



# **GUNNEDAH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC**

ABN 42 577 598 324

## **OFFICIAL REGULATIONS/ BY LAWS**

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## GAME RULES

- 1.1 All Gunnedah Basketball domestic competition games will be played in accordance with the current official FIBA rule book and BNSW Policies, except where these Regulations/By-Laws state otherwise.
- 1.2 All players/spectators/officials are to abide by decisions made by Gunnedah Basketball Assoc. and its designated representatives.
- 1.3 Divisions currently on offer are Senior (Mens and Mixed), High School, Juniors.
- 1.4 The naming of the Grades will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 1.5 The days and times of games will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and not of the players/teams who have other commitments.
- 1.6 The playing of zones in under 14 games will not be permitted.
- 1.7 The Board of Directors will determine and review the division and classification of a team after a fixed term at the start of the season. This fixed term is to be decided once the number of teams is finalised.
- 1.8 Nominations for Senior teams will only be accepted on the official nomination form, and all team members to be confirmed prior to the cut-off date.
- 1.9 All Senior teams must nominate 2 referees on the nomination form. The referees must have completed a Community Referee Course.
- 1.10 Nominations for Senior divisions will close in a determined date and no late entries will be accepted after this date.
- 1.11 A late player entry may be accepted if an injury occurs to a player during the competition, but this is entirely at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 1.12 There will be no jewellery worn on the court.
- 1.13 Referee's/Court Supervisors have the right to substitute/remove any player who they feel is unable to continue through injury or that by continuing the player will incur further injury.
- 1.14 Scoring will occur through the BasketballConnect App.

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## **POINT SCORES AND FORFEITS**

**2.1** Points will be awarded as follows:

Win = 3 points

Draw = 2 points

Loss = 1 point

Bye = 2 points

**2.2** Payments of fines/bonds will be at the Board of Directors discretion and will be determined at the beginning of the season.

**2.3** A team will lose by forfeit in the following circumstances:

- a) A player from a team refuses an instruction by the referee.
- b) By its actions prevents the game from being played.
- c) They are not able to field at least 4 players within 5 minutes of the advertised starting time of the game.
- d) They do not advise the court supervisors that a player will not be turning up at least 5 minutes before the game is to commence.

**2.4** In the event of a forfeit the game shall be awarded to the opponents with a score recorded of 20 to 0. If it occurs in a 3x3 game the score will 10 to 0.

**2.5** A forfeit will also occur in a game if a team is reduced to less than 3 players. The score at the time of the stoppage will stand unless the team who is forfeiting is in front and in this case the score shall be recorded as 5 to 0.

**2.6** If a team forfeits more than 3 games in the regular season without acceptable and communicated reasons the team will incur a \$50 fine and will be removed from the rest of the competition.

## **TIMING OF GAMES**

**3.1** Timing regulations of games for the Senior and Junior competitions shall follow FIBA rules as closely as possible with due consideration for time limitations within the competition structure.

**3.2** The clock is to be started on time, or within 5 minutes of the completion of the previous game, whichever comes first. A forfeit will be awarded if the correct amount of players is not available to take the court after the 5 minutes warning of the referee.

**3.3** A player will not be able to sign into a game if they arrive after the start of the second quarter.

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- 3.4 3x3 Competitions will have a slightly altered game time which will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and decided at the beginning of the season.
- 3.5 Junior games will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and flexible based on conditions and skill of the competition.

## **FINALS**

- 4.1 The Board of Directors will make the decision to hold finals within 4 weeks of the start of the Competition. The Board of Directors can make the decision to withdraw a finals series at any time.

- 4.2 Finals Series shall be played as follows where there are 4 teams or more in any Competition:

### **Semi Final**

- 1 vs 2 Winner to Grand Final
- 3 vs 4 Loser out of Competition

### **Pre Liminary-Final**

Loser of SF 1 vs Winner of SF 2

### **Grand Final**

Winner of SF 1 vs Winner of Pre Liminary-Final

- 4.3 Finals series for competitions with less teams will be at the Board of Directors discretion.
- 4.4 If two teams are placed on equal points the results between the two teams will decide their placings. If these are equal, then points for and against will be the decider.
- 4.5 If more than two teams are on equal points, points for and against will be used to determine the placings as well as other factors such as forfeits and players behaviour.

## **DUTY**

- 5.1 Duty teams must be prepared to supply scorers and referees, in accordance with the Board of Directors instructions. Teams who provide for their games will be awarded 1 point.
- 5.2 Penalties for failure to duty shall be determined and communicated by the Board of Directors at the commencement of the season.

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## **UNIFORM**

- 6.1 By week 4 of the competition teams will be expected to all be in correct uniform.
- 6.2 The uniforms will consist of singlets with numbers both back and front, shorts with no pockets (ladies are permitted to wear tights, without pockets).
- 6.3 The singlet design must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- 6.4 The team colour must be submitted to the Board of Directors prior to the season to ensure we don't have conflicting colours.
- 6.5 Penalties for incorrect uniform will be in the form of point deductions or monetary penalties and will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and decided prior to the season.
- 6.6 All representative players will be required to wear the uniform that will be provided.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- 7.1 No player shall take the court from the commencement of the season unless registration of that player is finalised and payment complete.
- 7.2 All game fees are to be paid before commencement of season.
- 7.3 Prior to the commencement of the season the Board of Directors will determine the age year limitations for each division.
- 7.4 Players who have turned 15 are able to nominate to play in an adult comp at the discretion of the Board of Directors. At the age of 18 they will no longer be able to play in the High School Comp.
- 7.5 To be eligible to take part in a senior division 5x5 final series a player must have played at least 50% or normal competition games, this does not include playing for other teams, forfeits or draws. It will also be at the discretion of the Committee if a player has had several no shows or been reported or sent off. An appeal can be considered if the eligibility issue includes injury or hardship. In a 3x3 comp the number of games required will be reviewed at the beginning of the season based on number of games in the draw.

## **PROTEST, DISPUTES AND APPEALS**

- 8.1 Disputes/appeals shall be resolved by an Administrative Tribunal Committee.
- 8.2 This Committee will be appointed at the beginning of each season.

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- 8.3 The Administrative Tribunal Committee will consist of:  
- Vice Chair Person, Secretary / Public Officer and Treasurer.
- 8.4 The Administrative Tribunal Committee decisions will stand.
- 8.5 In the event of a game protest, an incident must be recorded in Basketball Connect. A protest must be lodged in writing on the night in question, and then signed by the team captain, and given to a member of the Executive.
- 8.6 A formal protest by the team must be lodged in writing within 24 hours and given to a member of the Executive.
- 8.7 The Administrative Tribunal shall rule on the protest after considering the facts and accessing witnesses.
- 8.8 The Court Supervisor shall be a named Gunnedah Basketball representative, and they will be appointed prior to the commencement of the season.
- 8.9 Members of the Gunnedah Basketball Executive, the referee/umpire and the court supervisor shall have the power to remove any person from the facility.

## **REPORTED PLAYERS**

- 9.1 Players/spectators/coaches shall be reported if they are:
- a) Sent off by a referee.
  - b) Commit 2 Unsportsmanlike or Technical fouls or 1 of each.
  - c) Asked to leave the Facility by a court supervisor or a member of the Gunnedah Basketball Executive.
- 9.2 An incident report must be filled out and submitted within 24 hours and lodged via Basketball Connect.
- 9.3 The Appeals/Administrative Tribunal Committee shall decide if a reported player is to be referred to a full tribunal.
- 9.4 The Appeals Committee shall decide on any other appropriate action that may need to be taken. When considering this the BNSW offences and penalties will be applied.

## **PLAYER/COACH/OFFICIAL BEHAVIOUR**

- 10.1 Gunnedah Basketball Association Incorporated adopts the following BNSW Policies
- Zero Tolerance Sports Rage Policy
  - Heat Policy / Hot Weather guide

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- Concussion in Sport Policy
- Domestic Basketball Permitted Other Equipment
- Inclusion of Transgender and Gender Diverse People in Community Basketball
- Judiciary
- Code of Conduct Spectators
- Code of Conduct Coaches - Officials
- Code of Conduct Players
- Office of The Childrens Guardian Child Safe Standards
- Returns and Refund Policy
- Tribunal Offences and Penalties
- Disciplinary Tribunals By-Laws

And will apply all policies and the relevant penalties to all competitions.

- 10.2** Each player will be required to read and sign the BNSW Code of Conduct as well as the separate Players/Officials and Spectators Compliance policy prior to the first game being played.
- 10.3** A player/coach/official that follows an official to question them is to be warned once and then penalised with a Technical Foul for repeated actions.
- 10.4** Swearing, foul language, derogatory, or vilifying remarks will not be tolerated, be it directed at players, officials, or spectators. Whilst we understand that expletives can occur in the "heat" of the moment, no further carry on will be tolerated. One warning will be given and then Tech Fouls will be awarded.
- 10.5** Captains and coaches who cannot ask questions in a polite, courteous, and respectful manner will also be penalised.
- 10.6** Unnecessary questioning by a court captain will be penalised immediately.
- 10.7** Players/coaches/officials gesturing with waving arms, facial expressions, rude gestures, mimicking or degrading body actions will be penalised with a technical foul immediately, irrespective of who it is aimed at.
- 10.8** Players/coaches/officials baiting or intimidating other players on the court are to be given one warning and then they will incur a tech foul for subsequent offences. The warning shall be recorded on the scoresheet for disciplinary reasons.

## **INJURIES TO PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS**

- 11.1** In the event of a player or official being injured, the official injury report form must be filled in via online.
- 11.2** Only the appointed First Aid Officer or Sports Trainer can attend to the injured player or official.
- 11.3** Under no circumstances is another parent to attend to an injured junior player, and at no time is a parent or another adult allowed onto the court. The parent of the Junior player can be invited on by the officials if the need arises.

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- 11.4 Should the need arise the First Aid Officer or Sports Trainer will make the call to involve further medical assistance.

## **REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

- 12.1 All players must be registered with Gunnedah Basketball Association and have played in a recent competition.
- 12.2 Any coaches must be approved by the Board of Directors and demonstrate or be willing to obtain Coaching certification.
- 12.3 Players must play with their own association first.
- 12.4 The association will provide clearance to a player to represent at a higher level than that provided at the association.
- 12.5 Trials for representative team shall be advertised. Due consideration will be given to players who wish to trial but are unable to attend the designated time.
- 12.6 All players are to follow instructions given to them by representatives of Gunnedah Basketball while representing the association. Where a player fails to follow an instruction, or their behaviour is of concern, the player will be reported to the Appeals Committee.
- 12.7 The Coach and or Manager has the right to suspend a player from playing after consultation with the committee.
- 12.8 All players, at all standards, have the right to expect a fair and reasonable amount of game time.
- 12.9 All training sessions must have a Coach/Manager present as well as a member of the Executive Committee, especially if the coach is under 18.
- 12.10 All team officials over the age of 18 must have a valid WWCC which has been verified.

## **SPECIAL RULES**

- 13.1 Gunnedah Basketball Association has the right to refuse entry into the pavilion of any person at any time.
- 13.2 Any player bleeding will be immediately sent from the court under blood bin rules and appropriate medical attention sought.
- 13.3 No player shall be allowed on the court with blood on their person or uniform.
- 13.4 No ball shall be used that has come into contact with blood. The ball must be replaced immediately and then destroyed.
- 13.5 No hanging or grasping the ring, net, or structures at the stadium. If after a warning had been issued a player is hanging on the ring that player faces immediate suspension.

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- 13.6 No hats or headgear is to be worn during games.
- 13.7 No drugs or alcohol is permitted in the facility at any time.
- 13.8 Smoking is not permitted in the facility.
- 13.9 Players affected by drugs or alcohol or who are suspected of being under the influence of them will not be permitted to take the court and will face disciplinary action from the Appeals Committee.
- 13.10 All volunteers must be registered prior to the season commencing. They must have a valid and current Working with Children Check and have completed a PBTR – Play By The Rules Safeguarding Children that has been verified by the Board of Directors.
- 13.11 3x3 Competitions will have a separate set of Game rules that will apply.

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