemented.
- c) The no-charge semi-circle will not be implemented in all division 3 competitions and below.
- d) The no-charge semi-circle will not be implemented in all Under 10 competitions.

3.10. Throw-In Line

In cases where throw-in lines are not marked, a throw-in following a time-out in the last two minutes shall be administered at a point on the sideline in line with the top of the three point line.

3.11. Time in Backcourt

In Under 10 Division teams shall be allowed 10 seconds in the backcourt.

3.12. Zone Defence

“Zone defence” is not permitted in Under 10, 12 and 14 age grades.

The definition of a zone defence and the penalties for the use of zone defence, shall be as prescribed by Basketball Australia for the Australian Under 14 Club Championships. The Court Supervisor shall play the role of “Zone Buster”. If a coach/manager believes an opposition team is playing a zone illegally, they should inform the Court Supervisor.

3.13. Incorrect Uniforms

- a) Players are required to wear in each game their Club uniform (singlet top, shorts/pants/skirt/body-suit) approved by Basketball SA.
- b) Undergarments that extend below the shorts may be worn provided they are of the same dominant colour as the shorts.
- c) Undergarments which are sleeveless and have a low neck line are permitted provided they do not extend beyond the player’s shirt/top (except at the neckline).
- d) T-shirts, regardless of style may not be worn under the shirt/top.
- e) A player (excluding Senior Division 1) wearing any item of playing uniform not approved by Basketball SA shall have a personal foul recorded against their name and two points awarded to the opposing team and recorded on the score sheet "INCORRECT UNIFORM PENALTY".
- f) No player shall have more than one penalty awarded against them for incorrect uniform in any one game.

3.14. Legal Numbers

- a) Legal numbers shall be 00, 0 and 1-99. Be aware that competitions and tournaments in other states may have a more restrictive set of legal numbers.
- b) Where a player attempts to enter the court with a playing number which is being/has been worn by another player on the court, that person shall be regarded as wearing an illegal number and is to be dealt with as provided in these by-laws.
- c) Any player who is wearing an Illegal number shall have a personal foul recorded against their name on the score sheet and 2 points shall be awarded to the opposing team and recorded on the score sheet marked "INCORRECT NUMBER PENALTY". The penalties will be imposed when first brought to the attention of the referee. This by-law is suspended for the first three weeks of each season.

3.15. Colour Clashes

- a) All clubs shall notify Basketball SA in writing of the primary and alternate uniform colours that each team in the Club will wear during the forthcoming season. All clubs shall submit to Basketball SA for approval any uniforms involving a change in colour and/or design from a previously approved uniform.
- b) Basketball SA shall identify colour clashes and notify clubs of its rulings.

- c) In all divisions when there is a colour clash the team listed as Team B in the schedule shall use their alternate uniform. Failure of Team B to change uniforms shall result in Team A being awarded 20 points at the quarter-time break.
- d) All teams are required to wear an approved primary or alternate uniform. Teams are permitted to wear their alternate uniform except in cases where the referees deem it to clash with the opposition's uniform.
- e) Where a team is changing uniform in a colour clash situation, it shall not be penalised for incorrect numbers under these by-laws. (does not apply to Senior Division 1)

3.16. Hair

- a) If a player has hair braided into a plait, the plait is not permitted to be able to swing free and must be held tightly to the head. As an example a loose plait should not extend below the shoulder height.
- b) A player's hair must not be tied high on the head allowing it to flick as the head of the player moves. Hair must be tied in a manner that does not allow it to move freely. And interfere with an opponent.
- c) A players long hair can not, when in a normal stand position, cover the uniform number on the back of the uniform. In this case the hair must be tied.
- d) A player, whose hair does not conform to (a), (b) or (c) above, shall not be permitted to play until such time as the hair meets legal requirements.
- e) The referee shall be the sole judge as to whether a player's hair conforms to this by-law.

3.17. Mouthguards

The FIBA rule which specifies that mouthguards be non-coloured and transparent will not be enforced.

3.18. Medic Alert Bracelets

Players are allowed to wear medic alert bracelets provided that they are "sports specific" and designed to fit securely to the skin. A sweat band may be used to securely cover the bracelet.

3.19. Failure to Supply a Referee

Where referees are not available to officiate in a game, the two teams involved must supply someone to referee the game. However if the teams are unable to supply someone to referee the game, the game will be declared a double forfeit but the fines provided under these by-laws will not be imposed.

3.20. Forfeits

This by-Law is not applicable to Senior Division 1.

- a) Notified Forfeit – For a forfeit to be considered "notified", the forfeiting club must contact (notify) both Basketball SA and the opposition club more than 48 hours prior to the scheduled start time of the game. The fine for a notified forfeit shall be fined \$25.

- b) Un-notified Forfeit – the fine for an “un-notified forfeit” shall be \$100.
- c) If a team does not have five players on the court within 10 minutes of the **scheduled starting time**, it shall forfeit the match, and record a 20-0 loss and be subject to an un-notified forfeit fine.
- d) If a team is able to field five players within 10 minutes of the scheduled starting time, at the first quarter break the referee shall record for the opposing team, 1 point per late player for each complete minute that the offending team did not field five players. This penalty shall be marked "LATE ARRIVAL PENALTY" on the official scoresheet.
- e) If a team has four players present at the scheduled starting time, play shall commence or a forfeit (by whichever team refuses to play) shall be recorded as if a team is unable to field five players throughout the game. If both teams refuse to play, a double forfeit shall be recorded.
- f) Where a forfeit under this by-law is recorded, admission fees shall be refunded on presentation of admission tickets on the game day only, to the Customer Service Officer at the game venue, by players and/or spectators which have been initialled by the referee or the Court Supervisor.
- g) When a team forfeits a match, the result shall be recorded a 20-0 loss against the forfeiting team.

3.21. Abandoned Game

This by-law does not apply to Senior Division 1.

If a game is stopped and subsequently called off (abandoned) as a result of a situation beyond the immediate control of the referees or Basketball SA or the stadium management then the following will apply;

- a) If the period of game time played is equal to or less than 50% of the allocated game time the match shall be declared abandoned, no score shall be recorded and the game shall be rescheduled to be played in full at another time.
- b) If the period of game time played is greater than 50% of the allocated game time then the score at the time of abandoning the game shall stand and be recorded as the final game score. No additional play shall occur.
- c) If the game has not commenced then Basketball SA shall reschedule the game.
- d) The referee, after due consultation with the stadium management and/or the team coaches and/or medical team, whomever is applicable, shall be the sole judge of what constitutes an abandoned game and when this shall occur.

An abandoned game is a game called off by the referees as a result of a situation outside the general control of the referees and/or Basketball SA and/or stadium management. The game may not have commenced or may not have concluded.

Examples of situations which could cause an abandoned game (but not limited to these);

- i) Court lighting goes off preventing the starting or completion of the game.

- ii) Game stopped and then abandoned due to the amount of time lost as a result of a player injury and such injury prevented their removal from the court while waiting or receiving medical attention.
- iii) Court backboard/ring is broken and cannot be immediately fixed or replaced.

4. Conduct, Reports and Tribunals

4.1. Conduct of Players, Team Officials and Followers

- a) Each Club shall be held responsible for the conduct of its players, team officials and followers.
- b) If a player or team official continues unruly and/or offensive behaviour after having been penalised to the extent of the FIBA Rules, the referees shall report such behaviour to the Tribunal.
- c) If the conduct of a club follower/s is considered to be of an unruly and/or offensive nature, the referees shall stop the game and request that the captain/coach, or in Senior Division 1 Winter season the Games Commissioner, take action to correct the behaviour.
- d) If the follower/s of a club continue unruly and/or offensive behaviour after the team captain/coach or Game Commissioner, has been advised as in (c) above, the referees shall again stop the game and request the relevant team captain/coach, or in Senior Division 1 Winter season the Games Commissioner, to arrange that the person or persons offending leave "the proximity of the court". See by-law 4.2 for the definition of "the proximity of the court".
- e) If the offending person or persons refuse to leave "the proximity of the court", then the game shall not continue and the Referees shall call the game off and refer the matter in writing to the Competitions Manager. In this event, after reviewing the referees' report, the Competitions Manager shall decide how the result shall be recorded, whether fines shall be imposed and whether the matter shall be reported to the Tribunal.

4.2. Proximity of the Court

Where any coach or player is disqualified and banished from the "proximity of the court" under any of the FIBA Rules and/or these by-laws, they must

- a) leave the stadium or
 - b) leave the court and return to the team change room (if one available) and
- The player or coach must remain there until 5 minutes after the game has ended.

4.3. Tribunal

- a) By-laws relating to the conduct of tribunals are documented in the Basketball SA Tribunal By-Laws.
- b) If a person is found guilty of any offence, their club shall receive a fine of \$75.

4.4. Suspended Players and Club Officials

- a) Any person who is suspended from playing or coaching shall not contact his/her team directly or indirectly from forty five (45) minutes before the scheduled time for the game to start until five (5) minutes after the conclusion of the game. If present at any game, the suspended person must sit on the side of the court opposite to the player bench.
- b) Any person who is suspended from spectating shall not enter a venue in which basketball competitions are being run.

4.5. Payment of Fines and Imposition of Penalties

Where any fine, penalty, suspension, disqualification or rating is imposed by the Competitions Management or the Tribunal on any club, team, player or club official, such club, team, player or club official shall not be permitted to participate in any manner in relation to any competition or event conducted by Basketball SA unless such fine has been paid and/or such suspension, disqualification or rating has been complied with.

4.6. Public Comment

- a) A club or an officer of a club or a player or an official in a team shall not publicly criticise the performance of a referee/s either in a particular game or over a period of time.
- b) A club shall not issue, authorise, offer or endorse any public criticism or any statement having or designed to have an effect prejudicial to the best interests of the game of basketball or the South Australian competition.
- c) A club shall be held responsible for comments by any committee member, executive officer, official, employee, player or coach of their club.
- d) If a club is found to have contravened this by-law, the Competitions Management may impose a fine up to \$2,000 depending upon the nature and severity of the breach.

5. Registrations and Clearances

5.1. Registrations

- a) All players who participate in the competition must be registered for the current registration period prior to playing their first game. A player who is not registered may be declared an ineligible player at any time.
- b) All teams must nominate a coach that has completed the Basketball SA coach registration process. A team that does not may have their nomination withdrawn at any time.

5.2. Clearances

- a) A player wishing to play for a club in the district competition that has previously registered to play for:
 - i) another club in the district competition
 - ii) any NBL, WNBL or SEABL club in South Australia
 - iii) any club interstate
 - iv) any club overseas

must receive a clearance before doing so. Any player that does so without receiving a clearance is considered to be an “ineligible player”.

- b) Interstate transfers, and transfers within Australia involving NBL/WNBL/SEABL clubs (including the Adelaide 36ers, Adelaide Lightning and Mount Gambier Pioneers) are governed by Basketball Australia General By-Law 3, “Interstate Transfer of Players”.
- c) International clearances are governed by FIBA Internal Regulations Book 3 Chapter II, “International Transfer of Players”.
- d) The remainder of this by-law refers to clearances between clubs in the district competition.
- e) While players and/or clubs may use alternative forms of application and/or notification, the only forms of application/notification which will be accepted under this by-law as evidence will be those sent by;
 - i) Email
 - ii) A mail service for which the sender holds a receipt or proof of the document delivery.
- f) A player seeking a clearance must send the application to both:
 - i) his/her current club and
 - ii) Basketball SA.
- g) The club must notify the player and Basketball SA within 14 days of receipt of the application of their decision to grant or refuse the clearance. Should the clearance be refused the club must clearly state their reasons for such refusal.
- h) The only impediments to a clearance being granted which will be dealt with under this by-Law shall be;
 - i) The player is un-financial with the club,
 - ii) The player is holding equipment of the club or
 - iii) The player is under a current form of contract/agreement agreed to and signed by both parties.
- i) Within 14 days of lodging his/her application for clearance, if the player and Basketball SA has not been notified in writing of the club’s decision to grant or refuse the application and if refused, such notice does not state the reasons for such refusal, then Basketball SA shall automatically clear the player.
- j) A player may only play for one club during any given season, unless prior approval has been granted by the Competitions Manager. The process required before the Competitions Manager will consider such application is as follows;
 - i) The player requesting a clearance shall have a meeting with their current club, (designated club coach or officers) in an effort to resolve any issues that may enable the player to remain at the club.
 - ii) A response in writing (email or post) is to be sent to Basketball SA by the player outlining the results of this meeting.
 - iii) A response in writing (email or post) is to be sent to Basketball SA by the club indicating the outcome of this meeting and their

approval or disapproval of the player changing clubs and any relevant information to justify their disapproval.

- iv) Only on receipt of all the above shall the Competitions Manager then consider the player's request for permission to play for another club/team within the same season.
- k) In cases where a clearance has been granted by a club, it shall become effective on receipt of a copy of the clearance approval by Basketball SA. The responsibility for lodgement of the clearance rests with the player being cleared. If the clearance is during a current season and the player has already played for the clearing club then the player, though cleared, is not permitted to play for their new club until approval granted by the Competitions Manager or a new season has commenced.

5.3. Poaching by State Junior Coaches and Staff

- a) A club will be fined \$750 for "poaching" if each of the following is true:
 - i) a player selected to participate in Basketball SA NITP is cleared to that club,
 - ii) a coach at that club either currently coaches a state team in the player's age group, or has done so in the 12 months prior to the player being cleared and
 - iii) the coach is a current NITP network coach or head coach.
- b) A club will also be fined \$750 for "poaching" if both of the following are true:
 - iv) a NITP network coach or head coach moves to that club and
 - v) a player selected to participate in Basketball SA NITP is cleared from the coach's old club to the coach's new club within the three months of the coach changing clubs.

6. Awards

- a) In the Winter season, all Senior divisions and the Youth League Division 1 Men's and Women's competitions shall have a Most Valuable Player award presented. The winner of this award shall be determined by 3, 2, 1 voting by match officials after every minor round game.

7. Exemptions and Appeals

7.1. Exemptions

In exceptional circumstances, a club may request an exemption to a by-law. In these cases:

- a) The request must be communicated via an email from the club secretary to the Competitions Manager.
- b) The request must be submitted with at least 7 days notice, unless this is not possible
- c) The request must include as much information as possible, including:
 - i) The by-law for which an exemption is sought

- ii) The team(s) for which an exemption is sought
 - iii) The names of the players(s) for which an exemption is sought
 - iv) The number of players in each team, if the exemption relates to player movement
 - v) Any mitigating circumstances that should be considered
- d) Exemption requests shall be determined by the Competitions Manager, who may refer the matter to a third party at their discretion.

7.2. Appeals

- a) A club may appeal any of the following decisions:
- i) A response to an exemption request
 - ii) A decision regarding the application of a by-law, such as the decision to classify a game as a forfeit
 - iii) A decision regarding the grading of a team in a particular division
 - iv) Any other decision, at the discretion of the Competitions Manager
- b) Notification to appeal must be communicated via an email from the club secretary to Basketball SA, within 7 days of the initial decision.
- c) Appeals shall be considered by a panel appointed by Basketball SA. The panel shall consist of a minimum of three people who were not involved in the decision that is being appealed. The decision of this panel is final.