



League Regulations 2026/2027

ALL COMPETITIONS & DIVISIONS UNDER THE YBL

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Our principles

The spirit of the game is to be upheld in a friendly manner by all involved.

We encourage competitive games with sportsmanlike behaviour.

We expect all involved to promote the game you love and the YBL in a respectful and positive attitude.

Have fun!

2026/2027

IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY 4 Opening Weekend Friday 4 September 2026	MONDAY 1 End of the Regulated Season (All competitions) Monday 1 March 2027 by 09:00
SUNDAY 31 New Player Deadline Sunday 31 January 2027	

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By participating within the YBL you agree to follow all regulations and policies set out by the league, including the current League Regulations, Fixtures Policy and Game Addendums for each division.

By entering a team, you are committing to play that team with an appropriate coach and infrastructure around that team. It is you 'the club', that is responsible for checking the Game Addendum for the division you have entered.

Governance

These regulations apply to all our leagues and competitions. Our regulations are based on current Basketball England and/or FIBA regulations unless stated otherwise within these regulations. All participants must be registered and licensed in accordance with current Basketball England policies.

Club Management

The YBL require a Club Secretary for each CLUB. This is listed inside the League Handbook and is available to all clubs under a password protected document. You are required to have a valid email and contact mobile number for your nominated secretary or contact and to keep the YBL up to date with any changes. The secretary is responsible for sharing information given from us to your club members.

Each CLUB is required to have a Welfare Officer as required by Basketball England; this information is kept by our Compliance Director in case any contact arises requiring direct contact to your Welfare Officer.

The Club Secretary's information must be kept up to date with the YBL for the current season. Changes to the named person must be done in writing (email info@ybl.org.uk) for this change to be actioned. A Director/Chair and Club Secretary cannot hold the same position within another club to avoid any conflict of interest (BE Rule 6.4).

Whilst we like to engage with our members and answer questions accordingly, any questions from coaches or team managers that require any action must be received by the club secretary.

Level 1 Club Mark

If your club has three or more teams, you must be registered with Basketball England as a Level 1 Club, following our guidance and that set by Basketball England. More information can be found here - <https://basketballengland.co.uk/get-involved/clubs/club-standard-and-benefits>

Safeguarding and Compliance

All referrals for safeguarding must be sent to this k.accalia@ybl.org.uk only and marked 'Private and Confidential'.

Affiliation for Club and Teams

The YBL will require all participating clubs to accept their invitation to participate and create their teams within deadline set for that season. If this is not completed before fixtures have been produced, charges may apply for 'late-entry' (See Fixtures Policy).

YBL Legal Information

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Permission is granted for any club participating in YBL league to use the YBL logo on their playing kit and on the club website to link to the YBL. If you wish to use the YBL logo for any other purpose, please obtain the Board of Directors approval. Any material produced by the YBL is for the use of development purposes and can be used for this purpose. If you wish to copy any such material, please obtain the Board of Directors approval.

YBL Banking Information

Lloyds Bank Plc sort code **30-96-12**
account number **63680668**

Supporting the YBL

It is recommended that each club has a YBL logo on their website to link back to the YBL. So your supporters can see where their favourite player is participating. Sharing good news stories and tagging the YBL in on your social posts helps boost your interaction profile.

@ybl_official

Individual Licensing & Registering with the YBL

Returning clubs

Returning clubs will be invited via the PlayHQ platform to participate in YBL competitions when registration opens for the new season. Your Club Secretary will be able to accept the invitation for the new season in anticipation of creating your teams when the time arises.

New Club Participation

If you have not participated in the YBL before and wish to have further information or to register your interest, please complete the Register with the YBL to Participate button on the website to start the process.

Individual Licences

All individual participants must be correctly licensed with Basketball England, attached to a team (except officials), within their club and placed within a team (or teams) in PlayHQ to participate within the YBL.

You can register as many players for a team as you wish, however, each division (Grade), will only let you play the maximum allowed in each game.

Players, coaches and team managers, must be assigned into a team on their club portal for the YBL.

Officials and volunteers will be able to register through the YBL if they are not club based. This will place you under The YBL, within the West Midlands Region. If you then officiate in another league, you can link to them separately within your own portal. You can use the following link to register with The YBL - <https://www.playhq.com/uk/basketball-england/register/d23757>

The YBL does not require any player forms or registrations to be sent to the league, all players, coach, bench (team managers) and staff registrations can be checked on the PlayHQ portal.

All players participating in Mini-YBL, Junior-YBL, All-Girls YBL and any senior competitions, exclusively, (Women2, Women1, M-Division, YBL One) players will require a **Participant** licence.

If you are playing a senior division, or any of the YBL cup competitions, while also participating in another competition, for example, National League, you are still required to licence to participate in the YBL. Normally, this means registering again to your club or team to your YBL team through your PlayHQ portal. National League licences are listed as **Performance**.

Performance licences are not excepted in all competitions. Please see the Game Addendum booklet for appropriate leagues and competitions they are permitted to participate. Ignorance of this rule will not be accepted.

Definition of a National League Player

The YBL classifies a player as a National League Player if they hold a **Performance** licence at any level of the game. They are attached to a team and club and is classed from their registration date in that season until the end of the season (**31 August**).

Licensing Sanctions

UP TO **£100.00** PER-PLAYER

Not registered with active green licence

Including:
Using a 'FILL-IN' player in E-Scoring that is not correctly registered with a Green Participant Licence.
A coach or bench person not correctly registered with a Green Licence.

UP TO **£200.00** PER-PLAYER

Using a Performance Licence Holder

Using a Performance licence holder in a competition where it is not permitted.
This will result in a default win to the opposing team.

Abuse of our rules will be investigated and may result in sanctions or penalties.

About the Player

Transfer of Player – Club to Club

If a player wishes to transfer from one club to another during the season, and within the transfer deadline set each season, they are to start this process themselves in their PlayHQ portal. The home club will receive a notification through PlayHQ requesting the transfer. Once approved or denied by the YBL, all participants will be notified, including the club being transferred to, where the final approval will be needed. Any disputes please email info@ybl.org.uk.

Playing for multiple teams within a club

A player within a club that is eligible for participation in more than one league/competition, will need to be placed in all of the teams they play for in PlayHQ. It is your responsibility as a club to make sure they are eligible to participate. Ignorance of this rule will not be accepted. This may lead to sanctions as per our regulations.

Player Exemption Requests

The YBL will consider Player Exemption Requests from **club secretaries** on a case-by-case basis, where the division allows it. To start this process, you must complete the Exemption Request form on the YBL website. This can be found in the Club-Admin page.

In-Game Coaching (Level 1 or above)

For all games under the YBL with junior participants

The YBL has been given permission by Basketball England to authorise Level 1 coaches to participate in YBL leagues as follows:

L1 Coach aged 18 years or above may coach any YBL games unsupervised on condition they meet criteria (A) (B) and (C) below.

L1 Coach aged under 18 years of age may coach any YBL games when supervised by a L2 coach on condition they both meet criteria (A) (B) and (C).

(A) must hold a completed coaching qualification

(B) holds an 'active' coaching licence via Basketball England on PlayHQ

(C) registered on PlayHQ via the YBL link.

No YBL game with junior players may start until the above criteria is met.

In a game where the coach is disqualified and there are junior players participating, the game cannot continue unless the assistant coach (details must be listed in E-Scoring, before the game commences), meets the above criteria. The game **MUST** be abandoned. The opposing team will be awarded the game. This will then be referred to the YBL Board of Directors for review.

The YBL will be actively reviewing the L1 coaching arrangement with clubs who are utilising L1 coaches within YBL leagues.

We will provide learning and feedback to Basketball England.

Remember that Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Please see the Basketball England Code of Ethics and Conduct and Safeguarding policy for more information. These can be found in the Club-Admin and Safeguarding Pages on our website.

Reporting to the League

Reporting any incidents or concerns and any abandoned games

You can access the online **Game Incident Form** in the Club Admin Page or on the Referees Page in the development website.

In-Game Sanctions

Zone & Full Court Press for all divisions, except where stated.

For Zone Defense being played illegally (in Quarter 2, 4 and Overtime) after a verbal warning by a referee.
If a full court press is played when the team has a 20-point advantage after a warning by the referee.

The crew chief can call an 'Official's Time-Out' with the coaches and their co-official will be called to the centre circle and given a verbal warning that they must cease playing zone defense or playing a full court press (whichever applies) and remind them of the potential sanctions.

The coaches will be given a further 30 seconds to reinforce this message with their players.

Once play has resumed following this 'Official's Time-Out' any further infringements of the rule will result in the coach receiving a 'W' technical foul in the first instance.

This will NOT be recorded inside PlayHQ. The opposition will be awarded one free-throw and the ball returned to whom it is entitled.

Any further infringements of these rules will result in the coach receiving a technical foul (this time recorded as 'C'). The opposition will be awarded one free-throw.

A coach will not be ejected until they have received two recorded C's or three B's.

COACH	B1	C1	=	NO EJECTION
COACH	C1	C1	=	EJECTION
COACH	B1	B1	C1	EJECTION
COACH	B1	B1	B1	EJECTION
COACH	B1	C1	C1	EJECTION

If a coach has been ejected due to repeated breaches of these rules the crew chief must inform the league.

Discipline

Participants will receive an automatic sanction when their points reach (or exceeds) the thresholds listed below. The sanction or suspension will be for the next scheduled game for that individual. Regardless of the team in which they received it.

Points will be reset for each season unless otherwise directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with Basketball England's Disciplinary Code or our own regulations for the that season.

If an incident occurs that is not covered below, the BE Code of Conduct can be used.

Financial sanctions will be for players aged 18 and over. Repeat infractions (juniors players exceeding 15 points) will result in clubs being issued financial sanctions on behalf of junior players (at the discretion of the Board of Directors).

Basketball England's Disciplinary Panel/Safeguarding Panel will be informed of all incidents that meet their threshold for referral.

Sanctions

- 2-5** POINTS **Unsportsmanlike Fouls ***
- 5** POINTS **Technical Foul (Player, Coach, Bench)**
- 12** POINTS **In-Game Sanction - GD (Game Disqualified)**
- 14+** POINTS **Disqualification Foul (DQ)**
- 15+** POINTS **Bringing the game in to disrepute**

* 2-5 points at the discretion of the Board

Sanctions (at the discretion of the Board)

15 POINTS, SANCTION UP TO £30.00	One Game Ban
30 POINTS, SANCTION UP TO £70.00	Two Game Ban
43 POINTS, SANCTION UP TO £150.00	Three Game Ban
49 POINTS, SANCTION UP TO £300.00	Suspension under investigation & Board Appearance

Protest an in-game situation

PER-PROTEST

£100.00

TO INFO@YBL.ORG.UK

Fee will be returned if the appeal goes in your favour.



You can only protest a game if one of the following criteria is met

- A) an error in scorekeeping, timekeeping or shot clock operating that was reported and not corrected.
- B) a decision to cancel, postpone, or not resume or not play a game.
- C) a violation of eligibility and licence rules.

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Procedure to protest

- 1) Inform the scorer and crew chief straight after the buzzer at the end of the game that you intent to protest. **You have 15 minutes from the game finishing to decide to protest.**
- 2) Have the team captain (coach with captain if a junior game), watch the crew chief write PROTEST in their signature box. Either HOME or AWAY depending on the team protesting.
- 3) The protesting team, must send within 72 hours their report of the game finishing with a full explanation of the protest, with any evidence, to info@ybl.org.uk.
- 4) The protesting team must send in the administration fee, before the 72 hours lapse for your protest to be heard.

To Appeal a Decision

PER-APPEAL £100.00 TO KACCALIA@YBL.ORG.UK

Fee will be returned if the appeal goes in your favour.



You must make a decision to appeal within 48 hours.

Email your appeal via email to kaccalia@ybl.org.uk within 48 hours as dated on the email from the decision being made (date and time of email)

Within your email you must provide your written appeal and grounds, together with any supporting information, reports, videos or evidence.

If you are appealing a Exemption decision, it is highly unlikely that it will be changed.

Officials

Table Officials and Referees in the YBL

All officials to be correctly qualified with Basketball England and have the appropriate licence, obtained through PlayHQ.

Level of Official in any YBL Game (some leagues may vary, please see addendums)

FIRST OFFICIAL

Level 2 or above

3PO GAMES (NOT APPOINTED)

Level 3 or above with x2 Level 2's

Unless approved or appointed by the YBL

APPOINTED GAMES (SENIOR)

Level 3 with Level 2 or above

Unless approved or appointed by the YBL

SECOND OFFICIAL

Level 1 or above

Neutrality (BE Rule 41) - Basketball England rules state that the crew chief must be a neutral L2+ official. The YBL acknowledge that this may not always be possible. If an in-house official is appointed, it must be with the prior agreement of the opposition. Senior divisions must have two neutral officials, unless agreed by both teams. BE rules state a recommend minimum requirement for each fixture is two referees and table officials.

Payment of officials - It is the responsibility of the home club to pay all officials. A payment guide can be found within the YBL Official's Section on the website and in this booklet.

Appointment of Official's - The YBL does not appoint officials for any regular season fixture i.e. home and away fixtures, for any division including seniors, except YBL One. YBL events and tournaments the YBL will appoint officials where appropriate. The YBL Championships and other Finals the YBL will appoint officials.