



WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2023

RULES & REGULATIONS

I. OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 To raise local basketball standards.
- 1.2 To provide a competitive platform for women to play basketball.
- 1.3 To provide opportunities for talented youths to spar against more experienced players and teams.
- 1.4 To spot talent for the national teams (in addition to other avenues).
- 1.5 To establish the teams for WNBL Division 1 and Division 2 (Open) for future editions.

II. REGISTRATION

2. Eligibility of Teams

- 2.1 The following are the seeded teams based on the results of WNBL 2022:

1	Siglap Black	2	Qian Xi Red
3	Hillcrest Grays	4	Radin Mas
5	Qian Xi Blue	6	Siglap White

- 2.2 To maintain the above seeding, the teams listed in 2.1 above need to register a minimum of 6 players from the previous season's roster (WNBL 2022). Any team that fails to meet this requirement will not be seeded.
 - 2.3 If a seeded team wishes to change the registered name, approval needs to be sought in writing from the BAS Board via the Tournament Committee. If the name change is not approved, the team shall not be seeded.
 - 2.4 Registration is open to all women's teams inclusive of those listed in 2.1 above.
 - 2.5 The seeding of teams is for the purpose of grouping. The exact format of competition shall be determined by the total number of teams in competition.
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3. Procedure

- 3.1 Registration closes on Friday 2 February 2024 at 6.00pm.
- 3.2 Registration is via the official entry form available here: <https://forms.gle/emdYEgSXv29WHVaq5>. Indemnity forms need to be submitted for players above 35 and below 18 years old. The forms can be downloaded from the BAS website.
- 3.3 Registration is only complete upon the submission of the following by the deadline stated in 3.1:
- Official entry form
 - Players headshots in JPEG format (included in official entry form)
 - Club logo in AI or JPEG format (included in official entry form)
 - Indemnity forms (for any player above 35 years old and below 18 years old)
 - Any other application form(s) as required
 - Full payment of registration fee and deposit
 - Coaching certificates of all registered coaches
- 3.4 The registration fee is \$1400 for BAS Ordinary Members and Associate Members. The fee is \$1600 for non-BAS members. This fee is non-refundable.
- 3.5 Each team is required to make a security deposit of \$500 upon registration. The full amount shall be refunded after the competition if there was no disciplinary action or sanction against the team for any reason.
- 3.6 Payment of the registration fee and deposit can be made by the following methods:
- At BAS office during office hours or by mail: crossed cheque account payee only to BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OF SINGAPORE
 - Bank transfer: United Overseas Bank 211-309-735-5
 - PayNow: UEN S67SS0001J
- A photograph of the receipt or screenshot of the transfer should be emailed to tournament@bas.org.sg together with the required forms.
- 3.7 BAS reserves the right to reject any incomplete registration or submission after the close of registration.
- 3.8 Any change to the official entry form after the close of registration shall attract a \$100 administrative fee. No change is allowed once the first game of the competition starts or any official meeting is declared close, whichever comes earlier.
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4. Eligibility of Players

- 4.1 It is the responsibility of each team to ensure the eligibility of its players throughout the competition. Failure to do will result in disciplinary actions and sanctions against the team.
- 4.2 Any player or official currently suspended by BAS or SportSG may not be registered by any team. If the suspension ends prior to the completion of the competition, the team may write in to BAS to request for the inclusion of the individual.
- 4.3 All Singapore Citizens are eligible.
- 4.4 Each team may register up to a maximum of 2 non-citizens who hold a valid FIN number. These include permanent residents, as well as individuals holding work, student or dependent passes. The pass or permit must have been obtained on or prior to 1 December 2023, and not expire till the end of the competition.
- 4.5 Each team may register a maximum of 3 players born after 1 January 2006. Any player below the age of 18 (as of 2 Feb 2024) must submit an indemnity form together with the registration.
- 4.6 Any team who wishes to register more than 3 players born after 1 January 2006 must apply in writing to the Tournament Committee with evidence of the additional youth player's ability to compete at the senior level. Such evidence should include strong indicators such as national representation.
- 4.7 There is no restriction on players born before 1 Jan 1998 (above 35 years old) as long as the indemnity form is submitted together with the registration.

III. DUTIES OF THE TEAM

5. Players

- 5.1 Only registered players may participate in the competition.
- 5.2 Each team shall register a minimum of 10 players and a maximum of 15 players. A maximum of 12 registered players may be fielded for each game. The finalised playing roster must be provided 20 minutes before the start of each game.
- 5.3 Any registered player below 18 or above 35 years old shall not be allowed to play until the indemnity form is in order.
- 5.4 A player may be registered to play for one team only.
- 5.5 A player must wear the same jersey number as registered in the official entry form.
- 5.6 All players are to carry identification as proof of eligibility for verification by the Game Supervisor or other BAS personnel.



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6. Team Officials

- 6.1 Each team shall consist of one (1) Team Manager; one (1) Head Coach; up to two (2) Assistant Coaches, up to two (2) Officials and up to two (2) Team Followers (media crew and physiotherapist) for a total of eight (8) delegates.
- 6.2 Team managers must be at least 21 years old.
- 6.3 All head and assistant coaches must possess at minimum NCAP Level 1 certification – both Theory and Technical or Integrated – or similar qualification as approved by the Tournament Committee.
- 6.4 The certificates for all registered coaches should be included in the registration.
- 6.5 An individual shall be registered to perform only one role for one team.
- 6.6 Only persons registered in the official entry form shall be allowed in the team bench area during games.
- 6.7 Team officials and delegates should be appropriately attired during games, e.g. in covered shoes.

IV. COMPETITION PROVISIONS

7. Team Managers Meeting

- 7.1 This revision of the Rules and Regulations is based on matters discussed at the Team Managers' Meeting conducted at BAS on Saturday 20 January 2024 at 1.00pm.
- 7.2 BAS reserves the right to call for another meeting if necessary.
- 7.3 Failure to attend any such meeting may attract a fine of \$200.

8. Insurance of Participants

- 8.1 All participating teams are responsible for the necessary insurance coverage for their own players and team officials.

9. Playing Uniforms

- 9.1 All uniforms, accessories and other equipment should conform to the latest FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
- 9.2 In particular, teams should have a minimum of 2 sets of shirts, with the first team named in the schedule (home team) wearing light-coloured shirts (preferably white) and the second named team (away team) wearing dark-coloured shirts.



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- 9.3 All players on the team must have all their arm and leg compression garments, including undershirts and undershorts, headgear, wristbands, headbands and taping of the same solid colour.
- 9.4 Any team whose attire is not provided by the official apparel supplier (if any) should send in the designs for the "home" and "away" uniforms and T-shirts etc. for approval by the Tournament Committee.
- 9.5 Any violation of these guidelines may result in disciplinary action against the team and/or exclusion of the player from the game.

10. Competition Schedule

- 10.1 The competition shall start no earlier than 17 February and end no later than 5 May 2024.
- 10.2 Fixtures shall be sent to teams via email and shall also be available on the BAS website and/or other social media platforms.
- 10.3 By way of registration, a team undertakes to play all games until eliminated from the competition.
- 10.4 BAS reserves the right to make changes to the schedule within reason as it considers necessary.

11. Competition Venue

- 11.1 Games shall be held at the Singapore Basketball Centre or other similar facility.
- 11.2 BAS reserves the right to make changes to the venue within reason as it considers necessary.

V. AWARDS

12. Awards & Prizes

- 12.1 Trophies shall be awarded to the top 3 teams.
- 12.2 Individual medallions shall be awarded to the players of the top 4 teams.

13. Victory Ceremony

- 13.1 The ceremony shall take place at the competition venue immediately after the final game.
- 13.2 Each of the top 4 teams must have a minimum of 10 registered players attending the ceremony.
- 13.3 All players and team officials should be appropriately attired, e.g. with covered footwear.
- 13.4 Violation of 13.2 and 13.3 above may attract a fine of \$200.



VI. COMPETITION RULES

The competition shall be conducted in accordance with the latest FIBA Official Basketball Rules.

14. Classification Rules

- 14.1 Teams shall be classified according to their win-loss record, namely 2 points for each game won, 1 point for each game lost (including lost by default) and 0 points for a game lost by forfeit.

15. Tie-Breaker Rules

- 15.1 The criteria for the classification of 2 or more teams having the same win-loss record shall be in the following order:

- Win-loss record of the game(s) between these 2 or more teams
- Higher game points difference of the games between them
- Higher number of game points scored in the games between them
- Higher game points difference of all games in the group
- Higher number of game points scored in all games in the group

If still tied before all games have been played in the group, tied teams shall share the same ranking. If these criteria still cannot decide at the end of the group phase, BAS shall conduct a draw to 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 favour. 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.



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18. Game Abandonment

- 18.1 In the event of unforeseen circumstances, especially where it concerns participants' safety, the referees or organisers may decide to stop the game.
- 18.2 In the event of such an abandoned game, the game clock, score and statistical records shall be retained for continuation of the game at a later date and/or time.
- 18.3 In this situation, only players and officials finalised in the roster for the abandoned game may participate in the rescheduled continuation.

19. Technical Fouls

- 19.1 A technical foul shall be defined as per Article 36 of the latest FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
- 19.2 Penalties shall be imposed on any individual, whether as player, coach or bench personnel, who commits more than 2 technical fouls during the competition as follows:

No. of Offenses	Fine	Additional Sanction
3rd	\$300	
4th	\$400	
5th	\$500	Suspension for 1 game
6 th and each subsequent offense	\$600	Suspension for 1 game

20. Unsportmanlike Fouls

- 20.1 An unsportsmanlike foul shall be defined as per Article 37 of the latest FIBA Official Basketball Rules.
- 20.2 Penalties shall be imposed on any player who commits more than 2 unsportsmanlike fouls during the competition as follows:

No. of Offenses	Fine	Additional Sanction
3rd	\$300	
4th	\$400	Suspension for 1 game
5th and each subsequent offense	\$500	Suspension for 1 game



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21. Disqualifying Fouls

- 21.1 A disqualifying foul shall be defined as per Article 38 of the latest FIBA Official Basketball Rules 2022.
- 21.2 Penalties shall be imposed on any individual, whether as player, coach or bench personnel, who commits a disqualifying foul as follows:

No. of Offenses	Fine	Additional Sanction
1st	\$500	Suspension for 1 game
2nd	\$800	Suspension for 2 games
3rd	\$1000	Suspension for 3 games and possible disqualification from the entire competition

22. Penalty for Game Disqualification

- 22.1 As per Article 36.2.3, Article 36.2.3, Article 37.2.3 and Article 38.3.2 of the latest FIBA Official Basketball, a disqualified player shall go to and remain in her team's dressing room for the duration of the game or if she wishes, she shall leave the building. For practical purposes, for this competition, the offender shall minimally leave the playing area. An automatic fine of \$1000 shall be imposed for non-compliance, with further sanctions and suspensions to be considered by the Tournament Committee as appropriate.

23. Instant Replay System (IRS)

- 23.1 With In reference to Appendix F in the latest FIBA Official Basketball Rules, the Instant Replay System shall be used in this competition. BAS shall inform all teams of its use, whether for all games or only the later stages.

24. Protests

- 24.1 A team who is protesting the result of its game shall immediately at the end of the game inform the crew chief (referee) through the captain.
- 24.2 To complete the protest procedure, the rest of the steps should be followed:
- 1) The captain of the team shall sign the scoresheet in the space marked "Captain's signature in case of protest".
 - 2) To validate the protest, the team must give confirmation in writing. This should be done within 20 minutes of the end of the game. It is sufficient to write "The Team X protests against the result of the game between Team X and Team Y."
 - 3) Before 10.00am of the following day, BAS must receive in writing a detailed explanation of the grounds of protest and a security bond of \$400.
- 24.3 If the protest is accepted, the security bond shall be refunded.



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- 24.4 Should the protesting team or the opponent team disagree with the decision of the Technical Committee, it may file an appeal to the Board of Appeal.
- 24.5 The appeal must be made in writing, within 1 hour of the delivery of the decision by the Technical Committee, and a security bond of \$600 be paid.
- 24.6 The Board of Appeal shall convene to deliberate on the appeal. The decision by the Board of Appeal is final.
- 24.7 The Board of Appeal can decide to return all or part of the security bond, regardless of the outcome.
- 24.8 All other protests shall be submitted in writing to BAS by 10.00am of the following day of the game in question. In addition, a full report detailing the protest(s) should be received within 24 hours of the end of the game. Otherwise, the protest shall be disregarded.
- 24.9 Teams are to carry on with their scheduled games while awaiting the outcome of any protest or appeal.

VII. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- 25.1 Any menacing, intimidating or violent act towards any participant (including players and officials), technical official, working personnel, BAS representative or spectator may result in disciplinary action.
- 25.2 Any team who commits an infraction for which it could be subject to any penalty is required to submit a written report to BAS by the end of the following day. The offending team will be notified accordingly.
- 25.3 A fine of \$500 may be imposed on a team who loses a game by forfeit, or the case may be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. A second such offense may result in disqualification of the team from the entire competition.
- 25.4 Fielding of unregistered or ineligible player(s) may result in the disqualification of the team from the entire competition. The case could also be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further penalties to be imposed.



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VIII. OTHER RULES

- 26.1 Whilst taking all reasonable precautions, BAS, its staff and agents shall not be liable any death, bodily injury, property damage or any other loss or damage, direct or indirect, suffered or incurred in the course of participation in the competition.
- 26.2 BAS shall decide on any matter arising out of, or not explicitly stated in the rules and regulations above.
- 26.3 Where there is no penalty expressly provided, BAS may still impose penalties on a team or player in violation of the spirit and intent of the rules and regulations or for non-compliance with the general provisions.
- 26.4 BAS reserves the right to change, add to or remove any of the above rules within reason as it considers necessary.
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