

# TAMWORTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC

## SENIOR COMPETITION RULES

Amended May 2026

### 1. TIMING OF GAME

- a) All games will commence at the advertised starting times providing all game officials are ready.
- b) Teams, referees and scorers to be present and the Tablet (Basketball Connect) to be completed/checked two (2) minutes prior to the game starting.  
All players names **MUST BE LISTED AS A TEAM MEMBER ON THE TABLET** prior to the game starting to be permitted to take part in the game. **Court Supervisors are the only people authorised to add players not currently listed on Tablets.**  
Note, if unfinancial players take the court, game will be deemed a forfeit.
- c) Teams may take the court with only 4 players and continue the game without penalty.
- d) Teams have 10 minutes after the clock starts, at the advertised time, to have at least 4 players on the court. For the period up to the 10 minutes without 4 players, the opposing team will be awarded 2 game points for each 30 seconds of period lapsed. After ten minutes, if the team still does not have 4 players, the game will be recorded as a forfeit to the opposing team.
- e) Games to be 2 x 20-minute halves with the time stopping for all time outs. The clock will stop for these timeouts.
- f) The clock will stop for all whistles in the last minute of the 2nd half **IF SCORES ARE WITHIN 10 POINTS.**
- g) Each team is allowed 1 timeout per team per half. The clock will stop for these timeouts.
- h) **All grades in the semifinals, prelim finals and grand finals** will be fully timed in the last 2 minutes of the second half only on all whistles and made baskets (**if scores are within 10 points**). Teams are allowed 1 timeout (1 min) in the first half and 2 timeouts in the second half. The clock will stop for timeouts as usual.
- i) **In Finals** where extra time is required, Extra Time will be 5 minutes after a 2 minute break. Each team will be permitted 1 timeout (1 min) in the extra periods. Extra time periods will continue until a result is reached.

### 2. UNIFORMS

- a) Teams are to have a **complete uniform by the 3<sup>rd</sup> competition game**, unless a written request is received and approved by the Competitions Committee.
- b) Skirts/shorts/gym pants/tights are to be all the same colour or as close in colour as possible (black shorts, pants and or tights will be acceptable). In the event of a dispute or query, the Competitions Committee has the jurisdiction to make a ruling.
- c) **NO LONG TRACKSUIT PANTS** may be worn to play in. As per current NSW Basketball insurance requirements Ruling 6, **no person shall be insured should they take the court in shorts with pockets.** Players will be asked to leave the court if wearing shorts or cargo pants with pockets.
- d) Player numbers (4" on front of singlets tops and 8" on back) must be worn and correspond to the numbers on Basketball Connect.
- e) Players must ensure that nails are kept short. (taping of fingernails is no longer permitted, gloves maybe acceptable). If jewellery cannot be removed, it must be taped. No hard hair accessories are to be worn on the court whilst playing. Long plaits must be secured.
- f) Two (2) games points will be deducted for each garment item, shorts or singlets out of uniform (this includes numbers, singlets, shorts, colour etc). This means a maximum of four

(4) game points for uniform violation per player. T-shirts worn under singlets are not permitted. Compression garments may be worn but must be black or white in colour.

#### **4 REFEREES AND SCORERS**

- a) Each team must provide one (1) scorer (age appropriate) for their own game. Players will be allowed to substitute from bench duty to play. Failure to provide a scorer will result in the addition of 40 points to the opposing team's score.
- b) Teams must supply a duty referee for the game before or after where required (Tamworth Basketball to provide referees where possible).
- c) Failure to provide a duty referee will result in the team forfeiting that round's game.
- d) All referees **MUST SUPPLY** their **OWN WHISTLES** (due to health regulations).
- e) Badged referees **MUST** wear their official shirts to be paid. In the event of cold weather, Referee's shirts must be worn over the top of a jumper.
- f) Referees must enter the Referee Code on Tablet at the completion of game.

#### **5. COMPETITION POINTS ALLOCATION**

- a) Points will be allocated as follows: 3 for a win, 2 bye/draw, 1 for a loss, -3 for unnotified forfeit.
- b) Where teams are on equal points at the end of the competition, results will be determined on "for & against" (over the whole competition) and if necessary, on percentages.
- c) Drawn games - in normal competition, if a game is drawn it will remain so with 2 competition points being awarded to both teams.
- d) Forfeit Games - If a team forfeits for a second time un-notified, 3 competitions points will be deducted. If a team forfeits un-notified for a third time, the team will be automatically disqualified from the competition for Un-notified Forfeits Only.
- e) Notified Forfeits must be submitted to the Office at least 48 hours prior to their match. Notified Forfeits are treated as normal loss.

#### **6. PLAYER SYSTEM**

- a) Individuals or club teams may, at any time, bring up a lower grade player to save a forfeit situation only. If a player plays 3 games in the higher grade, he/she must remain in the higher grade. Teams may not swap players in the same grade.
- b) Players from out of town are to be graded by the Competitions Committee. Applications from such players are to be submitted to the Senior Committee for final determination.
- c) Each team requires 8 players to be eligible to be included in the draw at the beginning of the competition.

#### **7. PLAYER TRANSFERS**

- a) Players changing teams **DURING** the competition must first get a written clearance from their team, and submit a written request to the Competitions Committee, via email to TBA.

## **8. PLAYER NOMINATIONS**

- a) A player may only nominate and play in one team and grade. All player and team nominations are subject to approval from the Competitions Committee.
- b) A Junior Representative Player may play in two teams if their representative team is entered into the competition as a development team with their names being placed on the relevant team nomination form. Eligibility on this count will be at the discretion of the Competitions Committee and/or Coaching Director with the best interests of the competition, the individual player/team and Tamworth Basketball in mind.
- c) Junior players should generally be over the age of 16, with the exemption of U/16 rep players who must apply for approval in writing, to the Competitions Committee. (As per BNSW recommendations). Approval may be given to junior players under 16 if 3 or more of the below criteria are met:

1: - Division 1 under 16 representative team.

2: - to be top age under 16.

3: - to be a benefit to the players development (rep coach to be consulted).

4: - physical size and maturity level of player in question.

All applications are to the discretion of the Competitions Committee.

## **9. ELIGIBILITY FOR FINAL SERIES**

All players who have paid their full Competition Fees and Registration are eligible for all semi-finals, finals and grand final matches. Any player/s joining a team later in the competition must have played 4 competition games to be eligible for semi-finals, finals and grand final matches. A bye constitutes as a game in regard to eligibility.

## **10. CONTROL OF THE GAME**

Referees are responsible to the Competitions Committee and are ultimately responsible to the Referees Director for controlling the game in accordance with local competition rules and are expected to enforce them in the best interests of the game. Badged Referees will be supplied where possible.

## **11. BLOOD RULE**

A player **MUST** leave the court immediately if they are bleeding. All blood must be washed off any clothing and the wound covered before they are permitted back on the court.

## **12. HANGING FROM RINGS (as per signs in the Stadium)**

Anyone caught hanging from the rings and/or nets will be automatically suspended for 2 months (common sense should prevail). Any official, committee, board member or court supervisor can enforce this rule. A report is to be written up and handed to the Committee.

## **13. PLAYERS CITED FOR JUDICIARY ACTION**

Reported players are to be informed of the report and supplied with a copy of the report form and details as soon as possible after the incident for the Competition Committee to evaluation on the matter.

#### **14. UNRULY & OFFENSIVE BEHAVIOUR**

- a) Unruly and offensive behaviour will not be tolerated, any player, coach or spectator may be asked to leave the Stadium and/or reported to the Competitions Committee, by any official (Board or Committee member, Court Supervisor, Referee, Administrator).
- b) Abuse of any official, e.g., Bench Person, Referee or Court Supervisor shall not be tolerated and will be reported to the Competitions Committee.
- c) Any player receiving 2 Technical or Unsportsmanlike Fouls in the same game will automatically be suspended for 2 weeks.
- d) Any player receiving a combination of any 3 technical or unsportsmanlike fouls in a competition will receive an automatic 2 match suspension. Any subsequent technical fouls will result in further penalties as deemed appropriate by the Competitions Committee.

#### **15. NO ALCOHOL OR SMOKING (INCLUDING VAPING) IS PERMITTED IN THE STADIUM AT ANY TIME**

#### **16. PLAYER INJURIES**

All injuries must be reported by completing an official injury report online.  
Insurance information will be emailed on completion of the online report.

#### **17. TEAM BALLS**

Teams are to provide their own basketball for competition games.

#### **18. DISPUTES**

**WHERE NO LOCAL RULE IS WRITTEN, THE NSW BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION RULES AND BY-LAWS WILL APPLY.**

Any questions regarding the above should be directed to the Competitions Co-Ordinator or members of the Competitions Committee.

Please note - these rules can only be changed by a majority vote by team delegates via email and all changes must be ratified by the Board of Management of the Tamworth Basketball Association Inc.

**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT  
TAMWORTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION INC.**