

BARBADOS AMATUER BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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Article 1 Affiliation

All Associations, Clubs, Schools, and Colleges desiring affiliation with the BABA shall apply annually to the Honorary Secretary using the appropriate form.

- 1.1 Yearly Affiliation fees are \$300.
- 1.2 Dates for registration will be announced.
- 1.3 A late fee of an additional \$100 will be incurred for late affiliation.

Article 2 Returns by members

Every Association, Club, School and College (hereinafter referred to as Member) affiliated to the B.A.B.A. shall forward to the Honorary Secretary of the Association two weeks prior to the commencing date of the season a return stating :-

- 2.1 Name of Member.
- 2.2 Name, Mailing Address and Email Address of its President, Secretary, Coaches Contact person(s) and Captain(s).
- 2.3 Names and telephone numbers of not less than two members to be trained as Referees.
- 2.4 Proposed colours of the uniform.
- 2.5 Proposed home court.

Article 3 Communication

The BABA will use any or all of the below methods to communicate with members:

- 3.1 Emails
- 3.2 Telephone calls
- 3.3 Tele fax
- 3.4 Registered mail
- 3.5 (SMS) Text messages
- 3.6 BBM – (where possible)
- 3.7 Whatsapp (where possible)

Please ensure that all relevant contact information is available as the Association will use all means necessary to reach members.

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Article 4 Registration

Each Member shall register with the Honorary Secretary of the B.A.B.A. the name of every player and Coach who will represent the said Association or Club during the season.

- 4.1 A registration fee (to be determined annually) shall accompany each registration, except mini league players who shall register free.
- 4.2 All players participating in any and all BABA tournaments must be covered by the insurance policy offered through the Barbados Olympic Association (BOA).
- 4.3 A player registering with the BABA for the first time shall be classified as a new player and shall be charged an initial administrative fee of \$10.00 to register.
- 4.4 Any player who does not participate in the BABA league tournaments for more than 3 consecutive years shall be considered a new player upon his/her return.
- 4.5 Replacement of player's ID card due to loss, damage or error on the player's behalf will be provided at a replacement cost of \$10.00.
- 4.6 The Council always reserves the right to accept or reject the registration of any Club, player and/or coach.
- 4.7 No individuals i.e. (players, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers or managers) shall be allowed to take part in any BABA sanctioned competition without a valid BABA -ID card, which will be made available 48hrs after receipt of registration fees.
- 4.8 All players must present photos as part of their registration to be used for ID Cards, these photos should mimic those used for passports and should meet the following requirements:
 - i. Images should be head shots ONLY with persons looking directly at the camera and against a plain background (preferably white)
 - ii. File sizes should be at least 21kb
 - iii. All images should be named, grouped and emailed or placed on a flash drive together in one folder.
- 4.9 Clubs must register at least eight (8) players per team. Senior National players must be registered in the most senior Division of their Club. **(A player who would have represented Barbados within the last two (2) years will be considered a National player)**
- 4.10 Players registered in an upper division cannot participate in a lower division.

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4.11 Players are eligible to participate in an upper division for a maximum of 2 games during the league. On playing their third game that player will remain in that upper division for the duration of the season.

Combined Schools players are not limited to the amount of times they can play up in their higher division(s) however, they cannot be registered in the higher division and play down in a lower one.

4.12 Should a Club register more than one team in a particular division, players of those teams **cannot** switch zones. These stipulations apply to all competitions.

4.13 Before the beginning of the Premier playoffs, each team must submit a roster of a MAXIMUM of 15 Players. These 15 players must include the initial registered premier league players, plus any player from the lower division that “played up” during the season. If there were no players who played up during the season, then you are allowed to add players to the roster not exceeding 15.

4.13.1 If the players on the roster are from your lower division team, they are allowed to play any amount of playoff games without any penalties.

4.13.2 Any registered lower division player who played their 2 stipulated games in premier during the league, can be listed on the roster and play during the playoffs without any penalties.

4.14 Should a Club register more than one team in a particular division, players of those teams **cannot** switch zones. These stipulations apply to all competitions. **This rule also applies to Combined Schools Teams**

4.15 Women are **not** allowed to play in the men’s league and vice versa.

4.16 In the case of the Men’s Knockout Competitions, players are restricted from participating in both Junior and Senior Knockout.

4.17 All players in the B.A.B.A s tournaments must be bona-fide members of the Association, Club, School or College for which they are competing and must be registered players of the B.A.B.A. A School or College player may represent his/her School in the School League and any Club as long as he/she is a bona-fide member of said Club and adheres to the regulation regarding registration under his/her section.

4.18 No player shall play for more than one Member Association and/or Club in any one season.

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- 4.19** A fee to be determined by the Council will be incurred for late registration. Final dates of registration will be announced by the B.A.B.A.
- 4.20** Each team must have a named coach who is separate and distinct from a player/coach. They will pay a registration fee that will be determined on a yearly basis by the Executive Council. This fee should accompany the club's registration.
- 4.21** All Premier Division coaches, assistant coaches and/or player coaches must hold at minimum, FIBA Level 1 certification or equivalent to act as Head Coach of a team competing in the Competitions of the BABA.
- 4.22** No more than 4 persons may sit on the team bench as team officials. These persons must pay a registration fee that will be determined on a yearly basis by the Executive Council. This fee should accompany the clubs registration.
- 4.23** The season shall run from January 1st to December 31st in any year. At December of the current year, all registration shall lapse and cease to be of any effect.
- 4.24** Any Club, Coach, player or team member violating articles 4.1 to 4.17 will be subject to disciplinary action by the Association.

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Article 5 Competitions Organized by the BABA

5.1 The BABA **SHALL** organize and manage the following competitions:

- 1) **The BABA's League Competitions** are the major tournaments organised by the B.A.B.A and shall form the basis of any promotion and relegation in the following League:
 - i. Premier Division League
 - ii. 1st Division League
 - iii. 2nd Division League
 - iii. Women's Division League

- 2) **The School Tournament**

The league tournament for Schools.

- 3) **Junior Tournaments**

- i. U16 League
- ii. U19 League

- 4) **The Knockout Tournament/ President's Cup**

A one round tournament, the number of which during the season is determined by the Council.

- 5) **3X3 Tournaments**

This tournament will be for seniors and juniors both male and female.

- 6) **The Invitation Tournament**

Is a specifically sponsored tournament organised by the B.A.B.A at which various teams will be selected for participation.

The Council has the right to determine the amount, type and length of each tournament to be held from season to season and teams must participate in all official tournaments of the B.A.B.A. for which they are fixtured.

5.2 Affiliated members shall be responsible for the organization and management of their individual out of season competitions, with the **PRIOR** approval of the **BARBADOS AMATUER BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**. **Requests are to be submitted to the Association's Secretary no less than four (4) weeks before the competition starts.**

The competition should not be published until sanctioned by the Executive Council.

A fee to be determined by council may be charged for sanctioning any competition. In the event that the Prize Money is awarded, this money may be lodged with the Executive Council.

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All local competitions must be completed by December 31st in the year commenced. Council reserves the right to charge a Caution Fee that will be forfeited if the competition is not completed by that date.

- 5.3 Players registered with the Barbados Amateur Basketball Association **SHALL not, under any circumstances**, play in any competition which has not been sanctioned by the BABA. Registered leagues/Clubs shall be informed of all tournaments which have been sanctioned by the BABA. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a disciplinary action / penalty against the offending party / parties.
- 5.4 Organizers of all leagues and other tournaments sanctioned by the BABA **MUST** provide the BABA with relevant Tournament Rules, fixtures, results of games and other material relevant to the conduct of the tournament. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a disciplinary action / penalty against the offending party / parties.
- 5.5 Under no circumstances **SHALL** Leagues or Clubs allow persons/players to participate in competitions under assumed names. Leagues, clubs or players who are found guilty of such infractions shall be liable to disciplinary action by the BABA.
- 5.6 Organizers of all Leagues and tournament **SHALL** ensure that all players registered to in their competitions show appropriate identification when required to do so.
- 5.7 Clubs, coaches, players under suspension or barred by the BABA shall not be permitted to participate in these tournaments.

Article 6 Dress Code

The Dress Code will be that as set out in the Rules and Regulations of F.I.B.A. In addition, note that:

- 6.1 Socks must be worn and seen no less than two inches above the rim of the shoes.
- 6.2 **Compression shirts, if worn, must be of the same dominant colour as the team jerseys or white or black.**
- 6.3 **Compression sleeves must be of the same dominant colour as the team Jerseys, black or white. Compression stockings shall also be of the same dominant colour as the shorts or black. There must be a visible break between the tights and the socks.**
- 6.4 The team socks must be uniform.
- 6.5 Warm up gear must be part of the team s uniform.
- 6.6 All players (including women) must place their shirts inside their playing shorts during a game.
- 6.7 Playing shorts must **not** be worn below the hips.

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For all games:-

The **first team** named in the programme shall wear the **light coloured shirts** (preferably white).

The **second team** named in the programme shall wear **dark coloured shirts**.

Article 7 Choice of basket

- 7.1 Home team sits on left of official's desk and the away team sits on the right, teams warm up opposite their bench.
- 7.2 Teams failing to comply with these regulations will be deemed to have forfeited the game during which the breach of these occurred.

Article 8 Organisational Rules

- 8.1 Teams taking part in one or more of the B.A.B.A. s competitions shall be under obligation to respect the times set for engagements. Where the B.A.B.A. schedules two games at the same venue, one after the other:
 - I. All Clubs and Officials taking part in the **FIRST GAME MUST** arrive 20 minutes prior to the game time.
 - II. All Clubs and Officials taking part in the **SECOND GAME MUST** arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled time of that game.
 - III. A grace period of fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled time will be permitted, after which the offending team will be deemed to have forfeited the game, if they are unable to field the mandatory five (5) players.
 - IV. Team rosters must be completed and submitted 15 minutes before the schedule start time of the game.
- 8.2 Any game abandoned after the completion of the first half shall be continued from the point at which it was abandoned, at the earliest opportunity.
- 8.3 All Clubs **MUST** pay official fees at those games where entrance fees are not collected. These fees shall be paid before the start of the game. All Clubs failing to comply with this rule will be deemed to have forfeited the game during which the breach of this rule occurred.

Official's fees are \$25.00 per team and include fees for One (1) official scorer who will score in the official BABA scorebooks.

- 8.4 All Team officials and players must present their official BABA ID-Cards before the commencement of Games when presenting their team roster. Failure to produce the ID-Card/s will result in the team official and/or player being denied the opportunity to participate in said Game.

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- 8.5 Teams forfeiting any fixtured game must pay, to the Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer of the B.A.B.A. the official fees for both teams for that game, within 48 hours or before the next scheduled game.
- 8.6 Any team forfeiting three games without satisfactory excuse(s) will be automatically banned from that year's competition. Additionally, in the following season, if their application for registration is accepted by the Executive Council, that team shall be demoted to participate in the lowest division.
- 8.7 A club that is found to have played a player not registered will forfeit the game, in the first offence. The second offence will have such team removed from all competitions for the balance of the year.
- 8.8 A club that is found to have played a player without submitting the required transfer form will forfeit the game, in the first offence. The second offence, the player will be removed from all competitions for the balance of the year and the club will be fined (fine to be determined by council).
- 8.9 Any team who forfeits a playoff game or finals of any tournament will be fined (fine to be determined by council).

Article 9 Notification

- 9.1 Clubs must be given at least 48 hours' notice of changes in fixtures in which they are directly involved.
- 9.2 During Playoffs and Knockout rounds, Clubs may be given a minimum of 24 hours' notice for games.
- 9.3 Clubs requesting to have games postponed or rescheduled should give the Honorary Secretary/Organising Secretary at least 2 weeks' notice where possible of such intentions in writing and specify the reasons for their request.
- 9.4 The BABA will give consideration to deaths.

The BABA reserves the right to decline any such request.

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Article 10 Responsibility

- 10.1** No Member may participate in any competition outside those organized and/or sanctioned by the B.A.B.A., be it local or overseas without its permission.
- 10.2** Every Member shall be responsible to the Council for the action/s of its officials, players and spectators. They are required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators and/or players threatening and/or assaulting officials and/or players during and/or after a game.

Discipline

- 10.2.1** In the event of any member being proved, to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee, to have been guilty of violation of the laws of the game, rules or regulations of the B.A.B.A. or misconduct, the Council acting on behalf of the Disciplinary Committee shall have the right to impose sanctions on the party at fault. These sanctions may be of a Disciplinary and/or financial character. A fine not exceeding \$500 may be imposed.
- 10.2.2** Further, if a player or coach is suspended during the course of a game, the Official shall forward the identification card of the player or coach, if available, along with his report to The Secretary of the Officials Association within 48 hours. The Secretary of the Officials Association shall forward this report to the Honorary Secretary of the B.A.B.A. as soon as possible afterwards, but in any event not later than 1 week afterwards.
- 10.2.3** There will no longer be any automatic 1 game suspensions for the below situations, all matters will be sent before the disciplinary committee, who will then determine the penalty/penalties for the individuals involved.

Players who:

- 10.2.4** Are disqualified and expelled from the vicinity of the court for having 2 technical fouls or 2 unsportsmanlike fouls will no longer receive the automatic 1 game suspension and shall be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 10.2.5** Are disqualified from the court for misconduct towards one of the Referees shall no longer receive the automatic 1 game suspension and shall be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee.
- 10.2.6** Assault any Referee or Assistant at any time or destroy the score sheets or other property of the B.A.B.A. shall be eliminated for the remainder of the season. The Disciplinary Committee may recommend a further suspension.

Team Officials:

- 10.2.7** If a Coach, assistant coach, manager or team assistant, is disqualified and expelled from the vicinity of the court for having 2 or 3 technical fouls, he/she shall be sanctioned by the Disciplinary Committee.

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- 10.2.8** In the event that any Member fails in their responsibility to prevent spectators and/or players threatening and/or assaulting a officials and/or players during and/or after a game at their home court, the B.A.B.A reserves the right after investigation to suspend all games at that venue for a stated period, where such venue becomes unsafe to players, officials and/or members of the public.

Article 11 Protests and Complaints

Any Club and/or player may petition the B.A.B.A. to assist in the dispute with another Club and/or player.

If, during a BABA official competition, a team believes its interests have been adversely affected by a breach of a rule by an official [referee or umpire(s)] during a game, it must proceed in the following manner:

11.1 The captain (CAP) of that team shall:

11.1.1 Immediately at the point of the game where the breach takes place, 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*'.

11.1.2 To make this protest valid, it is necessary for the official representative of the Club / team to give confirmation of this protest in writing, and deliver a signed document with the accompanying funds within 48hrs of the end of the game directly to the Honorary Secretary of the BABA or a representative.

11.1.3 Detailed explanations are not necessary. It is sufficient to write: '*Club X protests against the result of the game between the teams X and Y*'. Then he shall deposit with the BABA representative or with the President, a sum equivalent to BDS \$150.00 as security, and a non-refundable fee of BDS \$30.00.

If the protest was successful, the security will be refunded.

11.2 The referee shall, within twenty four (24) hours following the end of the game, report the incidents which lead to the protest, to the BABA representative or to the Honorary Secretary.

11.3 A meeting will be convened by the disciplinary or Technical Committee depending on the nature of the complaint and the decision of that committee will be binding on the BABA.

11.4 Should the Club or team in question, or the opposing team or club, not be in agreement with the decision of the Disciplinary or Technical Committee, it may then address an appeal to the Executive council of the BABA. To make this appeal valid, it must be made, in writing, within twenty (24) hours following the delivery of the decision of the Disciplinary or Technical Committee accompanied by a deposit to a BABA representative or President, a sum equivalent to BDS \$150.00 as security, and a non-refundable fee of BDS \$30.00.

The executive council will review the case and judge the appeal.

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- 11.5** Should the Club or team in question, or the opposing team or club, not be in agreement with the decision of the executive council, it may then address a final appeal to the Arbitration Committee of the Barbados Olympic Association Inc. To make this appeal valid, it must be made, in writing, within twenty (24) hours following the delivery of the decision of the Executive Council and be accompanied by a deposit equivalent to Barbados Dollars \$500, as security. The Arbitration Committee of the BOA shall judge the appeal in the last instance, and its decision shall be final. The decisions of the Arbitration Committee of the BOA are binding on all parties.
- 11.6** Videos, films, pictures or any equipment, visual, electronic, digital, or otherwise, may be only to:
- 11.6.1** Decide if a last shot for a field goal at the end of each period or each extra period was released during playing time and/or whether that shot for a field goal counts for two (2) or three (3) points.
 - 11.6.2** Determine responsibility in matters of discipline or for educational (training)

Article 12 Promotions, Relegations & Team Standings

Please note that the Combined School teams are not subject to demotion.

12.1 Premier League Division

- 12.1.1** There will be **NO** demotion from the Premier Division at the end of the for the 2023 Season.

12.2 First Division

- 12.2.1** The team winning the promotional League under the premier league will be promoted to the Premier Division.
- 12.2.2** If after having won the First Division League, a Club fails or refuses to advance to the Premier Division, the BABA Executive Council shall have the right to sanction that Club by barring that Club from any BABA sanctioned competition for a period of two years. Furthermore, should this Club and/or members of this club attempt to register with five (5) or more registered players of the sanctioned Club, the BABA Executive Council reserves the right to prohibit their participation.
- 12.2.3** With the exception to the Combined Schools Team, clubs registered in the Premier League cannot register a team in this Division.
- 12.2.4** Clubs without a premier league team, but more than 2 teams must register one of those teams in the First Division.

The format will be determined based on number of teams registered.

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12.3 Second Division

This Division shall comprise of teams that are not eligible for promotion and have no desire to be promoted.

- 12.3.1 Clubs can register one or more teams in the Second Division provided they have a team already registered in either the Premier or First Division.

The format will be determined based on number of teams registered.

12.4 Women's Division

Format to be determined based on number of teams registered.

Article 13 Transfer of Players

Please note that a transfer fee is not applicable for a player leaving the Combined School teams. However, the form must be submitted with their registration.

- 13.1 Any player transferring from one club/team to another must do so via a **TRANSFER FORM**, which shall be submitted at the time of the registration of transferee with the requisite fee of \$10.00 or as determined by the BABA.
- 13.2 A player may not change his/her team registration during any one season.
- 13.3 A club may not refuse to sign a transfer form for frivolous reasons. Any player whose club/team refuses to sign a transfer form has the right of appeal to the BABA.
- 13.4 All relevant subscriptions must be fully paid up. N.B. The BABA will only recognise subscriptions which are outstanding for one year or less.
- 13.5 All personal financial obligations between the player and the Club, as stated in writing and agreed to by the player and the club with an affixed signature of both parties, are resolved.
- THE BABA SHALL NOT RECOGNISE CLAIMS BY CLUBS FOR COMPENSATION OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REMEDIAL WORK FOR INJURIES SUFFERED BY PLAYERS WHILST PROVIDING THEIR SERVICES TO CLUBS.**
- 13.6 At the completion of or release from national duty, national youth selectees must return to their original Clubs and be transferred, if so desirous, in the same manner as a normal transfer.
- 13.7 Where players were primarily attached to a youth team / Club, Clubs **SHALL** follow the procedure for the transfer of youth players.

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- 13.8** Players under the age of eighteen at the time of transfer request cannot transfer, unless the written permission of their parent or guardian is obtained and a mutually agreed to transfer fee is paid to the player's Club.
- 13.9** Where Clubs cannot agree to the fee to be paid, the BABA shall, after consultation with both parties, determine the applicable fee. Such determination **SHALL** be binding on **ALL** parties.
- 13.10** Clubs **SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED** to frustrate the transfer of players.
- 13.11** The BABA **MUST** approve all transfers and the relevant fees paid in order to affect the transfer.
- 13.12** Clubs **SHALL NOT** implement rules or policies which conflict with the Constitution of the Barbados Amateur Basketball Association.

In any such instances the Constitution, Rules and Bye-Laws of the BABA SHALL take precedent.

Article 14. Regulations Governing Anti-Doping

- 14.1** The Barbados Amateur Basketball Association condemns, and is totally opposed to, the use of performance enhancing drugs and doping practices in the sport of basketball and fully supports the position of the International Olympic Committee, the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and FIBA against the use of banned substances and methods.

The BABA has adopted an Anti-Doping Policy as prescribed by FIBA Clean Game which is freely available from the FIBA Website. As part of the BABA Anti-Doping programme ALL players competing in BABA Competitions may be subjected to drug testing by the NADO at any time during the season.

Everyone involved within basketball; players, coaches, administrators or team mates have a duty to ensure that players are aware of their own responsibility and accountability. Each player is personally responsible for any prohibited substance found in their system – regardless of how it got there.

Players should:

Stay up to date with the latest WADA Prohibited List of substances and methods.

- Check the status of any substance before using it
- Inform all medical personnel that you must abide by anti-doping rules and that any medical treatment you receive must not violate these rules.

ALL member Clubs are directed to obtain and follow the FIBA's Policy on Doping

- 14.1.1** The BABA reserves the right to carry out doping tests during any competition it organizes and/or sanctions. This policy extends to training sessions and to registered players and officials.

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14.1.2 Such Tests may be carried out at any or all matches during any competition.

14.1.3 All players/officials listed on a team scoresheet shall be subject to doping control during a game.

The BABA will apply sanctions as contained in the FIBA Code listed at <http://fiba.com/downloads/Regulations/2012/FIBABook4AG.pdf>

These Rules and Regulations are hereby amended and ratified by the Executive Council the 18th day of February 2023.

