



**BASKETBALL TASMANIA
TASMANIAN SENIOR BASKETBALL
LEAGUE (TSBL – SOUTH) & UNDER 22's
COMPETITION BY LAWS**

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COMPETITION RULES

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Tasmanian Senior and Under 22 Basketball League 2026 Competition By Laws

1. DEFINITIONS

- “BA” means Basketball Australia.
- “BTAS” means Basketball Tasmania.
- “RCBLC” means Regional Council Bylaws Committee.
- “BTAS Competition Management Platform” means the online system currently being used to manage registrations and fixturing. At the time of publishing this is BTAS Competition Management Platform.
- “CAM” means Constituent Association Member, the term used for Basketball Associations based in the Tasmania.
- “Championship” is the term used to define the first division of TSBL competition
- “Shield” is the term used for defining the second division of TSBL competition, and may or may not be included each year, depending on team nominations.
- “Permit” means the ability for a player to play at a different CAM temporarily, only if their existing CAM is unable to field a team for that players age group, and only within the TSBL competition. Permits can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Refer to the BTAS Clearance & Permit policy for further clarification.
- “Clearance” is the definition for a player seeking to play, permanently, at a different CAM.
- “Clearance and Permit deadline” means the deadline for players to submit their clearance and permit requests.
- “Higher Level Commitments” means any of the following:
 - Australian U14 Club Championships
 - Australian U16, U18, U20 Championships and Australian 3x3 Championships, starting at a time 4 days prior to the commencement of the tournament
 - Australian Schools Championships (Championship Division only)
 - Australian U17, U19, University or Senior team requirements, including matches or training camps.
- NBL1 Competition matches

2. CONDITION OF ENTRY

- 2.1 Each BTAS representative competitions are open for entry by all BTAS Affiliated Associations and where applicable, are nominated to relevant divisions following a qualifying/grading competition.
- 2.2 All Associations must be affiliated and financial members of Basketball Tasmania.
- 2.3 All Associations participating in Basketball Tasmania representative competitions must abide by the rules and regulations as set by Basketball Tasmania.
- 2.4 All players must be registered with their Association and their details submitted to Basketball Tasmania in the prescribed method.
- 2.5 All Coaches and Team Managers must be registered with their Association, be registered on PlayHQ to the relevant team and possess a valid Working with Children/Working with Vulnerable People Check that will be current for the duration of the competition.
- 2.6 All teams participating in BTAS Representative Competitions shall adhere to the BTAS Competition By Laws. All players, coaches, team managers, parents, referees, technical officials, team officials and spectators must abide by the BTAS Codes of Conduct, which include:
 1. [Code of Conduct \(Parents & Spectators\)](#)
 2. [Code of Conduct \(Players\)](#)
 3. [Code of Conduct \(Coaches & Team Officials\)](#)
 4. [Code of Conduct \(Referees & Technical Officials\)](#)
 5. [Behavioural Technical Foul Policy](#)

3. CAM ADMINISTRATION PORTAL

- 3.1 The BTAS CAM Administration Portal can be accessed via the following link:

[Basketball Tasmania - CAM Admin Portal](#)

3.2 CAMs can submit the following documents through the CAM Administration Portal:

- Game Reschedule Request

Documents can only be submitted by the authorized CAM representative. Any other documents will not be accepted. CAMs will provide a list of authorised representatives.

4. TEAM DUTIES

- 4.1 Each team is required to provide two individuals to fulfill the positions of score table officials for each match in which they play. Failure to provide appropriate individuals to fulfill these positions will result in the deduction of one premiership point per offending person. It is the responsibility of the Match Manager to make an assessment if the conditions are not met and to apply the penalty as appropriate.
- 4.2 The individual with the highest accreditation (or most experience) will assume the position of bench chair. Bench Chair must have some knowledge of all positions.
- 4.3 Team A listed on the iPad will perform Shot Clock and iPad, Team B listed on the iPad will perform Game Clock and Bench Chair. Subject to 4.2, this may require a change of positions. Teams are not permitted for both score table officials to take on Electronic Scoring Device and Game Clock. i.e. teams are not permitted to occupy two scoring positions

5. PLAYER CONDITIONS

- 5.1 All players shall be registered with Basketball Tasmania at least 24 hours prior to playing. Conditional registration (e.g. subject to clearance or subject to payment of registration fee etc) is not acceptable.
- 5.2 Players are not permitted to register in the competition if they are ineligible for finals qualification. Meaning, a player can only register in the season if the rounds remaining are equal or greater than the games required to qualify for finals.
- 5.2.1 The only exception to this bylaw is an international import player (with relevant Visa) who also plays for the Southern NBL1 Team. This category of play needs to be eligible to play 50% -1 of rostered games in the current season rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Basketball Tasmania Competition Management should be made aware prior to the season starting that the player in question will not arrive in time for the start of the season and clearance may be delayed due to ongoing playing commitments overseas. The player must also be available for TSBL finals series.

5.3 Registered members must also qualify as residents (“local player”).

- a) Resident of Tasmania
- b) Played junior basketball with a Tasmania affiliated CAM
- c) Interstate player that plays with NBL1 and/or recruited by a CAM, but resides in Tasmania for a full year and income is not derived from basketball. A 12-month waiting period is required to be eligible under this rule.
- d) An interstate player who moves to Tasmania for the purpose of employment/education will not require a 12-month waiting period.

5.4 For the purposes of this bylaw, there are several types of restricted player:

- a) Import Player - does not have an Australian Citizenship or permanent residency.
- b) NBL1 Contracted Player – a player who plays with a NBL1 club and resides in Tasmania for the TSBL season only and their primary/supplementary income is from basketball which may include provision of accommodation and or car.
- c) Interstate Player recruited by a club, does not play NBL1, however primary/supplementary income is from basketball and does not reside in Tasmania for the full year.

5.5 Teams participating in the TSBL Seniors or Under 22’s (South) Competition are permitted one of the following combinations:

- a) One Import and one Restricted player.
- b) Or two Restricted Players

5.6 Any player who misses participation in TSBL Seniors or Under 22’s scheduled games whilst representing their State in Australian championships shall have those games counted as being played for the purposes of finals qualification. Games credited for this purpose shall not be credited as part of the player’s games played statistical record.

5.7 CAMS must name the Import and restricted players, prior to the commencement of the competition, and teams will have to apply to the Regional Bylaws Committee for permission to accept a variation to the nominated personnel. Only in exceptional circumstances will the Regional Bylaws Committee approve of a variation. Suspended players will not be considered as an “exceptional circumstance” and therefore cannot be replaced by another “restricted player”.

5.8 All players must be clear of any penalties imposed by any Basketball Authority directly or indirectly affiliated with BA to participate in the TSBL (Seniors or Under 22) competition unless that penalty is the subject of an officially recognised appeal yet to be resolved.

5.9 Special Circumstances

- a) Application in writing must be made and submitted to the Competitions Manager from any Association who consider they have special circumstances relating to player eligibility and the composition of players. This submission will then be referred to By Laws committee for review and decision
- b) The ruling will only be applicable for the period of the current TSBL/Under 22's competition.

5.10 Player Clearances and Permits

- a) All CAMs are restricted to a maximum of 2 clearances or permits per gender. (Applies to Under 22's competition only). Players eligible due to age who were a clearance player for a senior team in the same Calander year count towards this total.
- b) TJBL players can request a permit if:
 - a. Their CAM is unable to field a team
 - b. They are not selected by their current CAM to play and they have provided a signed letter or email from their current CAM stating that they tried out but were not selected.
- c) Clearances and Permits are required to be finalised at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the season. Any outstanding unfinalised clearances or permits within 7 days of the season commencing, will not be granted. Exceptions may apply to international players who are unable to clear prior to season commencing due to existing playing commitments, subject to that player meeting eligibility criteria and playing for the Southern Tasmania NBL1 Team.
- d) Any Clearances confirmed or requested up to 14 days prior to competition

start date, will be approved (subject to BTAS Clearance and Permit Policy) and will count towards the competition limits mentioned above.

- e) All Player Clearance and Player Permit requests must be submitted using the following links:

Player Clearance: <https://form.123formbuilder.com/5880909/form>

Player Permit: <https://form.123formbuilder.com/5887504/form>

All Player Clearance and Player Permit requests for the TSBL are performed as per [Basketball Tasmania's Clearance and Permit Policy](#)

Clearances and permit deadline will close 14 days prior to the first round of each roster (TSBL, NWBU, TJBL, U22).

- f) If a player plays a game without clearance approval, this will result in a forfeit loss against their team.

- 5.11 Where two or more teams from the one association are competing in the same division, players are restricted to participating in one of those teams only.
- 5.12 Any player who is a registered player of the Hobart Chargers (or other NBL1) squads is not eligible to play in Shield Division of TSBL Seniors, these players will be referred to as "Restricted Players" Other players may be added to the restricted players list at the discretion of the Regional Bylaws Committee.
- 5.13 Before the regular season commences, Championship teams must nominate their best Seven players (Core-7) for men's teams and best five players (core-5) for women's teams who will be restricted to playing explicitly in Championship division. Championship players not listed as Core will be permitted to also play Shield division. Core player nominations must be received 14 days prior to the commencement of Round 1. (This applies to Seniors competition only.)
- 5.14 Players are limited to a maximum of two games per calendar week (Monday–Sunday) across all representative competitions. Finals and State Championships are excluded from this restriction.

For example, within a single calendar week, a player may:

- Play one game for a TJJL team and one game for a senior team, or

- Play two games in different TJJL divisions, subject to all other relevant bylaws.
- Play two games in different senior divisions, subject to all other relevant bylaws.

This rule applies to all Basketball Tasmania competitions. Not NBL1 South.

In rounds where double-headers occur, a player may participate in up to three games, however the third game must be for the same team the player has already represented earlier in that same week.

If a player is found to breach this bylaw, ever additional match that is played above the allowable games in that week will be forfeited.

- 5.15 Junior players may only compete with the same senior CAM/Club they play Junior basketball with unless they have been granted a permit. *See 5.10 b*
- 5.16 Players must be registered with Basketball Tasmania and registered to the relevant team in PlayHQ no less than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the game.
- 5.17 Team lists are required to be submitted to BTAS prior to Round 1. They will then be locked, with any amendments to be submitted to BTAS prior to the completion of round 4. Final team lists to be produced and distributed after the completion of round 4, with no further amendments possible. (Under 22 Competition Only)
- 5.18 Players cleared and listed for Senior roster will also count toward Under 22's clearance limit (2 per gender) should they be listed on the team list.

6. AGE QUALIFICATION

- 6.1 A player's age is determined by the date of birth listed on the individual's birth certificate. Special exemptions may be made under exceptional circumstances and must be requested in writing to the Competition Manager. Suitable applications will be assessed by RCBLC.
- 6.2 A player's age group is determined by the age of the player on 31st December in the year of that season.
- 6.3 Minimum age for participation: Players must be turning 15 (Top age U16) during the 2026 season to be eligible to register in the competition. (Seniors and Under 22)

7. GAME CONDITIONS

7.1 All TSBL games are played in accordance with FIBA Rules V1.1

7.2 Ball sizes will be as follows:

Men: Molten BG4000/4050 size 7

Women: Molten BG4000/4050 size 6

No other brand of match ball is to be used. Basketball Tasmania will provide the match ball at the start of the game; however, teams must supply their own warm up balls.

7.3 Players may only participate in senior representative basketball (TSBL & U22) with the same CAM that they represent in junior representative basketball (TJBL) unless they have been granted a permit. *See 5.10 b*

7.4 Players are prohibited from participating in the TSBL with multiple CAMs.

7.5 Timing rules are as follows:

Shield (TSBL Seniors Only): 4 x 10 min quarters stopping for timeouts and free throws only

- Three minute warm-up will be provided (time permitting)
- Two minute half time break; one minute quarter time breaks
- Two timeouts allowed in first half; three timeouts allowed in second half. Time outs can be called from the floor, but only by a listed playing coach, or the court captain where there is no coach present.
- As per FIBA rules, a 24-second shot clock will be in operation.
- Full FIBA (last 2 minutes of 4th quarter if score is within 10 points or less)

Championship: 4 x 10 min fully timed quarters

- Five minute warm-up will be provided (time permitting)
- Three minute half time break; one minute quarter time breaks
- Two timeouts allowed in first half; three timeouts allowed in second half. Time outs can be called from the floor, but only by a listed playing coach, or the court captain where there is no coach present.
- As per FIBA rules, a 24-second shot clock will be in operation.
- Full FIBA (last 2 minutes 4th quarter)

7.6 Prior to the commencement of the game, Match Managers (in consultation with the relevant Coach and/or Team Manager) will be responsible for entering/nominating players into the PlayHQ team line-up

on the iPad. This responsibility is to be performed explicitly by Match Managers only. Any player, coach or team representative who loads games on PlayHQ without permission from the Match Manager or Competition Manager will be penalised with the deduction of one Premiership point.

- 7.7 Players are not allowed to be added to team after half time break. Players must be physically present whenever added to the iPad and must be added by Match Manager if added after start of game.
- 7.8 Up to twelve players may be nominated for any one game. Players must be uniformly attired, sitting on the player's bench.
- 7.9 TSBL games cannot commence unless both teams have a minimum of five players present, on-court and ready to play.
- 7.10 In the event that one team is not ready to play at the commencement of the game, the game clock will start and the offending team will be penalised two match points every minute until that team is ready to commence play. If the offending team is not ready to play by the commencement of the second quarter, the offending team will be assigned a forfeit and the opposing team awarded a 20-0 win.
- 7.11 All players, coaches and team managers must possess active Basketball Tasmania memberships and be registered to the relevant team ahead of tipoff. Players, coaches and managers who have not completed their Player-To Team registration must do so before playing. Use of the Fill-In Player function is forbidden and must not be used to assign players to teams. Use of the Fill-In Player function will result in the deduction of one premiership point per use, and result in a forfeit loss for that game as well.
- 7.12 Players must be uniformly dressed, including shorts. As per FIBA rules, players are permitted to wear the number 0, 00 and any number from 1 to 99. Penalties of 5 points per infringement may be applied for uniform issues as directed by the Match Manager. Taping of numbers is not permitted.
- 7.13 In cases where there is a uniform clash, such as the same or similar primary colour, then Team A is required to wear an alternate singlet if possible.

- 7.14 Players are required to wear their approved CAM uniforms. CAMs must apply to BTAS for changes to playing uniforms and colour combinations. The following uniform rules apply in match play.
- 7.15 Under no circumstances can a T-shirt, regardless of style, be worn under a playing singlet. Players can apply for a medical exemption to BTAS but must provide medical documentation and explanation for review.
- 7.16 Compression shorts, shirts, leggings long sleeve shirts are permitted, provided they are coloured black, white or the CAMs primary colour. All members of the team must be wearing the same-coloured compression wear
- 7.17 Religious wear is permitted, provided they are coloured black, white or the CAMs primary colour
- 7.18 Headbands and armbands may only be worn if the colour appears in the playing uniform and is a primary/dominant colour of the playing uniform.
- 7.19 Appropriate sponsorship only may be displayed on the playing gear.
- 7.20 In the event of a draw, a five-minute overtime period will be played.
- 7.21 At the completion of the game, referees will be required to confirm the correct team line-up and score of the game with the relevant Match Manager. Where applicable, referees will also submit MVP votes using the iPad.
- 7.22 Once the relevant Match Manager has confirmed the correct team lineup and score with the relevant referees, the Match Manager will be explicitly responsible for closing the game. Any player, coach or team representative who closes games on PlayHQ without permission from the Match Manager or Competition Manager will be penalised with the deduction of one Premiership point.
- 7.23 At the conclusion of the final game, the Match Manager will be explicitly responsible for ending the PlayHQ scoring session. Any player, coach or team representative who ends a scoring session on PlayHQ without permission from the Match Manager or Competition Manager will be penalised with the deduction of one Premiership point.
- 7.24 All players, coaches, team managers and officials are to be registered members of Basketball Tasmania.

8. FINALS QUALIFICATION

- 8.1 Throughout the TSBL Regular Season, teams will be awarded premiership points based on the results of their games.

Win:	3
Loss:	1
Draw:	2
Disq. win:	3
Disq. loss:	0
Forfeit win:	3
Forfeit loss:	0
Bye:	0

- 8.2 The format of the competition ladder is according to FIBA Rules. Teams are ranked in order of premiership point average. If two or more teams have an equal premiership point average, the following criteria (in order) will be used to determine the final placings:

1. Win-Loss comparison from head-to-head games.
2. Points for-and-against comparison from head-to-head games.
3. Percentage for all matches played against all teams during the season.

- 8.2.1 Should a situation arise where a team has an unequal number of byes compared to other teams in the division, win percentage will be the measurement used to determine final ladder position.

- 8.3 The TSBL Seniors or Under 22's Finals Series will be played between the top 4 teams in each division at the conclusion of the TSBL Regular Season.

- 8.4 The TSBL Seniors or Under 22's Finals Series format:

Week 1:	Qualifying (QF1: 1 vs 2; QF2: 3 vs 4)
Week 2:	Preliminary Final (PF1 loser QF1 vs winner QF2)
Week 3:	Grand Final (Winner QF1 vs Winner PF1)

- 8.5 Players must play a minimum of 50% + 1 game to be eligible to participate in the TSBL Seniors or Under 22 Finals Series. If calculated number is not a whole number, it will be rounded down. The BTAS Competition Management Platform is the final determination of games played. *For clarity – see table below.*

Total Games in Roster	Finals Qualification matches
14	8
15	8
16	9
17	9
18	10
19	10
20	11

8.5.1 The exemption to this is an international import who is playing with the Southern NBL1 team. Having met the criteria outlined in 5.2.1 this category of player needs to play 50%-1 (rounded down to the nearest whole number) of all games to qualify for finals.

8.6 Applications to allow players who could not qualify for the TSBL Seniors or Under 22 Finals Series to receive exemptions to participate will only be granted on the following grounds:

- Injury (medical certificate required)
- Illness (medical certificate required)
- Extenuating circumstances (assessed by RCBLC)
- High Level Duties

A list of qualified players will be provided to CAMs at the conclusion of Round 17. CAMs will then have the opportunity to submit their Application for Finals Exemption via the following link:

<https://form.123formbuilder.com/6122258/form>

9 FORFEITS

9.1 All forfeits must be reported directly to Basketball Tasmania as soon as possible.

9.2 A team receiving a forfeit will be declared the winner, be awarded a 20-0 win and receive full premiership points.

9.3 A team declaring a forfeit will not receive any premiership points.

9.4 Teams are not to organise alternative match venues or dates to avoid a forfeit.

9.5 The fine for declaring a forfeit is as follows:

Regular Season: \$300.00

Finals Series: \$500.00

Fines will be added to team fees at the conclusion of the season.

9.6 Games cancelled by BTAS (for reasons such as insufficient referees or unsafe playing environment), that are not able to be rescheduled and played, will result in neither team being credited with a game played, or any premierships points.

10 GAME RESCHEDULE REQUESTS

10.1 Game reschedule requests may only be considered under exceptional circumstances. The non-availability of NBL1, State/SDP/FDP player/s does **NOT constitute exceptional circumstances**.

10.2 Teams may submit a request for a Game Reschedule whereby circumstances exist that may significantly impact a teams' ability to participate.

[Basketball Tasmania - CAM Admin Portal](#)

10.3 The submission of the request constitutes the collective consent of those individuals involved to be bound by the requested changes.

10.4 Whilst every request will be considered, BTAS do not guarantee that every request will be approved. Every request will be discussed with opposing CAMs to ensure any rescheduled match is fair and equitable for all teams involved. BTAS reserve the right to make the final decision on any match rescheduling.

10.5 Requests will only be accepted authorised CAM representative. Submissions from any other party involved with the team will not be accepted.

10.6 Requests must be received at least 7 days prior to the game in question commencing.

10.7 Fee to organise a rescheduled game request will be \$100

11 BASKETBALL TASMANIA INSURANCE COVER

- 11.1 Basketball Tasmania's standard insurance cover automatically extends to include all players and officials who are currently registered with a club or association (including travelling to and from). Any unregistered players will not be allowed to take the court. Any player found unregistered during a random audit of matches will cause their team to forfeit any match they have taken part in.

12 COMPLAINTS AND/OR DISPUTES

- 12.1 Whereby a complaint and/or dispute arises, individuals involved are strongly encouraged to seek consultation with the relevant Match Manager.
- 12.2 Any reportable offence, or injury/incident, during any match, are to be reported to the Match Manager and subsequently submitted via the Game Day Portal within 24 hours of the conclusion of the final game of the day's fixture.
- 12.3 All complaints and disputes (including misconduct and behavioural reports) are to be either:
- Reported to the Match Manager and subsequently submitted to BTAS via the Game Day Portal within 24 hours of the conclusion of the final game of the day's fixture, or;
 - Reported to CAM Presidents, or Secretaries, and subsequently submitted to BTAS via the Game Day Portal within 24 hours of the conclusion of the final game of the day's fixture.
- 12.4 Where necessary, BTAS, in collaboration with the BTCC, will determine the result of appeals and exceptional circumstances.

13 TECHNICAL FOULS AND REPORTING

- 13.1 Match Managers are responsible for submitting the following reports:
- Report a player and/or coach for misconduct
 - Report an injury and/or incident
- 13.2 Referees are responsible for submitting the following reports:

- TSBL Championship and Shield MVP Votes
- BTAS U22 MVP Votes
- Behavioural Tech Fouls against players, coaches or bench.
- Standard reports

13.3 All Incident, Misconduct and/or MVP votes must be submitted through Basketball Tasmania's Game Night Portal via the following link:

<https://form.123formbuilder.com/6121924//>

Referees are required to penalise any player, coach or team official displaying obvious dissent and intimidating behaviour with a Technical Foul. Examples of such behaviour include:

- Continually disputing calls
- Excessive critical comments
- Offensive language, aggression and/or personal abuse

13.5 Whereby a player, coach or team official receives a second technical foul in the same game, the player/coach/team official will be automatically ejected from the match and must leave the playing venue. Penalties outlined in the Behavioural Technical Foul Policy will apply. Other penalties outlined in Basketball Tasmania Tribunal Bylaws may also apply.

13.6 The ejected player can be substituted by another player.

13.7 Any offences deemed reportable by the match officials and/or Match Manager must be reported using the appropriate Basketball Tasmania report form and in accordance with the Basketball Tasmania Tribunal By-Laws.

14 DECISIONS WHEN THESE RULES ARE SILENT OR UNCLEAR

14.1 If these rules are silent on a matter arising in relation to any competition Basketball Tasmania may decide how the matter is to be dealt with.

14.2 If these rules are uncertain, then Basketball Tasmania may decide about how the uncertainty is to be resolved.

14.3 Those decisions are binding on everyone who is bound by these rules. The binding decision made is final and specific to the unique circumstances that were presented at

the time of the decision being made. These decisions do not set a precedent for future decisions.

15 PENALTIES

The By-Laws for the TSBL are intended to provide clarity for CAMs regarding the formation, entering and participation of their teams across the course of the season. BTAS does not have or invest the resources required to monitor compliance with every By-Law contained herein. It is the responsibility of CAMs to ensure their teams are entered in compliance with these ByLaws. Additionally, as per the BTAS Constitution, one condition of affiliation with BTAS is the ongoing responsibility of CAMs to act “in good faith”. Any efforts to deliberately pursue an agenda of non-compliance, efforts to undermine or disregard these By-Laws, will be considered NOT “in good faith” and could risk the CAMs ongoing affiliation with BTAS, and therefore access to BTAS competitions and programs.

Outside of this overarching responsibility, the BTAS Tribunal has the following authority as per the BTAS Model Tribunal By-Law:

“The Tribunal shall have power to suspend, disqualify, reprimand, fine, bond, ban or otherwise deal with any person involved with basketball and / or the Organising Body (including, but not limited to players, coaches, teams, clubs, officials, or spectators) in accordance with this Bylaw, regarding any incident arising from an activity conducted by an Organising Body. The incident may have occurred before, during or after the conduct of the activity, within the confines of the stadium, activity venue or its immediate surrounds, or elsewhere, including online and within social media networks, if directly related to a basketball activity of any sort.”