

Cayman Islands Basketball Association
Basketball League Rules and Regulations

1. The following rules and regulations (the “CIBA Rules”) have been approved by the Executive Committee of the Cayman Islands Basketball Association (“CIBA”). The overriding objective of the CIBA Rules is to promote the growth and enhance the image of the sport of basketball in the Cayman Islands. The Executive Committee may amend the CIBA Rules as it sees fit from time to time.
2. All basketball games that are played under the auspices of CIBA shall be played in accordance with FIBA’s Official Basketball Rules presently in effect (the “FIBA Rules”) unless otherwise stated herein. A link to the FIBA Rules can be found on CIBA’s website at www.caymanbasketball.org.
3. All registered teams are expected to be familiar with the CIBA Rules and will be responsible for paying all fines and security deposits referred to herein. If a team is established by a club, the club will be jointly and severally liable for all of the team’s obligations described herein and any penalty on the team described herein will also apply to the club.
4. The names of the members of CIBA’s Executive Committee and of the Chairmen of the Fixtures and Competition Committee and the Disciplinary Committee may be obtained from CIBA’s website. The contact details of any of those persons may be obtained by sending an email to the Secretary at info@caymanbasketball.org.
5. Where applicable, penalties that may be imposed pursuant to the CIBA Rules are outlined in *italics*.

Interpretation

6. Unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender.
7. The term “Opening” when used herein shall mean in relation to a particular league competition either the opening ceremony, if any, for the league competition or the first game of the league competition, whichever is earlier.
8. The term “Official” when used herein shall mean all game officials, including the referees, umpires and table officials.

Deviations from the FIBA Rules

9. Court dimensions and equipment shall follow as closely as possible those outlined in the FIBA Rules. However, any discrepancy shall not be valid grounds for any

protest unless it can be shown that such conditions put a competing team at a disadvantage and caused the team to lose the game.

10. Each team may assign to each team member a number from one (1) to ninety-nine (99), which number shall appear on the front and back of the team member's shirt in accordance with the FIBA Rules. The number on the front of a team member's shirt shall be at least 4 inches high and the number on the back shall be at least 6 inches high.
11. Other than the twelve eligible players listed on the score sheet to participate in a given game, only three other registered bench personnel may be in the team bench area during the game, except during an interval of play. *Any infraction of this rule identified by the referee shall be penalized by a fine of C\$50 per game to the offending team and **Technical Foul to the Coach/Team Captain** see art.17*
12. Each individual player shall **wear same colour** socks, however all players of the same team are not required to wear identical socks and shoes. *Upon the discovery of an infraction of this rule the referee shall remove the relevant player from the game.*

Team Registration

13. A team of no more than 15 players may be registered for any given league competition, including no more than one overseas athlete. For these purposes, an overseas athlete is defined as an athlete who is not ordinarily resident in the Cayman Islands.
14. In order to participate in any league competition a team must, no later than 21 days before the scheduled date for the opening of the league competition, (i) register at least 5 players using a registration form in the form attached hereto and (ii) pay the required fee, as indicated by the competitions committee. The registered roster will constitute the only players eligible to play during a game within the league competition. *No team shall be allowed to participate in the league if it does not meet the registration deadline.*

<i>Senior Men</i>	<i>\$750 per team</i>	<i>\$25 per player</i>
<i>Senior Women</i>	<i>\$500 per team</i>	<i>\$25 per player</i>
<i>Under 19 Men & Women</i>		<i>\$25 per player</i>
<i>Under 16 Men & Women</i>		<i>\$25 per player</i>
15. Any changes to a team's roster must be made **before** the team's 4th game during the league competition for which the team has been registered (whether that game is won, loss, forfeited, or defaulted), even if after such deadline the roster consists of less than 15 players. The only exception to this rule is where a team has an injured player and provides to CIBA a medical certificate confirming the relevant injury. In that situation, the team may replace the injured player and, if the team does so, the injured player may not be re-registered with any team for the remainder of the league competition, even if he recovers. During any game of the league competition no more than 12 players of the team's registered roster may be listed on the score sheet to be eligible to play in the game.

16. A club may register more than one team in any given league competition. However no player may be registered for more than one team in the same league competition.
17. A team must also register its bench personnel such as coaches, assistants, statisticians, medical personnel, managers, etc. There are no restrictions on the number of changes of bench personnel that a team may make, however the personnel that will represent a team during a game must be registered prior to the start of the game and no more than 3 of the personnel, including the coach and assistant coach, may be in the team bench area during any game. Bench personnel may be registered to more than one team in the same league competition. *If the referee identifies that any team is in breach of this rule the team shall automatically be penalized with a fine of CI\$50 per game.*
18. A team must register at least one, but not more than two, contact persons (“CPs”) with whom CIBA will correspond in relation to the relevant league competition. If more than one CP is registered, they must be designated as numbers 1 and 2. The CP may be a registered player or bench personnel. Communication to any CP of a team will be deemed to be communication with the relevant team, and the CP will be responsible for forwarding and disseminating to his team any communication that he receives from CIBA. A person may be a CP for more than one team in a league competition. However, if a CP is a registered player for a particular team in a league competition, he may act as the CP for that team only.
19. A player may be transferred from one team in a league competition to another team only once in accordance with rule 15 above. In order for a player to be transferred from one team to another team the team to which the player is to be transferred must complete a player transfer form (in the form attached hereto), have the form signed by (i) the manager or the coach of both the transferor team and the transferee team and (ii) the player and then submit the duly signed form to the Chairman of the Fixtures and Competition Committee along with a transfer fee of CI\$50. The Fixtures and Competition Committee shall have 3 business days within which to reject a transfer and if the Fixtures and Competition Committee fails to reject a transfer within that period it will be deemed to be effective.

League Competitions

20. The Fixtures and Competition Committee shall be responsible for the scheduling of all league games, for determining the number of divisions within each league competition and for determining the method of selecting the champion of each league competition.
21. A league competition must have at least 4 registered teams before the competition can start. A league competition may have more than one division if there are 8 or more teams/clubs registered for the league competition and each division must consist of at least 4 teams.

22. The classification of teams within the regular season of a league competition (or within the regular season of a division of a league competition, if there is more than one division) shall be in accordance with the FIBA Rules. See the section of the FIBA Rules entitled “Classification of Teams” on page 72 of the FIBA Rules.
23. Unless otherwise determined by the Fixtures and Competition Committee, the champion of a league competition (or division, if applicable) will be determined through the use of a playoff competition between the teams that were the top 4 teams during the regular season of the league competition (or division, if applicable). Unless otherwise determined by the Fixtures and Competition Committee, each series in the playoffs shall be a best of 3 series. In the first round of the playoffs the first place team shall play the fourth place team and the second place team shall play the third place team. Thereafter, the winners of each of those series will play another best of 3 series to determine the champion of the league competition and the runner-up.
24. In accordance with the FIBA Rules, the team first mentioned on the fixture for a game in a league competition will be viewed as the home team and the other as the guest. The home team shall sit to the left of the scorer’s table and the guest to the right. Both teams must agree in order for the above to be changed.

Conduct

25. It shall be the duty of the game commissioner and the referee of each game during a league competition to ensure that a player that is listed on the score sheet for each team is eligible to play for that team and is not at the time of the game serving a suspension or expulsion from the league competition.
26. It shall be the duty of the Fixtures and Competition Committee to keep a record of the players and teams that have been suspended, expelled or disqualified during a league competition. Prior to each game the Fixtures and Competition Committee shall notify the game commissioner of which of those players (if any) who are registered to either of the relevant teams are at the time of the game serving a suspension or expulsion from the league competition.
27. Subject to Rule 32 of the CIBA Rules, any team member assessed a technical foul during a game shall be subject to a fine, disqualification and/or suspension as set out in this paragraph. It should be noted that, in accordance with Article 38 of the FIBA Rules, a team member may be assessed a technical foul for, among other types of conduct, disrespectfully communicating with the officials or opponents, using language or gestures likely to offend or incite spectators or baiting an opponent.

There are two types of Technical Fouls as Defined by CIBA:

Game Violation Technical: Any technical assessed to a player or coach that does not involve any physical or verbal communication that is prohibited by CIBA such as:

1. Player hanging on rim for too long
2. Bench technical for too many players on court
3. Bench technical for delay of game etc
4. Other violations as deemed by the referee or game commissioner

Conduct Technical: Any technical foul assessed to a player or coach that involves physical or verbal communication that is prohibited by CIBA such as:

1. Obscene language or gestures towards Referees and Table officials
2. Unsportsmanlike fouls
3. Obscene language or gestures towards other players or coaches
4. Threats to other players, referees or officials (including table officials)
5. Other violations as deemed by the referee or game commissioner

During a game a team member shall automatically be fined for Game Violation Technical assessed to him/her:

1st technical- \$25, 2nd technical- \$100 total, This means that if ejected, the responsible person has to pay a fine of \$100 within 7 days (rule36).

Fines for consecutive Conduct Technical in a single game:

1st Technical- \$25, 2nd Technical– Automatic Ejection, \$100 fine and automatic 2-game suspension: This means that if Ejected, the responsible person has to pay a fine of \$100.00 within 7 days (rule36).

If a player is disqualified due to technical fouls the game commissioner shall make a note of this on the reverse side of the score sheet by writing “The following player was disqualified due to technical fouls: [name of player]” or a similar notation and by signing his/her initials next to such notation.

28. (A) Any team member that is disqualified from a game as a result of being charged with two (2) unsportsmanlike fouls in accordance with Articles 36 and 37 of the FIBA Rules or two conduct technical fouls in a single game shall automatically be fined C/\$100. In such circumstances the game commissioner shall make a note of this on the reverse side of the score sheet by writing “The following player was disqualified as a result of being charged with two (2) unsportsmanlike fouls: [name of player]” or a similar notation and by signing his initials next to such notation this action will be the same for two conduct technical fouls

(B) A player who commits three (3) unsportsmanlike fouls during the season will be suspended for two (2) games and fined \$200.00

(C) A Player who commits four (4) Conduct technical fouls during the season will be fined \$200.00 and suspended for two (2) games.

29. Any team that forfeits a game shall be subject to a fine and/or disqualification as set out in this paragraph. A team shall automatically be fined C/\$100 for the first game that the team forfeits and on the second game a further fine of \$200 and automatic disqualification from the remainder of the league competition. If a team is disqualified in accordance with this paragraph none of its games will be counted in the league standings. If a team forfeits a game then, in accordance with Article 20 of the FIBA rules, the score for the game shall be recorded as twenty (20) to zero (0) in favour of the opponent, the forfeiting team shall receive zero (0) points in the classification and the game commissioner shall make a note of the team’s forfeiture of the game on the reverse side of the score sheet by writing “The following team forfeited the game:[name of team]”

or a similar notation and by signing his initials next to such notation.

30. If a team is disqualified from the remainder of the league competition the Fixtures and Competition Committee shall ensure that (i) the scores for all remaining games between the relevant team and the other teams in the league competition are entered in accordance with Article 20 of the FIBA Rules and (ii) shall notify the game officials and all teams that the relevant team has been disqualified from the remainder of the league competition. No player from that team shall be eligible to participate for any other team for the duration of that season
31. Fighting will not be tolerated in league competition. Any team member found to have been engaged in fighting shall be disqualified from the relevant game in accordance with Article 38.2 of the FIBA Rules. A decision made by an Official as to whether a team member was engaged in fighting shall be final and cannot be contested or disregarded during the game. Any team member found to have been engaged in fighting shall also be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with this Rule. *On the first occasion that a team member is found by a referee to have been engaged in fighting in a particular league competition the team member will automatically be fined CI\$100 and suspended for 2 games. On the second or subsequent occasions on which a team member is found by a referee to have been engaged in fighting in the same league competition the team member shall automatically be fined CI\$200 and suspended for 4 games.* All fights shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, which may take additional disciplinary action in its absolute discretion. *Such additional disciplinary action may include (but shall not be limited to) (i) imposing on a team member an additional fine of up to CI\$500 per incident, (ii) imposing an additional suspension so that the additional suspension when taken together with the automatic suspension may be up to an entire year in duration or (iii) expelling the relevant team member indefinitely from the league competition.* If a team member is found to have been engaged in fighting then the game commissioner shall make a note of this on the reverse side of the score sheet by writing “The following team member was engaged in fighting during the game: [name of team member]” or a similar notation and by signing his initials next to such notation. The game commissioner shall also submit to the chairman of the Disciplinary Committee within 24 hours after the game a detailed report of the fight, which report shall indicate, among other things, which team members were involved in the fight, whether any punches were thrown during the fight, the severity of the injuries that occurred during the fight and the behaviour of the relevant team members when the officials attempted to break-up the fight.
32. Abuse of officials will not be tolerated in any league competition. Any team member found by the game commissioner of a game to have abused or threatened an official will be subject to disciplinary action. *On the first occasion that a team member is found by a game commissioner to have abused or threatened an official the team member will automatically be disqualified from the relevant game, fined CI\$100 and suspended for 2 additional games. On the second or subsequent occasions on which a team member is found by a game commissioner to have abused or threatened an official during the same league competition the team member shall automatically be disqualified from the relevant game, fined CI\$200 and suspended for 4 additional games.* All such incidents shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee, which may take additional disciplinary action in its absolute discretion. *Such additional disciplinary action may include (but shall not be limited to) (i) imposing on a team member an additional fine of*

up to C1\$1,000 per incident, (ii) imposing an additional suspension so that the additional suspension when taken together with the automatic suspension may be up to an entire year in duration or (iii) expelling the relevant team member indefinitely from the league competition. If a team member is found to have abused or threatened an official then the game commissioner shall make a note of this on the reverse side of the score sheet by writing “The following team member was found to have abused or threatened an official during the game: [name of team member]” or a similar notation and by signing his initials next to such notation. The game commissioner shall also submit to the chairman of the Disciplinary Committee within 24 hours after the game a detailed report of the incident, which shall indicate, among other things, which team members were involved in the incident and the nature of the abuse or threatening conduct to which the official was subjected.

(B) Any Player that is perceived to willfully make contact with an official in an aggressive manner will be automatically suspended until the disciplinary committee makes a decision. All fines issued related to this incident will apply to rule 36.

33. Any suspended or expelled team member (player, coach etc) must have no contact (verbal or otherwise) with his team members during a game that occurs during the period of the suspension or expulsion. The team member is not allowed to be present in the team bench area at any time but can sit in the spectators’ area. If this rule is breached the relevant individual and his team will be subject to further disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee. In such circumstances the game commissioner shall make a note of the incident on the reverse side of the score sheet by writing “The following team member, who at the time of the game was serving a suspension or expulsion, was found to have been present in the team bench area during the game: [name of team member]” or a similar notation and by signing his initials next to such notation.
34. If both teams forfeit a match because neither is present or able to field 5 players within fifteen minutes after the scheduled starting time, both teams shall be fined and the game shall not be rescheduled. *Each team shall be fined C1\$100.*
35. Any team member(s) found responsible for damaging any basketball facilities, fixtures or equipment will be required to reimburse CIBA for the cost of repairing or replacing the item and may be subject to additional disciplinary action by the Disciplinary Committee. Any such incident shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.
36. Any fine automatically assessed to a team member must be paid before the individual is allowed to participate in another league game and in any event no later than 7 days after the infraction resulting in the fine. If any such fine is not paid in accordance with the foregoing sentence, the team that the team member represented at the time of the infraction will not be allowed to play in any subsequent games until the fine is paid and may be subject to additional sanctions to be determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

37. Any fine automatically assessed to a team must be paid within 7 days after the relevant infraction. If any such fine is not paid in accordance with the foregoing sentence, the team will be subject to additional sanctions to be determined by the Disciplinary Committee. Furthermore, if a team is in breach of this paragraph immediately prior to the time at which one of its games is scheduled to begin the team shall not be allowed to play in the game and shall be deemed to have forfeited that game.
38. Any fine imposed on a team member or a team by the Disciplinary Committee shall be paid within 7 days after the date on which the Disciplinary Committee gives notice of its decision. If a team is in breach of this paragraph immediately prior to the time at which one of its games is scheduled to begin the team shall not be allowed to play in the game and shall be deemed to have forfeited that game.
39. The Disciplinary Committee shall provide the relevant team with at least 4 days notice of the meeting at which it intends to make a decision as to whether to impose additional disciplinary action in relation to any particular team or team member and the relevant team shall, at such meeting and before the making of any decision by the Committee, have the opportunity to give, either orally or in writing, any explanation or defense that it may think fit.
40. Once the Disciplinary Committee has made a decision as to whether to take additional disciplinary action in relation to a particular team or team member the Disciplinary Committee shall notify the relevant teams and the Fixtures and Competition Committee of its decision.
41. A game suspension unable to be served due to the completion of a league competition shall be carried over to the next season of the league competition.
42. All fines assessed to a team in relation to a particular league competition must be paid before the team will be allowed to participate in any subsequent league competitions.
43. All fines assessed to a team member must be paid before the team member may be transferred from one team to another team.
44. A fine may be paid by submitting the payment (which should be made out to CIBA if the payment is in the form of a cheque) (i) to any member of the Executive Committee or the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee at any time or (ii) to a game commissioner prior to the commencement of a scheduled game. Any payment of a fine shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for the account of CIBA.
45. If an individual is suspended indefinitely from a league competition by the Disciplinary Committee he may apply to the Disciplinary Committee for reinstatement within 4 weeks prior to the beginning of each subsequent season of the relevant league competition and the Disciplinary Committee may reinstate him on such terms and conditions as the Disciplinary Committee shall see fit. He

may not apply for reinstatement at any other time.

Protests

46. In order for a team to protest a game the team shall follow the procedure set out below: (i) the captain of the team should sign the score sheet in the space marked "Captain's signature in case of protest" and (ii) the captain should submit to the game commissioner or the chairman of the Disciplinary Committee within 24 hours after the game a written description of the reason for the team's protest and a security deposit of CI\$50. The game commissioner or the referee shall also submit to the chairman of the Disciplinary Committee within 24 hours after the game a report on the incident which lead to the protest. CIBA shall refund the security deposit if the protest is successful.
47. Once the Disciplinary Committee has made a decision in relation to a protest it shall notify the relevant teams and the Fixtures and Competition Committee of its decision.

Appeals

48. Any team or team member against whom a decision has been made by the Disciplinary Committee may appeal the decision to CIBA's Executive Committee by submitting to the Secretary of CIBA written notice of the appeal and a security deposit of CI\$50 within one week after the date on which the Disciplinary Committee gives notice of the decision. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final. The written notice of the appeal must contain a description of the reasons for the appeal. CIBA shall refund the security deposit if the appeal is successful.
49. The Executive Committee on any such appeal shall have power to do any of the following:-
- A. allow the appeal if it thinks that the decision of the Disciplinary should be set aside for any reason, or
 - B. dismiss the appeal
 - C. confirm the decision of the Disciplinary Committee except in regard of the sanction imposed by the Disciplinary Committee and substitute such other sanction as may be warranted under the CIBA Rules as it deems fit.
50. Any fine imposed on a team member or a team by the Disciplinary Committee shall be paid in accordance with Rule 38 above, even if the relevant team member or team appeals the decision in accordance with Rule 48 above. If the Executive Committee allows the appeal or decides to reduce the relevant fine(s) then CIBA shall refund the relevant fine or the relevant portion thereof, as the case may be. If the Executive Committee decides to impose an additional fine then that fine shall be paid within 7 days after the date on which the Executive Committee gives notices of its decision and a failure to pay the fine in accordance with the foregoing shall have the same consequences as a failure to pay any fine imposed by the Disciplinary Committee.

51. Once the Executive Committee has made a decision in relation to an appeal it shall notify the relevant teams and the Fixtures and Competition Committee of its decision.

Miscellaneous

52. Any person being a representative of CIBA (whether a player, coach, referee or follower) who commits any act during a non-league basketball activity (e.g. an international competition, private sponsor's competition, basketball camp) at home or abroad that brings CIBA into disrepute may be subject to disciplinary action to be determined by the Disciplinary Committee not later than 3 months after the incident occurred.

53. A player must take part in at least 1 regular season game in order to participate in the playoffs. Being registered but absent will not qualify a player to take part in the playoffs.