

Season
2026 – 27



**BASKETBALL
SCOTLAND**

Regulations and Code of Conduct



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The following abbreviations are used throughout this document:

Abbreviation	Meaning
U10	Under 10 years old
U12	Under 12 years old
U14	Under 14 years old
U16	Under 16 years old
U18	Under 18 years old
PVG	Protecting Vulnerable Groups
ISC	Independent SBC Commissioner

Abbreviation	Name
FIBA	Federation Internationale de Basketball
IWBF	International Wheelchair Basketball Federation
BBF	British Basketball Federation
BWB	British Wheelchair Basketball
GB	Great Britain
BBL	British Basketball League
SBC	Scottish Basketball Championship
BUCS	British Universities and Colleges Sport

Section 1 - Registration

- 1.1. All players, coaches, managers and officials participating in any competitions must be appropriately registered with Basketball Scotland, with that registration linked to an affiliated club, and have an active Basketball Scotland membership for the season. The registration of players under the age of 18 requires parental consent.

Player age limits are as follows: -

- 1.1.1. Senior players – players who have reached their 18th birthday before 1 January of the current season
 - 1.1.2. Under 19 players (Wheelchair Basketball Only) -players who have not reached their 19th birthday before 1 January of the current season
 - 1.1.3. Under 18 players – players who have not reached their 18th birthday before 1 January of the current season
 - 1.1.4. Under 16 players – players who have not reached their 16th birthday before 1 January of the current season
 - 1.1.5. Under 14 players – players who have not reached their 14th birthday before 1 January of the current season
 - 1.1.6. Under 12 players – players who have not reached their 12th birthday before 1 January of the current season
 - 1.1.7. Under 10 players – players who have not reached their 10th birthday before 1 January of the current season
- 1.2. Registration of participants in National competition, using the above procedure, can be made up to and including the third Friday in January of the present season. For Regional / Local competition refer to the organising body for registration deadlines.
- 1.3. Primary Club Registration fees for 2026/27 season will be:

	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
	Player, Coach, Official SBC	Local Leagues & University Competition only	Volunteer & Recreational
Senior	£38	£35	N/A
U18	£26	£24	N/A
U16	£19	£17	N/A
U14	£19	£17	N/A
U12	£2	N/A	N/A
U10	£0	N/A	N/A
Wheelchair Senior	£0	£0	N/A
Wheelchair Junior	£0	£0	N/A
School*	£0	N/A	N/A
Recreational Adult	N/A	N/A	£0
Recreational Junior	N/A	N/A	£0
Volunteer	N/A	N/A	£0
LD Adult	£0	£0	N/A
LD Junior	£0	£0	N/A

* Where only registered and competing at School Level

- 1.4. Provided the appropriate qualification, PVG and CWPS/AWPS/CWPO training courses, where applicable, are held uploaded onto the JustGo membership portal, each member in Category 1 or 2 is then eligible to register as:

Player	Referee
Coach	Table Official
Coach Helper	Statistician

- 1.5. Each member in Category 3 (except those with recreational Memberships) may register as a Table Official and / or Statistician (provided the appropriate qualification is held and that qualification is uploaded onto the JustGo membership portal).
- 1.6. Each member working with children (under 18 years) and / or adult at risk (as defined in the relevant legislation/regulated work) is required to join the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme and must have an active PVG with Basketball Scotland before commencing the role.
- 1.7. A player signing a Club registration form will be considered bound to that Club until completing the release process (see Player Release Section below) and it is authorised by Basketball Scotland.
- 1.8. A registered participant may play/coach for another Club in another competition as a member of a secondary Club (Dual registration) where there is no conflict of interest but ONLY after written approval (via email) is submitted by both clubs to Basketball Scotland, by the Club Secretary / Portal Administrator prior to the player competing for any other Club and any additional registration fee is paid as per 1.3. Any breach of this regulation will result in the default of any game in which the aforementioned individual has competed illegally. The principle of a player being 'Cup-tied' will continue. Any request to revoke dual registration should be submitted in writing to membership@basketball.scot and the player release process detailed below will apply.
- 1.8.1. Where the parent Club provides a pathway opportunity at SBC level the athlete may not be dual registered for an alternative SBC club.
- 1.9. Conflict of interest will be determined by Basketball Scotland.
- 1.10. Basketball Scotland reserve the right to consider U23 players who hold a GB passport to play in both the professional game and in the SBC in a dual licence capacity.
- 1.11. Registration must be completed, and membership purchased via Basketball Scotland's JustGo membership system. Membership must be renewed annually from 1 August in any year.
- 1.12. To be eligible to play on any given day, Registration and payment must be completed prior to 9.00am on the day of competition. Where a game falls on a weekend this must be completed prior to 9.00am on Friday.

Section 2 - Player Transfers and Releases

- 2.1. Players already registered to play with an affiliated club will be subject to the following conditions.
- 2.2. An individual, having signed for a given Club after 1 August, may only sign for 1 other Club in the current season.
- 2.3. Players will be released automatically from any club which has not affiliated by 1 November in the current season.

2.4. Senior players/coaches

- 2.4.1. If an individual does not wish to re-sign, or the Club does not offer to re-sign the individual, the Club Secretary must release the individual, via the online membership system at the end of the season.
- 2.4.2. If an individual wishes to transfer to another club, the receiving Club must Request Release by completing the relevant online process as detailed in the membership system.
 - 2.4.2.1. A £5 fee is required to be paid by the receiving Club.
 - 2.4.2.2. A request for release must be processed via the online system within 5 working days of submission and may only be withheld if there are debts owed or kit/equipment to be returned to the releasing club.
 - 2.4.2.3. Where there is no response to the request for release within 5 working days, the release will automatically be processed by Basketball Scotland.
 - 2.4.2.4. Where there is a dispute over outstanding debts, the Club must provide evidence of the outstanding debts to both Basketball Scotland and the individual within 5 days of receipt of the player transfer request.
 - 2.4.2.5. Where the debt has been outstanding for more than two months the Club must also evidence to Basketball Scotland all failed attempts to recover debts.
 - 2.4.2.6. Basketball Scotland will assess the evidence and confirm any conditions of release to be met.
 - 2.4.2.7. Basketball Scotland hold no responsibility for any outstanding debts the individual may have with the original Club.
 - 2.4.2.8. Any individual wishing to change Clubs will not be eligible to play in any competition until confirmation that the release has been granted.

2.5. Youth players

- 2.5.1. Where players wish to leave their current club, all parties should allow them to do so, without blocking their right to choose their own basketball environment.
- 2.5.2. Where an individual does not yet have a receiving Club, the individual must submit a request to Basketball Scotland for processing.
- 2.5.3. If an individual wishes to transfer to another club, the receiving Club must Request Release by completing the relevant online process as detailed in the membership system.
- 2.5.4. A £5 fee is required to be paid by the receiving Club.

- 2.5.4.1. A request for release must be processed via the online system within 5 working days of submission.
 - 2.5.4.2. Where there is no response to the request for release within 5 working days, the release will be processed.
 - 2.5.4.3. If players have club kit or owe finances, this should be arranged to be returned, and payment plans set up to allow them to leave with immediate effect.
- 2.6. Players are not permitted to attend a training session of another Club without prior agreement from their parent Club. Should a player attend a session without prior agreement this player should not be permitted to train. If the other club allows a player to train without prior agreement, then the parent club have the right to submit a record of complaint/ dispute Form as part of the grievance process – see 4.3

Section 3 - Code of Conduct

- 3.1. Aligned to FIBA's mission "to create one basketball community and unite the community", we promote a culture of collaboration and improved player experience. To Basketball Scotland this means encouraging a sensible and "player-first" approach to competitive basketball. Through our Regulations and Code of Conduct we aspire to improve standards, encourage collaboration and aligned to our strategic mission, enhance the experience of those participating in basketball.
- 3.2. Regulations are published to ensure a safe environment, promote sportsmanship, and protect the ethos, values and morals of the game. We will always attempt to resolve matters in an empathic manner, appealing to common sense and will resort to official processes as a last resort.
- 3.3. For those adopting a negative, obstructive or aggressive approach to other members, clubs or competition, Basketball Scotland will take a firm stance and we encourage our clubs to lead the way with how they define and embrace winning, improving and behaving graciously to one another.
- 3.4. There is an expectation that those participating in Basketball Scotland competition or programmes, or activity sanctioned by Basketball Scotland, share similar values to Basketball Scotland. Consequently, we expect adherence to the Code of Conduct, Regulations and relevant policies.
- 3.5. We value those who take responsibility for their actions. We encourage clubs to acknowledge their responsibilities to, and for, their players and we appreciate clubs taking a lead on any player indiscretion.
- 3.6. We value those who work positively for the sport. We encourage clubs to hold us to high standards in a positive and engaging manner, identifying potential solutions to problems and issues that arise.
- 3.7. We value those who do the right thing and not just the easy one. We encourage clubs to take decisions that are right for the sport of basketball in Scotland.
- 3.8. We value those who challenge and have a desire to continually improve. We encourage clubs to work with us to improve the experience of those participating in basketball in Scotland.

Taking responsibility: we are responsible for our actions	Working as a team: we work positively for the sport
• Be a positive role model and take ownership of your behaviours • Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others and accept responsibility for your actions. • Understand and adhere to the rules, regulations and policies of FIBA, the British Basketball Federation and Basketball Scotland. • Ensure wellbeing, health and safety standards are maintained and any concerns are reported • Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example. • Adhere to the Basketball Scotland Child Wellbeing and Protection Policy and related behaviours. Policy found here • It is everybody's responsibility to protect the rights of the individual. • Avoid acts of aggression, violence, harassment or abuse • Maintain high personal standards and take pride in your efforts and behaviour	• Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealing with others. • Refrain from any behaviour that may bring basketball, Basketball Scotland, a member association or an affiliated Club into disrepute. • Resolve conflicts and disputes fairly and promptly through established procedures. • Communicate effectively and positively to everyone involved in basketball activities. • Be supportive and understanding to the needs of others. • Provide opportunity for all to contribute and promote equality and inclusion. • Promote an environment free of discrimination, both direct and indirect. • Promote fair play and treat everyone with respect and dignity. • Hold others to these standards
Being brave: we do the right things even when it is difficult	Always improving: we challenge ourselves and each other to continually improve
• Abide by the rules and accept the decision, making all appeals through the formal process and respecting the final decision. • Embrace challenges and overcome setbacks. • Build the confidence of others by praising and challenging them to improve. • Encourage questions. • Put the welfare of others above winning, focusing on effort and performance. • Accept that mistakes are part of learning. • Embrace a problem-solving mindset seeking solutions and improvements.	• Be professional, courteous, respectful and commit to quality. • Provide a safe environment for the conduct of all activity. • Have humility to want to find opportunities to continually improve yourself and your skills. • Ensure your Basketball Scotland membership and any required qualifications are up to date. • Reflect on your behaviours and challenge yourself to constantly improve. • Keep up to date with the rules of the sport

3.9. Anti-doping

- 3.9.1. The UK Anti-Doping Rules and Policy as adopted by Basketball Scotland, apply to all persons licensed (whether permanently, provisionally, temporarily or otherwise) to participate in the sport, for which ever is the longer of a) the length of the licence period; or b) 12 months from the date of issue of the licence, in accordance with the Basketball Scotland Regulations (as detailed herein) whether or not the licence holder is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK.
- 3.9.2. A player who retires from the sport, while holding an active licence should inform Basketball Scotland, to ensure that their licence is cancelled.
- 3.9.3. UKAD Testing of Minors – As detailed in Section 5.7 of the UKAD Rules, all players under the age of 18 – Minors, are subject to the UKAD Rules and testing procedures and testing takes place within a defined safeguarding process. Information via link <https://www.ukad.org.uk/violations/testing-process-minors>
- 3.9.4. Clubs licensing or holding a license for any individual who is U18 MUST ensure that the player, their parent/guardian, receive a written communication advising that they have consented for testing through participation in any Basketball Scotland League and highlight the testing process. A copy of the written communication should be available to Basketball Scotland if required.

3.10. Betting and Manipulation of Competitions

- 3.10.1. Basketball Parties shall not engage in any of the following conduct. Please see appendix 3 for definitions.

3.11. Betting

- 3.11.1. Direct or indirect involvement of a Basketball Party in any form of Betting related to a Basketball Competition or other international basketball competition, whether recognised or not, where one or more participants are at the same time holders of a license issued by Basketball Scotland (a “Protected Competition”), including Betting (and Betting- related activities) with or through another Person on the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of such a Protected Competition.

3.12. Manipulation of Results

- 3.12.1. Fixing or contriving in any way or otherwise improperly influencing or being a party to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise improperly influence, the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of a Protected Competition;
- 3.12.2. Ensuring or seeking to ensure the occurrence of an incident in a Protected Competition, which occurrence is to the Basketball Party’s knowledge the subject of a Bet and for which the Basketball Party or another Person expects to receive or has received a Benefit; or
- 3.12.3. Failing in return for a Benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a Benefit, irrespective of whether such Benefit is in fact given or received) to perform to the best of one’s abilities in a Protected Competition.

3.13. Corrupt Conduct:

- 3.13.1. Accepting, offering, agreeing to accept or offer, a bribe or other Benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a Benefit, irrespective of whether such Benefit is in fact given or received to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise to influence

improperly the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of a Protected Competition; or

- 3.13.2. Providing, offering, giving, requesting or receiving any gift or Benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a Benefit, irrespective of whether such Benefit is in fact given or received) in circumstances that a Basketball Party might reasonably have expected could bring him or the sport into disrepute.

3.14. Misuse of Inside Information:

- 3.14.1. Using Inside Information for Betting purposes or otherwise in relation to Betting; or
- 3.14.2. Disclosing Inside Information to any Person with or without Benefit where the Basketball Party might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure in such circumstances could be used in relation to Betting.

3.15. General Provisions

- 3.15.1. The following are not relevant to the determination of any Betting or Manipulation of a Competition violation:
 - 3.15.1.1. Whether or not the Basketball Party was participating, or a Basketball Party assisted by another Basketball Party was participating, in the specific Basketball Competition;
 - 3.15.1.2. The nature or outcome of any Bet in issue;
 - 3.15.1.3. The outcome of the Competition on which the Bet was made;
 - 3.15.1.4. Whether or not the Basketball Party's efforts or performance (if any) in any Basketball Competition in issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question; or
 - 3.15.1.5. Whether or not the results in the Basketball Competition in issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question.

Section 4 - Disciplinary Process

4.1. Grievance and Disciplinary Policy

Purpose: Basketball Scotland promote fairness, equality and sportsmanship. This policy and relevant processes are designed to support this. Strategically we aim to increase positive experiences for all involved in basketball. Therefore, our intention is to tackle disciplinary matters in an efficient and effective manner. We will look favourably on club's taking responsibility for indiscretion and acting accordingly.

Thereafter our first step will be an informal discussion in an effort to swiftly resolve the matter without causing undue distress to those involved.

4.1.1. **Policies:** This document details two separate processes:

4.1.1.1. On-court Disciplinary Process: this process is for incidents during Basketball Scotland competitions that are reported by match officials, including Game Disqualifications.

4.1.1.2. Grievance Process: this process is for any matter not covered in the On Court Disciplinary process, including breaches of the code of conduct, member-to-member complaints, complaints against Basketball Scotland and its staff and volunteers.

4.1.2. **Selecting the correct process:** Basketball Scotland will be responsible for selecting the process by which incidents will be dealt with. Generally, this will be based on:

4.1.2.1. Incidents reported by match officials that occur during the course of competition or games will be dealt with through the On-Court Disciplinary Process. NB See below for details of Regional Association competition jurisdiction.

4.1.2.2. Incidents or complaints raised by members of the basketball community will be dealt with through the grievance policy.

4.1.3. Basketball Scotland retains the right to escalate any on-court matter to the Off Court Grievance process wherein they can determine if an investigatory suspension should be applied.

4.1.4. Where any matter is considered by Basketball Scotland's Child Wellbeing and Protection Officer to have safeguarding concerns, it will be progressed through the Child Wellbeing and Protection Policy.

4.1.5. Where a grievance against a staff member may require disciplinary action, this will be escalated to Basketball Scotland's internal HR Disciplinary process.

4.1.6. **Regional Associations Processes**

Regional Associations are delegated responsibility for disputes and disciplinary matters concerning clubs and members competing in Regional competition under their jurisdiction.

4.1.7. This means that each Affiliated Associations has jurisdiction to hear and decide:

4.1.7.1. Ejections and/or Disciplinary Reports occurring in games at competitions held by or under the auspices of an Affiliated Association;

- 4.1.7.2. Allegations of Misconduct which occurs in, or in connection with, competitions held by or under the auspices of an Affiliated Association;
- 4.1.8. Each Affiliated Association shall have rules and regulations (including rules that incorporate the Basketball Scotland Code of Conduct) which comply with this Regulation and the Affiliated Association's constitution. To the extent of any inconsistency between an Affiliated Association's constitution and the Basketball Scotland Constitution or any Regulation with respect to judicial matters, the Basketball Scotland Constitution and Regulations will prevail. If an Affiliated Association does not have such judicial rules and regulations, it may apply these judicial regulations as far as practically applicable.
- 4.1.9. Each Affiliated Association shall ensure that the hearing bodies of the Association hear and decide matters in accordance with the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness.

4.2. Disciplinary Policy

- 4.2.1. **Scope:** This policy covers both
- in-game disqualifications (Disqualification) and
 - other disciplinary breaches (a Disciplinary Report) that occur before, during or after a game or competition.
- 4.2.2. **Purpose:** The purpose of the policy is to get appropriate decisions made in a timely manner to ensure that standards of behaviour are upheld. The policy also sets out to recognise responsibility.
- 4.2.3. **Lead:** The Independent SBC Commissioner, with advice from the Disciplinary Panel, is responsible for all disciplinary matters.
- 4.2.4. **Application:**
A Disqualification or Disciplinary Report can only be filed by the match officials.
- 4.2.5. A Disciplinary Incident can relate to any participants who are on the team bench, bench vicinity, and court during or immediately after a game.
- 4.2.6. A Disciplinary Report can be raised in relation to matters before and after the match, including after the scoresheet is signed.
- 4.2.7. As per FIBA/IWBF Rules article 47.8 decisions made by the officials during the game are final and cannot be contested or disregarded. As such, decisions made by the officials are non-appealable. This includes the period 20 minutes prior to the game commencing until the scoresheet is signed by the referee.
- 4.2.8. **Initiation:**
The Disciplinary Process can be initiated by the Independent SBC Commissioner (ISC) following any Disciplinary Incident reported by a Match Official, where:
- A participant has been issued with a disqualifying foul under article 38 or 39 of the FIBA/IWBF Rules
 - A Match Official has witnessed unacceptable behaviour before, during or after the game.

- 4.2.9. Where a player, coach, or named individual on the scoresheet is disqualified from the game under FIBA/IWBF article 36 or 37, the disqualification is for the game only and no additional penalty for the disqualification shall be administered. Where a participant is disqualified in this manner more than once in a season, the Independent SBC Commissioner will consider initiating a Disciplinary Process.
- 4.2.10. It is the responsibility of each match official to submit a Disciplinary Report within 48 hours of the incident and earlier where possible.
- 4.2.11. **Automatic Ban:**
A participant who is issued with a disqualifying foul under article 38 or 39 of the FIBA/IWBF Rules, during a competition game, will incur an automatic one game ban at all competition levels they are eligible to participate in. For coaches and team followers this will be deemed as a single match ban at all levels of competition the Club participates in. This Automatic Ban is not appealable.
- 4.2.12. The Automatic ban applies immediately after disqualification. This includes games scheduled on the same day or weekend that the disqualification took place and covers all levels of competition. It is the responsibility of Club Secretaries to ensure participants are not involved in games the ban relates to.
- 4.2.13. Mistaken Identity: In circumstances of a claim of mistaken identity during fight or bench clearance situations, the Independent SBC Commissioner may consider removing the Automatic Ban where, in his sole discretion, he considers there is clear video evidence to support the claim.

Disciplinary - First Stage

- 4.2.14. Initial Investigation
The Independent SBC Commissioner, or his/her appointee, will conduct a short, informal investigation in order to come to quick decision on a sanction. They may conduct this in any manner they view fit.
- 4.2.15. The individual and club shall be expected to cooperate with the informal investigation and provide access to any video evidence.
- 4.2.16. Normally, the informal investigation will take into account:
- The Match Officials Reports
 - Initial response from the individual or club, including any action taken by the club
 - Any video evidence available
 - Views from any independent witness
 - Any relevant previous disciplinary records
- 4.2.17. Where the individual/club concerned demonstrates responsibility, a more lenient outcome will be considered.
- 4.2.18. In normal circumstances, the informal investigation will be concluded within 96 hours of the incident. Where this is not possible, there will be ongoing communication with the club and individual.
- 4.2.19. Sanction:
The informal investigation will conclude with the Independent SBC Commissioner either (i) considering that no further action is required or (ii)

offering a sanction to the individual and club based on the guideline sanctions included below.

4.2.20. **Acceptance of Sanction or Disciplinary Review Panel:**

- 4.2.20.1. The individual and club will have 24 hours to confirm if they accept the sanction or wish to progress to a Disciplinary Panel Review process.
- 4.2.20.2. Where it is accepted, the Sanction will come into place with immediate effect.
- 4.2.20.3. Where the sanction is rejected, the matter will immediately progress to a Disciplinary Panel Review.

4.2.21. **Disciplinary Review Panel**

The Disciplinary Review Panel is considered the appeal process for Disciplinary decisions.

- 4.2.22. Following the offer of sanctions that concludes the Informal Process, the Club will have 48 hours to submit a written statement for Panel consideration.
- 4.2.23. The Disciplinary Review Panel will consist of 2 – 4 individuals with no connection to the original incident or the informal investigation.
- 4.2.24. The Panel will sit at the earliest practical opportunity following receipt of evidence, including:
 - The conclusion of the Informal Investigation
 - Match Officials Reports
 - Club Written Statement
 - Video Evidence
 - Any relevant previous disciplinary matters
- 4.2.25. The normal panel process will be:
 - Hear an outline of the informal investigation and sanction offer from the SBC Commissioner
 - Consider the evidence
 - Discuss and agree any sanction required
- 4.2.26. The outcome of the Disciplinary Review Panel can be:
 - No further action
 - Decrease the sanction offered by the SBC Commissioner
 - Uphold the sanction offered by the SBC Commissioner
 - Increase the sanction offered by the SBC Commissioner.
- 4.2.27. The decision of the Disciplinary Review Panel is final and cannot be appealed.
- 4.2.28. It is the intention to have the final decision of the Disciplinary Review Panel concluded and communicated within 11 days of the initial incident. Where this is not possible, communication will be maintained with all parties.

4.2.29. **Application of Sanctions**

The SBC Commissioner will be responsible for ensuring the fair application of any sanctions and will have authority to take decisions on the application of sanctions either agreed by the club or decided by the Disciplinary Review Panel.

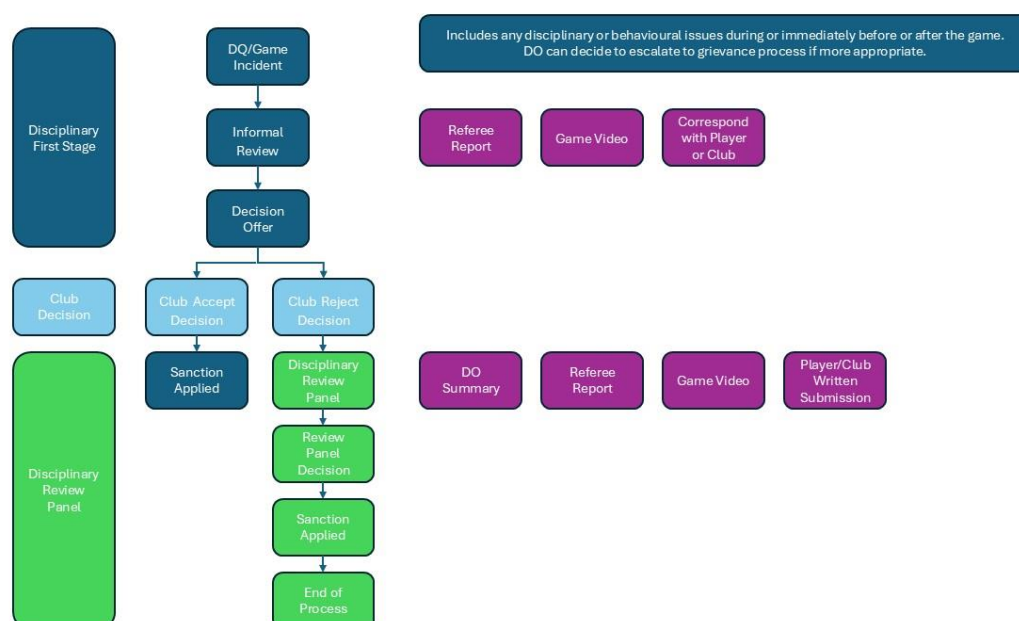
- 4.2.30. In general, any sanctions will:
 - Apply in line with FIBA regulations
 - Relate to all levels the participant is eligible to participate in

- Apply across breaks in the season or from one season to the next
- Reallocated to another fixture if the game in question is postponed, cancelled or defaulted by either club
- Kept on record for two years, unless otherwise stipulated by the Disciplinary Review Panel.

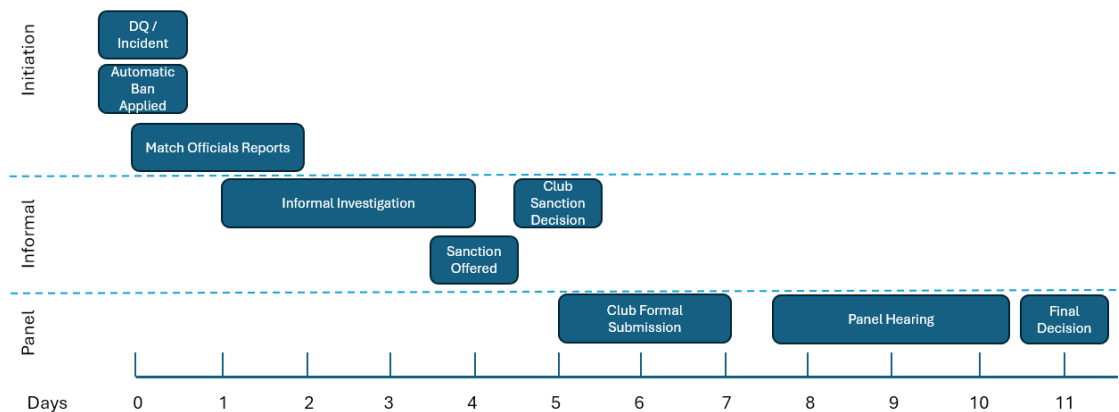
4.2.31. Guideline Sanctions:

Offence	Low	High	Other sanctions to consider
Lower Level Cases			
<i>General Improper Conduct</i> Includes but not limited to: • Leaving the bench • For Technicality • Throwing or kicking objects • Spitting	1 game	10 games	UK Coaching Duty to Care.
<i>Violent Conduct</i> Includes but not limited to: • Retaliation • <i>Contacting the referee in an inappropriate manner</i>	2 games	10+ games	
<i>Abusive, Threatening Language and/or behaviour</i>	2 games	10 games	Safeguarding Training/Anger Management Training
<i>Bringing the game into disrepute</i>	2 games	10+ games	
Serious cases			
<i>Aggravated breach</i> – making reference to a protected characteristic	6 games	20 games	Equality Training
Violent conduct towards a match official	6 months	Lifetime ban	

4.2.32. Process Outline (for information only)



4.2.33. Intended Timeline



4.3 Grievance Process

4.3.1. Scope: This process is for any matter not covered in preceding “On Court Disciplinary Process” or any matter escalated from that process. This includes breaches of the code of conduct, member-to-member complaints, complaints against Basketball Scotland and its staff and volunteers.

4.3.2. Purpose: To resolve grievances and disputes quickly and efficiently where possible.

4.3.3. Lead: The Basketball Scotland appointed Lead Officer (LO), supported by the Support Officer (SO) will be responsible for implementing this process.

4.3.4. Application

A grievance may be raised by any member or member club (the complainant) against any other Basketball Scotland member, member club or Basketball Scotland staff member or volunteer (the respondent).

4.3.4.1. A Grievance should relate to a breach of the Basketball Scotland Code of Conduct and should where possible, contain specific details of an incident or incidents.

4.3.4.2. Before raising a grievance, members should consider if the matter can be resolved informally or between clubs without the intervention of the Governing Body.

4.3.5. Initiation

Any individual wishing to raise a grievance, complaint or dispute must complete the form [Record of Complaint / Dispute Form \(Appendix 2\)](#).

4.3.5.1. Only after submission of the form will a complaint or dispute be addressed.

4.3.5.2. The LO will decide if further investigation is required. The test is one of “comfortable satisfaction” (i.e. the LO must be comfortably satisfied a breach has occurred).

4.3.6. **Communication**

- 4.3.6.1. While the intention is to resolve matters quickly, on occasion, investigations can take time.
- 4.3.6.2. Throughout the process, the SO will ensure timely communication with all parties and relevant information is shared.

4.3.7. **Investigatory Suspension**

At any point in the process, an Investigatory Suspension may be applied by the Lead Officer should at their discretion. Any Investigatory Suspension does not imply guilt.

4.3.8. **Informal Stage** The LO or his/her appointee, will undertake informal discussion with the intention of:

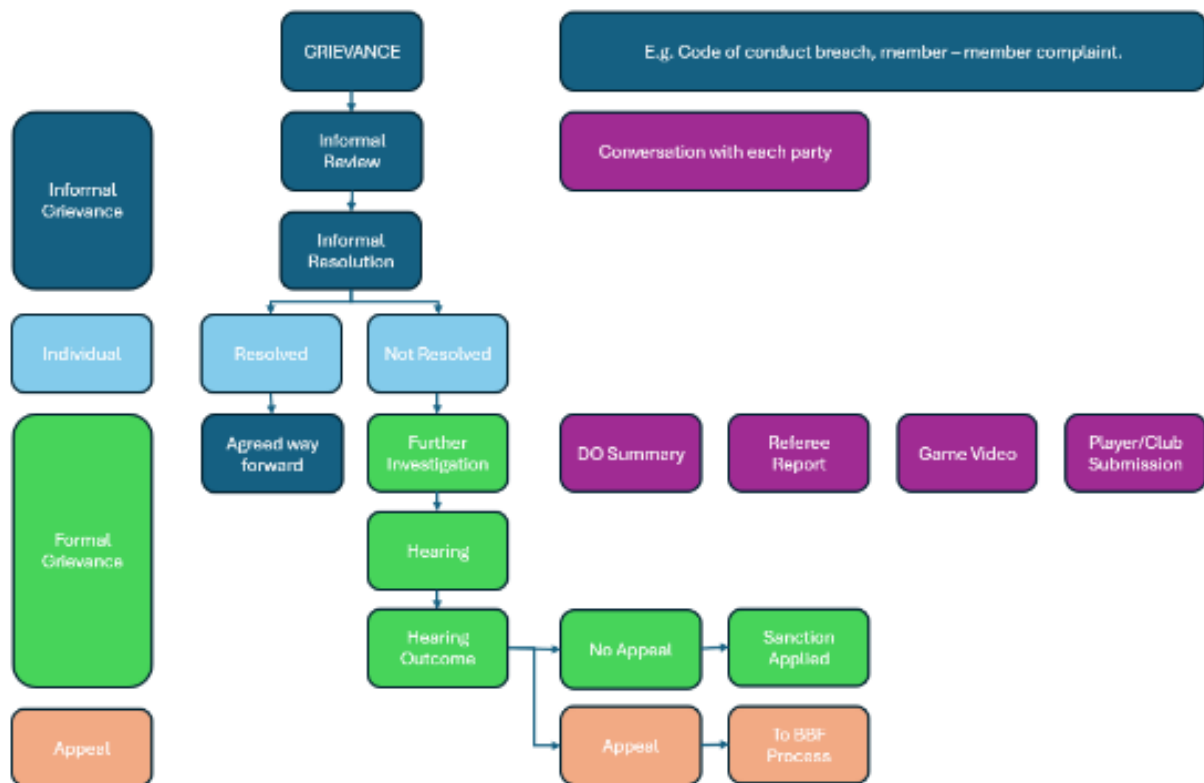
- establish the basic details of the incident,
 - allow the club or individual to take any action it deems worthy,
 - find a solution without the need to undertake a full investigation.
- 4.3.9. Informal Discussions will be with whomever the LO determines necessary but may include:
- **The Complainant.** Purpose includes, but not restricted to: clarify details, ask any questions that need further detail that were raised in the initial form.
 - **The Respondent.** Discuss the incident. Gather further information as deemed relevant. LO must allow the parties involved a reasonable opportunity, depending on the urgency of the issue to be determined, to provide their explanation of the alleged incident. Discussion will also include any sanction if the LO deems the incident merits it.
 - **Club of the Respondent.** The LO is encouraged to empower the respondent's club to take appropriate action without the involvement of Basketball Scotland.
 - **Any witnesses.** As identified in the initial complaints form, or the LO deems relevant.
- 4.3.10. The LO may also consider a mediation approach to resolve the matter
- 4.3.11. The LO will conclude the informal process at the point where they are satisfied that they have enough information or that the matter will not be resolved through the informal process.
- 4.3.12. The Possible Outcomes the LO can consider from the informal stage include:
- 4.3.12.1. Case Resolved:
- Any sanction as deemed necessary by LO is accepted by respondent
 - LO decides no case to answer and complaint dismissed
- 4.3.12.2. Escalation to Formal Grievance.
- Informal discussion fails to find a solution.
 - Either the LO or respondent decides to escalate.
- 4.3.12.3. All relevant parties will be informed of the outcome.
- 4.3.13. **Formal Stage**
- 4.3.14. The LO will appoint an Independent Disciplinary Officer to lead the formal stage.

- 4.3.15. The LO will brief the DO on the informal stage.
- 4.3.16. The DO will decide if further investigation is required before progressing to a hearing. Where this is required, the DO will decide on an appropriate course of action, which may include:
 - Asking the LO to undertake further investigation.
 - Appointing an independent investigator to undertake further investigation.
 - Progressing directly to a hearing
- 4.3.17. The scope of the investigation is at the discretion of the DO
- 4.3.18. Once they are satisfied there is sufficient information, the DO will establish a hearing.
- 4.3.19. The DO will conduct and chair the hearing at their discretion. At the DO's discretion, they may conduct the hearing themselves or with the support of a Panel of up to 3 independent individuals.
- 4.3.20. The DO may invite the LO or Investigating Officer to attend the hearing to answer questions
- 4.3.21. The Hearing will be conducted at the discretion of the DO, but will normally include:
 - Consideration of the Allegations, Investigation Report and any additional evidence collected through the investigation
 - The opportunity for the respondent to state their case and present any evidence
 - The opportunity for the DO/Panel to ask questions of any attendees.
 - Consideration of the matter.
- 4.3.22. The DO may at any stage pause and reinstate the hearing in order to undertake further investigation or clarify information as required.
- 4.3.23. The possible outcomes from the Hearing are:
 - No further action required
 - Any sanction considered appropriate by the DO or Panel.
 - Any education considered appropriate by the DO or Panel.
- 4.3.24. All relevant parties will be informed of the outcome.

4.4. Right of Appeal

Any finding of the DO/Panel can be appealed through FIBA, whilst there is currently not a British federation.

4.5. Process Outline (for information only)



Section 5 - National Competition Regulations

5.1. Management

- 5.1.1. These Regulations shall apply to all **Scottish Basketball Championships** (SBC) organised by Basketball Scotland and will thereafter be referred to as national competitions unless specific regulations require clarity.
- 5.1.2. The competitions are controlled by the Basketball Scotland Executive Board. The Board, or their nominees, will consider and act on all matters in connection with the Regulations and have the authority to make decisions on all matters relating to the competitions not specifically covered by these Regulations.
- 5.1.3. All matches within the competitions shall be conducted under Official FIBA/IWBF Rules unless stated (separate documents will be supplied, where applicable, prior to the competition commencing and supersede FIBA/IWBF Rules)
- 5.1.4. Disputes, protests and disciplinary will be dealt with under the relevant section of the regulations and the Appeals document where relevant
- 5.1.5. Basketball Scotland retain the right to issue corrections and amendments or clarifications to uphold the intention of the rules as communicated.

5.2. Entry

- 5.2.1. Clubs must be affiliated to Basketball Scotland prior to the first game(s) of the season.
- 5.2.2. Players, coaches and officials must be appropriately registered with Basketball Scotland.
- 5.2.3. Clubs must meet the minimum requirements for entry to national competition: SBC Minimum Entry Requirements 26/27
 - 5.2.3.1. Basketball Scotland reserves the right to amend or apply additional minimum requirements where necessary to meet the needs and development priorities of specific competitions.
 - 5.2.3.2. The Caledonia Blues programme is recognised by Basketball Scotland as a national pathway development programme. As such, it may be exempt from specific rules relating to club pathway requirements, dual registration and promotion/relegation, where agreed by Basketball Scotland. These exemptions will be reviewed annually to ensure they continue to support the wider performance pathway and the development of Scottish/British players.
 - 5.2.3.3. For the Senior Women's SBC in season 2026/27, Basketball Scotland intends to strengthen expectations around youth pathway development. Clubs will be expected to provide a clear and realistic plan outlining how they will support, develop, or connect with youth basketball activity during the season. Basketball Scotland will work with clubs to support this process, with progress to be reviewed ahead of future competition entry requirements.
- 5.2.4. A current copy of the Club's Governance documents, aligned to our MOR, should be uploaded to Basketball Scotland's JustGo membership management system

5.3. Finance

For season 2026/2027 the competitions participation fees per team will be as follows:

League Entry		Scottish Cup Entry	
Senior	£400	Senior	£60
U18	£250	U18	£30
U16	£250	U16	£30
U14	£200	Wheelchair	£30
U14 Div 2	£150	Chair's Cup	£30
Wheelchair SBC	£50		

5.4. Player Eligibility and Coach Requirements

Player eligibility requirements relating to registration, nationality and disciplinary procedures are set out in the relevant sections of this document.

- 5.4.1. In the event of a club playing an unregistered or ineligible player in a competition fixture the following action will be taken:
 - 5.4.1.1. If the team fielding the ineligible player loses the fixture, the result shall stand and the Club shall be fined as per competition regulations referring to fines.
 - 5.4.1.2. If the team fielding the ineligible player wins the fixture, the result shall be declared void and automatically defaulted 20-0. The Club shall also be fined in accordance with competition regulations referring to fines.
 - 5.4.1.3. If the Club play a player under another name, in addition to the above, the coach will be suspended from coaching in any SBC competition for a period of no less than 5 games. This is effective over all levels of coaching. The Club will be fined a minimum of £200.00.
- 5.4.2. A player may play for only one Team in a Scottish Cup competition.
- 5.4.3. Coaches must hold an active basketball coaching qualification recognised by Basketball Scotland to coach in all competitions.
- 5.4.4. Coaches of youth teams, competing in any youth competitions led or supported by Basketball Scotland, must be PVG Scheme members in respect of regulated work with children. Applications for CODE Scheme Records must **either** be processed by Basketball Scotland **or** by the club where the club is enrolled with Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services to access those records.
- 5.4.5. SBC Entry requirements do not apply to teams wishing to enter the Chair's Cup. This competition is reserved for players who do not play in an SBC competition at any age group. If a team wins a Chair's Cup fixture and plays an SBC player, the result shall be declared void and automatically defaulted 20-0. The Club shall also be fined in accordance with competition regulations referring to fines.

5.5. National Status

To ensure the continued development of domestic players and youth pathways, Basketball Scotland has taken account of feedback from clubs from last season and confirm the following are the criteria designating National Status for season 2026/27.

In a Basketball Scotland League, playing nationality is determined by;

- A- First – Government issued Passport (Current or Expired) or
- B- Second - ID Card or – VISA Card – International Travel Card, issued by a National Government showing their Nationality when issued. If none of the above are held

C- Third - Birth Certificate / British Citizenship Certificate.

The definitions below explain the terms and abbreviations used in this section:

5.5.1. Definitions:

- 5.5.1.1. **GB National** - possesses GB passport as defined under the immigration act.
- 5.5.1.2. **Non GB player** – Possesses a non GB passport
- 5.5.1.3. **FIBA LOC** – FIBA Letter of Clearance – IF APPLICABLE

5.5.2. FIBA Letter of Clearance

- 5.5.2.1. All youth players (regardless of Nationality) who were previously registered with another Federation abroad or any youth player who does not hold a GB passport – require FIBA International Transfer Clearance before any license to play can be issued. (See [Appendix 1 – FIBA Letter of Clearance](#))
- 5.5.2.2. Any fees that are required by FIBA in the processing of a Letter of Clearance, will be invoiced direct by FIBA to the club contact as shown on the FIBA LOC application form. An automatic administration fine of £150 will apply if the fee is not paid within 14 days.
- 5.5.2.3. Anyone not in possession of a passport or documents listed under the Nationality status criteria, will be reviewed under an exemption process, using the immigration legislation definitions.

5.5.3. National Team Declaration Under 18s Only – Non-GB Nationals

- 5.5.3.1. For all non-GB nationals, who are Under 18 players and subject to the FIBA Transfer and Clearance regulations. The National Team name required in the form MUST match the passport nationality of the player.

5.5.4. Player's Self Declaration

- 5.5.4.1. For players coming out of an academic institution or registering for the first time with a National Federation that is not the National Federation of the player's country of origin.

5.6. Fixtures

- 5.6.1. Arrangements for League fixtures will be decided by Basketball Scotland and the format of each competition will be dependent on the number of teams accepted.
- 5.6.2. Basketball Scotland will establish dates during which the games must be scheduled.
- 5.6.3. All games will tip-off by 8.30pm on Saturday or Sundays, Friday games will tip off between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.
- 5.6.4. Midweek games (Monday-Thursday) will tip off between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.
- 5.6.5. Any tip off times outwith those previously stated will only be allowed at the discretion of Basketball Scotland. If there is any dispute, then the match shall be played on a date and time stipulated by Basketball Scotland.

- 5.6.6. Youth teams are not required to accept a tip-off time which has them return home (under normal travel conditions) later than Midnight. Should both teams agree Basketball Scotland may allow the game to take place.
- 5.6.7. Youth teams are not required to accept multiple games in one weekend and decisions must be made in the best interests of the child when fixtures are being re-arranged.
- 5.6.8. It is recommended all level of games do not tip after 8:30pm unless absolutely necessary due to venue restrictions/number of games taking place back-to-back.
- 5.6.9. In all SBC matches a team must have a minimum of 8 players ready to play at the scheduled tip off time.
 - 5.6.9.1. Teams will be fined in accordance with Section 5.13 on the second occasion that they play with fewer than 8 players.
 - 5.6.9.2. Advanced notification (more than 72 hours) to Basketball Scotland via the Competitions Manager in regard to attending a game with fewer than 8 players will be considered on a case by case basis and if approved, no fines will be issued.
- 5.6.10. A Club is required to participate in all national competition it is entered into.
- 5.6.11. Any alteration to fixtures after their formal publication will incur a fine according to Section 5.13, with the exception of uncontrollable or accidental incidents, which would be accepted as grounds for postponement. Examples of such incidents are extreme weather or facility issues. Both will be required to be evidenced to Basketball Scotland. Player or Coach shortages will not be accepted as reason for postponement.
- 5.6.12. The following circumstances would be accepted as grounds for postponement:
 - 5.6.12.1. Two or more players selected to play in relevant international duty at the same age level as the competition i.e. international fixtures, which have been cleared on Basketball Scotland's calendar - 3 weeks' notice required. In the case of Under 16 players, this will not carry over if they are 'playing up' at Under 18 level for their Club.
 - 5.6.12.2. Playing facilities not available - Written confirmation from facility manager required.
 - 5.6.12.3. Adverse weather- Ratified by Basketball Scotland in conjunction with met office reports and police traffic advice.
 - 5.6.12.4. Mutual agreement by the Clubs a minimum of 14 days prior to the fixture. This will be limited to two changes per Club per season.
 - 5.6.12.5. Three or more players who due to short term ill health are unable to play provided they can produce relevant evidence to confirm this. i.e. Doctor's certificate or confirmation of non-attendance at school due to the illness.
- 5.6.13. Any Club postponing a game with less than 7 days notice will incur a fine as detailed in Section 5.13. In addition, they will be liable to cover any reasonable costs incurred by the opposition Club, including: facility hire, officials costs, catering, DJ, dance team, or other entertainment
- 5.6.14. If the teams cannot agree on a mutual date within 10 working days then the match must be played on the date set by Basketball Scotland.
- 5.6.15. In the event a Club defaults a fixture, the defaulting Club shall be awarded no points and the non-defaulting Club shall be awarded 2 league points.

- 5.6.16. Promotion and relegation will be at the discretion of the Executive Board and this may include play-ins.
- 5.6.17. Details of the format of end of season play-off competition and cost per game fees attached will be communicated to Clubs.
- 5.6.18. By entry to national competitions, Clubs are committing to participation in the play-off if they successfully qualify. Failure to participate in the play-off will incur a fine of £500 and may exclude the team from all national competitions the following season.
- 5.6.19. Scottish Cup
Basketball Scotland shall be responsible for making all Scottish Cup draws and deciding on any seeding order. Where seeding is applied in any round of a cup competition, the criteria used in the seeding shall be declared.
- 5.6.20. If the teams cannot agree on a mutual date for a Scottish Cup fixture then the match dates will be set by Basketball Scotland for that round of the competition. Any decision in regard to date, venue or tip time made by Basketball Scotland is non-appealable.
- 5.6.21. The home team shall advise the Basketball Scotland office as soon as arrangements have been agreed for the tie.
- 5.6.22. Failure to comply with the above will result in a fine being levied against the Club under Section 5.13.
- 5.6.23. Basketball Scotland shall be responsible for the organisation of all Finals.
- 5.7. League Positions
 - 5.7.1. League positions shall be determined by awarding 2 points for a win, one point for a loss and zero points for a conceded tie.
 - 5.7.2. In the event of a tie in League points at the end of a qualifying stage or at the end of the season, this shall be resolved as per FIBA Regulations.
- 5.8. Uniforms
 - 5.8.1. Teams will comply with FIBA Regulations Article 4.3 and its sub-sections regarding uniforms.
 - 5.8.2. Each team will have 2 complete contrasting uniforms, one of which will be light.
 - 5.8.3. The light uniform will normally be used by the home team.
 - 5.8.4. Female teams are permitted to wear dark shorts with their light uniforms so long as the entire team adheres to this.
 - 5.8.5. Playing colours will be specified at the beginning of the season.
 - 5.8.6. Teams must have tops clearly numbered back and front as per FIBA/IWBF Regulations and may use numbers 0 or 00 and from 1-99
- 5.9. Facilities
 - 5.9.1. All venues must be approved as being suitable for the promotion of competition basketball by Basketball Scotland.
 - 5.9.2. A visual scoreboard and visual clock shall be provided to give information to players, officials and spectators during the game.
 - 5.9.3. Table equipment must comply with the regulations contained in the FIBA/IWBF Rule Book i.e. electronic device for completion of Swish statistics, team foul markers, fouls batons numbered 1-5, visual scoreboard, direction of play arrow, scorers' and timekeepers' signals, and at least one back-up stopwatch (or clock).

- 5.9.4. A 24 second-device with the function to reset to 14 seconds during live play and visible to players and spectators, must be provided at all competition matches.
- 5.9.5. An approved Wilson Match Ball must be used in all matches:
 - 5.9.5.1. Size 7 for U16, U18 and Senior Men
 - 5.9.5.2. Size 6 for U14 Men and all Women's leagues
- 5.9.6. Each Club shall be responsible for providing their own team's first-aid equipment. Home teams should have an awareness of the emergency accident procedures in place at the home venue.
- 5.9.7. Failure to comply with any of the above will result in a fine being levied against the Club under Section 5.13.
- 5.10. Gate Receipts
 - 5.10.1. The home team shall retain all gate receipts for League matches and all Cup matches up to and including the Semi Finals.
 - 5.10.2. Basketball Scotland will arrange all Cup Final matches and shall be responsible for all event expenses except team travelling expenses. Participating teams will be entitled to receive 30 complimentary tickets for the athletes.
- 5.11. Games Disputes and Protests
 - 5.11.1. Any disputes or protest specifically regarding game disputes shall be recorded on the reverse of the scoresheet and be followed by a full written report within 48 hours. There is a £100 administration fee that must accompany such appeals.
 - 5.11.2. Copies of the written report must be sent at the same time to the opposing team secretary and the game officials.
 - 5.11.3. Under no circumstances can a result be protested on the judgement of match officials.
 - 5.11.4. Any submission not meeting with the above criteria will be deemed invalid and dismissed without review.
 - 5.11.5. On receipt, the documentation will be considered by the Independent SBC Commissioner and a decision communicated back to all parties within 3 working days.

For appeals process refer to relevant section.

- 5.12. Officials
 - 5.12.1. Basketball Scotland have appointed an Independent SBC Commission (ISC).
 - 5.12.1.1. The ISC will be tasked with dealing with disputes and challenges to the regulations.
 - 5.12.1.2. The ISC **will not** investigate any non-appealable administrative fines, these will be processed by Basketball Scotland.
 - 5.12.2. Under normal circumstances, a minimum two referees, who must be registered with Basketball Scotland for the current season, will be appointed by Basketball Scotland to each match.
 - 5.12.2.1. Officials must be registered with Basketball Scotland
 - 5.12.2.2. Officials must have an active PVG with us (for both the child and adult schemes).

- 5.12.3. Table Officials (Scorer, Timer and Shot Clock Operator) shall be provided by the home team.
- 5.12.4. All Table Officials should be qualified and registered with Basketball Scotland for the current season.
- 5.12.5. **Procedure in the event of absence of official(s)**
 - 5.12.5.1. If a referee has failed to arrive for any match at the appointed venue 30 minutes before the scheduled starting time, and if no communication has been received by the game organisers as to the reason for the late arrival, the match promoter, in consultation with team representatives and any officials who are present, shall take necessary steps to ensure that a substitute official is found in order that the game can take place.
 - 5.12.5.2. If another suitable qualified referee is at the venue or in the immediate vicinity, he/she shall be informed that their services may be required.
 - 5.12.5.3. If there are no suitable qualified referees available, the officials present, both teams shall be consulted on whether they wish to continue with just one referee. If both teams do not agree to this, only then shall the game be postponed.
- 5.12.6. **Pre-game regulations**
 - 5.12.6.1. The home club shall nominate a promoter for each game. A named promoter must be provided to the Referee who will record this information on the Game Report Form. The promoter shall be responsible for all aspects of the event except the playing of the game.
 - 5.12.6.2. The game promoter may not be a participant within the match.
 - 5.12.6.3. The game promoter will be responsible for the following:
 - 5.12.6.3.1. All areas outwith the playing court, including entrances, exits, hallways, dressing rooms, etc., in conjunction with the venue staff and public order enforcement officers
 - 5.12.6.3.2. Ensuring changing rooms are clearly marked with team names, gender and age. This must be completed a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.
 - 5.12.6.3.3. Making themselves known to the match officials a minimum of 30 minutes prior to the start of the game.
 - 5.12.6.3.4. Ensuring any disqualified participants of the match are escorted to the relevant changing rooms.
 - 5.12.6.3.5. Ensuring that spectators comply with the Basketball Scotland code of conduct.
 - 5.12.6.3.6. Ensuring floor moping provision is in place.
 - 5.12.6.4. The game officials, i.e. referee, umpire, and commissioner, if appointed, the promoter, and at least five playing members of each team, are required to be present at the venue at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time. Clubs must arrange tip-off at least 20 minutes after start of hall hire.
 - 5.12.6.5. The pre-game meeting will be convened, where required, by the commissioner/senior referee when officials arrive at the venue or at a suitable time agreed by the Crew Chief.
 - 5.12.6.6. The participants at the pre-game meeting should assemble at or near the scorer's table. The referee shall make decisions regarding all aspects of the game not covered by the rules after consultation with the other members of the pre-game meeting.

- 5.12.6.7. It is the intention of Basketball Scotland that, wherever possible, a match should take place and officials are requested to keep this in mind when making decisions.
- 5.12.6.8. Prior to the start of the game the visiting team shall be permitted a minimum of 20 minutes actual warm-up time. Visiting teams shall supply their own warm-up balls.
- 5.12.6.9. In the event of entertainment being arranged for the half-time interval, this must be notified to the match officials and opponents at the pre-game meeting. A minimum of 10 minutes must be permitted for half-time warm-up.

5.13. Fines

Under noted are the fines, which will be levied for contravention of the Regulations. These fines are administrative and non-appealable:

Fine	Amount	Additional information
League Withdrawal	£250	Plus, £50 per unfulfilled fixture
Failure to submit all fixtures for approval by the deadline date	£25	Charge is per fixture
Alteration to published fixtures	1 st change: £50 2 nd change: £100 3 rd change: £150 4+ changes: £200 plus a one-point deduction per subsequent change	
Fixture changed within 7 days of the scheduled game	£250 20 – 0 win to opponent 0 points for the altering team	Financial losses for opposition will be met by altering club. Costs include, but are not limited to: hall hire, DJ / Announcer, video / streaming, table and officiating costs.
Non-completion of Fixture Schedule	£50.00 per match	Non-complete fixtures will be determined at the end of the season
Fielding ineligible or unregistered player	£50.00	Per player per game
Participation of unregistered or ineligible coach	£50.00	Per coach per game
Participation of an under qualified but registered coach	£25	Per coach per game
Failure to produce an Official Player List	£30.00	
Failure to provide a suitable match ball	£30.00	
Failure to provide adequate table and scoring equipment	£30.00	

Failure to have a nominated Game Promotor	£50	
Failure to provide appropriately qualified table officials*	£25.00	Fine is per official
Failure to wear matching / appropriate uniform	£25.00 £50.00	If 1 uniform inappropriate If more than 1 uniform is inappropriate
Failure to supply mopping provision	£25.00	
Failure to video and upload the game tape on Google Workspace for game breakdown	£50	Per game if not uploaded within 72 hours of the game finishing
Attendance at an SBC Youth Game with fewer than 8 players	£25.00	
Attendance at an SBC Senior Game with fewer than 8 players	£50.00	
Failure of home team to advise of details of Scottish Cup tie	£50.00	
Failure to honour Play-Off games	£500 and exclusion from national competition the following season	

* a) Scorekeeper. b) Timekeeper. c) Shot Clock Operator. All 3 Table Officials MUST be qualified at the appropriate level and registered with Basketball Scotland.

Appendix 1 - FIBA Letter of Clearance

All youth players (regales of Nationality) who were previously registered with another Federation abroad i.e. outside of GB (this includes clubs in Northern Ireland) required FIBA International Transfer Clearance before any license to play can be issued.

<https://basketballengland.wufoo.com/forms/z1nllx71g0de4y/>

All youth players who are NON-GB nationals, who are being licensed to play anywhere in GB, i.e. they have NEVER played basketball in another country/federation, are also subject to the International Clearance process, as first registrations in a Federation. This applies to players who were born in GB but do not have a GB passport, as their playing nationality is based on passport NOT birth country. See guidance within the form via the link provided above.

These regulations apply to players who are refugees or seeking asylum in GB, EU Citizens with settled or pre-settled visa status.

National Team Declaration Under 18s Only – Non-GB Nationals

For all non-GB nationals, who are Under 18 players and subject to the FIBA Transfer and Clearance regulations. The National Team name required in the form MUST match the passport nationality of the player.

National Team Declaration

[fiba-national-team-declaration-form-130126172403.pdf](#)

Player's Self Declaration

For players coming out of an academic institution or registering for the first time with a National Federation that is not the National Federation of the player's country of origin.

Players Self-declaration

[Microsoft Word - U18 Special Case_ Player's Self-Declaration.docx](#)

Appendix 2 – Record of complaint/dispute

I, am hereby lodging a complaint / dispute on
behalf of,
against.....

The incident occurred on/...../..... at

The complaint is based on **Basketball Scotland** code of conduct section:

Description of complaint / dispute including breach of culture:

Please provide names of any witnesses present:

The outcome I would like to see is:

Signed:

Date:

Position:

Phone / Email:

Appendix 3 – Integrity: Definitions

Benefit

Money or the equivalent (excluding legitimate consideration, such as prize money and/or contractual payments to be made under endorsement, sponsorship or other contracts).

Bet

A wager of money or any other form of financial speculation placed on a Basketball Competition as to the outcome; or any aspect of an event or process, including without limitation, the likelihood of anything occurring or not occurring; or whether anything is true or not true.

Betting

Whether directly or via a third party/entity making, accepting, or laying a Bet and shall include, without limitation, activities commonly referred to as sports betting such as fixed and running odds, totalisator/toto games, live betting, betting exchange, spread betting and other games offered by sports betting operators.

Conflict of Interest

Any situation in which the concerned Person's decision-making is influenced (i.e. an actual conflict) or could be seen by a reasonable person to likely be influenced (i.e. a perceived conflict) by personal, family, financial, business, or other private interests. A Conflict of Interest includes also a potential conflict of interest, i.e. a situation that could, in a reasonable person's assessment, develop into an actual or perceived conflict of interest.

Connected Person

Anyone with whom the Person at stake has a relationship that is likely to appear to a reasonable person to influence the individual's objectivity including but not limited to close family, their partner and close personal friends.

Basketball Participants

Any Person playing a direct or indirect role in basketball, including without limitation the following:

- players and their agents or representatives;
- player support personnel (e.g. coaches, assistant coaches, doctors, physiotherapists, etc.);
- any other person included on a team delegation roster;
- game officials whether FIBA-level or national-level (e.g. referees, technical delegates, commissioners, table officials, etc.);
- followers with special responsibilities (e.g. managers, statisticians, interpreters, mascots, etc.);
- Persons employed by, or engaged in activities on behalf of (whether paid or unpaid), or having a direct or indirect affiliation to Basketball Scotland, or a Local League Committee; and
- any other person accredited for or in attendance at an Official Game.

Spectators

Persons having used or in possession of a ticket or accreditation or invitation to or otherwise in attendance at an Official Game.

Inside Information

Any information about the likely participation or likely performance of a team or competitor participating in any Basketball Competition that a person possesses by virtue of his position within the sport. Such information includes, but is not limited to, factual information regarding the competitors, the conditions, tactical considerations or any other aspect of the Basketball Competition, but does not include such information that is already published or a matter of public record, readily acquired by an interested member of the public or disclosed according to the rules and regulations governing the relevant Basketball Competition.

Non-Pecuniary Interest

A direct or indirect personal interest that an individual may have in a matter that may involve family relationships, close personal friendships, or other private interests that do not involve the potential for financial gain or loss.

Official

Any Person that holds an office, is elected or appointed to a position, or any Person appointed in an official capacity or that otherwise represents an entity (legal or otherwise).

Official Game

Any game of a Basketball Competition.

Pecuniary Interest

A direct or indirect interest that an individual may have in a matter because of the reasonable likelihood or expectation of direct or indirect financial gain or loss for that individual, or another person with whom that individual is associated.

Person

Any natural persons, or an organization or other entity, such as bodies corporate or unincorporated associations or partnerships (whether or not any of them have separate legal personality).

Vulnerable Groups

Minors or any person who is vulnerable or at risk of abuse or neglect due to their mental or physical incapacity, their age, illness or the need for care or support.