

# Community Basketball League

## LEAGUE COMPETITION POLICIES (updated 1 September 2019)

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### **CBL Mission Statement**

The aim and purpose of the CBL and its associated competitions is to provide organised, competitive and enjoyable basketball competitions for all residents in Singapore. The underlying philosophy and main objective of the CBL is to provide sporting opportunities that foster the development of players and teams of all abilities and for all ages. The competitive process is designed to improve the level of team performance through close competitions, but minimize the negative effects of mismatched teams. The development of an individual's physical, social well-being and the concept of 'Fair Play' is an important objective of all CBL activities and events.

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### **Scheduling Policy**

It is the aim for teams to play at similar times each week to help with the family's Sunday schedules.

This includes 3 time slots for games for each age group as follows;

- 10 & Under (U10) - 8:30 / 9:40 / 10:50 start time
- 11 & Under (U11) - 8:30 / 9:40 / 10:50 start time
- 13 & Under (U13) - 9:40 / 10:50 / 12:00 start time
- 15 & Under (U15) - 12:00 / 13:10 / 14:20 start time
- 18 & Under (U18) - 13:10 / 14:20 / 15:30 start time

### **Grading games, time period, relegation, etc.**

New clubs/teams entering the league may be required to play a grading game prior to the season. This game is to ensure teams are placed in an appropriate grade for the season.

After the third week of games, all grades and teams will be assessed regarding their results. The committee reserves the right to regrade teams according to the best outcome for all teams in the competition. This may include moving teams up or down grades.

If a team is regraded after 3 weeks, all games against this team will be removed from the table and games will be organised against all teams in the new grade to ensure fairness for finals qualification for all teams in the competition.

### **Under/Over Age Players Policy**

Younger players may participate in competition above their own age group, provided team coaches are confident that the players concerned are able to cope with the increased

physical and mental demands, and have the consent of the players' parents.  
(Note: Please refer to Rule 4 on further explanation and clarification on 'age group' and 'player eligibility' matters)

The CBL retains a flexible attitude to over age players, and special dispensation may be given to older players by the CBL committee before they play any games based on the following guidelines:

Players who are older than the designated age group can move/stay down depending on 3 circumstances:

A. They cannot be more than 12 months older than the group they intend to play in. Or are 24 month older and in the 18&U grade.

B. If a club has a player who is over age, but there is no opportunity for him/her to play in an older age group competition (division), the club must apply to the CBL committee for special dispensation in order to allow him/her to participate in a younger age competition.  
(For example, if a player is 15+ but there are no Under 18 competitions for him/her to play in, the club thus may apply to get dispensation to play in Under 15 competition).

C. Coaches must consult and seek approval from the league to include the over age player. This process must be completed before the first game of the season. Submissions must be made in writing to the league office.

### **Appeal Process Policy**

Any individual, referee or team may file an appeal with the CBL Disciplinary Committee related to incidents which occurred before, during or after a CBL game.

Each appeal must contain full details of the alleged incidences and must conclude with a recommendation or request for disciplinary action. In addition, the following conditions and process applies:

The appeal must be filed with the CBL Administrator within 72 hours following the game.

Appeal must be accompanied by a cheque for S\$100.00 payable to SG Basketball Pte. Ltd. The CBL Chair will decide the process required based on the relevant circumstances after consulting the CBL Committee. The S\$100.00 will be refunded if the appeal is upheld and is not refundable if the protest is dismissed.

Following the receipt of the appeal, the game referees and all other team representatives will be forwarded the appeal report and invited to submit their views.

Views must be submitted to the Committee within **72 hours**.

Disciplinary action may include, but will not be limited to, game bans for individual players, points deducted from teams and/or team participation in CBL being withdrawn.

### **Competition Infringements & Penalties Policy**

Teams shall always act in a sporting manner and should respect the officials' decisions. When a team acts persistently against the CBL Rules and Regulations, the CBL Disciplinary Committee has the right to **remove an offending team's invitation/participation** to any CBL competition.

The CBL does not condone nor permit swearing at referees. Such incidents are considered un-sporting and unacceptable, and the referees are instructed to **dismiss players** for such acts. This rule extends to players, officials and spectators who are not on the court of play.

CBL officials and coaches are encouraged to inform the CBL Administration of any player, coaches or spectators who persistently breach the '**CBL Code of Conduct**'. In such circumstances the referees will complete an incident report. Should a referee feel the need to report a player, the player will be brought before the CBL Disciplinary Committee.

Any team playing an **unregistered player** will result in the game being awarded to the opposition 20 - 0. This is an automatic process without warning.

Any team playing an **ineligible player** will result in the game being awarded to the opposition 20 - 0. In addition, the infringing team will be deducted a further penalty of three points and the incident will be forwarded to the Disciplinary Committee.

A player who is ejected from a game (excluding 5 personal fouls) or receives a technical foul may be required to face the CBL Disciplinary Committee before their next league game. In the game report, Coaches/Team Managers must report who was ejected or received a technical foul.

Should a Coach be ejected during a game, the Coach will be allowed to coach the next game however, should a Coach be thrown out twice in one season the Coach will not be allowed at courtside for the next three games.

Coaches/Team Managers receiving a technical foul should also be reported to the CBL disciplinary committee.

Any team playing a suspended or an unregistered player will result in the game being awarded to the opposition 30 - 0. In addition, the infringing team may be deducted a further penalty of up to three points or higher if the CBL Disciplinary Committee decides so.

Failure to fill out a Player Registration **online** prior to the first league game will result in a loss of any match points of any games until the list is produced to the CBL.

Coaches/Team Managers will exchange information regarding players sent off or receiving technical fouls after the game and shall state clearly in the Match Report the name of the team player, who was ejected from the game or received technical fouls.

A Coaches/Team Manager failing to report an ejected player or a player who has received a technical foul (or reporting a false name) within 48 hours of their game being played will automatically be deducted one league point regardless of the reason.

A player receiving two ejections in league games will automatically be banned for the rest of the season.

If a match report is submitted without mentioning the name of an ejected player or a player who has received a technical foul, the original match report can not be edited. Instead, a separate report must be sent to the CBL Administrator stating the player's name.

All league Coaches/Team Managers are reminded to ensure that names of ejected players are correctly submitted with the game report. Should a Coach/Team Manager feel their opponent did not submit or incorrectly submitted the information he/she should send a notice to the CBL Administrator.

### **Team Withdrawal Policy**

Should a team withdraw from the League for any reason/or should a team be requested to leave the CBL due to disciplinary reasons or other, the following procedures will apply:

If the team concerned has played each team once already, the results of the first round games will apply and will be replicated to the second round games overriding any and all second round games that have taken place already.

If the team concerned has NOT played each team once already, all games will be classed as void.

Should a team leave the CBL, all forwarded payments made by that team will not be reimbursed.

If coach/club has two teams in one division and wants to withdraw one team this team must be the less successful of the two teams in the division (as judged by the CBL committee)

### **Number of games to qualify to play in the final Policy**

In order to qualify for the finals, players must have played **three games or 30%** of the games (whichever is lower) in the round robin/play-offs.

### **Age Group Leagues & Divisions**

There may be multiple divisions in each league depending on the number of team entries. Clubs are encouraged to enter multiple teams for each age group, if a club is entering more than 1 team in a grade, the higher division team must have a minimum of 8 players nominated before nominating for lower team. Teams participating in **Division 1** are considered the strongest teams within an age group.

The CBL Committee will make the decision on teams moving from one division to another, with the final say being with the CBL Administrator.

After the season from January to June, Winning teams from previous seasons **MUST** enter their team in the next season in a higher division where one exists but this will still be at the discretion of the CBL Administrator.

At the beginning of the season, each team must have all its players registration online.

If a team is not going to be able to field a team for a specific game then;

i) The team must write to the league office and provide the names of the players missing the game and the name of the player/s who are replacement players in the game. Players must come from teams in lower divisions or lower age grades.

ii) Must ensure that a maximum of 6 players only play in the game on the day of the game in question.

iii) Must ensure that they notify the opposition coach prior to the commencement of the game of the player/s who are acting as the replacements.

Failure to follow any of these steps will result in the game being forfeited with a 20-0 result.

Players moving up a division or team is permitted but at no stage are players allowed to play 'down' a division/age group from the division/team they were registered for

Players are NOT allowed to play for multiple clubs within the CBL.

### **League Schedule**

The CBL strongly encourages that Sunday (U10 – U18) will be CBL day and that all teams try to play on Sunday, however, there are no specific days of the week when matches have to be played. However, once the dates and times are set by both teams they can only be changed with a one-week notice period. If a game is cancelled within the one week time frame, the opposition may be entitled to claim a 'walk over subject to CBL League Committee approval'

We would like to encourage set times for U10, U11, U13 and U15 Boys and Girls leagues to give continuity to parents that often take these age groups to their games.

Note: The CBL however, encourages all teams to accommodate human error and try to rearrange games if possible. In addition, efforts should be made to ensure that all matches are played well before the set Play Off dates; this is to avoid a backlog of games in the last two weeks of the season. In the case of matches being changed, it may not be at the disruption of an already scheduled game.

A team given a 'walkover' will receive three match points and will have the score recorded as 20 – 0. The team giving a walkover will receive no match points.

### **Team and Player Registration**

#### **Number of Team Players**

Each team may register as many players as they wish for each team, but may only involve a maximum of 12 registered players for each game.

One Coach and an Assistant Coach or Team Manager is permitted to sit on the team bench. A statistician, who may be a registered player, NOT in uniform may also sit on the bench, who are bound by all rules related to the code of conduct for coaches.

All other people must sit in the designated spectator's area.

### **Team Registration**

Each team entered must send in a **Player Registration Form** before their **first** game is played, including, names and dates of birth.

Teams can add to the player registration form at any time during the season, but may not use a player until he/she is registered. Note: CBL player registration form is now situated on the CBL website ([www.singaporecbl.com](http://www.singaporecbl.com))

All registered players starting from the September – December 2019 week end league season may be required to provide a **copy of an identifying document that contains name, photograph and date of birth e.g. photocopy of passport, school ID, Singapore IC etc.** If Players are asked to submit, they are not permitted to play in the CBL until their details have been submitted to the CBL Administrators.

Any player details kept by the CBL Administrator will not be shared with any other entity.

### **Player transfers**

Once a player is registered with a CBL club/team and has played a CBL match he/she cannot transfer to another club/team within the same season.

### **Girls playing in Boys Leagues**

A female may play within a boys' team in the 11 & under and 13 & Under CBL divisions provided team coaches are confident that the players concerned are able to cope with the increased physical and mental demands, and have the consent of the players' parents. This consent may be required in writing if questioned by any Club Administrator within the CBL if they are concerned for the child's wellbeing.

### **Competition Format**

Teams in each division will usually compete on a round robin format, followed by quarter finals, and/or semifinals and finals to decide the age division winners, runner ups and third placed teams. However, this will be subject to the number of teams entered and other formats will be used if deemed necessary by the league administrator.

Three points shall be awarded for a win, one point for a loss and nil points for a forfeit.

A forfeiting team will receive no points and the scores will be recorded as '20– 0' to the other

team.

Final league positions will be using the FIBA method for league positioning.

### **Match Results & Reports**

After each game the Coach/Team Manager should collect for his/her reference information for the reporting from the score sheet and ensure official results are forwarded to the CBL Administrator by **BOTH** teams. This should be done by sending an image of a full, completed score sheet.

Efforts should be made to do this the next working day.

All results must be registered with the CBL Administrator within **THREE DAYS** of the game being played.

### **CBL Competition Prizes and Awards**

The winning team of each age group League (Division) will be awarded the CBL perpetual shield, with players and coaches from the first, second and third placed teams receiving gold, silver and bronze medals.

Should a team require more medals than provided these can be obtained at additional cost to the club/school.

### **Home Team Responsibilities**

The team named first in the official league/division schedule is the 'HOME' team.

The 'HOME' team is responsible for arranging the Referees, Timekeeper, and Scorer and to provide the court.

Both teams should supply a competent referee or share the cost of the referees (S\$95.00 for three or S\$120.00 for four, including a 24 second clock keeper).

The away team may place someone on the score bench but it must be before the game starts.

If the "HOME" team does not have an indoor facility and is not able or prepared to rent an alternative indoor venue, but the opposition does, then the game may be hosted by the away team. The new "HOME" team is responsible for arranging all officials.

"HOME" advantage may also be given up if mutually agreed by both teams.

The "HOME" team should supply a visible **electronic** scoreboard.

## **CBL Competition Regulations**

By registering with the CBL, all participating teams/clubs/schools are to abide by all CBL rules, regulations, and code of conduct.

### **CBL Code of Conduct**

Generally, all Coaches and team official shall be responsible for the code of conduct of all players, supporters and team officials (Appendix 1). However, the following codes of conduct have been issued and should be circulated to the relevant persons respectively.

***-Coaches Code of Conduct***

***-Players' Code of Conduct***

***-Spectators/Parents Code of Conduct***

### **Liability**

All Coaches/Team Managers are fully aware and agree that no medically trained staff will be provided at any of the fixtures organized by CBL.

All Coaches/Team Managers are fully aware that the CBL provides no insurance coverage whatsoever for any players.

All teams are advised to bring their own first aid kit to every game.

### **Indemnity**

CBL Committee, SG Basketball Pte Ltd and its sponsors shall be indemnified against all actions, suit, proceedings, claims, demands, costs and expenses whatsoever which may be taken against it, in respect of death, injury, disability or damage in whatsoever nature which may be caused or suffered by reason of participation in the CBL.