



This guidance is to be used for all International Sportsperson route governing body endorsement requests made on or after the 15 August 2024.

## **Section 1: Overview of governing body endorsements for the International Sportsperson route of the points-based system**

This page provides a brief explanation of what endorsement requirements apply in respect of the International Sportsperson route of the points-based system.

**The International Sportsperson route** is for elite sportspeople and coaches who:

- are internationally established and whose employment will make a significant contribution to the development of their sport at the highest level in the UK
- who will base themselves in the UK
- will be filling a post that cannot be filled by a suitable British citizen or person who has a right to enter or stay in the UK without restriction.

**The application process explained:** migrants applying to come to the UK under the International Sportsperson route need to be sponsored by an organisation that has an International Sportsperson sponsor licence.

If you wish to sponsor such migrants, you must have a sponsor licence. Before you apply to the Home Office for a licence you must be endorsed by the **approved governing body** for your sport. This endorsement confirms to the Home Office that the application for a licence is from a genuine sports club (or equivalent) that has a legitimate requirement to bring migrants to the UK as sportspeople. Once licensed, you can assign certificates of sponsorship to a sportsperson or coach with a job offer that allows them to apply for entry clearance or permission to stay in the UK. Each individual must also have a personal endorsement from the **approved governing body** for their sport before you assign the certificate of sponsorship.

An **approved governing body** is one specified in [Appendix SGB](#) of the Immigration Rules. Such a governing body must be recognised by one of the home country sports councils such as Sport England, and will have been approved by the Home Office before being included in [Appendix SGB](#) of the Immigration Rules.

Approved governing bodies will work within the Home Office's '[Code of practice for sports governing bodies](#)' and must comply with any immigration regulations, UK legislation and the principles of the points-based system as detailed on the [GOV.UK](#) website.

### **Length of endorsement**

Governing body endorsements should be issued for a period appropriate to the period of approval for sponsorship, that is:

<b>Type of application</b>	<b>Length of endorsement</b>
<b>Sponsor</b>	4 years from date of issue.
<b>Migrant</b>	For an initial maximum period of 3 years, with a further extension of a maximum period of 3 years. If the contract is for fewer than 3 years, it will be issued for the length of the contract.



### **Change of employment**

If a migrant is intending to change employer, their new employer must request a new governing body endorsement. The endorsement can be issued for the length of the contract or to the maximum period permitted within the route, whichever is the shorter. The new employer must assign a new certificate of sponsorship to the migrant to allow them to apply to the Home Office for new permission to stay. Permission to stay must be granted before the migrant can start work with the new employer.

### **Salary**

The salary should be agreed as part of the contract between the migrant and the sponsor. This and the other conditions of employment should be at least equal to those normally given to a resident worker for the type of work undertaken.

### **Supplementary employment**

International Sportsperson migrants are eligible to undertake supplementary employment under the Home Office supplementary employment regulations. The 'Supplementary employment' section [Workers and Temporary Workers: guidance for sponsors - Sponsor an International Sportsperson guidance](#) has more information on this.

### **Compliance with the Code of Practice for Sports Governing Bodies**

In reviewing this criteria, Basketball England confirm we have reread the Code and agree to our roles and responsibilities as set out within. We confirm we have acted in full compliance with the principles of the Code during this annual review.



## **Section 2: Requirements**

This page explains Basketball England requirements under the International Sports person route.

Only the roles listed as part of this criteria are eligible for endorsement.

The endorsements apply to England, Scotland, and Wales.

### **Consultation**

The following requirements have been agreed by the Home Office following consultation between Basketball England, Basketball Scotland, Basketball Wales, the British Basketball Federation and the Women's British Basketball League.

Prior to contacting the Home Office during the annual review of this criteria, Basketball England confirm that full consultation has been carried out, this includes any organisation that could be interpreted as an interested party, such as clubs, bodies, or player associations related to basketball in the UK.

### **Review**

The requirements will be reviewed annually. The next review will be in February 2025.

### **Length of season**

The season for basketball runs from mid to late September to late April/ early May.

### **Requirements**

<b>Criteria Requirements</b>
<b>Sponsors</b>
Governing body endorsements from Basketball England will only be issued to the following Governing Bodies within Basketball: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The British Basketball Federation</li><li>• Basketball England</li><li>• Basketball Scotland</li><li>• Basketball Wales</li></ul> In addition to clubs participating in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• British Basketball National Championship (Men)</li><li>• Basketball England Division 1 Men</li><li>• British Basketball National Championship (Women)</li></ul>
<b>Migrants</b>



<p><b>Players</b></p>	<p>A Player will be endorsed if they meet the requirements set out under one or more of the following headings (A – E):</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A. Players Graduating from the USA and Canada</b></p> <p>To qualify for endorsement as a Player under the Players Graduating from the USA and Canada requirements, the Player must have completed at least 4 years eligibility in the college system (this can include up to 2 years at junior college) and have a playing percentage of 75% percent or above in each of their last 2 seasons in either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) division 1 or 2; or</li> <li>• Canadian Universities – U Sport</li> </ul> <p>The player must have graduated within the last 18 months.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> Some players take 5 years to complete their 4 years college education due to taking a year out known as red-shirting. Players will not be penalised for following this option.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>B. International Players</b></p> <p>To qualify for endorsement as a Player under the International Players requirements, the Player must have played in at least 75% of their senior national team's available games for a playing nation ranked in the top 50 in the world in the previous 2 seasons as measured by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA).</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> Available international games include FIBA Continental, World and Olympic Championships unless it can be proved that they were not available for those games.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>C. Top Domestic Professional Players</b></p> <p>To qualify for endorsement as a Player under the Top Domestic Professional Players requirements, Players must be over the age of 18 on the date of the GBE application, and played in at least 75% of games available from one of the following within the last two seasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A team in a FIBA top 30 (men ranking or women ranking) federation's highest two tiers, where that league is affiliated with their home federation and FIBA; or</li> <li>2. In one of the Following Competitions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIBA Champions League – (BCL)</li> <li>• FIBA Euro Cup (Men &amp; Women)</li> <li>• FIBA African Champions League</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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- FIBA South American Championship
- NBA
- NBA-G League
- WNBA
- Euroleague (Men & Women)

**D. Players who do not meet the above criteria under Section A. Players Graduating from the USA and Canada, B. International Players, or C. Top Domestic Professional Players**

To qualify for endorsement as a Player where the Player fails to meet the requirements set out under Sections A, B, or C, the Player must meet **two of the three** criteria listed below:

1. An International Player has played in at least 60% of their senior national team's available games for a playing nation ranked in the top 30 (Men or Women) in the world in the previous two seasons prior to the application date, as measured by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA). Available international games include FIBA Continental, World and Olympic Championships; or
2. The Player has played in at least 60% of games (including conference and tournament games) for a team in the highest tier of a Professional League affiliated to or operated by a FIBA Federation. This federation must be ranked in the top 30 (Men or Women) in the world in the previous two seasons, prior to the application; or
3. The Player, including new players from USA & Canada and players coming to the UK who have graduated from the USA and Canada, has completed at least 4 years eligibility in the college system (this can include up to 2 years at junior college), having played in either National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) division 1, 2, 3. NAIA or Canadian University - U Sport in the last two seasons' 2022-23 and 2023-24:

**To note:** For requirement 3, the player must have been available and played in at least 60% of games they were eligible and available to play in, in each of the last two seasons, which includes conference and tournament games.

**E. Female Professional Players**



	<p>To qualify for endorsement as a Player under the Female Professional Players requirements, Players must have played in at least 60% of available games, over the previous two seasons in a league affiliated to or operated by one of the top 30 FIBA World Ranked Federations.</p> <p>The league must be either the first or second tier of competition in that country.</p> <p>A copy of the player's previous two professional contracts must be supplied as evidence when making an application.</p> <p><b>F. Extensions/Transfers</b></p> <p>Where an overseas Player is moving to another British team in the same competition, or extending their contract for the following season with the same team having played in either the BBNCL Men, BBNCL Women or Basketball England's Division One Men must demonstrate that they played in at least 75% of their previous UK team's competitive games where they were available for selection.</p> <p>If a player is transferred from one team to another during a season, the new club must obtain a new governing body endorsement before assigning a new certificate of sponsorship (CoS). The new player cannot play until they have been granted new permission to stay (leave to remain) in the UK.</p> <p><b><u>Other aspects to note for Players</u></b></p> <p><b>Players Performing Community Coaching/Promotional Work</b></p> <p>Players who are required to carry out some coaching duties, that are supplementary/ additional to the role they are performing (not in the Leagues the GBE endorsement is being issued for) as part of their contract, must hold the Home Nations Level 2 Coaching Award or equivalent before undertaking any coaching duties for a club.</p> <p>If a club applies to employ a player who does not hold the Home Nation Level 2 Coaching Award or equivalent the club must ensure that once they enter the UK they will achieve the UKCC Duty to Care award within three months and the Home Nation Level 2 Coaching Award within the first playing season. Once the individual has attained the award, they will be able to undertake coaching duties.</p> <p><b>Individuals that have studied overseas and played in overseas college systems</b></p>
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	<p>Individuals require a governing body endorsement under the International Sports person route if they wish to play for a professional or semi-professional club.</p> <p>All those participating in basketball in the UK must abide by their visa conditions.</p>
<p><b><u>Director of Basketball / Head Coach</u></b></p>	<p><b>To note:</b> Clubs can have either a Head Coach or a Director of Basketball. Basketball England, British Basketball Federation, Basketball Scotland, and Basketball Wales can have <b>one</b> Director of Basketball and <b>four</b> Head Coaches. In addition, <b>no</b> Endorsements are available for a Player Coach.</p> <p>To qualify for endorsement as either a Director of Basketball / Head Coach, the individual must meet both of the following requirements in the relevant role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant holds the Home Nation Level 3 or equivalent; and</li> <li>• They hold a FIBA Coaches / WABC license issued by their Home Federation.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants must also have been in a Director of Basketball / Head Coach role contracted for 12 months during the past 24 months immediately prior to the application date, for one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the National Federation or a National Team of a Federation (U20 and above) ranked in top 30 in the FIBA World men's or women's lists; or</li> <li>• a team that is currently competing in a Professional League (highest two tiers) affiliated to or operated by a top 30 Federation (men's or women's world ranking) as listed by FIBA; or</li> <li>• a team in one of the following competitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FIBA Champions League (BCL)</li> <li>○ FIBA Euro Cup (Men &amp; Women)</li> <li>○ FIBA African Champions League</li> <li>○ FIBA South American Championship</li> <li>○ NBA</li> <li>○ NBA-G League</li> <li>○ WNBA</li> <li>○ NCAA 1</li> <li>○ Euroleague (men &amp; women)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>If a club applies to employ a Director of Basketball or a Head Coach who does not hold the Home Nation Coaching Level 3 or its equivalent, but satisfies all other aspects of the criteria, a</p>



	<p>governing body endorsement will be issued on condition that once they enter the UK they will achieve the Home Nation Level 3 Coaching Award or its equivalent within the first playing season.</p> <p><b>Extension or Change of Employment</b></p> <p>Where clubs are applying for an extension of a Governing Body Endorsement, for a Director of Basketball or Head Coach, the individual must have achieved the Home Federation level 3 or equivalent and a Duty to Care Award. This will apply if the person is moving to a new British team to perform the same role.</p>
<p><b><u>Assistant Coach</u></b></p>	<p><b>To Note:</b> Clubs can have one Assistant Coach per team. Basketball England, British Basketball Federation, Basketball Scotland, and Basketball Wales can have up to three Assistant Coaches for their Home National Teams. No Player Assistant Coaches are permitted.</p> <p>To qualify for endorsement as an Assistant Coach, the individual must hold – as a minimum – the Home Federation Level 3 or equivalent coaching qualification. They must also hold a FIBA Coaches / WABC license issued by their Home Federation.</p> <p>If a club applies for a governing body endorsement for an Assistant Coach who does not hold the Home Nation Coaching Level 3 or its equivalent, but satisfies all other aspects of the criteria, a governing body endorsement may be issued on condition that once they enter the UK they will normally achieve the Home Nation Level 3 Coaching Award or its equivalent within the first playing season.</p> <p>Individuals must also meet <b>one</b> of the following, the individual:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. must have been contracted in a Head Coach or Assistant Coach role to an International Federation's National team (U20 and above) ranked in top 30 in the FIBA World men's or women's lists for a minimum of 12 months, during the 24 months immediately prior to the date of application; or</li> <li>2. must have been contracted in a Head Coach or Assistant Coach role for a minimum of 12 months, during the 24 months immediately prior to the date of application for a team that is currently competing in one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A professional league (in the two highest tiers) affiliated to or operated by a world top 30 ranked Federation, as listed by FIBA (men's or women's rankings)</li> <li>• FIBA Champions League (BCL)</li> <li>• FIBA Euro Cup (Men &amp; Women)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIBA African Champions League</li> <li>• FIBA South American Championship</li> <li>• NBA</li> <li>• NBA-G League</li> <li>• WNBA</li> <li>• NCAA 1</li> <li>• Euroleague (men &amp; women)</li> </ul> <p>See the full HMG <a href="#">policy guidance</a> on sponsoring a worker for more information.</p> <p><b>Extension or Change of Employment Application</b></p> <p>In all extensions or a change of employment, the individual must have also completed the Home Nation Level 3 award or its equivalent and the UKCC Duty of Care Award, issued or updated in the previous 12 months.</p>
<p><b>Notes</b></p> <p>Each application for a governing body endorsement must be submitted with evidence to support the application that explicitly states the requirements the applicant meets.</p>	
<p><b>Definitions</b></p> <p>“<b>Available</b>” means the player was listed for a game via physical stats and/or on the scoresheets for the game in question. This includes total games as substitute and on the court playing.</p> <p>“<b>Coaching Awards</b>” means any of the Home Country Basketball entities level 3 coach awards.</p> <p>“<b>FIBA</b>” means the World Governing Body for basketball. This includes sub-regions such as FIBA Europe, FIBA Africa, FIBA Oceania, FIBA Americas, FIBA Asia.</p> <p>“<b>FIBA Top 50 Rankings</b>” mean the FIBA rankings of the Top 50 Countries for men and Top 50 Countries for Women. All applications are assessed and measured based on the countries in the FIBA top 50 ranking based upon the date and time of the GBE application being assessed and then confirmed. The rankings are changed in February every year.</p> <p>“<b>FIBA Season</b>” means the playing season whereby UK domestic leagues finish in May. However, for home federations and GB Basketball and for National Team Purposes, the season runs up until 30 August.</p> <p>FIBA World Ranking men: <a href="https://www.fiba.basketball/rankingmen">https://www.fiba.basketball/rankingmen</a></p>	



FIBA World Ranking Women: <https://www.fiba.basketball/rankingwomen>

### **Injuries, Absences and Suspensions**

Games for which the applicant was unavailable for selection are to be excluded when calculating the applicant appearance percentage. Unavailable for selection means the applicant was not available to participate due to injury or suspension and written evidence supporting this, setting out the games missed and the reason(s), must be provided by the applicant National Association or club doctor to Basketball England for consideration.

Consideration will be given to the following when applying the criteria: injury; a period of maternity or paternity leave; serious illness or any legitimate medical reasons; suspension; international duty; bereavement; or family crisis.

In order to obtain the governing body endorsement, the individual must not be subject to a provisional suspension or any unexpired period of ineligibility from playing and/ or coaching activities in any jurisdiction as a result of being charged with or found guilty of a corruption offence and/ or a doping offence and/ or another misconduct offence.



## Further information

This information is available on the [Basketball England](https://www.basketballengland.co.uk) website.

For any queries relating to the requirements or the endorsement process please contact:

Rob Fairley  
Delivery Manager (Leagues & Competitions)

Telephone: 0300 600 1170

Email: [Rob.Fairley@basketballengland.co.uk](mailto:Rob.Fairley@basketballengland.co.uk)

Information on visas and immigration is available on the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) website.

## Endorsement Decision

An endorsement request may be accepted only where a Player, Head Coach or Assistant Coach meets the criteria in Section 2 'Requirements'. Basketball England will notify the sponsor in writing of any endorsement request which is refused setting out the reasons for refusal.

An endorsement request will be refused if the Player, Head Coach or Assistant Coach does not meet the Section 2 Requirements as set out in this document or fails to provide the mandatory documents.

## Dispute handling procedures

Where an application for either a player to play in a team or a coach to coach a team in one of the leagues covered by the requirements for a governing body endorsement as set out for International Sportsperson has been refused on the grounds that the player or coach fails to meet the published requirements, the sponsor may seek an appeal of the decision. The sponsor will have 7 days to request an appeal. In these cases, Basketball England will refer the sponsor's evidence to an independent appeal panel as set out below.

The sponsor's supporting evidence will be sent to the appeal panel in advance for their consideration in order to allow an informed decision.

Sponsors should note that, in respect of any application, there will only be one panel available and the decision of the panel is final. Sponsors should therefore ensure that all evidence it wishes to present in support of its application is presented to the panel. If the sponsor has previously made an application that was unsuccessful at appeal panel a further panel cannot be requested for the same player or Head coach during the season unless his status changes and he meets the requirements whereby a new application can be submitted.

### a. The Review

The request for an appeal may only be made by the sponsor for whom the governing body endorsement has been initially rejected by Basketball England.



An appeal shall be commenced by the appellant lodging with Basketball England Integrity Team, a notice of appeal within 7 days of the decision appealed against. The notice of appeal shall:

- i. set out details of the decision appealed against and, if the whole of the decision is not appealed against, identify that part of it which is appealed against;
- ii. acknowledge the sole ground of appeal applicable in this process; that being incorrect application of the endorsement criteria;
- iii. be accompanied by a deposit of £500. The panel shall have discretion as to whether the deposit is returned.

The procedure for appeal will be in accordance with the Disciplinary Regulations and the Panel shall be comprised as detailed below.

#### **b. The Panel**

The panel will be appointed by the Basketball England's Discipline Officer. The appointed panel shall consist of: an independent chairman, one representative of British Basketball Federation (who has not been involved in the initial decision) and a further independent member.

#### **c. Power of the Panel**

The appeal panel will be convened, and will take into consideration the initial application, the appeal submission, and any reasoning and response provided by Basketball England. The sponsor will be notified of the appeal panel's decision within seven working days of the appeal panel meeting to make their decision.

#### **d. The Decision**

The panel will make a decision using the above criteria which shall be final and binding.



### **Section 3: Process for applying for an endorsement**

#### **How to apply for governing body endorsements for International Sportsperson sponsor licence applications**

Clubs eligible for an International Sportsperson sponsor licence governing body endorsement should use the application form in [Annex A](#).

All potential sponsors should note that the purpose of an endorsement for a prospective sponsor is to confirm to the Home Office officials processing sponsor applications that the application is from a bona fide sports club or equivalent that has a legitimate requirement to bring migrants to the UK as sportspeople. The Home Office has additional criteria for sponsors that must be met in order for a club to be granted a sponsor licence. It is not Basketball England who will grant a sponsor licence.

#### **How to apply for governing body endorsements for International Sportsperson migrant applications**

Once a club has obtained its sponsor licence from the Home Office, the sponsor will be able to apply for Certificates of Sponsorship, which it will allocate to migrants coming here to work for it. Each migrant that a club wishes to employ needs to be assigned a Certificate of Sponsorship. However, before a club can assign a Certificate of Sponsorship to a sportsperson, they will also have to obtain an endorsement from Basketball England for all applications made for individual sportspeople and coaches.

International Sportsperson Long Term Stay (Exceeding 12 months) clubs should use either:

[Annex C](#): International Sportsperson Migrant Governing Body Endorsement Application Form (Player)

[Annex D](#): International Sportsperson Migrant Governing Body Endorsement Application Form (Coach)

Where a sponsor is seeking endorsement for a minor aged 16 or 17, written parental permission must be provided alongside their application. The sponsor must also have appropriate safeguarding arrangements, policies and procedures in place in line with the NSPCC Safeguarding and Child Protection standards in England and Wales and Child First, Standards for Child Wellbeing and Protection in Sport in Scotland.



**Annex A: International Sportsperson Route Sponsor Route  
Governing Body Endorsement Application Form**

This form should be used to apply to Basketball England for a governing body endorsement of an application for a sponsor licence under the International Sportsperson Route category of the Home Office points-based system.

Please complete all sections of the form below unless otherwise indicated:

Required start date of sponsor endorsement application:	
Name of club:	
Address:	
Contact name and position:	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Email	
Date of application	
Signature	

**Supporting evidence required:** None

**Please send this form to:**

**Basketball England**  
NSC  
Gate 13  
Eithad Campus  
Rowsley St  
Manchester  
M11 3FF

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The information on this form and any additional supporting document may be disclosed to the Home Office in the event that they investigate Basketball England and the processes and procedures used for governing body endorsements.



**Annex C: International Sportsperson Route  
Governing Body Endorsement Application Form - Player**

This form should be used to apply to Basketball England for a governing body endorsement of an application for a migrant under the International Sportsperson Route category of the Home Office points-based system.

**Please return this completed form to:  
Basketball England, Governing Body Endorsements,  
NSC. Gate 13. Etihad Campus. Rowsley St. Manchester. M11 3FF**

Please complete all sections of the form below unless otherwise indicated:

Full name of player	
DoB	
Nationality	
Current address	
Employment start date	
Employment end date	
Address migrant employed at	
Job title	
Salary (where appropriate)	
Name of club	
Sponsor endorsement ref	
Contact name and position	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Email	
Date of application	
Signature	

**Supporting evidence and or additional documents required:**

- player statistics/profile
- signed player contract



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The information on this form and any additional support document may be disclosed to the Home Office in the event that they investigate Basketball England and the processes and procedures used for governing body endorsements.

**Please indicate which of the following criteria are met:  
(all that are applicable)**

### Returning players

- i. Did the player play in at least 75% of games available to the team in the relevant league (British Basketball National Championship Men ,British Basketball National Championship Women or Basketball England Division One Men) finishing not more than 18 months ago?

- Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.  
 No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

### Players Graduation USA and Canada

- i. Did the player complete 4 years eligibility in the college system in one of the following?

NCAA I		NCAA II			CU - USport	
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- Yes – (proceed to ii)  
 No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

- ii. Did the player complete his/her final year of college not more than 18 months ago?

- Yes – (proceed to iii)  
 No – therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

- iii. Did the player play in at least 75% of games in each of their final two years of college?

- Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.  
 No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

### International Players:

- i. Did the player play in at least 75% of his/her Senior National Team available international games (including friendly fixtures, FIBA Continental, World and Olympic Championships) within the past two seasons?

- Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.  
 No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements



### Top domestic professional league players

- i. Did the player play for a professional league team that played in either of the following; Euroleague, Euro Cup, NBA, WNBA, FIBA African Championship League, FIBA South America Championship or NBA G-League , finishing not more than 18 months ago?

- Yes – (proceed to ii)  
 No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

- ii. Did the player play in at least 75% of games available to him/her for that side?

- Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.  
 No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

### Players who do not fall under criteria A, B or C

- i. Did the player play in at least 60% of available games for their top 30 ranked senior national teams available games in the previous two seasons?

- Yes  
 No

- ii. Did the player play in at least 60% of available games for a professional team that plays in the highest tier of a nation ranked in the top 30?

- Yes  
 No

- iii. Did the player complete 4 years of eligibility in either USA or Canada playing in either NCAA division 1,2 & 3, NAIA or Canadian U Sports?

- Yes  
 No

Has the player met two out of three criteria listed in this section?

- Yes – This therefore meets the governing body requirements  
 No - this therefore does not meet the governing body requirements

### Female Professional Players

- i Did the player play professionally in a league affiliated and operated by a federation ranked in the top 30 of FIBA rankings in the past two seasons?

- Yes – (proceed to ii)

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No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

ii Was that league in the top two tiers of that federations competition structure?

Yes – (proceed to iii)

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

iii. Did the player play in at least 60% of games available to him/her for that side?

Yes – this therefore meets the governing body endorsement requirements.

No – this therefore does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.



**Annex D: International Sportsperson Route  
Governing Body Endorsement Application Form – Head Coach/Director of Basketball**

This form should be used to apply to Basketball England for a governing body endorsement of an application for a migrant under the International Sportsperson category of the Home Office points-based system.

**Please return this completed form to:**

**Basketball England, Governing Body Endorsements  
NSC. Gate 13. Etihad Campus. Rowsley St. Manchester. M11 3FF**

Please complete all sections of the form below unless otherwise indicated:

Full name of Head Coach/Director of Basketball	
DoB	
Nationality	
Current address	
Employment start date	
Employment end date	
Address migrant employed at	
Job title	
Salary (where appropriate)	
Name of club	
Sponsor endorsement ref	
Contact name and position	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Email	
Date of application	
Signature	

**Supporting evidence and or additional documents required:**

- coach profile



- evidence of coaching qualification and/or a coaching licence if issued by another federation.
- signed contract
- Job search

The information on this form and any additional support document may be disclosed to the Home Office in the event that they investigate Basketball England and the processes and procedures used for governing body endorsements.

**Please indicate which of the following criteria are met:  
(all that are applicable)**

### Returning coach

Where clubs are applying for renewal of a governing body endorsement, the coach must have achieved a Home Nations Level 3 award.. Clubs do not need to supply details of a recruitment search for coaches returning to the United Kingdom.

- Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.  
 No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

### First time coaches

Coaches should hold the Home Nations or its equivalent. They must also hold a FIBA Coaches/WABC licence issued by their home federation. If a club applies to employ a coach who does not hold the BE Level 3 Coaching Award or its equivalent but satisfies all other aspects of the criteria, a governing body endorsement may be issued on condition that once they enter the United Kingdom they will normally achieve the UKCC Level 3 Coaching Award or BE Level 3 Coaching Award within the first playing season

Does the coach hold a FIBA Coaches/WABC licence issued by their home federation?

- Yes – move to i  
 No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

i Has the applicant been a Director of Basketball or a Head Coach for a National Team (U20 and older), ranked in the top 30 in the Men or Womens category for a period of 12 months in the past 24 months?

- Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.  
 No – (move to ii)

ii Has the applicant been a Director of Basketball or a Head Coach in a Professional league, in the top two competition tiers of a competition affiliated to a federation ranked in the top 30 as listed by FIBA, for a period of 12 months in the past 24 months?

- Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.  
 No – (move to iii)



iii Has the applicant been a Director of Basketball or a Head Coach in one of the following competitions for a period of 12 months in the past 24 months?

- FIBA Champions League
- FIBA Euro Cup
- FIBA African League
- FIBA South American Championship
- NBA
- NBA G League
- WNBA
- NCAA 1
- Euroleague

- Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.
- No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

Evidence to show a recruitment search has been undertaken and should be provided. This must include a copy of an advertisement and must have been advertised in the UK and on the British Basketball Federations Website, details of all responses must be included. -.

**Annex E: International Sportsperson Route  
Governing Body Endorsement Application Form – Assistant Coach**

This form should be used to apply to Basketball England for a governing body endorsement of an application for a migrant under the International Sportsperson category of the Home Office points-based system.

**Please return this completed form to:**

**Basketball England, Governing Body Endorsements  
NSC. Gate 13. Etihad Campus. Rowsley St. Manchester. M11 3FF**

Please complete all sections of the form below unless otherwise indicated:

Full name of Assistant Coach	
DoB	
Nationality	
Current address	
Employment start date	
Employment end date	
Address migrant employed at	
Job title	



Salary (where appropriate)	
Name of club	
Sponsor endorsement ref	
Contact name and position	
Telephone number	
Fax number	
Email	
Date of application	
Signature	

**Supporting evidence and or additional documents required:**

- coach profile
- evidence of coaching qualification and/or a coaching licence if issued by another federation.
- signed contract
- Job search

The information on this form and any additional support document may be disclosed to the Home Office in the event that they investigate Basketball England and the processes and procedures used for governing body endorsements.

**Please indicate which of the following criteria are met:  
(all that are applicable)**

**Returning coach**

Where clubs are applying for renewal of a governing body endorsement, the coach must have achieved a Home Nations Level 3 award.. Clubs do not need to supply details of a recruitment search for coaches returning to the United Kingdom.

- Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.
- No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

**First time coaches**

Coaches should hold the Home Nations or its equivalent. They must also hold a FIBA Coaches/WABC licence issued by their home federation. If a club applies to employ a coach who does not hold the BE Level 3 Coaching Award or its equivalent but satisfies all other aspects of the criteria, a governing body endorsement may be issued on condition that once they enter the United Kingdom they will normally achieve the UKCC Level 3 Coaching Award or BE Level 3 Coaching Award within the first playing season

Does the coach hold a FIBA Coaches/WABC licence issued by their home federation?

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- Yes – (move to i)  
 No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

i Has the applicant been an Assistant coach or a Head Coach for a National Team (U20 and older), ranked in the top 30 in the Men or Women's category for a period of 12 months in the past 24 months?

- Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.  
 No – (move to ii)

ii Has the applicant been an Assistant Coach or a Head Coach in a Professional league, in the top two competition tiers of a competition affiliated to a federation ranked in the top 30 as listed by FIBA, for a period of 12 months in the past 24 months?

- Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.  
 No – (move to iii)

iii Has the applicant been an Assistant Coach or a Head Coach in one of the following competitions for a period of 12 months in the past 24 months?

FIBA Champions League  
FIBA Euro Cup  
FIBA African League  
FIBA South American Championship  
NBA  
NBA G League  
WNBA  
NCAA 1  
Euroleague

- Yes – this meets the governing body endorsement requirements.  
 No – this does not meet the governing body endorsement requirements.

Evidence to show a recruitment search has been undertaken and should be provided. This must include a copy of an advertisement and must have been advertised in the UK and on the British Basketball Federations Website, details of all responses must be included. -.