



PRIMARY &
INTERMEDIATE
COMPETITIONS
RULES &
REGULATIONS



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1. BBNZ Codes of Conducts, implemented by Tauranga City Basketball:

- a. Player Code of Conduct,
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<https://taurangacitybasketball.co.nz/about-us-2/formal-documents>

2. FIBA Rules & Tauranga City Basketball Competition Rules

- a. All games are played under the official FIBA rules and Tauranga City Basketball Competition Rules (see individual competition rules)

- FIBA Rules <http://www.fiba.basketball/documents>
- Intermediate Competition Rules

<https://taurangacitybasketball.co.nz/media/2386/intermediate-rules-as-at-2nd-march.pdf>

- Primary Competition Rules

Yr 3&4 <https://taurangacitybasketball.co.nz/media/2380/yr-3and4-rulesdocx.pdf>

Yr 5&6 <https://taurangacitybasketball.co.nz/media/2381/yr-5and6-rules.pdf>

Little League Rules <https://taurangacitybasketball.co.nz/media/638/little-league-rules.pdf>



3. Venue Information

i. Trustpower

- a. No Commercially prepared food to be brought into the venue, as per Trustpower Regular User Agreement
- b. Players under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- c. When players are not involved in the game they must remain off court, including half time.
- d. No running or bouncing basketballs in the foyer or hallway.
- e. Anyone found to be damaging the facility in any way will be removed immediately and suitable action taken. This may result in the school being invoiced.
- f. Doors will be open 30 minutes before the competition tips off, please make sure players do not turn up any earlier than this.

ii. Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre (QEYC)

- a. Players under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- b. When players are not involved in the game they must remain off court, including half time.
- c. No running or bouncing basketballs in the foyer or hallway.
- d. Anyone found to be damaging the facility in any way will be removed immediately and suitable action taken. This may result in the school being invoiced.
- e. Doors will be open 30 minutes before the competition tips off, please make sure players do not turn up any earlier than this.

4. Team Registrations, Fees and Withdrawal

- a. All team registrations will take place via Friendly Manager online portal, by 5pm on **7 April 2020** in order to be included in the competition draw. Registrations will open **3 March 2020**
- b. If there are not enough teams registered for each grade Tauranga City Basketball will place teams into a competition.
- c. Team fees listed in Competition information must be paid as specified
- d. Teams - if you withdraw after you have registered, \$50 withdrawal fee if done before second week of leagues. No refund if after that.
- e. Timing or other requests \$50 per team. (exclude out of town teams that need to travel).
- f. Non notification of defaults – one weeks' notice needed, 1st strike 20 – 0 loss, 2nd strike loss of two competition points and a \$50 fine, 3rd strike removal from league and a \$50 fine entry.

2020 Fees:

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| • Little League | \$335.00 |
| • Yr 3&4 | \$720.00 |
| • Yr 5&6 | \$840.00 |
| • Yr 7&8 | |
| ▪ A Grade | \$865.00 |
| ▪ B Grade | \$815.00 |



5. Player Registrations

- a. Teams must register a minimum of 8 players in Yr 3&4, Yr 5&6 and Intermediate teams. Little League must have a minimum 4 players registered. ALL TEAM Members must be registered via the Friendly Manager online registration portal, **Registrations will be open on 3 March 2020**
- b. Only 12 players can be registered to play each night, with the exception of Little League.
- c. Players must be enrolled at the school they are playing for. Once a player leaves school they are no longer eligible to play. There may be exemptions to this rule in special circumstances e.g. a player attends a school where they have no team registered or a home-schooled student who would like to play basketball.
- d. Players must have played 5 regular season games for their team to be eligible to play in semifinals and finals.

6. Competitions

Tauranga City Basketball Competitions covered by this document are:

- a. Intermediate School Competitions
- b. Primary School Competitions

TEAM BENCH AREAS: PLEASE NO PARENTS/SUPPORTERS ON TEAM BENCHES

Only players, coach/es and manager who are registered with the team, may be on the team benches. All others must be on the seating provided on sidelines and baselines

7. Communications:

- a. All communication regarding basketball will go through the schools Teacher in Charge of basketball or the Sports Coordinator. Tauranga City Basketball will not deal with parents, etc. who need games changed for them.
- b. The draw for the round will be emailed out to all team contact persons, as well as being placed on Tauranga City Basketball's website <https://tauranga.basketball> and being placed on noticeboards at venues.

8. Uniforms

- a. Teams must register their playing uniform colours on the entry form.
- b. All teams (except years 1 to 4) must have numbers that are clearly visible on the front and back of all tops (no chalk or tape may be used to convert numbers on a player's shirt).
- c. Year 1 to 4 teams are encouraged to play in uniforms with numbers.
- d. The following are the legal numbers for basketball uniforms: 0, 00, 1 - 99
- e. Players with incorrect uniform (shorts, tops or numbers) may not be allowed to participate in their scheduled game(s).
- f. All players must tuck their playing top into their shorts.



- g. Track pants, jean shorts, hats, caps, bandanas or jewellery including leather bracelets cannot be worn while the player is on court.
- h. Players can apply in writing for a dispensation to wear non- standard clothing. Approval is not guaranteed and must be received before the non-standard clothing can be worn.
- i. During the first week of any competition, teams will be allowed some flexibility relating to the uniform regulations. After that time, incorrectly dressed players may be prevented from entering the game, unless an arrangement has been made with the Competitions Controller and referees before the team has taken the court.

9. Referees

- a. Every effort will be made by Tauranga Basketball Officials Association to provide two referees for each game.

10.Points / Results

- a. Teams shall be classified according to their win-loss record, namely 2 points for each game won, 1 point for each game lost (including lost by default) 1 point for a draw (relevant for Primary and Intermediate Grades) and 0 points for a game lost by forfeit.
- b. The procedure is to be applied for each team having played only 1 game against each opponent in the group (single tournament) as well as for each team having played 2 or more games against each opponent (league with home and away games or more tournaments).
Competition points will be recorded at the completion of rounds, if rounds cannot be completed the results will be based off the completed round.
- c. If 2 or more teams have the same win-loss record of all games in the group, the game(s) between these 2 or more teams shall decide on the classification. If the 2 or more teams have the same win-loss record of the games between them, further criteria will be applied in the following order:
 - i. Higher goal difference of the games between them
 - ii. Higher number of goals scored in the games between them
 - iii. Higher goal difference of all games in the group
 - iv. Higher number of goals scored in all games in the group

11.Tied Games

- a. No game will result in a draw except for primary and intermediate competitions.
- b. The only exception for the above point is in Semi Final and Final situations, this is detailed in each competition's specific rules.

12. Scorebench / Duty

Primary and Intermediate:

Teams will provide their own personnel for scoring games.



13.Defaults

Defaults are disruptive to the competition, in the case where there is no option but to default, the team contact must contact Tauranga City Basketball Office as soon as possible. That game will be awarded to the opponents and the score shall be twenty to zero (20 – 0) as outlined in Art 20, Penalty 20.2.1 of the FIBA rule book. Non notification of defaults – one weeks' notice needed, 1st strike 20 – 0 loss, 2nd strike loss of two competition points and a \$50 fine, 3rd strike removal from league and a \$50 fine.

14.Reschedule of games

- a. Any special requests must be submitted with the competition administrator, or prior to the season starting, at this time as no changes to the draw will be permitted (e.g. advise availability for late / early games or duty or games).
- b. If a team cannot meet a scheduled game it may arrange for the game to take place at an alternative time and venue with the approval of the opposing team and Tauranga City Basketball Competitions administrator.
- c. Arrangements must be made at least 72 hours before the scheduled game.
- d. All costs will be paid by the forfeiting team and no fine will apply.
- e. The Tauranga City Basketball Competitions Administrator will not unreasonably withhold permission but the game must be played within 6 days of the scheduled game.
- f. It should be noted that this may not be possible when the competitions enter the play-off phase.

15.Disputes / incidents and Disciplinary Procedures.

- a. Any disputes/incidents must be referred immediately to the Tauranga City Basketball Venue Controllers in writing; incident report forms will be available at the control desk and with the venue controllers. They need to be filled out by each team, the referees and spectators if necessary. The Tauranga City Basketball Judiciary will handle disputes and may call a meeting of all involved if deemed necessary
- b. Disqualifying fouls or ejections have an automatic two game suspension
- c. Tauranga City Basketball has adopted Basketball New Zealand's Judicial Procedures which also contains recommended penalties for offences that occurred before, during or after a game. They are the guidelines that the Judiciary will use. Appendix six
- d. The outcomes from any disciplinary hearing may be published.

16.Disputes Resolution

- a. In the case of a serious incident or dispute a report should be recorded on the back of the score sheet or on a separate document outlining all relevant details and signed and dated and then given to the Venue Controller.
- b. The Basketball New Zealand Judicial Procedures will be used to process the incident or dispute.



18. Tauranga City Basketball Competitions Health & Safety Hazard Plan

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2020 PRIMARY LEAGUE RULES

Mouth Guards are Compulsory in Yr 3&4, Yr 5&6 and Yr 7&8 Competitions.

It is recommended that all players get on the court in each period of play.

Each team is to provide at least one person to do score bench duty for each game (to score own game).

All score sheets are to be filled in 10 minutes before the game. Teams must be ready to take the court as soon as the previous game has finished.

Team benches – Team A sits to the left and Team B to the right (as you look out from the score bench).

ONLY Coaches, managers and players are able to sit on team benches.

Spectators are to sit or stand behind barriers.

Players must be in the correct school year to play in this league.

TEAMS TO PLAY MAN-TO-MAN DEFENCE Man-to-man defence is a requirement by Basketball New Zealand at all levels of basketball until the U17 age group. It requires the defensive player to defend a player in the attacking team. A player is deemed to be playing zone when they take up a position on the court and play defence on any player who comes into that part of the court. Around the key hole a player must be seen to react the movements of the attacking player, although they are allowed to come off their player if they are on the weakside (side away from the ball), to be in a position to help out if a player on the strongside (ball side) of the key is beaten by their attacking player. They can on occasions switch players however they must still be seen to be moving about with a player from the opposition team and not standing in one area taking on all players. Any problems with this concept can be taken up with floor controllers at the control desk and someone will come and watch the game. Coaches found playing zone defence will be given a warning by the floor controller / referee coordinator. If the team continues to play zone, they will be given a technical foul.



Little League:

This league is about participation and enjoyment of the game. It is expected that all players have fun while learning the fundamentals of dribbling, passing and shooting in a game situation. All players need to feel that they are contributing to the game in a safe, encouraging and positive environment. With that in mind it is expected that the coach or parent from each team are on the court assisting the players to learn.

- A size 5 ball will be used.
- The hoop is 7ft, the lowest height. The game is played on half a basketball court.
- Game time is 22 minutes straight game.
- There are 4 players per team on the court at any one time. A maximum of 6 on a team is ideal.
- One coach/parent per team serves as the referee, this is to assist all players, not just their own team. Whilst on the court they coach and referee the game as it goes along encouraging players to pass to their team mates, helping all players feel part of the game.
- 2 points for all baskets.
- Games begin with a jump ball at the foul line.
- Rolling subs. A player can sub another player at any time of the game.
- Man to man defence, players must play defence on one player.
- The ball **CANNOT** be taken from a stationary player. The ball can only be taken on the dribble as long as no contact occurs. One player can defend another player who is shooting the ball but they must stand with their arms straight up and down.
- After 3 dribbles a player must pass the ball, this is to encourage team play.
- When the ball changes possession the ball must be dribbled or passed back over the 3point line before the team is allowed to try and score a basket.
- After a basket is scored the opposition take the ball back to the 3-point line and passed or dribbled in.
- At the end of the game, all players from both teams line up and attempt a free shot from in front of the basket. Each successful shot to be a point added to the team's total points. This is to give every player an opportunity to score a point for their team.



YEAR 3 & 4:

This league is about the young players developing their skills in a safe, encouraging and positive environment.

- A size 5 ball will be used.
- The hoop is 8ft 5.
- 2x 12-minute halves. There will be a 5-minute warm-up providing the game before has not gone to overtime, 1-minute at half time.
- 2 points for all baskets, no 3 pointers or foul shots.
- No timeouts.
- Games begin with a jump ball, the possession arrow rule will apply on further possessions, when a jump ball occurs.
- **When a team has a lead of 20 points the Mercy Rule will be applied *Teams on defence MUST retire to halfway on a made basket and when a ball is inbound from backcourt i.e. baseline and sideline.***
- **Fouls called will result in a player being substituted immediately. If a team only has five players and a foul is called, then that player will still need to be substituted and can return on the next inbound of the ball.**
When a team gets to 6 team fouls in a half, every foul after that will result in 1 point to the opposition. The team of the player that was fouled, also gets the ball back.
- 3-seconds, players on offence (attacking the basket) may not stand in the keyhole for more than 3 seconds when their team is in possession of the ball.
- Teams must play
- Substitutions are to be made on the referee's whistle, from sideline or baseline, not after a basket. No subs are to be made in the last two minutes of the 2nd half.
- Once the ball is in the front court it may not be passed back over the centerline by the team in control.
- In the event of a draw, in semifinals and finals, teams will play 2 minutes of extra time.



YEAR 5&6:

This league is about the young players developing their skills in a safe, encouraging and positive environment.

- A size 6 ball will be used for the Year 5&6 grade. If there is a Girls Grade a size 5 ball will be used.
- 2 points for all baskets, no 3 pointers or foul shots.
- 4x 10-minute running clock quarters, 6-minute warm-up providing the game before has not gone into overtime. 2-minutes at halftime, 1-minute quarter times.
- No timeouts.
- Games begin with a jump ball, the possession arrow rule will apply on further possessions, when a jump ball occurs.
- **When a team has a lead of 20 points the Mercy Rule will be applied *Teams on defence MUST retire to halfway on a made basket and when a ball is inbound from backcourt i.e. baseline and sideline.***
- Fouls are to be called; any player who commits a foul will have it recorded against their number (name) on the score sheet. Any player who receive 5 fouls will be required to leave the game (cannot return).
When a team gets to 4 team fouls in a quarter, every foul after that will result in 1 point to the opposition. The team of the player that was fouled, also gets the ball back, with the exception of a foul whilst shooting and the basket is made.
- 3-seconds, players on offence (attacking the basket) may not stand in the keyhole for more than 3 seconds when their team is in possession of the ball.
- Substitutions are to be made on the referee's whistle, from sideline or baseline, not after a basket. No subs are to be made in the last two minutes of the last quarter.
- Once the ball is in the front court it may not be passed back over the centerline by the team in control.
- In the event of a draw, in semifinals and finals, teams will play 2 minutes of extra time.



YEAR 7&8:

This league is about the young players developing their skills in a safe, encouraging and positive environment.

Players eligible for this league must attend the school they are playing for and must be the correct school age. Where a school does not have a team, players may seek written dispensation from Tauranga City Basketball.

- A size 6 ball will be used for the Year 7&8 Boys grade and a size 5 ball will be used for the Year 7&8 Girls Grade
- 2 points for all field goals, free throws - one point, three pointers - three points.
- 4x 10-minute running clock quarters, 6-minute warm-up providing the game before has not gone into overtime. 2-minutes at halftime, 1-minute quarter times.
- 1 x 30 second time out allowed per quarter. No time out in the last 3 minutes of the game. The clock will not stop for time outs.
- Games begin with a jump ball, the possession arrow rule will apply on further possessions, when a jump ball occurs.
- When a team has a lead of 20 points the Mercy Rule will be applied **Teams on defence MUST retire to halfway on a made basket and when a ball is inbounded from backcourt i.e. baseline and sideline.**
- Fouls are to be called; any player who commits a foul will have it recorded against their number (name) on the score sheet. Any player who receive 5 fouls will be required to leave the game (cannot return).
When a team gets to 4 team fouls in a quarter, every foul after that will result in foul shots to the opposition.
- 3-seconds, players on offence (attacking the basket) may not stand in the keyhole for more than 3 seconds when their team is in possession of the ball.
- 5-seconds, a player may only hold the ball for 5 seconds.
- In the Yr 7&8 A Grade, the 24 second shot clock will be introduced.
- Substitutions are to be made on the referee's whistle, from sideline or baseline, not after a basket. No subs are to be made in the last two minutes of the last quarter.
- Once the ball is in the front court it may not be passed back over the centerline by the team in control.
- In the event of a draw, in semifinals and finals, teams will play 2 minutes of extra time.



COACH BEHAVIOUR

CODE OF CONDUCT

To participate as a coach in Tauranga City Basketball competitions, coaches are required to read and acknowledge agreement to the following Code of Conduct / rules of Tauranga City Basketball Association.

- Coaches shall at all times conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the spirit of fair play and sporting behaviour.
- They shall encourage positive communications between themselves and players, referees, administrators and the general public.
- Coaches shall conduct themselves in manner that reinforces their place as a leader and role models for their players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and by demonstrating positive support for all players, opposition coaches, officials and spectators at every game.
- Observe the letter and intent of the rules and regulations of basketball, and of the particular game, tournaments or competitions in which they are participating in, and insist that the players and teams under their direction do likewise.
- Remember that they have undertaken the responsibility of assisting their player to acquire the the necessary knowledge and skills of basketball to achieve their potential, as well as promoting desirable traits in them. As youth coaches, remember that the game is for the players/children and not adults.
- Coaches shall accept refereeing decisions with good grace:
 - On-court approaches to referees shall be done by the on-court captain only and in accordance with the provisions of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
 - Coaches are to approach referees in a courteous and reasonable manner.
 - In matches involving Junior Referees, approaches can only be made to the Senior Referee, Referee Coordinator or Floor Controller.
- Coaches should refrain from:
 - Continually questioning decisions.
 - Dissenting from decisions, whether by words or body language.
 - Making gestures by waving arms, indecent body language, facial expressions, and other similar actions
 - Using rude, offensive, and/or threatening language.
- Head Coaches shall not encroach onto the playing floor during the course of a game (other than as authorised by the FIBA Official Basketball Rules) or move out of the coach's box while the game is in progress.
- Given that assistant coaches must normally remain seated on the team bench, assistant coaches shall not assume actions or positions reserved for head coaches.



PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

CODE OF CONDUCT

Players shall conduct themselves in a manner which brings credit to themselves and the game and shall:

- Play according to the letter and intent of the rules and regulations of basketball and of the particular game, tournament, or league in which they are participating.
- Play in a spirit of competitive sportsmanship accepting the official's decision without dissent.
- Control their behaviour on and off the court and refrain from any violent or abusive actions and language.
- Co-operate fully with their coach and team mates remembering that they are participating in a team sport.
- Respect their opponents and not participate in any baiting, verbal abuse, or intimidating activities. (f)
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

- Players shall accept refereeing with good grace:
 - Approaches to referees shall be by the (court) captain and/or head coach only and in accordance with the provisions of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
 - Court captains (and coaches) are to approach referees in a courteous and reasonable manner. In matches involving Junior Referees, approaches can only be made to the Senior Referee, Referee Coordinator or Floor Controller Players shall refrain from:
 - Continually following officials to question decisions.
 - Dissenting from decisions, either with words or body language.
 - Making gestures with waves of arms, indecent body language, facial expressions and other similar actions of dissent.
 - "mouthing off" when officials turn their backs or the player turns away from the official.
 - Using rude, offensive and/or threatening language.



PARENT & SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

CODE OF CONDUCT

We have seen on occasion a range of poor behaviours demonstrated by spectators in the past.

- Parents and spectators should:
 - Remember that although the basketball at the event may, or may not, be at an elite level, it is still sport, and often junior sport, and is to be enjoyed by all participants.
 - Respect all participating players and officials as you would respect your own children and friends, and applaud good performances by all participants.
 - Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul or abusive language or actions, and by not harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators;
 - Remember that destructive criticism has no place in basketball and especially in junior basketball. It is very hurtful to the recipient and ultimately reflects poorly on the game.

A reminder that even as a spectator you are a representative of Tauranga City Basketball Association and the school / team your child plays for.

All spectators are to be seated or stand away from the court.

There will be ZERO tolerance for abusive / aggressive language or personal remarks directed at referees, coaches or players.

Any spectator not keeping to this Code of Conduct will be asked to leave the premises.