

## BASKETBALL: SPORT SPECIFIC RULES 2021-22

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These sport specific rules are additional to the general rules which apply to all sports. There is also a separate rulebook for EABL, ABL and WEABL.

### 1. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS

#### BB 1.1

In accordance with Basketball England rules that only permit mixed basketball competitions up to the U16 age group, AoC Sport is not permitted to operate a mixed league.

#### BB 1.2

However, the player exemption policy has been created to allow for a panel of experts to authorise individuals to play in competitions which, as per our regulations, are not accessible to them. This includes talented players that require a higher level of competition or allowing female players to play in male assigned competitions if a team/opportunity is not available to them within a reasonable distance.

#### BB 1.3

Any institution that wishes to apply for player exemption must submit a detailed request to Basketball England, who will be acting on behalf of AoC Sport, including the player's name, age and gender as well as the competition in which they are seeking exemption to play. All requests should be submitted to [competitions@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:competitions@basketballengland.co.uk).

#### BB 1.4

The Player Exemption request will be reviewed and processed on a case-by-case scenario using the following criteria: -

- Anthropometric
- Personal/Sociological
- PCDE's (Psychological Characteristics of Developing Excellence)
- Environmental - training provision, coaching, family etc.

#### BB 1.5

There will be no appeal possible against the decision of the expert panel.

#### BB1.6

Neither AoC Sport nor Basketball England are liable for any injury sustained by a

player given exemption to play in a competition or any player involved in matches against the team for which the exempt player is competing.

## **6. ADMINISTRATION OF CUP COMPETITIONS**

### **BB 6.1**

EABL and ABL teams cannot enter the Men's Knockout Cup and WEABL teams cannot enter Women's Knockout Cup.

## **8. FIXTURE CONFIRMATION AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

### **BB 8.1**

A visible scoreboard, and a visible clock shall be provided by the home team at every game. These facilities shall be clearly visible to both team benches.

### **BB 8.2**

All games should be played on a full court no less than 20m x 11m.

### **BB 8.3**

All players must wear numbered shirts.

### **BB 8.4**

This is a five a-side competition.

### **BB 8.5**

Duration – it is recommended that games should follow FIBA regulations (e.g., four 10-minute periods, two minutes between periods and a 10-minute half-time break). There is the option to shorten games by agreement between the two teams (e.g., shorter quarters or by adopting a running clock format).

### **BB 8.6**

Where a match is abandoned in the fourth quarter, the score at the time of abandonment will constitute a game.

### **BB 8.7**

In the event of a tie at full-time a period of overtime of 5 minutes will be played in order to decide the winner, then as many five-minute periods as are necessary to break the tie.

## 10. PLAYER REGISTRATION AND TEAM SHEETS

### BB 10.1

AASE/DiSE students, who are not registered to play in the Academy Leagues, are permitted to play in AoC Sport regional leagues and national cup competition, but players' details must be submitted to AoC Sport, who will notify Basketball England.

### BB 10.2

A minimum of 10 players for each team must be registered in accordance with rule 10.

### BB10.3

Teams can make a written request for a maximum of three players to be deregistered from the EABL/WEAB/ABL and then registered to play in the regional leagues and national cup competition. Once deregistered, the player cannot then be reregistered for the EABL/WEAB/ABL. Applications must be received before the Christmas break.

### BB10.4

Players can be registered on the Naqoda competition management system to play in the Academy Leagues until 31<sup>st</sup> January. Once registered to play in the Academy Leagues a player may no longer compete in the regional leagues or national cup competition.

## 11. MATCH OFFICIALS

### BB 11.1

Match Referees – for all league and cup matches, the home college should arrange for two neutral qualified referees (not a member of staff or student of either of the competing teams). By prior agreement this can be one qualified referee supplied by each college.

### BB 11.2

One referee should hold at least a level 2 qualification. The second can hold a level 1, as long as the Level 2 is over 18 years of age.

### BB 11.3

Teams may use one (neutral) referee if this is agreed by both sides prior to travelling.

**NB:** We are aware of the difficulty in accessing qualified referees on a Wednesday afternoon. At regional level in particular, the lack of availability of referees should not be a reason for cancelling a match.

### BB 11.4

Table Officials – Home team must provide a minimum of two table officials these maybe students, but they may not be members of the team.