

Galway Area Basketball Board



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Rules and Regulations

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1 Management of Local Area Competition

1.1 The Executive Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Executive) will administer the affairs of the Galway Area Basketball Board (hereinafter referred to as GABB) Competitions.

1.2 Three clubs will be nominated at the AGM to join with the executive committee for a one year period to administer the affairs of the GABB. This should mean a club would only have to fill one of these positions every three years.

1.3 All clubs must inform the GABB of the name and contact details of their Child Protection Officer, Designated person and any other information requested dealing with child protection before September 1st of each season. No club under any circumstances will be allowed to play in any GABB competition without this information.

1.4 The season will not proceed if all executive positions are not filled.

1.5 Each registered club must send one delegate to **all general** meetings when requested. Failure to do so will result in a fine (Appendix 2).

1.6 The official channel of communication between the Executive and a participating club is the Club Secretary. Correspondence may be by email or typed and posted. The email addresses for the Executive functions are listed in Appendix A of this document.

1.7 Any member of the Executive 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.

1.8 By entering into and being registered to play in GABB Competitions, clubs and/or individuals must accept these regulations in their entirety.

1.9 The Executive Committee may impose disciplinary action and / or fines for breaches of the regulations that have no specified penalty. The action and/or fine will be clearly communicated together with the reason.

1.10 All Competition trophies are the property of the GABB. When the winning clubs have been ascertained, a member of the Executive will present the appropriate trophy to that club. The club in turn will then be responsible for its return to the Executive by 28th February of the following season.

- Failure to return the trophies by this date will result in the G.A.B.B collecting the trophy, with the cost of this paid by the club.

- Should a trophy be damaged or lost whilst under the care or custody of a club, that club shall be required to pay the GABB the monetary value of the trophy, or the cost of its repair.

1.11 The season will begin on August 1st of the current year and end on July 31st of the following year.

1.12 The Executive 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.

1.13 The Executive shall meet a minimum of six times during the season with meeting minutes recorded by the Secretary.

2 Competition Structures

2.1 Local Competition Regulations

2.1.1 All officials and clubs will be provided with updated versions of the local competition rules and regulations at the commencement of each season. Clubs are responsible to provide their members with these regulations. All other rules and regulations governing Area Boards and National Competitions can be found on BI website.

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

2.1.3 Any team that concedes a walkover shall be subject to a penalty as specified in Section 6 and Appendix 1.

2.1.4 Any team that concedes two walkovers in one season shall be suspended from all competition for the remainder of the season.

2.1.5 If requested, birth certificates of players must be lodged with the registrar of the GABB within seven (7) days of such request. Failure to comply will result in the automatic suspension of that player.

2.1.6 A change in club secretary must be notified to the GABB Secretary within forty-eight (48) hours of the change.

2.1.7 All correspondence from the Executive Committee requesting a reply must be answered within four (4) working days. Failure to do this will result in an automatic fine, as set in Appendix 2.

2.1.8 Any club/team from outside the GABB that wishes to play in GABB competitions must comply with the following procedures and produce a signed BI/ Area Board Link Form.

- A. The team must obtain written permission (email or letter) from the GABB to confirm they allow them to enter the league in question.
- B. The team must obtain written permission (email or letter) from their own geographically based Area Board to confirm they allow them to play.
- C. Games in the team's geographically based Area Board competitions will take precedence over the GABB games.
- D. The team must continue to play in their own geographically based Area Board's competition (if available) as well as the GABB competitions to ensure development is not slowed.
- E. This procedure must be repeated for each season. No rolling agreements may exist.

2.1.9 Any club/team who wish to travel to a tournament outside the GABB in Ireland or internationally must apply for permission to the GABB secretary and notify BIHQ. This is done for insurance purposes and as a courtesy to the Fixtures Officer.

2.1.10 A club wishing to invite players from another club to play invitational tournaments in Ireland or abroad must first seek permission from GABB and the players club before issuing an invite to that player.

2.1.11 Any matter that may arise and is not covered by the existing competition regulations, the Executive Committee shall deal with and decide on the matter accordingly. A record of the matter, the decision, the reasons for the decision and the roles involved in the decision will be documented. Clubs or players impacted by the matter will receive written notification regarding the matter with acknowledgment requested by the Executive.

2.2 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

2.2.1 Clubs and teams competing in local competitions must submit an expression of interest with the Area Board by July 31st. Teams may withdraw without incurring a penalty from their respective competition before Sept 15th or before final fixtures list is sent to the clubs.

2.2.2 A club may have more than one team competing in the local leagues however if a player competes on the higher level team on more than one occasion the player will not be eligible to play on the lower level team e.g. Div 1 to Div 2, without permission from the G.A.B.B.

2.2.3 Players playing in the Superleague or National League Division One competitions may only play in the GABB. Division One league. Structured link players can return to their local Teams with the permission of the GABB.

2.2.4 A player may only play for one team throughout the season if the club has two teams in the same division.

2.2.5 All teams playing in GABB competitions must have full-size indoor courts available to them which may be inspected by the GABB at any time. The court must be available for at least 90 minutes per game.

2.2.6 From the 2019/20 season and until further notice a national league player shall be classed as a senior player and a non national league player shall be classed as an intermediate player. The men's league shall be three rounds one of the rounds to include only intermediate players. Teams must commit to play in all three rounds. The division 1 winners will be the team with the most points at the end. The division 2 winners will be the team with the most points in the intermediate competition. Players over 18 are graded senior once they have played in the national league.

2.2.7 By entering a team in a league you agree to play your away games at your opponents agreed time and venue.

2.2.8 In a given league, all teams will play each other before Christmas and if there are more than 6 teams, an option can be given to clubs involved to form two divisions for the remainder of the league. This split to the league will be done before the Christmas break.

2.3 League Competition Structure

2.3.1 All clubs entering league competition must pay a bond as set by the Executive. The bond or remainder of may be returned at the end of the season if requested by the club.

2.3.2 League points: three (3) for a win, one (1) for a loss and zero (0) for a walkover/forfeit. In the case of the latter, penalties will be applied as specified in Appendix 2 and if necessary, other penalties may be applied at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

2.3.3 The team with the greatest number of points at the conclusion of the league shall be declared the winner.

2.3.4 If two or more teams finish level on points for any position FIBA rules shall decide the ranking of the teams.

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

included in the league table – unless the team has played everyone once, only then the first round of games will be included.

2.4 Cup Competition Structure

2.4.1 The Cup Competition will be played in a knockout format. The Executive will conduct an open draw for the competition this may include the seeding of teams based on the results of the previous season.

2.4.2 All players participating in the cup competitions are cup tied and may only represent one team in any GABB Cup Competition.

2.4.3 Teams not playing in the GABB leagues are not eligible to play in the GABB Cup Competitions.

2.4.4 A player must have played at least one game in the Senior League prior to December 31st to play in the Senior Cup Competition. If a player is medically certified as unfit to play, a query should be registered before Christmas and the Executive will review.

2.5 Local Competition Finances

2.5.1 Each team is required to pay **Referee Expenses** as determined by the Executive Committee and agreed with the referees committee. Payment of referees will be as follows:

- First half of fees to be paid before November 15th.
- Second half fees to be paid before January 20th.

2.5.2 Any monies owed to the GABB by a club and not received by the due date shall be subject to penalties as agreed by the Executive with reference to Appendix 2.

2.5.3 If a club competing in GABB competition folds or withdraws from competition, leaving outstanding monies owed to the GABB, the officials and players 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.

2.5.4 Cheques from clubs that are returned upon presentation to the bank will be liable to monetary penalty plus bank charges as detailed in Appendix 2.

3 Entrance Criteria & Procedures

3.1 There is no automatic entry to the GABB competitions. Applications to enter GABB competition must be received annually, it must be accompanied by all relevant fees, including the bond and player registration list. These should be received by the GABB Registrar by the deadline set out by the Executive. Completed applications received outside of the deadline (which must include the complete fee) shall be subject to a late fee. See Appendix 2.

3.2 All Clubs must also pay an annual Basketball Ireland club/team registration fee(s) and complete the Basketball Ireland club registration as specified by Basketball Ireland.

3.3 All clubs must pay a team and player registration fee (and any other fees) as specified by GABB.

3.4 Any team withdrawing from GABB leagues after the fixtures have been released will forfeit their entry fee/bond. 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 2.

3.5 Teams participating in local competitions must have adequate public liability insurance. GABB reserves the right to request proof of this insurance at any time.

4 Registrations & Licensing

4.1 All players must be licensed and not subject to disciplinary actions to play.

4.2 As per Basketball Ireland Regulations, all clubs, and the teams, players, coaches and table officials attached to these clubs must be registered with Basketball Ireland and GABB through the club registration schemes. Local fees shall be determined at the start of each season. October 31st is the final date to register a club. It is the club's responsibility to ensure registration is completed on time.

4.3 All coaches, club officials authorised by the referee to sit on the team bench, must be registered/licensed with Basketball Ireland and GABB. Only those licensed will be permitted to sit on the team bench. Breach of this regulation will incur automatic penalties as outlined in Appendix 2.

4.4 Any club who plays an unlicensed or ineligible player in any game shall automatically forfeit the game and be fined accordingly (Appendix 2). The player can only return to play when the situation is rectified by the club and confirmed by the Executive.

4.5 A player shall only be registered with one club.

4.6 A player can be registered any time during the season provided they do not require a transfer. Registration is required with both BI and GABB. New players being registered must be

validated and approved by the GABB Registrar before they are allowed to play. An updated team sheet with the new players clearly marked must be submitted to the Registrar. The registrar will email the club with confirmation of the new registration.

4.7 Before a player can play for a club all transfer forms must be in order (where required) before their registration is accepted.

4.8 All players playing in senior men's and ladies' local competitions must pay the senior fees, irrespective of age.

4.9 The closing date for transfers for local competition shall be the 31st of October of the current season.

- A player wishing to transfer from one club to another must comply with the transfer regulations of Basketball Ireland and must complete the Basketball Ireland official transfer form as specified.
- A player shall be eligible to play for a new club once the G.A.B.B secretary has confirmed approval on behalf of the G.A.B.B and Basketball Ireland.
- In accordance with the Basketball Ireland Regulations, a player once registered and transferred may not register again with the same club in that season.
- A player may only transfer once in any one season.
- A player eligible to play U16 competition is ineligible to play senior competition.
- All BI pin numbers must be filled in on the score sheet for all competitions.
- Failure to comply will result in fine as per Appendix 2.

5 Uniforms & Facilities

5.1 Teams are required to wear matching uniforms. Unless otherwise specified, the uniform must be numbered as outlined in the FIBA Official Rules of Basketball.

5.2 Teams must wear their stated registered colours for all games, as stated on registration form.

5.3 All teams should have two sets of playing kit; one of the designated sets should be lighter in colour than the other or a different colour.

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

5.5 All undergarments must be of the same single colour as the uniform.

5.6 All home venues shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of G.A.B.B.

5.7 The home team must provide a visible score board, and time clock. Basketball Ireland score sheet and table equipment i.e. pens, arrows, foul markers and team foul markers. The correct court markings and the use of an official Molten match ball.

5.8 A Club must appoint a venue officer before the start of each game. The lead referee must be given the name of the Venue Officer. The Venue officer must be an adult and may either the coach or manager of the home team.

5.9 Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their players, members and spectators at all times while the venue is being used for their games. The Lead Referee shall stop the game and ask the Venue Officer to remove the offending spectators from the gym if he/she deems that they are interfering with the game in a disrespectful manner. The game will be abandoned should the offending person/persons refuse to leave. The Referee will forward their Report to the Area Board for further action.

5.10 Teams that fail to comply with these regulations will be automatically fined. Appendix 2.

6 Fixtures

6.1 Fixture Scheduling

6.1.1 All local competition fixtures shall be set by the Fixtures Secretary.

6.1.2 Each registered club must send the team manager to all relevant meetings when requested. Failure to do so will result in a fine (Appendix 2).

6.1.3 Confirmation of all fixtures should be sent to the league fixtures secretary within four (4) days of receiving the fixtures. Failure to confirm within that time will be an indication of acceptance. Any response after that time will be subject to fines as per Appendix 2.

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

6.1.5 It is the responsibility of the home teams to provide two registered table officials to perform the functions of scorekeeper and timekeeper. At least one of these must be over 16 years of age. These officials should be competent and registered as Table Officials with Basketball Ireland.

6.1.6 A commissioner neutral to the clubs involved in games may be appointed by the GABB.

6.2 Fixture Rescheduling

6.2.1 Requests for change of fixtures must be submitted in writing at least two weeks in advance to the fixtures secretary and accompanied by change of fixture fee (see Appendix 2) with a new agreed fixture date by both teams.

6.2.2 When a fixture is to be re set or to be rescheduled by teams, the home team must offer their opponents at least two (2) dates over two weeks.

6.2.3 Later Requests for change of fixtures will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the GABB.

6.2.4 Where agreement cannot be reached by both teams on rescheduling a game the GABB will set the date and time for the game. No change request will be accepted once GABB has set the new date.

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.

6.3.2 Where a team fails to fulfil a fixture at short notice, the offending team will be liable for all reasonable costs incurred by the opposing team i.e. travel expenses as agreed by the executive committee and referee costs. The team may also be fined and/or penalised by the Executive. The points for the game will be awarded to the other team, with a 20-0 score line. The nature of the exceptional circumstance will determine if a fine is imposed and both teams will be informed of the outcome of the Executive review.

6.3.3 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.
- A. On the second occurrence, the referee should stop the game and advise the coaches that the floor is unplayable. The referee will make the final decision to abandon the game.
- A. In the event that a game is abandoned due to condensation, the game shall be re fixed by the fixtures secretary and continue on from the point where the game was stopped.

6.3.4 The referee has the final decision with regard to the continuation of the game. The referee 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 referee will decide accordingly.

6.4 Fixture Postponement

6.4.1 In the event of a postponement due to exceptional circumstances and the two clubs failing to reach an agreement as to when the match shall be re fixed the GABB shall within seven (7) days after the date of the original fixture re fix the game.

6.4.2 If a team fails to reach a venue due to adverse weather conditions, the Executive of the G.A.B.B may rule that the game should be re-scheduled.

6.4.3 Unless otherwise stated all games shall be played according to FIBA rules.

6.5 Post-Game Procedures

6.5.1 The referee is responsible for their report (if required) arriving by post/fax/email to the GABB Secretary within three (3) working days of the fixture.

When a team has signed the scoresheet in protest, or when a person has been ejected from a game are example of situations requiring a referee report for the GABB.

6.5.2 At the end of the game, the home team shall be responsible for informing the GABB of the result of the game. Clubs will be informed at the start of each season of how to do this.

6.5.3 The original white copy of the scoresheet must be emailed to the Registrar within 24 hour of the game. The picture must be clear and in-focus showing the entire scoresheet with no details missing. Failure to do so will result in an automatic fine as per Appendix 2.

7 Disciplinary Matters

7.1 Discipline

7.1.1 The Game/Games Host, be they a Club or the GABB must appoint a venue officer before the start of each game and for the duration of the event. The lead referee must be given the name of the Venue Officer. The Venue officer must be an adult and may be either the coach or manager of the home team.

7.1.2 Clubs are responsible for the conduct of their players, members and spectators at all times while the venue is being used for their games. The Lead Referee shall stop the game and ask the Venue Officer to remove the offending spectators from the gym if he/she deems that they are interfering with the game in a disrespectful manner. The game will be abandoned should the offending person/persons refuse to leave. The Referee will forward their Report to the Area Board for further action.

7.1.3 [Basketball Ireland Code of Conduct](#)

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7.2 Discipline Administration

7.2.1 The Executive shall appoint an Area Board Appeals Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Appeals Committee) at the start of the season. This committee will be ratified by the Executive and should consist of a minimum of six (6) people. A minimum of three (3) members must be present to hear any appeal to the GABB.

7.2.2 Unless otherwise specified, the Executive shall be responsible for all disciplinary matters arising from the competitions and other activities organised by the GABB.

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

7.2.4 Decisions from disciplinary matters except fixed penalties have the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee.

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

7.2.6 In the event of a player or coach being disqualified from any game under the jurisdiction the GABB, the player/coach shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of one (1) game. This suspension takes effect of immediately and cannot be appealed. If this suspension is increased by the Executive the player or coach has the right to appeal the extra suspension as per the GABB rule 7.2.4.

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

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

7.2.9 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.

7.2.10 A player disqualified from a game for two unsportsmanlike or technical fouls shall receive 10 penalty points on reaching 20 penalty points that player shall serve a one match ban. An automatic disqualifying foul is 15 points plus a one match ban.

7.3 Penalties

7.3.1 Outside of automatic fines, the Executive may impose penalties upon individual players, clubs and club members as it sees fit. Clubs or players will be informed in writing of the decision and the date of implementation of the penalty.

7.3.2 Penalties may be in the form of fines, deduction of league points, suspension or disqualification from their respective GABB competition or any other penalties deemed appropriate by the GABB from time to time.

7.3.3 The GABB Secretary will notify every club of all penalties issued on a weekly basis or as otherwise agreed at the AGM. Clubs will normally have seven (7) days to pay the penalty charges.

7.3.4 A penalty imposed by the Executive, not including automatic fines as outlined in Appendix 2, may be appealed in the first instance to the Appeals Committee. Such an appeal shall be in writing, will be sent to the GABB Secretary within five (5) days of the notice of the penalty and be accompanied by a bond of €100. If the season finishes within the 5 days, then the appeal must be submitted before the season end.

7.3.5 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 Appeals Committee will always hold an appeal hearing for such appeals.

7.3.6 All appeals must be acknowledged by GABB. All further communications between GABB and the appellant must be acknowledged by the receiver within 2 working days.

7.4 Written Protest

7.4.1 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 appeal the result by signing the score sheet 'under protest' in accordance with the procedures outlined in the FIBA Official Basketball Rules.

7.4.2 A written protest and the appropriate fee (€100) must be sent to the GABB secretary within five (5) 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 fee. A copy of the written protest must also be sent to the opposing team by the G.A.B.B secretary.

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

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

7.4.5 All correspondence occurs with the appellant. The conclusion must be acknowledged by the appellant before other parties are informed.

7.5 Appeals Process

7.5.1 In order for an appeal to be valid it must be received in writing by the secretary of GABB via email within five (5) days of the incident and must be accompanied by a deposit of €100. This deposit will be returned if the appeal is upheld.

7.5.2 The Appeals Committee shall call a meeting to discuss the appeal at the earliest opportunity. The date and time of the hearing, once set, shall also be communicated to both parties:

- a) The party bringing the appeal shall state their case first. The Executive will then state their case. Each side will have the opportunity to cross-examine the other side through the Chairperson and members of the Appeals Committee may also question both sides.
- b) The Chairperson 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 Appeals Committee to make their decision.

7.5.3 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be forwarded in writing to both parties within forty-eight hours.

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

7.5.5 When all local GABB appeal mechanisms have been exhausted, only then can the decision be appealed to the National Appeals Committee, as outlined in Basketball Ireland Regulations.

7.6 Payment of Fines

7.6.1 All fines will be taken from the club's bond. If the bond falls below 33.3% of the amount specified in the appendix, it must be fully reinstated before a team's next game. Any game due to be played during that time shall be forfeited. (See also 7.2.3)

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

Appendix 1: Communications

Chairperson	gabbchairperson@gmail.com
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Registrar	gabbregistrar@gmail.com
Fixtures Officer	gabbfixtures@gmail.com
PRO	galwayareabbpro@gmail.com
Child Protection Officer	jfgabbcp@gmail.com

Appendix 2: Schedule of Automatic Fines

Regulation	Penalty (€)
Failure to complete team registration application form by deadline (Late fee)	€25
Local competition withdrawal fee	€160
Failure to attend required meeting	€100 per meeting
Failure to fulfil Fixture (Forfeit)	€40 +Referee cost + loss of Points
Failure to provide any item(s) of table equipment	€20
Failure to provide a visible scoreboard or time clock	€40
Use of an unlicensed coach	€50 and suspension of the coach and team until rectified
Playing an unlicensed or illegal player	€50 per person & game forfeit
Failure to wear matching uniforms	€40 per team
Failure to wear registered team colours	€40 per team
Administrative charge for change of fixture request	€50
Failure to upload, email or text correct result to the designated person on time	€50
Failure to reply to official correspondence from the Executive Committee (Rule 2.1.7)	€50
Failure to use approved match ball in competitions	€25
Failure to display signage as directed by GABB	€50 per sign
Failure to fill BI Pin numbers on score sheet	€50 per BI PIN missing
Failure to have registered Table Officials.	€50
Failure of Bank to honour cheque	€50 and pay bank charges
Failure to forward original white copy of score sheet	€40

Appendix 3: Basketball Ireland Player Transfer Form & Transfer Regulations

Please print in **BLOCK LETTERS** using blue ink.

I, _____, and Registration Number _____
Player Name BI Number

Of; Postal Address _____,

City/County _____, Postcode _____,

Gender (M/F) : _____, Date of Birth: ____/____/____, Nationality: _____

I wish to apply for a transfer:

From: _____ (Club & Local Area Board)

To: _____ (Club & Local Area Board)

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note – if the applicant is under the age of 18, then transfers will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and the signature of the parent/guardian is required.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ (BLOCK CAPITALS)

Reason for Transfer: _____,
(Including proof if necessary)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, _____ (Block letters please)

of: _____ (Club)

Certify that the transfer of the above applicant has been confirmed declined:

If declined then reason: _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____ Position: _____

I, _____ (Block letters please) of:
_____ (Local Area Board)

Certify that the transfer of the above applicant has been sanctioned Yes No

Signed: _____ Dated: _____ Position: _____

Recommended Transfer Regulations Area Boards, 2015 – 2017

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 .
2. All players wishing to transfer at club level must complete the Basketball Ireland Transfer Form regardless of age.
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 their Area Board by midnight of the 31st October of the current season.
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 transfers purposes. All players, irrespective of age, must be registered with Basketball Ireland.
5. No transfer shall be signed by the assigned representative of the 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.
6. No transfers shall permitted at Under 12 years and downwards for the seasons 2015-2016 and 2016 - 2017, this rule to be reviewed by the NABC in January 2017 for the 2017-2018 season.
7. No transfers shall be permitted at U12 and downwards (save for exceptional circumstances such as the player's family having moved house).
8. When a player transfers form 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.
9. A player shall only be permitted to transfer once in a season.
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 under 16 to under 13 clubs are only permitted to transfer 3 players into any one team.**
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.

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**.
13. Should a club become defunct after the 31st October, no players from the club may transfer within the remainder of that season.
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.
15. All transfers when completed, the assigned representative of the Area board shall forward the forms to the registrar of Basketball Ireland as per Rule 10 E of Basketball Ireland, Regulations & Bye Laws.
16. Where a transfer does not come under the above rules. The secretary of the Area Board in whomever jurisdiction the transfer falls under shall submit the transfer to the National Area Boards Committee (NABC) for their decision.
17. Where an Area Board refuses a players 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 forwarded in writing to the Secretary of the NABC by the player and/or the players intended club within fourteen days (14) of the transfer having been rejected by the appeal committee of their area board.
18. When the secretary of the National Area Boards Committee (NABC) receives an appeal under rule 17 above. The secretary will inform the players 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.
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.

Appendix 4: Basketball Ireland National Under-Age Rules

Basketball Ireland National Under-Age Rules 2019 – 2020 Season

Age Group	Year of Birth	Rotation of Players at all Age Groups Listed
U10	2010, 2011, 2012	All players must play a minimum of one full continuous quarter and can only play in a maximum of two quarters . Five players play in the 1 st quarter, a different five play in the second.
U11	2009, 2010, 2011	All players must play a minimum of one full continuous quarter and can only play in a maximum of two quarters . Five players play in the 1 st quarter, a different five play in the second.
U12	2008, 2009, 2010	All players must play a minimum of one full continuous quarter and can only play in a maximum of two quarters . Five players play in the 1 st quarter, a different five play in the second.
U13	2007, 2008, 2009	All players must play a minimum of one full continuous quarter and in a maximum of three quarters. Five players play in the 1 st quarter, a different five play in the second. Any additional players must play one full continuous quarter in the second half.
U14	2006, 2007, 2008	All players must play a minimum of one full continuous quarter and in a maximum of three quarters. Five players play in the 1 st quarter, a different five play in the second. Any additional players must play one full continuous quarter in the second half.
U15	2005, 2006, 2007	FIBA Rules
U16	2004, 2005, 2006	FIBA Rules
U17	2003, 2004, 2005	FIBA Rules
U18	2002, 2003, 2004	FIBA Rules
		Area Boards if they so wish may use eights (instead of quarters) from U11 downwards for development purposes

Further Clarification on Underage Regulations:

- **Competition:**

U11 leagues downwards will be Development Leagues (participation). For competitions up to U11 no score will be displayed. Score sheet will be kept for rotation of players and foul recording.

U12 to U14

Competitive league but the emphasis is still on participation of a minimum of 10 players in the game and on the technical development of the players so rotations are applicable

In terms of fair play, the scoreboard should not show a score difference of greater than 20 at all age levels.

- **Age Limit & Eligibility:**

As per FIBA age limits, all players must be under the age on or after January 1st of the current season

To establish the date of birth corresponding to the age limit for an age group, the following procedure is used; the age of the player must be subtracted from the year in which a competition takes place with the understanding that this year begins on 1st January. E.g. the age limit for U18 in a competition in 2019/2020 shall be: 2020 – 18 = 2002, so any player born on the 1st January 2002 or after this date will be entitled to participate in a competition for U18 in 2019/2020 season.

A player may only play a maximum of 2 grades within her/his age band within their own Area Board competition in any one season. E.g. a player can play U11 and U12 or U11 and U13. She/He cannot play U11, U12 and U13. No U15 player can take part in the BI U – 18 National Cup. No U16 player can take part in Senior National Competition.

- **Basket Height:**

It is recommended that 8.5ft baskets are used up to U12. However it is understood that this is not feasible in all venues and it is acceptable that 10ft baskets are used. In the use of 10ft baskets up to and including U12, the free throw line should be marked 2ft closer to the basket.

- **Defence:**

To assist the proper technical development of young players, **ZONE defence is not allowed up to an including U14 Competition**. Following the basic man – to – man principles, each defensive player is responsible for an offensive player. The Defensive 3 second rule below applies:

A defensive 3 second violation, also known as illegal defense, is assessed when a member of the defending team spends more than 3 seconds in the free throw lane (also called the key or the paint) while not actively guarding an opponent. To be considered actively guarding, a defender must be within arms length of an opponent and in a guarding position. A violation will not be called if:

- A player is in the act of shooting
- There is a loss of team control
- The defender is actively guarding an opponent
- The defender clears the painted area
- It is imminent that the defender will become legal

In addition, a player guarding an opponent with the ball may be in the paint without actively guarding the opponent.

The team committing a defensive 3 second violation is assessed a team technical foul. The offense receives 1 free throw and retains possession of the ball..

The offending team should be warned on the first incidence and the penalty for non – compliance after the warning is a technical foul awarded to the offending coach. The technical foul should be recorded as a “B” bench technical foul rather than a “C” coach technical foul.

- **Minimum Number of Players:**

The minimum number of players up to and including U14 competition is 10 players. In the event of a team having less than 10 players by the start of the second quarter, the team will lose the game by forfeit (20 – 0) and be awarded 1 point at the start of the game. The other team shall be awarded three points regardless of the final score in the game.

Where two teams have less than 10 players the game is played and each team is awarded 1 point.

Overtime: Any five players may play in overtime.

- **Team Numbers:**

- o U9 – U13: No maximum to the number of players who can play
- o U14 Onwards: 12 players can play in any game. If teams have more than 12 players, agreement should be sought between coaches to play more than 12.

- **Defensive Press:**

U11's U12's can only press in the 4th Quarter. Teams must retreat to the backcourt after a score or a dead ball in the first three quarters.

U13's can press in the 2nd half. Teams must retreat to the backcourt after a score or a dead ball in the first half.

U14's can press for the start of the game

Teams cannot press if they are winning by 15 points or more.

- **Other:**

- o Backcourt Rule applies
- o 3, 5, 8 and 24 second rules apply **Time**
- Outs:** FIBA Rules Apply

- **Scoring:**

- o No 3 pointers recorded up to and including U12 level.
- o From U13 upwards FIBA Rules apply

- **Fouls:** FIBA Rules Apply

- **League Points:** o Win = 3 points o Loss = 1 point o Walkover Received = 3 points o Walkover Given = 0 points o Forfeit a Game = 1 point o Team receiving forfeit = 3 points

Notes:

- If a team cannot put ten players on the court, the game is played, the team with less than 10 receives 1 point and the other team receives 3 points and the score is recorded as 20 – 0 for league table purposes.
- If a team has 10 or less players on the score sheet and one of their players get injured or fouls out, a sub can be brought on but that player must still not play in all four quarters.
- When a game is forfeited, the final score is irrelevant, league points have been assigned.

- **Basketball Size:**

- o **U9 – U12** Size 5 o **U13 – U14** Size 6 o **U15 Onwards** Girls: Size 6 Boys: Size 7

- **Coaching Qualifications:**
 - o All Coaches coaching at Under 14, 13, 12, 11, 10 and younger must hold a minimum of an Intro Coaching Qualification. **No person will be permitted to coach a team at these age groups unless they have this minimum qualification.**
 - o All coaches coaching at Under 15 – Under 18 must hold a Level 1 Coaching Qualification.

RULE CHANGES FOR GABB U12 and U13 LEAGUES 2022/23

U12 Boys and Girls

- All games shall be 4x6 minute quarters. O/T shall be 3 minutes.
- All games must show a maximum of twenty-point difference only on the scoreboard with the correct score being kept on the scoresheet.

All teams are expected to have a minimum of 10 players in order to play 5 on 5 off at any one time.

- However, where a team don't have 10 players, they can now enter a team with less players (minimum 8) to play without having to forfeit the game.
- A second team of minimum of 8 may be also entered into the league in that age category. A minimum of 8 players must play on the day to avoid forfeiture.

Team registration sheets must be submitted to GABB Registrar and in the instance of a second team being submitted, it must reflect the players on that team. **There will be no interchangeability between teams.**

The following is an example of how they must structure their team on the scoresheet to play. Assuming you have 8 players, the players must be numbered 1 to 8 and play the four quarters as follows

- Quarter 1: Players 1,2,3,4,5 will play.
- Quarter 2: Players 6,7,8,1,2 will play.
- Quarter 3: Players 3,4,5,6,7 will play.
- Quarter 4: Players 8,1,2,3,4 will play.

U13 Boys and Girls

All games shall be 4x7 minute quarters. O/T shall be 3 minutes.
All other rules shall be the same as the U12 league.