

BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS



**Women's National Basketball League (WNBL)
2018**

**I. OBJECTIVES**

To raise the standard of local women's basketball and talent spot players for the national team.

II. REGISTRATION

2. Eligibility of Teams

2.1 Open to all teams (subject to player's eligibility).

3. Procedure

3.1 Registration will commence on 26 February 2018 and close on 16 March 2018, 5.00pm.

3.2 Official Entry Form and other prescribed forms are available at BAS website at <http://www.bas.org.sg>.

3.3 The following items shall be submitted when making an application for registration

- Completed and duly signed entry form
- Registration fee and deposit must be made by the closing date
- Such other documents as required under the Rules and Regulations

3.4 Registration fee shall be \$600 for BAS Ordinary Members; \$720 for Non-BAS Ordinary Members. Registration fees are non-refundable.

3.5 All teams are required to make an additional deposit of \$500 upon registration. This deposit will be refunded after the competition if the team did not commit any violation of the rules and regulations for WNBL 2018.

3.6 Payment can be made either by cash or cheque. All cheques shall be crossed A/C payee only and made payable to Basketball Association of Singapore.

3.7 The submission items shall be made to Basketball Association of Singapore at:
601 Aljunied Avenue 1, #01-04, Singapore Basketball Centre, Singapore 389862
Operating Hours: Monday to Friday: 0900 – 1800 hours.

3.8 BAS has the right to reject

- incomplete submission as required under item 3.3;
- submission after the closing date on 16 March 2018 at 5.00pm

3.9 Full payment has to be made by the closing date of registration, failing which the team will be treated as having their participation withdrawn.

3.10 A fee of \$100 will be imposed on teams for each change made to their entry form after the close of registration.

4. Eligibility of Players

The team shall be responsible for the eligibility of its players at all times and shall bear the consequences of any infractions of the Regulations.

4.1 Players and officials who are currently banned by BAS may not be registered by any team, unless the term of their suspension ends prior to the completion of the competition.

4.2 Players must be Singapore Citizens (pink NRIC). However, each team is allowed to register a maximum of 2 players who do not hold Singapore Citizenship (pink NRIC). Players who are not Singapore Citizens must hold either a Work Permit, Employment Pass, Student Pass, or is a Permanent Resident (blue NRIC) and have held them since January 1, 2018 or earlier.

4.3 Players registered must be born before 31 December 2000 (aged 18).



- 4.4 However, each team is allowed to register a maximum of 3 players born after 31 December 2000.

III. DUTIES OF THE TEAM

5. Players

- 5.1 Only those players who have duly registered are entitled to participate in the competition.
- 5.2 Each team is required to register a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 15 players. No more than 12 players are allowed to be registered to play for each game. The Team Officials must submit their Team Roster 20 minutes before each game to the referees.
- 5.3 Players who have not yet turned 18 years of age at the time of competition must submit the prescribed Indemnity Forms to BAS upon submission for the registration of the team, failing which the player in question shall not be allowed to take part in the competition.
- 5.4 Once a player has registered under the team, she is not allowed to represent another registered team in the competition.
- 5.5 Players must wear the same jersey number as stated on the team's entry form.
- 5.6 Before the commencement of the competition, players shall be subjected to identity and age verification under the supervision of the Game Supervisors.

6. Team Officials

- 6.1 Each team shall consist of one (1) Team Manager; one (1) Head Coach; up to two (2) Assistant Coaches and one (1) Team Follower.
- 6.2 The Team Manager must be at least 21 years old.
- 6.3 All registered coaches must possess at a minimum both the Theory and Technical NCAP Level One certificates.
- 6.4 All registered coaches are required to attach copies of their coaching certificates together with the team's entry form.
- 6.5 An individual can only be registered to perform only one role for one team.
- 6.6 Only registered team officials are allowed to be on the team bench during the matches.
- 6.7 Team Officials must be in proper attire during the competition (no slippers and no sandals, preferably covered shoes).

IV. COMPETITION PROVISIONS

7. Team Managers Meeting

- 7.1 The Team Managers Meeting will be conducted in the Conference Room of Singapore Basketball Centre on Wednesday, 21 March 2018 at 7.30pm.
- 7.2 All registered teams must send one representative from their list of registered team officials, failing which BAS may impose a fine of \$200.
- 7.3 The competition format will be announced during the Team Managers Meeting.
- 7.4 Once the Team Managers Meeting is declared closed, no changes to the composition of the teams can be made at any time during the competition.

8. Insurance of Participants



- 8.1 The participating teams shall provide the necessary insurance coverage for their players and team officials.
- 8.2 BAS and its agents shall not be responsible or in any way liable for any death, disabilities, injuries, loss of property or any other loss arising from any cause related to or in the course of competition.

9. Playing Uniforms

- 9.1 Teams must have two sets of jerseys, with one set in white and the other set in dark.
- 9.2 The team named first in the competition schedule shall wear white jerseys and the team named second shall wear dark jerseys.
- 9.3 Registered player numbers can be from 0 to 99 (including 00). It must not be more than 2 digits.
- 9.4 Players from the same team are not allowed to wear the same jersey number.
- 9.5 Players are not allowed to change their registered jersey number.
- 9.6 Each team member shall wear a shirt numbered on the front and back with plain numbers, of a solid colour contrasting with the colour of the shirt.

The numbers shall be clearly visible and:

- Those on the back shall be at least 20 cm high
- Those on the front shall be at least 10 cm high

10. Competition Schedule

- 10.1 The period of competition will be from April 2018 to May 2018.
- 10.2 The fixture list will be sent to all Team Managers through email.
- 10.3 All participating teams undertake to play all of their matches.
- 10.4 BAS reserves the right to make changes on the competition schedule including date and time of the matches as it considers necessary.

11. Competition Venue

- 11.1 All matches will be held at Singapore Basketball Centre.
- 11.2 BAS reserves the right to make changes on the venue of the competition as it considers necessary.

V. AWARDS

12. Awards & Prizes

- 12.1 Trophies will be awarded to the top 4 teams and the Finals Most Valuable Player (MVP).
- 12.2 Individual medallions will be awarded to the players of the top 4 teams.
- 12.3 Cash awards will be awarded to the top three teams:
- Champion - \$1,000
 - Runner-Up - \$800
 - Third - \$500

13. Medal Ceremony



- 13.1 The ceremony will take place at the site of the competition immediately after the Final.
- 13.2 The top 4 teams must attend the ceremony.
- 13.3 All players and team officials must be properly attired when attending the ceremony (no slippers and no sandals, preferably covered shoes).
- 13.4 A fine of \$200 may be imposed on teams that violate Rule 13.2 and 13.3.

VI. COMPETITION RULES

The competition will be conducted in accordance to FIBA's Official Basketball Rules 2017.

14. Classification Rules

- 14.1 Points will be awarded to teams based on the following:
 - a) 2 points – Win
 - b) 1 point – Lost (including by default)
 - c) 0 point – Lost by forfeit

Teams will be classified according to their accumulated number of points.

15. Tie-Breaker Rules

- 15.1 The criteria for the classification of two or more teams having the same number of points shall be:
 - 1. Head-to-head record of the games between them
 - 2. Higher goal difference of the games between them
 - 3. Higher number of goals scored in the games between them
 - 4. Higher goal difference of all games in the group
 - 5. Higher number of goals scored in all games in the group
 - 6. If these criteria still cannot decide, a draw shall decide the classification

16. Game Lost by Default

- 16.1 A team shall lose a game by default if, during the game, the team has fewer than 2 players on the court ready to play. If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead, the score shall stand as at the time when the game was stopped. If the team to which the game is awarded is not ahead, the score shall be recorded as 2 to 0 in its favor. The defaulting team shall receive 1 point in the classification.

17. Game Lost by Forfeit

- 17.1 A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:
 - a) 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time, the team is not present or is unable to field 5 players ready to play
 - b) Its actions prevent the game from being played
 - c) It refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referee.
- 17.2 The game shall then be awarded to the opponent and the score shall be 20 to 0.

18. Game Abandonment

- 18.1 In the event of unsafe or unforeseen circumstances, it shall be the decision of the referee to stop or terminate the match.
- 18.2 In the event of an abandoned game, the game time, score, and statistical records will be retained and continued when the match resumed at a later date and time.
- 18.3 In a rescheduled game, teams may only use players and team officials who were listed for the original game that was abandoned.

19. Protests



- 19.1 Teams that are protesting the result of their matches shall immediately at the end of the game inform the referee.
1. The Captain of that team shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee that his team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the score sheet in the space marked 'Captain's Signature in Case of Protest'.
 2. To make this protest valid, it is necessary for the team to give confirmation of this protest in writing. This must be made within 20 minutes following the end of the game. It is sufficient to write, 'The team X protests against the result of the game between the teams X and Y'.
 3. BAS must receive a detailed explanation on the grounds of protest and a deposit bond of S\$400 by the following day before 10.00am.
 4. If the protest is accepted, the security bond will be refunded.
 5. Should the team in question, or that of the opposing team, not be in agreement with the decision of the Technical Committee, it may then file an appeal to the Board of Appeal.
 6. To make this appeal valid, it must be made in writing, within 1 hour following the delivery of the decision of the Board of Appeal and be accompanied by a security deposit equivalent to S\$600.
 7. The Board of Appeal panel shall be convened to consider the appeal and its decision shall be final.
 8. Regardless of the result of the appeal, it shall be the decision of the Appeals Board to return all or part of the bond.
- 19.2 All other protests shall be submitted in writing to BAS by 10am the following day of the match in question and followed up immediately with a full written report to be sent within 24 hours of the end of the match, otherwise they will be disregarded.
- 19.3 Teams are to continue with their scheduled matches whilst waiting for the result of their protest.

VII. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 20.1 Any menacing, intimidation or acts of violence towards the opponents, referees, table officials, game supervisors or BAS representatives may result in disciplinary action.
- 20.2 If a team commits an infraction for which it could be subject to disciplinary penalties, the team shall send a written report to BAS the day following the game.
- 20.3 A fine of \$200 may be imposed on the teams that lost a game by forfeit, and the case may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. A second forfeit by the team may result in the disqualification of the team from the competition.
- 20.4 Use of unregistered player(s) may result in the disqualification of the team from the competition and the team may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

VIII. OTHER RULES

- 21.1 While all reasonable precautions will be taken, BAS, its staff and agents will not be responsible or in any way liable for any death, disability, personal injury, loss of property, or any other loss arising from any cause related to or in the course of the competition.
- 21.2 In the event of any questions or matters arising out of any point, which is not expressly provided for in any of the rules governing the competition, the decision of BAS shall be final.
- 21.3 BAS reserves the rights to make changes, to add, delete and/or vary the said rules at any time as it considers necessary.
- 21.4 Where the Tournament Committee is satisfied that the team has not complied with any provisions of this Regulation for which no penalty is expressly provided may result in disciplinary penalties and the decision of BAS shall be final.

**Issued by: Tournament Committee
Basketball Association of Singapore**