



# Newcastle Basketball

## Competition By-Laws

**The By-Laws are made by the  
Board of Directors of the Basketball  
Association of Newcastle Ltd.**

**These By-Laws will take effect from 21st April, 2021**

### 1. Newcastle Basketball Competitions

- 1.1 Under-8 and under-10 are team-based competitions that operate each school term.
- 1.2 Winter Junior Competition (school terms 2 & 3) is for members in the following age groups where numbers permit, under-12, under-14, under-16, under-18 and under-21.
- 1.3 Summer Junior Competition (school terms 4 & 1) is for members in the following age groups where numbers permit, under-11, under-13, under-15 and under-17.
- 1.4 Senior Competitions – These are offered three times per year and split into the Senior Summer Comp (January-April), Senior Winter Comp (May-August) and Senior Spring Comp (September-December) each year. Senior comps are for players aged 16 and over.

### 2. Player Registration

- 2.1 All members must pay an annual registration fee to Newcastle Basketball (NB) that confirms they are registered with Basketball NSW (BNSW) to play in any competition.
- 2.2 All coaches, assistant coaches and managers must register with NB.
- 2.3 Upon request a member must provide proof of identity and/or registration with NB and they may be excluded from participating until such time as they do.
- 2.4 All junior coaches must have a verified Working With Children Check number registered with NB.



### 3. Team Nomination

- 3.1 Senior comp teams must nominate TWO team contacts who are both over the age of 18.
- 3.2 Pay the set nomination fee.
- 3.3 Nominate not less than 7 eligible players, excluding under-8 and under-10 competitions.
- 3.4 Where a team nominates and is offered a position in a competition but does not accept that position, 50% of the nomination fee will be refunded.
- 3.5 A member may play in more than one competition where possible, however they can only play in one team in any particular competition.
- 3.6 Each member must have joined their team or be added to their team via the nominated electronic platform before taking the court in any game.
- 3.7 A team may add additional members to the team at any time during the season however, rules apply for finals eligibility.
- 3.8 NB staff and officials have the right to request identification documents.

### 4. Eligibility for Finals

- 4.1 Players must play approximately 60% of scheduled matches during the season to be eligible for finals. NB has the right to exempt players from this By-Law on a case by case basis.
- 4.2 Teams must play at least 80% of scheduled matches during the season to be eligible for finals, this includes forfeits received.

### 5. Forfeits

- 5.1 Teams that notify the association prior to 3pm on the day of the game will incur a \$100 fine.
- 5.2 Teams that forfeit any time after that will incur a \$150 fine.
- 5.3 Teams that do not have at least four (4) players on the court five minutes after the game commences will forfeit the game and incur the penalties outlined in 5.2.
- 5.4 All forfeits will be declared as 20-0 win to the opposing team.
- 5.5 A team that forfeits three times may be removed from the competition.
- 5.6 Teams must have all outstanding fines paid within 14 days of receiving the fine or all games will be declared 20-0 wins to the opposing team until it is paid.
- 5.7 If opposing teams both have unpaid fines exceeding 14 days both teams will lose three competition points.

### 6. Ineligible Players

- 6.1 If a member does not register within seven (7) days of playing for a team, that game will be declared a 20-0 win to the opposing team, unless their win was already greater than 20-0.
- 6.2 Three competition points will be deducted for each game an unregistered member plays after the seven (7) day limit has expired.
- 6.3 If a member plays for a second team in the same competition that team will be deducted any points for those games and the opposition will receive a win for those games.
- 6.4 Teams will lose three competition points and may incur a fine for playing someone under a false name.



## 7. Withdrawing from Competition

- 7.1 A team may withdraw from a competition by giving 14 days' notice in writing.
- 7.2 A team that withdraws must pay all game fees, including those during the notice period and will forfeit their team bond.
- 7.3 The team will not be accepted into any other competition until all monies have been paid.

## 8. Games

- 8.1 All fees must be paid before any team can commence the game.
- 8.2 All domestic games are played in two halves and NB will determine the timing rules to apply for each competition.
- 8.3 Teams have five (5) minutes after the game clock has started to provide at least four (4) players to start the game or it will be declared a forfeit.
- 8.4 If teams finish on equal competition points their position will be determined by the following;
  - The team that had the least number of forfeits or if they are equal;
  - The team that has the superior for-and-against points differential.
- 8.5 Teams are awarded competition points as follows:
  - 3 points for a win
  - 2 points for a draw
  - 1 point for a loss
  - 2 points for a bye
  - 3 points for a forfeit received
  - 0 points for forfeiting
- 8.6 All players must wear team uniform with numbers that can be easily identified by referees.
- 8.7 Teams must wear basketball singlets and shorts and have two weeks from the start of the competition to comply or an exemption from NB if uniforms are ordered and delayed.
- 8.8 If team uniforms clash a Venue Supervisor will provide a loan set of uniforms for that game and they must be returned or face a \$100 fine.
- 8.9 Hair accessories, jewellery and long fingernails are not permitted.
- 8.10 Players who are dismissed or disqualified from a game may be directed to leave the court area immediately and may face the NB administrative tribunal or judiciary.
- 8.11 Any player acting in a way that may cause danger to another person or damage to equipment may be directed to leave the stadium and may face further disciplinary action.
- 8.12 Each team must provide one person for score bench duty in all games.

## 9. Grading

- 9.1 Team performances will be assessed for the first 3-5 games of the competition and any potential re-grading will be communicated by NB.
- 9.2 The decision to re-grade teams rests with NB and does not require the consent of the teams involved.
- 9.3 In the event of re-grading teams will take the number of points they have acquired into the new division.
- 9.4 Any player transfers must be authorised by NB.



## SENIOR COMPETITIONS

1. A junior member must be 16-years or older to play in a senior competition or provide written permission from a parent or guardian to NB.
2. NB reserves the right to deny a player aged under 16 entry into a senior competition.

## JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

1. Qualification for any age division is set as the age of the member at December 31st in the year that competition commences.
2. In the event there is more than one division in each age group:
  - Members must play in the division they have been selected in
  - Can only play in a higher division twice, if they play three times in a higher division they will be graded into that division and cannot go back down to their original division.
  - Cannot play in a lower division
3. Teams in under-8 and under-10 competitions must play one-on-one defence in the full or half-court.
4. Under-12 and under-14 teams must play one-on-one defence in the quarter court and may play extended zone defence in the full court.
5. Zone defence is permitted anywhere from under-16 and above.
6. Under-8 and under-10 - A team that is leading by 10 points or more must only play defence inside the three-point line.  
If the margin drops below 10 points, they can extend their defence full court.
7. Under-12 and under-14 – A team that is leading by 20 points or more must only play defence inside their three-point line.  
If the margin drops below 20 points, they can extend their defence full court.
8. Free-Throws
  - Under 8 will shoot free-throws from a revised distance
  - Under 10 and Under-12 will shoot from the small free-throw line
  - Under 13 and over will shoot from the normal free-throw line
9. There will be no timeouts permitted inside the last five minutes of junior comp games due to running clock.
10. In junior finals games the clock will stop for all timeouts, and on every stoppage inside the final minute if the margin is 10 or less.

## GAME BALLS

The following sized basketballs will be used in NB competitions:

- All players under-8 - Size 4
- All players under-10 – Size 5
- All players under-11 to under-14 – Size 6
- Females under-15 and older - Size 6
- Males under-15 and older – Size 7

