UNDER 13
CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
2019 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Hosted by New Plymouth Basketball Association

.

Tournament Dates
October 9-12, 2019

Tournament Officials

- Tournament Director — John Carley 027 7566726
- Technical Commissioner — Tony Eldershaw 021 1888001
- Floor Controller — Pam Moss 0273371415
- BBNZ Representative Off Site — James Cawthorn 027 255 6738

Stadium

- TSB Stadium — 1 Rogan St, Welbourn, New Plymouth 4310
- New Plymouth Boys High School — 107 Coronation Ave, Welbourn, New Plymouth 4310
- Francis Douglas Memorial College — 201 Tukapa St, Westown, New Plymouth 4310

The stadium will be open 30 minutes prior to the first round.

Draw
BBNZ cannot guarantee that team requests will be catered for in the draw, but have tried to accommodate where possible. Please be aware, as there are many teams making similar requests not all could be fulfilled.

Boys A Grade 7 teams
-1 round robin, 1 pool of 7
Straight Final, 3rd & 4th PO, 5th & 6th PO.

Boys B Grade 8 teams
-1 round robin, 2 Pools of 4
-QF, SF, F for all teams

Boys C Grade 8 teams
-1 round robin, 2 Pools of 4
-QF, SF, F for all teams

Girls A Grade 6 teams
-1 round robin, 1 pool of 6
-SF, F for top 4 finishers in pool
-Bottom 2 round robin for bottom 2 finishers in each pool

Girls B Grade 9 teams
-1 round robin, 1 Pool of 4 & 1 Pool of 5
2nd & 3rd in each Pool Prelim SF, bottom 3 Round Robin
Winners of each Pool straight to Semi Final

Times

- 90 minute rounds
- Warm Up - Minimum of 10 minutes
- Playing Time - 4 x 8 minute stop clock quarters
- Half Time – 5 minutes
- Quarter Time Intervals – 2 minutes
- Extra Periods – 5 minutes
- Extra Period Intervals – 2 minutes

Important Information

- Boys will use the size 6 ball.
- Girls will use the size 5 ball
- The use of zone defences is banned
- Playing time is 4 x 8 minute quarters with stop clock
- Each Affiliated Association must supply and name a referee for each Team when

registering a Team. The referee must have agreed to be the team's referee and hold the minimum referee requirements as determined by BBNZ, from time to time. A referee cannot hold any position in the team as a player, coach, manager or otherwise. The Affiliated Association must cover all reasonable expenses of the referee to attend the competition.

Technical Meeting

- Technical Meeting will be held at **6:30pm, 8th October at TSB Stadium**.
- Team registrations will open for teams to **sign in**, and provide **playing roster** and ensure that all details are provided and correct. If there are changes to your roster, please ensure all the correct documentation is provided which includes sign off by the principal.
- The technical meeting is compulsory and all attendees are to be prompt. Failing to attend the technical meeting may result in your team not receiving important information or possible changes to the tournament. The responsibility to follow up with tournament staff regarding any updates and information provided at the technical meeting sits with the team / school.

Seeding/Pools

Seeding of teams is taken from the 2018 U13 Northern Regional final team placing. The results from external (non BBNZ) competitions and/or tournaments are not used in the seeding process.

Rules and Regulations

The playing rules shall consist of the rules of FIBA, BBNZ's Internal Regulations (as at 26 Sept 18) and Drug Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) Policies, BBNZ's Match Fixing Policy.

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Withdrawals

BBNZ has introduced the following process to discourage Schools from withdrawing from a tournament and non-attendance to a National Championship:

- Schools that withdraw their team(s) after the first due date or after qualifying for the national championship won't be guaranteed a place in a tournament the following year.
- Regardless if the registration has been completed by the due date and payment is made in full in the following year, you registration will be placed on the waiting list.

This process is to help Schools ensure that you are organised and have registered in the correct tournament. If your intentions are not to attend the National Championship, your School needs to register into the non-qualifying tournament. The only exception is where a non-qualifying tournament does not go ahead or the attempt to fit you into another non-qualifying tournament was not successful.

Awards Ceremony
The ceremony will be held shortly after the last grand final or if there are two games being played, to commence at the conclusion of the last game being played.

Tournament Office / Control and Information Desk
TSB Stadium, downstairs in the foyer.

Awards
Participation certificates will be provided to all teams and available in your tournament pack.
BBNZ will have the following awards for the tournament. Please note there is no tournament team and MVP for the U13 regional tournaments.

Each Grade will have trophies awarded to 1st and 2nd place.

- Champions - trophy and medals
- Runner up - runner up trophy and medals
- Finals officials - 2x per grade
- **tournament team and MVP are not awarded at this tournament**

Team Roster
Please ensure that all your players are registered with the BBNZ office and are eligible to compete in the tournament. All teams and players must comply with BBNZ Internal Regulations and NZSSSC rules and regulations. Only the maximum of 12 players can participate in the tournament and the final 12 players must be confirmed at the technical meeting. This is your last chance to make changes to your playing roster as no changes may be made after this. Any changes must be accompanied by a signed roster form by the principal.

Special Rules Applying to U13's;
BBNZ Internal Regulations 2008 Volume 1 Page 32; 10.5.2:
(a) Boys will use the size-6 ball.
(b) Girls will use the size-5 ball.
(c) The use of zone defences is banned.

In 2013 the 3 point line was introduced back into the U13 National Championships.

In 2014 BBNZ introduced into the U13 National Championships, 8 minute stop clock quarters instead of 10 minute stop clock quarter.

http://nz.basketball/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=_hRuwbsVg0E%3d&portalid=26

Scoresheets
Scoresheets will be available outside the control room for teams to check prior to their game. Please do not remove the scoresheets from the table. Teams that require copies of completed scoresheets can request these at the tournament control room.

Procedure for Zone Defence
This is attached at the bottom of the draw letter.

Stadium Information

- Changing rooms are available
- Toilets and showers available, also in changing rooms
- Canteen available

Score Bench Duty

New Plymouth Basketball Association will cover all Score bench Duty

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Judicial Procedure

In the unlikely event of a Judicial, the procedure is:

- the team captain is to sign the bottom of the score sheet in the box provided within 20 minutes of the completion of the game.
- The team then has one hour to lodge a written report and pay a bond payment of $250 to the Tournament Director.
- A Judicial Committee will be assembled to consider the dispute.
- If the Committee rules in favour of the dispute, the bond will be refunded to the team.

New REG changes

- game result protests have been removed
- Appeals
    - an appeal can happen at a tournament now – provided the timelines are followed.
- Ejections
    - Any 'ejection' of players/coaches are an automatic JUDICIAL HEARING

Behaviour at Tournaments

We have on occasion seen a range of poor behaviour demonstrated by spectators, coaches and players over the past two years. Disappointingly this has occurred largely at the lower age level tournaments. Consequently, in 2018 there will be strict enforcement of the BBNZ Internal Regulations.

Detailed below is a link to documentation covering behaviour for 2018. It is imperative that this reaches all players, coaches and spectators from within your Association who will be attending the National Championships.

Coach Behaviour –
http://nz.basketball/Portals/26/Resources/Coach%20Behaviour%202016.pdf
Player Behaviour –
http://nz.basketball/Portals/26/Resources/Player%20Behaviour%202016.pdf
Sideline Behaviour –
http://nz.basketball/Portals/26/Resources/Sideline%20Behaviour%202016.pdf

Important Details

- Forfeit of Game - $500 fine.
- Uniforms – in the event of a clash Team A is to wear their light coloured uniforms and Team B is to wear their dark coloured uniforms, unless teams can come to a mutual agreement.
- Team Benches – Sitting at the scorebench; Team A **MUST** sit to the left and Team B **MUST** sit to the right. Please ensure all games start correctly with this procedure. Only the rostered players and management are allowed to sit on the team bench. All supporters must sit in the stands.
- Scorebench - If there is a problem with the scorebench, only the coach may approach on a dead ball and then ask the referee to check the enquiry. Other management may approach the bench during the 2 minute break at quarter time and at half time. They **MUST NOT** approach the bench any other time to check the score sheet or query the scorebench.
- The tournament will use BBNZ Internal Regulations and FIBA Rules.

Mouthguards

Mouthguards are compulsory for all players, The No Mouthguard, No Play Policy is to be firmly enforced.

Uniforms

- Each team must bring two alternate uniforms to the tournament. Uniform numbers must be: 0 and 00 and 1 to 99.
- In the event of a uniform clash Team A is to wear their light coloured uniforms and Team B is to wear their dark coloured uniforms, unless both teams come to a mutual agreement.

On-line Draw and Results

The results can be viewed on the BBNZ website using the following link:
http://websites.sportstg.com/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-4709-0-0-0&a=COMPS&seasonID=5649341

- **Sports TG: GAME DAY APP for smart phones**

Volunteers

Volunteers will be wearing NPBA branded clothing. Any assistance required, please approach a volunteer.

Important Contacts

- **Supermarket** - Countdown, 174 Courtenay Street, New Plymouth
- **Supermarket** - Pak n Save, 53 Leach Street, New Plymouth
- **Doctor** - MediCross Urgent Care, 8 Egmont Street, New Plymouth
- **Dentist** - Medicross Dental, 8 Egmont Street, New Plymouth
- **Medical Centre** - Phoenix Urgent Doctors, 95 Vivian Street, New Plymouth

- **Hospital** -Taranaki Base, David Street, New Plymouth
- **Physios -** 99 Tukapa St, Westown, New Plymouth 4310 – 06 7534 702

First Aid

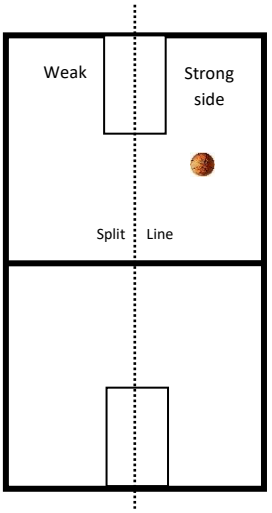
- Injury reporting – the Host Association to document all injuries use the BBNZ injury report form.
- A basic first aid kit is available from the tournament control / office.
- Ice can be found in a freezer located at the tournament control / office.
- Floor Controllers are able to assist with basic first aid and are first aid certified.

Good luck at the tournament from Basketball New Zealand and New Plymouth Basketball Association

The Zone Defense Rule

"As there is a general acceptance that the consistent use of zone defenses in the younger age groups adversely affects the development of both defensive and offensive skills in younger athletes. The use of zone defenses is banned at all BBNZ Under 13, Under 15 Tournaments and the Junior Secondary School Premierships (per BBNZ Internal Regulations).

Definitions



Zone Defense
As a team, players defending specific areas of the court (and opponents in that area) versus marking individual players.

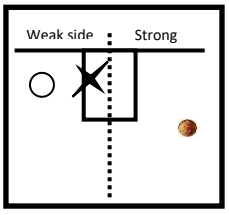
Split Line
An imaginary line that bisects the court length wise.

Strong Side
The side of the court that the ball is on.

Weak Side
The opposite side of the court from where the ball is located.

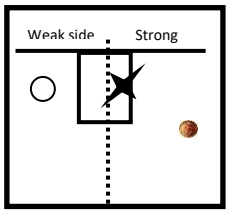
Interpretation of Zone Defense at Premierships and National Championships

For the purposes of interpreting how a zone defense is determined:



A player is considered to be in man-to-man defense when the player, who is on the weak side, does not cross the split line into the strong side of the court.

A player is permitted to cross the split line to double-team or to stop ball penetration, but once the ball is passed out of the double team, the player must recover to the player they were originally defending.



A player is considered to be in zone defense when the player, who is on the weak side, crosses the split line, on to the strong side and remains there regardless of their player's movement on the court.

Zone Busters and Process

A "Zone Buster" will be appointed at every age group tournament. At the technical meeting they will reiterate to all in attendance the zone defence rules. It is acknowledged that it can be subject to interpretation, and there are certain scenario's which can lead to teams inadvertently playing a zone. So coaches must understand the complexities of this rule.

At BBNZ Tournaments, the process to ensure compliance with this policy is:

1. If a coach feels that their opponent is playing a zone defense, they approach the person designated as the "Zone Buster" at that tournament.
2. The "Zone Buster" will watch the play and determine if a zone is in fact being played.
3. If the "Zone Buster" believes a zone is being played, they will instruct the referees to issue a warning to the coach of the team playing a zone in the first instance.
4. Further violations will result in the "Zone Buster" instructing the referees to call a technical foul against the coach.

COACH BEHAVIOUR

Detailed as follows, is an extract from the Basketball New Zealand Internal Regulations covering the Code of Conduct and Fair Play for Coaches. A number of recent behaviours throughout basketball nationally has prompted the need to remind coaches of the behaviour expected of them.

C4.2 Coaches shall accept refereeing decisions with good grace:

(a) on-court approaches to referees shall be by the court captain only and in accordance with the provisions of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules.

(b) Coaches are to approach referees in a courteous and reasonable manner.

C4.3 Coaches should refrain from:

(a) Continually questioning decisions;

(b) Dissenting from decisions, whether by words or body language;

(c) Making gestures by waving arms, indecent body language, facial expressions, and other similar actions; and

(d) Using rude, offensive, and/or threatening language.

C4.4 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.

C4.5 Given that assistant coaches must normally remain seated on the team bench, assistant coaches shall not assume actions or positions reserved for head coaches.

Our Secondary School competitions are the pinnacle of junior basketball in New Zealand. With a large volume of spectators, it provides the image of the game for many New Zealanders. It is therefore essential that we are mindful of this with the actions and behaviour of players, coaches and team followers.

No referee can have an excellent game without a reasonable amount of co-operation from players and coaches. To have an excellent game the referee needs full focus on their job and constant complaining from a coach doesn't help that. Referees must understand the heart and soul of players and coaches and apply appropriate game management in order to gain their trust in return for their correct respectful behaviour. However, unfortunately sometimes situations of disrespectful behaviour occur. If so the coaches, players and team followers should not be allowed to become the centre of attention with their theatrical gestures and constant complaining. Such behaviour is not to be tolerated.

At this stage we would like to engage the support of the Schools with this move and propose the following:

Schools discuss this with their coaches and use the BBNZ Regulations to indicate what SHOULD be happening;

Coaches are advised that for the image of the game, BBNZ will be cleaning up the side-line behaviour of coaches. This will see a Technical Foul called for the following:

- To follow a referee in a questionable or aggressive manner.
- Constant questioning of a referee, in a manner that is not respectful or publicly demonstrating non-acceptance of the call
- Gestures to referees that show public disapproval of a call (e.g. waving of a referee in a dismissive manner)
- Stepping on to the court gesturing or showing dissent towards the referees. Dead ball situations, including time-outs, do not make walking on to the court by coaches or team bench personnel permissible.
- Staring at a referee in a threatening or aggressive manner.
- Aggressively demanding a referee come to a team bench to speak to the coach.

A reminder that the assistant coach is only permitted to stand during the game if the coach is seated. They may only address players and shall not address the officials.

PLAYER BEHAVIOUR

Detailed as follows, is an extract from the Basketball New Zealand Internal Regulations covering the Code of Conduct and Fair Play for Players. A number of recent behaviours throughout the sport nationally have prompted the need to remind players of the behaviour expected of them.

C3 Code of conduct and fair play for players

C3.1 Players shall conduct themselves in a manner which brings credit to themselves and the game and shall:

(a) 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.

(b) Play in a spirit of competitive sportsmanship accepting the official's decisions without dissent.

(c) Control their behaviour on and off the court and refrain from any violent or abusive actions and language.

(d) Co-operate fully with their coach and team mates, remembering that they are participating in a team sport.

(e) Respect their opponents and not participate in any baiting, verbal abuse, or intimidating activities.

(f) Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

C3.2 Players shall accept refereeing with good grace:

(a) Approaches to referees shall be by the (court) captain and/or head coach only and in accordance with the provisions of FIBA Official Basketball Rules.

(b) Court captains (and coaches) are to approach referees in a courteous and reasonable manner.

C3.3 Players shall refrain from:

(a) Continually following officials to question decisions.

(b) Dissenting from decisions, either with words or body language.

(c) Making gestures with waves of arms, indecent body language, facial expressions, and other similar actions of dissent.

(d) "Mouthing off" when officials turn their backs or the player turns away from the official.

(e) Using rude, offensive and/or threatening language.

Having observed the reaction of players to referees' calls in New Zealand at the National Championship level for the past years, we feel that there is now a need to clean up this area of the game.

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At this stage we would like to engage the support of the Schools and Coaches with this move and propose the following: Coaches discuss this with their players and use the BBNZ Regulations to indicate what SHOULD be happening;

Players are advised that for the image of the game, BBNZ is expecting appropriate reactions by players to calls. This will see a Technical Foul called for the following:

- To follow a referee in a questionable or aggressive manner after the whistle has been blown for a call
- Constant questioning of a referee about a call, in a manner that is not respectful or publicly demonstrating non-acceptance of the call
- Gestures to referees that show public disapproval of a call (e.g. waving of a referee in a dismissive manner)

At the Junior School level and below, only the Captain is to communicate with the officials. This must be done in a courteous manner for the purpose of obtaining information, only when the ball becomes dead and the game clock is stopped.

This is a FIBA rule that has not until now been enforced nationally in New Zealand. Referees are encouraged to communicate with players.

SIDE-LINE BEHAVIOUR

We have on occasion seen a range of poor behaviours demonstrated by spectators over the past two years. Disappointingly this has occurred largely at the lower age level tournaments. In 2016 there will be strict enforcement of the BBNZ Internal Regulations.

C6 Code of conduct and fair play for parents and spectators

C6.1 Parents and Spectators should:

(a) 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, to be enjoyed by all participants;

(b) Respect all participating players and officials as you would respect your own children and friends, and applaud good performances by all participants;

(c) Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul or abusive language or actions, and by not harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators; and

(d) Remember that destructive criticism has no place in basketball and especially in junior basketball. It is very hurtful to the recipient and, ultimately, reflects very poorly on the game.

A reminder that even as a spectator you are a representative of your School.

All spectators are to be seated or stand a minimum of 5 metres away from court.

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

Any spectator not keeping to these regulations will be asked to leave the premises for the day. Failure to comply will see security and/or police involved and a trespass notice issued for the remainder of the tournament.