



NORTH WEST AREA BOARD BASKETBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2018/2019 SEASON

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1. MANAGEMENT OF LOCAL AREA COMPETITIONS

1.1 These regulations govern the operation of North West Area Board competitions for the season 2018/19. The regulations will be subject to a full review at the end of the season based on:

- a. The operation of local competitions
- b. Proposed amendments from member clubs as per rule 1.8
- c. Proposals from the National Area Boards Committee (NABC) or any sub-committee of the NABC.

1.2 These regulations should be read in conjunction with the rules and regulations of Basketball Ireland and FIBA. North West Area Board will be the first reference for matters within North West Area Board. Situations/incidents/matters not covered in North West Area Board regulations for the current season should be referred to Basketball Ireland and subsequently FIBA Rules and Regulations.

1.3 The North West Area Board committee will be responsible for all policy concerning our Local Area Competitions. The North West Area Board will consist of an Executive Committee and one representative of each affiliated club.

1.4 The Executive Committee will be comprised of the following members:

- a. Chairperson
- b. Secretary
- c. Treasurer & Registrar
- d. Junior League Convener/fixtures secretary
- e. Public Relations Officer
- f. Children's officer
- g. Adult League Convener
- h. Technical Officer

1.5 The Executive Committee will administer the affairs of the North West Area Board.

1.6 The official channel of communication between the Executive Committee and a participating club is the North West Secretary and the Club Secretary (as nominated on the Basketball Ireland Club Registration Form when the club registers with Basketball Ireland each season). All correspondence must be typed and signed, email is acceptable. All correspondence to the club secretary shall be deemed to have informed the club in full by the Executive Committee. It is up to the club secretary to pass the information to the relevant personnel.

1.7 All proposed amendments to the regulations must be submitted to the secretary of the North West Area Board committee by (agreed date) in order to be distributed to all member clubs for consideration at least 14 days ahead of the North West Area Board member clubs rules meeting.

1.8 By registering with the North West Area Board, clubs and /or individuals must accept these regulations in their entirety. The Executive Committee may impose disciplinary action and/or fines for breaches of the regulations that have no specified penalty.

1.9 All Local Area Competition trophies will remain the property of the North West Area Board. When the winning clubs have been ascertained, a person nominated from the North West Area Board will present the appropriate trophy to that club. The club in turn will then be responsible for its return to the North West Area Board by the date outlined by the North West Secretary. Failure to return the trophies by this date will result in the North West Area Board replacing the trophy, with the cost of this paid by the relevant club.

1.10 Should a trophy be damaged whilst under the care or custody of a club, the club will be required to refund the North West Area Board the amount of the present value of the trophy, or the cost of thorough repair. Should a trophy be lost or destroyed by any cause whilst under the care or custody of a club, the club will be required to pay the North West Area Board a sum equivalent to the present value of the trophy in addition to any other penalty imposed by the board.

1.11 The season begins on July 1st of the current year and ends on June 30th of the following year.

1.12 The North West Area Board committee will have the right to exercise its judgement and discretion in the interpretation of these regulations taking into account the best interests of Basketball Ireland, its clubs, its players and/or potential players. Any matter that may arise and is not covered by the existing regulations, the North West Area Board Executive Committee shall deal with and decide the matter accordingly.

2.1 COMPETITION STRUCTURES

2.1.1 All Clubs and officials registered with the North West Area Board will be provided with an updated version of these regulations at the commencement of each season. It is their responsibility to make themselves and their members familiar with these regulations. All clubs must also familiarize themselves with BI rules as the North West Area Board competitions will be run under BI rules except where an addendum is provided for a particular competition. The North West Area Board will provide U12 rules as an addendum to these regulations at the start of the season.

2.1.2 All games must start on time. If one team is not ready on court to play 15 minutes after the appointed start time, a default (see definition pg?) will automatically be awarded to the team already on court, unless the teams and referees have reached an alternative agreement.

2.1.3 If for any reason the start of the match is delayed, the two coaches shall decide the length of the game. In the event of a non-agreement, the referee(s) shall decide.

2.1.4 Where circumstances cause the shortening of a game, coaches can if they wish, refuse to play and can lodge a complaint, they should have their captain sign the score sheet "under protest".

2.1.5 Scoresheets must be uploaded by Home Team within two days of every game to North West Area Board website. Clubs should take a photograph of the score sheet - log onto the North West Area Board website & follow the steps - choose a file, select picture... A failure to submit the scoresheet as above will result in a forfeit (see definition pg?) awarded in favour of the away team and fine. (Appendix 1)

2.1.6 Start time for games are as follows:

A: Monday to Friday: Tip times starting between 19:00-21:00 (**No later than 20:00 for juniors**)

B: Saturday: Tip times starting between 10:00-20:00

C: Sunday: Tip times starting between 10:00-20:00

Clubs should allow game slots of at least 75mins long when scheduling games.

Midweek games can be played if necessary, by agreement with both clubs.

2.1.7 No minor teams are obliged to play Monday to Thursday evenings (unless agreed by both teams in consultation with the North West Area Board Fixtures Convener)

2.1.8 If requested, birth certificates of players must be lodged with the registrar of the North West

Area Board within seven (7) days of such request. Failure to comply will result in the automatic suspension of that player.

2.1.9 A change in the executive of a club must be notified to the North West Area Board secretary in writing within forty-eight (48) hours of the change. E-mail is also acceptable. Failure to do so will result in a €100 fine (see Appendix 1).

2.1.10 All correspondence from the Executive Committee requesting a reply must be answered within seven (7) days. Failure to do this will result in an automatic fine, as set in Appendix 1.

2.1.11 Any club/team that wishes to play in a neighbouring Area Board must comply with the following procedures:

A. The team must complete the National Area Board Link Agreement Form to allow them to enter the league in question.

B. The team must continue to play in their geographically based Area Board's competition (if available) as well as the new Area Board's competition to ensure development is not slowed.

C. This procedure must be repeated for each season. No rolling agreements may exist.

D. Any players that play in another Area Board must be registered to play in the North West Area Board.

2.2 JUNIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS

2.2.1 The current Basketball Ireland National Underage Rules shall apply to all juvenile Competitions except where an addendum to these regulations is applied by the North West Area Board.

2.2.2 Where a club has sufficient numbers for two teams, they may enter a team into both division 1 and 2. A club may enter a second team into any age group of Division 2 provided that 7 (seven) players on the first team are starred i.e. designated Division 1 players only. The 7 starred players cannot play in Division 2. All other players can play in both divisions. The Division 2 league is based on numbers of entries from the clubs and is at the discretion of the board.

2.2.3 In the case of any club having 2 teams registered in the same age and sex category (same division) in the same season, they will play their strongest basketball ability team

first when both said teams are playing the same opposition on the same day. (An “A” team is not necessarily the strongest team).

2.2.4 All games except for U12 league/league finals should be played in four 7-10 minute quarters. U14 play 7 minute quarters. U16 play 8 minute quarters and U19 play 10 minute quarters. For U9- U11 competition, four 6 minute quarters are required.

2.2.5 Two registered referees must be used for all games under 14 and above. Two registered intro referees can officiate these games, providing that at least one is 18 years old. If the home club does not provide 2 registered referees the game will be lost by forfeit (see definition on pg 19), the away team will be awarded the points and a fine of €50 will be levied.

2.2.6 Under 18/19 League: Players who are U19 may play in the North West Area Board league but this does not apply beyond the region i.e. this is within the North West Area Board only. The rules governing players playing up in an U18 league still apply.

2.2.7 All clubs must nominate 2 registered active referees at the start of the season. The referees must be active throughout the season; clubs that fail to have a referee available may not be issued with fixtures by the North West Area Board.

2.2.8 Teams competing at all age levels must lodge their team registration form and team fees and player licence fees before the first game of the season with the North West Registrar and will not be deemed to have entered the competition without having done so.

2.2.9 The League Winners and the Cup Winners in the Under 14 and Under 16 competitions will automatically go forward to represent the North West in the All Ireland Club Championships (AICC), providing that the winners of both competitions also contest the Super Cup final. In the instance that the League Winners and the Club Cup Winners are from the same club and do not wish to field both teams to the AICCs, the runner up may be nominated to attend by the North West Area Board with the following priority: Club Cup runner up, next highest league position.

2.2.10 If any qualifying team decides not to go forward to the AICC their place may be substituted with the following priority: Club Cup Winner runner up, next highest league position. The club of the non travelling team will be fined €500

2.2.11 North West Area Board cup playoffs - The Area Board will decide on structure in advance and notify the relevant clubs.

2.2.12 The winners of the League will play the winners of the Cup in the North West Area Board Super Cup. Failure of either team to play in the Super Cup will result in forfeiture of an AICC place and be fined €200. For teams to qualify for an AICC place in the Super Cup final then 80% of the players on that team must have played in at least 80% of the league games in that age category.

2.3 SENIOR COMPETITION REGULATIONS

2.3.1 For senior competitions No player under 16 years of age on the 31st December of the current season may take part in adult competition.

2.3.2 All senior games should be played in four by ten minute quarters in League games and ten (10) minutes in Cup games. Teams can agree on the length of the quarters.

2.3.3 All senior divisions must have bookings not less than 90 minutes per game.

2.4 LEAGUE COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.4.1 Where a team does not complete their league programme their club will be liable to pay a bond of €300 in order to enter the league competition in the following season as set by the Executive Committee. The bond will be returned at the end of the season unless one or more of its teams do not complete their league programme.

2.4.2 League points: three (3) for a win, one (1) for a loss/default and zero (0) for a Forfeit. In the case of the latter, other penalties may be applied at the discretion of the Executive Committee. If a forfeit/default is awarded, the score will be recorded as 20:0 in favour of the non-offending team.

2.4.2.1 Forfeit. A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:

- A. The team is not present or is unable to field 5 players ready to play 15 minutes after the game is scheduled to begin.
- B. Its actions prevent the game from being played.
- C. It refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referee's present.
- D. Fixtures convener notifies the NWAB coordinator and the opposing team's fixture coordinator that they are unable to fulfil a fixture.

2.4.2.2 Game lost by default. A team shall lose a game by default if:

- A. A played game that is recorded as a default because the team did not meet the minimum roster requirements.
- B. During the game, the team has fewer than 2 players on the playing court ready to play.

2.4.3 The team with the greatest number of points at the conclusion of the league shall be deemed to be the winners of the league.

2.4.4 If two or more teams finish on equal points, FIBA guidelines will apply to determine the final league classifications.

2.4.5 If a team withdraws or is expelled from the league then all games, in which the team participated in prior to the withdrawal or expulsion, will be considered null and void and will not be included in the league table.

2.5 SENIOR CUP COMPETITION STRUCTURE

2.5.1 The Cup competition will be played in a home and away first round with a third and deciding leg if necessary. All other rounds are knockout. The Executive Committee will conduct an open draw for the competition, which may include seeding based on the results of the previous season. The Cup competition will only run if the Executive Committee decides there is sufficient demand for it.

2.6 LOCAL COMPETITION FINANCES

2.6.1 Referee Fees: Each club is required to pay referees fees, a guideline for which is given by the Executive Committee. It is up to each Club to negotiate their own fees with referees. Payment of referees will be made by the designated venue officer on the game date prior to the game taking place or by agreement with the referees.

2.6.2 Monies owed: Any monies owed to the North West Area Board by a club not received by the due date will be subject to penalties as agreed by the Executive Committee. Correspondence will be sent to the relevant club by the North West Area Board secretary.

2.6.3 If a club competing in local competition folds or withdraws from competition, leaving outstanding monies owed to the North West Area Board, the officials of the club which folded will be responsible for the payment of one seventh of the outstanding debt before they will be permitted to play or be involved with any other club.

2.6.4 Dishonoured cheques: Cheques from clubs that are not honoured upon presentation will be liable to a monetary penalty of €50 plus bank charges.

3. ENTRANCE CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

3.1.1 There is no automatic entry to any North West Area Board competitions. Applications to enter each competition must be received annually, must be accompanied by the entry fee, bond (if required) and received by the North West Area Board Registrar by the deadline set out by the Executive Committee

3.1.2 Clubs that wish to play in another Area Board must complete the National Area Board Link Agreement Form. Only once both Area Boards agree, the club in question may apply for local competition. This process is not a rolling one and must be repeated prior to the start of each season and given deadlines.

3.1.3 All clubs must also pay an annual Basketball Ireland club membership registration fee and complete the Basketball Ireland online registration as specified by the Basketball Ireland Registrar. Further all clubs must ensure their members are registered and pay their annual Basketball Ireland player membership fee.

3.1.4 Any team withdrawing from local league competition after the fixtures have been released will forfeit their entry fee and/or bond by the club. In addition clubs will be fined for withdrawing from a competition after this date and will be subject to sanction per fixture not fulfilled. See Appendix 1.

3.1.5 All Clubs must submit a copy of their insurance policy to the North West Area Board.

4. REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSING

4.1 LICENSING PROCEDURES & DEADLINES FOR LICENSING

4.1.1 All clubs competing in North West Area Board local competition must be a registered member of Basketball Ireland and their players/team(s) should be registered with their respective Area Board under their player/team registration scheme. Further, all clubs must pay club affiliation fee and each team affiliation fee and player registration fee (and any other fees) as specified by North West Area Board.

4.1.2 Teams competing at all age levels must lodge their team registration form and team fees and player licence fees on or before the 30th September and will not be deemed to have entered the competition without having done so.

4.1.3 All coaches, assistant coaches, club officials (any person, other than the coach or players, authorised by the referee to sit on the team bench, and be in communication with the team during game, including statisticians/physiotherapists etc.), must be registered/licensed as an individual member of Basketball Ireland. Only those licensed will be permitted to sit on the team bench. Breach of this regulation will incur automatic penalties as outlined in Appendix 1.

4.1.4 Any club who plays an unlicensed or ineligible player in any game covered by these regulations shall automatically forfeit (see definition pg 19) the game and be fined accordingly (Appendix 1).

4.1.5 A player must only be registered with one club at any one time to play local competition.

4.1.6 In relation to licensing for National League team players - No player may be registered to play in two National Federations at the same time.

4.1.7 A: If the player has transferred from another club, a copy of the completed Basketball Ireland transfer form must accompany the application. This transfer must be signed by the acquiring club, the transferring club and finally the local area board the latter club was affiliated to before it will be accepted as a legitimate transfer.

B: If the player previously played outside of Ireland, then International Clearance as outlined in section 4.2 must be sought by Basketball Ireland from the Federation the player last played with.

4.1.8

The local competition team fees for this season are as follows:

AGE	Club Affiliation	League	Discount
Senior	€80	€70	No discount
U19 & below	€80	€60	50% for second team

4.1.9 The local competition player license fees for this season are €5 per player for all age groups.

4.1.10 The closing date for registration of players is 31st December of the current season.

4.2 INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE OF PLAYERS

A: If the player has transferred from another club, a copy of the completed Basketball Ireland transfer form must accompany the application. This transfer must be signed by the acquiring club, the transferring club and finally the local area board the latter club was affiliated to before it will be accepted as a legitimate transfer.

B: Any player who has played outside Ireland since the previous Basketball Ireland season, or who is new to playing in Ireland must receive clearance from the last National Federation in which the person played, or came from. In some cases, a National Federation may charge a fee for this clearance, which must be paid by the requesting club.

4.3 TRANSFERS

4.3.1 All Transfers at Area Board level must firstly be completed in accordance with the Regulations and Bye-Laws of Basketball Ireland. Article 10, Transfers within Basketball Ireland.

4.3.2 All Players wishing to transfer at club level must complete the Basketball Ireland transfer form regardless of age.

4.3.3 In order to comply with the transfer date deadline, players requesting a transfer must have completed the first section of the transfer form and have it lodged with the secretary of the North West Area Board by midnight on 31st October.

4.3.4 Once a player has been registered with Basketball Ireland and has been issued with a BIPIN the player is considered to be a member of the club he/she has been registered with for transfer purposes. All players, irrespective of age, must be registered with Basketball Ireland.

4.3.5 No transfer shall be signed by the assigned representative of the North West Area Board without all sections of the transfer form being fully completed. The BIPIN must be included on all forms if the player has previously been registered with Basketball Ireland.

4.3.6 No transfers shall be permitted at Under 12 and downwards.

4.3.7 Rule 4.3.6 shall not apply when a player at Under 12 is moving from one geographical area to another. A transfer form must be completed in all such cases as per the rules herein.

4.3.8 When a player transfers from one geographical area to another, the secretary of the outgoing Area Board, when the transfer has been completed, shall send a copy of the transfer form to the secretary of the incoming Area Board.

4.3.9 A player shall only be permitted to transfer once in a season.

4.3.10 A club can only accept a maximum of 3 incoming players from any one club in a season. If a club caters for both genders, they can accept a maximum of 3 incoming transfers for each gender. At U13 to U16 clubs are only permitted to transfer 3 players into any one team.

4.3.11 Where a club cannot facilitate a team within their natural age group, Rule 10 above shall apply. The incoming transfer club may not accept more than the maximum 3 players.

4.3.12 Where a club becomes defunct prior to the commencement of the season and /or before the 31st October. The players of the club may transfer in compliance with rule 10 above. The transfer form must be completed with the TRANSFERRING CLUB AUTHORISATION section crossed CLUB DEFUNCT.

4.3.13 Should a club become defunct after the 31st October, no players from the club may transfer within the remainder of that season.

4.3.14 A player that has transferred during the current season to a club that has become defunct may not transfer for the remainder of the season. Rule 9 shall apply in this instance.

4.3.15 All transfers when completed by the assigned representative of the North West Area Board will be forwarded to the registrar of Basketball Ireland as per Rule 10E of Basketball Ireland, Regulations & Bye Laws.

4.3.16 Where a transfer does not come under the above rules. The secretary of the North West Area Board shall submit the transfer to the National Area Boards Committee (NABC) for their decision.

4.3.17 Where an Area Board refuses a player's transfer within the rules above or for any other reason, the player having firstly complied with the appeal procedures of their Area Board shall then have the right of appeal to the National Area Board Committee (NABC). The appeal shall be forward in writing to the Secretary of the NABC by the player and/or the player's intended club within fourteen days (14) of the transfer having been rejected by the appeal committee of their area board.

4.3.18 When the secretary of the National Area Boards Committee (NABC) receives an appeal under rule 17 above. The secretary will inform the player's Area Board of the receipt of the appeal and set the date for the hearing which shall take place at the next scheduled meeting of the NABC and/or within twenty eight (28) days of the receipt of the appeal. All parties to the appeal shall be entitled to be represented at the hearing.

4.3.19 The National Area Boards Committee shall have the right to exercise its judgement and discretion in interpretation of these rules taking into account the best interest of Area Boards, its clubs and its players and/or potential players and Basketball Ireland.

4.3.20 The North West Area Board may exercise its judgement and discretion in the interpretation of these rules in the interest of development in the North West Area Board, its clubs and its players and/or potential players.

5 UNIFORMS & FACILITIES

5.1 All teams should have two sets of playing kit; one of the designated sets should be lighter in color than the other.

5.2 In the event of a colour clash, the first named team on the fixture list shall change.

5.3 Teams must nominate their home venues at the start of the season.

5.4 The home team must provide a visible electronic clock, Basketball Ireland scoresheet and table equipment i.e. pens, arrow, foul markers and team foul markers. They must also provide adequate changing facilities with hot showers, toilets, the correct court markings and the use of an official Molten or other as designated match ball.

5.5 The referees have the final decision with regard to a game going ahead or not. The referees must be satisfied that the venue is safe. Every effort should be made by the home team to overcome the difficulties but if the situation cannot be made safe for players and officials then the referees will decide accordingly.

5.6 All clubs are responsible for the conduct of their players, members, spectators etc – both home and away. Conduct of all parties is included in the BI Code of Conduct literature.

6 FIXTURES

6.1 FIXTURE SCHEDULING

6.1.1 All local competition fixtures shall be arranged prior to the start of each season either at the Area Board's fixture meeting or as designated by the league convener/ fixtures secretary.

6.1.2 In the case of a fixtures meeting, each registered club must send one delegate to the fixtures meeting. Failure to do so will result in a fine (Appendix1).

6.1.3 Confirmation of all fixtures should be sent to the club league convener/fixtures secretary by a date determined by the North West Area Board

6.1.4 Failure to confirm fixtures to league convener/fixtures secretary will result in the league convener/fixtures secretary setting them as necessary.

6.1.5 Unless otherwise stated, it is the responsibility of the home teams to provide two table officials to perform the functions of scorekeeper and timekeeper. These officials must be registered as Table Officials with Basketball Ireland.

6.1.6 The home team will be responsible for correctly completing the following information on the official Basketball Ireland score sheet: a) Competition, b) Home Team, c) Away Team, d) Venue, e) Date, f) Time. If a Scoresheet is submitted without any of the above, the Home team will be deducted a point. If the Away Team fails to provide any of their BI Numbers, they will have a point deducted. To save time, the BI Pin Numbers can be submitted on a typed sheet for each game and this can be attached/an attachment to the score sheet. The BI Pin numbers do not have to be included on the actual score sheet.

6.1.7 A commissioner neutral to the clubs involved in games may be appointed, where appropriate by the league convener/fixtures secretary or North West technical Officer.

6.2 FIXTURE RESCHEDULING

6.2.1 Requests for change of fixtures will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the North West Area Board league convener/fixtures secretary.

6.2.2 Request to change a fixture must be submitted two weeks in advance of the game together with a fee of €50. No changes will be permitted at short notice, unless due to a family bereavement or extreme weather conditions. Except in these circumstances, if shorter notice is given to change a fixture, a fee of €100 will be required.

6.2.3 Any change to a fixture due to a bereavement or extreme weather conditions should be emailed to the North West Area Board Fixtures Convener and a telephone call made to the North West Chairperson or Fixtures Convener. Subsequent changes can only be made via the webpage once the final fixtures for the coming season have been posted online.

6.3 FIXTURE CANCELLATIONS

6.3.1 Late cancellations of a fixture will not be permitted unless exceptional circumstances prevail as agreed by the Executive Committee.

6.3.2 A Fixture cancellation fee as outlined in Appendix 1 will apply.

6.3.3 Where a team cancels a fixture, the offending team will be liable for all costs incurred i.e. venue costs, travel expenses and referee costs.

6.3.4 If a game is disrupted due to condensation the following procedures will apply:

A: On the first occurrence of condensation, the referee will stop the game and allow the home team fifteen (15) minutes to correct the problem.

B: On the second occurrence, the referees should stop the game and advise the commissioner, if appointed, that the floor is unplayable. The referees will make the final decision to abandon the game and the game will be rescheduled.

6.3.5 In the event that a team fails to fulfil an away fixture, they will forfeit the home advantage in their next home fixture against the same opponent. This will be carried forward to the next season if necessary, for the same team.

7 GAME PROCEDURES

7.1 PRESENTATION STANDARDS

Home teams must ensure that there is an adequate level of crowd control and stewarding at all matches. There should be a minimum of one (1) steward to one hundred (100) spectators.

The home team is responsible for taking reasonable precautions to control the behaviour of spectators. However, disciplinary action may be taken against either team for the behaviour of its followers.

7.2 OFFICIALS

7.2.1 All clubs must provide 2 registered active referees at the start of the season. Refer 2.2.7.

7.2.2 All match officials (commissioners, referees and table officials) operating in North West Area Board competitions must be registered and licensed as appropriate with both Basketball Ireland and the North West Area Board. Unlicensed/unregistered officials will not receive any officiating appointments from any Area Boards and clubs will be fined for using unlicensed officials (See Appendix 1).

7.2.3 The North West Area Board fixtures convener may appoint a commissioner to local competition games.

7.2.4 For matches where the North West Area Board fixtures convener or technical officer has not appointed a commissioner or where one has failed to arrive, both teams, in consultation with the referees, may nominate an observer to be seated at the scorer's table to oversee fair play and accuracy in the operation of the table.

7.2.5 This commissioner/nominated observer may not interfere with the table officials but may request that the referees be called to the table. Should the referees deem that these persons are not necessary, they may have these persons removed from the vicinity of the table.

7.2.6 The referees shall be responsible for the administrative and reporting duties of the commissioner, where there is none present.

7.2.7 Where a Club has appointed referee(s) to games but the officials have not arrived 15 minutes prior to the game starting and no communication has been received detailing the reason for the late arrival, the commissioner/referee may take the following action:

A: If one/two suitably qualified and registered officials are at the venue, they will be informed their services may be required.

B: If no suitable officials are present, the game cannot proceed. This is in accordance with rule 2.2.5 above.

7.2.8 Once a substitute official is named this will not be changed, even if the original official arrives at the venue.

7.2.9 It is the responsibility of the home club to pay for the officials' expenses in accordance with the fee guidelines given by the North West Area Board.

7.2.10 All officials should wear the approved uniform as designated by Basketball Ireland.

7.2.11 Where possible, two neutral referees should be used for all senior games. Where possible, referees should travel together to keep costs down for clubs.

7.3 PRE-GAME PROCEDURES

7.3.1 The following actions must be accomplished fifteen (15) minutes before the game: A: The visiting team shall have access to the game court. This time may be increased if possible and may be reduced in the case of other games that are also being played.

B: The match officials (commissioner, referee(s), table officials) have all received payment for the game.

7.3.2 Uniform requirements as outlined in Section 5 will also be checked as part of the pre-game commissioner/referee check.

7.4 GAME PROCEDURES

7.4.1 Half time will be a minimum of five (5) minutes.

7.4.2 The interval between quarters will be a minimum of one (1) minute.

7.4.3 Except where mentioned, all other playing rules are in accordance with those currently approved by FIBA.

7.5 POST-GAME PROCEDURES

7.5.1 The commissioner or, in the absence of a commissioner, the referee is responsible for their report (if required) arriving by post/email to the league convener/fixtures secretary within five (5) working days of the fixture.

7.5.2 Following the game, the commissioner, or nominated representative will delete from the score the name of all players who were not present in uniform and did not play.

7.5.3 The home team is responsible for sending a scan copy of the original score sheet, team and game photos and match report within two(2) working days of the fixture. Failure to supply these in accordance with deadlines will result in automatic penalties as outlined in Appendix 1.

7.5.4 Clubs must pay all fines by the end of the season. Failure to pay fines will result in an additional penalty as per regulations 8.6.2.

8 DISCIPLINES, PENALTIES & APPEALS

8.1 DISCIPLINE OF CLUBS, CLUB MEMBERS, CLUB OFFICIALS, COACHES, PLAYERS & GAME OFFICIALS

8.1.1. It is compulsory for the Executive Committee to appoint an Area Board Appeals Committee. Members of the North West Area Board Appeals Committee will serve for 3 years. In the case where a member of the North West Area Board Appeals Committee resigns, they will be replaced for the remainder of the 3 year period when a new Appeals Committee will be appointed. This committee will be ratified by the North West Area Board Executive and should consist of a Chairperson and include a minimum of five (5) people. A minimum of three (3) members must be present to hear any appeal of the North West Area Board.

8.1.2 Unless otherwise specified, the North West Executive Committee shall be responsible for all disciplinary matters arising from the competitions and other activities organized by the North West Area Board.

8.1.3 Individuals may be fined or suspended for any matter pertaining to the local competitions as decided by the Executive Committee.

8.1.4 Decisions from disciplinary matters have the right of appeal to the North West Area Board's Appeals Committee.

8.1.5 Two technical fouls in a season will result in a suspension of 1 game and any

further technical foul will result in a further 1 game suspension.

8.1.6 In the specific case of the league semi-final or finals weekend and cup semi-final or finals weekend the following procedures shall apply:

A: Protests must be submitted within twelve hours following completion of the game. The fee (€200) must accompany the written protest, which must be handed in person or emailed to a member of the Executive Committee.

B: A technical committee (if applicable) will also deal with the disciplinary matters arising from games over the weekend. A decision will be made and communicated to the club on such incidents within sufficient time constraints.

C: The technical committee's (if applicable) decision will be final. Due to time constraints there will be no right to appeal such decisions.

8.2 EFFECT OF SUSPENSION

8.2.1 Any disciplinary action decided by the Executive Committee will take effect immediately and this decision will remain in force until the written appeal and fee are received as outlined in 8.5.1.

8.2.2 In the event of a player or coach being disqualified from any game under the jurisdiction of the North West Area Board, the player/coach shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of two (2) games. These suspensions will take effect immediately and cannot be appealed.

8.2.3 All disciplinary action will be applied to both league and cup competition regardless of what competition the incident took place in.

8.2.4 Any suspension not served in full before the end of the season will be carried forward into the following season.

8.2.5 Any player or coach who is suspended may not play or sit within the team bench area. He/she may be present at the venue unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee.

8.3 PENALTIES

8.3.1 Outside of automatic fines, the North West Executive Committee may impose penalties upon individual players, clubs, club member and/or game officials as it sees fit.

8.3.2 Penalties may be in the form of fines, league points, suspension or disqualification from North West Area Board league/ competition or any other penalties deemed appropriate by the North West Area Board from time to time.

8.3.3 The North West Area Board Secretary will notify all penalties in writing/via email

8.3.4 A penalty or sanction imposed by the Executive Committee, not including automatic fines as outlined in Appendix 1, may be appealed in the first instance to the North West Area Board Appeals Committee. Such an appeal shall be in writing, will be provided to the North West Area Board Secretary within seven(7) days of the notice of the penalty and be accompanied by a bond of €200.

8.3.5 The appeal must clearly state the grounds on which the penalty is being appealed and shall include any documentary evidence to be considered necessary to support the appeal. The North West Area Board Appeals Committee may not always hold an appeal hearing for such appeals.

8.3.6 Until such time as an appeal is heard, the penalty will stand unless otherwise determined by the North West Area Board Appeals Committee.

8.4 WRITTEN PROTEST

8.4.1 If a team believes that its interests have been adversely affected and that the decisions taken have influenced the result of the game, it may protest the result by signing the score sheet 'under protest' in accordance with the procedures outlined in the current FIBA Official Basketball Rules.

8.4.2 A written protest and the appropriate fee (€100) must be sent to the North West league Convener/fixtures secretary within three (3) working days following the date of the game. Email is acceptable but must be followed up with a phone call to ensure the receipt of the email. A copy of the written protest must also be sent to the opposing team. The defending party has three working days to reply to the protest.

8.4.3 If either the written protest or the fee is not received within the specified time, the protest shall be considered null and void.

8.4.4 If the decision is made in favour of the team making the protest, the fee shall be refunded in full.

8.5 APPEALS

8.5.1 In order for an appeal to be valid it must be received in writing at the postal address or email address of the North West Area Board Secretary within seven (7) days of the decision made and must be accompanied by a fee of €200. This fee will be returned if the appeal is upheld.

8.5.2 On receipt of an appeal, the North West Area Board secretary shall notify the club, against whom the complaint has been made, in writing/or by email within three (3) days of receipt of the communication.

8.5.3 On receipt of this notification, the defending club shall be allowed seven (7) days in which to lodge their reply to the secretary.

8.5.4 The North West Area Board Appeals Committee may call a meeting to discuss the appeal. Alternatively if required, a date and time for an oral hearing, once set, shall also be communicated to both parties.

A: The party bringing the appeal shall state their case first. The defending body or committee will then state their case. Each side will have the opportunity to cross-examine the other side through the Chairperson. The North West Area Board Appeals Committee members may also question both sides.

B: The Chairperson of the North West Appeals committee, once satisfied that all involved have had ample time to state their case and cross examine, shall then terminate that part of the appeal meeting and ask all parties to withdraw to allow the committee to make their decision.

8.5.5 The decision of the Area Board Appeal Committee shall be forwarded, in writing, or electronically to both parties. Both parties must offer either a telephone number or email address to the committee for early receipt of the decision. A written copy of the decision shall also be forwarded within seven (7) days by post to both parties.

8.5.6 If the decision is made in favour of the team making the appeal, the fee shall be refunded in full.

8.5.7 If all North West Area Board appeal mechanisms have been exhausted, only then can the decision be appealed to the National Appeals Committee, as outlined in Basketball Ireland Regulations.

8.6 PAYMENT OF FINES

8.6.1 Any member of the Executive Committee has the right to submit a written report on any aspect of the game at which he/she is present. Such reports may be used as a basis for imposing automatic fines as sanctions.

8.6.2 Payment of fines must be completed by close of the current season. Failure to clear fines laid by the Executive Committee may result in a temporary suspension of the clubs registration for the following season(s) and also loss of AICC place.

8.6.3 All fines imposed, whether they are individual or club fines must be paid by the date specified. All clubs will be liable to pay a member's fine and seek reimbursement from that individual.

8.6.4 No fine outside of the automatic penalties in Appendix 1 may be appealed until it has been paid.

APPENDIX 1 SCHEDULE OF AUTOMATIC FINES

REGULATION	PENALTY €
Failure to complete team registration application form by deadline (Late fee)	100
Local competition withdrawal fee	100
Failure to attend fixtures meeting at start of the season	25
Failure to attend Board Meeting/AGM	100
Failure to up load score sheet within 2 days of fixture results in a forfeit/default of match and fine	50
Failure to provide any item(s) of table equipment	5 Per item
Failure to provide referees in accordance with 2.2.5	50 & loss of points
Failure to provide a visible clock and/or scoreboard	25 per item
Use of an unlicensed coach and/or team follower	25 per person
Use of an unlicensed player	50 per person and forfeit
Failure to wear matching uniforms	10 per player
Failure to wear registered team colours	10 per player
Cancellation of a fixture	250
Failure to reply to official correspondence from the Executive Committee	100
Failure to use approved match ball in competitions	25 per match
Others as instructed by the NABC/Executive Committee during the season	As instructed
Failure to return trophy by assigned date	Cost of the trophy

CONSTITUTION OF NORTH WEST AREA BOARD (NWAB)

1. NAME

The name of the association shall be the North West Area Board (NWAB) hereinafter referred to as the Board.

2. OBJECTS

The functions of the Board are to promote, control, supervise and regulate the playing of basketball at all levels within the North West Area boundaries in accordance with the rules and regulations of Basketball Ireland.

3. STATUS

The Board shall be affiliated to Basketball Ireland

4. COMPOSITION

The Board shall be comprised of the following members:

A: Executive Officers of the Board who shall be elected every two (2) years.

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer & Registrar

B: Executive Officers of the Board who shall be elected annually.

Fixtures Secretary/League Convener

Public Relations Officer (PRO)

Children's' Officer

C: All affiliated clubs

D: Any other body affiliated to the Board.

5. MANAGEMENT

The Executive Officer Board, hereinafter referred to as the Executive, shall manage the affairs of the Board. The Executive will be comprised of:

Chairperson

Secretary

Treasurer & Registrar

Fixtures Secretary/League Convener, Public Relations Officer (PRO), Children's' Officer

Technical Representative

6. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board. In his/her absence, the Executive Officers present shall elect a Deputy Chairperson from the Executive.

The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for and on behalf of the Board. The Secretary shall also keep accurate minutes of all decisions made at all meetings of the Board.

The Treasurer shall maintain a record of all monies received and expended by the Board. The Treasurer shall open and maintain a bank account acceptable to the Executive in to which all monies received shall be lodged and from which all payments shall be made, by

cheque when convenient. The Treasurer will also be required to submit a financial report for the Executive Officer meetings and at the Annual General Meeting, which shall accurately and in detail reflect the financial operation of the Board over the said period.

The Fixtures Secretary/League Convener shall administer on a day to day basis the running of the competitions held under the auspices of the Board, and to the satisfaction of the Executive Officers and provide updated League Tables at all times throughout the season.

The Registrar shall record and control the registration and legality of all players participating in competitions under the control of the Board.

The Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for the promotion of basketball through the recognised channels of the press, radio, television and in all other areas where appropriate

The Children's' Officer shall be the first point of contact for concerns about a child.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to create and fill any other position in its opinion is necessary.

7. OFFICERSHIPS

Executive Officers must be 18 years or over to be eligible for office.

8. AFFILIATION/REGISTRATION

A: Affiliation fees shall be fixed each year by the Executive and become due the last day of

August each year.

B: All registration fees shall be fixed each year by the Executive.

C: If requested, birth certificates of players must be lodged with the secretary of the board within seven (7) days of such a request.

D: All clubs/players must be registered with the Board and Basketball Ireland in order to be eligible to play in competitions run by the Board.

E: Clubs failing to pay monies due to the Board by the date the monies become due and payable will not be re-instated until the monies due has been paid in full.

9. BOARD MEETINGS

A: The Board shall meet at such times as shall be considered necessary, but not less than once during the playing season in addition to the Annual General Meeting.

B: The Quorum for Board meetings shall be one quarter of the membership, including Executive Officers.

C: Each officer and nominated delegate, or proxy in his or her absence of delegate, shall be entitled to vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.

D: When a decision is taken, voting shall be decided by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is demanded by at least one quarter of the membership present and entitled to vote.

E: Any board member who misses 3 meetings will be removed from the board and their club will be obliged to replace them with 7 days.

F: The Chairperson shall debar any member who obstructs or interferes with the business of the Board meeting.

G: Roll call shall be taken before the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Only the nominated delegate or proxy in the absence of the delegate shall be entitled to answer for their club.

H: The fine, as set in Appendix 1, shall sanction clubs failing to have their nominated delegate or proxy in attendance at Board meetings.

- I: An Executive Officer shall not be deemed to be a representative of his club.
- J: No delegate may stand for re-election to the board if they have failed to attend the majority of meetings or provide a proxy to attend board meetings in their place during their term of office

10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER MEETINGS

- A: The Executive Officers shall meet at any such times deemed necessary but not less than once every two (2) months in the playing season.
- B: The quorum of Executive Officers meetings shall be any three Executive Officers.
- C: The Chairman, or in their absence, his or her nominee from the Executive shall have the power to call Executive Officer meetings.

11. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- A: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Board shall be held before the 31st of May each year.
- B: All members of the Board shall be present at the AGM
- C: No person shall be entitled to vote in more than one capacity.
- D: The business of the AGM
1. Minutes of last General Meeting
 2. Adoption of Standing Orders Chairperson's Address Secretary Report
 3. Statement of account from Treasurer
 4. Fixture Secretary/League Convener's Report
 5. Public Relations Officer's Report
 6. Child Protection Officer's Report
 7. Registrar's Report
 8. Motions
 9. Election of incoming Officers
- E: Extraordinary General Meetings of the Board may be called by the Executive Officers on its own initiative or on the written request of at least one third of the affiliated clubs. The purpose of such meetings must be stated and all affiliated clubs shall be given not less than seven (7) days' notice.
- F: One (1) months' notice of the AGM shall be given to all members and affiliated clubs.