



Launceston Basketball Association

Competition By-Laws

For

Junior, Senior, Baptist and Social Competitions



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1 Competition Structure

- 1.1 All games under the jurisdiction of the LBA shall be conducted according to the rules of the game as set out in the FIBA Basketball Rules except where variations are listed.
- 1.2 All games will be under the control of the LBA who will be responsible for receiving competition nomination forms, collecting registration fees, bond/nomination fees, team/court fees and potential fines from the clubs.
- 1.3 The day to day running and administration of competitions is the responsibility of the General Manager employed by the LBA for this purpose. The General Manager will ensure that Competition by-laws are adhered to. Any appeals lodged against decisions made by the General Manager will in the first instance be referred to the LBA Board for consideration.
- 1.4 Any changes to the by-laws sought by clubs must be submitted to the General Manager using the LBA communication process and forms. The General Manager will then present any submissions to the LBA Board for approval. The Board of the LBA is the final arbitrator on decisions regarding by-laws and appeals against decisions of the General Manager. Any queries with the LBA will be directed to the General Manager through each Club's Secretary or President.
- 1.5 The General Manager has the right to promote and relegate teams based on their performance in the previous and current competitions.
- 1.6 Any request for exemptions to the by-laws must be in writing, signed and addressed to the General Manager for consideration. Any queries with the LBA will be directed to the General Manager through each Club's Secretary or President. Any queries made directly to the General Manager about these matters, complaints or grievances will be redirected back to the clubs to go through the agreed communication protocols.
- 1.7 All competition fees shall be an amount determined by the General Manager and approved by the Board of Directors.
- 1.8 The LBA runs one competition for senior teams per season. This competition has multiple divisions e.g. Senior Men 1, Senior Women 2.
- 1.9 The LBA runs additional leagues for senior teams. These competitions can have different purposes e.g. Baptist League. Each competition can have multiple divisions and grades e.g. Baptist A Grade, B Grade.
- 1.10 The LBA runs multiple competitions for junior teams. These competitions are based on age groups e.g. Under10B, Under12G. Each junior competition can consist of divisions e.g. Under 14 Boys Red, Under 14 Boys White.
- 1.11 Divisions in the LBA rosters will be as follows: -
 - Division 1 or Red – e.g. Under 14 Boys Division 1 would be U14BD1
 - Division 2 or White - e.g. Under 14 Boys Division 2 would be U14BD2
 - Division 3 or Black (if needed) - e.g. Under 14 Boys Division 3 would be U14BD3
 - Division 4 or Yellow (if needed) – e.g. Under 14 Boys Division 4 would be U14BD4



2 Registrations and Affiliations

- 2.1 All players must register or affiliate with the LBA and Basketball Tasmania before competing in any games under the control of the LBA.
- 2.2 All juniors must supply to the LBA an original proof of age document at any time that it is requested.
- 2.3 At the time of affiliation, proof of registration with another Association must be provided or full registration fees will apply.
- 2.4 No registration or affiliation will be accepted without payment of the appropriate fee.
- 2.5 Any team playing an unregistered player will lose that match by forfeit, will incur a penalty of an additional win being removed from the standing table, four (4) competition premierships points.
- 2.6 The LBA reserves the right to inquire into player's registration details through Basketball Tasmania, Basketball Australia and affiliated Associations to ensure that the registrations are current.
- 2.7 All junior players must be under the age of their nominated grade as at December 31, in that year, unless approved by the General Manager.

3 Club/Team Structure

- 3.1 Constituent Association Member of the LBA are City of Launceston Basketball Club, Japara Basketball Club, Launceston Saints Basketball Club, LBA Baptist, South East Launceston Devils Basketball Club, Southside Rebels Basketball Club and Westside Trojans Basketball Club.
- 3.2 An affiliate Member (Deloraine and Dorset) shall consist of any organisation which enters one (1) or more teams into a competition run by the LBA.
- 3.3 Where a Constituent Association Member or an Affiliate Member has two (2) or more teams entered in the one level of competition e.g. 12B1, no movement of players will be permitted between the two (2) teams, after grading period has occurred if applicable.
- 3.4 A junior player can apply to play multiple, up to two (2), age groups, this application needs to be made in writing to the General Manager and must comply with the policy – Playing in higher age groups, released and dated 13 January 2017. Unless playing in Launceston Lightning Representative Teams.
- 3.5 A player filling in for a higher division/grade may only play for one team if their club has two (2) or more teams in that division/grade.
- 3.6 Junior teams must have adult supervision (Coach and/or Manager) during their game. Multiple instances of failure to comply may result in a club penalty being issued, particularly where behavioural / code of conduct issues have also arisen.
- 3.7 A player shall be eligible to represent his/her club in any division/grade in which he/she is eligible. A player can play in two games but, must not leave their first game until half time. Then the player can join their second game in a different competition



4 Senior Competitions & Core Players

- 4.1 Senior 1 teams must nominate five (5) core players per three (3) days prior to their first rostered match. Core players should be the best five (5) players on the team's roster. The General Manager has the right to review and add or remove core players if required. Core player lists will be released to all Division 1 teams and can be challenged through the communication process to the General Manager.
- 4.2 Baptist clubs must nominate four (4) core players three (3) days prior to the first rostered match. Core players should be the best four (4) players on the team's roster. The General Manager and the Baptist Committee have the right to review and add or remove players if required. Core player lists will be released to all Baptist clubs and can be challenged through the communication process to the General Manager, or raised at a Baptist committee meeting.
- 4.3 All current NBL1/WNBL/NBL and overseas imports are to be registered as a core player. NBL1 players aged 17 or under as of 1 February are not required to be listed as a core player. A restricted player is defined as:
 - 4.2.1 Any WNBL and NBL player that has averaged ten (10) or more minutes in the previous WNBL and NBL season
 - 4.2.2 Any overseas import requiring an International License/ clearance or a non-permanent Australian Resident.
 - 4.2.3 A WNBL, NBL or import player that has come through the Junior pathway in Launceston shall not be regarded as restricted.
- 4.4 Core Players are unable to participate in lower divisions (Senior 2 and 3)
- 4.5 Core players are to be replaced for long term injuries. (Long term equals 4 weeks or more)
- 4.6 Senior 1 players who are coming back from injury can apply to the General Manager to have their core player status removed for a period to establish match fitness back in Senior 2. Applications received during the last 4 rounds will not be approved.
- 4.7 If any Club intends to enter multiple teams in this competition, the club should inform LBA GM in writing as soon as reasonably possible and at least 4 weeks prior to the scheduled first round. This notification should indicate if the teams are to be structured as two even teams or a combination of primary and developing teams.
- 4.8 In the event the teams are to be structured evenly both teams will be required to enter their respective playing lists and Core 5 nominations prior to season start as per by-law 4.1. Once this submission has been made, player movement between teams will not be permitted without the prior consent of the LBA General Manager.
- 4.9 In the event the teams are to be structured as primary/developing the following player movement will be permitted after written consent from the LBA GM;
 - 4.9.1 Four Injury replacement players are to be nominated prior to the first round of competition from the Developing team to play for the primary team. Use of these players as follows;



- 4.9.1.1 Short term injury replacement defined as four (4) weeks minimum - one of the four nominated players can be transferred temporarily to the primary side for the duration of the injury. This replacement will only be accepted if the primary team has less than seven available players at the time of transfer and a valid medical certificate for the injured player is provided prior to the transfer.
 - 4.9.1.2 The injured player to be replaced will not be permitted to play within Senior Men 1 until the completion of this minimum period i.e., four (4) weeks. Injury replacement players for short term injury replacement can continue to play in the developing team.
 - 4.9.1.3 Injury replacement players will be permitted to play finals for the primary team if the player which they replaced is not available through injury and has provided a valid medical certificate.
 - 4.9.1.4 Long term injury replacement defined as season ending - one of the four players can be transferred to the primary team for the remainder of the season upon written advice to LBA GM. This transfer is permanent. If the injured player who has been replaced becomes available to play prior to the end of season they are only permitted to play in the developing team for the remainder of the season (including finals).
 - 4.9.1.5 Permanent player departure from competition - one of the four players can be transferred to the primary team for the remainder of the season upon written advice to LBA GM. This transfer is permanent and the replaced player cannot rejoin the competition for the duration of the season.
 - 4.9.1.6 Any movement of injury replacement players must not result in the developing team becoming non-viable (i.e., not enough players to field a side).
- 4.10 Two players (non-core 5) from the primary team can be nominated to play in the developing team for the duration of the season. This is to assist with the learning process of those players in the developing team as well as assist with the competitiveness of this team. These players MUST play in both teams each week for the duration of the season except;
- 4.10.1 In the instance of injury to this player.
 - 4.10.2 Other absences must be communicated to the LBA GM 24 hours prior to game with clear justification for absence.
 - 4.10.3 In the instance where club teams play each other, then at least one of these players must play with the developing team.
 - 4.10.4 For finals, these two players may only play in one team and should nominate the team prior to the first round of finals.



5 Code of Conduct

- 5.1 It is expected that person/s entering a premise under the control of the LBA will act in a respectful manner towards players, officials, spectators, the building and the equipment in accordance to Basketball Tasmania's Codes of Conduct. These can be found on the LBA website.

6 Uniforms

- 6.1 Players are all required to be correctly uniformed at the commencement of the roster. All players on the one team must wear the same uniform. The uniform consists of a singlet and shorts. All players must wear the same colour singlet and shorts. The colour for the shorts and singlets can differ. In LBA Baptist League players from the same team must wear the same dominant colour singlet only.
- 6.2 All new club uniform purchases must be approved by the General Manager. In LBA Baptist, the Baptist Committee will approve uniform purchases.
- 6.3 Where a clash of colour occurs between two teams the first team named on the draw (Team A) must change their uniform. The decision on if uniforms are required to be changed will be determined by the Match Manager on duty.
- 6.4 Clubs are responsible for supplying an alternative set of uniforms. If Team A does not supply an alternate set of uniforms. Team A will automatically forfeit, and the game is to be played as a scratch match at the Referees Discretion.
- 6.5 All LBA Officials should know and enforce the uniform requirements.

7 Game Rules

- 7.1 A minimum of four (4) players are required to start a game for the following competitions: Juniors/Senior Division 2 and Baptist League. Where teams are unable to start a game, the game clock will start on time and the opponents will be award two (2) match points for every minute or part thereof until the team is ready to play. At 59.9 seconds left in the 1st quarter the game will be declared a forfeit.
- 7.2 A minimum of five (5) players are required to start a game for the following competitions: Senior Division 1. Where teams are unable to start a game, the game clock will start on time and the opponents will be award two (2) match points for every minute or part thereof until the team is ready to play. At 59.9 seconds left in the 1st quarter the game will be declared a forfeit.
- 7.3 Under 10 competition will have modified rules as follows:
- 7.3.1 Lowered rings
 - 7.3.2 No back-court violations
 - 7.3.3 No timing violations
 - 7.3.4 Modified free throw line, 100cm closer to the ring.



- 7.3.5 Coaches are permitted to be outside their designated coaching box but must remain within their half of the court.
- 7.3.6 Scoreboard will be used.
- 7.3.7 The no charge semi-circle will not apply
- 7.3.8 All teams must play person to person defence and pick up their players at halfway. E.g. If player #10 white is guarding player #4 Blue, once player # 4 Blue crosses halfway into the front court player #10 white must stick with that player – dependant on the defence taught by their coach e.g., pack defence, shell defence etc Therefore “Drop Back Rule” Rule applies for entire game. See Section 8
- 7.3.9 Successful shots taken outside the three-point line will count as two points
- 7.3.10 During the first four weeks of competition, coaches from both teams will be permitted to enter the court area for the sole purpose of assisting players with correct court position. This is to assist referees with educating new and young players with learning the rules and requirements of the game. At the completion of the first four rounds of competition, coaches will no longer be permitted to enter the court area.
- 7.4 Under 12 competitions will have modified rules as follows:
 - 7.4.1 Points scored will follow FIBA Rules – 3 Point Shots made will equal 3 points, 2 Point Shots made will equal 2 points and 1 Point Shots made will equal 1 point. Under 12s use shorter 3-point line where marked otherwise use FIBA 3-point line
- 7.5 Under 14 competitions will have modified rules as follows:
 - 7.5.1 Shot Clock for all Divisions - Shot Clock to start once ball crosses halfway
 - 7.5.2 Under 14s use shorter 3-point line where marked otherwise use FIBA 3 point line
- 7.6 Baptist League competitions will have modified rules as follows:
 - 7.6.1 No shot clock to be used in any division of Baptist League
 - 7.6.2 Drop back rule applies as per 8.1
- 7.7 Three (3) point shots in Under 16 competitions and above use the outside FIBA 3 Point Line. Exception: Venues with only one (1) three (3) point line painted: all shots from outside this line will be counted as three (3) points for all competitions.
- 7.8 Match Balls to be used will be in line with Basketball Tasmania guidelines. Under 10 & 12 competitions will use a Size 5, Under 14 competitions Size 6, all other women’s competitions Size 6, all other men’s competitions Size 7.
- 7.9 Half court zone defence is not permitted in Under 14 & below competitions. The policy on zone defence is created by Basketball Australia. The LBA will follow all guidelines as set by Basketball Australia and Basketball Tasmania regarding zone defence.



8 Drop Back Rule

- 8.1 **Definition:** - When a team is leading by twenty (20) points in Development League and Baptist B Grade, and thirty (30) points in Baptist A Grade, its players must immediately “drop back” into their backcourt behind halfway when playing defence. Once the team that is down secures control of the ball (dribbling or holding the ball) in its backcourt, they shall be allowed to dribble the ball unimpeded across halfway and establish front court status. If the margin reduces below the drop back threshold, then the “Drop Back” rule does not apply.
- 8.2 The “Drop Back Rule” is to be applied in ALL Baptist and Development League competitions and is not optional.
- 8.3 Violation of the “Drop Back Rule” stated above will result in 1 free throw and a sideline ball in their front court.
- 8.4 Score bench personnel are responsible for advising the Match Manager once the twenty (20) point lead has been reached.
- 8.5 Match Managers are to then approach the coach/es of the teams and advise that the “Drop Back Rule” is in effect.

9 Scoring

- 9.1 Points will be awarded for the competition as follows (exception of Social)

Round	Win	Loss	Draw	Forfeit	Bye
Normal	4	2	3	0	0

- 9.2 Competitions which have uneven amount of games played by teams will be first ranked on win percentage, the number of games won divided by the number of games played. Under this format draws count as half (0.5) of a win, and penalties have a win removed, then competition points. This alleviating the problem of issuing points for byes.
- 9.3 The following may incur a loss of four (4) competition points -
- 9.3.1 Playing an unregistered player
 - 9.3.2 Playing a player under an assumed name
 - 9.3.3 Playing an over aged player in the junior competition without written approval from LBA General Manager
 - 9.3.4 Playing a player who has not been cleared by the General Manager
 - 9.3.5 Playing a player who is currently suspended from playing



10 Duty

- 10.1 Duty will be rostered to the specific club, clubs are required to provide, a chairperson, a scorer, a timekeeper and a shot clock operator (if required) for each game rostered. These people are to remain the same during the game.
- 10.2 If no duty teams are allocated for the competition the playing teams must each supply two (2) responsible individuals to carry out duty for their game only. Experienced score bench personnel require 3 but most games will require 4 people.
- 10.3 Failure to supply and complete bench duty correctly may at the discretion of the General Manager incur a potential penalty to the club of \$100.00. At the General Managers discretion, a loss of four (4) competition points can be applied for repeated failures.

11 Final Placings

- 11.1 Positions within a competition will be decided on the points awarded to each team. The team with the most points will be placed at the top of the ladder.
- 11.2 In the case where teams play an uneven amount of games, the final placing will be determined by the win/loss percentage, less any adjustments made for competition point penalties.
- 11.3 In the case where points are equal, the position will be decided by the team that won the match/s involving those two (2) teams.
- 11.4 In the case where two (2) teams have an even win / loss ratio and the teams finish on the same points, then the positions shall be decided by points for and against for the matches involving those teams.
- 11.5 If three (3) or more teams finish equal, then the position shall be decided by points for and against for the matches involving only those teams. If points are still equal, then points for and against will be tallied for all games played by those teams.
- 11.6 The structure of a competition finals series will be determined by the General Manager and distributed to teams once nominations are closed and draws are finalised.
- 11.7 The General Manager may alter the finals series after draws are distributed if all teams are notified of the change.
- 11.8 For a team to be eligible to play in the finals series they must have paid all monies due to the LBA.
- 11.9 Where scheduled games cannot be played, the General Manager has the authority to decide whether those games shall be played at an alternative time and date.



12 Eligibility of Players

- 12.1 No player shall be eligible to play in the finals series unless they have played at least fifty percent (50%) of the games in their grade or division that their team participates in. Byes do not count as games played. When a forfeit occurs the team who receives the forfeit and wins the match will have everybody on their team list have the game count towards qualification. The forfeiting team's players however will not register a game towards their qualifying tally.
- 12.2 The Competition Manager may exempt players from rule 12.1 for the following;
- 12.2.1 A player who has played in another division/grade will qualify for finals if they have played at least 5 games in the division/grade and they qualify for their original team under rule 12.1.
- 12.2.2 Players who produce a medical certificate for games missed. Medical certificates will be accepted within 7 days prior or after the scheduled game time. Medical certificates must be forwarded to the General Manager.
- 12.2.3 For Players who have State or National team commitments, an exemption letter must be provided by the Basketball Tasmania Development Manager in a timely manner and forwarded to the LBA General Manager within 28 days of the missed games. No application for exemption will be accepted on the day of the semi-finals or final.
- 12.2.4 For players who have been attending higher education either interstate, or internationally, their club, through their committee may apply in writing to the General Manager to have an exemption applied to be eligible for finals. This application must be submitted at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the commencement of finals. Factors considered in the acceptance of this application will be the players participation and history in the LBA and the potential positive impact on the competition. A minimum of 7 games must be played for this application to be successful. Final approval of the application will be made by the LBA Board.
- 12.2.5 Any interstate or international players who is part of a NBL1 team and wishes to play in the LBA may have their club, through their committee apply in writing to the General Manager to have an exemption applied to be eligible for finals. This application must be submitted at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the commencement of finals. A minimum of 7 games must be played for this application to be successful. Final approval of the application will be made by the LBA Board.
- 12.3 A player is deemed to have played if they have been ticked on the stadium scoring system. Opposition coaches are encouraged to view the details of the opposing team prior to the commencement of the game to ensure the details of both teams are correct.
- 12.4 No player can transfer from a club or team without the prior permission of the General Manager. Players/ Parents will need to contact their club first and then the club is to communicate this through to the General Manager.
- 12.5 In Senior competitions clubs with a Senior 1 side can draw players from teams and club from Senior 2 who don't have a Senior 1 side.



- 12.6 Provided all monies due to the LBA have been paid and the player has clearance from their current club/team the player may apply to the General Manager for permission to play for another club/team. This is limited to one clearance every 6 months as per Basketball Tasmania guidelines.
- 12.7 Players who wish to play for a different club in competitions run by the LBA must lodge an application in writing to the General Manager. If the application is approved, it is valid only until the 31st December of the year in which the application is made.
- 12.8 Only twelve (12) players can be eligible to play in the final series per team.

13 Players Competing in Age Group

- 13.1 All players must nominate and compete in the age division they currently qualify for.
- 13.2 The requirement for a player to compete in their age division may be waived if the player submits a written request for this to occur. This submission will then be assessed by a panel consisting of the LBA Head Coach, General Manager and an independent third party. If the panel deems that a player would be severely disadvantaged by playing in their age competition, or the player would be significantly dominant in this competition to the detriment of all other players then this requirement will be waived for that playing year. A new submission must be made each year to waive this requirement.
- 13.3 A player may also choose to compete in an age group above the one they currently qualify for by agreement with their club. Players may also compete in an age group above the one they qualify for if they are competing in an LBA Lightning Representative team.

14 Team Composition and Eligibility - Juniors

- 14.1 Development League
 - 14.1.1 This competition is open to all players of appropriate age and is club based domestic basketball. This includes the following players;
 - 14.1.1 a Premier League players who have not been offered a regular playing position in TJBL sides.
 - 14.1.1 b Bottom age FDP athletes who have not been offered a regular playing position in TJBL sides.
 - 14.1.2 Players who are not eligible for Development League as follows;
 - 14.1.2 a All SDP athletes.
 - 14.1.2 b All top age FDP athletes.
 - 14.1.2 c All athletes who have been selected to play regular games in TJBL sides.
 - 14.1.2 d All athletes who have been offered a regular playing position on a TJBL side and have rejected their offer.



- 14.1.3 Clubs who enter multiple sides for Development League should balance their sides as follows;
- 14.1.3 a The number of Premier League players across all teams of a similar standard.
- 14.1.3 b The number of bottom age FDP players across all teams of a similar standard.
- 14.1.4 If after competition commences, any given team from one club with multiple entries is assessed by the LBA competition committee as definitively dominant, clubs can be instructed to rebalance their teams in that particular age group/division.
- 14.1.5 An FDP/SDP player is any athlete who participates in BTAS training programs in that calendar year and will remain regardless if the athlete withdraws mid cycle.

14.2 Premier League

- 14.2.1 This competition is open to all players of appropriate age and is club based domestic basketball. The competition represents the highest ability level of junior basketball in LBA domestic competition and selections are based on Club trials. This includes the following players;
- 14.2.1 a Players who aspire to play TJBL.
- 14.2.1 b Players with a highly developed basketball ability or wish to improve and play against the strongest local junior players.
- 14.2.1 c All SDP and FDP athletes.
- 14.2.2 Players who wish to compete in TJBL sides for LBA must trial for Premier League.
- 14.2.3 Clubs who enter multiple sides for Premier League should formulate their teams as evenly as possible. This includes the following;
- 14.1.3 a Even spread of FDP/SDP athletes across all teams. As a general rule, no more than six FDP/SDP athletes will be accepted in any one team and should consist of both Top age and Bottom age athletes.
- 14.1.3 b Balance spread of top age and bottom age players across all teams.
- 14.1.4 c Clubs who enter multiple teams are not permitted to enter one strong and one development team, nor is it permitted to enter a top age and a bottom age team.
- 14.2.4 If after competition commences, any given team from one club with multiple entries is assessed by the LBA competition committee as definitively dominant, clubs can be instructed to rebalance their teams in that particular age group/division.
- 14.2.5 An FDP/SDP player is any athlete who participates in BTAS training programs in that calendar year and will remain regardless if the athlete withdraws mid cycle.

14.3 TJJJL (previously TJBL)

- 14.3.1 Any junior player who would normally have LBA as their home Constituent Association Member (CAM) under BTAS structures is expected to only play TJJJL for LBA. In the event a



player who chooses to represent an alternative CAM at TJJJL competition this player would immediately be ineligible to compete in any LBA run domestic rosters for the remainder of the calendar year except for LBA Social.

- 14.3.2 This competition is open to athletes of appropriate ability who wish to compete against the best athletes in any given age group from around the State or wish to compete at State Championships. The following players are eligible for selection;
 - 14.3.1 a Premier League players whose performance during competition is at a standard appropriate for Representative basketball, both Championship or Shield divisions.
 - 14.3.1 b All FDP and SDP athletes will be selected to compete at TJJJL.
 - 14.3.1 c Any player nominated by club coaches who is not already playing Premier League however is assessed to be at a standard appropriate for Representative basketball.
- 14.3.3 Selection for TJJJL competition will be by invitation and based on a selection panel for each age group comprising network coaches familiar with the cohort.
- 14.3.4 Composition of the LBA TJJJL sides will be based on both Championship and Shield level ability groups and will consist of multiple teams in all age groups.
- 14.3.5 In selecting TJJJL sides selection coaches will apply the following;
 - 14.3.5 a All SDP athletes will be offered a permanent position within our TJJJL sides.
 - 14.3.5 b All top age FDP athletes will be offered a permanent position within our TJJJL sides.
 - 14.3.5 c All bottom age athletes will be offered either a permanent position or a reserve position within our TJJJL sides.
 - 14.3.5 d The Association aim is to field a minimum of two Championship and one Shield level side for TJJJL competition. This can be increased/decreased dependent on the strength and depth of interest in any given age group.

15 Forfeits

- 15.1 Teams are required to provide written notice to the General Manager at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting if they are unable to complete a fixtured game. Any teams forfeiting a competition game within 24 hours of the scheduled start time will incur a loss of, four (4) competition points. Under extenuation circumstance an application can be made in writing from the Club to the General Manager for the loss of points to be waived.
- 15.2 After two consecutive forfeits the General Manager may disqualify the team from the competition. Teams that are disqualified shall forfeit all monies paid to the LBA.
- 15.3 Individual players from teams with outstanding fines will not be accepted back into the competition conducted by the LBA until their portion of the outstanding monies has been paid.



- 15.4 A team that forfeits in the final series will incur a set fine of \$200 payable within 7 days and will be eliminated from all future final matches. The General Manager may impose further sanctions, including but not limited to, eligibility to play in future competitions.

16 Promotion and Regulation of Teams

- 16.1 The General Manager has the right to promote or relegate teams if necessary, for the benefit of the competition.
- 16.2 A winning team may be promoted to the next division above their current division during the current competition.
- 16.3 Any team who does not take up the opportunity to play in the next division above their current division shall not be eligible for finals.

17 Disputes and Protests

- 17.1 Any protest against a team, referee, or a decision of the Match Manager or any other member of the LBA must be in writing, signed and addressed to your Club first and then if the issue cannot be resolved through the Club, the Club can then pass on the issue to the General Manager within seven (7) days from the time of the incident. The General Manager will deal with all protests without prejudice as soon as is possible.
- 17.2 For further details with regards to game day disputes, reports and protests refer to the communication process on the LBA website.

18 Injuries

- 18.1 Any player or official injured in a game must record such injuries on an injury report form available at www.launceston.basketball and email to the General Manager.
- 18.2 To be eligible to claim through insurance, a player's registration must be current.

19 Deferring of Games

- 19.1 If a game deferment is required, a minimum of twenty-one (21) days' notice in writing must be given to the General Manager stating the reason for the deferment of the game.
- 19.2 The General Manager reserves the right to decline the deferment if the deferment will cause disruption to the current competition.
- 19.3 Any appeal against the decision made by the General Manager relating to the deferment of a game must be made in writing to the LBA Board.
- 19.4 The General Manager may defer, abandon or cancel games if required with or without notice.



20 Amendment History

Rev No.	Section	Change
2023	7	Removal of LBA Social specific rules – Refer to current game timings regulations
2023	5	Removed duplication of information related to Code of Conduct – LBA refers to the BTAS/BA Codes of Conduct
2023	14.3.1	TJJJL – players who represent other CAM's ineligible to play domestic LBA
2023	4	Senior Men 1 team composition and structure
2023	8	Drop Back Rule to apply within Development League competitions
2023	ALL	Updated terminology for TJBL to TJJJL, updated competitions terms to PlayHQ terms
2022	14	Updated terminology for team formulations in line with current Premier League, Development League and TJBL structures
2022	1.4, 1.11, 4.4, 17.2	Terminology changed in multiple sections to reflect updated competitions and terminology changes
	8.1	Drop back rule for Baptist modified for A Grade to 30 points
	5.1, 6.2, 7.4.1, 7.5.2, 18, 19	Deleted as the association now refers to FIBA
2021 July	7.10	Added Social competition specific rules
	9.2	Added Social competition ladder/point rules
2021	1.9	Baptist competitions changed from “A Grade” and “A Reserve” to “A Grade” and “B Grade”
	4.2	Baptist Core 4 (four) players
	14.1-14.6	FDP/SDP requirements and wording changed
	17.1	Change of terminology from “Match Supervisor” to “Match Manager”
2020	3.6	Removed as redundant
	4.1	Added clubs are able to challenge core 5 through LBA communication process
	4.2	Changed terminology from SEABL to NBL1 as per new competition
	6.2	Removed specific mention of compression garments etc – FIBA now applies



		Added that new uniform purchases must be approved by General Manager, Baptist must be approved by Baptist Committee
	7.4.6	Under 10s – First four weeks coaches are allowed on court to educate players
	9.3.4	Removed as redundant
	10.3	Failure to supply bench duty no longer results in automatic points penalty
	12.2.2	Medical certificate timeframe extended from 24 hours to 7 days
	12.2.4/5	Seven game requirement added for qualification for finals
	13.2	Application process for playing in higher age group has been simplified
	14.1-14.7	Simplified FDP/SDP player restrictions with discretion of LBA GM and Board to apply
	15.2	Changed wording for teams that forfeit consecutive games
	14.3 / 14.4 / 14.5 / 14.6	Reworded number of FDP/SDP players per team for clarity
	20.1	Sin bin applies to ALL LBA competition