

BARBADOS AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Affiliation
All Associations, Clubs, Schools and Colleges desiring affiliation shall apply annually on the Association's Form to the Honorary Secretary of the Association.
 1. Yearly Affiliation fees are \$200.00. \$500.00 should be deposited at registration, of which \$300.00 is refunded if the Club participates in the Opening Ceremony with a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 members.
 2. Clubs wishing to maintain affiliation to the B.A.B.A. but not take part in any of its competitions will pay a non-refundable \$100.00 fee.
 3. A fee to be determined by the Council will be incurred for late affiliation. Final dates of registration will be announced by the B.A.B.A.

2. Returns by Members
Every Association, Club, School and College (hereinafter referred to as Member) affiliated to the B.A.B.A. shall forward to the Honorary Secretary of the Association two weeks prior to the commencing date of the season a return stating :-
 1. Name of Member.
 2. Name, Mailing Address and Email Address of its President, Secretary, Coach/s, Contact person/s and Captain/s.
 3. Names and telephone numbers of not less than two members to be trained as Referees.
 4. Proposed colours of the uniform.
 5. Proposed home court.

3. Registration
Each Member shall register with the Honorary Secretary of the B.A.B.A. the name of every player and Coach who will represent the said Association or Club during the season.
 1. A fee to be determined on a yearly basis per player shall accompany each registration, except mini league players who shall register free.
 2. The Council always reserves the right to accept or reject the registration of any Club, player or coach.
 3. No individuals shall be allowed to take part in any competition until 24 hours after his/her registration by his/her Association or Club.
 4. All players are requested to present a passport size photograph on registration. In the event that photos are not supplied, players may be asked to present their Barbados I.D. cards.
 5. Clubs must register at least eight players in any division. National players must be registered in the most senior Division of their Club.
 6. Players registered in an upper division cannot participate in a lower division. A lower division player is allowed to participate in an upper division for a maximum of three games. On playing their fourth game that player must remain in that upper division for the duration of the season. Should a Club register more than one team in a particular division, players of those teams cannot switch zones. These stipulations apply to all competitions.

7. In the case of the Men's Knockout Competitions, players are restricted from participating in both Junior and Senior Knockout.
8. All players in the B.A.B.A's tournaments must be bona-fide members of the Association, Club, School or College for which they are competing and must be registered players of the B.A.B.A. A School or College player may represent his/her School in the School League and any Club as long as he/she is a bonafide member of said Club and adheres to the regulation regarding registration under his/her section.
9. Non-Nationals shall be eligible to participate in any B.A.B.A. competition after they have been in this country for one month.
10. No player shall play for more than one Member Association and/or Club in any one season.
11. A fee to be determined by the Council will be incurred for late registration. Final dates of registration will be announced by the B.A.B.A.
12. Every team must have a named Coach, who must pay a registration fee that will be determined on a yearly basis by the Executive Council. This fee should accompany the clubs registration.
13. No more than 4 persons may sit on a bench, as team officials.
14. The season shall run from January 1 to December 31 in any year. At December 31 of the current year, all registration shall lapse and cease to be of any effect.

4. Competitions

1. TOURNAMENTS

The official competitions of the B.A.B.A are :-

1. The League Tournaments
2. The School League Tournaments
3. The Knockout Tournaments
4. Champion of Champions Tournament
5. The Invitation Tournaments
6. The Lomar Alleyne Memorial Game

The League Tournaments are the major tournaments organised by the B.A.B.A and shall form the basis of any promotion and relegation.

The School Tournaments are league tournaments for Schools.

The Knockout Tournaments are one round tournaments, the number of which during the season is determined by the Council.

The Champion of Champions Tournament will be played between the Premier Division League Winners and the Senior Knockout Winners.

The Invitation Tournaments are specifically sponsored tournaments organised by the B.A.B.A at which various teams will be selected for participation.

The Lomar Alleyne Memorial Game will be played between the Premier Division League Winners and the Senior Knockout winners of the previous season. In the event that it is

one and the same team, Council reserves the right to stage the game.

The Council has the right to determine the amount, type and length of each tournament to be held from season to season and teams must participate in all official tournaments of the B.A.B.A. for which they are fixtured.

2. DRESS CODE

The Dress Code will be that as set out in the Rules and Regulations of F.I.B.A.

In addition:

1. Socks must be worn and seen no less than two inches above the rim of the shoes. The team's socks must be uniform.
2. Warm up gear must be part of the team's uniform.
3. All players (including women) must place their shirts inside their playing shorts during a game.
4. Playing shorts must not be worn below the hips and must not reach below the knees.
5. For all games:-
 - a) The **first team** named in the programme shall wear the **light coloured shirts** (preferably white).
 - b) The **second team** named in the programme shall wear **dark coloured shirts**.

3. CHOICE OF BASKETS

1. **Neutral Courts** - For teams playing at a neutral court, the **first team** mentioned in the programme shall have the choice of baskets and team bench area.
2. **Home Courts** - For teams playing at their home courts, the **visiting team** shall have the choice of baskets and team bench area.

Teams failing to comply with these regulations will be deemed to have forfeited the game during which the breach of these rules occurred.

5. Organisational Rules

Teams taking part in one or more of the B.A.B.A.'s competitions shall be under obligation to respect the times set for engagements. Where the B.A.B.A. schedules two games at the same venue, one after the other:

1. All Clubs and Officials taking part in the **FIRST GAME** MUST arrive 20 minutes prior to the game time.
2. All Clubs and Officials taking part in the **SECOND GAME** MUST arrive 1 hour after the scheduled time for the first game.
3. All Intermediate, Third Division and Women's Clubs are required to provide one scorer for each game.
4. Any game abandoned after the completion of the first half shall be continued from the point at which it was abandoned, at the earliest opportunity.

5. All Clubs MUST pay official fees at those games where entrance fees are not collected. These fees shall be paid before the start of the game. All Clubs failing to comply with this rule will be deemed to have forfeited the game during which the breach of this rule occurred.
 6. Teams forfeiting any fixtured game must pay the official fees for that game to the Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer of the B.A.B.A. and/or his delegate within 48 hours.
 7. Any team forfeiting three games without satisfactory excuse will be automatically banned from competition and demoted to the lowest division in the subsequent season, if their application for registration is accepted by the Executive Council.
 8. A club that is found to have played a player not registered will forfeit the game, in the first offence. The second offence will have such team removed from all competitions for the balance of the year.
6. Notification
1. Clubs must be given at least 48 hours notice of changes in fixtures in which they are directly involved.
 2. During Playoffs and Knockout rounds, Clubs may be given a minimum of 24 hours notice for games.
 3. Clubs requesting to have games postponed or rescheduled should give the Honorary Secretary/Organising Secretary at least 2 weeks notice of such intentions in writing and specify the reasons for their request.
7. Responsibility
1. No Member may take part in any competition outside those organised and/or sanctioned by the B.A.B.A., be it local or overseas without its permission.
 2. Every Member shall be responsible to the Council for the action/s of its players and officials. They are required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators and/or players threatening and/or assaulting officials and/or players during and/or after a game.
8. Discipline
- In the event of any member being proved, to the satisfaction of the Executive Council by the Disciplinary Committee, to have been guilty of violation of the laws of the game, rules or regulations of the B.A.B.A. or misconduct, the Council shall have the right to impose sanctions on the party at fault. These sanctions may be of a Disciplinary and/or financial character. A fine not exceeding \$500 may be imposed.

Further, if a player or coach is suspended during the course of a game, the Official shall forward the identification card of the player or coach, if available, along with his report to the Secretary of the Officials Association within 48 hours. The Secretary of the Officials Association shall forward this report to the Honorary Secretary of the B.A.B.A. as soon as possible afterwards, but in the event not later than 1 week afterwards.

1. Players who:

- a) Are disqualified from a game due to a Disqualifying Foul shall be sanctioned with a 1 game suspension. If they are disqualified from another game of the same tournament, they will be sanctioned with a 2 game suspension. The Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to impose a further suspension, in either instance.
- b) Are disqualified from the court for misconduct towards one of the Referees shall be sanctioned with a 1 game suspension. Should the disqualification be repeated for the same reason, there shall be sanctioned with 2 game suspension. The Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to impose a

further suspension, in either instance.

- c) Assault any Referee or Assistant at any time or destroy the score sheets or other property of the B.A.B.A. shall be eliminated for the remainder of the season. The Disciplinary Committee may impose a further suspension.

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- a) If a Coach, assistant coach, manager or team assistant, is disqualified and expelled from the vicinity of the court for having 2 or 3 technical fouls, he/she shall receive no further sanction in the respect of said foul.
- b) If a Coach, assistant coach, manager or team assistant, is disqualified and expelled from the vicinity of the court for misconduct towards the Referees, he/she shall be sanctioned with a 1 game suspension. Should the disqualification be repeated for the same reason, he/she will be sanctioned with a 2 game suspension. The Disciplinary Committee reserves the right to impose a further suspension, in either instance.
- c) In the event that any Member fails in their responsibility to prevent spectators and/or players threatening and/or assaulting a officials and/or players during and/or after a game at their home court, the B.A.B.A reserves the right after investigation to suspend all games at that venue for a stated period, where such venue becomes unsafe to players, officials and/or members of the public.

9. Sanctioning Competitions

Any application for the organisation of an official contest or competition must be submitted to the Association's secretary through the applicant's Association, Club, School or College at least 4 weeks before the contest or competition is to be held. This contest or competition should not be publicised until sanctioned by the Executive Council.

A fee to be determined by the Council may be charged for sanctioning this Competition. In the event that Prize Money is awarded, this money may be lodged with the Executive Council.

All local competitions must be completed by December 31st in the year commenced. Council reserves the right to charge a Caution Fee that will be forfeited if the competition is not completed by that date.

10. Complaints

- a) Any Club and/or player may petition the B.A.B.A. to assist in the dispute with another Club and/or player.
- b) All complaints, or protests made or lodged by an Association, Club, School, College, Player, Coach or Member shall be in writing and shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the B.A.B.A. accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$20.

11. Promotions, Relegations & Team Standings

Please note that other than in the Premier Division the Combined Schools team is subject to demotion.

Premier Division

The team in last place at the end of the preliminaries will be eligible for demotion and will be required to play a best for 3 series against the team that wins the Intermediate Division to determine which team will play in the Premier Division the following year. The Combined Schools team is exempt from demotion from the Premier Division.

In the event that the Combined Schools team is in last place at the end of the preliminaries the penultimate team shall be subject to demotion.

Intermediate Division

The winner of the Intermediate Division will be required to play a best of 3 series against

the last place team in the Premier Division, other than the Combined Schools, to determine which team will play in the Premier Division in the following year.

In the event that the club of the Intermediate Division League Champions already has a team in the Premier Division there will be no demotion from the Premier Division.

The Executive Council is desirous of having 10 teams competing in this Division and as a result the top 8 teams at the end of the first round will be guaranteed places in the following year.

If the club of the Third Division League Champions does not have a team competing in the Intermediate Division, it will be promoted automatically to the Intermediate Division and the next eligible team that made it to at least the semifinal stage, in the Third Division, will play a best of 3 series against the 9th placed team from the Intermediate Division, to determine which team will play in the Intermediate Division the following year.

If the club of the Third Division League Champions has a team competing in the Intermediate Division then the next eligible team that made it to at least the semifinal stage in the Third Division will play a best of 3 series against the 10th placed team from the Intermediate Division to determine which team will play in the Intermediate Division the following year. In this instance the 9th placed team in the Intermediate Division will automatically remain in that division the following year.

Third Division

A maximum of 2 teams will be promoted to the Intermediate Division. To be eligible for promotion, teams must have reached the semi-final stage of the League competition.

Teams will be promoted in the order of their placing in the League, if only one space is taken from the final list and both semi-finalists are eligible for promotion, there will be a best of 3 series between them.

If the club of the team that wins the Third Division does not have a team in the Intermediate Division it will be automatically promoted to the Intermediate Division.

In this instance the next eligible team that made it to at least the semifinal stage of the Third Division will play a best of 3 series against the team eligible for demotion from the Intermediate Division.

In the event that the club that wins the Third Division already has a team competing in the Intermediate Division then only one team will be eligible for promotion to the Intermediate Division. That team will be the next eligible team in the Third Division that made it to at least the semifinal stage, playing a best of 3 series against the team eligible for demotion from the Intermediate Division.

Please note that if the losing semifinalists are both eligible for promotion they will have to play a best of 3 series to determine which team will go forward to play against the Intermediate team eligible for demotion.

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| 12. | Interpretations | All competitions are played under F.I.B.A. rules and regulations and the Council of the B.A.B.A. is the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules. Decisions made by the Council upon any question of interpretation of any matter affecting the B.A.B.A. not specially provided for, shall be final and binding until such time as such decision shall be rescinded by the General Body. |
| 13. | Date of Rules and Regulations | These Rules and Regulations are hereby amended and ratified by the Executive Council this March 5, 2005. |