



# League Rules 2021

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**Rule Eleven amended**

Section regarding payments removed as this has become a part of a new document. Rule Eleven – Sanctions has been renumbered.



# Welcome to the YBL

## RULES FOR ALL YBL ORGANISED LEAGUES AND EVENTS.

All participants will abide with the YBL Rules and the YBL Principles.

### YBL Principles

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- 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!

### General Information and Miscellaneous

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- A1 All games will be played in accordance with the rules laid down by Basketball England (BE), Basketball Wales (BW) or British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB) unless otherwise stated within these rules.
- A2 All YBL leagues shall run in accordance with the league calendar.
- A3 Leagues are determined by the YBL but dependent upon number of entries and their geographical location where appropriate.
- A4 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.
- A5 The Board of Directors has the right to send a commissioner to any game with or without notice.
- A6 Clubs can register Kim Accalia (YBL's Compliance Director) as an 'admin' for your club on the BE Portal to access player and team information. If this is not agreed by your club, you must send your players, coaches and officials details on the Club Registration Form (found on the Club Admin Page) prior to the leagues starting to [registrations@ybl.org.uk](mailto:registrations@ybl.org.uk) – these will then be listed in your clubs Secure Page.
- A7 The fixtures, tip-off time and venue will be recorded on the YBL website. It is your responsibility to inform the YBL of any changes by using the Game Form.
- A8 If you have been sent an email or a letter through the post, you must respond to it within the time scale stated.
- A9 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.
- A10 The YBL are working to develop a sustainable workforce as well as raising the standard of all officials. Some games may be officiated by three manned crews (3PO). The 'third' official will not be charged to the home club if assigned by the YBL.

## Rule One - Registration of Players

- 1.1 All players must be registered with Basketball England (BE), Basketball Wales (BW) or British Wheelchair Basketball (BWB).
- 1.2 All players registration details must be up to date and correct (see A6 above).
- 1.3 Players who are not registered with BE//BW/BWB and the YBL are not permitted to participate in any YBL game or event.
- 1.4 If a game has been played with an unregistered player, the game will be automatically awarded to the opposition with a 'Forfeit Win'. A penalty of up to £20 may be incurred per player.
- 1.5 Any player joining the team after the initial registration needs to be registered using the [Online Form](#).
- 1.6 No new registration of players will be accepted after 30 April.
- 1.7 Any tournament/league run by the YBL, after 30 April (excluding YBL Championships stages) players may register from 1 May.
- 1.8 All players participating in YBL games in the 2021/2022 Season are required to pay a £20.00 Player Fee or £12 for U9/U11 Players. No player may participate any YBL fixture until the player fee is received. Fees paid for 2020/2021 have been rolled over.
- 1.9 The age of the player must be at least a day younger than the league they are playing in. For example, U15 League, they must be 14 years old on 31 August, turning 15 years old during the season on or after 1 September.

## Rule Two - Eligibility of Players & Transfer of Players

- 2.1 Player Eligibility for National League Players and Senior Local League Players

National League Eligibility							
	U12 National League	U14 National League	U16 National League	U18 National League	SLL Local League	NBL Male National League	NBL Female National League
U9 & U11 CVL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
U13, U15 & U17 Zonal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
All-Girls	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X
U15 Primis*	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	2 PLAYERS	X	X	X	X
Men 2	X	X	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	2 PLAYERS	1 PLAYER	✓
Men 1	X	X	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	✓	2 PLAYERS	✓
Women 2	X	? APPROVAL NEEDED	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	X	X	X
Women 1	X	? APPROVAL NEEDED	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	X	X	✓
WDL Wheelchair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

\* Players of the correct age for that league.

- 2.1.1 There are no NL players permitted in any Mini-YBL or Junior-YBL Zonal Leagues.
- 2.2 Any player aged 18 or older can play for one adult team only.
- 2.2.1 No junior players count towards your senior LL quota.
- 2.3 No club may register any new NBL/NL BWB player after 31 January.
- 2.4 Any NBL player who no longer wishes to play NBL and wishes to participate must have Board approval.
- 2.5 A club may transfer a player between teams at the same club (same age group) once, using the [Online Transfer Form](#).
- 2.6 Player transfer process,
  - a) Both clubs will agree transfer
  - b) Complete the [Transfer Online Form](#)
  - c) Provide evidence of agreement, (e.g. email trail) to [j.davies@ybl.org.uk](mailto:j.davies@ybl.org.uk)
  - d) We will issue confirmation and once received the player may play for their new team.
- 2.7 A player may play for another YBL club at a different age group with the approval of the Board.



2.8 A player must have played three qualifying games at the relevant age category to be able to play in any YBL Championship Quarter-Final, Semi-Final or Final games. Any appeals i.e., injuries, will be heard.

2.9 Player eligibility for YBL players

YBL Player Eligibility						
	8 years old and under	9 & 10 y.o	11 & 12 y.o	13 & 14 y.o	15 & 16 y.o	17+
U9	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
U11	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
U13 Zonal	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
U15 Primis	✗	✗	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	✗	✗
U15 Zonal/All-Girls	✗	✗	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	✗	✗
U17 Zonal	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗
Women1	✗	✗	✗	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	✓
Men1	✗	✗	✗	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	✓
Men2	✗	✗	✗	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	✓
WDL Wheelchair	✗	✗	? APPROVAL NEEDED	✓	✓	✓

- 2.9.1 Player eligibility as in 2.9 is a starting point as of 1 September of each season, if clubs wish to have players playing up, and that level of competition is suitable for them, they are permitted to do so at the same club (also see 2.5). For example, a 14-year-old is playing in an Under 15 YBL league, they are permitted to play in an Under 17 League game for the same club.
- 2.9.2 A 13-year-old playing in a Zonal league, in an U13 League (having turned 13 during the season), is permitted to 'play-up' in the U15 League for the same club, while still playing for the U13 team, however, permission is required for them to play up to the Under 17 Leagues as in 2.9.
- 2.9.3 If the club has two teams in the same division, players 'playing up' can only play for one of those teams and cannot switch between the two. A normal player transfer will need to take place if they wish to transfer to the other team. Once transferred they are unable to transfer back. However, they may still play for their original Under 15 team.
- 2.9.4 If a player is playing for a U13, U15, or U17 Zonal team, and they wish to play for a Primis team, they may do so with an internal transfer, however, they then become a Primis player and are no longer eligible to play for the Zona team going forward.

### Rules Three - Coaches

- 3.1 All coaches must be registered with BE, BW or BWB. Coaches who are not registered with BE/BW/BWB and the YBL are not permitted to coach in any YBL game or event.
- 3.2 All coaches registered through BE are required to submit to the league a copy of their FULL (green) licence, displaying their coaching licence number (unless you have provided Kim Accalia with admin access to your BE Portal). All BW and BWB coaches will need to provide a copy of their current licence. All licenses must be submitted to the league prior to the first game.
- 3.3 Any game played with an unregistered coach, will be automatically awarded with a default win. A penalty of up to £30 may be incurred.
- 3.4 You must have at least one Level 2 coach at any YBL game. A Level 1 may coach under the direct supervision of a coach qualified to Level 2 or above.
- 3.4.1 Any coach must be registered with the club they are coaching for. Unless registered with the YBL directly.

## Rules Three – Officials

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- 3.7 All officials must be registered with BE/BW 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.
- 3.8 All officials registered with BE are required to submit to the league a copy of their licence, displaying their R and/or T licence number (unless you have given Kim Accalia admin access to your club portal. All BW and BWB officials will need to provide a copy of their current licence. All licences must be submitted to the league prior to the first game.
- 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 Any Apprentice Level YBL TO may officiate with a Level 2 or above.
- 3.11 You must have two qualified referees for any YBL game. One must be Level 2 or above.
- 3.11.1 Level 1 referees who are undertaking the YBL mentoring programme may be allowed to officiate games at an older age group with the permission of the league/or mentor. Level 1 referees who are not part of the YBL mentoring programme must not officiate games at an older age group.
- 3.12.2 Apprentice Level A referees may only officiate at games designated by their mentor (CVL games are permitted).
- 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).
- 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 Officials who have undertaken and passed their course may officiate in a game to obtain one of their signatures towards their game total. Their co-official will need to be the appropriate qualified level for sign off.

## Rule Four – Fixtures

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- 4.1 Fixtures will be issued once the league format has been organised.
- 4.2 All clubs have at least three weeks once the fixtures are published 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 are not recommended once the season has started.
  - 4.3.1 If a team rearranges or forfeits a fixture after the league commences, they incur a £20.00 administration charge on all games (This is to minimize poor organisation from clubs).
  - 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 opposition prior to submitting the online Game Form. Failure to supply new date will incur a £20.00 penalty in addition to 4.3.1.
  - 4.3.3 If a team forfeits a fixture; the cancelling team will be issued with a £40 penalty, be deducted 20 baskets, and deducted 3 points from their total and the game will be awarded to the opposing team with a Forfeit Win (See Rule 4.5). If the cancelling team 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).
  - 4.3.4 If a team forfeits a fixture within five days; the cancelling team will be issued with a £50 penalty, be deducted 20 baskets, and deducted 3 points from their total and the game will be awarded to the opposing team with a Forfeit Win (See Rule 4.5). If the cancelling team is the visiting team, the cost of the court hire for the home team will also be issued within the penalty (also see Rule 11.9.1).
  - 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 for us to consider not imposing a Forfeit Win or financial penalty.
  - 4.3.6 The league may cancel fixtures due to inclement weather conditions/pandemic or for reasons of health and safety. In this case, rearrangement of fixtures will be approved and then completed by the league.
- 4.4 Games to be played in accordance with the following guidelines: games played outside this will need both clubs written consent and approval by the YBL Board of Directors.

### Fixture Permissions

	Earliest Tip	Latest Tip	Game Day Restrictions	
Under 9/11CVL	10:00	16:00	Weekends Only	Does not include YBL Championship Stages
Under 13	10:00	18:00	Weekends Only	Does not include YBL Championship Stages
Under 15/17	10:00	20:00	on weekends	Does not include YBL Championship Stages
Under 15/17	18:00	20:00	on weekdays	
Senior Games	10:00	20:30	avoid Saturdays	Does not include YBL Championship Stages

4.5 Match points will be as follows:

### Points

	Win (Pts)	Loss (Pts)	Void *	Forfeit Win (F)	Forfeit Loss (L)	Forfeit (Pts)
U9/U11	3	1	0	5	-5	-3
Other leagues	3	1	0	20	-20	-3

\* League cancelled game

4.6 In the event of a team's withdrawal before 31 January, those fixtures (and points, if any) shall be deleted from the league. If the team withdraws after the 1 February, those fixtures will be awarded to the opposition with a 20-0 win.

## Rule Five – Score Sheets and Results

- 5.1 All score sheets must meet YBL standards for the required TO level.
- 5.2 Your result must be submitted using the online [Submit a Result](#) form on the day of the fixture. The original score sheet must be scanned/photographed and sent to the [scoresheets@ybl.org.uk](mailto:scoresheets@ybl.org.uk) on the day of the fixture, no later than 23:59 hours.

## 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:  
After the consultation with clubs the officials' tariff has been amended to reflect current BE fees.

### OFFICIALS' TARRIF

		Level A	Level 1	Level 2+	Maximum Claim
Mini-YBL (U9/U11)	Referee	*	£15.00	£25.00	+ 25p per mile £30.00
	Table	*	£10.00	£20.00	+ 25p per mile £30.00
Junior-YBL (U13/U15/U17)	Referee	*	£10.00	£15.00	+ 25p per mile £30.00
	Table	*	£7.00	£10.00	+ 25p per mile £30.00
Senior Leagues	Referee	N/A	£12.00	£16.00	+ 25p per mile £30.00
	Table	N/A	£7.50	£10.00	+ 25p per mile £30.00
YBL appointed observer				£25.00	

\* At the discretion of the club.

- 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 Level 1 Referees are not permitted to officiate on their own.
- 6.3.2 Apprentice Level Referees are not permitted to officiate on their own.



6.4 Referees or TO who have been appointed to a fixture, that fail to attend must be reported to the league with the score sheet stating, 'no show'.

## Rule Seven – Referees

- 7.1 Referees will be appointed to the following leagues: Men2, Men1, Women2, Women1, WDL, YBL Championship games and any events organised by the YBL.
- 7.2 The YBL will appoint officials using the agreed platform.
- 7.3 Referees are responsible for updating their availability accepting and declining games.
- 7.4 If a referee has accepted an appointment and later declines that game, it their responsibility to find their own replacement.
- 7.5 A referee who fails to attend an appointed game by the YBL will incur a £20.00 penalty.
- 7.6 Referees must submit a report online ([Crew Chief Report](#)) or send an email to [reports@ybl.org.uk](mailto:reports@ybl.org.uk) when a coach, player or team follower has been disqualified or ejected from the game with 48 hours.
- 7.7 When appointing a 'Crew Chief' for home games clubs should where possible secure the services of a neutral Level 2+ referee. If the YBL receive complaints regarding club appointed 'Crew Chief's' they will appoint a YBL mentor to evaluate the referee's conduct and performance (this can be done either by reviewing game footage or by attending games in person).

## Rule Eight – The Game

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

### U9 & U11 CVL Games

- 8.1 Games will be cross court.
- 8.2 Sidelines, half court line, baselines and free-throw lines must be clearly marked out.
  - 8.2.1 U9/U11 games in the CVL format will be 4 on 4, this includes any play-off and final games.
  - 8.2.2 U9/U11 squads will be made up of eight players per game (12 per-squad at a CVL). Registering as many players per team.
  - 8.2.3 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 plays two quarters. This cannot be the same person in subsequent games.
  - 8.2.4 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.
  - 8.2.5 U9/U11 games will not have any substitutions apart from injuries.
  - 8.2.6 During any CVL game, the substitutes will be as follows; 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> periods – first four payers, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> period – second set of four players. Half-time will be three minutes, in between quarters will be one minute.
  - 8.2.7 During any CVL Championship game, the substitutes will be as follows; 1<sup>st</sup> period – first four payers, 2<sup>nd</sup> period – 2<sup>nd</sup> set of four players and period 3 and 4 can be substituted as and when required. Half-time will be five minutes, in between quarters will be one minute.

### Zone defense, game limits and ball sizes

ZONE DEFENCE PERMISSIONS					
	1 QTR	2 QTR	3 QTR	4 QTR	O/T
U9, U11, U13 Zonal	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
U15 & U17 Zonal	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
Other leagues	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

- 8.3 U13, U15 and U17 Zonal, WDL, Men2 and Women2 - once a twenty-point lead occurs, the leading team must play half-court defence.
 

**Half-Court Defense Definition: Once the team gains possession and is in control of the ball (including dribbling in their own back court), the team with a 20-point advantage must return into their own half before playing any defence.**

  - 8.3.1 All CVL Games for U9 and U11 to play half-court defense.
  - 8.3.2 All other leagues there are no restrictions on playing a full court press.



8.4 The court must be available for a warm-up at least fifteen minutes before tip-off (this rule does not apply to CVL format games).

8.5 Each league will play with the correct size indoor basketball of game quality as set out by BE.

League	Size
Under U9, U11, U13-All-Girls	Five
U13 & All-Girls (U15/U17) & Senior Women	Six
Other games	Seven

8.6 The format for each game will be as follows:

League	Quarter Time (Overtime in minutes)	Basket Size	Stop Clock	Time-Outs
Under 9 CVL Games/Championships	5 Minute Quarters (2)	8ft Baskets	Running Clock (except fouls)	1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half)
Under 11 CVL Games/Championships	7 Minute Quarters (2)	8ft Baskets	Running Clock (except fouls)	1 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half)
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 The Board may convene an Emergency Members' Meeting if it deems necessary. The Directors shall give written (or electronic) notice of the Emergency Members' Meeting with no less than seven days-notice.
- 9.3 YBL Staff 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 of watching or playing the game in good spirits.  
A club will be notified of any identified trends.

- 10.1 Any player receiving a game disqualification, will receive a minimum one match ban and a sanction/penalty at the discretion of the Managing Director.
- 10.2 Any coach receiving a game disqualification, will receive a minimum one match ban and a sanction/penalty at the discretion of the Managing Director.
- 10.3 Any further infringement of rules 10.1 and 10.2 will result in the individual appearing in front of two members of the Board of Directors who may consider exclusion from the league and/or further sanction/penalty at the discretion of those Board members.
- 10.4 Players receiving two technical fouls or two unsportsmanlike fouls, or a combination of both, will be sanctioned/ a penalty given at the discretion of the Managing Director.
- 10.5 All sanctions/penalties, are the responsibility of the individual. If these are not paid in accordance with YBL Rules 11.1 and 11.2, they then become the 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.
- 10.6 The team must inform the league within the time frame set in the letter if they wish to appeal against the decision made.
- 10.7 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 [k.accalia@ybl.org.uk](mailto:k.accalia@ybl.org.uk) outlining your appeal or protest.





- 10.8 All games signed under protest shall be referred to the league [reports@ybl.org.uk](mailto:reports@ybl.org.uk) within 24 hours of the game, including a copy of the scoresheet and your grounds for protest.
- 10.9 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, postponement, to not resume or not play the game. c) a violation of the applicable eligibility rules.
- 10.10 If your appeal is upheld, the administration fee paid will be returned.
- 10.11 Any complaint outside of in-game situations as described above, please send your complaint email to [reports@ybl.org.uk](mailto:reports@ybl.org.uk).
- 10.12 Any safeguarding complaints must be sent to [k.accalia@ybl.org.uk](mailto:k.accalia@ybl.org.uk)

## Rule Eleven – Sanctions, Penalties/Fines

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

## Rule Twelve – Wheelchair Development League Point System

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- 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.
  - 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 with their classification.

### YBL Account Information:

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### YBL Legal Information:

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