



National School Competitions Regulations 2017-2018

These regulations apply to the following national competitions for schools and any other school competitions under the jurisdiction of Basketball England:

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(The Basketball England National School Competition Regulations are subject to approval and amendment by the Executive Board of Basketball England)

1. Management:

1.1 The Competitions are the official national inter-school championships of Basketball England. The responsibility for the organising of these competitions lie with the professional staff of Basketball England.

1.3 The Disciplinary Officer is responsible for disciplinary matters related to the misconduct of players, match officials and school officials, including coaches, assistant coaches, team managers and team followers. An appeal may be lodged against any decision of the Disciplinary Officer.

1.4 Decisions made by the Disciplinary Officer may be referred to the Compliance Manager or a three-person panel representing Basketball England.

1.5 By entering and registering to participate, schools and individuals accept the regulations regarding disciplinary action and appeals.

2. Registration and Entry:

2.1 Any individual school, college or academy, officially recognised by the Department of Education, may apply to enter the appropriate National School Competition.

2.2 Basketball England reserves the right to refuse entry to any school, college or academy to any of its competitions.

2.3 Schools entering the competitions must affiliate to Basketball England for that season and when entering for each subsequent season.

2.4 All school players must be registered to Basketball England by the regional round; if entered directly to Basketball England players must be registered before the first game. Once teams commence the regional round no further players may be registered.

2.5 Schools that enter both Premier and Conference (teams) need to provide a list of players that will take part in each squad prior to the first game that they participate in. Players cannot play in both teams throughout the competitions regardless if one of the team's progresses further than the other.

2.6 EABL, ABL, and WEABL institutes who also enter the National School Competitions must provide a list of players that are play in each separate team. Players are not eligible to compete in the National School Competitions if they are registered as EABL, ABL, or WEABL players.

2.7 Entries for the National School Competitions will have an entry deadline; this date will be determined by Basketball England and will be clearly stated on the entry form.

2.8 The person responsible for the administration of the school basketball teams shall be referred to as the "key contact person". All actions of the key contact person are deemed to represent the authority of the school.

2.9 Communication between schools and Basketball England should be conducted through the key contact person. Only the key contact person will be acknowledged as the person to communicate decisions to Basketball England, unless the school has informed Basketball England of a nominated alternative. Basketball England should be informed in writing of any permanent or temporary changes to the school's key contact person.

2.10 An individual school entering the National School Competitions shall be represented at its fixture by an employee of that school. In signing the entry form the Head Teacher / Principal of the school, college or Academy accepts responsibility for the actions of its employees.

2.11 Entry Fees for the national school competitions will be the £25 per team.

2.12 Entry Fees must be paid one week prior to the first fixture. If this fee is not paid by this date, then Basketball England reserves the right to withdraw teams from the competition.

2.13 Entry Fees will not be refunded if teams withdraw from the competitions once fixtures have commenced.

3. Player Eligibility:

3.1 The age for each player is taken as at the 1st September of each season.

3.2 Schools / colleges / academies that are found to have played ineligible players may face disqualification from the National School Competitions for the remainder of that season.

3.3 Players must be in full-time attendance at the school / college / academy that they represent in the competition. It is recommended that teams field at least eight players.

3.4 It may be possible for a student to be on a funded study programme at more than one school/college. In such circumstances, the student will play for the institution at which they study more guided learning hours. If this college does not enter a team in the student's chosen sport, the college at which the student studies fewer hours must make a written request to the other college for the student to play in their team

3.6 In order to participate in the Regional and National rounds of the competition, the school /college/ academy must be affiliated with Basketball England. 3.6At the U14 and U16 Boys Co-ed age groups female players are permitted to play in this age group, only if there is no female team available for them to play for within their school environment and they are of the correct age, physical and mental ability. When permitting a female player to play within competitions at these two age groups, the education establishment will need to complete a Consultation and Consent Form for each female player. The Waiver would need to be completed during a full consultation meeting with the parents or guardian, with pastoral/Safeguarding or Head of Year, the coach and player to consider physical ability and mental agility/suitability. This form will need to be signed and kept on file with the school and a copy submitted to Basketball England in order to be entered into any competition under the jurisdiction of Basketball England. Therefore, that liability will rest with the school under their pastoral and OFSTED regulations and Duty of Care to each female player

4. Competition Formats:

4.1 U12 Format

These competitions are organised by Basketball England. Entry is made direct to Basketball England with County Competitions available to schools and the format will be dependent upon the number of entries received. This is open to all schools and academies. The competition format will be found as an appendix in this Schools Regulation document.

4.2 U14 & U16 Co-Ed and Girls:

Many of these competitions are primarily facilitated by the School Games Organisers (SGO) or local county contact. If a County School Games Organiser is not facilitating these age groups direct entry can be made to Basketball England. The SGO will be responsible for facilitating the Local School Cluster round and County rounds with the County winners progressing to the regional stages. Basketball England will organise the direct entries and from the regional rounds onward and the regional winners will progress to the Zone Round (item 4.4). Direct entries shall consist of school teams where there is no county competition or, for established teams, where the SGO permits them to participate through this route. Direct entry offers two options; schools will have the ability to enter either Premier or Conference competitions. Competitions will split into these different levels where there is a need and will also be dependent upon the number of schools that enter at each level. The Premier competition is for established basketball schools with a successful history of competing at national level and is likely to include an increased amount of travel. Entry into the Premier competition is subject to the previous season's performance and applications will be assessed by Basketball

England. The Conference competition is for new and developing schools where there is no locally organised competition. The SGO will organise the Local School Cluster rounds and County rounds while Basketball England will organise the direct entries. From the regional round stage onward Basketball England will organise the games and the regional winners will progress to the Zone Round (see item 4.4).

4.3 U17 & 19 Men and Women:

These competitions are organised by Basketball England. Entry is made direct to Basketball England and the format will be dependent upon the number of entries received. This is open to all schools, colleges and academies. The competition format will begin with regional pools and these will be determined by the schools' geographical location. Teams will play each other in their pool. Depending upon entry numbers, positions in pool play will determine the teams to progress to the national knock out stages until teams are found to progress to the National School Competitions Final Event

4.4 Zones: The zones are as follows: (1) North, (2) Central, (3) London, and (4) South. The North zone will comprise of the regions Yorkshire & Humberside, North West and North East. The Central zone will include East Midlands, West Midlands and the East, while the South zone will cover the South West, South and South East regions. The London zone will consist of the five Borough Partnership areas; i.e. North, East, South, West and Central London. The teams within each zone will compete to find a zone champion; the zone winners will progress to the National School Competitions Semi Final/Finals event

4.5 Basketball England reserves the right to amalgamate regions where few entries have been received and to adjust the format of the relevant competition for the teams involved. In the event of such amalgamation, the designated qualifiers could come from one region.

4.6 The teams that qualify for zone and final fours/finals of the schools competitions shall observe any arrangements by Basketball England for the staging of these fixtures, especially with regard to any sponsorship agreements.

4.7 Each team that competes in the Final Fours/Finals will receive a maximum of 16 event tickets for use amongst the competitors and members of the school team.

4.8 In all competitions schools will be scheduled to play an opponent until an age group champion is determined. In pool fixtures the positions will be determined by awarding three points for a win and one point for a loss. In the event of match lost by forfeit or default, no points are awarded to the losing team and points may be deducted if it is considered appropriate.

4.9 Teams that forfeit or default games during the pool stage of the competitions without a valid reason will not be permitted to progress beyond the pool stage.

4.10 In the event of a tie in league points at the end of the season, this shall be resolved as follows:

- a) If there are two teams involved in this classification, the result(s) of the game(s) between the teams involved will be used to determine the placings.
- b) In the event that the total points scored and conceded are the same in the games between the two teams, the classification will be determined by goal difference taking into account the results of all the games played in the league by both teams.
- c) If more than two teams are equal in the placings, a second classification will be established taking into account only the results of the games between the teams that are tied.
- d) In the event that there are still teams tied after the second classification, then goal difference will be used to determine the placings, taking into account only the results of the games between the teams still tied.
- e) If there are still teams tied, the placings will be determined using goal difference from the results of all their games played in the league.
- f) If at any stage using the above criteria, a multiple tie is reduced to a tie involving only two teams, the procedure in (i) and (ii) will be applied.
- g) If it is reduced to a tie still involving more than two teams, the procedure beginning with (iii) is repeated.
- h) Goal difference will always be calculated by subtracting points against/ from points for/scored.

4.11 Matches can be arranged in the form of central venue tournaments (triangular, quadrangular, etc.) or leagues, depending upon the geographical spread and the number of teams entered. Otherwise full fixtures are to be fulfilled.

4.12 It is recommended that, for leagues, games should follow FIBA regulations (i.e. four 10-minute periods (stopping clock), two minutes between periods and a 10-minute half-time break) and that, for tournaments, the quarters should be shortened to 7 minutes each. If the length of time available becomes an issue, there is the option to shorten games by agreement between the teams (e.g. shorter quarters or by adopting a running clock format).

4.13 Any claim for an outstanding/postponed game must be received by Basketball England 14 days prior to the 1st regional round fixture, in order that full consideration of the claim can be made before confirming final league positions and regional round places

5. Fixtures:

5.1 Matches shall be played prior to the published closing dates for the various rounds of each competition in the calendar. No arrangements other than this can be accepted without the prior consent of Basketball England.

5.2 Both teams have an equal responsibility for arranging the fixture.

5.3 The home team is responsible for confirming the fixture, using the Fixture Confirmation Form, with the away team seven (7) days prior to the game.

5.4 The first named team in the draw is the home team and is expected to stage the match. Any alternative arrangement must be mutually agreed, and communicated to Basketball England in writing by both parties. Authorisation from Basketball England may be required.

5.5 A visible scoreboard, and a visible clock, showing at least the time for the game in minutes shall be provided by the home team at every match. These facilities shall be clearly visible to both team benches.

5.6 The home team is to provide score sheets and table equipment for the game and is responsible for providing suitable first aid equipment at the venue.

5.7 Spectator space if available should not interfere with the playing space. Spectators should be adequately supervised by the relevant school / college / academy staff.

5.8 Teams arriving more than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time will find themselves liable to the forfeiture of the fixture. The away team must contact the home team if they are to be late. It is however the intention that the match should take place if at all possible and officials are requested to keep this in mind when making decisions.

5.9 Teams should have a minimum of six players present in order for play to start in a national schools competitions game

5.10 Where a school is responsible for the postponement of a scheduled match (48 hours prior to the tip off) or does not fulfill a fixture, without the consent of its opponents, Basketball England may consider the matter and award the non-offending team the game 20 – 0; league points may also be deducted. If games are postponed for other reasons, a new date for the match must be confirmed with Basketball England no later than 1 week after the postponement. The Fixture Change Form must be completed when a team requests a change of fixture from the published or agreed date.

5.11 Where a school is responsible for the postponement of a scheduled match (up to 24 hours prior to the tip off) due to the venue operator cancelling the booking, the game must be rescheduled within seven (7) days of the postponement. Confirmation from the venue that the original booking was cancelled by the venue operator must be provided. Failure to provide confirmation from the venue

operator will result in consideration of the matter by the Basketball England coordinators which may result in the game being awarded to the opposition.

5.12 In the event of postponements due to severe weather conditions or unforeseen road delays the following will apply:

- a) The travelling expenses (if applicable) of the match officials will be paid by the home team. Any dispute over the team responsible for the postponement, and subsequently any costs, will be resolved by Basketball England within seven (7) days.
- b) Any cost of court hire will lie with the team responsible for the postponement if the match is re-arranged for a later date. In the case of a forfeit the home club is not entitled to claim court hire costs from the away school; however they will be awarded the game 20-0.
- c) The responsibility for notifying match officials of a postponement rests with the home club.

5.13 For teams that enter directly with Basketball England a fixture schedule will be provided prior to the start of the academic year.

5.14 Whenever two schools fail to reach an agreement as to when a match shall take place, within seven days of the date of the original fixture postponement, Basketball England shall specify the date and time of the match.

5.15 In the case of an abandoned game the Basketball England National School Competitions Officer will make a decision based on the circumstances of the situation. This may result in the game being replayed on a date determined by Basketball England. Only the players listed on the original score sheet are eligible to play in the replayed game.

5.16 Schools should take reasonable precautions to safeguard the match officials and other participants from unsatisfactory behavior by their own players, officials and supporters.

5.17 The white copy of the scoresheet should be emailed to schools@basketballengland.co.uk.

6. Finals Events:

6.1 Basketball England will organise and promote the finals events as it deems appropriate and will appoint a Technical Commission to deal with disciplinary and other issues that may occur during the event. The Technical Committee will meet as quickly as possible and disciplinary decisions may be incorporated immediately as decided by the committee.

7. Playing Rules:

7.1 All games are played according to current FIBA regulations unless otherwise stated.

7.2 The use of zone defence is not permitted in any of the Basketball England National School Competitions with the exception of the Premier competitions only. Man to man defence is permitted only.

7.3 The home team should provide the match ball. The **Spalding** basketball is the approved ball for competitions under the jurisdiction of Basketball England.

7.4 Official basketball sizes:

- Size 5 for U12 and U14 girls.
- Size 6 for U14 boys and U16, U17, U19 females.
- Size 7 for U16, U17, U19 males

7.5 Games should be played on a full size court not less than 20m x 11m. After the regional round of games a full size, 26m x 14m, court is needed.

7.6 When arranging a fixture, the venue address, game time and respective playing colours must be confirmed. In the event of a colour clash in uniforms the home team shall change. It is recommended that the Fixture Confirmation Form be used in order to confirm playing colours.

7.7 If a coach is disqualified during the game they must be replaced by another adult representing that school.

7.8 Players can only be ejected from the game and/or from the courtside, and not from the hall. If further action is required this should be taken against the coach of the team.

7.9 During the game, the only persons permitted to sit on the bench are the coach, assistant coach, the (12) players and a maximum of two team followers with special responsibilities, i.e. 16 persons in total. It is recommended that each team has a team manager.

7.10 During the game, the referee must order any player who is bleeding, or has an open wound to leave the playing area. The player may return to the court only after the bleeding has stopped and the area affected or the open wound has been completely and securely covered.

7.11 If, at the end of a match, a team considers that it has suffered unreasonable harm by virtue of any occurrence connected to the match, with the exception of decisions made by the match officials, the captain of the team may sign the score sheet 'under protest'. This must be done 10 minutes of the end of the match. The referee should ensure that they do not close the score sheet, by signing it until the 10 minute period has elapsed. If a team signs the score sheet 'under protest', the team must have sufficient evidence and a valid reason for protesting the game and also becomes automatically liable to pay a deposit of £50.00. A written report and the original score sheet must be sent to the schools competitions officer with the deposit within 72 hours of the completion of the match in question. The deposit may be returned if the complaint is considered by Basketball England to be valid. A copy of the complaint will also be sent to the opposing team and to the match officials. Under no circumstances can the result be protested on the grounds of the quality of match officials nominated by the home team.

8. Results:

8.1 All results must be updated via Fixtures Live website immediately after the game has taken place.

9. Match Officials:

9.1 Referees and table officials should be appointed by the home team for each game. Referees should hold at Level 2 qualification, unless they are a development referee and therefore hold a level 1 qualification (regulation 9.4). Match officials should wear the regulation uniform. If the home team is unable to arrange two referees for a game, the away team must be advised at least 48 hours prior to the fixture in order for them to assist with the appointments. Where payment is involved, the match officials shall be paid by the home before the start of the game. Basketball England will make the appointments for the finals events.

9.2 Referees and table officials should be registered with Basketball England

9.3 Match officials should not make public comments, including via electronic media, regarding incidents in games in which they have officiated. Transgressions will be referred to the Basketball England Disciplinary Officer

9.4 For all age group competitions within the school competitions, educational establishments may appoint one development referee to officiate home games. The development referee must meet the following criteria:

- i. Must be qualified with Basketball England to referee level 1 or 2.
- ii. Must be registered with Basketball England as a referee.
- iii. Must have an independent (not a member of the school/college or has a relation in any way connected to it), qualified (Level 2 minimum), registered & experienced (at least 2 years' experience and has officiated games in the previous two seasons) co-official 18 years old or over.
- iv. No siblings/family taking part in fixture.
- v. Is not registered to participate in the same competition.
- vi. Is a minimum of 2 years older than age group they are officiating.

- vii. Development referees should be paid in line with regulation at the level 1 rate (max claim £15).

9.5 The following match fee and expense rates will apply for season 2017/18 as a guideline of the payment of officials:

Type of Game	Referees	Table Off's
Level 4 Referee (MAX CLAIM £25 INCL. EXPS)	£14.00	N/A
Level 3 Referee / Level 3 Table Official. (MAX CLAIM £25 INCL. EXPS)	£13.00	£6.00
Level 2 Referee / Level 2 Table Official.(MAX CLAIM £25 INCL. EXPS)	£12.00	£5.00
Level 1 Referee / Level 1 Table Official (Apprentice).(MAX CLAIM £15 INCL. EXPS)	£9.00	£4.00

Expenses paid to referees will either be in the form of:

Travel by Rail: The actual fare paid up to a maximum of second class ordinary return.

Travel by Road: 35.0p per mile. This figure does not apply where the official is using a company car, in which case the rate shall be 18.0p per mile for all mileage. (NB - see also official's expenses claim forms for further details)

For double-header appointments only one set of travel expenses may be claimed.

For appointments to all National School Championship Finals Basketball England will determine the appropriate match fee and mileage rate and or the level of expenses that will apply.

10. Game Promotion:

10.1 If the home team wishes to provide a match programme, the visiting team should provide any requested information at least five days prior to the fixture. If a school chooses to promote their home fixtures, they are entitled to any profits resulting from the promotion and will be solely responsible for any financial loss incurred.

11. Hospitality:

11.1 The home team is expected to provide adequate refreshments for the away team from the zone round onwards, bearing in mind the distance travelled. If it is intended not to provide refreshments, the opposition should be informed when arrangements for the game are confirmed.

11.2 Should the away team require overnight accommodation expenses for the accommodation will be met by the away team.

12. Disciplinary Action:

12.1 Basketball England will be responsible for disciplinary matters.

12.2 Individual schools, coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, players and/or team representatives may be disciplined for breaches of the Basketball England National School Competitions Regulations and/or the Basketball England Code of Ethics and Conduct. Disciplinary action could include disqualification of a team or officials from competition for any period that may be decided by the Basketball England Disciplinary Officer. Teams are also responsible for their supporters and failure to control their behavior could result in similar disqualification. In special cases, as determined by the Disciplinary Officer, a three-person commission may be formed to consider a particular matter.

12.3 In the event of a player, coach or team follower being disqualified during a match the Basketball England National School Competitions Officer should be informed. Each match official is required to submit a written report regarding the incident, within 72 hours of the completed fixture, a full time scale of the Disciplinary Timeline can be seen as appendix 1. The respective schools and/or any individual may also submit written reports if they so choose. Each of these reports shall be prepared by its author making clear as to evidence seen directly by the author. The matter will then be referred to the Disciplinary Officer.

12.4 A system of cumulative "penalty points" will apply, and a one game suspension comes into force whenever a Participant's total penalty points reaches (or exceeds) each of the following totals: 10 (one match ban), 15 (second match ban), 20 (third match ban), 25 (fourth match ban), etc. The suspension will take effect from /or after 14 days after the disciplinary incident, as determined by the Disciplinary Officer /Basketball England.

12.4.1 Disqualifications (other than two unsportsmanlike, two technical or one of each as these fouls no longer warrants additional disciplinary action once disqualified from the game) automatically invoke the following minimum penalty points:

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Player or Team Follower	7
Coach	10

12.5 Disciplinary action in respect of automatic penalty points incurred by disqualification will come into force on the 14th day after the incident or as otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England during which time the Participant will be able to appeal under Regulation 13. This does not preclude the Disciplinary Officer for imposing further penalty points.

12.6 At the end of each season, all cumulative totals will revert to zero.

12.7 Match Officials shall not make any recommendation or comment, either in their report or otherwise, as to the disciplinary action that they consider to be appropriate.

12.8 Disciplinary action as a result of a decision of the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England will normally come into effect on the 14th day after the incident or as otherwise decided by the Disciplinary Officer/ Basketball England. In all cases should an appeal be lodged against a decision of the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England or automatic points, any disciplinary action will be suspended until such time as the appeal is heard.

12.9 A Participant under suspension for a Match may not participate in the Match, or act as a Participant from 20 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the Match, until after the end of the Match. They may be present in the Venue as a spectator unless otherwise stated by the Disciplinary Officer / Basketball England.

12.10 Failure to observe a suspension or breaching any condition applied as part of a suspension is classed as a breach of suspension. Any breach of suspension will result in the case being referred to the Disciplinary Officer and further disciplinary action will be taken.

12.11 Players, coaches, teachers and representatives of the school shall not directly or indirectly approach match officials before, during or after the game to give information or make comment which may be regarded as being intended to influence a match official's judgment or neutrality in any way. Such action will be regarded as serious misconduct and the offender and the club they represent will be subject to disciplinary action.

12.12 At the discretion of the Compliance Manager a decision may be taken to allow the school/college to administer disciplinary action in order to ensure no individual is disciplined twice for the same incident.

12.13 All disciplinary' s will be kept on record for one season by the Compliance Manager to ensure all disciplinary' s are monitored and accumulated from any other Basketball England Competitions.

13. Appeals

13.1 An appeal may be made against a disciplinary decision (involving disciplinary action against the club or individual making the appeal), to the Compliance Manager of Basketball England within 7 days of the decision being known, unless otherwise specified.

13.2 A deposit of £250 for the appeal must be paid by 5:00 pm on the 7th working day after the initial decision.

13.3 The appeal should contain your full case for appeal at the point of submission. The basis for the appeal and which specific aspects are being appealed must be fully declared. Only the aspects and information listed in the appeal will be considered.

13.4 All statements and/or referee/official reports that have been submitted will be sent to the appellant within 7 working days of the launch of their appeal. This is done via email. Statements will be redacted where necessary in order to safeguard individuals involved. Some statements will not be sent to the appellant if there is a legal reason preventing the statements being shared. (third party information, data protection, confidentiality agreements or laws, Local Authority advice or instruction, advice from statutory agencies)

13.5 Consideration of the appeal will be made by the Compliance Manager and or the Appeals Panel.

13.6 At the conclusion of the appeal hearing, the Compliance Manager/Appeals Panel shall determine whether the appeal fee is returned to the appellant in full, in part, or not at all. In addition, the Compliance Manager/Appeals Panel may award costs and expenses against the appellant as it deems appropriate.

13.7 If no appeal is launched and the appeals deadline has passed, the disciplinary decision will be deemed as final and the result will be disclosed to the party who made the initial complaint (If a complaint was made by an individual or club) for the purposes of transparency. The disciplinary outcome will be redacted where necessary in order to safeguard individuals involved.

Terms and Conditions:

13.7 Any decision of the Compliance Manager/Appeals Panel made in accordance with these regulations shall be final and binding on the parties. There is no further course for appeal and by launching an appeal all parties agree to these terms and conditions.

13.8 The Appellant, together with any other party or parties who may be affected by the decision, may be given the right of a personal hearing, but solely at the discretion of the Compliance Manager/Appeals Panel, but not as of right.

14. Disputes:

14.1 If disputes cannot be resolved amicably between the teams they may be referred to the Basketball England. Details of disputes regarding matches should be in writing and received by Basketball England within 72 hours of the game in question. A copy of a complaint will be provided to the opposing team's coach / key contact person.

14.2 Basketball England will adjudicate within 72 hours of receiving submissions from each team.

Appendix 1

Disciplinary Timeline

Dynamik National School Competitions/EABL/WEABL/ABL

The timeline shows a guide of the disciplinary process. This is not in any way definite and may be adjusted accordingly.

Wednesday	Incident
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Thursday	Reports Received. Must be received by Friday 12:00pm
Friday	Notification of Disciplinary Process and official's reports sent to club
Saturday	
Sunday	Deadline for teams to submit reports
Monday	Consideration by Disciplinary Officer
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Disciplinary outcome sent to club (deadline for clubs to submit appeal 48 hours following notification)
Saturday	
Monday-	Suspension Letters issued
Tuesday-	
Wednesday-	Suspension in force
Thursday-	Suspension in force

(Time frames for midweek games will be adjusted accordingly.)

Appendix 2

Disciplinary Guideline Document

Underlying Principles

Basketball is a fast sport played at professional, semi-professional and amateur level by athletic players. In such a sport situation will naturally arise that will require debate and disciplinary decisions, and BE's disciplinary system is there to support and protect all participants without sanitising the sport.

Each case must be judged on its merits and decisions reached by applying judgement and discretion.

Disciplinary guidelines

Regulation 13 of the BE National School Competitions Rules and Regulations states that a system of cumulative "penalty points" will apply, and a one game suspension automatically comes into force whenever a person's total penalty points reaches (or exceeds) each of the following totals: 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 etc.

The tables on pages 3 to 5 are to be used as guidelines only in respect of the type of disciplinary action that will be taken against all participants for improper conduct as detailed. They are not in any way definitive and the Disciplinary Officer/Compliance Manager/Panel will make their judgement as appropriate after taking into account all the evidence made available to them.

The after disqualification points column refers to actions of a participant after they have been disqualified, e.g. a player is disqualified for violent conduct, which will give them at least a one game ban, they then direct a stream of abuse at a participant or kick an advertising board, they will then get additional points on top of the points normally received for the 'act' of disqualification. The Disciplinary Guidelines will also apply to Spectators and Team Followers of their respective clubs.

The timeline for disciplinary will be found in appendix 1 of the BE National School Competitions Rules and Regulations.

Appeals

12. Appeals

- 12.1 An appeal may be made against a disciplinary decision (involving disciplinary action against the club or individual making the appeal), to the Compliance Manager of Basketball England within 7 days of the decision being known, unless otherwise specified.
- 12.2 A deposit of £250 for the appeal must be paid by 5:00 pm on the 7th working day after the initial decision.
- 12.3 The appeal should contain your full case for appeal at the point of submission. The basis for the appeal and which specific aspects are being appealed must be fully declared. Only the aspects and information listed in the appeal will be considered.
- 12.4 All statements and/or referee/official reports that have been submitted will be sent to the appellant within 7 working days of the launch of their appeal. This is done via email. Statements will be redacted where necessary in order to safeguard individuals involved. Some statements will not be sent to the appellant if there is a legal reason preventing the statements being shared (third party information, data protection, confidentiality agreements or laws, Local Authority advice or instruction, advice from statutory agencies).

- 12.5 At the conclusion of the appeal hearing, the Appeals Panel shall determine whether the appeal fee is returned to the appellant in full, part, or not at all. In addition, the Appeals Panel may award costs and expenses against the appellant as it deems appropriate.
- 12.6 If no appeal is launched and the appeals deadline has passed, the disciplinary decision will be deemed as final and the result will be disclosed to the party who made the initial complaint (if a complaint was made by an individual or club) for the purposes of transparency. The disciplinary outcome will be redacted where necessary in order to safeguard individuals involved.
- 12.7 Any decision of the Appeals Panel made in accordance with these regulations shall be final and binding on the parties. There is no further course of appeal and when launching an appeal all parties agree to these terms & condition.
- 12.8 The Appellant, together with any other party or parties who may be affected by the decision, may be given the right of a personal hearing, but solely at the discretion of the Appeals Panel, but not as a right.

Outstanding suspensions

Any suspension or part thereof which remains outstanding at the end of a season resulting from these disciplinary procedures must be served at the commencement of the next season, within the terms of these disciplinary procedures. Before a participant is eligible to serve a suspension in a following season they must be registered to compete with their respective team. No suspension can be served unless the participant's registration is fully complete. Once registered a suspension letter will be issued by Basketball England to highlight the fixtures/dates during that current season for which the carried over suspension should be served.

Re-arranged matches

The Disciplinary Officer shall have discretionary power to rule that a match shall not count towards the completion of a suspension if it is satisfied that the game has been arranged by the club with a view to enabling a player to complete his suspension and thus qualify him to play in a specific match.

Dismissals

Where a player is disqualified by the referees, he/she must leave the game, but not the venue, they may sit courtside until the game has ended. Where a coach or official is disqualified by the referees, he/she must leave the game and the playing venue, with the assistant coach/school/college personnel taking lead of the remainder of the game. The coach/Official will take no further part in the game (including not in a spectating capacity or via electronic devices such as mobile phones etc).

BE shall not tolerate violent conduct of any kind. Where a person registered with BE and the competitions they play in, is found to have committed an assault on another player, coach, official, referee and/or spectator, the person concerned shall be suspended in accordance with disciplinary sanctions herein. Where required, BE shall also supply names of officials and/or witnesses to relevant authorities should legal proceeding be instigated.

Grading & Description of offences

There are five possible grades for each offence. Grade 1 is the lowest level of offence and Grade 5 the most serious.

The most common offences are listed in the sentencing guidelines below with a description to assist all those concerned in referring to incidents in a standardised manner.

PLAYERS

	Incident	Disqualification Points	After Disqualification Points	Not Disqualified Points	Fine
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violent Conduct 3 (Continuous violent behaviour/physical violence) 	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Up to £10,000
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violent Conduct 2 (Pre-meditated physical violence). Verbal Abuse 3 (Continuous & aggressive abuse) 	8-21 added		15+	Up to £1000
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violent Conduct 1 (Physical retaliation). General Improper conduct. 	5-10 added		9-15	Up to £500
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal Abuse 2 (Excessive Obscene/Foul Language) 	3-8 added		4-12	Up to £200
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsportsmanlike Conduct Verbal Abuse 1 (Obscene/Foul Language). 	0-3 added		5-10	N/A

In addition, fines may be imposed when deemed necessary for incidents whether the participant was disqualified or not.

Coaches

	Incident	Disqualification points	After Disqualification points	Not Disqualified points	Fine
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violent Conduct 3 (Continuous violent behaviour/physical violence). 	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Up to £10,000
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Violent conduct 2 (Premeditated violent behaviour). Violent Conduct 1 (including towards own Team Members). 	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Up to £1000
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal Abuse 3 (Continuous & aggressive abuse). 	3-12 added		15+	Up to £500
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal Abuse 2 (Excessive Obscene/Foul Language). 	6-12+ added		10+	Up to £200
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Improper Conduct. Verbal Abuse 1 (Obscene/Foul Language). 	0-8 Added		4-15	N/A

In addition, fines may be imposed when deemed necessary for incidents whether the participant was disqualified or not.

Match officials

	Incident	Action taken
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gross Misconduct- • Violent/aggressive behaviour (physical/verbal) • Theft or fraudulent behavior • Racial abuse/comments • Substance abuse • Sexual abuse • Drunken and disorderly conduct 	Lifetime ban from all Basketball England sanctioned games/events.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misconduct • Verbal Abuse. • Obscene/Foul Language. • Threatening words or actions. • Use of aggressive language and/or body language. 	Fixed period suspension from all BE licensed activities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breach of Match officials Code of conduct 	4 th Offence – Fixed period suspension from all BE licensed activities & £150 Fine
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to submit a disciplinary report within the regulated time • Failure to submit disciplinary report on official report form • Allowing players, coaches, team followers to participate in a match when they do not have a valid license card or do not produce a valid email received from the national leagues department • Failure to check a score sheet which subsequently has mistakes affecting the result of the game • Arriving less than 20 minutes prior to the scheduled tip off time or failing to fulfil a nomination without a valid reason. • Failure to ensure that disqualified players/coaches are ejected from the venue 	3 rd Offence - Final Warning. No officiating appointments for 4 weeks & £75 Fine 2 nd Offence - Written Warning. No officiating appointments for 2 weeks & £50 Fine 1 st Offence - Verbal Warning. No officiating appointments for 1 week

In addition, fines may be imposed when deemed necessary for incidents whether the participant was disqualified or not.