



BASKETBALL New Zealand

REGULATIONS

BOOK 1

GENERAL REGULATION

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BOOK 1 – GENERAL REGULATION

PART 1 – PURPOSE OF GENERAL REGULATION

1. The purpose of this General Regulation is to:
 - a. describe the status and structure of BBNZ Regulations generally
 - b. set out how the BBNZ Regulations are to be interpreted and the defined terms which apply to all BBNZ Regulations, unless specified otherwise
 - c. describe who the BBNZ Regulations apply to
 - d. set out how any breach of a BBNZ Regulation will be dealt with.

PART 2 – STATUS OF ALL REGULATIONS

- 2.1 The Regulations are made by the Board under Rule 29 of the BBNZ Constitution.
- 2.2 The Regulations shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of New Zealand.
- 2.3 The Board may make any amendments to a Regulation from time to time, as it sees fit.

PART 3 – COMMENCEMENT DATE OF ALL REGULATIONS

- 3.1 All Regulations shall come into force with effect from 16 March 2020, unless a Regulation specifies otherwise.
- 3.2 These Regulations replace all previous rules, regulations or policies of BBNZ with effect from the Commencement Date, unless a Regulation specifies otherwise.
- 3.3 If a Regulation is amended, it will be specified in the particular Regulation with a revision date.

PART 4 – OVERVIEW OF BBNZ REGULATIONS

- 4.1 **Authority:** The BBNZ Board is authorised to make, repeal and amend Regulations in accordance with Rules 23 and 29 of the BBNZ Constitution.
- 4.2 **Status:** BBNZ Regulations are subordinate to the BBNZ Constitution and may not be inconsistent with it. To the extent of any inconsistency between a BBNZ Regulation (and any part of it) and the BBNZ Constitution, the BBNZ Constitution prevails.
- 4.3 **Application:** Unless specified otherwise in a Regulation, all Regulations are binding on, and must be complied with by:
 - a. all Members including Affiliated Associations, Associate Members, Life Members, and Individual members
 - b. members of Members including clubs, teams, and individual members
 - c. BBNZ Appointed Personnel including Officers and other individuals who are appointed to positions of responsibility by BBNZ including but not limited to officials, coaches and managers
 - d. any other person or entity who agrees to be bound to this Regulation or the BBNZ Regulations including:
 - i. players
 - ii. coaches
 - iii. player-support personnel including team managers and medical staff
 - iv. technical officials of all designations
 - v. FIBA accredited player agents
 - vi. administrators and officials
 - vii. BBNZ staff and contractors
 - viii. Leagues (including their officials and employees)
 - ix. other persons under the jurisdiction of BBNZ.

PART 5 – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION FOR ALL REGULATIONS

5.1 **Definitions:**

- a. The words and phrases used in all the BBNZ Regulations shall have the same meaning as defined in the BBNZ Constitution, unless specified otherwise in a BBNZ Regulation.
- b. A BBNZ Regulation may have additional words and phrases used within it and these will be set out, with the meanings given to them, in each such Regulation.
- c. The words and phrases in all BBNZ Regulations shall have the meanings set out in Appendix A to this General Regulation, unless specified otherwise.

5.2 **Interpretation:**

- a. Each BBNZ Regulation includes any appendices, schedules or forms referred to in the Regulation.
- b. Headings used in a BBNZ Regulation are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of the Regulation or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.
- c. Words in the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- d. Reference to 'including' and similar words are not words of limitation.
- e. Examples may be given to assist understanding. Unless stated, one example does not limit the range or number of examples.
- f. Words importing a gender include any other gender.
- g. A reference to a clause is a reference to a clause or sub clause in a BBNZ Regulation.
- h. A reference to a rule is a reference to a rule in the BBNZ Constitution, unless specified otherwise.
- i. Where a word or phrase is given a particular meaning, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of that word or phrase have corresponding meanings.
- j. In the event any provision of a BBNZ Regulation is determined invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall not be affected. A BBNZ Regulation shall not be invalid because any part of it is held invalid.
- k. Except as otherwise stated in a BBNZ Regulation, failure to exercise or enforce any right conferred by a BBNZ Regulation shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any such right nor operate so as to bar the exercise or enforcement thereof or of any other right on any other occasion.
- l. Where any regulatory or decision making power or other power or right is given to BBNZ, that regulatory or decision making power or other power or right may be exercised by a person committee or body as determined by BBNZ.
- m. Where any reference is made to a BBNZ form, this form may be in any format as determined by BBNZ.

PART 6 – BREACH OF REGULATIONS

- 6.1 The procedures and hearing bodies for violations or breaches of any BBNZ Regulation is as set out in the applicable BBNZ Regulation.

BOOK 1 APPENDICES

Appendix A – Definitions

These definitions apply to all the Regulations, unless specified otherwise.

Affiliated Association	A basketball organisation that is a Member of BBNZ as described in Rule 8 of the Constitution.
Area	The geographical area in which an Affiliated Association operates.
Associate Member	An organisation that is a Member of BBNZ as described in rule 9 of the Constitution.
Awards	The awards granted to individuals for contribution to the sport of basketball as described in these Regulations.
Awards Selection Committee	The committee appointed by BBNZ to consider and grant Awards as described in these regulations.
BBNZ	Basketball New Zealand Incorporated.
BBNZHOF	Basketball New Zealand Hall of Fame.
BBNZ Appeals Officer	The officer that hears and decides appeals from Tier 1 Decision Makers (for both Administrative and Judicial decisions).
BBNZ Competitions	The basketball competitions held by or under the control of BBNZ as specified in the Competition Regulation, including age-group competitions, School Competitions and other competitions. BBNZ Competitions include Regional competitions, qualifying competitions, National competitions, non-qualifying competitions and 3x3 competitions as specified in the Competitions Regulation.
BBNZ School Competition	The BBNZ Competitions in which Schools participate as described in the Competitions Regulation.
BBNZ Hearing Bodies	The judicial bodies of BBNZ as specified in these Regulations, and includes the Judicial Officer, Judicial Tribunal or the Technical Committee, the BBNZ Appeals Officer, and such other hearing bodies established by BBNZ from time to time.
BBNZ Judicial Tribunal	A BBNZ hearing body, which may determine judicial matters within the Judicial and Discipline Regulation (Book 6).
Board	The board of directors of BBNZ
Board Appointments Panel	The panel which assists in the appointment of the Board as described in Rule 21 of the Constitution,
CAS	Court of Arbitration for Sport is an arbitral body, seated in Switzerland, which has responsibility for resolving disputes arising in the context of sport by arbitration and/or mediation.
Chief Executive	The Chief Executive of BBNZ
Club	A basketball club, which is a member of an Affiliated Association.
Commencement Date	The date these Regulations came into force, and also includes as date on which any amended version of a regulation takes effect
Constitution	The constitution of BBNZ, as amended from time to time
Sports Integrity Commission (SIC)	The Sports Integrity Commission, the crown agency established under the Sports Anti-Doping Act 2006, which is the national anti-doping authority in New Zealand.
FIBA	Federation Internationale de Basketball, an independent association composed of national federations worldwide, which is organised in such a manner as to acquire legal status, listed in the Registre du Commerce in Switzerland.
FIBA Competition	The main competitions and other official competitions of FIBA (and described as “Competitions of FIBA” defined in the FIBA Internal Regulations – Book 2) and as amended by FIBA.
FIBA Statutes and Internal Regulations	The rules and regulations of FIBA.
Foul Play	Has the meaning given to it in Book 6.
Harassment	Has the meaning given to it in Book 6.

Host	An Affiliated Association, local organising committee or other person authorised by BBNZ to organise and host BBNZ Competitions as described in the Competition Regulation.
Host Agreement	The agreement between BBNZ and an Organiser of a BBNZ Competition as described in the Competition Regulation.
HPSNZ	High Performance Sport New Zealand Limited, which is a subsidiary crown entity of Sport NZ, responsible for high performance sport in New Zealand.
In Competition	The period starting at the commencement of the technical briefing held prior to the start of play at a BBNZ Competition and ending 24 hours after the end of the closing ceremony for that BBNZ Competition. For avoidance of doubt it also includes the periods before and after play including at meetings, functions and activities of BBNZ held during this period. Technical briefings may be held via video conference days prior to the commencement of a BBNZ Competition
Individual Member	A person who is a member of an Affiliated Association and who completes the prescribed BBNZ membership form and pays any membership fee/s due to the Affiliated Association, as described in Rule 11 of the Constitution.
Judicial Officer	Means someone who may determine judicial matters within the Judicial and Discipline Regulation (Book 6).
Judicial Panel	Has the meaning given to it in Book 6.
League	An entity that organises and manages an approved club competition nationally as described in the FIBA Internal Regulations.
Life Member	A person who is granted life membership of BBNZ as described in Rule 10 of the Constitution.
Member	An Affiliated Association, Associate Member, Life Member, Individual Member or an Appointed Personnel as described in Rule 7 of the Constitution.
Member Database	The database controlled by BBNZ, which contains information about Members.
Membership Form	The form prescribed by BBNZ for persons wishing to become an Individual Member of BBNZ, through their membership of an Affiliated Association.
Misconduct	Has the meaning given to it in Book 6.
NBL	New Zealand Men's National Basketball League and New Zealand Women's National Basketball League
NZOC	New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated, which is the national Olympic committee, and member of the Commonwealth Games Federation, in New Zealand.
Official Basketball Rules	The rules of the game of basketball as prescribed by FIBA.
Out of Competition	Means any time other than that which is In Competition.
Region	Means an area as defined by BBNZ in the particular circumstances.
Regulation	A regulation of BBNZ made by the Board in accordance with the Constitution.
Representative Player	A player who is selected to represent their Affiliated Association at BBNZ Competitions.
School	A secondary school in New Zealand.
SSNZ	School Sports New Zealand, which is the body responsible for inter-secondary school sports competitions.
Sports Tribunal	The Sports Tribunal of New Zealand established under the Sports-Anti Doping Act 2006
Sport NZ	Sport New Zealand, the crown agency established under the Sport and Recreation Act 2002, which is responsible for promote, encourage, and support physical recreation and sport in New Zealand.
Team	A basketball team that is registered with an Affiliated Association or School to play in competitions of its Affiliated Association or School

	and BBNZ and, unless stated otherwise, includes the players, coach, manager and other support personnel of the team.
Technical Committee	The committee appointed by BBNZ for BBNZ Competitions under the Judicial and Discipline Regulation (Book 6).
Voting Member	Every Affiliated Association (unless not currently financial) and Life Member, which has voting rights at general meetings of BBNZ as described in Rule 18 of the Constitution.
Zone	A geographical area of New Zealand in which a number of Affiliated Associations and Schools are located, as determined by BBNZ
3x3	A game of basketball played with 3 players in each Team under the rules prescribed by FIBA.