

THE JAMAICA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

(DISCIPLINARY, GAMES RULES AND BYE LAWS)

Application. 1. These Rules apply to all competition co-coordinated by the Association, Unless otherwise stated.

Interpretation. 2. In these rules, unless the context otherwise:

“Affiliate” is any player, coach, club official, games official, Club, School, Association or Conference who has followed the outlined procedures of affiliation as stated in the Association’s Constitution;

“Association” refers to the Elected Executive Body called the Jamaica Basketball Association;

“Chairman” refers to the Head of the of the Disciplinary Committee known as the Chairman;

“Committee” refers to the Disciplinary Committee of the Jamaica Basketball Association;

“FIBA” means the Federation of the International Basketball Associations;

“Games officials ” includes Referees, Technical Commissioner, and Table officials, and anyone else duly assigned by the President.

“Hearing” refers to any complaint or offense or dispute brought before the Committee with the expectation of Disciplinary Actions to be taken.

“Illegal player” means –

- (i) Any player serving a suspension as per regulations of the Association, Conference, Parish Association and or any other affiliate;
- (ii) Any player that is not duly registered as specified by the Association’s game rules and regulations;
- (iii) Any player that is summoned to appear before any committee of the Association and is not authorized to play before appearance before the said committee; or
- (iv) Any player not playing at least two (2) games in the preliminary round of a competition.

“Home team” means the team that is named first for scheduled games or stated otherwise;

“Person” includes an individual player, club or affiliated organization;

“Affiliate” includes –

- (i) Any player, coach or any other official belonging to an affiliated body;
- (ii) Possesses the required age for participation in a specific competition;
- (iii) Possesses a valid identification card where required;

- (iv) whose name has been submitted by a club on the required Competition Forms and the player has signed such forms; and
- (v) Is registered with the Association as player for a specified competition.

Responsibilities. 4. - (i) The Executive shall appoint a League Committee and this League committee shall consist of the Vice President for leagues, the National Co-Coordinator, League Co-coordinator and ***any other person/persons so appointed.***

Two members from the competing teams will be appointed to this committee.

(ii) The League Committee so appointed shall -

- (a) Provide overall administration for all competitions;
- (b) Replace teams that have withdrawn from any competition if required;
- (c) Consider all protests;
- (d) Appoint game officials;
- (e) Approve venues for matches in accordance with the safety and development of the game;
- (f) Assign venues, dates and times for matches;
- (g) Set guidelines for the registration of teams and the approval of appropriate identification for players and officials.

- (h) to be present at games and ensure the smooth running of the activities eg, ensure the game starts on time, table officials and referees are on time, any reports to done are done, etc.

Teams.

5. - (i) All teams participating in the Associations sanctioned competition shall –

- (a) Ensure that all players are properly attired as specified by the FIBA Games Rules and the Association Rules;
- (b) Ensure that vests are numbered appropriately (4 -15, 20-25, 30-35, 40-45, 50-55);
- (c) Ensure all requirements are in place for assigned game where the team is designated as home team;
- (d) Permit only registered players on the team bench during games and only duly registered players can compete;
- (e) Abide by all game rules and regulations of JABA;
- (f) Pay all match fees before the scheduled game;
- (g) Provide at least two (2) certified Table Officials for assigned games;

NB. Only certified table officials will be allowed to administer at the Table.

- (iii) All teams shall participate in all opening and closing ceremonies When instructed to do so this includes dress parade, interviews and in the case of media launch failure to do will result in the club and player being fined a maximum of \$25,000.00.

- (iv) A maximum of seventeen (17) players with valid identification will be allowed on the bench during a game.(this is not necessary here it can be placed with the team or somewhere else or under teams)

Uniforms.

6. - (i) All team members shall wear the same colour and type uniform for games, with no difference of shade or design.

(ii) Team shall wear uniforms that comply with FIBA specifications (that is, a large number on the back of the vest, with a small number on the front). Teams are not obliged to have numbers attached to the shorts; but, if they choose to do so, they should ensure that the numbers correspond with those on the vests – that is, the shorts and the vests must carry the same number.

(iii) All teams must have at least two (2) playing vests of contrasting colours light and dark.

(iv) It is the responsibility of the home team (i.e., the team named first) to find out which colour the visiting team (i.e., the team named last), will be wearing for a game and to make the necessary adjustment as to dress to avoid clashes of colours.

Technical

7. - (a) There shall be a Technical Commission which shall –

Commission.

(i) Provide referees for all games;

(ii) Ensure that all reports are presented to the League Committee at least

twenty four hours after any reported incident;

- (iii) Ensure that all relevant forms are completed and presented to the League Committee;
- (iv) Provide certification for table officials for all leagues;
- (v) Conduct clinics for referees/officials.

(b) Every referee desirous of participating in the National Basketball league shall -

- (i) Be a member of the technical Commission;
- (ii) Sign a code of conduct under which the referee will be Governed;
- (iii) Sign a contract with the league Committee for referring of games.

Calendar.

8. - (i) The Preseason games shall be administered with the same rules and regulation as done with other leagues.
- (ii) The pre-season competition is an event co-ordinated by the Association and as such teams are required to fulfill all obligations as to fees, uniforms, compliance with FIBA rules etc.
- (iii) All teams participating in the National Play-off shall use the roster from their qualifying competition.
- (iv) The Association shall at the beginning of any competition inform the participating teams at which point does the play-offs rounds begin.
- (v) For the National Basketball League, no transfer and/or new registration

of players will be allowed after the first round of competition (that is, the mid-season).

- (vi) All registered players must play two (2) games in the preliminary round of a competition to be eligible to play in the playoff round of same competition.

Identification.

10. - (i) Team members participating in the Association co-coordinated leagues must have a valid identification card issued by the Association.

(ii) Players from conferences who do not possess an Association identification card must show proof of identity using any of the following:

- (a) Driver's license
- (b) Passport;
- (c) National identification card; or

(d) In the event that the player cannot produce any of the listed identification named in (a) to (c) such a player maybe identified by an Executive Member of that Conference or any JABA sanctioned official. He may be allowed to participate after paying a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) before the start of the game and this includes National Play-Off matches.

- (iv) All game officials (i.e., referees or table officials) with valid identification will be allowed free entry into all local games coordinated by the Association.
- (v) Players whose team did not make Quarter Finals can present valid identification and will be given a discounted rate to enter the games this will be determined by the Association.
- (vi) Players whose teams are involved in Quarterfinal, Semi Final and Champion Finals games will be allowed free entry provided they can produce valid identification.
- (viii) Players and/or officials without valid identification on their person and cannot be identified otherwise be identified in accordance with paragraph. (ii) hereof, will have to pay full fees to enter match venues.

Illegal Players. 11. No team shall use an illegal player in any of the Association's sanctioned tournaments.

Players overseas must submit whether by fax or otherwise a signed registration form or letter indicating their intention to participate in a competition and this document must be received by the Association before the end of registration.

Transfers. 12. -i (a) No transfers shall be allowed to a lower division once a duly registered player has played two (2) games in the higher division.

(b) In order for the transfer process to be completed:

- (i) The team to which the player is to be transferred should request the transfer by completing the transfer form prescribed by JABA;
 - (ii) The team from which the player is being transferred should sign the said form consenting to the transfer;
 - (iii) The transfer form should then be submitted to the league committee for final approval;
 - (iv) The team from which the player is being transferred must complete transfer within five (5) working days from receipt of transfer form. The transferring player will be allowed to participate once the allotted 5 days has passed.
- (c) The team requesting the transfer shall pay a fee of \$10,000 for senior national players who have represented the National team within the last three (3) years.
- All other players will attract a fee of \$5,000.00.
- (d) The transfer fee shall be distributed as follows:-
- (i) The player to be paid twenty percent (20%) of the transfer fee;
 - (ii) Seventy percent (70%) of the transfer fee to be paid to the club from which the player will be transferred;
 - (iii) Ten percent (10%) of the transfer fee to be paid to the Association.

- F.I.B.A. Rules.** 15. Save as otherwise herein provided, all games shall be governed by the rules of the game as set out by the F.I.B.A, and these rules may be amended in consultation with the teams, as the need arises, by the Executive Committee, and shall take effect immediately, unless later retracted by the National Council.
- Disciplinary Committee** 16. This Committee shall deal with all issues brought into dispute as outlined in the Association Rules.
- (b) The Committee shall consist of not less than three persons and not more than seven persons.
- (c) The Executive shall select the Chairman and other members of the Committee.
- Quorum.** 17. The quorum for a hearing of the Committee shall be three persons and in the event of a tie on vote on any matter, the Chairman shall have a casting vote, in addition to his original vote.
- Powers of Committee.** 18. The Committee shall have the power to –
- (a) Hear disciplinary complaints on any player or official of the Association;
- (b) Impose fines and penalties as prescribed in the Schedule to these Rules;
- (c) Call any witness or persons who it feels may assist.

**Reports to the
Committee.**

19. - (a) The match official, referee, the match Commissioner or any official of the Association may report a player to the Committee for any of the offences listed in the Schedule that occurred during the game.

(b) The match referee and match commissioner shall make a written report of any alleged act of indiscipline that occurred during game time.

(c) For the purposes of these rules "game time" includes the time of arrival at the match venue to the time of departure from the match venue.

(d) The Committee shall have the power to hear complaints against a player where the alleged act of indiscipline occurred outside of game time, but the alleged act of indiscipline is directly linked to a game that has been played or is about to be played.

**Notice of
hearing.**

20. - (a) On receipt of a Complaint, the Committee shall fix a date, time and place of hearing for the complaint; in no less than 24hrs.

(b) The Committee shall cause a written Notice of hearing of the complaint to be sent to the person against whom the complaint is lodged.

(c) The person against whom the complaint is lodged shall be given not less than 24 hours Notice of such a hearing;

(d) Notice of Hearing shall be deemed to be served on the person against whom the complaint is lodged where Notice of Hearing is served on the person against whom the complaint is lodged or served on an official of the club or organization of which the said person against whom the complaint is lodged is a member.

Power to Investigate.

21. The Committee shall have the power to conduct its own investigation on any matter brought before it where it feels that more information is needed to arrive at a decision.\

Hearing.

22. - (i) At the hearing of the complaint, only parties called before the Committee, their legal representatives and other relevant witnesses shall be admitted to the hearing.

(ii)The Committee shall have the power to use audio or video evidence in its hearing.

Rights of person.

23. - (i) Subject to paragraph (2) at the hearing of the complaint, the Committee shall afford the person against whom the complaint is lodged the opportunity to –

- (a) Call witnesses;
- (b) Put questions to any witnesses;

(c) To refer to any document;

(d) Use any statement or evidence.

(2) Where the person against whom the complaint is lodged plans to call witnesses, to use any document or statement the person shall serve notice of the names of the witnesses and a copy of such document or statement to be used to the Committee not less than 24 hours before the hearing.

In all instances any item that will be used in the hearing must be shared between both parties.

Failure to attend.

24. Where the person against whom a complaint is lodged fails to attend the hearing of the Committee without an acceptable explanation, the Committee may –

- (a) Hear the complaint in his absence; or
- (b) Adjourn the hearing to a later date.

Decision of Committee.

25. The Committee after hearing evidence and then deliberating may take a decision by a majority vote –

- (a) To impose penalties as prescribe in the schedule;
- (b) Not to impose penalties;
- (c) Warn the player or official; or
- (c) Adjourned the hearing for further investigation or deliberations.
- (d)

Written report. 26. - (i) Where the Committee comes to a decision, the chairman shall cause written report of the decision to be send to –

- (a) The person against whom the complaint is lodged;
- (b) The secretary of the Association;
- (c) The Chairman of the Competition, Committee and;
- (d) The team or organization to which the person is affiliated.

(ii) The written report in paragraph (1) shall consist of the summary of the evidence presented, the names of all witnesses called, any document or information used the final decision of the Committee and the reason for such a decision.

Deliberations to be confidential. 27. The internal deliberations of the committee shall be confidential and shall not be made known to any person.

Right to appeal. 32. A person aggrieved with a decision of the Committee may appeal to the Appeal's Board.

- Appeals** 14 (a) An appeal shall be submitted to the appeals committee within 24 Hours after the delivery of a decision by the Complaints and Disciplinary Committee.
- Protests.** 13. - (a) All protests must be received in writing within 24 hours of the occurrence of such incident, and as such the League Committee or Disciplinary Committee will not consider late protests.
- Power to regulate.** 29. Subject to these rules the Committee has the power to regulate its own sitting and as such may extend the time appointed by these rules for doing any act.
- Power to immediately suspend.** 30. The Committee has the power to suspend a player with immediate effect pending a hearing where it feels that such action is necessary.
- Maximum penalties.** 31 The penalties prescribed in the Schedule are the minimum penalties and the Committee may impose a greater penalty if the situation so warrants.

**Penalties
for offences
not prescribed.**

33. The Committee may impose penalties for any offence committed against these rules where no such penalties have been provided for under these rules, provided such penalty does not exceed a suspension of more than six months or a fine of more than \$25,000.

Cost.

28. The person against whom a complaint is lodged shall bear his own cost and expenses for the hearing.

CODE OF CONDUCT for COACHES

1. Coaches who are disqualified and expelled from the vicinity of the court for having 3 Technical Fouls shall receive no other sanction.
2. If a coach or other team official is disqualified and expelled from the game for insulting the Referees, Table Officials or a constituted official he shall be sanctioned with a 3 game suspension. Any subsequent occurrence and such a person shall be suspended for the remainder of the season and fined Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)
3. If a coach or other team official provokes or initiates an incident or commits aggression against a Referee, Table Official or any opposing player, such a person shall be suspended for one year and be fined Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).
4. If a coach is expelled from the game for protests to the referees and/or table officials he shall be sanctioned with a fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000,00). Subsequent occurrences will attract a doubling of the fine on each occasion.
5. Coaches and their assistants must be dressed in full-length pants and shirt with sleeve and collar for their games. Failure to comply will result in such a coach being ineligible to participate in a game.
6. Coaches will not be allowed to participate in any game while wearing sandals or slippers, unless in extenuating circumstances for which prior approval must be given by the constituted authority.
7. It will be compulsory that coaches and players meet and shake hands at mid-court at the end of all games. (Failure to do so will be regarded as a breach of discipline.)

CODE OF CONDUCT for REFEREES

1. Referees who fail to submit written reports regarding incidents which occur during games in which they officiate shall be suspended for two (2) weeks. This sanction may be waived if after careful evaluation it can be proven that unforeseen circumstances had prevented the report being prepared.
2. Referees who refuse to officiate in games to which they had been assigned shall be suspended for three (3) weeks.
3. Referees who are late for assignments shall be penalized with a fifty percent (50%) loss of their match fees.
4. Referees who behave in a manner that brings discredit and disrespect to their status as well as bring the game into disrepute shall be immediately suspended and will face the Disciplinary Committee.
5. Referees who fail to turn up for an assignment without giving adequate notice shall be suspended for three (3) weeks. Any subsequent occurrence will attract suspension for the remainder of the season.

6. Referees who openly criticize and condemn other game officials in the presence of players and spectators shall be reported to the Disciplinary Committee. During this period such officials will not be eligible to officiate in any games until the Disciplinary Committee acts on the issue.

Duties of the Technical Commissioner

The Technical Commissioner is the official representative of the governing body (JABA) of the competition, and he is generally, the senior person at the game.

His primary duty during the game is to supervise the work of the Table Officials and to assist the referee and umpire in the smooth functioning of the game.

1. He should ensure that all required table equipment are in place and are in good working condition.
2. He should check all players' licenses (IDs) before the start of the game to ensure the eligibility of all players.
3. He should sit between the Scorekeeper and the Timekeeper.
4. He should constantly check the scorekeeper's work to ensure that the score sheet is written in accordance with the officials' decisions.
5. He should oversee the work of the Timekeeper and 24-second clock Operator to ensure that they operate their devices according to the rules.
6. He should ensure the proper administration of substitutions and time-outs.
7. He should draw the attention of the referee when he discovers errors on the score sheet or in the operation of the timing or signaling devices.
8. He helps the officials when they require advice, opinions or information in order to help them make proper decisions.
9. After the game he shall send (when necessary) a report to the governing body of the competition concerning the game circumstances, such as organization, advertising, players' uniforms and any special situation which may occur during the game (e.g. disqualification, spectators' behaviour etc.)

The Technical Commissioner has no power to make any decision during the game, this is the power of the game officials, and he has no power to overrule any decision made by the referee and/or umpire.

DAMAGE DONE TO THE ASSOCIATION'S PROPERTY BY ANY AFFILIATE WILL RESULT IN REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT OF THE ITEM. THE OFFENDER(S) MAY ALSO BE FINED A MAXIMUM OF TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) AND OR SUSPENDED FOR A MAXIMUM OF SIX (6) GAMES.

PLAYER OFFENCES PLUS MINIMUM PENALTY

1. Ejection from a game - \$1,000.00 fine plus 1 match suspension.
2. Repetition of this offence for season - \$3,000.00 fine plus 3 matches suspension
3. Further repetition of this offence for season - \$5,000.00 fine plus 6 match suspension.
4. Violence against another player - \$2,000.00 fine plus 3 matches suspension
5. Repetition of this offence for season - \$5,000.00 fine plus suspension for the rest of the season.
6. Serious Acts of violence against another player - \$5,000.00 fine plus 6 matches suspension
7. Repetition of this offence for season - \$10,000.00 fine plus suspension for the rest of the season and next season.
8. Acts of violence against a referee, match official J.A.B.A. - \$3,000.00 fine plus 6 match suspension
9. Repetition of this offence for season - \$10,000.00 fine and suspension for the rest of this season.

10. Serious Acts of violence against a referee, match or J.A.B.A. official
- \$10,000.00 fine plus suspension for rest of season
11. General lack of team/known spectator discipline before during or
after a game - \$10,000.00 fine for the team
12. Breach of the J.A.B.A. Rules and Regulations - \$1,000.00 fine
13. Bringing the game into disrepute - \$5,000.00 fine
14. Use of classified Performing enhancing drugs – suspension for the
rest of the season

DEFINITION OF OFFENCES

Automatic Ejection

- a. Repeatedly contesting a referee's decision
- b. Leaving the court of play in protest
- c. Offensive or rude gestures to an opponent, spectators, the referee, match
officials and J.A.B.A. officials present at a game
- d. Insulting, rude, and/or disparaging remarks to a referee, match official
or J.A.B.A. official present at a game.
- e. Abusive language

(An ejection can be made from the court of play, the bench, the stands or the stadium)

Other Ejection Offences

- f. Unsportsmanlike behaviour
- g. Showing dissent
- h. Failure to obey instructions of officials
- i. Leaving the court of play without permission
- j. Kicking away the match ball
- k. Leaving the court of play and immediately removing playing vest
- l. Insulting, rude, and/or disparaging remarks to an opponent or spectators
- m. Feigning injury
- n. Repeated acts of gamesmanship

Acts of Violence

- a. Striking an opponent or official once; including hitting, slapping, kicking and punching
- b. Deliberately colliding into a referee or an official during before or after a game

- c. Spitting at a opponent or an official
- d. Inciting others to become violent.
- e. Threatening or intimidating an opponent or the match officials with violence.

Serious Acts of Violence

- a. Fighting; including trading punches, kicking, and repeatedly hitting an opponent or official or anyone
- b. Deliberate assaults that cause actual physical harm to anyone
- c. Wounding with intent; causing blood to emit from an opponent or official
- d. Violent Conduct using an implement or weapon to harm anyone
- e. A brawl at a match
- f. Any other serious incidents of violence that causes actual physical injury to an opponent or official

Lack of Discipline

- a. Invasion of the court or playing area
- b. Missiles throwing
- c. Persistent insulting, disparaging or rude remarks or gestures to an opponent or the match officials.

- d. Unruly behaviour
- e. Threatening an opponent or the match officials.

Bringing the Game into disrepute

- a. Making public statements in the media about a referee, match official or J.A.B.A. official which are disparaging, insulting, defamatory, or rude.
- b. Failure to honor a fixture

Any other matter in the consideration of the J.A.B.A. that would cause the game of basketball in Jamaica to fall into disrepute.