

NBL regulation variations for Area Associations / Local Leagues

In order to receive full insurance cover, it is expected that affiliated Leagues will adhere closely to NBL Regulations in the management of grassroots competition and follow Basketball Rules as set out by FIBA.

It is acknowledged by Basketball England that there will be local variations of the NBL Regulations in order to make basketball accessible and inclusive. Grassroots basketball has many limiting factors such as funding, venue availability and workforce. It is also recognised that senior local league teams are often formed and run in an informal way. It is expected and acceptable that affiliated Leagues have local Regulations with relevant terminology, however the welfare of children remains paramount. The following match day arrangements can also be included and do not impact insurance validity;

NBL regulation	Issue / area of local concern	Variation accepted
<p>“Youth Leagues”</p> <p>Age ranges for competitions not run by Basketball England (NBL)</p>	<p>Junior NBL is:</p> <p>Under 18 (Men or Women) U16 (Boys or Girls) U14 (Boys or Girls) U12 (Boys or Girls or Mixed)</p>	<p>Ability to run any Under 18 and below age group (U17, U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, U10) as deemed necessary to fulfil local grassroots development needs. Boys, Girls, or Mixed at any age group.</p> <p>*Players permitted to ‘play up’ in accordance with NBL18.16 ‘i’ – ‘v’.</p>
<p>“Player Exemption”</p> <p>Allowed age range per junior competition</p>	<p>Junior players new to basketball may need to play an age lower than they are.</p>	<p>League organising committee can facilitate a process for clubs to request a player(s) be allowed to play down 1 age group; for example, an under 13 age girl could play in an U12 mixed age group competition. The league organising committee is responsible for assessing the safety of all players, considering the ability / age / confidence level and agree decision with the league / club / parents and child.</p>
<p>NBL Regulation 17.4</p> <p>“coach” qualification in senior competitions</p>	<p>Local Men and Women’s teams typically do not have a Level 2+ qualified & licensed coach – teams consider local leagues to have “social” / amateur status rather than professional or elite level.</p>	<p>Any senior team with under 18 players MUST still have L2+ qualified coach who is licensed with Basketball England to ensure safeguarding & welfare.</p> <p>Where a senior team does not have under 18 players, any adult BE licensed “player” or “bench personnel” is permitted to go on the scoresheet as Player Coach and/or Assistant Coach as per the game rules.</p> <p>The league should encourage any member acting as a coach to seek the appropriate qualifications, as this helps to raise standards in the game, especially if that person is acting as a coach on a regular basis.</p>
<p>NBL Regulation 41.2</p> <p>Qualified Table Officials at all games.</p>	<p>Local teams may have a few qualified TOs, with many single team (Men & Women) clubs having no qualified Table Officials.</p>	<p>During Junior Competition, one Table Official must be L1 qualified and licensed with Basketball England. The other person can be a competent BE member. If the same competent person frequently acts in this capacity, the League are responsible for assessing if the</p>

		<p>'Regulated activity' threshold is being met and if this person requires a DBS check.</p> <p>The league should encourage any member acting as a table official to seek the appropriate qualifications, as this helps to raise standards in the game, especially if that person is officiating on a regular basis.</p> <p>During Senior Competition, competent BE members can act as Table Officials.</p>
<p>NBL Regulation 40 Match Officials</p> <p>Addition of role for "Supervising" Crew Chief referee.</p>	<p>Not enough L2+ referees. Too many older/injured officials who cannot referee on the court. Lack of opportunity for L1 or new referees to get experience.</p> <p>Experienced officials not available to help regularly at games if not financially viable.</p>	<p>An experienced L2+ adult referee permitted to act as Crew Chief, but not as floor official. Supervising Crew Chief referee can stand by the Table with whistle and can call the game as needed. This official can be listed on the score sheet as Crew Chief and should be given appropriate fee for the game.</p> <p>This amendment allows clubs to use L1, under 18, and less experienced referees to gain experience whilst the supervising Crew Chief manages the game and Coaches etc.</p> <p>Only suitable for U14 local competitions and below.</p>
<p>NBL Regulation 32 Venues</p> <p>Facilities / Court standards</p>	<p>Not all sports halls & schools will provide basketball courts that meet BE standards. For example, space around court for run off is sometimes less than required standard for NBL competition.</p>	<p>League organisers and clubs are required to put in place adequate risk assessment measures to ensure that facilities and equipment being used are safe and fit for purpose for each age group competition.</p>