



# **BASKETBALL**

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**BOOK 4**

**PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS REGULATIONS**

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# BOOK FOUR – PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS REGULATIONS

## PART 1 - PURPOSE OF PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS REGULATION

- 1.1 The purpose of this Players and Officials Regulation is to bring together under one regulation the various rules and regulations of BBNZ relating to the eligibility and other requirements of, or related to, players, coaches, officials and referees which are required by, or consistent with, FIBA Statutes and FIBA Internal Regulations.

## PART 2 - ELIGIBILITY

### 2.1 General Principles

- a. Each Affiliated Association or School which enters a team or teams in a BBNZ Competition is responsible for ensuring its players are eligible at all times and will bear the consequences of any breach of these Regulations.
- b. To be eligible to enter and participate in a BBNZ Competition (other than BBNZ School, Wheelchair and Tertiary Competitions, the WBC or the NBL), a player must:
  - i. be a member of BBNZ, by virtue of being a current financial member of an Affiliated Association; and,
  - ii. be a New Zealand citizen, except that a player whose nationality is not New Zealand (a foreign player), may participate in BBNZ Competitions provided that the player has been a resident in New Zealand 90 days before the commencement of the relevant competition.
  - iii. be living in New Zealand, except that where a player who is a New Zealand citizen and is otherwise eligible in all respects has recently returned from overseas, the player must have been in New Zealand for a minimum of 28 days before the commencement of the relevant competition. Such players are only eligible to play for the Affiliated Association they were registered with prior to departing overseas.
  - iv. exemption to the 28 day rule: Any player who meets the criteria for being a 'full time' student at an overseas tertiary institution will be exempt from the 28 day rule and is only eligible to play for the Affiliated Association they were registered with prior to departing overseas.
- c. A player wishing to play in a BBNZ School Competition must satisfy the eligibility requirements of the NZSSSC rules and regulations.
- d. A player wishing to play in the WBC or the NBL must satisfy the eligibility requirements decided by the League and as set out in the Competition Regulation (Book 3),
- e. A player who is selected to represent an Affiliated Association is a Representative Player. Representative Players must be eligible (under Regulation 2.1(a)) and may only represent the Affiliated Association in the Area of the player's usual residence, in accordance with this Regulation.
- f. If a player is a bona fide, full time student at a school or tertiary institution situated outside of the Area of the Affiliated Association, the player may choose to represent one of either:
  - i. the Affiliated Association in the Area in which the School or tertiary institution is situated; or
  - ii. the Affiliated Association in the Area of his/her usual residence.
  - iii. For the purposes of this clause, as a guide, a player is a "full time" student at a tertiary education, if he/she is enrolled and is physically attending classes at least four days per week outside the Zone of his/her usual residence. If in doubt, Affiliated Associations should seek BBNZ advice.
- g. Eligibility to be a Representative Player is determined as at 90 days before the commencement of the relevant BBNZ competition in which he/she is playing.
- h. It is expected and within the spirit of the game, that players make themselves available for selection for competitions of their club, their Affiliated Association, and their national team.

- i. As per Regulation 2.6(b) of this Part, Affiliated Associations within a Zone may, prior to the commencement of the first game in the qualification process, enter into a cooperative arrangement whereby they agree to enter a combined team or teams in a BBNZ Competition from two or more Affiliated Associations. In this situation the player's usual residence can be in any of the Areas of those Affiliated Associations in the same Zone. For avoidance of doubt, this situation only applies for the combined team for that BBNZ Competition and does not apply for any subsequent BBNZ Competition where the player is a Representative Player for an Affiliated Association team that enters a BBNZ Competition alone.
  - i. Where Affiliated Associations within a Zone have not agreed then BBNZ may determine the matter.
- j. Where a Player is eligible to represent more than one Affiliated Association, they may choose which Affiliated Association they wish to play for (Association "A") but may not transfer to the other Association that they are also eligible to play for (Association "B") for a period of at least two years from the date of registration with Association A.
- k. Transition Clause: Any player who, at 1 January 2015, was registered with an Affiliated Association outside their usual residence or where they attend school or a tertiary institution may continue to play for that Affiliated Association until the player transfers to any other Affiliated Association.

## 2.2 Age Eligibility

- a. Subject to Regulation 2.2(a)(vi) the following age restrictions apply to BBNZ Competitions (unless stated otherwise as specified in Regulation 2.2(b) of this Regulation):
  - i. For Under 13 competitions, players must be aged either 10, 11 or 12 years as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held;
  - ii. For Under 15 competitions, players must be aged either 12, 13 or 14 years as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held;
  - iii. For Under 17 competitions, players must be aged either 14, 15 or 16 years as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held.
  - iv. For Under -19 competitions, players must be aged at least 15 years on the first day that the competition commences, and must not be 19 years or older as at 31 December in the year the competition is held. BBNZ, on application by an Affiliated Association, and in its sole discretion, may allow any player selected for a New Zealand national team who is under 15 years of age, to play in an Under 19 competition.
  - v. For Under 23 competitions, players must be aged at least 15 years on the first day that the competition commences and must not be 23 years or older as at 31 December in the year the competition is held.
  - vi. For National Basketball Championships, Women's Basketball Championship and National Basketball League, all players must be aged 15 years on the first day that the competition commences.
- b. BBNZ will consider applications from Affiliated Associations where a player is a member of a New Zealand national team in that calendar year, to play in a tournament above their usual age group. Only these players may be exempt from regulation 2.2a.
- c. BBNZ may modify the eligibility and age criteria for BBNZ Competitions from time to time, however in the absence of any express variation as stated in the competition rules, this regulation shall apply.

## 2.3 Association Representative Player Transfer

- a. Where a player is seeking to play for an Affiliated Association in a BBNZ Competition other than the Association they have previously played for (Transferring Association), the Affiliated Association seeking to have that player in its representative team (Receiving Association) must:
  - i. ensure the player is eligible to play under these Regulations;
  - ii. complete, and send to BBNZ, a transfer form that complies with Regulation 2.3(b) below.
  - iii. have the written approval of the Transferring Association, which must be sent to BBNZ within the time set by BBNZ for team rosters to be confirmed.

The Transferring Association cannot withhold such approval unless any of the grounds specified in Regulation 2.3(d) of this Regulation apply.

- b. Affiliated Associations are to manage all applications from players seeking to transfer Associations and can choose to use the Affiliated Association Representative Player Transfer form provided by BBNZ or generate their own form, which must comply with this Regulation.
- c. The deadline(s) for player application forms is the date/s set by agreement between the Affiliated Associations in each Zone.
- d. Where a transfer cannot be agreed between Affiliated Associations, the player seeking to transfer may forward his/her application to BBNZ that will, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine the outcome of the application. BBNZ must seek the views of both Affiliated Associations and the player on the transfer application, before making any decision. There is no further right of appeal from this decision. BBNZ may deny an application on any ground including (but not limited to) where BBNZ determines that the player:
  - i. has debts owing to BBNZ or to the Transferring Association or
  - ii. has property of the Transferring Association or BBNZ that has not been returned or
  - iii. is involved in any disciplinary or judicial matters that are pending.

#### 2.4 **Loan Players**

- a. An Affiliated Association may have up to a maximum of three loan players from another Affiliated Association for the purposes of competing at a National Championship, or the Under 13 Regional Championship, provided that;
  - i. the loan players are from Affiliated Associations that are within the same Zone; and,
  - ii. the player seeking to be loaned, either:
    - actively sought to gain a place in the team of their Affiliated Association but failed to be selected or
    - their Affiliated Association is not entering a team in that competition.
- b. A loan player must have the written approval of the Affiliated Association to which they are registered and the Affiliated Association seeking to play them as a loan player for each BBNZ Competition. Confirmation of such written approval, must be provided to BBNZ when team rosters are confirmed.
- c. Affiliated Associations are to manage all applications from players seeking to be a loan player and must use the form provided by BBNZ.
- d. The deadline(s) for loan player application forms is the date/s set by agreement between the Affiliated Associations in each Zone.
- e. Where a loan is not agreed between Associations, an appeal may be made by the player to the Chief Executive of BBNZ who will, in their sole and absolute discretion, determine the outcome of the appeal.

The Chief Executive of BBNZ may, on application, approve a loan where the home Association has denied a loan request but is not entering a team and there is, in the Chief Executive's sole opinion, no reasonable reason to deny the player the opportunity.

#### 2.5 **Compliance with Eligibility**

- a. Each Affiliated Association which enters a team or teams in a BBNZ Competition is responsible for ensuring its players are eligible at all times and will bear the consequences of any breach of these Regulations.
- b. A player who participates in BBNZ Competitions or other competitions where the player is a Representative Player, must:
  - i. Respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence, and act accordingly at all times on the court;
  - ii. Comply with the rules of the BBNZ Competition and all other applicable rules and regulations of BBNZ, FIBA or those of any other authority for the competition;
  - iii. Not engage in Doping, Match Fixing, Betting or Corruption or any other prohibited conduct as set out in BBNZ Regulations;
  - iv. Agree to submit at any time to medical tests and controls, particularly doping controls, carried out in compliance with the BBNZ Regulations.

- c. BBNZ may refuse participation in a BBNZ Competition to players who it considers do not comply with these Regulations, or who are under investigation for any such non-compliance.

## 2.6 **Restrictions on Eligibility:**

- a. A player may represent only one Affiliated Association at BBNZ Competitions in any one year;
- b. Loan Players are exempt from Regulation 2.6(a) of this Part.
- c. A player may play in only one of the Under 13 Regional Championships or Under 15 or Under 17 or Under 19 age group BBNZ Competitions, in any one year; and for avoidance of doubt:
  - i. a player may play in any one or more competitions in the same age-group competitions in any one calendar year;
- d. An Under 17 or an Under 19 player may play in their age group in BBNZ competitions in any one calendar year, and also play in the Under 23 BBNZ Competitions in that same calendar year.

## 2.7 **Team Eligibility for BBNZ Competitions**

- a. Teams participating in BBNZ Competitions may represent only those Affiliated Associations which are currently affiliated with BBNZ and which are in good financial standing with BBNZ.
- b. It is acceptable for Affiliated Associations within a Zone to enter into a cooperative arrangement whereby they agree to enter a combined team or teams. The Team will be known as a 'Zone' team. One Affiliated Association must take responsibility for the 'Zone' team for the purposes of team registration and administration.
- c. School Teams in BBNZ School Competitions must comply with eligibility requirements for teams in the NZSSSC rules and regulations.
- d. Both boys' and girls' Teams are eligible to participate unless the competition is gender specific.
- e. Only those Teams which have progressed through the qualifying process may take part in a BBNZ National Championships (see Competition Regulation, Book 3, Part 2, Regulation 2.2).
- f. For National Championships (other than 3x3), as Teams play three or more games, up to twelve registered and verified players may be listed to participate in each Team as players.
- g. For BBNZ Competitions (excluding BBNZ Leagues), once a Team's first game commences, only the playing roster submitted at the technical meeting for that Team as listed on the score sheet for the first game may participate in the remainder of that competition as players.
- h. If a BBNZ Competition is a Qualifying Competition, there are no restrictions on changes to the playing roster for the subsequent National Championship except that any new player must have been eligible to play for the team at the commencement of the Qualifying Competition and remain eligible throughout the National Championship.
- i. It is the responsibility of the Affiliated Association or School represented by a Team to ensure that players are eligible under these Regulations and the relevant documentation is properly completed before signing and submitting the Team roster to BBNZ.
- j. It is the responsibility of the School Principal to ensure that all eligibility requirements are met for players in the respective school teams participating in BBNZ Competitions including compliance with NZSSSC rules and regulations.
- k. It is the responsibility of the Affiliated Association or School Principal represented by a Team to supply the necessary documentation to BBNZ to justify the eligibility of any player if such eligibility is questioned.
- l. All Teams contesting BBNZ Competitions for affiliated associations must be coached by a person who has current coaching accreditation to as required within clause 6.1b (effective from 1 June 2020).
- m. BBNZ may add additional Team entry requirements in its discretion. Any such additional requirements shall be stated in the rules of the competition at the time team entries are open.

## PART 3 – LEAGUES AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER AND TOUR CLEARANCES

### 3.1. Leagues - NBL and WBC

- a. Refer to the NBL and WBC rules and regulations.
- b. Any person who leaves New Zealand to be a student in an overseas high school or college shall on returning to New Zealand be considered a current member of the NBL or WBC in which that person was a member at the time of leaving for overseas, i.e. the person's membership has not lapsed.

### 3.2 International Transfers

- a. All international transfers must be in accordance with the Internal Regulations of FIBA.
- b. A League shall comply with the FIBA Internal Regulations governing the International Transfer of Players, including the special provisions affecting young players as contained in those Regulations. A player who has been registered elsewhere in the world may not play in a New Zealand-based League unless and until all FIBA international transfer obligations and any requirements of the Immigration Department of New Zealand have been satisfied.

### 3.3 Tour Clearance - Inward and Outward

Refer to the Tour Clearance application:

- a. International teams wanting to play in New Zealand must apply for an inward tour clearance.
- b. New Zealand teams wanting to play overseas must apply for an outward tour clearance.

## PART 4 – PLAYERS' AGENTS

### 4.1 Accreditation of Player Agents

In order to operate as a (basketball) players' agent within New Zealand, an agent must be accredited by FIBA.

## PART 5 – BBNZ REFEREES AND TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

### 5.1 BBNZ Referees

- a. Qualifications
  - i. The following ranking levels of referee qualification exist within BBNZ:
    - Community Level Referee (Kiwi Hoops/Community Referee/Community Referee Accredited);
    - Competitive Level Referee (Representative Referee, Senior Representative, Referee, National Referee), NBL Referee (Level 1-3).
  - ii. These levels exist in ascending order with NBL Referee Level 1 being the highest-graded standard that can be achieved within BBNZ.
  - iii. BBNZ will establish from time to time the level and standard of education and other requirements that must be achieved as a first step before proceeding to the next ranked level.
- b. Obtaining qualifications
  - i. In order to obtain particular ranking, candidates must:
    - Undertake the required course or testing for entry at each level; and;
    - Undertake the annual referees exams. Only the official tests and examinations established by BBNZ are valid.
- c. Appointment of referees to BBNZ Competitions
  - i. Nominations or appointments for a referee to attend a BBNZ Competition, must comply with the following guidelines:
    - The referee must be available for the total competition programme.

- The referee must have current officiating experience at the appropriate level of competition, or is prepared to acquire this experience prior to the competition.
  - ii. Selection guidelines applicable to individual BBNZ Competitions are as follows:
    - Referees who have been placed on the National Referee Panel and show potential to progress to a higher level of officiating will be considered a high priority for BBNZ Competition appointments; and
    - Referees must have completed the Representative Referee Course or officiating at a standard accreditable to this level.
- d. Responsibility for nomination/ appointment to attend a BBNZ Competition
  - i. Appointment of referees for individual games at BBNZ Competitions:
    - The appointment of referees to individual games is a matter for the Technical Commissioner appointed for that BBNZ Competition.
    - Referees are considered “neutral” at all BBNZ Competitions. Appointments will be by merit.
  - ii. Travel arrangements: Any reimbursement of travel costs for referees shall be as determined from time to time. Where BBNZ or competition organisers are to pay such costs, then it would be expected that referees would travel via the most reasonable low-cost option.
- e. Duties of BBNZ referees
  - i. BBNZ referees shall wear the official BBNZ referee uniform or other such uniform as determined by BBNZ.
  - ii. BBNZ referees represent BBNZ on the court. They are obliged to conduct the games in accordance with the Official Basketball Rules and to comply with the BBNZ Regulations. They must do everything in their power to accomplish their mission in a satisfactory manner.
  - iii. BBNZ referees shall co-operate with the organisers of competitions/ events to ensure the smooth running of the game.
  - iv. If the BBNZ referee feels that it is necessary to make a report on the game, he or she shall do so immediately after the game and hand it to the Technical Commissioner (see Regulation 5.2 below).
  - v. Referees must carry out their tasks satisfactorily as per Official Basketball Rules, the Constitution, and/or the Regulations of BBNZ.

## 5.2 BBNZ Technical Commissioners and Referee Trainers

- a. BBNZ may appoint Technical Commissioners
  - i. If appointed, a Technical Commissioner is responsible for the appointment and evaluation of referees during BBNZ Competitions.
  - ii. Fees: Any fees payable shall be as determined from time to time.
- b. Duties of Technical Commissioners
  - i. Technical Commissioners shall evaluate and assist the referees during the competition. The Technical Commissioner must provide the referees with all new information and guidelines as established by BBNZ.
  - ii. The Technical Commissioner maybe required to be on the BBNZ Technical Committee of the competition and offer technical expertise during any hearings resulting from reports.
- c. BBNZ may appoint Referee Trainers
  - i. If appointed, a Referee Trainer is responsible for the training of referees as detailed by BBNZ and the Technical Commissioner, during a BBNZ tournament.
  - ii. Fees: Any fees payable shall be as determined from time to time.
- d. Duties of Referee Trainers
  - i. Referee Trainers shall evaluate and assist the referees during the competition. The Referee Trainer must provide the referees with all new information and guidelines as established by BBNZ.
  - ii. Having completed his or her duties, the Referee Trainer shall assist the Technical Commissioner to make an evaluation on each referee. They shall complete a Referee Trainer report and send electronically to the National Referee Development Manager after the Competition.

## PART 6 - BBNZ COACHING QUALIFICATIONS AND PATHWAY

### 6.1 BBNZ Coach Accreditation

- a. Qualifications
  - i. The following levels of coach qualification exist within BBNZ
    - KiwiHoops Level, Community Level (Equivalent to the previous BBNZ level 1) and FIBA World Association of Basketball Coaches (WABC) Level 2 and Level 3
  - ii. These levels exist in ascending order with the FIBA WABC Level 3 being the highest graded standard that can be achieved within BBNZ.
  - iii. BBNZ will establish from time to time the level and standard of education and other requirements that must be achieved as a first step before proceeding to the next coach level.
- b. Qualification
  - i. Level Descriptors
    - **KiwiHoops** is the BBNZ coaching requirement to be able to coach athletes in the Primary and Intermediate School space.
    - The **Community** Course level is the BBNZ coaching (level desirable) requirement to be able to coach in the Secondary School and Club space
    - **FIBA WABC Level 2** is the BBNZ coaching requirement to be able to coach in the Representative space at Regional qualifying tournaments and National age grade tournaments (effective 1 June 2020).
    - **FIBA WABC Level 3** is the BBNZ coaching requirement for coaches who want to coach New Zealand Representative teams in FIBA events.
- c. Obtaining Qualifications
  - i. In order to obtain BBNZ coach accreditation at the desired level candidates must:
    - Attend the required course for the respective BBNZ coaching level provided by the local association or regional entity.
    - Complete all the qualification requirements of the chosen course.
- d. BBNZ Appointed Coach Developers
  - i. BBNZ appointed Coach Developers report directly to the BBNZ National Director Coach Development and are responsible for the delivery of BBNZ coaching courses and curriculum in the regions and ongoing training opportunities for coach participants and potential association/regional coach developers.
  - ii. The BBNZ Coach Developers work with and support the associations and regional entities to plan their annual calendar for coach course delivery.
  - iii. The BBNZ Coach Developer attends 2 annual BBNZ coach developer workshops determined by the BBNZ National Director of Coach Development.
  - iv. Additional association/regional coach developers will be engaged by the BBNZ appointed Coach Developers. Only BBNZ appointed Coach Developers may deliver the FIBA WABC Level 2 and 3 courses
- e. Coach Requirement Regional and National Tournaments
  - i. The minimal coach qualification to be able to attend and coach at a BBNZ regional or national age group tournament for 2018 is the 'Community' coach level accreditation and will be compulsory from 2018 onwards
  - ii. Subject to 6(d)i, thereafter (2019 onwards) the FIBA WABC Level 2 will be the minimal coach qualification requirement to be able to attend and coach at a regional, or national age group tournament.
- f. Coach Requirement BBNZ National Teams
  - i. The minimum coach qualification to be able to coach a New Zealand representative team competing at a FIBA event is the FIBA WABC Level 3 qualification.

## PART 7 - BREACH OF BOOK 4

- 7.1 The enforcement process and sanctions for breach of any regulation in Book 4 can be found in Book 5.