

# QSL

# 2026 RULES



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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Glossary

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Act of God</b>                       | An instance of uncontrollable natural forces in operation (such as weather).   |
| <b>QSL Agreement</b>                    | An agreement in a form determined by BQ about an Association's participation in the QSL during a Season  |
| <b>Application Deadline</b>             | The date determined by BQ as the last day on which an Association may apply to participate in the QSL for a Season   |
| <b>Association Official</b>             | In relation to a Participating Association: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Coach/Manager of a team fielded in the QSL by a Participating Association</li> <li>• a committee member of the Participating Association</li> <li>• an employee of the Participating Association</li> <li>• a volunteer administrator of the Participating Association</li> <li>• medical or fitness staff involved with a team fielded in the QSL by the Participating Association</li> <li>• a Technical Official nominated by the Association</li> </ul> |
| <b>Basketball Authority</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basketball Queensland (BQ)</li> <li>• Basketball Australia (BA)</li> <li>• National Basketball League (NBL)</li> <li>• FIBA</li> <li>• Court of Arbitration for Sport</li> <li>• QSL Tribunal</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Basketball Queensland</b>            | Basketball Queensland is the governing body of basketball in Queensland.   |
| <b>Business Day</b>                     | A day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a public holiday.   |
| <b>Delegate</b>                         | An individual appointed to act on behalf of a business or Association.   |
| <b>DNP</b>                              | Did Not Play   |
| <b>Game Official</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a referee involved in a Game.</li> <li>• a referee coach involved in a Game.</li> <li>• a person who supervises or reviews referees (such as a referee supervisor or a person who assesses referees' performance) involved in a Game.</li> <li>• a scoretable official involved in a Game.</li> <li>• a statistician involved in a Game</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Game Controller</b>                  | An individual appointed by an Association to manage their QSL game night.  |
| <b>League Manager</b>                   | A person appointed by BQ from time to time to manage the QSL.  |
| <b>National Basketball League</b>       | The NBL owns, manages, and operates the National Basketball League.  |
| <b>Nomination Fee</b>                   | An amount as is determined by BQ   |
| <b>Season</b>                           | The period between the date of the first Game and the last Finals Game   |
| <b>Significant Sponsorship Contract</b> | A contract entered into with a Sponsor under which the value of the payments or benefits to be received by a Participating Association during a Season is \$10,000 or more   |
| <b>The Board</b>                        | A group of elected and appointed directors who oversee the strategic direction of BQ.  |
| <b>The CEO</b>                          | An individual appointed by the Board of BQ to the position of Chief Executive Officer of BQ.   |
| <b>Venue Official</b>                   | In relation to a venue where a Game is held: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a crowd controller at the venue</li> <li>• medical or fitness staff for the venue</li> <li>• the person who manages or is in charge of the venue</li> </ul>  |

## 1.2. Changing these rules

- a) Basketball Queensland (BQ) may change these rules from time to time by:
  - a. Amending something in these rules; or
  - b. Deleting or adding something to these rules; or
  - c. Revoking these rules and adopting new rules in their place
- b) A change to these rules cannot have retrospective effect.
- c) If BQ changes these rules during a season:
  - a. BQ must first consult with the Participating Associations, using a process or methodology determined by the CEO; and
  - b. The change cannot substantially change the way in which the QSL competition for that Season is conducted, when the way in which the QSL competition for that Season is to be conducted under these rules before the change is viewed overall.

## 1.3. Decisions when these rules are silent or unclear.

- a) If these rules are silent on a matter arising in relation to the QSL, the League Manager may decide about how the matter is to be dealt with.
- b) If these rules are not silent on a matter arising in relation to the QSL but they are uncertain, the League Manager may decide about how the uncertainty is to be resolved.
- c) Those decisions are binding on everyone who is bound by these rules.

## 1.4. League Manager – Delegate of BQ

- a) The League Manager is taken to be a delegate of BQ.
- b) Any function or power conferred on the League Manager by these rules is taken to be a function or power conferred on BQ and exercised on behalf of BQ by the League Manager.
- c) Any decisions or actions taken by the League Manager under these Rules are taken to be decisions or actions taken by the League Manager on behalf of Basketball Queensland.
- d) Any appeal or proceedings in a tribunal or court in relation to the League Manager's functions, powers, decisions, or actions must be taken against BQ and not the League Manager personally.

# 2. Participating Associations

## 2.1. Fielding of Teams

An Association that wishes to field teams in the QSL agrees to be bound by the BQ constitution, by-laws, and policies and to abide by the rules applying to the QSL. An Association may field teams in the QSL during a Season only if:

- a) it fields both a men's team and a women's team; and
- b) it makes an application to BQ to enter those teams in the QSL by the Application Deadline; and
- c) the application is in the form prescribed by BQ; and
- d) the Association pays the Nomination Fee to BQ by the due date of the payment; and
- e) BQ accepts the application; and
- f) the Association enters into a QSL Agreement with BQ; and
- g) The Association does not have any debts to BQ which are more than 30 days overdue at the time of application or at any time throughout the QSL season.

- h) The Associations meets any minimum Governance and Operational requirements. as set down by Basketball Queensland from time to time.

## 2.2. Budget and Nomination Fee

- a) The League Manager will set a budget of the league's actual and anticipated expenses each season.
- b) Based on the budget for a Season, each Participating Association will have a **Nomination Fee** for that Season which is specified in (or is the total of the instalment payments specified in) the Participating Association's QSL Agreement.
- c) The Nomination Fee will be charged for each QSL team that the Association enters into the competition that season.
- d) This Nomination Fee does not include equalised fees for officials or any contribution towards individual team's regular season travel.

## 2.3. Invoices to Participating Associations

- a) BQ will issue invoices to Associations throughout the season including, but not limited to, Nomination Fees, Referee Fees, Scorebench Fees, Statistician Fees, costs such as referee travel, car hire, kilometres travelled for referees to reach the game to which they have been rostered to officiate.
- b) BQ will only accept payment by Electronic Funds Transmission (EFT).
- c) If an invoice issued to a Participating Association is not paid on time, BQ may charge the Participating Association interest on the outstanding amount of the invoice from the date of the invoice. The Participating Association must pay the interest to BQ. The interest is to be calculated and accrues on daily balances at the rate of interest charged by the National Australia Bank on unsecured business overdrafts from time to time plus a margin of 8% per annum.

## 2.4. Sponsors

- a) The League, at its discretion, may enter into sponsorship agreements for the League and its properties; all participating associations will be advised of any obligations they may be required to uphold under the sponsorship agreement with the League.
- b) A Participating Association must notify the League Manager if it enters into a Significant Sponsorship Contract (as defined in the Glossary).
- c) A Participating Association must not take on a new Sponsor if:
  - a. the new Sponsor is in competition with a Sponsor of BQ or of the QSL; or
  - b. the taking on of the new Sponsor will foreseeably damage BQ's relationship with a Sponsor of BQ or of the QSL; or
  - c. The new Sponsor is promoting cigarettes, adult entertainment or any other product or service which the League Manager deems would bring the QSL into disrepute.
- d) A Member Organisation or any Team may enter into a commercial agreement with a Betting Operator only with the written consent of the League Manager and Basketball Australia. Such consent may be withheld at the discretion of the League Manager or Basketball Australia and specifically where the proposed commercial agreement:
  - a. Conflicts with an existing commercial agreement held between Basketball Australia and a Betting Operator(s), and/or
  - b. Is with a Betting Operator with whom Basketball Australia has not entered into an integrity agreement as required under the National Policy on Match-Fixing in sport and recognised by the applicable state gambling regulator.

## **2.5. Participating Associations responsibility to control members.**

- a) A Participating Association must ensure that all persons under its control comply with these Rules and all relevant Codes of Conduct issued by BQ.
- b) For the purposes of these rules, a person is taken to be under the control of a Participating Association if the person is:
  - i. a player in a team fielded in the QSL by the Participating Association or a Registered Player of the Participating Association; or
  - ii. a Registered Coach/Manager for a team fielded in the QSL by the Participating Association; or
  - iii. a person acting as a Coach/Manager for a team fielded in the QSL by the Participating Association; or
  - iv. an Association Official of the Participating Association; or
  - v. a Venue Official at the venue for a Home Game of the Participating Association.
- c) For the purposes of these rules, a person who has, at any time during a Season or the calendar year in which the Season falls, been a person under the control of a Participating Association is conclusively presumed to be a person under the control of that Participating Association for the whole of that calendar year unless the Participating Association proves that the person:
  - i. was not covered by paragraph (b) at the time when it is relevant to know whether the person is covered by paragraph (b) or not; and
  - ii. is unlikely to be covered by paragraph (b) again during that calendar year.

## **2.6. Participating Association with Debts to BQ**

- a) If a Participating Association owes a debt to BQ which has fallen due for payment but not been paid in full, then the CEO may decide at his or her discretion that for the purposes of determining the ladder positions of the teams fielded by the Participating Association in the QSL, the teams are deemed to have lost all their Regular Season Games.
- b) If the debt is paid prior to the final regular season game, the CEO may reverse this decision.

## **2.7. Disqualification**

- a) The Board may decide to disqualify a Participating Associations teams from the QSL for a Season if:
  - a. the Participating Association owes a debt to BQ which has fallen due for payment but not been paid in full and is more than 60 days overdue for payment; or
  - b. the Participating Association persistently brings the QSL, BQ or the sport of basketball into disrepute through their actions or those actions of a person under their control; or
  - c. a team fielded in the QSL by the Participating Association forfeits a Game; or
  - d. an Association Official of the Participating Association has, or has been, acting as an Association Official in breach of a suspension or a judicial body; or
  - e. a person has been, or has, acted as a Coach/Manager for a team fielded in the QSL by the Participating Association when he or she is not a registered Coach/Manager; or
  - f. the Board decides that the Participating Association has persistently or repeatedly breached these rules in a manner that, or with the effect that, the reputation or status of the QSL is or may be significantly undermined or the ability of those running the QSL to do so efficiently and effectively is or may be significantly undermined; or

- g. the Board decides that the stadium at which the Participating Association's Home Games are to be held is unsafe or is not in compliance with minimum requirements set out in the Official Basketball Rules; or
  - h. the Board decides that the stadium at which the Participating Association's Home Games are to be held is not in compliance with any representations made to BQ about the features and facilities of the stadium when applying to participate in the QSL; or
  - i. the Board decides that a QSL program is adversely affecting the operational standards or financial sustainability of an association; or
- b) If a Participating Association is disqualified under this rule:
- a. it can no longer field a team in the relevant QSL competition; and
  - b. its financial obligations under these rules continue despite the disqualification.

## **2.8. No Right to Continued Participation**

The Association acknowledges and agrees that:

- a) these Rules and the Association's right to participate in the QSL for the Season do not create a right or expectation of continued participation for subsequent seasons; and
- b) it has no right to any renewal or extension of its participation in the QSL beyond the Season.

## **2.9. Declined Nomination**

Should the Basketball Queensland decide to decline the nomination of an Association into the QSL competition then prior to confirming this decision BQ must:

- a) Provide the Association with the list of reasons as to why their nomination has been declined; and
- b) Provide the Association with an opportunity to present to BQ as to why their nomination should be accepted.

If following this the BQ decide to confirm their decision to decline the nomination of the Association, then there is no right of appeal.

# **3. Coaches/Managers**

## **3.1. Registration of Coaches/Managers**

- a) A person is only a registered coach/manager for a participating association's QSL team if:
  - a. They are a registered coach/manager with Basketball Queensland
    - i. For a Head Coach they hold a minimum Association Level Accreditation
    - ii. For an Assistant Coach they hold a minimum Club Level Accreditation.
  - b. They have been registered to the participating Association's QSL team on the form prescribed by BQ; and
  - c. They are not subject to any suspension or owe any fines to any basketball authority; and
  - d. They are in receipt of all appropriate approvals, and licences as per the Basketball Australia Foreign Coach & Player Policy.
  - e. BQ has determined that the person is a fit and proper person to be a registered coach/manager; and
  - f. BQ has advised the participating Association that they have been registered.

- b) BQ requires a minimum of **five (5) business days** to process coach/manager registration forms.
- c) A person cannot coach for two separate teams fielded in the QSL in the same season.
- d) It is the responsibility of the participating Association to ensure no one acts as a Coach/Manager for their Association unless they are registered.
- e) BQ shall at any time have the right to determine whether a person is a fit and proper person to be a registered coach/manager. BQ shall have absolute discretion in determining whether a person is fit and proper but, without limiting that discretion, matters such as criminal convictions, matters related to domestic violence, child abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, breach of migration laws, serious driving offences, racial abuse or discrimination, sexual harassment, possession of child exploitation material, acts of violence; social unrest and people who have been suspended from basketball on multiple occasions for striking, attempting to strike, tripping or spitting may be considered by BQ in reaching its determination as to whether a person is fit and proper. A person against whom a decision will be made by BQ shall be given the opportunity to make a submission on their own behalf as to why they should be determined a fit and proper person; however, the decision of BQ in its absolute discretion shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- f) The determination that a person is not a fit and proper person leading to termination of that person as a registered coach/manager may occur at any time, including prior to the person becoming a registered coach/manager or whilst the person is recorded as being a registered coach/manager.

**A breach of rule 3.1 is a Fine Offence.**

## 4. Players

### 4.1. Registration of Players

- a) A person is a Registered Player for a Participating Association's team in the QSL only if:
  - a. They are a current registered player of the Participating Association, and they hold a current BQ Registration Product; and
  - b. They have been registered to the Participating Association's QSL team on the form prescribed by BQ; and
  - c. They are not subject to any unpaid fine or suspension.
  - d. They are in receipt of any required transfers, clearances, approvals, and licences:
    - i. Basketball Queensland Transfers
      - 1. Transfer from BQ association to BQ association.
    - ii. Basketball Australia Domestic Clearances
      - 1. Players transferring from interstate associations.
    - iii. Approvals, and licences as per the Basketball Australia Foreign Coach & Player Policy.
  - e. BQ has determined that the person is a fit and proper person to be a registered player.
  - f. BQ has advised the participating Association that the player is registered.
  - g. The player is a male person when competing in the Men's competition and a female person when competing in the Women's competition.
  - h. All players within the QSL must be at least sixteen (16) years of age on 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year the league is being conducted.
  - i. The player cannot be turning 21 prior to the 31st of December when competing in Youth League.
- b) It is the responsibility of the participating Association to ensure no one acts as a player for their Association unless they are registered.
- c) BQ requires a minimum of **five (5) business days** to process registration forms.

- d) Basketball Queensland will maintain a roster for each Association's QSL Women's and Men's teams.
- e) BQ shall at any time have the right to determine whether a person is a fit and proper person to be a registered player. BQ shall have absolute discretion in determining whether a person is fit and proper but, without limiting that discretion, matters such as criminal convictions, matters related to domestic violence, child abuse, drug and alcohol abuse, breach of migration laws, serious driving offences, racial abuse or discrimination, sexual harassment, possession of child exploitation material, acts of violence, social unrest and people who have been suspended from basketball on multiple occasions for striking, attempting to strike, tripping or spitting may be considered by BQ in reaching its determination as to whether a person is fit and proper. A person against whom a decision will be made by BQ shall be given the opportunity to make a submission on their own behalf as to why they should be determined a fit and proper person however the decision of BQ in its absolute discretion shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- f) The determination that a person is not a fit and proper person leading to termination of that person as a registered player may occur at any time, including prior to the person becoming a registered player or whilst the person is recorded as being a registered player.

**A breach of rule 4.1 is a Fine Offence.**

#### **4.2. Restriction on new player registrations**

- a) A Participating Association cannot register a new player under rule 4.1 for one of its teams when less than seven (7) Regular Season Games remain to be played by that team.
- b) Paragraph (a) does not prevent a Participating Association from registering a new player for one of its teams if:
  - a. the player is otherwise eligible under rule 4.1; and
  - b. the League Manager grants a special dispensation for the player.
- c) The League Manager may grant a special dispensation if:
  - a. less than 7 of the Regular Season Games remain to be played by the team; and
  - b. the team has less than nine (9) Registered Players due to injury or departure from team; and
  - c. a written application for the special dispensation is submitted by the Participating Association to the League Manager by the Participating Association's Delegate; and
  - d. the League Manager is satisfied that there are reasonable and legitimate grounds for granting the special dispensation.

#### **4.3. Minimum and Maximum Roster Size**

- a) Each Participating Association at all times must have at least nine (9) Registered Players for each of its teams.
- b) A Participating Association cannot have more than twenty (20) Registered Players for any of its teams.

#### **4.4. QSL Restricted Players**

- a) Any team participating within the QSL Division 1 can only have one (1) player who meets the below criteria on their roster during a season.
- b) QSL Division 2 cannot have any of the below players on their team list.
- c) This player will be deemed that QSL Team's restricted player.
  - a. An association can only replace this player if an injury waiver is granted by the League Manager.

| Category   |
|--|
| 1. A player who is not an Australian or New Zealand (NZ) citizen or who does not hold an Australian Permanent Resident Visa  |
| 2. Any Australian or NZ citizen who has played in the NBA (excluding the NBA Summer League) or the WNBA in the prior three seasons.  |
| 3. Any Australian or NZ citizen who has played an average of 20 minutes or more per game in games played in the immediately previous WNBL or NBL season as published by Basketball Queensland from time to time.   |
| 4. Any player that has competed in a team at a FIBA Basketball World Cup and/or a FIBA World Cup Qualifier in the last twelve months. (The twelve-month period prior to the date of the first game.)   |
| 5. Any Australian or NZ citizen who has last played in a Euro League Team or any Div 1 competition in the countries set out in the Restricted Foreign Leagues Table One.   |
| 6. Any Australian or NZ citizen averaging 15 minutes per game or more in the NBL1 North competition. Eligibility as it relates to per game minute averages in the NBL1 North will be based on averages following the previous round.<br>For the QSL rounds scheduled prior to the start of the NBL1 North season, player averages will be based on the previous NBL1 North season. |

| Restricted Foreign Leagues Table One |                        |                |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Argentina                            | Belgium                | Brazil         |
| Canada – excluding College Programs  | China                  | Czech Republic |
| France                               | Germany                | Greece         |
| Hungary                              | Israel                 | Italy          |
| Japan                                | Lithuania              | Poland         |
| Puerto Rico                          | Serbia                 | Slovenia       |
| Spain                                | East Asia Super League | Turkey         |
| USA – excluding College Programs     | Nigeria                |                |

#### 4.5. Restricted Players

- a) For the purposes of 4.4b) a , the League Manager may grant an injury waiver for a Restricted Player if:
  - a. a certificate of a medical practitioner has been given to the League Manager, which shows that the Restricted Player is or has been or will be injured or ill for a specified period during which at least 3 Regular Season Games (involving the Restricted Player's team) have been or are to be held, within fourteen (14) days after the injury or illness was suffered or began; and
  - b. the League Manager is satisfied that the player has been and will stay in Australia during that period; and
  - c. the League Manager is satisfied that the request for the injury waiver is reasonable and genuine.
- b) If an injury waiver is granted under paragraph (a) the Participating Association may contract a replacement player.  
A Restricted Player to whom an injury waiver has been granted under paragraph (a) cannot again play in the QSL unless any Restricted Player who was added as a Registered Player for the same team on or after the granting of the injury waiver is first deactivated under rule 4.6.

#### 4.6. Deactivating Players

- a) A Registered Player may be deactivated from a team's player roster by lodging a deactivation form. Deactivation means that the player is taken off the player roster and ceases to be a

Registered Player for the team and cannot be re-added to that team again for the remainder of the season.

- b) A player that is deactivated from a participating association may move to a new participating association in the same QSL calendar season providing a clearance is provided by the original participating association.

#### **4.7. Transfer of players**

- a) A player who has played for a team in the QSL in a Season cannot become a Registered Player for a team fielded by another Participating Association in the QSL in the same Season unless:
  - a. the player is the subject of an uncontested clearance under the rules and regulations decided by BQ; and
  - b. the player has been deactivated from their original participating Association's Team List; and
  - c. the player has no outstanding contractual obligations with their original Participating Association

#### **4.8. Finals Eligibility**

- a) A player cannot take the court for a team in a Finals Game unless they have played a minimum of seven (7) Regular Season Games for that team during the Season.
- b) A player cannot take the court for a team in the regular season unless there are enough games remaining for them to reach the number of games required for them to qualify.
- c) In the QSL DNP's count as games played.
- d) An Association may apply for a special dispensation to the League Manager if the player has:
  - a. Missed games due to injury.
    - i. The Association must provide the League Manager with a Medical Certificate detailing the length of time the player missed due to injury; and
    - ii. This length of time must have caused the player to miss enough games that should they have been able to play these games they would have qualified for finals.
  - b. Missed games due to representing their State in National Championships, World Uni Games, Australian official national duties such as national camps or playing for Australia at a FIBA sanctioned event such as the Official FIBA Championship Qualifying event;
  - c. The special dispensation must be applied for at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the first finals game.

#### **4.9. Pregnancy Exemption**

- a. The League Manager may grant a pregnancy exemption should an QSL player fall pregnant prior to the commencement of the season. The exemption will be considered based on whether a player is:
  - o registered with an Association's QSL team at the beginning of the season; and
  - o the player misses at least 50% of regular season games due to the pregnancy; and
  - o they have participated in at least one (1) regular season game.

#### **4.10. Player Movement between QSL and NBL1 North**

- a) A player can move between an Association's QSL Roster and the same Association's NBL1 North roster under the following circumstances:
  - a. There are 7 or more games remaining for the team they are moving to
  - b. They are declared as the teams restricted player as per Rule 4.4 (QSL1 only)
  - c. They have only played one game for the NBL1 North team.
  - d. If a non-restricted QSL player plays more than one NBL1 North game, then a Player can move into that same associations QSL Team if they are averaging less than 15 minutes per game at the time the player wishes to move:
    - i. This applies even if the player originally moved from a QSL Team into the NBL1 North Team.
  - e. In the event that the QSL season starts prior to the NBL1 North season, player eligibility will be based on the following criteria:
    - i. The player averaged less than 15 minutes per game the NBL1 North season immediately preceding the QSL season or;
    - ii. The player is now playing for a QSL team at an association that does not compete in NBL1 North or;
    - iii. The association applies for an exemption for an NBL1 North player that does not satisfy the above criteria and the League Manager is satisfied that the player will not negatively impact the integrity of the QSL competition.

#### **4.11. Player Movement between QSL Senior Divisions and QSL Youth League Divisions**

- a) A player may move between an Association's QSL Senior Division Team(s) and QSL Youth League Team(s) only if there are 7 or more games remaining for the team they are moving to.
- b) A player moving to QSL Youth League cannot be turning 21 prior to the 31st of December.

#### **4.12. Player Movement between QSL Youth League Divisions**

- a) A player may move between an Association's QSL Youth League Division Teams only under the following circumstances.
  - a. A player may move from a lower QSL Youth League Division Team into a higher QSL Youth League Division Team if the higher QSL Youth League Division Team has 7 games remaining.
  - b. A player can only move from a higher QSL Youth League Division team into a lower QSL Youth League Division team if the player in question has played less than 3 games in the higher QSL Youth League Division Team and there is still 7 Games remaining for the lower QSL Division Youth League Team.

### **5. Draw**

#### **5.1. Setting the Draw**

- a) BQ will determine the draw each season for QSL based on the nominations received.
- b) Associations are required to provide the below availability to host QSL games between Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026:
  - i. Minimum of Seven (7) Friday nights
  - ii. Minimum of Twelve (12) Saturday nights

- iii. Minimum of Seven (7) Sundays
- c) Commencement of games will be no earlier than 10:00am, and no later than 8:30pm, unless an exemption has been given by the League Manager.
- d) Any changes to the draw once publicised can only be made by the League Manager.

## 6. Uniform

### 6.1. General Requirements

- a) Each Participating Association must ensure that all players in their teams wear a uniform:
  - a. Including a singlet and shorts which are the same dominant colour front and back; and
  - b. Displays the current QSL Logo on the top right front of the singlet; and
  - c. With any advertising or logo at least 5cm from the number; and
  - d. Of colours and design approved by the League Manager.
- b) Each team must have two sets of uniforms, one predominantly dark for when the Association is at home, and a second predominantly light uniform for when the Association is away.
- c) If the Home Team and the Visiting Team for a Game agree, they may interchange. the strips in cases where:
  - a. the Home Team wishes to wear a special, non-regular team uniform in support of special events (such as Retro Rounds, Charity Events, or special promotional events); subject to the agreement of the Visiting Team and approval from the League Manager.

**A breach of rule 6.1 is a Fine Offence**

### 6.2. Playing Numbers

- a) The singlet worn by each player in a team in a Game must:
  - a. have a number different from that on the singlet worn by each other player in the team; and
  - b. the following numbers are permitted to be used 0, 00 and any number between 1 – 99.

### 6.3. Dangerous Objects

- a) A player in a Game must not wear any equipment or object that could cause injury to other players. Following are equipment and objects which are prohibited and permitted:

| <i>Prohibited</i>   | <i>Permitted</i>   |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance (even if covered with soft padding)</li> <li>• Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (including fingernails that are not closely cut)</li> <li>• Headgear, hair accessories and jewellery</li> <li>• Hard plastic headbands</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded to make it unlikely that it could cause injury to another player</li> <li>• Compression Garments<br/>                     *All compression garments must be white, black or the same dominant colour of the team's uniform and all players must be wearing the same colour<br/>                     Arm Sleeves<br/>                     Full Length Compression stockings</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scarf style headbands</li></ul> | <p>Compression stockings for the lower leg ending below the knee<br/>Sleeveless compression vests<br/>Compression T-Shirts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Knee braces that are properly covered so as to make it unlikely that they could cause injury to another player</li><li>• Protector for an injured nose or facial injury</li><li>• Mouth guard</li><li>• Spectacles, if they are unlikely to pose a danger to other players</li><li>• Headbands no more than five (5) centimetres wide of non-abrasive, uni-colour cloth, pliable plastic or rubber</li><li>• Non-coloured taping of arms, shoulders, legs etc.</li></ul> |
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## 7. Game Day Requirements

### 7.1. Pre-Game Day

- a) The Host and visiting association must, by no later than the Thursday before a Game in which each Association is to field a team, give the opposing Association and the League Manager the following information in the form prescribed by BQ from time to time:
- a current player list including playing numbers for the Registered Players who will be participating in the Association's teams; and
  - the name and contact number of the manager of the Visiting Association's teams and those of a secondary contact.
  - Any changes to the submitted team list need to be notified to the opposition club by email if it is more than 24 hours before the game and by phone if it is within 24 hours of the games scheduled start time.

**A breach of rule 7.1 is a Fine Offence.**

### 7.2. Game Day – General

- a) For each Home Game, the Home Association must follow all the requirements set out in the **QSL Operational Checklist**.

**A breach of rule 7.2 is a Fine Offence.**

### 7.3. Game Rules

- Playing rules for each Game are the FIBA Official Basketball Rules, except as modified by these rules.
- Before the start of each game, the captains of each team participating in the Game must shake the hands of the referees to officiate the Game and identify themselves as the team captains.
- Each Game is to consist of four 10-minute quarters. With the following breaks:
  - 2 minutes between the 1st and 2nd Quarter

- b. 10 to 15 minutes between the 2nd and 3rd Quarter
- c. 2 minutes between the 3rd and 4th Quarter
- d. 2 minutes between any subsequent period.

#### **7.4. Number of players allowed.**

- a) A Participating Association may suit up and play a maximum of 12 Registered Players in each Game in which it fields a team.

#### **7.5. Recording of Games and Live Streaming**

- a) For all QSL games, the Home Association must:
  - a. Make a visual recording of each Game; and:
  - b. Upload each Game to a centralised location as prescribed by BQ from time to time.
  - c. Upload of each round's games must be completed by no later than 5pm Monday following the completion of that round.
  - d. Livestreaming of games is optional.
    - i. BQ encourages livestream at all QSL1 home games.
    - ii. If an association chooses to livestream:
      - I. Ensure a strong primary and back-up source for uninterrupted livestreaming.
      - II. Have a dedicated staff member or volunteer managing the livestream.
      - III. Inform BQ Marketing and Communications team and/or League Manager to assist with marketing.
    - iii. Please note that BQ owns the rights to all Livestreams of all QSL games.

**A breach of rule 7.5 is a Fine Offence**

## **8. Ladder System**

### **8.1. Compilation of ladder**

- a) Each ladder is to show for each team in the competition:
  - a. Games Played
  - b. Games Won
  - c. Games Lost
  - d. % of Games Won
  - e. Points for and points against
- b) Teams on each ladder will be ranked in order of % of Games Won.
- c) **Tie Breakers: Two Way Tie**
  - a. If there are two teams that finish equal at the end of the regular season playing schedule, then only the result(s) of the game(s) between the two teams involved will be used to determine the final placing in the regular season standings.
  - b. In the event that the total points scored and conceded are the same in the games between the two teams, the classification will be determined by POINTS PERCENTAGE (i.e. Points For ÷ Points Against × 100) taking into account the results of all the games played in the League by both teams.

**d) Tie Between three or more teams.**

- a. If more than two teams are equal in the placing points percentage will be used taking into account only the points for and points against from the games between the teams who are tied.
- b. If there are still teams tied, the placing will be determined using POINTS PERCENTAGE (i.e. Points For ÷ Points Against × 100) from the results of all their games played in the Division.
- c. If at any stage, using the above criteria, a multiple team tie is reduced to a tie involving only two teams, the procedures in Part (1) and (2) will automatically be applied.

**8.2. Games lost by forfeit.**

- a) A team loses a game by forfeit if:
  - a. 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time for the Game, the team is not present or is unable to field five (5) Registered Players ready to play, and the referees decide to award the Game to the other team as a forfeit; or
  - b. its actions prevent the Game from being played, and the referees decide to award the Game to the other team as a forfeit; or
  - c. the team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referees, and the referees decide to award the Game to the other team as a forfeit; or
  - d. the team commits a technical breach of these rules (such as playing an Unregistered Player), and the League Manager decides to award the Game to the other team as a forfeit (even if that decision is made after the Game has been played); or
  - e. the Participating Association notifies the League Manager that they will not be participating in a scheduled game.
- b) If a team loses a Game by forfeit:
  - a. there is to be no further play in the Game or if the game has not started no play; and
  - b. the Game will be deemed to have been won by the other team by twenty (20) points to zero (0); and
  - c. all individual players' statistics stand, except for those of any Unregistered Players; and
  - d. the team will receive 0 points.
- c) If a team loses a Game by forfeit, the Participating Association that fielded the team must pay to BQ, as a debt, an amount equalling the amount of all expenses incurred by BQ or by the Participating Association that fielded the other team in the Game (up to a maximum of \$5,000) for transport, accommodation, and the hosting of the Game.

**The loss of game by forfeit is a Fine Offence.**

**8.3. Games lost by default.**

- a) A team loses a Game by default if during the Game the team has fewer than two (2) players on the court ready to play, and the referees decide to award the Game to the other team by default.
- b) If a team loses a Game by default, then:
  - a. if the other team was ahead at the time the Game was awarded to it, the score at the time stands as the final score for the Game; or
  - b. otherwise, the Game will be deemed to have been won by the other team by twenty (20) points to zero (0).

#### 8.4. Abandoned Games

- a) This rule applies if a Game cannot be completed due to some supervening event or circumstance (otherwise than because a team has lost the Game as a forfeit or by default).
- b) If the margin in favour of one team was twenty (20) points or more at the time when the Game was abandoned, the score at the time stands as the final score for the Game.
- c) If the margin in favour of one team was fifteen (15) points or more at the time when the Game was abandoned, and the time when the Game was abandoned was during the third quarter, the score at the time stands as the final score for the Game.
- d) If the Game was abandoned during the fourth quarter, the score at the time when the Game was abandoned stands as the final score for the Game.
- e) In any other circumstance, the League Manager decides the outcome of the Game after consulting with the referees and the Game Controller

#### 8.5. Act of God

- a) In an instance of uncontrollable natural forces that prevent the operation or delivery of a scheduled round game or final game the League Manager shall make all decision with regards to the game/s. The League Manager shall determine if they are postponed, moved to an alternate venue, cancelled, deemed a draw or any other course of action appropriate for the situation.

### 9. Officials

#### 9.1. Referee Appointments

- a) There is to be a referee commissioner appointed by the CEO from time to time who will be solely responsible for the appointment and management of referees within the QSL Season.

#### 9.2. Attire of Officials

- a) Officials in a Game must wear the QSL shirt (as approved by the League Manager from time to time).
- b) Officials must wear black pants and black shoes with the shirt.

#### 9.3. Game Fees for Officials

- a) Referees for each Game are entitled to the fee listed below.

| <b>Referee Classification</b> | <b>QSL Game Rate</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Panel 1                       | \$65                 |
| Panel 2                       | \$60                 |
| Panel 3                       | \$40                 |
| Panel 4                       | \$35                 |

- b) Scoretable Officials for each Game are entitled to the fee listed below.

| <b>Scoreable Classification</b> | <b>QSL Game Rate</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Level 1</i>                  | \$25                 |
| <i>Level 2</i>                  | \$30                 |
| <i>Level 3 or above</i>         | \$35                 |
| <i>Chairperson</i>              | \$40                 |

- c) Statisticians for each Game are entitled to the fee listed below.

| <b>Statistician Classification</b> | <b>QSL Game Rate</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Computer Operator</i>           | \$30                 |
| <i>Observer/Assistant</i>          | \$30                 |
| <i>Caller</i>                      | \$40                 |

- a) Basketball Queensland will centralise all officials' payments for QSL. Each Association will pay BQ a set amount prior to the season to cover all officials costs for the season. BQ will make payments to all QSL officials on Tuesday post each Round.
- b) There will be a 10% increase (rounded to the nearest dollar) for all Semi Final and Grand Final referee game payments.

**A breach of rule 9.3(b) is a Fine Offence.**

#### **9.4. Home Associations to accommodate referees.**

- a) This rule applies in relation to a Game to be held North of the Sunshine Coast. It does not apply to Referee Evaluators unless arrangements for such have been agreed between the Referee Commissioner and the Home Association. Unless the Referee Commissioner advised the Home Association that the referee appointed to a game does not require accommodation; the Home Association must:
- book and pay for hotel or motel accommodation in the relevant city for the referee appointed to the Game for the night after the Game; and
  - give the Referee Commissioner details of the accommodation bookings by 5:00pm on the Monday before the day of the Game; and
  - pay the referee a per diem payment of \$25.

**A breach of rule 9.4 is a Fine Offence**

#### **9.5. Home Associations to cover referee's travel costs.**

- a) The Home Association must pay the reasonable travel costs for a referee in a Game to travel to and from the place where the Game is held. The travel costs are to include airfares, ground transport and accommodation. To the extent that a referee's travel costs are for travel to and from two or more places for two or more Games involving two or more Home Associations, then the costs are to be shared equally by those Home Associations. Please note that travel costs apply to all participating QSL teams and referee travel claims for a round trips of 200km or more travelled to reach their rostered QSL Game. All costs that meet the above criteria per season will be passed onto the host QSL Associations.
- b) The Referee Commissioner will administer petrol claims for travel by referees. A referee who wants to make a petrol claim must submit it within two (2) weeks after the petrol cost was incurred and must include the original petrol receipt. A petrol claim can only be made for travel of 200 kilometres, or more, round trip to reach an association/destination outlined in the referee roster, these costs will be passed onto the host association.

- c) The Referee Commissioner will arrange any car hire for referees. The only time the Referee Commissioner will not arrange a hire car is when the host association has a sponsored vehicle that will be made available for the referee to use for the full duration of the stay in the host city.
- d) The Referee Commissioner will agree and arrange with the Home Association for any travel costs associated with a Referee Evaluator attending a QSL Match, where this attendance has been duly agreed between the Referee Commissioner, the Home Association and BQ.
- e) BQ may from time to time invoice a Home Association for a travel cost that the Home Association must pay under this rule, which BQ has paid.

**A breach of rule 9.5 is a Fine Offence**

## 10. Finals

### 10.1. Finals Format

- a) This diagram shows the finals format for all QSL and Youth League Divisions:

| Semi Final                                | Grand Finals                    |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> (Host) vs 4 <sup>th</sup> | Highest Ranked SF Winner (Host) |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Host) vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Vs<br>Other SF Winner           |

- b) The ladder rankings for the Finals Games are as described in these rules at the end of the last Regular Season Game in each competition.
- c) The Home / Host Association will be required to sign a finals host agreement and agree to all the terms and conditions to be eligible to hold the finals at their home venue. Should any association fail to sign the host agreement and fail to agree to be bound by the terms they will lose their right to host.
  - a. Should a Host final to sign the Host Agreement it will at the League Manager's sole discretion as to where the final in question will be held.
- d) For all Finals, the Visiting Associations are to book and pay for their own travel and accommodation.
- e) The Home Association for a Finals Game is to book and pay for referee accommodation and game payments. BQ will book and pay for flights and ground transport and will invoice the Home Association for those costs. BQ will appoint up to four (4) referees for all Finals Games; Home Associations must ensure seating close to the court is available for the substitute referee/s. The Home Association shall be required to arrange and pay for accommodation for the 4th referee and shall be invoiced for their flights and ground transport.
- f) BQ may appoint a Referee Evaluator for Finals Games; where this occurs, the Referee Commissioner shall advise the Home Association, who shall arrange a reserved seat for the Evaluator and a partner. BQ shall pay up front for the Evaluator's travel and accommodation, which shall be charged back to the Home Association following the completion of the Finals Game.

### 10.2. Grand Finals admission price and ticket allocations

- a) The Home Association sets the admission prices for Finals Games in consultation with the League Manager.
- b) The Home Association must ensure that allowance is made for:
  - a. free admission in a serviced corporate box or serviced corporate seating of at least eight (8) seats for guests invited by BQ in a court side position as agreed with the League Manager; and
  - b. Finals series hosts are required to hold thirty (30) seats for the visiting team to use, these tickets will be charged at the standard finals admission rate set by the home

team and are to be paid for by the visiting QSL team by 5:00pm on the Monday prior to the game. Should an association not require these tickets, they must advise the association by this same deadline; should they not pay for the tickets they will be returned to general sale.

### **10.3. Programs**

- a) The Home Participating Association is responsible for the preparation and production of programs for all QSL finals, which must be sent to the League Manager for approval no later than the Wednesday prior to the first game. The League Manger is responsible for providing league content to the host for inclusion in the programs.

### **10.4. Training/Shoot Around Finals Game**

- a) The Home QSL team for a Finals Game must give each Visiting Team the opportunity to train/shoot-around at the venue for the Finals Game. If necessary, the Home Association shall move or reschedule local club fixtures or casual shoot-around sessions to accommodate the Visiting Team's training/shoot-around sessions. Should the Home QSL Team be hosting multiple Finals Games on the same weekend, each Visiting Team must be given the opportunity to have their own training/shoot-around sessions.
- b) A minimum of thirty (30) minutes and a maximum of sixty (60) minutes is to be provided on each day required by the Visiting Association. The Home QSL Team is not entitled to require payment of any charge for the provision of this training/shoot-around time.

## **11. Conduct Standards**

### **11.1. Code of Conduct**

- a) All participants within the QSL agree to be bound by the Basketball Queensland Codes of Conduct.
- b) A person who is bound by these rules must not publicly criticise an Official or do another act that brings the QSL into disrepute.

**A breach of rule 11.1(b) is a Fine Offence**

## **12. Awards**

### **12.1. Coach of the Year**

- a) BQ will confer the award of Coach of the Year after the last Regular Season Game has been played.
- b) The League Manager will request 3-2-1 votes from the following groups in a form prescribed by BQ:
  - a. Captain of each team competing within the QSL (Men's Captain for the Men's Competition and Women's Captain for the Women's Competition)
  - b. Head Coach of each team competing within the QSL (Men's Captain for the Men's Competition and Women's Captain for the Women's Competition)
  - c. The League Manager will determine the winner of the award on the basis of the votes submitted.

## **12.2. Most Valuable Player – Regular Season**

- a) At the end of the regular season, BQ shall generate a list of candidates for the seasons League Most Valuable Player for both Men's and Women's competitions in a manner and form prescribed by BQ.
- b) The League Manager will request 3-2-1 votes from the following groups in a form prescribed by BQ:
  - a. Captain of each team competing within the QSL (Men's Captain for the Men's Competition and Women's Captain for the Women's Competition)
  - b. Head Coach of each team competing within the QSL (Men's Captain for the Men's Competition and Women's Captain for the Women's Competition)
  - c. The League Manager will determine the winner of the award on the basis of the votes submitted.
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## **12.3. No Disputes Permitted**

- a) No one can dispute the outcome, or process towards the outcome, of any of the above awards.

# **13. Promotion/Relegation**

## **13.1. Promotion from QSL Division 2 to Division 1.**

- a) The following will be taken into consideration when assessing whether an Association will be eligible for promotion from QSL Division 2 into Division 1:
  - a. The Association's ability to enter both a Men's and Women's team.
  - b. The Association must be one of the top two ranked Associations (based on the combined results of their Men's and Women's program) within Division 2.
  - c. The Association still meets the standards outlined in the QSL Nomination Requirements appendix in the QSL Rules.
  - d. The Association meets the standards outlined in the QSL Promotion Eligibility Criteria appendix in the QSL Rules.
  - e. Please note: a special exemption will be made for an Association that competed in NBL1 North in the previous season that has either not nominated or not had their nomination approved for NBL1 North. Under these circumstances the association will be offered a position in QSL1 regardless of their results in the previous season.

## **13.2. Relegation from QSL Division 1 to Division 2**

- a) The following will be taken into consideration when assessing whether an Association will be eligible for relegation from QSL Division 1 into Division 2:
  - a. The Association must be one of the bottom two ranked Associations (based on the combined results of their Men's and Women's program) within Division 1.
  - b. The Association will only be relegated if the eligible associations from Division 2 have nominated for promotion and have met the eligibility criteria as per the QSL Promotion Eligibility Criteria and QSL Nomination Requirements appendix in the QSL Rules.
  - c. Should only one team nominate or meet the eligibility criteria for promotion then the lowest ranked team will be relegated.

### **13.3. Promotion from QSL Youth League Division 2 to Division 1.**

- a) The following will be taken into consideration when assessing whether an Association will be eligible for promotion from QSL Youth League Division 2 into Division 1:
  - a. The Association's ability to enter both a Men's and Women's team.
  - b. The Association must be one of the top two ranked Associations (based on the combined results of their Men's and Women's program) within QSL Youth League Division 2.
  - c. The Association still meets the standards outlined in the QSL Nomination Requirements appendix in the QSL Rules.

### **13.4. Relegation from QSL Youth League Division 1 to Division 2**

- a) The following will be taken into consideration when assessing whether an Association will be eligible for relegation from QSL Youth League Division 1 into Division 2:
- b) The Association will only be relegated if the eligible associations from Division 2 have nominated for promotion and have met the eligibility criteria as per the QSL Nomination Requirements appendix in the QSL Rules.
- c) Should only one team nominate or meet the eligibility criteria for promotion then the lowest ranked team will be relegated.

### **13.5 Promotion/Relegation**

- a) Promotion and relegation of teams in each QSL division will be dependent on competition formats and structures, determined by the League Manager.
- b) Competition formats and structures will be dependent on nominations of each division, each year.

## **14. QSL Tribunal**

### **14.1. QSL Tribunal**

- a) All tribunal guidelines can be found in the **Basketball Queensland Tribunal By-law** which can be found as an appendix to the rules or on the BQ website.

## **15. Game Disputes**

### **15.1. Game Disputes**

- a) A Participating Association has a Game Dispute if the Participating Association:
  - a. claims that a Game was not conducted in accordance with these rules in a way that prejudiced a team fielded in the Game by that Participating Association; or
  - b. claims that a team fielded in the Game by that Participating Association was prejudiced by a non-compliance with these rules; or
  - c. claims that a team fielded in the QSL competition in which the Game was conducted is prejudiced by the Game not having been conducted in accordance with these rules; or
  - d. claims that a team fielded in the QSL competition in which the Game was conducted is prejudiced by a non-compliance with these rules.
- b) If a Participating Association that has a Game Dispute wants the League Manager to consider the Game Dispute, the Participating Association must:

- a. ensure that the captain of the team informs the referee that the team has a Game Dispute (whether or not in those words, and without any need to say why the team has a Game Dispute) and signs the scoresheet for the Game in the space provided for the captain's signature in the case of a Game Dispute (whether or not those words are used, for example the word "protest" or another similar word may be used); and
- b. notify the League Manager within 24 hours after the game finished; and
- c. within the same time, notify the other Participating Association that fielded a team in the Game to which the Game Dispute relates that the first-mentioned Participating Association has notified the League Manager that it wants the League Manager to consider a Game Dispute; and
- d. lodge a full written report with the League Manager within 24 hours after the Game finished, outlining the subject matter of the Game Dispute and what outcome is sought by the Participating Association; and
- e. within the same time, give any other Participating Association that fielded a team in the Game to which the Game Dispute relates a copy of the full written report lodged with the League Manager.

## 15.2. Procedures for Game Disputes

- a) If a Participating Association does any of the things provided in paragraph 15.1a), then BQ may invoice the Participating Association for:
  - a. \$250 if the Participating Association fielded a team in the Game to which the Game Dispute relates; or
  - b. \$550 if the Participating Association did not field a team in the Game to which the Game Dispute relates.
- b) The League Manager is required to make a binding decision on the Game Dispute if:
  - a. All requirements placed on an Association by rule 15.1b) have been met.
- c) If the League Manager is required or has the authority to make a binding decision on the Game Dispute, the League Manager must consult with the CEO and may:
  - a. make any enquiries about the Game Dispute that the League Manager thinks fit; and
  - b. decide to uphold or dismiss the Game Dispute; and
  - c. if deciding to uphold the Game Dispute, decide on a remedy for the subject matter of the Game Dispute.

## 16. Communications

### 16.1. Communicating with Basketball Queensland

- a) If these rules authorise or require a person to give a document or notification to the League Manager or BQ or the CEO, or to advise the League Manager or BQ or the CEO of something, the person may only do it by using a communications channel listed in the following table for the relevant party and by using any corresponding protocol for that communications channel.

| <i>Intended recipient</i> | <i>Communications channel</i>   | <i>Protocol</i> |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| League Manager            | Email to <a href="mailto:snrleagues@basketballqld.net.au">snrleagues@basketballqld.net.au</a> |                 |
| BQ                        | Email to <a href="mailto:admin@basketballqld.net.au">admin@basketballqld.net.au</a>           |                 |

| <i>Intended recipient</i> | <i>Communications channel</i>   | <i>Protocol</i>                       |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| CEO                       | Email to <a href="mailto:ceo@basketballqld.net.au">ceo@basketballqld.net.au</a> | Addressed to the CEO by title or name |

- b) The League Manager or BQ may add something to, delete something from or change something in the above table by sending a communication to Participating Associations generally.

## **16.2. Communicating with Participating Associations**

- a) This rule applies if the League Manager, BQ, the CEO or the BQ Tribunal Hearings Officer is authorised or required by these rules to give a document or notification to a Participating Association or to advise a Participating Association of something.
- b) The document, notification or advice may be given by email to an email address:
- in any Nomination Form or Affiliation Agreement for the Participating Association; or
  - from which emails from or on behalf of the Participating Association are frequently sent to BQ or an employee of BQ; or
  - published on the Participating Association's website for general communications.
- c) The document, notification or advice may be given by hand-delivery to a person at the Participating Association's head office or place of business or at an address given for the Participating Association in a Nomination Form or Affiliation Agreement.
- d) The document, notification or advice may be given by post to:
- the Participating Association's head office or place of business; or
  - an address given for the Participating Association in a Nomination Form or Affiliation Agreement; or
  - a postal address for the Participating Association published on its website.

## **16.3. Communicating with other people**

- a) This rule applies if the League Manager, BQ, the CEO or the BQ Tribunal Hearings Officer is authorised or required by these rules to give a document or notification to a person other than a Participating Association or to advise that person of something.
- b) If the person is someone under the control of a Participating Association, then the document, notification or advice may be given to the Participating Association by a method provided in rule 16.2. The Participating Association must then pass the document, notification, or advice on to the person without delay.
- c) The document, notification or advice may be given to the person by email, fax, hand-delivery, or post using any contact details for the person:
- on the registration database kept by BQ (unless BQ knows the contact details are not current); or
  - on another database kept by BQ (unless BQ knows the contact details are not current); or
  - that the person sending the document, notification or advice reasonably believes are current contact details for the person.

#### **16.4. Authentication of certain communications**

- a) If the League Manager, BQ, the CEO or the BQ Tribunal Hearings Officer receives a communication authorised or required by these rules which appears to have been sent by a particular person, they may treat it as authentic unless:
  - a. they know it is not authentic; or
  - b. a reasonable person in their position would believe, on the basis of other information about the purported sender that the recipient knows about, that the communication is not authentic.
- b) This applies not only to written communications, but also to communications by telephone and in person. It means, for example, that a QSL Tribunal is usually entitled to assume that a person appearing at a telephone or formal hearing is who they say they are.

#### **16.5. When certain communications are taken to have been received**

- a) An email communication under these rules is taken to have been delivered three (3) hours after it is sent unless it bounces, or the sender has other reason to believe the email was not delivered. This is the case regardless of whether the email is received or read by the intended recipient within that time or at all. In reckoning the three (3) hours, time between 5:00pm and 9:00am is not counted.
- b) A communication under these rules by post is taken to have been delivered at 12:00pm on the day when it would ordinarily be delivered in the post based on the place of sending and place of delivery, if it sent by any form of prepaid post, unless the sender is aware that it has not been delivered. This is the case regardless of whether or when the communication is actually delivered to, or is received by, the intended recipient.

### **17. Challenging decisions under these rules**

- a) A decision under these rules cannot be challenged except strictly as allowed by these rules and strictly in accordance with the provisions of these rules allowing for it.
- b) Otherwise, a person who is bound by these rules must not challenge or seek to challenge a decision under these rules unless and to the extent that:
  - a. a by-law, rule or regulation of BA which is binding on BQ provides for a process of appeal or review by which the person may challenge the decision; and
  - b. under that or another by-law, rule or regulation of BA which is binding on BQ, it is impermissible for the person's right to challenge the decision to be negated.
- c) For the purposes of this rule, a reference to a decision under these rules means a decision under these rules of BQ, the CEO, the Board of BQ or a QSL Tribunal and includes:
  - a. the exercise or non-exercise of a discretion; and
  - b. the exercise or non-exercise of a power, right or obligation.
- d) For the purposes of this rule, a reference to challenging a decision includes:
  - a. questioning the decision or seeking to have it overturned, quashed, or changed in any judicial body, administrative tribunal, sporting tribunal or other forum; and
  - b. appealing against the decision.

## 18. Fines

### 18.1. Fine Offences

- a) This rule creates the Fine Offences listed in the "Fine Offences" column of the table below. If a person listed in the "Person" column corresponding to a Fine Offence commits a Fine Offence, then the fine in the "Fine" column can be imposed and levied on that person.

| <b>Fine Offence</b>    | <b>Person</b>             | <b>Maximum Fine</b> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Breach of Rule 3.1     | Participating Association | \$1,000             |
| Breach of Rule 4.1     | Participating Association | \$1,000             |
| Breach of Rule 6.1     | Participating Association | \$250               |
| Breach of Rule 7.1     | Participating Association | \$250               |
| Breach of Rule 7.2     | Participating Association | \$1,000             |
| Breach of Rule 7.5     | Participating Association | \$500               |
| Breach of Rule 9.4     | Participating Association | \$500               |
| Breach of Rule 9.5     | Participating Association | \$500               |
| Breach of Rule 11.1(b) | Person                    | \$1,000             |

# **APPENDIX A:**

## **QSL**

### **NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS**



**October 2024**

| <b>QSL Nomination Requirements Appendix</b>   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <b>Eligibility (Operations)</b>   | <b>Level</b> |
| <b>QSL Senior Divisions</b><br>Nominate 1 x Women's Team and 1 x Men's team into QSL Senior Divisions.<br>Can nominate multiple teams in either gender, approval subject to association meeting Nomination Requirements.<br><i>Note: Associations cannot have more than 1 team in QSL1.</i>                     | Mandatory    |
| <b>QSL Youth League Divisions</b><br>Nominate 1 x Women's & 1 x Men's team in QSL Youth League.<br>Can nominate multiple teams in either gender, approval subject to association meeting Nomination Requirements.<br><i>Note: Associations cannot have more than 1 team in QSLYL1.</i>                          | Mandatory    |
| Have at least 1 team entered in each age group and gender of a Basketball Queensland Junior Competition   | Preferred    |
| Provide grassroots community programs eg. Aussie Hoops, All Abilities   | Preferred    |
| At least 50% of rosters have represented the association in Basketball Queensland Junior Competition  | Preferred    |
| Have the ability to meet all financial commitments to Basketball Queensland including Association bi-monthly reporting in TidyHQ.   | Mandatory    |
| No outstanding debts with Basketball Queensland (past 30 days)  | Mandatory    |
| The Association has a solvency ratio of at least 1.5 (Current Assets/Current Liabilities) for at least four of the previous 6 Basketball Queensland financial reporting period.   | Mandatory    |
| The Association has an average Cash at Bank reserve of at least \$50,000 across the previous 6 reporting periods.   | Mandatory    |
| Have over 500 registered and active playing members.  | Preferred    |
| Have the ability to record all games to the minimum standard as required by Basketball Queensland and upload all games to a central location provided by Basketball Queensland (automated recording systems eg. Glory League accepted)  | Mandatory    |
| Encourage livestream at all home games for QSL1.<br>Ensure a strong primary and back-up internet source for uninterrupted livestreaming.<br>Have a dedicated staff member or volunteer managing the livestream.   | Preferred    |
| A suitable number of staff/volunteers to conduct home games & meet QSL standards of operation. This may include but is not limited to: court controller/supervisor, club delegate, managers, court announcer, music coordinator, floor wipers, game videoing, medical staff.                                    | Preferred    |
| 5 accredited scoretable personnel at your association.  | Preferred    |
| Coaches – ALL Head coaches will hold a Club Coaching accreditation and all assistant coaches will hold a Community Coaching accreditation and be registered within the Basketball Queensland coaches data base.   | Mandatory    |
| A referee coordinator is active within your association and has the ability to run courses as required.   | Preferred    |
| A bench technical officials educator/coordinator is active within your association and has the ability to run courses as required. If the bench technical official's educator/coordinator is not yet an active position within your association, you are committed to working with BQ to onboard this position. | Preferred    |

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|---|-----------|
| Have the ability to meet all QSL signage and sponsorship requirements.  | Preferred |
| Have a photographer at a minimum of five (5) home games per season, Upload a minimum of 30 images per game by 5:00pm Monday each game that features a photographer. | Preferred |
| Promote the program consistently and professionally across all major platforms (Facebook and Instagram).<br>Post game day promotions, final scores after all games. | Preferred |

| <b>Eligibility (Venue)</b>   | <b>Level</b> |
|--|--------------|
| Indoor venue that meets FIBA Official championship court standards   | Mandatory    |
| Spectator seating (minimum of 100 seats required)  | Mandatory    |
| Sprung Wooden floorboards  | Mandatory    |
| Current FIBA court markings/lines  | Mandatory    |
| Good overhead lighting suitably positioned (equal to 10 x 1000-watt lights)  | Mandatory    |
| Obstruction at least 2m from sidelines.  | Preferred    |
| Obstruction at least 2m from end lines.  | Preferred    |
| Glass Backboards   | Mandatory    |
| Safety padding on bottom and side edges of backboards  | Mandatory    |
| Safety padding on backboard supports   | Mandatory    |
| Snap back Rings  | Preferred    |
| White nets clean, in good order and between 40cm - 45cm in length.   | Mandatory    |
| Scoreboard, which displays the scores and a game clock, which may be synchronised with full time signal. (In good working order) | Mandatory    |
| 14/24 second device visible to players and spectators  | Mandatory    |
| Score bench with seating room for 5 persons.   | Mandatory    |
| Ability to display QSL/BQ signage  | Preferred    |
| Referees Room (suitable standard must be provided)   | Mandatory    |
| Medical room   | Preferred    |
| Canteen  | Preferred    |
| Corporate hospitality i.e/ boxes or room   | Preferred    |
| PA system  | Preferred    |
| Backboard lighting for end of quarter signal   | Preferred    |

# **APPENDIX B:**

## **BASKETBALL QUEENSLAND**

### **TRIBUNAL BY-LAWS**



**October 2024**



# **BASKETBALL QUEENSLAND**

## **TRIBUNAL BY-LAW**

**AS AT 29 JANUARY 2025**

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## 1 Part 1 Jurisdiction and Establishment of Tribunals

### 1 Adoption of By-law

- 1.1 This By-law is made under Rule 181 of the Basketball Queensland ("BQ") constitution and is binding on all members of BQ and other persons or organisations which submit themselves to the jurisdiction of BQ.
- 1.2 Any and all By-laws of BQ previously made concerning Tribunals are expressly rescinded. For the avoidance of doubt, all penalties handed down under previous disciplinary By-laws shall continue to be recognised by BQ.

### 2 Authority of Tribunal

- 2.1 BQ has the power under its constitution to hear and determine charges made against persons, affiliated associations, teams or clubs arising from or related to basketball activities, matches and competitions conducted by:
- (a) BQ itself;
  - (b) its affiliated Associations; or
  - (c) its commissions or leagues;
- (referred to in this By-law as "**Organising Bodies**").
- 2.2 BQ has the right to delegate the power of hearing and determining charges to the BQ tribunal ("**Tribunal**") in accordance with the provisions of this By-law.
- 2.3 Where a matter arises for determination by a Tribunal it shall be dealt with at first instance by the Tribunal of the relevant Organising Body. Where an Organising Body has not convened a Tribunal in accordance with this By-law a matter may be referred to the BQ Tribunal with the consent of the General Manager (Basketball Operations) of BQ.
- 2.4 The Tribunal shall have power to suspend, disqualify, reprimand, fine, bond, ban or otherwise deal with any person involved with basketball and / or the Organising Body (including, but not limited to players, coaches, teams, clubs, officials or spectators) in accordance with this By-law, regarding any incident arising from an activity conducted by an Organising Body. The incident may have occurred before, during or after the conduct of the activity, within the confines of the stadium, activity, venue or its immediate surrounds, or elsewhere if directly related to a basketball activity of any sort.
- 2.5 The Tribunal may also deal with any other disciplinary matter delegated to it for adjudication by the relevant Organising Body (including behaviour that is basketball related and occurs on or utilises a technological medium and includes instances of cyber bullying).
- 2.6 The Tribunal must at all times act independently and impartially in carrying out its duties in accordance with this By-law.

### 3 Membership of Tribunal

- 3.1 The Tribunal panel members shall be appointed by the relevant Organising Body and shall comprise of the following persons:
- (a) a Tribunal chairperson who shall be a person of experience and skills suitable to the function of chairing the Tribunal and discharging the responsibilities set out under Clause 4.1; and
  - (b) no fewer than three Tribunal panel members - (excluding the Tribunal Chair).
- 3.2 In appointing Tribunal and Appeal Tribunal members, Organising Bodies shall have regard to the desirability of pooling Tribunal members with other Organising Bodies with a view to maximising the expertise in handling disciplinary matters within the sport of basketball.
- 3.3 Where a Tribunal chairperson or Tribunal member resigns or is dismissed such that a vacancy exists on the Tribunal, the management committee of the relevant Organising Body shall act to fill such vacancy by appointing a replacement for that position as soon as is reasonably practical to do so.

3.4 Wherever possible, matters referred to the Tribunal for determination shall be heard by three panel members of the Tribunal as determined by the Tribunal chairperson, however a quorum of the Tribunal shall be two (2) panel members.

3.5 No Tribunal decision shall be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a Tribunal member.

#### **4 Responsibilities of Tribunal chairperson**

4.1 A Tribunal chairperson will not vote on the determination of the matter unless a quorum of two members of the Tribunal only are available in which case the chairperson will be the third voting panel member.

4.2 Without limiting the duties of the Tribunal chairperson as set out under the various clauses of this By-law, a person appointed to the position of Tribunal chairperson shall have the following responsibilities:

- (a) to ensure accurate records are kept of all of the Tribunal's proceedings and decisions and to make such records available to BQ or the relevant Organising Body upon request;
- (b) to communicate to the Organising Body the results of hearings of the Tribunal;
- (c) to chair hearings of the Tribunal or to ensure that such task is delegated to a member of the Tribunal;
- (d) to raise with any proposed Tribunal member any potential or possible conflict of interest which may arise from time to time.

#### **5 Records of Tribunals Proceedings**

5.1 The method of recording the proceedings and determinations of the Tribunal shall be in the form prescribed by BQ from time to time but as a minimum the determination of the Tribunal shall be documented and signed by the Tribunal chairperson and kept on record by the Organising Body.

#### **6 Convening Tribunal hearings**

6.1 If practicable, the Organising Body shall provide notice to all teams participating in competitions conducted by it of the regular day, time and place of Tribunal hearings throughout the duration of the competition.

6.2 The Tribunal will be convened to hear charges arising from a match or incident as soon as is practicable, preferably prior to the next round of matches occurring.

6.3 Notification of persons charged under this By-law shall include details of the day, time and place of the Tribunal hearing at which the charge will be heard in accordance with Part 3 of this By-law and must be provided a reasonable period prior to such hearing.

## **2 Part 2 Reports and Notifications**

#### **7 Reports by officials**

7.1 Any Organising Body game official (other than score table officials) or official who has been so empowered by the relevant Organising Body, shall be entitled to report any person, team or club which, in the opinion of the official has committed an offence under this By-law.

7.2 Any Organising Body game official (other than score table officials) or official entitled to submit a report may do so based on the review of video evidence. The lodgement of a report does not require that the official who lodges the report has viewed the incident live in person. (7.2 is only applicable to NBL1 and QSL competitions.)

#### **8 Investigations**

8.1 Where an Organising Body or an official of an Organising Body believes an offence may have been committed or the Organising Body receives a letter of complaint, but no report has been made, the Organising Body may investigate, or appoint a person to investigate, the alleged offence. If after the investigation the organising body or the person appointed to investigate recommends that a report should be made, the Organising Body or the person appointed by it may make a report. Where possible, a report

arising out of an investigation conducted under this clause should be made within 1 week of the date on which the alleged offence took place or the complaint was received.

## **9 Duties of officials or Organising Bodies making a report**

- 9.1 Any Game Official who, or Organising Body that makes a report under clauses 7.1 or 8.1 shall ensure that the charged person, team or club is notified of the report, as well as any other person involved in the report and all other game officials as soon as possible after the report is made. A reporting person will fulfill this duty by giving the report to the Organising Body.
- 9.2 An official who, or Organising Body that who makes a report under clauses 7.1 or 8.1 shall enter the details of the alleged offence(s) on the report form issued by the Organising Body for that purpose as soon as possible after the match or other activity, noting all the particulars in connection with the report so that a clear account can be given to the Tribunal when the report is to be dealt with.
- 9.3 An official who or Organising Body that who makes a report under clauses 7.1 or 8.1 shall lodge a report form with the person nominated by BQ or the Organising Body to take charge of reports, or if that is not possible, to leave the report at the stadium or Organising Body office, marked to the attention of that person, as soon as possible after the activity. In normal circumstances, this would take place no later than 48 hours after the incident leading to the report however failure to lodge the report within 48 hours does not affect the validity of the report.

## **10 Duties of Organising Body receiving a report**

- 10.1 BQ and / or the Organising Body shall appoint an officer to be responsible for the receipt of reports made under this By-law and to carry out the duties in connection with such reports ("**Hearings Officer**"). The officer to whom responsibility is delegated under this clause 10.1 may hold another position within the Organising Body. If the Hearings Officer is a potential witness in relation to a report or has a conflict of interest (actual or perceived), an alternative hearings officer will be appointed for that particular reported matter.
- 10.2 The Organising Body shall require each team entered in competitions to designate on the entry form the address, telephone number and email address or other electronic contact details of the team delegate, to be used for notification of reports.
- 10.3 The Organising Body shall maintain lists of names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (if applicable) of all officials registered with the Organising Body.
- 10.4 The Hearings Officer designated under clause 10.1 shall have the following duties:
- (a) to organise the venue, time and day of the week to be set aside for hearings of the Tribunal;
  - (b) to convene hearings of the Tribunal to deal with matters referred to it;
  - (c) to ensure that three members of the Tribunal are present to deal with any matters referred to it for determination;
  - (d) to receive and refer to the Tribunal all material relating to any reports made under this By-law;
  - (e) to ensure the availability of all forms required to be used in any proceedings of the Tribunal;
  - (f) to notify the charged person, team or club, through their team secretary or manager, of the date, time and place of the Tribunal hearing;
  - (g) if the notification under clause 10.4(f) is made by telephone, the officer giving the notification shall immediately make a written record of the time and details of the telephone conversation;
  - (h) if the charged person is under the age of 18 years, or otherwise unable to represent him or herself, then they are to be advised that they must have an adult (being their next of kin or another adult who has written consent from the next of kin, and who is not an appointed legal practitioner) with or for them at the Tribunal hearing, as an adviser, and that the adviser shall be allowed to ask questions and speak on their behalf;
  - (i) to provide the charged person, team or club with a copy of the report form. In carrying out this function the Organising Body shall:
    - (i) hand a copy of the report form to the charged person (or a representative of a charged team or club) prior to the charged person leaving the match / activity / venue following the activity out of which the report was made; or

- (ii) send a copy of the report form to the charged person, team or club at the address of the team secretary or manager as collected under clause 10.2 above, as soon as possible after the date of the report being lodged with the Organising Body; or
- (iii) make a copy of the report form available for collection by the charged person, team or club and notify the team secretary or manager of the requirement to effect such collection.
- (j) to notify the reporting official and any other officials or witnesses required to be in attendance, of the date, time and place of the Tribunal hearing. Where such reporting official is under 18 years of age or has a disability which prevents them from adequately representing themselves, they are to be advised that they have the right to have an adult (being their next of kin or another adult who has written consent from the next of kin, and who is not an appointed legal practitioner) with them at the Tribunal hearing, as an adviser, and that the adviser shall be allowed to ask questions and speak on their behalf;
- (k) to notify each of the above persons of the consequences of non-attendance at a Tribunal hearing and the procedure to be followed in each case;
- (l) to notify the chairperson (or his/her delegate) of the Tribunal that a report has been received, and to deliver to the Tribunal chairperson (or his/her delegate) of the Tribunal the report form and any other information relevant to the case; and
- (m) to ensure sufficient report forms are available to officials at competitions conducted by the Organising Body and that officials are aware of the availability of such forms.

## 11 Period between report & Tribunal hearing

- 11.1 A charged person, team or club shall be entitled to participate in basketball competitions conducted by the Organising Body until such time as the Tribunal has heard and determined the report unless the Tribunal chairperson, in their absolute discretion, is of the view that the report is of a serious nature and to allow participation may constitute a danger to other participants. A Tribunal may be convened with short notice if it is in the interest of Basketball, Tournaments, NBL1/QSL double header weekends ect.

## 3 Part 3 Conduct of Tribunal hearing

### 12 Attendance at Tribunal hearings

- 12.1 The following persons shall be required to attend a Tribunal hearing conducted under this By-law, except where excused by the Tribunal chairperson in their absolute discretion:
- (a) the charged person;
  - (b) the president, secretary or other delegate representing a charged team or club;
  - (c) the reporting official(s);
  - (d) any other person involved in the report;
  - (e) witnesses as indicated by the reporting official or charged person to be notified by the officer designated under clause 10.1;
  - (f) any witness required by the Tribunal.
- 12.2 The following persons shall be entitled to attend a Tribunal hearing as appropriate:
- (a) any player of a charged team or club;
  - (b) witnesses called to give evidence by a charged person, team or club;
  - (c) witnesses called to give evidence by the reporting official(s);
  - (d) any adult adviser to a charged person or reporting official.
- 12.3 The following persons shall be entitled to attend a Tribunal hearing with the permission of the Tribunal chairperson:
- (a) representatives of an Organising Body; or
  - (b) any other person.

- 12.4 Legal representatives or advocates are permitted to appear before the Tribunal where leave to appear has been granted by the Tribunal chairperson.
- 12.5 The Tribunal chairperson may order that any person, including the charged person or a member of a charged team or club, leave the Tribunal hearing if it is of the opinion of the chairperson that the person is disrupting the hearing.
- 12.6 If the charged person or member of a charged team or club is excluded from the hearing pursuant to clause 12.5 the tribunal shall proceed to hear and determine the matter in his or her absence.

### **13 Non-attendance at Tribunal hearings**

- 13.1 If any charged person (or representative of a charged team or club) fails to attend a Tribunal hearing without reasonable cause, the hearing may proceed and a determination be made by the Tribunal in the absence of the charged person, team or club, provided that the Tribunal is satisfied that all notification procedures under this By-law have been carried out and that in proceeding, no significant unfairness will be suffered by the charged person.
- 13.2 A charged person, team or club or reporting official may apply to the Hearings Officer to have a Tribunal hearing adjourned if there are compelling circumstances which warrant such steps being taken to avoid costs, hardship or significant inconvenience to the charged person, team or club. This will be at the discretion of the Hearings Officer (or the Tribunal if already convened) and if the application is granted, a new date shall be fixed.
- 13.3 A charged person who is unable to attend a Tribunal hearing shall be entitled to appoint a representative (who is not a legal practitioner) to appear in his/her place if that charged person intends on pleading guilty, subject to the Tribunal receiving a letter of consent from the charged person containing the person's guilty plea to the charges contained in the report and any statement that person would have given to the Tribunal had he or she attended the hearing. The Tribunal shall give such weight to the facts in that statement as in all of the circumstances it believes is appropriate given that the charged person will not be able to be questioned on the facts.
- 13.4 If any witness fails to attend a Tribunal hearing, the hearing may continue in their absence.
- 13.5 If a reporting official fails to attend a Tribunal hearing without reasonable cause, the hearing may proceed and a determination be made by the Tribunal in the absence of the reporting official, provided that the Tribunal is satisfied that all notification procedures under this By-law have been carried out.
- 13.6 If a reporting official or Organising Body inadvertently fails to carry out any duties listed in clause 10, the charges shall not be dismissed for this reason, but may be adjourned to allow the omission to be rectified. Where appropriate, the Tribunal shall take the failure into account and make suitable allowance.

### **14 Tribunal hearing Conducted Via Teleconference**

- 14.1 A charged person, team or club may apply to the Tribunal chairperson to have a Tribunal hearing conducted by telephone conference call or other technology if there are compelling circumstances which warrant such steps being taken to avoid costs, hardship or significant inconvenience to the charged person, team or club. In all other respects the procedure of the Tribunal hearing shall be conducted in accordance with this By-law.
- 14.2 A reporting official or representative of an Organising Body and/or other witnesses may apply to the Tribunal chairperson to appear at the Tribunal hearing by telephone conference call or other technology if there are compelling circumstances which warrant such steps being taken to avoid costs, hardship or significant inconvenience to that person.
- 14.3 The Tribunal chairperson, in his or her absolute discretion, may approve or deny an application made pursuant to clause 14.1 or 14.2.

### **15 Procedures of the Tribunal**

- 15.1 For the purpose of this clause 15 onwards, a reference to a charged person includes a reference to the representative(s) of a charged team or club.
- 15.2 In the event of a team or club being reported, one (1) member of the team or club shall act as spokesperson for the team or club provided that an individual member of that team or club may elect to speak on their own behalf.

- 15.3 At the commencement of a hearing, the chairperson shall identify the members of the Tribunal and determine whether the charged person is present to answer the charge(s) set out in the report.
- 15.4 The charged person shall be asked whether they accept the members of the Tribunal as impartial and independent, or whether they wish to raise any objection in relation to any member. If the objection is found by the Tribunal to be valid, then the Tribunal member shall stand down for the duration of the hearing.
- 15.5 The charged person and the reporting official(s) shall be notified of their right (subject to clause 12.5) to remain in the hearing until all evidence is presented but not to be present whilst the Tribunal considers its findings and determines an appropriate penalty (if any).
- 15.6 The chairperson shall advise all those persons present of the method of recording the hearing (if any).
- 15.7 The charge(s) as contained in the report shall be read out in the presence of all persons eligible to be present.
- 15.8 The charged person shall be asked whether the charge is understood and the reporting official asked whether the charge correctly represents their intention.
- 15.9 The charged person shall be asked to indicate whether they:
- (a) admit the charge/s;
  - (b) admit part of the charges but wish to bring other evidence; or
  - (c) deny the charges.
- 15.10 If the charged person admits the charge(s), the chairperson may read a short summary of the facts, admit the reporting official's evidence (written/verbal) and no witnesses need be called to give evidence unless the Tribunal requires it.
- 15.11 If the charged person admits part of the charges the chairperson may read a short summary of the facts and ask the charged person to identify what is admitted. Those facts will then be accepted by the Tribunal and no witnesses need be called to give evidence on those matters unless the Tribunal requires it.
- 15.12 If the charged person denies the charges then the chairperson shall ask all witnesses except the reporting official(s) and the charged person (and their advisers if appointed in accordance with this By-law) to leave the room and to wait to be called to give their evidence. An adviser may not also be a witness.
- 15.13 The reporting official shall proceed to give evidence and the witnesses of the reporting official(s) shall be called upon to give his/her evidence in turn, subject to the approval of the number of witnesses to be called by the Tribunal chairperson in his or her discretion. The charged person or his/her adviser may ask questions of the reporting official or any witness called.
- 15.14 Each witness shall leave the Tribunal hearing after giving evidence unless otherwise directed or permitted by the Tribunal chairperson.
- 15.15 The charged person shall then be entitled to present their defence. Witnesses may be called subject to the approval of the number of witnesses to be called by the Tribunal chairperson in his or her absolute discretion. Reporting officials or the adviser to a reporting official may ask questions of the charged person or any witness called.
- 15.16 The Tribunal is empowered to question any person giving evidence.
- 15.17 Where a person has an approved adviser present in accordance with this By-law, an opportunity for consultation shall be provided.
- 15.18 Video evidence may be presented at the absolute discretion of the Tribunal chairperson. A charged person, team or club wishing to produce video evidence at the Tribunal hearing must apply to the Tribunal chairperson to do so and provide the proposed video evidence no later than 48 hours prior to the Tribunal hearing. The Tribunal chairperson, in their absolute discretion, may approve or deny such application.
- 15.19 At the conclusion of all of the evidence and submissions the Tribunal chairperson shall ask the charged person, the reporting official and all other persons present to leave the hearing room while the Tribunal considers its findings.

- 15.20 If the Tribunal is not satisfied that a particular charge has been proved but is satisfied that a lesser charge has been established, then the Tribunal may find such lesser charge established and shall apply a penalty applicable to the lesser charge.
- 15.21 Where it appears to the Tribunal on the evidence before them that the reporting official has made an error in laying the wrong charge or omitted charges that should have been laid, the Tribunal may amend the charges and proceed to make a finding. Further, the Tribunal has the right to direct that a person other than the charged person be charged with an offence under this By-law on the basis of evidence presented before it during the course of conducting a hearing.
- 15.22 Where charges have been amended under clause 15.21 and if the Tribunal considers that the charged person may suffer significant prejudice as a result of the amendment, the Tribunal shall adjourn the hearing unless the charged person, team or club consents to it proceeding at that time.
- 15.23 The charged person and the reporting official may be present when the decision of the Tribunal is given by the Tribunal chairperson. If the charged person is not present the Tribunal chairperson shall ensure that the decision is conveyed to the charged person by the most expedient means.
- 15.24 Subject to clause 15.20, if the Tribunal is satisfied that a charge has been established on the balance of probabilities (i.e. more probable than not) it shall find the charge proved. Otherwise, the charge shall be dismissed.
- 15.25 If a charge has been found proven by the Tribunal, the charged person shall be informed of the finding. At this time (but not before), any previous convictions against the charged person should then be laid before the Tribunal.
- 15.26 The charged person is then given the right to make a final statement in relation to previous convictions or other mitigating circumstances before being asked to leave the room a second time. The charged person may, with the consent of the Tribunal chairperson, submit written statements or references for consideration by the Tribunal on the decision of penalty.
- 15.27 The Tribunal shall then determine the penalty to be imposed (if any) and shall recall the charged person to advise of the penalty.
- 15.28 The Tribunal is not obliged to give reasons for any decision made by it under this By-law.
- 15.29 A charged person who has been found guilty of an offence and received a penalty under this By-law shall not play, coach, referee or otherwise take part in basketball activities as directed by the Tribunal until the penalty has been served to the satisfaction of the Organising Body. However, a decision of the Tribunal does not prevent a person carrying out duties directly related to their employment.
- 15.30 All findings from the tribunal are to be communicated by the Tribunal Chair via email and recorded in Basketball Connect within 48 hours.

## **16 Recording of Tribunal hearing**

- 16.1 No person may record a Tribunal hearing by any recording device without the permission of the Tribunal chairperson.
- 16.2 If a hearing is recorded, the tape, disc or other storage device shall be retained by the Hearing Officer and Tribunal Chair.
- 16.3 It is a condition of the granting of permission to use a recording of a tribunal hearing proceeding that the use of any information recorded is limited to the following purposes:
- (a) an appeal pursuant to this By-Law;
  - (b) court proceedings; or
  - (c) the provision of legal advice.
- 16.4 If a person records a Tribunal hearing proceeding or uses a recording of same for other than the abovementioned purposes, a charge may be brought by the Organising Body against that person for breach of this By-law.

## 4 Part 4 Offences and Penalties

### 17 Penalties

- 17.1 The Schedules to this By-Law set out the standard offences and maximum penalties to be applied where a charge has been established by a Tribunal.
- 17.2 For the purposes of this By-law, penalties for many offences which are established by a Tribunal shall be divided into two separate categories:
- (a) penalties for offences involving persons other than officials ("Group A offence"); and
  - (b) penalties for offences involving an official ("Group B offence")
- 17.3 Where charges arising from one particular incident are heard together and the Tribunal finds the person or team guilty of more than one offence, it may impose a single penalty imposed in totality in relation to all charges the person or team has been found guilty of, being not more than the maximum penalty for the total maximum penalties of the offences, or it may impose individual penalties for each offence.
- 17.4 Where a Tribunal imposes more than one period of suspension, it may impose them to be served concurrently or cumulatively or partly concurrently and partly cumulatively .
- 17.5 A penalty handed down under this By-law shall commence from the date of the Tribunal finding unless otherwise expressly directed by the Tribunal. Penalties for NBL1, QSL and BQ Tournaments are to be expressed in games as per the below tables and BQ Sanctioned matches and competitions are to be expressed in weeks as per the below table.. The Tribunal has the discretion to rule that a penalty will be suspended for the number of weeks which fall between seasons or during any season break or for other reason such as intended absence of the person overseas or interstate.
- 17.6 Persons on a first offence, or persons who indicate to the tribunal at least 24 hours prior to the hearing that they intend to plead guilty to some or all of the offences with which are charged, shall have this taken into account when assessing the penalty to be handed down.
- 17.7 A Tribunal may take into account a charged person's prior convictions in determining a penalty to be handed down provided the penalty does not exceed the maximum penalties assigned to offences under the relevant Schedule.
- 17.8 The Tribunal has the discretion to rule that a penalty apply only in relation to a particular competition, however this shall only be done in exceptional circumstances.
- 17.9 The Tribunal has the discretion to apply suspended sentences as part of a penalty provided that they do not exceed the maximum penalties assigned to offences under the relevant Schedule. It is recommended that suspended sentences remain in place for a period of 12 months.
- 17.10 If a charged person faces another Tribunal in the period in which the suspended sentence is in place (i.e. 12 months) and is found guilty the suspended sentence will be added to whatever penalty is handed down.

### 18 Administrative Tribunal

- 18.1 If a person is charged with an offence carrying a maximum penalty of six games (or weeks as the case may be) or less, and
- (a) is not a minor; and
  - (b) has not been found to have committed an offence under this By-law within the last 12 months,
- the matter will be dealt with by an administrative tribunal.
- 18.2 Where:
- (a) a charged person is not a minor;
  - (b) and is charged with an offence carrying a maximum penalty of less than twenty games (or weeks as the case may be); and
  - (c) the Organising Body believes that circumstances exist that mean the matter can appropriately be dealt without proceeding to a Tribunal,
- the matter may be dealt with by an administrative tribunal.

- 18.3 A person:
- (a) charged with an offence that has not been dealt with by an administrative tribunal under clauses 18.1 or 18.2; or
  - (b) who has rejected a penalty of the administrative tribunal under clause 17.6 must be dealt with by the Tribunal.
- 18.4 An administrative tribunal shall consist of:
- (a) the Tribunal chairperson; and
  - (b) the Hearings Officer.
- 18.5 When a report is received that is to be dealt with under clauses 18.1 or 18.3 the administrative tribunal shall meet and determine a penalty. The charged person shall be notified as soon as practicable following the meeting of the administrative tribunal of:
- (a) reason/s why the charges have been dealt with by administrative tribunal;
  - (b) the penalty;
  - (c) their right to accept or reject the penalty proposed by the administrative tribunal.
- 18.6 The charged person shall be required to notify the Organising Body of their acceptance or rejection of the penalty within three working days of notification. If the penalty is accepted by the charged person the penalty shall be enforced with no right of appeal.
- 18.7 If the penalty is not acceptable to the charged person the matter shall be referred to the Tribunal and be treated in the same manner as any other charge.
- 18.8 If the charged person fails to indicate acceptance or rejection of the administrative penalty in writing to the Organising Body within three working days of notification, the administrative penalty will automatically be invoked.

## 5 Part 5 Appeals

### 19 Right of Appeal

- 19.1 The decision of an administrative tribunal that is invoked under clause 18.8 can only be appealed if the charged person (“**Appellant**”) satisfies the Appeals Officer of BQ, or their nominee, in that person’s sole discretion, that the Appellant did not receive the notice issued under clause 18.5.
- 19.2 There shall be no appeal from a decision of the Tribunal unless the Appellant satisfies the Appeals Officer of BQ, or their nominee, in that person’s sole discretion, that one or more of the following grounds of appeal is satisfied:
- (a) that significant new or additional evidence has become available, which is likely to make a material difference to the decision of the Tribunal;
  - (b) that the penalty imposed by the Tribunal is not in accordance with the provisions of this By-law;
  - (c) that the penalty imposed by the Tribunal is manifestly excessive; or
  - (d) that the Tribunal failed to follow procedures or requirements of this By-law to the significant detriment of the person seeking the appeal.
- 19.3 The Organising Body may appeal a decision of the Tribunal on the grounds that the penalty imposed by the Tribunal is manifestly inadequate.

### 20 Notice of Appeal

- 20.1 A person seeking to appeal a decision under clause 19.1 or 19.2 must:
- (a) lodge a notice stating full details of charges and results thereof and stating in full the grounds of appeal with the Appeals Officer within fourteen (14) days of the notification of a determination of a Tribunal hearing (“**Notice of Appeal**”); and
  - (b) pay the appeal fee to the Appeals Officer when lodging the Notice of Appeal, which shall be \$250.00 (including GST) (the appeal fee does not apply in the case of appeals by minors and may be waived at the discretion of

the Appeals Officer).

- 20.2 An Appellant shall be notified as soon as is reasonably possible after receipt of the Notice of Appeal as to whether an appeal hearing is to be granted and the time, date and place of the Appeal hearing, in the event that it is granted.
- 20.3 An Organising Body wishing to appeal under clause 19.3 must:
- (a) provide the charged person with details of why they consider the penalty to be inadequate and setting out what penalty the Organising Body believes would have been adequate; and
  - (b) provide an undertaking to pay the charged person's reasonable costs of the Appeal Tribunal if the Organising Body's appeal is not upheld.

## 21 Granting of Appeal

- 21.1 The Appeals Officer (or the chairperson of the Appeal Tribunal) will determine one of the following:
- (a) that the person appealing has not established any of the grounds for the appeal, in which case the appeal shall be dismissed; or
  - (b) that the person appealing has established one or more of the grounds for the appeal.
- 21.2 If the Appeals Officer (or the chairperson of the Appeal Tribunal, as the case may be) decides that the person appealing has established one or more of the grounds for the appeal they shall direct that the appeal take place in one of the following forms:
- (a) a complete rehearing of the charge; or
  - (b) that a nominated person or persons investigate a specific area of the original hearing and determine the outcome of the appeal.

Where the Appeals Officer has directed that a person or persons investigate only a specific area of the original hearing, the person or persons nominated may carry out that investigation in any manner they believe reasonable.

- 21.3 The Appeals Officer may direct a stay of the implementation of the penalty imposed by the Tribunal pending the determination of the appeal where they are satisfied that there are exceptional and compelling circumstances that make it harsh and unconscionable if such an order was not made.
- 21.4 Where the Appeals Officer determines that the Tribunal has imposed a penalty that is not in accordance with the By-laws he or she may reduce the penalty so that it accords with the By-laws.
- 21.5 There shall be no further appeal from a decision of the Appeals Officer or from a rehearing or on investigation directed under clause 21.2.

## 22 Appeal Tribunal

- 22.1 If an appeal hearing is granted, the Appeals Officer shall convene an Appeal Tribunal to hear and determine the appeal in accordance with this By-law.
- 22.2 An Appeal Tribunal shall comprise of the following persons:
- (a) a chairperson; and
  - (b) of no fewer than three (3) panel members,
- appointed by BQ from time to time to hear appeals as required by BQ. Members of an Appeal Tribunal will preferably have experience in hearing and determining disciplinary matters in sport, however, need not have any particular experience with the sport of basketball.
- 22.3 Wherever possible, matters referred to the Appeal Tribunal for determination shall be heard by three panel members of the Appeal Tribunal as determined by the Tribunal chairperson, however a quorum of shall be two (2) members.
- 22.4 Tribunal members and a chairperson who were not involved in the hearing of a matter the subject of an appeal shall be eligible to sit on an Appeal Tribunal.

### **23 Serving of Tribunal Penalties**

- 23.1 Subject to clauses 21.3 and 23.2(b), where the Tribunal imposes a penalty that prevents the Appellant from participating in a match, the Appellant shall serve that penalty pending the determination of the appeal.
- 23.2 Subject to clause 23.3, the Appeal Tribunal may of their own motion or upon application of the appellant determine:
- (a) that an appeal be adjourned; or
  - (b) a stay of the implementation of the penalty imposed by the Tribunal pending the determination of the appeal.
- 23.3 The Appeal Tribunal shall make an order under clause 23.2(b) only where it is satisfied that there are exceptional and compelling circumstances that make it harsh and unconscionable if such an order was not made. In determining that question, the Appeals Tribunal shall without limitation have regard to:
- (a) the merits of the appeal and the Appellant's prospects of success;
  - (b) the interests of other teams, clubs and players; and
  - (c) the effect on the results of the competition.

### **24 Proceedings of Appeal Tribunal**

- 24.1 The Appeal Tribunal and persons appearing before it are bound by the same procedures under this By-law as if the Appeal Tribunal was a Tribunal hearing a matter at first instance.
- 24.2 The Appeals Officer shall forward records of the Tribunal hearing in which the matter the subject of the Appeal was heard at first instance to the chairperson of the Appeal Tribunal.
- 24.3 The Appeal Tribunal shall have the discretion to conduct the hearing as a complete re-hearing or to limit the hearing to consideration of the ground(s) of appeal relied upon by the Appellant under clause 19.2.
- 24.4 An Appeal Tribunal shall have the power to:
- (a) dismiss the appeal;
  - (b) uphold the appeal;
  - (c) impose any of the penalties set out in the Schedules of this By-law; or
  - (d) reduce, increase or otherwise vary any penalty imposed by the initial hearings Tribunal, in such manner as it thinks fit.
- 24.5 The Appeal Tribunal is not obliged to give oral or written reasons for a decision under clause 24.4.
- 24.6 At the conclusion of the appeal, the chairperson of the Appeal Tribunal shall ensure that the Appellant and the reporting official are correctly informed of the determinations of the Appeal Tribunal. The chairperson shall also notify the Appeals Officer of the decision of the Appeal Tribunal.

### **25 Refund of Appeal Fee**

- 25.1 The Appeal Tribunal shall have the discretion to refund the appeal fee payable under clause 20.1(b).

### **26 Costs**

- 26.1 Each party to an appeal shall bear their own costs.

### **27 Single Right of Appeal**

- 27.1 There is only one right of appeal following the decision of the initial Tribunal. Any appeal must be solely and exclusively resolved by the Appeal Tribunal and the decision of the Appeal Tribunal is final and binding on the parties.

### **28 Exhaust Internal Appeal**

- 28.1 A person shall exercise his right of appeal under this By-law and have any appeal heard and determined by the Appeal Tribunal before commencing any proceedings or becoming a party to any proceedings in a court of law.

## 6 Part 6 Miscellaneous

### 29 Relationship with criminal matters

- 29.1 If during a Tribunal hearing an investigation under this By-law it becomes known that criminal charges have been brought (as opposed to merely the subject of police investigation) arising out of the actions the subject of the hearing or investigation, the Tribunal and / or the Organising Body may rule that further action be deferred until completion of the criminal charges, unless the police or other prosecuting authority advise they have no objection to the matter proceeding.
- 29.2 In making a determination under clause 29.1, the Tribunal and / or Organising Body shall have regard to the need to ensure the ongoing safety of players, officials and other persons involved in the Organising Body.

### 30 Recognition of Penalties across Organising Bodies or States and Territories

- 30.1 Each Organising Body acknowledges and agrees that it is required to recognise and enforce penalties handed down against individual persons, teams or clubs by the disciplinary tribunals of all other Organising Bodies, basketball associations, leagues and competitions which are affiliated with Basketball Australia and BQ.
- 30.2 A charged person/team or anyone representing a charged person/team is not permitted to contact a reporting official or other parties involved in the reported incident, excluding their own witnesses from the time in which they are informed that a report will be submitted and the tribunal hearing.

## Schedule 1 Queensland State League Offences and Maximum Penalties

The following table lists the offences which are Tribunal Offences in the Queensland State League (QSL) and the maximum penalties for each. In some cases, two maximum penalties (or penalties of a type) are listed for a Tribunal Offence. If so, penalty B is the maximum penalty (or penalty of that type) if the behaviour constituting or involving the commission of the Tribunal Offence involved an Official, and penalty A is the maximum penalty (or penalty of that type) in any other case of the commission of that Tribunal Offence.

| Offence   | Maximum Penalty             |         |
|---|-----------------------------|---------|
|   | Suspension                  | Fine    |
| Disputing a decision of a referee                                       | 2 games                     | \$1,000 |
| Unsportsmanlike behaviour   | 2 games                     | \$1,000 |
| Breach of a Code of Conduct   | 2 games                     | \$1,000 |
| Gross breach of a Code of Conduct                                       | 4 games                     | \$1,000 |
| Attempting to trip  | A: 3 games<br>B: 6 games    | \$1,000 |
| Tripping  | A: 3 games<br>B: 17 games   | \$1,000 |
| Making an obscene gesture   | A: 3 games<br>B: 6 games    | \$1,000 |
| Using offensive, abusive, obscene or insulting language                 | A: 3 games<br>B: 6 games    | \$1,000 |
| Attempting to strike  | A: 3 games<br>B: 17 games   | \$1,000 |
| Striking (using the fist, hand, head or an object or another body part) | A: 17 games<br>B: 2 seasons | \$1,000 |
| Attempting to elbow   | A: 3 games<br>B: 17 games   | \$1,000 |
| Elbowing  | A: 6 games<br>B: 2 seasons  | \$1,000 |
| Fighting when 2 or more players are involved                            | 6 games                     | \$1,000 |
| Attempting to kick  | A: 3 games<br>B: 17 games   | \$1,000 |
| Kicking   | A: 6 games<br>B: 2 seasons  | \$1,000 |
| Spitting  | A: 6 games<br>B: 17 games   | \$1,000 |
| Moving under an airborne player (tunnelling)                            | 1 season                    | \$1,000 |
| Putting a person in fear of impending violence                          | A: 17 games<br>B: 1 seasons | \$1,000 |

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|---|----------|---------|
| Coaching, refereeing, playing or performing score bench duties while under suspension   | 2 games  | \$1,000 |
| Deliberately endangering the safety or health of a player, spectator, Official or other person.   | Lifetime | \$1,000 |
| Deliberately endangering the safety or health of a player, spectator, Official or other person in an incident involving blood or a body fluid | Lifetime | \$1,000 |
| Engaging in conduct bringing the game of basketball or the QSL into disrepute   | 6 games  | \$1,000 |
| Failing to cooperate in or hindering or obstructing an investigation or hearing under these rules   | 6 games  | \$1,000 |
| Conspiring with another person to present false evidence to a QSL Tribunal or to otherwise mislead a QSL Tribunal                             | 6 games  | \$1,000 |

## Schedule 2 NBL1 North Offences and Maximum Penalties

The following table lists the offences which are Tribunal Offences in the NBL1 North Competition and the maximum penalties for each. In some cases, two maximum penalties (or penalties of a type) are listed for a Tribunal Offence. If so, penalty B is the maximum penalty (or penalty of that type) if the behaviour constituting or involving the commission of the Tribunal Offence involved an Official, and penalty A is the maximum penalty (or penalty of that type) in any other case of the commission of that Tribunal Offence.

| Offence   | Maximum Penalty             |                          |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
|   | Suspension                  | Fine                     |
| Disputing a decision of a referee                                       | 2 games                     | \$1,000                  |
| Unsportsmanlike behaviour   | 2 games                     | \$1,000                  |
| Breach of a Code of Conduct   | 2 games                     | \$1,000                  |
| Gross breach of a Code of Conduct                                       | 4 games                     | \$1,000                  |
| Attempting to trip  | A: 3 games<br>B: 6 games    | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$2,000 |
| Tripping  | A: 3 games<br>B: 17 games   | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$2,000 |
| Making an obscene gesture   | A: 3 games<br>B: 6 games    | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$2,000 |
| Using offensive, abusive, obscene or insulting language                 | A: 3 games<br>B: 6 games    | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$2,000 |
| Attempting to strike  | A: 3 games<br>B: 35 games   | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$3,000 |
| Striking (using the fist, hand, head or an object or another body part) | A: 17 games<br>B: 100 games | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$5,000 |
| Attempting to elbow   | A: 3 games<br>B: 35 games   | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$3,000 |
| Elbowing  | A: 17 games<br>B: 100 games | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$5,000 |
| Fighting when 2 or more players are involved                            | 6 games                     | \$1,000                  |
| Attempting to kick  | A: 3 games<br>B: 35 games   | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$3,000 |
| Kicking   | A: 17 games<br>B: 100 games | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$5,000 |
| Spitting  | A: 17 games<br>B: 100 games | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$5,000 |
| Moving under an airborne player (tunnelling)                            | 17 games                    | \$1,000                  |

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|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Putting a person in fear of impending violence  | A: 17 games<br>B: 100 games | A: \$1,000<br>B: \$5,000 |
| Coaching, refereeing, playing or performing score bench duties while under suspension   | 2 games                     | \$1,000                  |
| Deliberately endangering the safety or health of a player, spectator, Official or other person.   | Lifetime                    | \$1,000                  |
| Deliberately endangering the safety or health of a player, spectator, Official or other person in an incident involving blood or a body fluid | Lifetime                    | \$10,000                 |
| Engaging in conduct bringing the game of basketball or BQ into disrepute  | 6 games                     | \$10,000                 |
| Failing to cooperate in or hindering or obstructing an investigation or hearing under these rules   | 6 games                     | \$1,000                  |
| Conspiring with another person to present false evidence to a Tribunal or to otherwise mislead a Tribunal                                     | 6 games                     | \$1,000                  |

### Schedule 3 BQ sanctioned matches and competitions (non NBL1 North or QSL)

The following table lists the offences which are Tribunal Offences in a BQ sanctioned matches and competitions (excluding NBL1 North and QSL) and the maximum penalties for each. In some cases, two maximum penalties (or penalties of a type) are listed for a Tribunal Offence. If so, penalty B is the maximum penalty (or penalty of that type) if the behaviour constituting or involving the commission of the Tribunal Offence involved an Official, and penalty A is the maximum penalty (or penalty of that type) in any other case of the commission of that Tribunal Offence.

| Offence   | Maximum Suspension         |
|---|----------------------------|
| Disputing a decision of a referee                                       | 6 weeks                    |
| Unsportsmanlike behaviour   | 6 weeks                    |
| Breach of a Code of Conduct   | 6 weeks                    |
| Gross breach of a Code of Conduct                                       | 6 weeks                    |
| Attempting to trip  | A: 10 weeks<br>B: 52 weeks |
| Tripping  | A: 52 weeks<br>B: Lifetime |
| Making an obscene gesture   | A: 10 weeks<br>B: 20 weeks |
| Using offensive, abusive, obscene or insulting language                 | A: 10 weeks<br>B: 20 weeks |
| Attempting to strike  | A: 10 weeks<br>B: 52 weeks |
| Striking (using the fist, hand, head or an object or another body part) | A: 52 weeks<br>B: Lifetime |
| Attempting to elbow   | A: 10 weeks<br>B: 52 weeks |
| Elbowing  | A: 52 weeks<br>B: Lifetime |
| Fighting when 2 or more players are involved                            | 52 weeks                   |
| Attempting to kick  | A: 10 weeks<br>B: 52 weeks |
| Kicking   | A: 52 weeks<br>B: Lifetime |
| Spitting  | A: 20 weeks<br>B: 52 weeks |

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|---|---|
| Moving under an airborne player (tunnelling)  | 104 weeks   |
| Threatening a person or putting a person in fear of impending violence  | A: 52 weeks<br>B: 104 weeks   |
| Coaching, refereeing, playing or performing score bench duties while under suspension   | 5 weeks per game while under suspension to be served concurrently to the original suspension period |
| Deliberately endangering the safety or health of a player, spectator, Official or other person.   | Lifetime  |
| Deliberately endangering the safety or health of a player, spectator, Official or other person in an incident involving blood or a body fluid | Lifetime  |
| Engaging in conduct bringing the game of basketball or BQ into disrepute  | 19 weeks  |
| Failing, when required, to attend Tribunal without proper cause when notified   | 20 weeks  |
| Failing to cooperate in or hindering or obstructing an investigation or hearing under these rules   | 20 weeks  |
| Assaulting any person   | A: 52 weeks<br>B: Lifetime  |
| Contempt of Tribunal  | 20 weeks  |
| Negligent or reckless or unnecessary physical contact with an official not amounting to striking or assault                                   | 52 weeks  |
| Cheating, tanking, bribery or tampering with intent for any reason including to alter the result of a game                                    | Lifetime  |

## Schedule 4 BQ Tournaments Offences and Maximum Penalties

The following table lists the offences which are Tribunal Offences in a Basketball Queensland sanctioned tournament and the maximum penalties for each. In some cases, two maximum penalties (or penalties of a type) are listed for a Tribunal Offence. If so, penalty B is the maximum penalty (or penalty of that type) if the behaviour constituting or involving the commission of the Tribunal Offence involved an Official, and penalty A is the maximum penalty (or penalty of that type) in any other case of the commission of that Tribunal Offence.

| Offence   | Maximum Suspension        |
|---|---------------------------|
| Disputing a decision of a referee                                       | 2 games                   |
| Unsportsmanlike behaviour   | 2 games                   |
| Breach of a Code of Conduct   | 2 games                   |
| Gross breach of a Code of Conduct                                       | 4 games                   |
| Attempting to trip  | A: 3 games<br>B: 6 games  |
| Tripping  | A: 3 games<br>B: 17 games |
| Making an obscene gesture   | A: 3 games<br>B: 6 games  |
| Using offensive, abusive, obscene or insulting language                 | A: 3 games<br>B: 6 games  |
| Attempting to strike  | A: 3 games<br>B: 17 games |
| Striking (using the fist, hand, head or an object or another body part) | A: 17 games<br>B: 2 years |
| Attempting to elbow   | A: 3 games<br>B: 17 games |
| Elbowing  | A: 6 games<br>B: 2 years  |
| Fighting when 2 or more players are involved                            | 6 games                   |
| Attempting to kick  | A: 3 games<br>B: 17 games |
| Kicking   | A: 6 games<br>B: 2 years  |
| Spitting  | A: 6 games<br>B: 17 games |
| Moving under an airborne player (tunnelling)                            | 1 year                    |
| Putting a person in fear of impending violence                          | A: 17 games<br>B: 2 years |

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|---|----------|
| Coaching, refereeing, playing or performing score bench duties while under suspension   | 2 games  |
| Deliberately endangering the safety or health of a player, spectator, Official or other person.   | Lifetime |
| Deliberately endangering the safety or health of a player, spectator, Official or other person in an incident involving blood or a body fluid | Lifetime |
| Engaging in conduct bringing the game of basketball or BQ into disrepute  | 6 games  |
| Failing to cooperate in or hindering or obstructing an investigation or hearing under these rules   | 6 games  |
| Conspiring with another person to present false evidence to a Tribunal or to otherwise mislead a Tribunal                                     | 6 games  |

# APPENDIX C:

## QSL

### PROMOTION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



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## QSL Promotion Eligibility Criteria Appendix

*Please note: below eligibility criteria are in addition to the QSL Nomination Requirements Appendix in the QSL Rules*

| <b>Eligibility (Operations)</b>  | <b>Level</b>     |
|--|------------------|
| Have at least 50% of Junior teams qualified for Division One or Two in Basketball Queensland Junior State Championships in the previous 12 months.   | Preferred        |
| Have a maximum 1.5:1 ratio of Boys teams to Girls teams entered in Basketball Queensland Junior Competitions.  | Preferred        |
| The Association has a minimum of 3 x level 1 qualified statisticians as current members of your association.   | Mandatory - QSL1 |
| A statistics coordinator is active within your association and liaises with the BQ Statistics Coordinator to recruit, train, and schedule statisticians. If the statistics coordinator is not yet an active position within your association, you are committed to working with BQ to onboard this position. | Mandatory - QSL1 |
|  |                  |
| <b>Eligibility (Venue &amp; Equipment)</b>   | <b>Level</b>     |
| Minimum 2 computers with email and internet access.<br>Laptops must be current and updated prior to the season start.  | Mandatory - QSL1 |
| Synergy Stats with broadband or 4G connection courtside.   | Mandatory - QSL1 |
| Computer with printer set up with full view of court (ability to print stats at end of each quarter).  | Mandatory - QSL1 |
| A minimum of one dedicated Stats laptop with the following stats:<br>i5 processor<br>16GB Memory<br>256GB SSD<br>15 Inch Display<br>RJ45 Ethernet port or Ethernet to USB adaptor<br>Windows 10 Professional   | Mandatory - QSL1 |