



JANUARY CUP RULES

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1. Name, Structure and Fees of the Competition

- a. The name of the competition shall be “Isle of Man Basketball January Cup” or “Cup Competition” for short.
- b. The Cup Competition shall run between January and February of 2024.
- c. Team registration for the Cup Competition shall close not less than one day prior to the start of the competition.
- d. Teams shall not be required to pay a registration fee.
- e. The Cup Competition shall be structured as a pooled round robin and conclude with play-off finals.
- f. The outcome of the pooled Round Robin will be used as the basis for seeding of the playoff finals.
- g. The top seed in each pool will play for the Cup in a final for 1st & 2nd, the second seed in each pool will play for 3rd & 4th, and so on for all teams in the pooled games.
- h. Where the pools have a mismatched number of teams, the bottom team in the larger pool will be automatically disqualified from the play-off finals.

2. Eligibility

- a. All players, coaches and officials must be registered members of the Isle of Man Basketball Association
- b. All players must be at least 14 years old at the start of the season to participate in the Cup Competition
 - i. Players under the age of 16 at the start of the competition must be approved by the Executive Committee to play.
- c. There will be no restriction to eligibility on the basis of gender.
- d. Senior League & D2 players shall be eligible to play in the Cup Competition for any team at no additional cost.
- e. New players, not already registered for the Senior League or D2, must pay a £40 registration fee to play in the Cup Competition and may play for any team in the Competition (which includes their registration fee to the Isle of Man Basketball Association).

3. Rules

- a. Games will be structured as 20-minute running clock halves with game slots of 1 hour.
- b. Teams are permitted 7 team fouls and two 1-minute time outs per half.
- c. All other rules are as per the FIBA rules of basketball as of 1st October 2023

4. Officiating and Scorekeeping

- a. Teams are required to provide such officiating and scorekeeping support as necessary for the administration of the league.

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- b. The Fixtures Secretary, with support from the Association Secretary, will notify all teams of their officiating and scorekeeping responsibilities in advance of the competition.
- c. Where a team cannot provide officials or scorekeepers, they must inform the Fixtures secretary immediately.
- d. Failure to provide officials or scorekeepers may result in points deductions or fines as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee
- e. A person may not serve as an official or scorekeeper while serving a ban for misconduct as either official, scorekeeper or player.

5. Equipment

- a. The Association shall be responsible for the provision of courts, hoops, and scorekeeping equipment for the administration of the Senior League
- b. Teams shall be responsible for the provision of their kits and basketballs.
- c. All players must wear appropriate basketball attire, including jerseys with unique numbers.
- d. It is not necessary for undershirts to match the colour of a team's primary jersey.
- e. The first named team on the fixture shall ordinarily be responsible for the provision of the game basketball.

6. Conduct

- a. All players, coaches and officials are expected to uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair play.
- b. Players, coaches, officials, and spectators must always abide by the Isle of Man Basketball Association's Code of Conduct.
- c. Any player or coach ejected from a game will face:
 - i. An automatic one match ban
 - ii. A disciplinary review by the Executive Committee as outlined below.

7. Penalties for Breach

- a. Breaches of the Code of Conduct may be investigated by a disciplinary review by the Executive Committee, in accordance with the principles of natural justice.
- b. The Executive Committee may invite to the disciplinary review such additional members as deemed necessary for the proper adjudication of breaches of the code of conduct.
- c. Disciplinary reviews may leverage such fines or penalties as deemed appropriate for breaches of the Code of Conduct
 - i. The outcome of a disciplinary review must be communicated to the player's team by the Association Secretary not less than 48 hours after the panel has met.
 - ii. Players or teams may appeal disciplinary outcomes by written submission to the Association Secretary not less than 48 hours after notification.
- d. Appeals must be considered within 7 days.

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- e. Appeals will be reviewed by not less than 3 members of the Executive Committee who did not serve on the disciplinary review.
 - i. Where such criteria cannot be met, the Executive Committee may invite to the appeals panel such association members or non-members as deemed necessary for the fair adjudication of the appeal.
- f. An appeal may result in:
 - i. A reduction in the penalty
 - ii. An upholding of the penalty
 - iii. An increase in the penalty

8. Awards and Recognition

- a. The Isle of Man Basketball Association will present the following awards at the end of the Competition:
 - i. Competition Cup and player trophies

9. Amendments to Rules

- a. The Isle of Man Basketball Association reserves the right to amend rules as necessary,
- b. Rules can be amended by majority vote of the Association Executive Committee
- c. Any rule changes must be communicated to all teams within 48 hours of the cote of the Executive Committee