



SENIOR LEAGUE RULES

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1. Name, Structure and Fees of the League

- a. The name of the league shall be “Isle of Man Basketball Senior League” or “Senior League” for short.
- b. The Senior League shall run between October and April of the subsequent year.
- c. Team registration for the Senior League shall close not less than two weeks prior to the start of the league season.
- d. Teams shall be required to pay a team registration fee of £1300 for the season.
- e. Failure to pay the team registration fee may result in forfeiture of games and/or removal from the league as deemed appropriate by the Association Executive Committee
- f. The regular league season shall be structured as a triple round robin format and conclude with play-off finals.
- g. The outcome of the regular season will be used as the basis for seeding of the playoff finals.
- h. The structure of the play off finals, including any automatic advancements, will be determined by the Fixtures Secretary subject to the approval of the Executive Committee
- i. The Fixtures Secretary, with support of the Association Secretary, must communicate the structure of the play offs not less than 2 weeks prior to their commencement.

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 Senior League
 - i. Players under the age of 16 at the start of the season must be approved by the Executive Committee to play.
- c. There will be no restriction to eligibility on the basis of gender.

3. Rules

- a. Games will be played according to the FIBA rules of basketball as of 1st October 2023
- b. Any modifications to the FIBA rules for the purposes of the Senior League must be communicated to all teams prior to their adoption.

4. Officiating and Scorekeeping

- a. Teams are required to provide such officiating and scorekeeping support as necessary for the administration of the league.
- b. The Fixtures Secretary, with support from the Association Secretary, will notify all teams of their officiating and scorekeeping responsibilities at least 1 week prior.
- c. Where a team cannot provide officials or scorekeepers, they must inform the Fixtures secretary immediately.

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- 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.
- 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.

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- 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 season:
 - i. Championship Shield and player trophies
 - ii. Top of the Table Shield and player trophies
 - iii. Most Valuable Player Award
 - iv. Coach of the Year Award
 - v. Referee of the Year Award
 - vi. U18 Player of the Year Award
 - vii. Des Fieldhouse Award for most 3-pointers
- b. The process for nomination and selection of award winners will be determined by the Executive Committee and will be based on principles of fairness and impartiality.

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