



## Junior League Local Rules

### 1. Competitions:

<p>Mini-ball Year 0-2 Mini-ball Year 3-4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two 12-minute clock run halves – 1 minute half time (all timed from centre court clock)</li> <li>• No scoring or scoresheets</li> <li>• Hoops lowered to 8'</li> <li>• Defensive retreat to halfway (after basket scored or turnover)</li> <li>• A parent from each team to referee and/or coach on the court</li> <li>• To encourage all players to touch ball, don't let one player always dribble the ball</li> <li>• Encourage man-to-man defence (coloured armbands could be used)</li> <li>• Parent required to sit on each scorebench to manage rolling subs</li> <li>• Ball size 5 to be used</li> </ul>
<p>Year 5-6 Mixed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two 18-minute clock run halves – 1 minute half time</li> <li>• One 30-second timeout per team per half</li> <li>• No overtime, a draw will stand (3pts win, 2pt draw, 1pt loss, default 0pt)</li> <li>• Referees will be covered by NPBA junior referees</li> <li>• Mouthguards must be worn</li> <li>• No timeouts permitted in the last 2 minutes (if a timeout has been awarded prior to 2 minutes, then it ends at the 2-minute mark and the game must resume)</li> <li>• No substitutions permitted in the last 2 minutes, unless a player fouls out or injured. The substitute must immediately be ready to enter the game</li> <li>• Time wasting in the last 2 minutes will be monitored by the referees and/or referee trainers, and if it is deemed occurring then the ball will be turned over</li> <li>• Scoring is to be completed on iPads. All players must be registered into Gameday and therefore will appear on the iPads to be eligible to play</li> <li>• Each team must provide one person to carry out scorebench duty, 1 to do iPad and 1 to do the scoreboard. Training to do these can be provided. The game clock will be set and started by the court controller</li> <li>• Failure to provide a scorebench person will incur a default to that team</li> <li>• It is encouraged to avoid the use of zone defence to help develop skills</li> <li>• Ball size 5 to be used</li> <li>• Mercy rule to be applied if a team gain a 30-point lead, then the defence must retreat to their own 3-point area</li> </ul>
<p>Year 7-8 Boys Premier Grade</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x 8-min clock stop quarters (per FIBA rules) with 24-sec shot clock</li> <li>• 2-min half time, 1-min quarter time break</li> <li>• 1 timeout 1<sup>st</sup> half per team, 2 timeouts 2<sup>nd</sup> half per team (50-sec)</li> <li>• No overtime, a draw will stand (3pts win, 2pt draw, 1pt loss, default 0pt)</li> <li>• Referees will be rostered by NPBA</li> </ul>



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<p>Year 7-8 Boys A, B, C Grade Year 7-8 Girls</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x 10-min clock run quarters, no 24-sec shot clock</li> <li>• 1 min quarter and half-time break</li> <li>• 1 timeout (30-sec and clock runs) per team per half.</li> <li>• No overtime, a draw will stand (3pts win, 2pt draw, 1pt loss, default Opt)</li> <li>• Referees will be rostered by NPBA</li> <li>• Mouthguards must be worn</li> <li>• No timeouts permitted in the last 2 minutes (if a timeout has been awarded prior to 2 minutes, then it ends at the 2-minute mark and the game must resume</li> <li>• No substitutions permitted in the last 2 minutes, unless a player fouls out or injured. The substitute must immediately be ready to enter the game</li> <li>• Time wasting in the last 2 minutes will be monitored by the referees and/or referee trainers, and if it is deemed occurring then the ball will be turned over</li> <li>• Referees will be rostered by NPBA</li> <li>• Scoring is to be completed on iPads. All players must be registered into Gameday to be eligible to play</li> <li>• Each team must provide 1 person to carry out scorebench duty, 1 for iPad (scoresheet), 1 for scoreboard. Training to do these can be provided.</li> <li>• Failure to provide a scorebench person will incur a default to that team</li> <li>• Man-to-man defence is to be played. It is the coach’s responsibility to understand this rule and ensure their players abide by it</li> <li>• Ball size 6 to be used for boys</li> <li>• Ball size 5 to be used for girls</li> </ul>

## 2. Eligibility for Year 5-6 and 7-8

To be eligible to play in the NPBA Junior leagues year 5-6 and year 7-8, all players must be registered through Gameday **and** to their respective team. The link for registration may be found on the NPBA website ([New Plymouth Basketball Association Inc. - Player Registration](#)) A player



**must** not play under another players name. It is the coach's responsibility to check the players' names and shirt numbers are on the iPads.

Players must play in their respective year (i.e. year 5-6 or year 7-8). Once they have registered to a team, they cannot play for another team, unless written approval has been sought and approved by the leagues committee.

To be eligible for semi-finals and finals a player must have played 6 games. Exemptions may be granted if a request is made in writing and the leagues committee accepts the reason.

### **3. Duty**

All duties must be honoured. It is the duty of the coach to ensure the required personal for scorebench duty is present. Failure to do so will incur a default to that team. Persistent defaults may result in further action being taken by the leagues committee.

### **4. Uniforms**

Teams to be in their correct uniforms, numbered front and back. Please ensure there are no duplicate numbers. Year 7-8 Boys Premier uniforms must comply with FIBA rules.

Non-marking gym shoes must be worn. No bare feet, street shoes etc. will be permitted.

### **5. Defence**

It is considered that playing Man-to-man defence in junior basketball helps develop player skills and understanding.

For year 5-6 it is encouraged to play man-to-man defence. Only a half-court man-to-man defence shall be used for this grade. This will allow the defensive team to inbound and play the ball in their back court.

For year 7-8 zone defence is not permitted. Teams must play man-to-man defence, as a minimum they must play man-to-man in their own back court.

It is the coach's responsibility to understand the principles of this rule and ensure the players play and understand man-to-man defence. Coaches may be asked to substitute players that refuse to play man-to-man.

### **6. Defaults**

If a team is unable to play, they must contact the league controller as soon as possible, preferably the day before so the other team can be notified. Defaults on the night (no-shows) will incur a 2-competition points deduction. Repeated occurrences may result in further sanctions, including removal from the competition. A game may start with 3 players. After 5-minutes, if 5 players are not ready to take the court, then the game shall be considered a forfeit, and the no-show penalty shall apply.



## **7. Code of Conduct**

All players, coaches, referees and spectators must follow the NPBA Code of Conduct. This code is aligned to the BBNZ Code of Conduct and Fair Play.

The following are not permitted at the venue:

- a) Verbal or physical abuse
- b) Smoking and/or vaping
- c) The carrying or drinking of alcohol

The court controller is responsible for policing the code and has the authority to remove anyone from the venue if they consider any breach of the code. Any incident will be reported to the NPBA committee.

## **8. Disciplinary Committee**

A disciplinary panel of 3 will be appointed by the NPBA Committee for each complaint or incident received. These may be board members or independent people. Consideration for neutrality must be given to ensure a fair hearing.

The panel will:

- a) Determine if the incident or complaint requires a hearing
- b) Notify the person/s of the charge and the hearing date
- c) Gather all information required to make an informed decision
- d) Decide from the information acquired any sanctions that may apply and communicate to the respective person/s
- e) Appeals may be made to the NPBA Committee and/or BBT of any decision made by the panel.