



League Rules 2019

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8.2.11 (RULE MOVED) to 8.2.6, subsequent rules moved down.
8.2.8 Sentence added for clarification.

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) or British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) 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) or British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB).
- 2.2 All players registration details must be provided to the Administrative Director prior to their first game.
- 2.3 Players who are not registered with BE/BWB 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 penalty 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, unless a Summer League is being run and players may register for Summer League only after this date.

Rules Two: Part Two – Eligibility of Players

- 2.7 U9 and U11 leagues; there are no National Basketball League (NBL) players permitted.
- 2.8 U13 leagues: there are no NBL players permitted.
- 2.9 U15 leagues: a team is able to register an unlimited amount of U14 NBL players, however, there will be no more than two named U16 NBL 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 an unlimited amount of U16 NBL players, however, there will be no more than two named U16 NBL players, as listed on your Player Registration Form and approved by the YBL Board of Directors to be played in any one game. U14 NBL players do not count to your quota.
- 2.11 Junior Men: are able to register an unlimited amount of U18 NBL players, however, there will be no more than three named U18 NBL 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 NBL 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 register 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 Senior Men's League: can register up to two senior NBL players. As many LL players from any division. This must be stated on your Player Registration Form. Junior NBL players do not count towards your quota.
- 2.13 Senior Men's leagues: a team is able to register an unlimited amount of NBL players, however, only two are permitted on the scoresheet to play in any one game.
- 2.14 Senior Women's Division, there are no restrictions on NBL players.
- 2.15 No club may register a NBL player after November 30
- 2.16 Any player who has been registered as a NBL player, who wishes to play YBL must have his/her case considered by the Board of Directors.
- 2.18 Transfer between teams at the same club at the same 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.
- 2.22 Any NL player who is part of the team must have played at least 50% of the league matches to qualify to participate in any Championship stage games.
- 2.23 Wheelchair Development League are permitted unlimited junior NL players and unlimited Division 3 or below NL league players. Only two Division 1 or 2 senior NL players are permitted in any one game. Players are classified as playing in the higher division if they have played more than one game in that division (also see rule 12).

Rules Three - Coaches

- 3.1 All coaches must be registered with BE or BWB.
- 3.2 All coach registration details must be provided to the Administrative Director prior to their first game.
- 3.3 Coaches who are not registered with BE/BWB 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 penalty 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 coach qualified to Level 2 or above.
- 3.6.1 Any coach must be registered with the club they are coaching for.

Rules Three – Officials

- 3.7 All officials must be registered with BE or BWB.
- 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.
- 3.11.1 Any junior referee may not officiate a game with players older than them.
- 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 benefit personal development of the referee, the YBL and the larger basketball community.
- 3.16 Clubs may provide officiating feedback on your games when submitting online result.
- 3.17 The crew chief for any game may 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

- 4.1 Fixtures will be issued 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 league of the new agreed date using the online Game Form.
- 4.3 Rearrangements of fixtures it not recommended once the season has started.
 - 4.3.1 If a team rearranges or forfeits a fixture after the 1 September, they will incur a £20.00 administration charge.
 - 4.3.2 If a team rearranges a game outside of the seven days, they must confirm the new date and tip time with the opposing prior to submitting the online Game Form.
 - 4.3.3 If a team rearranges or forfeits a fixture within seven days of the scheduled date; the cancelling team will be issued with a £40 penalty and the game will be awarded to the opposing team with a Default Win.

- 4.3.4 If a team forfeits a fixture within 48 hours of the scheduled date and tip; the cancelling team will be issued with a £50 penalty and the game will be awarded to the opposing team with a Default Win. If the cancelling team in 4.3 is the visiting team, the cost of the court hire for the home team will also be issued within the penalty (also see rule 11.9).
- 4.3.5 If the venue your club uses has an emergency closure; i.e. weather, then proof of the venue's closure must be submitted to the league (fixtures@ybl.org.uk) for us to consider not imposing a Default Win under rule 4.3.
- 4.3.6 The league may cancel fixtures due to inclement weather conditions for reasons of health and safety. In this case, rearrangement of fixtures will be completed by the league.

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 Match points will be as follows: Win 3, Loss 1, Forfeit/Void/Default 0.

4.6 In the event of a team's 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 and Results

- 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 Your result must be submitted using the online Submit a Result form, the original score sheets must be scanned/photographed and sent to the scoresheets@ybl.org.uk on the day of the fixture, no later than 23.59 (also see rule 11.10).

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							Maximum Claim
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	L3 Solo	Level 4	Level 5		
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	
Wheelchair Day Rate CVL	Referee	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	£75.00	
	Table	N/A	-	-	-	-	-	£60.00	
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.

- 6.6 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'.

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 Junior Men & Women, 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 penalty.
- 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).
- U9 & U11 CVL Games**
- 8.2 Games will be cross court.
- 8.2.1 Sidelines, half court line, baselines and free-throw lines must be clearly marked out.
- 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 U9/U11 games in the CVL format will be 4 on 4, this includes the play-off and finals.
- 8.2.5 U9/U11 squads will be made up of eight players per game.
- 8.2.6 If a team has less than eight players, the results for the fixtures played in any tournament, or Championship game will not count and be awarded as a Default Win to the opposing team.
- 8.2.7 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.
- 8.2.8 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. The games will remain defaulted.
- 8.2.9 U9/U11 games will not have any substitutions apart from injuries.
- 8.2.10 Quarter-Final, Semi Finals (if any) and Finals will be as above, however, the games will be four quarters of five minutes.
- 8.2.11 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.

U15 and U17 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/WDL: 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/WDL	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 9/11 CVL Games	5 Minutes Halves (1)	8ft Baskets	Running Clock (except fouls)	No
Under 9/11 Championship	5 Minute Quarters (2)	8ft Baskets	Stop Clock	1 (2 nd Half)
3on3 Girls	10 Minute Games (5)	10ft Baskets	Running Clock	No
Other Games/WDL	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, team follower, spectator or player comes to a game, they come with the intent on watching or playing the game in good spirits.

- 10.1 A club will be notified of any identified trends.

- 10.2 Any player receiving a game disqualification, will receive a minimum one match ban and a sanction/penalty at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 10.2.1 Any coach receiving a game disqualification, will receive a minimum one match ban and a sanction/penalty at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 10.2.2 A second infringement of rules 10.2 and 10.2.1 two match ban and a sanction/penalty at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 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 and a sanction/penalty at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 10.3 All sanctions/penalties, are the responsibility of the individual. If these are not paid in accordance to Rules 11.1 and 11.2 they then become club's responsibility. The individual cannot play, coach, attend or officiate in any game under the jurisdiction of the YBL until the process has been completed.
- 10.4 The team must inform the Administrative Director within the time frame set in the letter if they wish to appeal against the decision made.
- 10.5 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.
- 10.6 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 If your appeal is upheld, the administration fee will be returned.
- 10.9 Any complaint outside of in-game situations as described above, please see Complaints and Appeals Policy 2018.

Rule Eleven – Payments

- 11.1 All payments must be received by the time scale set.
- 11.2 If any monies owed to the YBL have not been paid within 30 days of issue they will increase by 25%.
- 11.3 If after 60 days, an individual penalty has not paid, it then becomes the responsibility of the club to pay.
- 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 requested to appear before the YBL Board of Directors to explain their actions. A new thirty-day limit will be added to penalties which will then be responsibility of the club to pay.
- 11.4 If a club fails to pay outstanding penalties within the specified time period, they will be required to appear in front of the YBL Board of Directors.
- 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 – Sanctions, Penalties/Fines

- 11.6 Unqualified Official/Insufficient Officials: Coach, Referee or Table Official: £30.00
- 11.7 Unregistered player: £20.00
- 11.8 Illegal NBL Player: £30.00
- 11.8.1 Ineligible player: £30.00
- 11.9 Cancelling a fixture within seven days of scheduled tip: £40.00
- 11.9.1 Cancelling a fixture within 48 hours of scheduled tip: £50.00
- 11.10 Failing to submit Online result and/or Score Sheet by 23.59 on the day of the fixture: £5.00
- 11.11 Team Failure to turn up to a game will result in an appearance in front of the YBL Board of Directors.
- 11.12 The Score Sheet not being up to BE/FIBA Standards, on repeated infringements: £5.00

Rule Twelve – Wheelchair Development League Point System

- 12.1 There must be a minimum of three development players on court at any one time.
- 12.1.1 The number of classification team points on court is capped at 19 with one or two NL league players (also see rule 2.23).
- 12.1.2 If a senior NL player is present on court. Two points will be added to their classification; *for example: if a five-point player is a NL player, their points on court will be seven.*
- 12.2 No allowances will be made for junior or female classified players.
- 12.3 Junior NL players do not count as part of your quota and will play in accordance to their classification.