



# U19 Academy Basketball Leagues Rules & Regulations 2021-2022

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These regulations apply to the following Elite Academy Basketball League (EABL), Women's Elite Academy Basketball League (WEABL) & Academy Basketball League (ABL)

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**1. Management:**

- 1.1 The competition will be administered jointly between Basketball England (BE) & Association of Colleges (AoC) Sport in consultation with the two league appointed representatives from the teams that are competing within the leagues, One representative will cover EABL and one will cover the WEABL. Both of these roles are in a non-management role and in a consultative role only.
- 1.2 The Executive Boards of BE & AoC Sport have delegated the responsibility for organising the competition to Basketball England's professional staff.
- 1.3 The Disciplinary Officer is responsible for disciplinary matters related to the misconduct of players, match officials and school officials, including coaches, assistant coaches, team managers and team followers. An appeal may be lodged against any decision of the Disciplinary Officer.
- 1.4 Decisions made by the Disciplinary Officer may be referred to the Delivery Manager Game or a three-person panel representing Basketball England known as the Competitions Review Panel. By registering to participate, individuals accept the regulations regarding disciplinary action and appeals.

**2. Registration and Entry:**

- 2.1 Entry to the EABL/WEABL & ABL is by invitation only.
- 2.2 BE/AoC Sport reserves the right to refuse entry to any institution especially if any outstanding fees from the previous season are still owed.
- 2.3 All institutions invited to enter the competitions must be affiliated to Basketball England and be members of AoC Sport.
- 2.4 All players must be registered using AoC Sport's online system Naqoda before the first game commences. Failure to do this will result in games being forfeited until all players have been registered.
- 2.5 The last day for players registration on the AOC Sports Online system Naqoda to play in the Academy leagues for a team is 31<sup>st</sup> January. No new players can then be registered after this date.
- 2.6 The maximum an EABL/WEABL team can register players on AOC Naqoda to play in these two leagues are 20 players in total, these players will also be the only players listed on any academy websites. Players can be transferred in and out of the team by the club notifying BE/AOC of the players to be removed and added to teams.
  - 2.6.1 Teams can make a written request for a maximum of three players to be deregistered from the EABL/WEABL/ABL and then registered for regional leagues. Once deregistered, the player cannot then be reregistered for the EABL/WEABL/ABL. Applications must be received before the Christmas break.
- 2.7 The person responsible for the administration of the institution's basketball team shall be referred to as the 'key contact person'. All actions of the key contact person are deemed to represent the authority of the institution.
- 2.8 Communication between institutions and BE/AoC Sport should be conducted through the key contact person. Only the key contact person will be acknowledged as the person to communicate decisions, unless the institution have informed of a nominated alternative. BE/ AoC Sport should be informed in writing of any permanent or temporary changes in the key contact person.
- 2.9 Upon registration the Principal / Head Teacher of the institution or the Chairperson of Club Led Programs accepts responsibility for the actions of its employees.

### 3 **Player Eligibility:**

- 3.1 The age of each player is taken as at the 1st September of each season.
- 3.2 All participants must be full-time or part-time students of the institution they represent and must be under 19 and over 16 years of age as per Regulation 3.1. In exceptional circumstances players under the age of 16 (Year 10 or 11 students will only be considered and must have been at the education establishment in the last two academic years and be on the Basketball England Development Pathway program known as EDP) can participate in the competition, these students have to be approved by BE/ AoC Sport prior to the start of the league. It is recommended that team's field at least 8 players per game.
- 3.3 Institutions that are found to have played players that do not meet the Eligibility requirements may face disqualification for the remainder of the season.
- 3.4 Players competing in the EABL/WEABL are NOT permitted to compete in U19 conference competitions organised by BE or AoC Sport. This includes AoC Sport Regional & National competitions.
- 3.5 Players competing in the ABL are NOT permitted to compete in U19 conference competitions organised by BE or AoC Sport but can compete in AoC Sport Regional & National competitions.
- 3.6 It may be possible for a student to be on a funded study programme at more than one school/college. In such circumstances, the student will play for the institution at which they study more guided learning hours. If this college does not enter a team in the student's chosen sport, the college at which the student studies fewer hours must make a written request to the other college for the student to play in their team.
- 3.7 Students competing in the competitions must be on a FE course only unless under aged and must be studying normal school education.

### 4 **Competition Format**

- 4.1 BE/AoC Sport reserves the right to adjust the format or rules of the competition as is deemed appropriate.
- 4.2 All league formats will be home and away fixtures unless otherwise communicated by BE/AOC, no single game can count as the result in two games between the same two teams. Individual games must be played on both occasions in line with the fixtures listed
- 4.3 The teams that qualify for the playoff rounds and the Finals shall observe any arrangements by BE/AoC Sport for the staging of these fixtures, especially with regard to any sponsorship agreements.
- 4.4 The League positions shall be determined by awarding the following points:
  - Three points for a win and zero point for a loss in all competitions.
  - Three points shall be awarded for a Match lost by default or forfeit. a fine in line with 5.18 will also be applied. For Not fulfilling the fixture.
  - All games that are 'void' at the end of the season will result in a score line of 0-0- and one-point league Deduction for both teams, a fine in line with 5.18 will also be applied for not fulfilling the fixture.
- 4.5 In the event of a tie in win percentage at the end of the season, this shall be resolved as follows:
  - a) If there are two teams involved in this classification, the result(s) of the game(s) between the teams involved will be used to determine the placings.
  - b) In the event that the total points scored and conceded are the same in the games between the two teams, the classification will be determined by point difference taking into account the results of all games played in the league by both teams.
  - c) If more than two teams are equal in the placings, a second classification will be established taking into account only the results of the games between the teams that are tied.
  - d) In the event that there are still teams tied after the second classification, then point difference will be used to determine the placings, taking into account only the results of the games between the teams still tied.
  - e) If there are still teams tied, the placings will be determined using point difference from the results of all their games played in the league.
  - f) If at any stage using the above criteria, a multiple tie is reduced to a tie involving only two teams, the procedure in (a) and (b) will be applied.
  - g) If it is reduced to a tie still involving more than two teams, the procedure beginning with (c) is repeated.
  - h) Point difference will always be calculated by subtracting points against/from points for/scored.

### 5 **Fixtures**

- 5.1 The EABL/WEABL & ABL management committee will generate dates for all of the regular season games and be published at least 21 days before the start of the 2021-22 season. It is the responsibility of the Home institution to provide necessary information, i.e. tip off times, officials, colours, map etc for the away team at least 7 days

before the fixture date. In addition to Naqoda the fixtures & results will be listed on the EABL/WEABL & ABL websites.

- 5.2 A visible scoreboard, and a visible clock shall be provided by the home team at every game. Shot clocks must be provided for all EABL/WEABL fixtures and have the relevant qualified table officials operating them. These facilities shall be clearly visible to both team benches.
- 5.3 The home team is to provide a score sheet for the fixture and the scoresheet must be emailed to AOC after the game has finished and the result updated on Naqoda. The home team is also responsible for the table equipment for the fixture and is responsible for providing suitable first aid equipment at the venue.
- 5.4 The home team must also ensure that every game is filmed & for EABL/WEABL brief reports of a maximum of 200 words are written which include coach and. player quotes.
- 5.5 The Away team players must produce their college identification cards for inspection by the officials prior to the game commencing.
- 5.6 For EABL/WEABL games the home team will upload their game film to HUDL for game and stat breakdown. Purposes within 12hrs of the game being completed. For ABL games the home team will upload their game film to HUDL for game exchange purposes only within 12hrs of the fixture being completed.
- 5.7 For ABL games the home team is also responsible for taking full stats for BOTH teams live at the game. Any software (FIBA LiveStats, iPad app, etc) can be used for this. However when submitting stats the pro-forma provided by BE Must be completed for each game.
- 5.8 All teams (EABL/WEABL & ABL) are permitted to purchase HUDL Assist (Bronze package) from HUDL at the rates applicable.
- 5.9 It is compulsory for all EABL/WEABL/ABL teams to provide nominations and votes for end of season awards this is a mandatory process and any teams that do not provide these submissions will be fined £150.00.
- 5.10 Spectator space if available should not interfere with the playing space. Spectators should be adequately supervised by the relevant school/college staff.
- 5.11 Teams arriving more than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time will find themselves liable to the forfeiture of the fixture. The away team must contact the home team if they are to be late. It is however the intention that the match should take place if at all possible and officials are requested to keep this in mind when making decisions.
- 5.12 Teams may only rearrange games with permission from EABL/WEABL & ABL management. Prior to 16<sup>th</sup> September, teams may rearrange fixture changes to a mutually agreed date and Teams unable to update fixture dates on Naqoda. On approval, the date will be updated on Naqoda by AoC Sport.. After 16<sup>th</sup> September changes will only be agreed in exceptional circumstances. These fixtures should be prioritised over all other competitions so rearrangements should be kept to a minimum with all teams permitted to postponing two games per institution per season. A fixture change request form must be completed and signed by both teams where a request is to be made, with a new date for the fixture must be listed for the postponement fixture. This will need to be agreed and updated on Naqoda prior to confirming the game being postponed by all..
- 5.13 Where an institution is responsible for the postponement of a scheduled game (48 hours prior to the tip off) or doesn't fulfil a fixture, without the consent of its opponents, BE/AoC Sport may consider the matter and award the non-offending team the game 20-0; league points may also be deducted. If games are postponed for other reasons, a new date for the game must be confirmed with the key contact person, BE & AoC Sport no later than 1 week after the postponement
- 5.14 Where an institution is responsible for the postponement of a scheduled match (up to 24 hours prior to the tip Off due to the venue operator cancelling the booking, the game must be rescheduled within seven (7) days of the postponement. Confirmation from the venue that the original booking was cancelled by the venue operator must be provided. Failure to provide confirmation from the venue operator will result in consideration of the matter by BE/AoC Sport which may result in the game being awarded to the opposition
- 5.15 In the event of postponements due to severe weather conditions or unforeseen road delays the following will apply:
  - a) The travelling expenses (if applicable) of the match officials will be paid by the home team. Any dispute over the team responsible for the postponement, and subsequently any costs, will be resolved by BE/AoC Sport within seven (7) days.

- b) Any cost of court hire will lie with the team responsible for the postponement if the game is arranged for a later date. In the case of a forfeit the home school/college is not entitled to claim court hire costs from the away school/college; however, they will be awarded the game 20-0.
- c) The responsibility for notifying the match officials of a postponement rests with the home institution.

- 5.16 Any claim for an outstanding/postponed Match must be received by BE/AoC not less than 14 days prior to the first Play-Off Match, in order that full consideration of the claim can be made before confirming the final League positions and Play-Off places.
- 5.17 Institutions should take reasonable precautions to safeguard the match officials and other participants from unsatisfactory behaviour by their own players, officials and supporters.
- 5.18 A £500.00 AoC Sport fine (per game) will be applied to any team that doesn't complete in each of their scheduled Fixtures.
- 5.19 The white copy of the official score sheet shall be forwarded, at the completion of the fixture, by the home team to Angela Eason [angela.eason@aoe.co.uk](mailto:angela.eason@aoe.co.uk), AoC Sport, 14 North Street Workshops, North Street, Stoke Sub Hamdon, Somerset, TA14 6QR
- 5.20 The home team is responsible for:
- Uploading a copy of the game film to HUDL within 12 hours
  - Sending in a game report max of 200 words including player and/or coach quotes (using the template provided) to [academy@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:academy@basketballengland.co.uk) - by 9am the following day.
  - For ABL games, sending in the statistics box score to [academy@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:academy@basketballengland.co.uk) - within 12hrs of the game finishing
- All teams are responsible for:
- Providing information requested from the EABL/WEABL & ABL management team for use on the website and press releases adhering to any deadlines set.
- The below sanctions will be imposed for teams that do not meet the requirements: -
- 1) £150.00 Fine
  - 2) £250.00 fine
  - 3) £500.00 Fine, ineligible for playoffs and final written warning
  - 4) Immediate expulsion from league

## 6.0 Finals Events

- 6.1 BE/AoC Sport will organise and promote the finals events as it deems appropriate and will deal with disciplinary and other issues that may occur during the event.

## 7.0 Playing Rules:

- 7.1 All games are played according to current FIBA regulations unless otherwise stated.
- 7.2 The home team should provide the match ball. The Wilson basketball is the approved ball for competitions under the jurisdiction of Basketball England.
- 7.3 All games should be played on a full court no less than 26m x 14m.
- 7.4 When arranging a fixture, the venue address, game time and respective playing colours must be confirmed. In the event of a colour clash the home team shall change.
- 7.5 If a coach is disqualified during the game, they must be replaced by another adult representing the institution who is suitably DBS check and holds a Level 2 basketball coaching qualification.
- 7.6 When a player aged under 18 years of age is ejected from a match, a designated bench personnel who is licensed to the team and club, with a current enhanced DBS certificate, must accompany the player out of the playing area into a public space. If there is no bench personnel available, the player must remain in the hall on the opposite side of the court to his bench and must not intervene or communicate with the team. If the ejected player is to remain in the hall, any further intervention or incidents will be taken into account in any disciplinary investigation after the match. Any personnel without a current DBS certificate shall be risk assessed individually. Approved safeguarding training is required for anyone in regulated activity with children including, but not limited to, coaches, assistant coaches, physios and team managers
- 7.7 Players can only be ejected from the game and/or from the courtside, and not from the hall. If further action is required, this should be taken against the coach of the team.

- 7.8 During the game, the only persons permitted to sit on the bench are the coach, assistant coach, the (12) players, and a maximum of seven team followers with special responsibilities (which can include a maximum of 5 other registered players that are not playing and cannot be kitted up), i.e. 21 persons in total. It is recommended that each team has a team manager.
- 7.9 During the game, the referee must order any player who is bleeding, or has an open wound to leave the playing area. The player may return to the court only after the bleeding has stopped and the area affected or the open wound has been completely and securely covered.

## 8 Results

- 8.1 Game results MUST be entered directly into Naqoda within 6 hours of the games conclusion.
- 8.2 All EABL and WEABL fixture results must be sent via Whatsapp to the designated competitions telephone number that will be circulated, within one hour of the game finishing. The name of the top three scorers and well as the results must be reported.

## 9. Match Officials

- 9.1 Two referees and two table officials for shall be appointed by the home team for each game, an additional table official is also required by the WEABL/EABL home teams to operate the shot clocks and be qualified to the correct level (When no Level 3+ table Official can be found, the priority is that a shot clock is used, so a Level Two can be used in these competitions only, where they have experience or undertaken a Level 3 course before.
- Referees should hold at least a Level 2 qualification, table officials at least a level 1 and all should wear regulation uniform. Where payment is involved, the match officials shall be paid by the home team before the start of the game. BE will make appointments for the Finals event.
- 9.2 Notionally all teams should appoint referees from the approved list supplied by BE and confirmed to the opposition as detailed in point 5.1.
- 9.3 Referees and table officials must be registered with Basketball England and are subject to the Basketball England Code of Conduct & Ethics.
- 9.4 Match officials should not make public comments, including via electronic media, regarding incidents in the games in which they have officiated. Transgressions will be referred to the Basketball England Disciplinary Officer.
- 9.5 In the event that an institution uses non-qualified or unregistered officials the home team will automatically forfeit the game 0-20.
- 9.6 The following match fee and expense rates will apply for season 2021/22 as a guideline of the payment of officials:

Type of Game	Referees	Table Offs
Level 4 Referee (MAX CLAIM £30 INCL. EXPS)	£15.00	£10.00
Level 3 Referee / Level 3 Table Official. (MAX CLAIM £30 INCL. EXPS)	£14.00	£8.00
Level 2 Referee / Level 2 Table Official.( MAX CLAIM £30 INCL. EXPS)	£13.00	£7.00
Level 1 Referee / Level 1 Table Official (Apprentice).( MAX CLAIM £20 INCL. EXPS)	£10.00	£5.00

Expenses paid to referees will either be in the form of:

**Travel by Rail:** The actual fare paid up to a maximum of second class ordinary return.

**Travel by Road:** 35.0p per mile. This figure does not apply where the official is using a company car, in which case the rate shall be 18.0p per mile for all mileage. (NB - see also official's expenses claim forms for further details)

For double-header appointments only one set of travel expenses may be claimed.

HMRC expects all payments to be made by bank transfer or cheque. All officials are responsible for paying their own taxes and National Insurance and must comply with HMRC regulations.

Payments by BACS must be paid within 7 clear working days of conclusion of the match. Payments made in cheque or cash must be made prior to the match.

For appointments to all Finals Basketball England will determine the appropriate match fee and mileage rate and or the level of expenses that will apply.

## 10 Game promotion

- 10.1 Teams are required to adhere to any requests related to league sponsorship (ie. Banner to be hung in gym, sponsor related social media, etc). Any conflicts of interest with team's own sponsorship agreements will be dealt with on an individual basis.

## 11 Disciplinary Action

- 11.1 Basketball England will be responsible for disciplinary matters.
- 11.2 Individual schools/Colleges, coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, players and/or team representatives may be disciplined for breaches of the U19 Academy Basketball Rules and Regulations and/or the Basketball England Code of Ethics and Conduct. Disciplinary action could include disqualification of a team or officials from competition for any period that may be decided by the Basketball England Disciplinary Officer. Teams are also responsible for their supporters and failure to control their behavior could result in similar disqualification. In special cases, as determined by the Disciplinary Officer, a three-person committee may be formed to consider a particular matter.
- 11.3 In the event of a player, coach or team follower being disqualified during a match the Basketball England Delivery Game Team and AOC Competitions Administrator should be informed. Each match official is required to submit a written report regarding the incident, within 72 hours of the completed fixture, a full time scale of the Disciplinary Timeline can be seen as appendix 1. The respective schools, colleges and/or any individual may also submit written reports if they so choose. Each of these reports shall be prepared by its author making clear as to evidence seen directly by the author. The matter will then be referred to the Disciplinary Officer.
- 11.4 A system of cumulative "penalty points" will apply, and a one game suspension comes into force whenever a Participant's total penalty points reaches (or exceeds) each of the following totals: 10 (one match ban), 15 (second match ban), 20 (third match ban), 25 (fourth match ban), etc. The suspension will take effect from /or after 14 days after the disciplinary incident, as determined by the Disciplinary Officer /Basketball England. A fine may be imposed as well as a game suspension, the fining system is defined in appendix 2.
- 11.4.1 Disqualifications automatically invoke the following minimum penalty points:
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| Player or Team Follower | 7  |
| Coach                   | 10 |
- 11.5 Disciplinary action in respect of automatic penalty points incurred by disqualification will come into force on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the incident or as otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England during which time the Participant will be able to appeal under Regulation 13. This does not preclude the Disciplinary Officer for imposing further penalty points
- 11.6 At the end of each season, all cumulative totals will revert to zero.
- 11.7 Match Officials shall not make any recommendation or comment, either in their report or otherwise, as to the disciplinary action that they consider to be appropriate.
- 11.8 Disciplinary action as a result of a decision of the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England will normally come into effect on the 14<sup>th</sup> day after the incident or as otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Officer/ Basketball England. In all cases should an appeal be lodged against a decision of the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England or automatic points, any disciplinary action will be suspended until such time as the appeal is heard.
- 11.9 A Participant under suspension for a Match may not participate in the Match, or act as a Participant from 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the Match, until after the end of the Match. They may be present in the Venue as a spectator unless otherwise stated by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England.
- 11.10 Failure to observe a suspension or breaching any condition applied as part of a suspension is classed as a breach of suspension. Any breach of suspension will result in the case being referred to the Disciplinary Officer and further disciplinary action will be taken.
- 11.11 Players, coaches, teachers, lecturers and representatives of the school/college shall not directly or indirectly

approach match officials before, during or after the game to give information or make comment which may be regarded as being intended to influence a match official's judgment or neutrality in any way. Such action will be regarded as serious misconduct and the offender and the club they represent will be subject to disciplinary action.

- 11.12 At the discretion of the Delivery Manager (Game) a decision may be taken to allow the school/college to administer disciplinary action in order to ensure no individual is disciplined twice for the same incident.
- 11.13 All disciplinaries will be kept on record for one season by the Delivery Manager (Game) to ensure all disciplinaries are monitored and accumulated from any other Basketball England Competitions

## **12. Appeals**

- 12.1 An appeal may be made against a disciplinary decision (involving disciplinary action against the club or individual making the appeal), to the Delivery Manager (Game) of Basketball England within 7 days of the decision being known, unless otherwise specified.
- 12.2 A deposit of £250 for the appeal must be paid by 5:00 pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> working day after the initial decision.
- 12.3 The appeal should contain your full case for appeal at the point of submission. The basis for the appeal and which specific aspects are being appealed must be fully declared. Only the aspects and information listed in the appeal will be considered.
- 12.4 All statements and/or referee/official reports that have been submitted will be sent to the appellant within 7 working days of the launch of their appeal. This is done via email. Statements will be redacted where necessary in order to safeguard individuals involved. Some statements will not be sent to the appellant if there is a legal reason preventing the statements being shared (third party information, data protection, confidentiality agreements or laws, Local Authority advice or instruction, advice from statutory agencies).
- 12.5 At the conclusion of the appeal hearing, the Appeals Panel shall determine whether the appeal fee is returned to the appellant in full, part, or not at all. In addition, the Appeals Panel may award costs and expenses against the appellant as it deems appropriate.
- 12.6 If no appeal is launched and the appeals deadline has passed, the disciplinary decision will be deemed as final and the result will be disclosed to the party who made the initial complaint (if a complaint was made by an individual or club) for the purposes of transparency. The disciplinary outcome will be redacted where necessary in order to safeguard individuals involved.
- 12.7 Any decision of the Appeals Panel made in accordance with these regulations shall be final and binding on the parties. There is no further course of appeal and when launching an appeal all parties agree to these terms & condition.
- 12.8 The Appellant, together with any other party or parties who may be affected by the decision, may be given the right of a personal hearing, but solely at the discretion of the Appeals Panel, but not as a right.

## **13 Disputes**

- 13.1 Any dispute or complaint relating to a Match must be recorded in accordance with the procedure indicated in Regulation 13.4 and followed by submission of a written report, which must be received to [academy@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:academy@basketballengland.co.uk) within 72 hours of the completion of the Match in question. Such submission must be accompanied by a deposit of £100 to AOC Sport. The deposit may be returned if the complaint is considered by Basketball England to be valid. Any team that submits a complaint under this Regulation 13.1 must also send a copy of the complaint to the opposing Club, and to the Match Officials for the Match in question. Under no circumstances can any complaint be submitted which seeks to question the validity of the result of the Match on the grounds of the quality of Match Officials appointed by BE or the home team and any other nominees
- 13.2 The BE Delivery Manager (Game) will adjudicate within 72 hours of receiving submissions from each team.
- 13.3 If either team, or the Match Officials, has any reason to consider the circumstances may be such as to invalidate or forfeit a match, this should be stated at the start of the game prior to tip off, and reported to AOC/BE by the Crew Chief and teams wishing to forfeit the game. A match shall take place or continue under the existing Conditions the game started with and it then cannot be disputed, and all reports are required to be forwarded to Basketball England on the [academy@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:academy@basketballengland.co.uk) email address who will determine the validity of the events.
- 13.4 If, at the end of a Match, a Team considers that it has suffered unreasonable harm by virtue of any occurrence



connected with the Match, with the exception of decisions by the match officials and regulation 13.1, the captain of the Team may sign the Scoresheet "under protest". The captain of the team wishing to sign the scoresheet under protest must notify the Crew Chief immediately after the final buzzer. Once the final buzzer sounds the scorer is required to record the time at the bottom of the scoresheet. The Crew Chief should ensure that the Scoresheet remains open until the 15-minute period has elapsed. If there is no request to protest the game, the scoresheet can be signed by all officials to mark the closing of the game. All Match Officials should remain at the disposal of the Crew Chief until the Scoresheet has been signed by all parties. If a Team signs the Scoresheet "under protest", it must then adopt the procedure indicated under Regulations 13.1 to ensure the protest is valid and make BE/AOC within the hour of the game finishing that a game is being protested, full reports are to follow in line with regulation 13.1. Regardless of subsequent actions, by signing the Scoresheet "under protest", a club becomes automatically liable to pay the deposit of £100 paid within the same timescales in regulation 13.1 as the written submission.

13.5 All disputes and protests relating to Matches will be considered by the BE Delivery Manager Game Department which may also be considered by a panel of three Basketball England staff known as the 'Competitions Review Panel'

## Appendix 1

### Disciplinary Timeline

#### EABL/WEABL/ABL

The timeline shows a guide of the disciplinary process. This is not in any way definite and may be adjusted accordingly.

**Wednesday** Incident

**Thursday** Reports Received. Must be received by Friday 12:00pm

**Friday** Notification of Disciplinary Process and official's reports sent to club

**Saturday**

**Sunday** Deadline for teams to submit reports

**Monday** Consideration by Disciplinary Officer

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**

**Friday** Disciplinary outcome sent to club  
(deadline for clubs to submit appeal 48 hours following notification)

**Saturday**

**Monday-** Suspension Letters issued

**Tuesday-**

**Wednesday-** Suspension in force

**Thursday-** Suspension in force

(Time frames for midweek games will be adjusted accordingly.)

## Appendix 2

### Disciplinary Guideline Document

#### Underlying Principles

Basketball is a fast sport played at professional, semi-professional and amateur level by athletic players. In such a sport situation will naturally arise that will require debate and disciplinary decisions, and BE's disciplinary system is there to support and protect all participants without sanitising the sport.

Each case must be judged on its merits and decisions reached by applying judgement and discretion.

#### Disciplinary guidelines

Regulation 11 of the U19 Elite Basketball League rule and regulations states that a system of cumulative "penalty points" will apply, and a one game suspension automatically comes into force whenever a person's total penalty points reaches (or exceeds) each of the following totals: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 etc.

The tables on pages 3 to 5 are to be used as guidelines only in respect of the type of disciplinary action that will be taken against all participants for improper conduct as detailed. They are not in any way definitive and the Disciplinary Officer/Compliance Manager/Panel will make their judgement as appropriate after taking into account all the evidence made available to them.

The after disqualification points column refers to actions of a participant after they have been disqualified, e.g. a player is disqualified for violent conduct, which will give them at least a one game ban, they then direct a stream of abuse at a participant or kick an advertising board, they will then get additional points on top of the points normally received for the 'act' of disqualification. The Disciplinary Guidelines will also apply to Spectators and Team Followers of their respective clubs.

The timeline for disciplinary will be found in appendix 1 of the U19 Elite Basketball League rules and regulations

#### Appeals

##### 14. Appeals

- 14.1 An appeal may be made against a disciplinary decision (involving disciplinary action against the institution or individual making the appeal), to the BE Delivery Manager (Game) of Basketball England within 7 days of the decision being known, unless otherwise specified.
- 14.2 A deposit of £250 for the appeal must be paid by 5:00 pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> working day after the initial decision.
- 14.3 The appeal should contain your full case for appeal at the point of submission. The basis for the appeal and which specific aspects are being appealed must be fully declared. Only the aspects and information listed in the appeal will be considered.
- 14.4 All statements and/or referee/official reports that have been submitted will be sent to the appellant within 7 working days of the launch of their appeal. This is done via email. Statements will be redacted where necessary in order to safeguard individuals involved. Some statements will not be sent to the appellant if there is a legal reason preventing the statements being shared (third party information, data protection, confidentiality agreements or laws, Local Authority advice or instruction, advice from statutory agencies).
- 14.5 At the conclusion of the appeal hearing, the Appeals Panel of three Basketball England staff known also as the 'Competitions Review Panel' shall determine whether the appeal fee is returned to the appellant in full, part, or not at all. In addition, the Appeals Panel may award costs and expenses against the appellant as it deems appropriate.
- 14.6 If no appeal is launched and the appeals deadline has passed, the disciplinary decision will be deemed as final and the result will be disclosed to the party who made the initial complaint (if a complaint was made by an individual or club) for the purposes of transparency. The disciplinary outcome will be redacted where necessary in order to safeguard individuals involved.

- 14.7 Any decision of the Appeals Panel made in accordance with these regulations shall be final and binding on the parties. There is no further course of appeal and when launching an appeal all parties agree to these terms & condition.
- 14.8 The Appellant, together with any other party or parties who may be affected by the decision, may be given the right of a personal hearing, but solely at the discretion of the Appeals Panel, but not as a right.

### **Disciplinary procedures**

#### **Outstanding suspensions**

Any suspension or part thereof which remains outstanding at the end of a season resulting from these disciplinary procedures must be served at the commencement of the next season, within the terms of these disciplinary procedures. Before a participant is eligible to serve a suspension in a following season they must be registered to compete with their respective team. No suspension can be served unless the participant's registration is fully complete. Once registered a suspension letter will be issued by Basketball England to highlight the fixtures/dates during that current season for which the carried over suspension should be served.

#### **Re-arranged matches**

The Disciplinary Officer shall have discretionary power to rule that a match shall not count towards the completion of a suspension if it is satisfied that the game has been arranged by the club with a view to enabling a player to complete his suspension and thus qualify him to play in a specific match.

#### **Dismissals**

Where a player is disqualified by the referees, he/she must leave the game, but not the venue, they may sit courtside until the game has ended. Where a coach or official is disqualified by the referees, he/she must leave the game and the playing venue, with the assistant coach/school/college personnel taking lead of the remainder of the game. The coach/Official will take no further part in the game (including not in a spectating capacity or via electronic devices such as mobile phones etc).

BE shall not tolerate violent conduct of any kind. Where a person registered with BE and the competitions they play in, is found to have committed an assault on another player, coach, official, referee and/or spectator, the person concerned shall be suspended in accordance with disciplinary sanctions herein. Where required, BE shall also supply names of officials and/or witnesses to relevant authorities should legal proceeding be instigated.

#### **Grading & Description of offences**

There are five possible grades for each offence. Grade 1 is the lowest level of offence and Grade 5 the most serious.

The most common offences are listed in the sentencing guidelines below with a description to assist all those concerned in referring to incidents in a standardised manner.

## PLAYERS

	Incident	Disqualification Points	After Disqualification Points	Not Disqualified Points	Fine
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent Conduct 3 (Continuous violent behavior/physical violence)</li> </ul>	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Up to £10,000
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent Conduct 2 (Pre-meditated physical violence).</li> <li>Verbal Abuse 3 (Continuous &amp; aggressive abuse)</li> </ul>	8-21 added		15+	Up to £1000
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent Conduct 1 (Physical retaliation).</li> <li>General Improper conduct.</li> </ul>	5-10 added		9-15	Up to £500
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal Abuse 2 (Excessive Obscene/Foul Language)</li> </ul>	3-8 added		4-12	Up to £200
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unsportsmanlike Conduct</li> <li>Verbal Abuse 1 (Obscene/Foul Language).</li> </ul>	0-3 added		5-10	N/A

In addition, fines may be imposed when deemed necessary for incidents whether the participant was disqualified or not.

## Coaches

	Incident	Disqualification points	After Disqualification points	Not Disqualified points	Fine
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent Conduct 3 (Continuous violent behavior/physical violence).</li> </ul>	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Up to £10,000
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Violent conduct 2 (Premeditated violent behavior).</li> <li>Violent Conduct 1 (including towards own Team Members).</li> </ul>	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Up to £1000
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal Abuse 3 (Continuous &amp; aggressive abuse).</li> </ul>	3-12 added		15+	Up to £500
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verbal Abuse 2 (Excessive Obscene/Foul Language).</li> </ul>	6-12+ added		10+	Up to £200
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Improper Conduct.</li> <li>Verbal Abuse 1 (Obscene/Foul Language).</li> </ul>	0-8 Added		4-15	N/A

In addition, fines may be imposed when deemed necessary for incidents whether the participant was disqualified or not.

## Match officials

	Incident	Action taken
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Gross Misconduct-</b></li> <li>• Violent/aggressive behaviour (physical/verbal)</li> <li>• Theft or fraudulent behavior</li> <li>• Racial abuse/comments</li> <li>• Substance abuse</li> <li>• Sexual abuse</li> <li>• Drunken and disorderly conduct</li> </ul>	Lifetime ban from all Basketball England sanctioned games/events.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Misconduct</b></li> <li>• Verbal Abuse.</li> <li>• Obscene/Foul Language.</li> <li>• Threatening words or actions.</li> <li>• Use of aggressive language and/or body language.</li> </ul>	Fixed period suspension from all BE licensed activities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breach of Match Officials Code of conduct</li> </ul>	4 <sup>th</sup> Offence – Fixed period suspension from all BE licensed activities & £150 Fine
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to submit a disciplinary report within the regulated time</li> <li>• Failure to submit disciplinary report on official report form</li> <li>• Allowing players, coaches, team followers to participate in a match when they do not have a valid license card or do not produce a valid email received from the national leagues department</li> <li>• Failure to check a score sheet which subsequently has mistakes affecting the result of the game</li> <li>• Arriving less than 20 minutes prior to the scheduled tip off time or failing to fulfil a nomination without a valid reason.</li> <li>• Failure to ensure that disqualified players/coaches are ejected from the venue</li> </ul>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence - Final Warning. No officiating appointments for 4 weeks & £75 Fine 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence - Written Warning. No officiating appointments for 2 weeks & £50 Fine 1 <sup>st</sup> Offence - Verbal Warning. No officiating appointments for 1 week

In addition, fines may be imposed when deemed necessary for incidents whether the participant was disqualified or not