

BASKETBALL RULES

1. TEAMS

- Schools should try to enter 4 teams consisting of: Open "A" & "B" and Middle "A" & "B" (Middle- Years 7, 8, & 9 only).
- Teams will be graded Open "A" then Open "B" and Middle "A" then "B" with no negotiation concerning the strength of the team as previous "grading" attempts have generally been unsuccessful.
- If you are unable to field 4 teams or you wish to field more please contact the coordinator.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- The best players should always play in the "A" team. Please ensure size is taken into consideration when playing Year 7-9 girls in the Open competition.
- Every effort must be made to ensure, Girls who play in the "A" game **will not** play in the "B" game. Please do not ask coaches for permission unless you wish to forfeit the game first, and a scratch match played. Umpires have been notified of this rule.

3. REFEREEING

- Referees for Senior and Middle "A" & "B" matches will be allocated by the Executive Officer. For all other matches each school must have one umpire per team. The coach must umpire if this is necessary to fulfill these requirements. Referees for C grade matches are to be provided by schools. The Executive Officer to assist where possible.
- Referees should wear uniform if they are graded.
- Payment of allocated "A" & "B" umpires will be made by IGSSA at the end of each term.
- Names of referees (with suitable comments) should be emailed through to IGSSA Executive Officer at the end of each season.
- ****Referees please note that if teams are winning convincingly (ie by 20 points), defensive players should be behind the centre line for a baseline throw. Coaches from both teams should be advised. This is the case for all grades. The type of defence which should be employed is a zone defence.

4. MATCHES

- Games should start as close to 4.00pm as possible, with "A" followed by "B". The clock will start running from 4.10 pm. If teams are late to arrive due to transport distances then both games will be reduced equally in time unless the finishing time can be extended by mutual agreement. Coaches should negotiate time before the start of matches.
- matches are now 4 x 10 minute quarters (determined at 26 June 2019 meeting). Breaks between quarters to be 2 minutes with 3 minutes at half time.
- The clock does **not** stop during games. No 'time-outs' are allowed during the last 3 minutes of the match. No time (other than normal substitution time) is allowed for a 5 foul substitution.
- The last possible time to call a time out is with 4 minutes to go, to ensure there are still 3 full minutes of play to finish the game.
- No shot clock allowances will apply
- On the 8th team foul, free throws will be taken (and any subsequent fouls)
- All other rules are in accordance with the Basketball Association rule book. Details from BASA.

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- Each team should provide a scorer and a score sheet. Scorers must sit together.

5. RESULTS

- As per the minutes of the 26 November 2018 meeting (point 9.3): **All results from the preceding week's matches must be in by COB each Tuesday afternoon. EO will update the standings tables Tuesday evenings. Standings tables will then be forwarded to all, and published on the IGSSA website, each and every Wednesday morning**

- If not finals, an A **shield** is awarded to the Senior "A" grade team who has the most 'shield points' (and likewise the B grade). If the top position is shared by 2 or more teams then they will share the shield.
- For IGSSA Premiership tables, the maximum win tally that will be registered is 40 points (. If teams win (or lose by more than that, it will be just the 40 point margin registered). This was determined at IGSSA meeting on 7th Feb 2019.
- If finals are being held, finalists will be determined by total points initially (ie win/loss tally) and then SD (Score differential) if points are equal but a split needs to be made.
- If the finals match is tied (ie the 1 v 2 shield play off), the shield is no longer shared between the two teams. As per the IGSSA meeting on 7th Feb 2019:
 - 2 x 5mins – then jump ball, then first team to score (no time outs to be held in any of the extra time periods, but a 1 minute change over between periods)

6. **EQUIPMENT** - Each school to provide a size 6 match ball.

7. **JUMP BALL** – There are to be no Jump Balls in any grade. Possession is determined by a device on the scoring bench (ie arrow pointing to a teams direction).

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Ref: IGSSA Sport Rules