



League Rules 2018/2019

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Welcome to the Youth Basketball League C.I.C. (YBL). Enclosed within this booklet are the rules for the running of the leagues under the jurisdiction of the YBL.

Participation in the YBL indicates you agree to the principles and the rules set by the Board of Directors and will agree to abide by them.

YBL Principles

- I. The spirit of the game is to be upheld in a friendly manner by all involved
- II. We encourage competitive games with sportsmanlike behaviour
- III. We expect all involved to promote the game you love and the YBL in a respectful and positive attitude

IV. Have fun!

Rule One – General Information and Miscellaneous

- 1.1 All games will be played in accordance to the rules laid down by Basketball England (BE), unless otherwise stated within these rules.
- 1.2 All YBL leagues shall run in accordance with the league [calendar](#).
- 1.3 Leagues are determined by the YBL but dependent upon number of entries and their geographical location.
- 1.4 In the event of two or more teams finishing with identical points, the league standings will first be decided by head to head of those two or more teams. Then points difference (across the league), if the head to head is identical.
- 1.5 The Board of Directors has the right to send a commissioner to any game with or without notice.
- 1.6 All teams must complete a Club and Team(s) Entry Form prior to the start of each season, to reach the Administrative Director no later than the date stated on the Entry Form, accompanied by the correct Entry Fee.
- 1.6 The fixtures, tip-off time and venue will be recorded on the YBL website. It is your responsibility to advise and inform the Administrative Director of any changes to this information.
- 1.7 If you have been sent an email or a letter through the post, you must respond to it within the time scale stated.
- 1.8 It is the responsibility of the home team to confirm with their opponent asking for confirmation of their game at least one week prior to their fixture.

Rules Two: Part One - Registration of Players

- 2.1 All players must be registered with Basketball England (BE).
- 2.2 All players registration details must be provided to the Fixture Secretary prior to their first game.
- 2.3 Players who are not registered with BE and the YBL are not permitted to play any game under the jurisdiction of the YBL.
- 2.4 If a game has been played with an unregistered player, the game will be automatically awarded to the opposition with a 'Default Win'. A fine of up to £20 may be incurred per player.
- 2.5 Any player joining the team after the initial registration needs to be registered using the [Online Form](#).
- 2.6 No new registration of players will be accepted after March 31.

Rules Two: Part Two – Eligibility of Players

- 2.7 U11 leagues there are no National League (NL) players permitted.
- 2.8 U13 leagues there are no NL players permitted.
- 2.9 U15 leagues a team is able to register unlimited amount of U14 NL players, however, there will be no more than two named U14 NL players, as listed on your Player Registration Form and approved by the YBL Board of Directors to be played in any one game.
- 2.10 U17 leagues a team is able to register unlimited amount of U16 NL players, however, there will be no more than two named U14 NL players, as listed on your Player Registration Form and approved by the YBL Board of Directors to be played in any one game. U14 NL players do not count to your quota.
- 2.11 U19 leagues U17 leagues a team is able to register unlimited amount of U18 NL players, however, there will be no more than three named U18 NL players, as listed on your Player Registration Form and approved by the YBL Board of Directors to be played in any one game. U14 and U16 NL players do not count to your quota.
- 2.12 Development Men and Development Women's leagues there are no senior NL players permitted. However, you are permitted to have unlimited junior NL players.
- 2.12.1 Development Men's League can have registered up to two senior players from the second divisions of any senior local league team. For example, Division 1 of the West Midlands Basketball League or Division 2 of the Warwickshire Basketball League. This must be stated on your Player Registration Form.
- 2.12.2 Conference Men's league can have registered up to two senior players from the top division of any senior local league team. For example, Premier League of the West Midlands Basketball League or Division 1 of the Warwickshire Basketball League. This must be stated on your Player Registration Form.
- 2.13 Premier Women's Division, there are no restrictions on NL players.
- 2.14 Conference Men's leagues a team is able to register an unlimited amount of NL players, however, only two are permitted on the scoresheet to play in any one game.
- 2.15 Teams of clubs who are eligible to play NL players will not be able to register new NL players after November 31.
- 2.16 A player who has been registered and played NL (at any level), may wish to join a YBL team, they may do so if they no longer play at the NL level at the discretion of the Board. We will not accept any request for joining after November 31.
- 2.18 Transfer between teams at the same club at the age group, can be done using the Online Form, however, they will not be able to transfer back to their original team.
- 2.19 Player transfer between clubs will require Board approval and the agreement of both clubs. Players cannot play for the new club until confirmation has been received from the YBL.

- 2.20 A player may play for another YBL club at a different age group if their home club does not offer that age category.
- 2.21 A player must have played three regular season games to be eligible to play in any play-off and championship games. The YBL will hear appeals for players out with injuries.

Rules Three - Coaches

- 3.1 All coaches must be registered with Basketball England (BE).
- 3.2 All coach registration details must be provided to the Fixture Secretary prior to their first game.
- 3.3 Coaches who are not registered with BE and the YBL are not permitted to coach any game under the jurisdiction of the YBL.
- 3.4 If a game has been played with an unregistered coach, the game will be automatically awarded to the opposition with a default win of 20-0. A fine of up to £30 may be incurred per coach.
- 3.5 Any coach joining the team after the initial registration needs to be registered using the [Online Form](#).
- 3.6 You must have at least one Level 2 coach, aged 18 or over, to coach any YBL game. A Level 1 may coach under the direct supervision of a Level 2 or above coach.

Rules Three – Officials

- 3.7 All officials must be registered with Basketball England (BE).
- 3.8 All officials must register with the YBL, either through the Club Registration Form or through the online form. Registration is required to meet GDPR (Data Protection) 2018.
- 3.9 Officials are required to wear either YBL uniform or BE uniform (uniform available via the YBL website).
- 3.10 You must have two qualified Table Officials (TO) for any YBL game. One must be Level 2 or above.
- 3.10.1 Only a Level 3 TO is permitted to officiate solo.
- 3.11 You must have two qualified referees for any YBL game. One must be Level 2 or above.
- 3.12 It is the home club's responsibility to confirm attendance of the officials prior to any game (this includes any officials assigned by the YBL using Assignr).
- 3.13 It is the home club's responsibility to provide a match ball and table equipment.
- 3.14 It is the home club's responsibility to pay all officials.
- 3.15 The YBL are working hard to raise the standard of all YBL officials, which includes some games being officiated by three manned crews (3PO) for both referees and table officiating, this will not just benefit the YBL, but, the larger basketball community as a whole.
- 3.16 Clubs are to provide officiating feedback on your games when submitting online result.
- 3.17 The crew chief for any game is to provide game feedback using the online form after seeking feedback from the officiating team.
- 3.18 The Development and Officiating Teams within the YBL will evaluate feedback forms and scoresheets for team/official development and provide support and feedback where appropriate.

Rule Four – Fixtures and Fixture Rearrangements

- 4.1 Fixtures will be issued by the Fixtures Secretary by July 31.
- 4.2 All clubs have until the 1st September to rearrange any unsuitable fixtures with agreement of the opposition and must inform the Fixtures Secretary of the new agreed date. The Rearrangements Dates are not to be used by clubs.
- 4.3 Once the season has commenced any cancellations must be made using the Online Game Change Form;
 - 4.3.1 Up to 14 days or more before the scheduled date there is no charge to clubs, providing that the cancelling team has informed the referees appointed, if any, their opponents and the Fixtures Secretary.
 - 4.3.1.1 If the rearranged fixture falls within the same week, seven days before or after the original date, both clubs are responsible for organising two referees, regardless if there were referees appointed. If the rearranged date is more than seven before or after the original date and if the game requires officials to be appointed, the league will appoint the officials.
 - 4.3.2 With less than fourteen days notice to the Fixture Secretary using the Online Game Change Form then the Fixtures Secretary will use one of the published Rearrangement Dates.
 - 4.3.2.1 However, less than 48 hours notice before the schedule tip the cancelling team will forfeit the game and incur a fine not exceeding £30.00 on the first occasion, £50.00 on the second occasion and £70.00 on the third occasion. However, on the third occasion, you will be required to appear in front of the Board of Directors.
 - 4.3.3 At any point upon completion of the Online Game Change Form a new fixture date must be provided and agreed by both teams at the point of the cancellation. However, if **no new fixture date** is given the Fixtures Secretary will then use one of your Rearrangement Days and you will incur a fee of £30.00.

4.4 Fixtures, on any day, cannot tip later than;

League	Latest Tip
Under 11s	17.00 hrs
Under 13/15s	19:00 hrs

Under 17/19s	20:15 hrs
Senior Games	20:30 hrs

- 4.5 Fixture results must be sent to the using the online form by 23.59 on the day of the fixture.
- 4.6 Scoresheets must be sent within three days of the fixture to scoresheets@ybl.org.uk
- 4.7 Match points will be as follows: Win 3, Loss 1, Forfeit/Void/Default 0.
- 4.8 In the event of a team withdrawal before December 31, those fixtures (and points, if any) shall be deleted from the league. If the team withdraws after the January 1, those fixtures will be awarded to the opposition with a 20-0 win.

Definition of Terms

Forfeit and Default please see FIBA Article 20 and 21.

Rule Five – Score Sheets

- 5.1 All score sheets must meet BE/FIBA standards for the required TO level.
- 5.2 Once registered as a TO within the YBL, you will be sent a link to FIBA rules and provided with a link to the YBL TO Help Sheet.
- 5.3 The home team must complete the online score submission by 23.59 on the day of the fixture.
- 5.4 All original score sheets must be scanned/photographed and sent to the scoresheets@ybl.org.uk within three days of the fixture.

Rule Six – Officials’ Fees

- 6.1 All game officials shall be reimbursed their traveling expenses and shall receive a fee according to the following scale: Travel by car will be 25p per mile, up to the maximum claim for each league as set out below.

		OFFICIALS’ TARRIF						
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	L3 Solo	Level 4	Level 5	Maximum Claim
Under 11 & 3on3 CVLs	Referee	£15.00	£25.00	£25.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	Set Rate
	Table	£15.00	£20.00	£20.00	£25.00	N/A	N/A	Set Rate
Other Leagues	Referee	£10.00	£16.00	£17.00		£18.00	£20.00	£30.00
	Table	£5.00	£10.00	£12.00	£15.00	N/A	N/A	£30.00
Senior Leagues	Referee	N/A	£16.00	£17.00		£18.00	£20.00	£30.00
	Table	N/A	£10.00	£12.00	£15.00	N/A	N/A	£30.00

- 6.1.2 Officials can only claim one set of travel expenses if officiating more than one game for the same club at the same venue, this can be split between games.
- 6.2 The home team is responsible for payment of all officials for each game.
- 6.3 Referees who officiate a game on their own will charge their fee and travel, to the maximum claim, plus half the rate for their level (this may take them over the maximum claim).
- 6.3.1 A Level 1 Referee is not permitted to officiate on their own.
- 6.4 Set rate for officials at events laid on by the YBL will be given in advance of any event if not included in the officials’ tariff above.
- 6.5 CVL and 3on3 events fees are set fate which includes travel.

Rule Seven - Referees

- 7.1 To officiate within the YBL, you must complete the YBL Officials’ Form to have your details displayed on the website and to be used in Assignr. This is in line with the new GDPS laws and regulations. Once registered as a referee within the YBL, you will be sent a link to FIBA rules and provided with a link to the YBL Help Sheet.
- 7.2 Referees who have undertaken and passed their referee course may officiate in a game to obtain one of their three signatures towards their game total. However, their co-official will need to be a substantiated level 2 or above.
- 7.3 Referees will be appointed to games in the U19, Development League, Senior Leagues and any event run by the YBL.
- 7.4 Appointment of referees will be done using Assignr. It is the referees’ responsibility to keep their availability updated.
- 7.5 The crew chief is to provide game feedback using the online form.
- 7.6 A referee who fails to attend an appointed game by the YBL will incur a £20.00 personal fine.
- 7.7 If a coach, player or team follower has been disqualified or ejected through technical or unsportsmanlike fouls both officials need to send their report for the attraction of the Officials Director within 24 hours of the incident.
reports@ybl.org.uk

Rule Eight – The Game

- 8.1 It is recommended that BE court marking requirements are met. 28m L x 15m W (EB/FIBA 2017 Court Markings).

U11 CVL Games

- 8.2 Under 11 games will be cross court.
- 8.2.1 If you are playing cross-court: sidelines, baselines and free-throw lines must be clearly marked out. Cross-court games are only allowed for regular YBL season games for the U11 leagues.
- 8.2.2 Zone defence is not permitted.
- 8.2.3 Full court press is only permitted upon the agreement of both coaches prior to the commencement of the game. If an agreement cannot be reached, then full court press is not allowed.
- 8.2.4 Under 11 games in the CVL format will be 4 on 4, this includes the play-off and finals.
- 8.2.5 Under 11 squads will be made up of eight players per game.
- 8.2.6 If a team arrives to a CVL with less than eight players, at the beginning of the tournament, they must nominate, one player for each game, that play both halves. This cannot be the same person in subsequent games.
- 8.2.7 In subsequent CVLs if your team continues with less than eight players, the rotation as above, will start with the player not nominated in the previous CVL.
- 8.2.8 Under 11 games will not have any substitutions apart from injuries.
- 8.2.9 Quarter-Final, Semi Finals (if any) and Finals will be as above, however, the games will be four quarters of five minutes.
- 8.2.10 During any CVL Final game, the substitutes will be as follows; 1st period – first four payers, 2nd period – 2nd set of four players and period 3 and 4 can be substituted as and when required.

3on3 Games

- 8.3 3on3 Girls CVL will be played on half court into the same basket.
- 8.3.1 Four players per team, three on court at any time.
- 8.3.2 Rolling substitutions, when the ball is dead (out of bounds)
- 8.3.3 One time out allowed per ten-minute game (one in overtime, if any).
- 8.3.4 You must have a qualified & registered coach present at each game.
- 8.3.5 The Finals 3on3 game will be two halves of ten minutes.
- 8.3.6 Games will be based on a league table as per normal YBL games.
- 8.3.7 Initial possession will be decided on a coin flip. Team winning coin flip will decide offence or defence to start. Should the game go into overtime the team who did not start the game with possession will start the overtime with possession.
- 8.3.8 There will be a 14 second shot clock on all offenses.
- 8.3.9 Scoring will be 3 point, 2 point and one point as per FIBA rules.
- 8.3.10 Shooting fouls – there will be one shot only, worth either 3point or 2point in relation to where the foul was committed. Should a foul be called and the basket be good, there will be an additional shot for 1 point.
- 8.3.11 There will be no team fouls.
- 8.3.12 There will be no personal fouls, however standard rules for a technical, unsportsmanlike foul will still apply as per FIBA rules.
- 8.3.13 Possession following successful basket is defence possession ball to be dribbled/passed out past the 3 point line – unchallenged – new defending team can engage their defence once the ball has cleared the 3 point line.
- 8.3.14 A dead ball out of bounds the new offensive team starts possession from the centre of the 3 point line regardless of where the ball went out of play.
- 8.3.15 If the defence rebound or steal the ball, once in their possession the ball must be taken past the 3 point line, this can be challenged by the new defensive team.
- 8.3.16 Any jump ball situation will result in defence possession. This does not affect who starts possession in any period of overtime.
- 8.3.17 Definition of the clearing the ball past the 3 point line – the ball has to be bounced in the area between the three point line and the centre line/side line.

Zone Defense and Half Court Rules

- 8.4 U13 Leagues - Zone defence is not permitted - once a twenty-point lead occurs, the leading team must play half-court defense.
- 8.5 U15 Leagues - Zone defense is permitted (however the YBL do not recommend this) - once a twenty-point lead occurs, the leading team must play half-court defense.
- 8.5.1 Zone defence is only permitted in the first and third period in the U15, U17 and U19 Leagues.
- 8.6 Zone defence is permitted at U17 and above (including senior games). There is no half court rule.
- 8.7 The court must be available for a warm up of at least fifteen minutes before tip-off (this rule does not apply to CVL format games).
- 8.8 Each league will play with the correct size indoor basketball of game quality as set out by BE.

League	Size
Under 11	Five
U13 Boys/Women	Six
Other games	Seven

8.9 The format for each season will be as follows:

League	Quarter Time (Overtime in minutes)	Basket Size	Stop Clock	Time-Outs
Under 11 CVL Games	5 Minutes Halves (1)	8ft Baskets	Running Clock (except fouls)	No
Under 11 Championship Games	5 Minute Quarters (2)	8ft Baskets	Stop Clock	Yes
3on3 Girls	10 Minute Games (5)	10ft Baskets	Running Clock	No
Other Games	10 Minutes (5)	10ft Baskets	Stop Clock	Yes

Rule Nine – Annual YBL Conference and Other Meetings

- 9.1 All clubs are required to send a representative to the Annual YBL Conference, (the date and venue will be sent to club secretaries) and advertised on the YBL website. Any club unable to send a representative must inform the YBL at least seven days prior to the meeting, with the reason for non-attendance. The YBL will look at ways for people to remotely access the meeting.
- 9.1.1 We would encourage new clubs joining the YBL to attend the Annual YBL Conference; however, they will be required to attend the New Club Conference if entering teams for the first time.
- 9.2 YBL School Members are not required to attend an Annual YBL Conference.
- 9.3 The Board may convene an Emergency Members' Meeting if it deems necessary. The Administrative Director shall give written (or electronic) notice of the Emergency Members' Meeting with no less than ten days notice.
- 9.4 YBL Officers of the League will meet as required by the Board of Directors.

Rule Ten – In-Game Misconduct: Personal, Technical, Unsportsmanlike Fouls, Disqualifications and Protests

When a coach, a spectator or a player comes to a game, they come with the intent on watching or playing the game in good spirits. However;

- 10.1 A club will be notified of any identified trends regarding a players or coaches behaviour. (ie; repeated personal game fouls)
- 10.2 Any player receiving two technical fouls, two unsportsmanlike fouls or one of each will receive an automatic game disqualification for the game those relate to, a one match ban and a £20.00 fine.
- 10.2.1 Any coach receiving two technical fouls, three bench technicals or a combination resulting in game disqualification, will receive a one match ban and a £20.00 fine.
- 10.2.2 A second infringement of rules 10.2 and 10.2.1 will be a two match ban and a £40.00 fine.
- 10.2.3 On the third infringement of rules 10.2 and 10.2.1 the individual will need to appear in front of the YBL Board of Directors who may consider exclusion from the league. The coach will automatically receive a £60.00 fine.
- 10.3 If a coach, player or team follower receiving a disqualifying foul they will on all occasions receive a £30 fine and are required to attend a hearing in front of the YBL Board of Directors. The YBL Board of Directors will determine the length of the suspension or ejection from league where appropriate.
- 10.4 All fines, as set out in Rule Ten are individual fines. If these are not paid in accordance to Rules 11.1 and 11.2 they then become club fines. The player cannot play in any game under the jurisdiction of the YBL until the process has been completed.
- 10.5 The team must inform the Administrative Director within the time frame set in the letter if they wish to appeal against the decision made.
- 10.6 All games signed under protest shall be referred to the Administrative Director within 24 hours of the game, including with the protest a copy of the score sheet and a written explanation attached.
- 10.7 A game can only be signed 'Under Protest' if its interests have been adversely affected by; a) an error in scorekeeping, timekeeping or shot clock operations, which was not corrected by the officials. b) a decision, cancel, postpone, not resume or not play the game. c) a violation of the applicable eligibility rules.
- 10.8 The Player or coach cannot resume their duties until their suspension is complete and their personal fines have been paid.
- 10.9 Any appeal must be accompanied by a £25 administration fee. Paid to the YBL. The appeal will not be heard until this fee has been paid. (Account Number: 63680668. Sort Code: 30-96-12) You must send along with your fee a written letter or email to the Administrative Director explaining your reasons for your appeal or protest.
- 10.10 If your appeal is upheld, the administration fee will be returned.
- 10.11 Any complaint outside of in-game situations as described above, please see Complaints and Appeals Policy 2018.

Rule Eleven – Payments

- 11.1 All fines must be paid within the time scale set on the fine issued.
- 11.2 If any monies owed to the YBL have not been paid within 30 days of the fine being issued they will increase by 25%.
- 11.3 If after 60 days, an individual fine is not paid, it then becomes a club fine.
- 11.3.1 If any monies owed to the YBL have not been paid following 11.1 and 11.2 then the team in question will be request to appear before the YBL Board of Directors to explain their actions. A new thirty-day limit will be added to fines which have become club fines from individual fines.
- 11.4 If a club fails to pay fines within the specified time period, they will be required to appear in front of the YBL Board of Directions.
- 11.5 You will be unable to enter the YBL the following season until all monies are up to date. We may share this information with Basketball England.

Rule Eleven – Fines

It is the YBL Board of Directors vision that we will not necessarily issues fines for minor infringements of YBL rules, for example; sheets not completed correctly. In cases like this we will look to develop individuals and clubs. However, repeated infringements will result in fines.

- 11.6 Unqualified Official/Insufficient Officials: Coach, Referee or Table Official: £30.00
- 11.7 Unregistered player: £20.00
- 11.8 Illegal NL Player: £30.00
- 11.8.1 Ineligible player: £30.00
- 11.9 Cancelling a fixture within 48 hours of scheduled tip: £30.00 (2nd Infringement: £50.00 3rd infringement: £70.00)
- 11.10 Failing to submit online fixture result: £5.00
- 11.11 Failing to submit Score Sheet: £5.00
- 11.12 Failure to cancel with appointed officials or designated clubs – payment of expenses incurred.
- 11.12.1 Referees or TO who have been appointed that fail to attend their fixture must be reported to the Officials Director with the score sheet stating, 'no show'.
- 11.12.2 Referee who fails to attend an appointed game by the YBL: £20.00 personal fine.
- 11.13 Team Failure to turn up to a game (as published on the website): £20 (2nd infringement £50.00 and an invitation to the YBL Board of Directors).
- 11.14 The Score Sheet not being up to BE/FIBA Standards, on repeated infringements: £5.00
- 11.15 Player and Coach disqualifying fouls – see rule ten.

End.