



SOUTH WEST METRO BASKETBALL INC

JUNIOR REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

**Parent-Player Handbook
2023-24 Season**

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the South West Metro Pirates junior representative program! We hope that all players joining the 'Ship' will enjoy their experience and can fulfill all their ambitions in the sport with us.

The purpose of this handbook is to inform prospective parents and players of general information about our representative program and outline all key terms, conditions and expectations. It is important that you have read and understood the requirements and obligations should you accept a position into one of our teams.

1.1 Contacts

Your team manager is the first point of contact for most matters. Team management will usually host a Facebook or WhatsApp group to communicate with team parents throughout the season. However, should you need you need to contact an SWMBI staff member directly:

Chris Hort – Basketball Operations Manager (BOM)

First point of contact for team managers and will assist with most administrative matters throughout the season. Chris can also assist parents with any general enquiries if not able to be answered by your team manager including any unresolved issues. bom@southwestbasketball.com.au

Steve Edwards – Director of Coaching

First point of contact for our representative coaches for various coaching, selection and on-court matters. Steve is the primary contact should you need to discuss selection or player-coach related issues, and will act as a liaison between these parties if necessary.

doc@southwestbasketball.com.au

Linda Reid – Accounts Manager

Any questions or issues pertaining to payment of representative fees should be directed to Linda.

accounts@southwestbasketball.com.au

1.2 Junior Representative Committee

The Junior Representative Committee are a volunteer management group who assist with an array of activities during the representative season. A representative from this committee may contact you or the team for various matters during the season including team selections, fundraising, presentations, volunteering etc. The committee may also be called upon to assist with any issues or requests raised by an individual or team.

juniorrep@southwestbasketball.com.au

Katie Bartholomaeus (Committee Chair)

Ben Pope (Committee Member)

Rachel Kent (Committee Member)

Kristy France (Committee Member)

Kristy-Lee Farley (Committee Member)

Steve Edwards (Coaching Director)

Chris Hort (Basketball Operations Manager)

1.3 Key Information Sources

SWM Website – www.piratesbasketball.net.au

SWM Facebook - www.facebook.com/SWMPirates

SWM Instagram - [@southwestmetropirates](https://www.instagram.com/southwestmetropirates)

Basketball Queensland (draws/results, competition info, policies) – www.queensland.basketball



2. Team Trials

- 2.1 Trials for our teams will be held over a minimum of two sessions and are conducted by all head coaches of the trialling age group, with oversight from the SWM Coaching Director. There may be occasions where additional sessions are held as invite-only to assist with finalising team selections.
- 2.2 All participants must have registered online prior and paid the trial fee to be eligible to participate.
- 2.3 All participants must be financial with SWMBI at the time of trials to be eligible to participate.
- 2.4 Any player who last played representative basketball for another association **must** submit to SWMBI an approved *BQ Player Transfer* form prior to trials. Under no circumstance will a player be permitted to trial without this transfer.

If SWMBI is not advised or is misled about a player's previous representative association, and they participate in our trials without the required approved BQ transfer, that player will not be eligible for selection and shall be excluded from trialling for any future SWMBI representative team for a period of two (2) years.
- 2.5 Attendance at all trials is compulsory to be eligible for selection. Extenuating circumstances for absence such as injury or illness can be taken into consideration for team selection, with a submission including evidence required to be sent to the Coaching Director (doc@southwestbasketball.com.au) ASAP prior to trials commencing.
- 2.6 All trials will be held in a 'closed' environment meaning no parents or general spectators will be permitted within the venue for the duration. ***(this policy shall not include Under 12 trials)***

3. Selections, Offers & Season Expectations

Teams will generally consist of 10 players, a Head Coach, an Assistant Coach and a Manager. Adjustments to the number of players selected to a team may be granted at the approval SWM Coaching Director and Junior Representative Committee if requested by the Head Coach. No team will exceed a maximum of 12 players.

SWMBI will nominate 1 to 4 teams per age group and gender to compete in each representative season. The number of teams nominated will be dependent upon meeting Basketball Queensland requirements. These requirements are based primarily on the number of junior players currently registered with the association along with the standard of players, referees, and coaches available within the association.

First team named ***SWM Pirates Gold*** (will grade for Premier League)

Second team named ***SWM Pirates Purple*** (will grade for League 2)

Third team named ***SWM Pirates Red*** (will grade for League 3)

Fourth team named ***SWM Pirates White*** (will grade for League 4)

If SWM have a first team gain automatic qualification to Premier League for a given season, the second team would have an opportunity to also grade for Premier League (head coach's discretion).

- 3.1 Teams will be selected based on several factors, including but not limited to, attitude, commitment, ability and behavioural conduct in line with the association values. Final decisions on player selections are made by the team's head coach in consultation with the SWM Coaching Director and other age group coaches. If required, the Junior Representative Committee may also be consulted for selections.



- 3.2 If your child is selected into a team, an offer will be emailed to the primary address supplied in your trial registration. You will have 48 hours to accept or decline the offer of selection. If no response is received within 48 hours then the offer will be automatically revoked and given to another player. No additional offers will be granted to the player for any team in the age group for that season.

Should you accept the offer, an invoice for a non-refundable deposit will be sent shortly afterward (generally within 3-5 days) and must be paid within 5 days of receipt. Non-payment of the deposit within this timeframe will result in your child's offer being retracted.

3.3 **Team Offer Acceptance Policy**

To ensure the integrity of our trial and selection processes is maintained, and that only those committed to representing SWMBI are involved, it is important to be aware of the following obligations and penalties for withdrawing after accepting a position into one of our teams:

- a) Upon accepting a team offer, you acknowledge that you are liable for the full amount of representative fees for your child even if you later choose to withdraw.
- b) Any player who withdraws (or is removed) from any team after accepting an offer will be prohibited from trialling for any future SWMBI representative team for a period of two (2) years.
- c) Any player who declines, or does not respond to, an offer for our first team (Gold) will be prohibited from trialling for any future SWMBI representative for a period of two (2) years.

3.4 **BQ Registration**

Players must have a current BQ registration with SWMBI prior to the first training session.

3.5 **Mid-season Team Changes**

After initial team selections, SWMBI reserve the right to move players between teams at any stage during the season if:

- A player is absent for a particular round (temporary move)
- A player has withdrawn from a team
- A player/family has requested to drop down to a lower division team

In the case of a player withdrawal SWMBI may bring in a replacement player. Preference for selection of replacement players will be those who initially trialled for that age group.

Any movement of players between teams will only take place after discussion and agreement between the family of the player, coaches of the involved teams, and the Coaching Director.

3.6 **Court Time**

All players and parents should understand prior to joining our representative program that there are no guarantees on the amount of court time a player will receive. Coaching staff have a responsibility to obtain the best possible results for their team, whilst also providing development opportunities for every player. These two ideals are often in conflict and will result in less experienced players receiving less court time than other more experienced players.

Playing time will be determined by the coaching staff, based on players meeting realistic roles and expectations that have been clearly communicated to the player and parents by the coaching staff throughout the season.



4. Uniforms

4.1 Players must own and wear a complete SWMBI uniform when representing our association at representative team training, SQJBC fixtures and during the State Championships.

4.2 Compulsory uniform

On court training uniform consists of:

- *SWM reversible training singlet*

On court playing uniform consists of:

- *SWM polo (for arrival to games)*
- *SWM playing socks*
- *SWM playing shorts (boys - gold, girls - purple)*

When attending games all players must be dressed in a SWM polo and SWM playing shorts.

4.3 Uniform costs are separate to your representative fee. If you do not own any of the above compulsory items they must be purchased ASAP upon team acceptance. Ordering is done via our online store with information to be provided in your letter of offer. Additional or optional Pirates merchandise is also available for purchase.

Please note:

We changed uniform suppliers in 2022 to *Veto Sports*. Any player who has a Pirates polo or training singlet of a previous brand to wear will not be compelled to buy the *Veto Sports* versions of these items. All players however are required to own Veto-branded playing shorts and socks.

5. Fees & Payments

5.1 Summary of fees

	Under 12	Under 14 - 18
<i>Deposit (non-refundable)</i>	\$100.00	\$100.00
<i>Instalment 1</i>	\$180.00	\$205.00
<i>Instalment 2</i>	\$180.00	\$205.00
<i>Instalment 3</i>	\$180.00	\$205.00
<i>Instalment 4</i>	\$180.00	\$205.00
TOTAL	\$820.00	\$920.00

Invoices for fees will be sent soon after team offer acceptance with all due dates to be outlined within.

5.2 Inclusions & exclusions

The season representative fee for your child covers all the following:

- SQJBC team nomination fee
- SQJBC grading tournament fee
- SQJBC season game fees
- SQJBC referee & supervisor fees
- SQJBC finals game fees
- State Championship Wildcard Challenge game fee
- State Championships team nomination fees
- State Championships Referee fees
- Training venue hire (2x 1.5hr sessions p/week, for minimum 4 weeks prior then during season)
- Pirates water bottle



- First aid / sports med officers
- Uniform & equipment levy
- Referee Levy
- Administration levy
- End of season presentation
- Uniforms for team management

The following is *not included* in your representative fee and will be at an additional cost:

- Compulsory uniform items if not already owned
- Any optional or additional uniform/merchandise items
- Any pre-season games organised by team management
- Venue hire for additional training if organised by team management
- State Championships expenses such as travel, accommodation and food*
- State Championships travel and accommodation for team management**

* *dependent on location – costs will vary*

** *two members of coaching/management group are to be covered by the team*

- 5.3 Upon a player's acceptance of selection to a representative team, parents agree to be liable for the entire representative fee to SWMBI. This fee will be invoiced in instalments as outlined in **5.1** and all must be paid by the stipulated due dates. The initial \$100 non-refundable deposit must be paid within 5 days of being invoiced otherwise the player's position in the team will be forfeited.
- 5.4 Invoices will be sent to the parent/guardian email provided in the player's team offer acceptance. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to advise SWMBI if these details change.
- 5.5 If you fail to make payment on an invoice by the stipulated due date, your child will be prevented from further participation until any overdue payment is made.
- 5.6 Parents/Guardians acknowledge that if their child incurs an injury or illness during the season, they remain responsible for entire amount of representative fees. SWMBI will not consider requests for fee reductions where a player is absent for a partial amount of the season.
- SWMBI will only consider requests to reduce fees for a player who has withdrawn from the program where the family has consulted first with team management in a timely manner, and a written submission has been provided outlining reasonable reasons for withdrawing.
- 5.7 Should there be personal circumstances, such as financial hardship, that will inhibit a player's ability to pay representative fees as per the defined schedule, the parent must contact Chris (bom@southwestbasketball.com.au) ASAP to discuss the situation and alternative options. These discussions will be held in the strictest confidence. Parents will be bound to the terms of any alternative plan and their child will be prevented from participation if they are not met.

6. Player Obligations

6.1 Club Competition

Players must be registered to a club and actively participate in our Junior Club Competition while they are an active member of our representative program. Players must maintain **at least a 50% participation rate** of club games in order to continue being eligible for SWMBI representative games/activities – this includes from the time of team selection through to the State Championships.



6.2 Attendance

Attending all training sessions and games is mandatory. It is expected that players attend training even when injured - you may be missing important information by not attending.

If the player cannot attend prior notice must be given to the team coach and/or team manager along with a valid reason to why the player cannot attend. A player with a contagious illness (e.g. flu) should not attend training or a game, however still must notify team management prior.

A player's court time may be affected at the coach's discretion should they not attend training or games without satisfactory reason. Repeated absences may result in the player being removed from the program.

6.3 Abide by the BQ Players Code of Behaviour

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
- Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
- Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature

7. Parent/Guardian Obligations

7.1 Be responsible to provide transport for their child to all training and games.

7.2 Perform scoretable duties for SQJBC and State Championship games - teams must provide 2 scoretable officials for every game. Your team manager will have a roster process in place.

7.3 Only record games or training sessions with the consent of the coaching staff., parents and players.

7.4 Contribute to volunteer roles that assist the running of the team activities Including but not limited to fundraising, event setup/clean-up, uniform washing etc.

7.5 Abide by the BQ Parents Code of Behaviour

- Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.



- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature

7.6 Understand that your actions, along with any other family members, can have consequences that directly affect your child's involvement in our representative program (see **9.2 – Player Entourage**)

8. Social Media

All participants (players, parents/guardians, team staff) must take care with their online activity for anything that relates to SWMBI, its members, and anyone or anything associated with the wider Basketball Queensland community. These general rules must be abided by:

- No swearing or offensive wording
- No inappropriate, defamatory or derogatory pictures, posts or comments
- No confidential information to be posted
- Only truthful information is to be posted
- If someone requests something be removed, it must be removed
- Any offensive comments from the public on your own posts are to be removed immediately

The ***Basketball Queensland Social Media Policy***, available from the Basketball Queensland website, provides a comprehensive framework that all participants must abide by. Any person found to be in contravention of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action by SWMBI, and possibly also by BQ.

9. Player Removal

9.1 SWMBI may at its discretion remove a player from a team anytime during the season due to behaviour or conduct that:

- a) is outside the mission or values of the association
- b) breaches any term or obligation as outlined in this handbook
- c) breaches any Code of Conduct or Policy of SWMBI, BQ or BA

Further sanctions may also apply including refusal to accept a player's nomination to future rep trials and/or suspension from all SWMBI programs. A final decision for removal of a player will be made in consultation with SWMBI Management Committee.



9.2 Player Entourage

In addition to their own conduct, a player is deemed to be responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their entourage who attend any activity or event in which the athlete participates. The expression “entourage” includes parents/guardians, family members, coaches, trainers, friends, and any other person associated with the player.

If it is determined that a breach of any SWMBI/BQ/BA code or Policy has occurred, including any term or obligation outlined in this handbook, by a member of this entourage then it is open to SWMBI to impose penalties on the athlete and family as follows:

- a) immediate removal of the player from further participation in the current representative season, and/or
- b) refusal to accept any nominations from that player or siblings for future representative teams for a specified period, and/or
- c) suspension of the player or entire family from participating in all SWMBI programs for a specified period.

Imposing a penalty on a player for the behaviour of their entourage is to be seen as a last resort for disciplinary action, except in extreme cases, and such action would not be taken without having sought to engage with and counsel the offending person and player in relation to the unacceptable conduct.

9.3 Unfinancial Players

Defaulting on payments of representative fees during the season will result in the player being deemed unfinancial. Players who are unfinancial will be excluded from participating in all SWMBI activities, including both club and representative, until all outstanding debt has been cleared.

10. Personal Injury Liability

10.1 SWMBI shall not be liable for any loss suffered, nor shall it be liable for any damage to property.

10.2 Basketball is a recreational activity that carries injury risk. It can be assumed that personal injury may occur and SWM Basketball shall not be liable for any personal injury suffered.

10.3 SWMBI strongly recommends that all players have private health insurance that covers hospital, ambulance, physio and dental.

10.4 The Civil Liability Act Qld 2003 may be applicable for personal injury claims.

10.5 Insurance Cover

All official SWM club and representative activities, SQJBC games and State Championships games are covered by Basketball Queensland’s insurance program. To have access to this insurance if needed players must ensure they maintain a current BQ registration at all times.

Further Information about BQ’s insurance scheme can be found here –

<https://vinsurancegroup.com/basketball/>



11. Complaints

11.1 Game-day

Incidents and complaints at any Basketball Queensland game must be reported to your Team Manager, who may elect to report it to the Court Controller of the venue if necessary. Paperwork is to be completed at that venue, at the time of the concern. Complaints are formally followed through by the Association hosting the game and BQ if required. This is a BQ process which we accept as part of entering their competitions.

11.2 Internal

Any issue of misconduct by a player, parent, coach, manager, official or spectator associated with SWMBI, that cannot be safely and amicably addressed within the team, should be brought to the attention of the BOM in writing as soon as possible (bom@southwestbasketball.com.au). Depending on the nature of the complaint the BOM may forward to, or work in conjunction with, the Junior Representative Committee, Coaching Director and/or SWMBI Board to address it.

12. SQJBC Information

The South Queensland Junior Basketball Competition (SQJBC) is a representative competition conducted in the south-east region of Queensland. The competition caters for Under 12 to Under 18 age groups in both boys and girls. SQJBC provides a competition pathway for elite junior players representing their associations, with Basketball Queensland's affiliated associations in the south-east Queensland region eligible to enter.

SQJBC is played in a league format with each age group consisting multiple divisions. Generally these divisions comprise of 8 teams with these teams playing each other twice (there can be exceptions at times).

The SQJBC season is split into four sections: *Grading, Regular Season, Wildcard Challenge, Finals Weekend*

Grading

SQJBC Grading Competitions are held late in the previous term to which the regular season is held. These are generally conducted in an elimination format and determine which division a team will play in. The purpose of these grading competitions is to place teams within divisions of equal calibre for the upcoming season.

Regular Season

The SQJBC Regular Season consists of 14 games, although there can be exceptions to this if the division does not have the standard 8 teams competing. These games are played across 7 weekends/rounds – generally on a Sunday with 2 games played per round.

Wildcard Challenge

The Wildcard Challenge is played the weekend following the final regular season round. The Wildcard Challenge provides teams who finished 1st and 2nd in a SQJBC lower division an opportunity to challenge teams who finished 7th and 8th in a higher division for their division spot at the State Championships.

Finals Weekend

The Finals Weekend will take place one week after the Wildcard Challenge. Semi-finals will be played on the Saturday (1st v 4th, 2nd v 3rd) followed by Grand Finals on Sunday.

Players must play a minimum of 40% of games in a team to qualify to play finals for that team. In the case that 40% would not be a round number then the total will be rounded up (i.e. 5.6 games becomes 6 games required).

Confirmed SQJBC dates, venues, draws etc. will be sent to your Team Manager to pass on as soon as this information is available.



13. State Championships Information

The BQ State Championships is the premier representative basketball competition available to junior players in Queensland. Entry nominations are open to all BQ affiliated associations who have competed in the SQJBC, CQJBC or NQJBC representative competitions.

Each tournament is segmented by age group (Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18) while teams are also designated into divisions to allow for strong competition in an even playing field. Each tournament runs for four to five days and teams will generally play a total of 6-8 games over the course.

How it works

There are several divisions at the State Championship in which teams compete - your team's SQJBC division aligns to what State Championship division they will participate in. The previously mentioned Wildcard Challenge can provide an opportunity for your team to participate in a higher division than what they would have initially qualified for (or conversely, a lower division if they lose this game as the higher ranked team).

The competition format has teams play within pools for the first couple of days. At the conclusion of this stage teams will then usually play a series of cross-over finals (quarter finals, semi finals etc) to determine their final placing – hopefully as a State Champion!

Costs

All nomination, game, referee and first-aid costs pertaining to the State Championships are covered in your representative fee.

Any required travel, accommodation and food during this event is of additional cost to the player. Any travel and accommodation for two members of the team management is to also be covered by the team (this cost is shared equally amongst players). The State Championships can be held anywhere in the state, so these costs can vary greatly depending where your age group is held. There will be opportunities for the team to fundraise to offset these costs, and we encourage teams and their parents to get involved and undertake these fundraising initiatives.

Please note there are also daily venue entry fees at the State Championships for parents and spectators (entry is free for players and team management).

Your acceptance of a position in a team for your child confirms you understand and agree to all terms set out within this 2023/24 SWM Junior Representative Parent-Player Handbook.



2023-24 SEASON DATES

Under 18

Term 4, 2023

players born 2007 & 2008

SQJBC Round	Dates
Grading Weekend 1 (PL & L2)	Saturday 2 September or Sunday 3 September
Grading Weekend 2 (L3, L4, L5)	Saturday 9 September or Sunday 10 September
Round 1	Sunday 8 October
Round 2	Sunday 22 October
Round 3	Sunday 29 October
Round 4	Sunday 5 November
Round 5	Saturday 11 November
Round 6	Sunday 12 November
Round 7	Sunday 19 November
Wildcard Challenge	Sunday 26 November
Semi Finals	Saturday 2 December
Grand Finals	Sunday 3 December

State Championships	
10-14 January, 2024	Gold Coast

Under 16

Term 1, 2024

players born 2009 & 2010

SQJBC Round	Dates
Grading Weekend 1 (PL & L2)	Saturday 25 November or Sunday 26 November
Grading Weekend 2 (L3, L4, L5)	Saturday 2 December or Sunday 3 December
Round 1	Sunday 28 January
Round 2	Sunday 4 February
Round 3	Sunday 11 February
Round 4	Sunday 18 February
Round 5	Sunday 25 February
Round 6	Sunday 3 March
Round 7	Sunday 10 March
Wildcard Challenge	Sunday 17 March
Semi Finals	Saturday 23 March
Grand Finals	Sunday 24 March

State Championships	
BOYS	4-7 April, 2024
	Logan
GIRLS	10-13 April
	South West Metro

Under 14

Term 2, 2024

player born 2011 & 2012

SQJBC Round	Dates
Grading Weekend 1 (PL & L2)	Saturday 16 March or Sunday 17 March
Grading Weekend 2 (L3, L4, L5)	Saturday 23 March or Sunday 24 March
Round 1	Sunday 21 April
Round 2	Sunday 28 April
Round 3	Sunday 5 May
Round 4	Sunday 12 May
Round 5	Sunday 19 May
Round 6	Sunday 26 May
Round 7	Sunday 2 June
Wildcard Challenge	Sunday 9 June
Semi Finals	Saturday 15 June
Grand Finals	Sunday 16 June

State Championships	
BOYS	23-26 June, 2024
	Cairns
GIRLS	29 June - 2 July, 2024
	Rockhampton

Under 12

Term 3, 2024

players born 2013 & 2014

SQJBC Round	Dates
Grading Weekend 1 (PL & L2)	Saturday 8 June or Sunday 9 June
Grading Weekend 2 (L3, L4, L5)	Saturday 15 June or Sunday 16 June
Round 1	Sunday 14 July
Round 2	Sunday 21 July
Round 3	Sunday 28 July
Round 4	Sunday 4 August
Round 5	Sunday 11 August
Round 6	Sunday 18 August
Round 7	Sunday 25 August
Wildcard Challenge	Sunday 1 September
Semi Finals	Saturday 7 September
Grand Finals	Sunday 8 September

State Championships	
BOYS	19-23 September, 2024
	Brisbane
GIRLS	21-24 September
	Toowoomba

Basketball Qld Behaviour Framework

Warning Cards



Purpose:

The use of spectator warning cards has been introduced into Basketball Queensland competitions to address poor spectator behaviour that may occur at any time. This gives a visual indication that their behavior has been addressed and warned that any continuation will result in further consequences.

The delivery of this warning card is noted to be more calm and effective from a team manager or team personnel who has a personal relationship with the spectator, rather than an independent person from another association.

Process of Warning Cards:

- Court controller and/or Referee Supervisor to pass on warning card to team manager or team personnel to issue to identified spectator.
- Team manager or team personnel to issue warning card to spectator and advise if behaviour continues, the team will receive a bench technical, and spectator will be ejected from the venue.
- If behaviour continues, the referee supervisor, court controller or BQ staff (if present) will stop the game at the next stoppage and the bench technical will be issued to the respective team bench and spectator will be ejected and removed from the venue. The game is not to restart until that spectator has been removed from the venue.
- If the spectator has received multiple warning cards over the course of a competition, this may result in a competition ban.

RULE	
Match Ball	Molten BG4000 balls preferred; however other Molten balls are permitted provided the outer surface of the ball is made of premium composite leather. No other brand ball is permitted to be used for games. Size 5 for Under 12 Males & Females Size 6 for Under 14 & Above Females and Under 14 Males Size 7 for Under 16, 18 & 21 Males
Max. no of Players	12
Playing numbers	0, 00 & 1 - 99
Scoretable	Each team must supply 2 <u>competent</u> bench officials. Unless there is an agreement between officials, duties are to be allocated as follows: - Team A will be responsible for Game Clock & Shot Clock - Team B will be responsible for Courtside & Chairperson
Warm up	3 minutes
Game time	Under 12 and 14 - 4 x 8 minute quarters fully timed Under 16, 18 and 21 - 4 x 10 minute quarters fully timed
Half time interval	3 minutes
¼ & ¾ intervals	1 minute
Overtime	3 minute periods until result obtained (1 minute break after full time and in between extra time periods)
Time outs per team	Two time outs can be requested during the first half (1 st & 2 nd periods) Three time outs can be requested during the second half (3 rd & 4 th periods). A maximum of two (2) timeouts only can be used during the last two minutes of the second half. Unused time outs may not be carried over to any extra period but each team may be granted one time out for each overtime period.
Time out duration	50 seconds with a 10 second warning. Both teams ready to play after 1 minute
Substitutions	Request must come from the players to the scoretable personnel. For both teams when the ball becomes dead and the game clock is stopped. For both teams when the ball becomes dead after a successful last free throw. For the non scoring team when a field goal is scored in the last two (2) minutes of the fourth period or the last two (2) minutes of each extra period.
24 second shot clock (*NOTE- not to be used in Under 12)	If the game is stopped because of a foul or a violation or for any valid reason committed by the team not in control of the ball, possession shall be retained by the same team that previously had control of the ball. If the resulting throw in is to be administered in the back court the shot clock shall be reset to 24 seconds. If the resulting throw in is to be administered in the front court and 14 seconds or more was displayed on the clock at the time the game stopped then the shot clock will not be reset but remain the same If the resulting throw in is to be administered in the front court and 13 seconds or less is displayed on the shot clock at the time the game was stopped then the shot clock will be reset to 14 seconds. The clock is not reset if the same team retains possession for the following: - Ball having gone out of bounds - Player of the offensive team being injured - Jump Ball Situation - Double Foul - Cancellation of equal penalties against both teams (eg, tech foul for each team) As per current FIBA Rules - following an offensive rebound after a field goal attempt or after a last/only free throw, the shot clock shall be set to 14 seconds.
Technical Foul for use of Foul Language or Derogatory Remarks directed at Officials by Players	Technical fouls for use of foul language or derogatory remarks directed towards officials, where a referee believes an ejection is not warranted, shall result in the player being substituted from the game and sitting five minutes of playing time on the Team Bench, irrespective of score, number of players on the court or remaining time in the game. When the Official calls the technical foul, he/she is also to look at the clock and quote the time remaining, so the scoretable officials can note it on the match report sheet E.g. 7:41 1st quarter, and the player can then re-enter the game at 2.41 or after (via substitution through the bench).