



## 2008-2009 COACHES MANUAL

### **Mission**

Ontario Basketball is the sport governing body for basketball in the Province of Ontario. Created nearly 70 years ago as the Ontario Amateur Basketball Association, the organization is now commonly known as Ontario Basketball. Ontario Basketball is a not-for-profit association and was incorporated as such in 1977.

Ontario Basketball represents the Province of Ontario's amateur basketball interests. Ontario Basketball's membership is made up of athletes, coaches, officials, clubs, camps, local associations, groups, leagues and basketball supporters. As part of its mandate, Ontario Basketball is committed to working with the Toronto Raptors Basketball Club, NBA Canada, Canada Basketball, OCAA, OUA, OABO and OFSAA to further promote and develop amateur basketball in the province.

Ontario Basketball has a sound governance model and is directed by a volunteer Board of Directors who are elected by the membership to represent, guide, govern and manage the affairs of the association. The professional staff of Ontario Basketball, under the guidance of the executive director, manages the daily administrative operations of the Association.

### **Mission Statement**

***"To exercise a leadership role in the promotion and development of the sport of basketball in Ontario through programs and services for all levels of athletes, participants, leaders, and volunteers."***

### **Values**

Ontario Basketball Values:

Accountability to:

1. The Membership
2. Funding Agencies
  - a. Provincial Government and Corporate Sponsors
  - b. A Strategic Planning Model
  - c. Community Ownership and Partnership
3. Education and Development
4. Equity, Opportunity and Accessibility

### **Vision**

Ontario Basketball is respected for its programs and services throughout Ontario and across Canada. The association represents all basketball interests by providing leadership, coordination and direction in all areas of the sport.

Ontario Basketball is a not-for-profit organization that operates within a sound business framework. The association is directed by a multi-dimensional Board of Directors and is managed by a competent, service-oriented, professional staff.

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## 2009 ONTARIO CUP PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TIMELINES

<b>January 30</b>	<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b> U10 Novice to U14 Major Bantam Boys' and Girls' Teams U15 Midget to U19 Junior Girls' Teams
February 11	Initial Submission of Results U10 Novice to U14 Major Bantam Girls' and Boys' Teams
February 15	Initial Ranking and Seeding Meeting U10 Novice to U14 Major Bantam Girls' and Boys' Teams
March 11	Final Submission of Results U10 Novice, U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom Girls
March 15	Final Ranking and Seeding Meeting U10 Novice, U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom Girls
March 18	Final Submission of Results U10 Novice, U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom Boys  Initial Submission of Results U15 Midget to U19 Junior Girls' Teams
March 22	Final Ranking and Seeding Meeting U10 Novice, U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom Boys Initial Ranking and Seeding Meeting U15 Midget to U19 Junior Girls' Teams
<b>March 27-29</b>	<b>U10 Novice, U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom Girls' Ontario Cup</b>
<b>March 31</b>	<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b> U15 Midget to U19 Junior Boys
April 1	Final Submission of Results U13 Bantam and U14 Major Bantam Girls
<b>April 3-5</b>	<b>U10 Novice, U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom Boys' Ontario Cup</b>
April 5	Final Ranking and Seeding Meeting U13 Bantam and U14 Major Bantam Girl
April 8	Final Submission of Results U13 Bantam and U14 Major Bantam Boys

April 11	Final Ranking and Seeding Meeting U13 Bantam and U14 Major Bantam Boys
April 15	Final Submission of Results U15 Midget and U16 Major Midget Girls
<b>April 17-19</b>	<b>U13 Bantam and U14 Major Bantam Girls' Ontario Cup</b>
April 19	Final Ranking and Seeding Meeting U15 Midget and U16 Major Midget Girls
April 22	Final Submission of Results U17 Juvenile and U19 Junior Girls
	Player Addition Deadline U15 Midget to U19 Junior Boys teams.
<b>April 24-26</b>	<b>U13 Bantam and U14 Major Bantam Boys' Ontario Cup</b>
April 26	Final Ranking and Seeding Meeting U17 Juvenile and U19 Junior Girls
<b>May 1-3</b>	<b>U15 Midget and U16 Major Midget Girls' Ontario Cup</b>
May 6	Final Submission of Results U15 Midget and U16 Major Midget Boys
<b>May 8-10</b>	<b>U17 Juvenile and U19 Junior Girls' Ontario Cup</b>
May 10	Final Ranking and Seeding Meeting U15 Midget and U16 Major Midget Boys
May 13	Final Submission of Results U17 Juvenile and U19 Junior Boys
May 14	Final Ranking and Seeding Meeting U17 Juvenile and U19 Junior Boys
<b>May 22-24</b>	<b>U15 Midget and U16 Major Midget Boys' Ontario Cup</b>
<b>May 29-31</b>	<b>U17 Juvenile and U19 Junior Boys' Ontario Cup</b>

# 1 NEW FOR 2008-2009

As of September 1, 2008, the following changes will be in effect.

## **Mandatory Membership at all Sanctioned Tournaments (All age groups)**

- Every team residing in Ontario must be registered with Ontario Basketball before they are eligible to compete at an Ontario Basketball Sanctioned Tournament.

## **Player Add Deadline (U15 Midget to U19 Junior Boys teams only)**

- April 22, 2009 will be the new deadline for all player additions to any male U15-U19 team. The new deadline has been added to allow for modifications and additions to male U15-U19 teams without going through the request for exemption process.

## **Person to Person Defence Rule (U10 Novice to U12 Major Atom teams)**

- No Zones are permitted any point. Zone defences at this early of any age goes directly against the long term athlete development model developed by Canada Basketball.
- Coaches caught deliberately breaking the spirit of the rules will not only receive the outlines in-game consequences but could also be subject to further penalty after the game has been completed.
- Please carefully read through this year's modifications and abide by them at all times.
- Person to Person defensive tips can be found in Appendix A.

## **Certification Requirements**

- All returning coaches must have their certification in place prior to the start of the season. Any coach who is entering into their first year coaching with an Ontario Basketball club will have until February 15th to obtain the necessary certification.

## **Team Roster Forms**

- All clubs are now required to print their team roster form from their online system.
- **Here are the steps:**

Login through the club login

Go to "Teams"

Select the team you want

At the top right corner for the team page click "Print Roster"

This will produce a pop up window with a formatted roster page ready to print.

### **Additional Steps:**

Make sure the page is printing landscape

Click **File**

Click **Page Setup**

Change the Orientation of the page to **Landscape**

## **Steps to make sure the page is printing lines and shaded areas**

Click **Tools**

Click **Internet Options**

Click **Advanced** (top right usually)

Scroll to **Printing** and click of box that says "Print background colours and images"

**Important Links for the 2008-09 Season (For Online Use)**

- [Club Admin Login](#)
- [Ontario Basketball Registration Info](#)
- [Coach Login \(Team Results and Tracking\)](#)
- [Initial Rankings](#)
- [Final Rankings](#)
- [2009 Ontario Cup Draws](#)
- [Long Term Athlete Development Web Site](#)

**Please Note for 2009-10**

**FIBA Jersey Numbers (All age groups)**

- 2008-09 will be the last season that federation numbering will be allowed.
- As of **2009-10**, all Ontario Basketball teams must wear jerseys with FIBA approved numbers. FIBA approved numbers are 4-15, additionally, should your team have more than 12 players on the roster then the additional approved numbers are 21-23.

## **2 REGISTRATION**

For step by step online instructions download the **On-Line Registration Instructions from the Affiliated Clubs & Camps page on the Ontario Basketball website** [www.basketball.on.ca](http://www.basketball.on.ca).

### **2.1 Clubs**

- Only organizations in Ontario who are registered as an affiliated member club of Ontario Basketball are eligible to participate in sanctioned events held in the province. All clubs should complete their affiliation by using Club Login at <https://www.basketball.on.ca/club/login/index.cfm>. For any Club Affiliation inquiries please contact Elizabeth McCaw at [emccaw@basketball.on.ca](mailto:emccaw@basketball.on.ca) or (416) 426-7136.
- All new organizations affiliating with Ontario Basketball must submit a Performance Bond. The Performance Bond will remain on deposit with Ontario Basketball as insurance to guarantee the appearance of all teams registered for Ontario Basketball sanctioned tournaments and the Ontario Cup under the club's name. Ontario Basketball will hold the Performance Bond until the club no longer exists. A written request must be submitted to Ontario Basketball for its return.

#### **2.1.1 Club Affiliation Application Procedure**

- A) Existing Member Club Affiliation Renewal (Member Clubs in their second year of affiliation or more):
  - As of September 1 of each calendar year, Ontario Basketball allows existing programs to renew their affiliation through the Ontario Basketball website. Select "Member Club Login" and enter your username and password to activate the renewal process.
- B) New Member Club Affiliation (New organizations wishing to become a member club of Ontario Basketball):
  - In order to protect the growth of Ontario Basketball membership and in consideration of existing clubs, the following minimum standards for new member club affiliations have been established for new applicants in regions where there are existing clubs:

- Application process which includes a five-year goals and expectations form, Ontario Basketball interview and Provincial Advisory Council recommendation;
  - The cost of the Performance Bond is \$1000;
  - No participation in any provincial/select championships (Ontario Cup Provincial Championships) in the first year of running competitive programming and meeting Ontario Basketball registration requirements;
  - One-year probation to be reviewed at the end of the first season.
  - These points will be considered along with the current interview process and Provincial Advisory Council regional representatives will provide due diligence input on behalf of the region.
- C) Definition of a competitive club membership: Clubs who develop athletes with the intention of having them compete at the regional and/or provincial level against any Ontario Basketball member. Club teams participating in league games, exhibition games and sanctioned tournaments are considered competitive members.
- D) Definition of a house league development club membership: Clubs who develop athletes with the intention of having them compete within their own club structure (House League). Participants do not play any games against outside Ontario Basketball members/clubs.

## 2.2 Individuals

- All head coaches, assistant coaches and managers (bench personnel) participating in Ontario Basketball sanctioned events and/or signed to a Ontario Basketball team roster are required to become members of Ontario Basketball using the online membership registration system. Every club contact has access to this section of the online membership system.
- Ontario Basketball encourages all teams to have a chaperone of the same gender as the players. Chaperones do not need to be members of Ontario Basketball but cannot sit on the bench at any sanctioned events or games.
- All players participating in Ontario Basketball sanctioned games (including exhibition, tournament and the Ontario Cup) and/or signed to a Ontario Basketball team roster are required to become members of Ontario Basketball. All participants signed to a Ontario Basketball team roster must be residents of the Province of Ontario.
  - It is required that a birth certificate for each player be stapled to a copy of their membership form and kept on file with the team or club contact. In the case of a complaint about a player's age, the team contact will be required to supply Ontario Basketball with the birth certificate.
- Any changes for membership information (i.e. changed address) must be completed online immediately to ensure Ontario Basketball has accurate membership information at all times.

## 2.3 Teams

- Ontario Basketball teams are defined as teams that are members of an Ontario Basketball affiliated club or organization.
- Every team must be registered online using the Club Login System and must submit their team registration form and fees to Ontario Basketball prior to their first game of the season. Players' insurance coverage is not in effect until the team is registered online, therefore no games should take place until the team is registered online.

- Team and player registration must be completed before any team/player participates in games according to whichever of the following deadlines comes first:
  - The team's first sanctioned Ontario Basketball tournament; or
  - The team's first sanctioned league game (where applicable); or
  - The Ontario Cup Registration Deadline (if the team intends to participate in this event).
- Once all the above requirements have been completed the team will be posted as registered on the Ontario Basketball web site. ([www.basketball.on.ca/provincials](http://www.basketball.on.ca/provincials) - 2008-2009 Registered Teams)
- Teams may register a maximum of 15 players. This number includes any player additions made.
- Team registration fees must be submitted by club cheque with the team registration form or paid online via credit card.
  - Teams are encouraged to pay their fees online. Payment can be made by club cheque, money order or Visa/MasterCard. *Please make all club cheques/money orders payable to Ontario Basketball. Ontario Basketball does not accept personal cheques.*
  - Please write team name on all cheques (i.e. Whitby Saints U12 Major Atom Boys #1)
- Submit membership fees for **ALL** players and coaches who are listed on the team registration form to Ontario Basketball along with the team registration fee.
  - Team Fee - \$50.00
  - Active Member Fee (all bench personnel) - \$45.00
  - Player Fee - \$20.00
- 1 team registration form complete with member signatures must be sent to Ontario Basketball by mail once online team registration is completed.
- Faxed team registration forms will not be accepted.
- Only 2 players may be added to a team registration form after it has been submitted.
- Teams are not permitted to drop any player from the team registration form to make space for player additions once the team roster has been submitted to Ontario Basketball.
- Membership information must be entered online for all players that are added. A copy of the birth certificate for all players is required to be stapled to their membership form and kept on file with team contact or club contact.
- All membership fees must be submitted online or with the new team registration form. If the membership fees are not submitted the addition will not be granted until the fees are paid.
- Team additions will not be accepted without the signature of the head coach.
- Faxes will be accepted for additions to the team roster

## 2.4 Ontario Basketball Age Categories

Category	Age	Yea of Birth
U10 Novice	Under 10 as of January 1, 2009	1999 or later
U11 Atom	Under 11 as of January 1, 2009	1998 or later
U12 Major Atom	Under 12 as of January 1, 2009	1997 or later
U13 Bantam	Under 13 as of January 1, 2009	1996 or later
U14 Major Bantam	Under 14 as of January 1, 2009	1995 or later
U15 Midget	Under 15 as of January 1, 2009	1994 or later
U16 Major Midget	Under 16 as of January 1, 2009	1993 or later
U17 Juvenile	Under 17 as of January 1, 2009	1992 or later
U19 Junior	Under 19 as of January 1, 2009	1990 or later

## 2.5 Minimum and Maximum Player Registration Requirements

Age Category	Maximum Number of Players	Number of Players Required on the Ontario Basketball Team Registration Form
U10 Novice, U11 Atom & U12 Major Atom	15	At least 12
U13 Bantam to U19 Junior	15	At least 10

## 2.6 Printing the Team Registration Form:

- Teams must print their team registration form directly from the “Club Team Information” page. Upon completion of the online team registration click Print Roster. Once the roster has been printed it can be signed by all coaches and players and then submitted to Ontario Basketball.

*NOTE: Be sure to check local settings on your personal computer to ensure that everything prints completely on the page. As an example, the page should be set-up to print as a “landscape” document.*

# 3 NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATON PROGRAM (NCCP)

## 3.1 Overview

In order to qualify to coach in the 2008-2009 Ontario Basketball season, coaches must meet certain National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) requirements. Coming this fall, Canada Basketball and Ontario Basketball are pleased to launch a new coaching system that will streamline and update the certification process. The new system is called Introduction to Competition (ITC) and builds upon the old NCCP certification by adding new techniques and approaches in developing athletes and is deemed essential by Canada Basketball and Sport Canada as a means of improving coaching for all our athletes. For more information on the Introduction to Competition, please see below. The change only affects coaches looking to obtain or maintain their level one status. Coaches are free to proceed in obtaining level two certification as they would have in the past (take a technical and theory course, and then submit all the necessary practical paperwork).

Coaches who have gained full level one certification under the previous NCCP coaching system will have their credentials converted into the new NCCP equivalent, called Introduction to Competition. Please remember that a coach must have taken and passed both a level one

technical course as well as a level one theory course (called Introduction to Competition part A) and submitted a successful practical application.

Any coach with previous experience in an Ontario Basketball club must have their full certification in place by the time the season begins. Any new coach must have taken an Introduction to Competition by February 28, 2008.

### 3.2 Certification

- U10 Novice to U14 Major Bantam head and assistance coaches must have completed an “Introduction to Competitions” course or have their full Level I under the old NCCP certification system.
- U15 Midget to U19 Junior head coaches must be Level 2 certified
- U15 Midget to U19 Junior assistant coaches must have completed an “Introduction to Competition” course or have their full Level I under the old NCCP certification system.

### 3.3 Explanation of Terms

**Technical course** – This refers to a basketball specific course that is currently offered for levels two and three only.

**Theory clinic** – Now known as Introduction to Competition Part A and B. These courses are offered by the Coaches Association of Ontario. Coaches working towards level two certification need Introduction to Competition Part B. For more information on theory courses please check [www.coachesontario.ca](http://www.coachesontario.ca) or call 416-426-7056.

**Introduction to Competition** – This course is the redesigned introductory basketball course and contains both the theory and technical aspects of certification. All new club coaches must take and passed the course to gain trained status. An evaluation is necessary to become certified.

**Evaluation:** An evaluation is essentially the practical portion in the Introduction to Competition stream. Under the new system, a coach must prove his or her competency before they can become certified. Evaluations can be performed in a variety of setting

- By having an evaluator attend and observe a coaches practice.
- By attending an Ontario Basketball evaluation clinic.
- By attending a club hosted evaluation clinic.
- By submitting a DVD of a practice. Please contact Ontario Basketball for availability.

Introduction to Competition	A coach who is ITC trained or certified can act as a head coach of a team from the U10 Novice to the U14 Major Bantam divisions. An ITC trained or certified coach can also act as an assistant coach for the U15 Midget to U19 Juvenile divisions.
Level one certified	A coach who is Level I certified can act as a head coach of a team from the U10 Novice to the U14 Major Bantam divisions. A Level I certified coach can also act as an assistant coach for the U15 Midget to U19 Juvenile divisions.
Level two certified	A coach who is Level 2 certified can act as a head coach of a team from the U15 Midget to the U19 Juvenile divisions. A Level 2 certified coach can also act as a head or assistant coach for the U10 Novice to U19 Juvenile divisions.

All level one and Introduction to Competition coaches must attend professional development courses in order to maintain their certification status. Please check Ontario Basketball's website for a list of professional development courses and communications regarding professional development.

For more information on coaching, please contact Gord Thain at 416-426-7199 or [gthain@basketball.on.ca](mailto:gthain@basketball.on.ca).

## 4 ONTARIO BASKETBALL TEAM RULES & REGULATIONS

Ontario Basketball rules apply all age categories for any sanctioned Ontario Basketball game.

### 4.1 Minimum and Maximum Playing Requirements

Age Category	Minimum Number of Players Required
U10 Novice, U11 Atom & U12 Major Atom	10
U13 Bantam to U19 Junior	5

- Please note that no Ontario Basketball games will start without the minimum number of players required. The game will be considered a forfeit if playing requirements are not met.
  - The score will be 20-0 for all forfeited games.

### 4.2 Playing up

- If a player plays a third game with a higher-aged team during any basketball season that player has played "up" and must stay up for the balance of that season.
- Any team requesting the use of younger players from within their own club must complete the Temporary Call-Up Permit. This permit must be approved prior to the start of the first sanctioned game. Requests should only be sent if a team is unable to meet the minimum player requirements for the respective age group. The Temporary Call-Up Permit can be found on the Ontario Basketball website.

### 4.3 Mixed Teams

- In all age categories, teams may compete with boys and girls on the same team, but must compete in the boys' division.

### 4.4 Performance Bonds & Failure to Appear Policy

Any team that withdraws or fails to appear for a sanctioned tournament and/or the Ontario Cup (after the release date of the tournament draw) will be subject to sanctions.

Such sanctions will be implemented as follows:

#### First Occurrence:

1. The club's performance bond is forfeited and the monies will be divided equally among the teams which the team in question was scheduled to play.
2. A performance bond equaling the dollar amount originally bonded must be immediately replaced by the affiliated club. Failure to do so will disqualify all other teams from the organization in question from the current year's provincial championship tournaments.

3. The performance bond for the organization in question and the organization for which that coach is coaching, if different from above, will be raised the following year.

**Second Occurrence:**

1. The replacement performance bond is forfeited and the monies will be divided equally among the teams which the team in question was scheduled to play, the hosting organization and Ontario Basketball.
2. The performance bond of double the original bond amount must be immediately replaced by the affiliated club. Failure to do so will disqualify all other teams from the organization in question from the current year's provincial championship tournaments.
3. The affiliated club will be suspended from Ontario Basketball's sanctioned tournaments and Provincial Championships for a period of one year.

**4.5 Requests for Exemption**

- The Request for Exemption process is intended to provide Ontario Basketball members with a procedural mechanism by which to request an exemption or exemptions from any rule or regulation published annually in the Coaches' Manual.
- This process is intended to be used in exceptional circumstances. Any decision of a panel of the Fair Play Committee in accordance with this policy is final and binding and not subject to further review or appeal.

**This policy applies to:**

1. All Members of Ontario Basketball
  - Exception: If the member is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian may file a Request for Exemption on behalf of the registered member.
2. Exceptions to the Policy: A member cannot file a request for exemption against the following rules and regulations:
  - Final ranking & seeding results

**Steps to Completing a Request for Exemption:**

1. Contact the Manager, Provincial Competitions to receive the Request for Exemption Application Form via email.
2. Complete and submit the form along with payment to Ontario Basketball.
3. A properly completed form will be sent to the Chair of Fair Play within five business days of receipt.
4. The Chair of Fair Play will assign the request to a panel consisting of three members of the Fair Play Committee within five business days.
5. The members of the panel will meet in person, by phone, or via email to consider the request for exemption and make a decision.
6. The decision will be communicated to the members who filed the request by the Chair of Fair Play.

## 5 SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

For sanctioned tournament hosting information please click [here](#) or visit the Ontario Basketball website.

### 5.1 Participation Requirements

- No team shall be permitted to play in a different age category (i.e. U16 Major Midget against U17 Juvenile) in a Sanctioned Tournament, unless written consent has been granted by Ontario Basketball.
- Written consent will be granted for sanctioned tournaments if and only if:
  - A team withdraws from the tournament twenty-four (24) hours prior to the start of the first game schedule; and
  - The host has exhausted all other possibilities of finding a team of the same age category.
- Violation of this rule and process may result in the ineligibility of the team playing in a different age category and/or withdrawal of the team from the provincial championships.

### 5.2 Withdrawal

- If a team withdraws seven days or less prior to the start date of a sanctioned tournament, the tournament organizer is entitled to keep any deposits or registration fees that have been paid in advance to secure the withdrawing team's position in the tournament. However;
  - If a team withdraws from a tournament because Ontario Basketball has removed sanctioning status due to non-compliance of sanctioning rules, the tournament organizer must return all deposits and/or registration fees to the withdrawing Ontario Basketball team; or
  - If a tournament provides a final draw six days or less prior to the start date of a sanctioned tournament and a team withdraws, the tournament organizers must return all deposits and/or registration fees to the withdrawing Ontario Basketball team.

## 6 ONTARIO BASKETBALL GAME RULES (ALL AGE CATEGORIES)

### 6.1 Overview

- All sanctioned Ontario Basketball games will be governed by FIBA (International Basketball Federation), whose rule books are adopted for use at all Ontario Basketball sanctioned games and/or tournaments. Ontario Basketball has added and made certain modifications to the FIBA Rules to include components of the FIBA Mini Rules Manual for Novice-Major Atom division games in order to meet the needs of young players and its membership. The rules and modifications for each specific age category can be found in each age category's rules and regulations section.
- FIBA rule books can be purchased from Ontario Basketball. Please contact Ontario Basketball main line at 416-426-7200, press "1" then "0."
- Each official Ontario Basketball game must be refereed by two carded officials and assigned through the local official's board.

## **6.2 The Intent of the Young Player Rule Modification**

- These rules apply to the U10 Novice, U11 Atom, U12 Major Atom, U13 Bantam and U14 Major Bantam categories of play and are formulated with the best interests of the children playing the game in mind. It is expected that each coach and club will respect the intent of these rules and adhere to them. Officials' boards that are responsible for calling provincial championship games have been provided with a copy of the Young Player Rule Modifications in order to familiarize themselves with the Ontario Basketball game rules.

## **6.3 Uniform Numbers and Jerseys**

- FIBA Approved Numbers: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
- Additional FIBA Approved Numbers are 21, 22, 23

## **6.4 Game Forfeiture**

- A 15 minute grace period from the scheduled start of the game will be granted for a late team.
  - At a sanctioned tournament, the tournament convener shall decide if a forfeit is to be called after the 15 minute grace period has expired.
  - At a Provincial Championship, Ontario Basketball shall decide if a forfeit is to be called after the 15 minute grace period has expired.
- In forfeit games, the score shall be recorded as 20-0.
- If both teams forfeit (due to insufficient players), the score shall be recorded as 0-0.

## **6.5 Time-Outs**

- Each team receives:
  - Two 60 second time outs in the first half.
  - Three 60 second time outs in the second half.
  - Any unused time-outs do not carry over into overtime periods. One time-out per overtime period is granted.

## **6.6 Free Throws after Time Has Expired**

- Free throws shall be attempted after time has expired in the last period of the game provided a foul occurs:
  - So near the expiration of time that the timer could not stop the clock before game time had expired; or
  - After time expired but while the ball was in flight, during a try or tap for a field goal.

# **7 U10 NOVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **7.1 Playing Court Dimensions**

- Minimum: 44' x 74'
- Maximum: 50' x 84'
- Free Throw Line - U10 Novice: 13'
- Three-Point Line - U10 Novice: not in effect
- Ball Size: Size 5

## 7.2 Entire Game

- The Equal Participation rule will be in effect for the entire game.
- The game will be eight periods of three minutes each.
- During the eight periods, substitution will only occur at the end of each period.
- Substitutions are permitted for medical reasons at any time and if an injury occurs during the eight periods.
- The time between quarter two (period four) and quarter three (period five) is halftime.
- Periods two to eight will start in the direction of the possession arrow.
- The throw-in shall be from the out-of-bounds at the division line in the backcourt opposite the scorer and timer's table.

## 7.3 Players Playing Time

- Coaches are required to provide playing time for all players present at the game who have been registered with Ontario Basketball.

## 7.4 Players Equal Participation Rule

- This rule will be in effect for the entire game.
- Each eligible player must play the minimum number of shifts required. For clarity, see chart below.
- All U10 Novice teams must abide by this rule for all Ontario Basketball games including exhibition games, sanctioned tournaments, and the provincial championships. If any team is found with a player(s) shift totals exceeding the maximum number of shifts per player or any player(s) that do not meet the minimum number of shifts per player, this game will be considered a forfeit game. Please see 6.4 for game forfeiture scores.

## 7.5 Minimum/Maximum Shifts for U10 Novice

Number of Players	Minimum Shifts per Player	Maximum Shifts per Player
15	2	3
14	2	3
13	3	4
12	3	4
11	3	4
10	4	4

Note: An eligible player is defined as one who is registered on the team registration form and online roster and by virtue of same, shall, subject to injury or illness, be placed on the team roster and/or score sheet for all games. Coaches are not permitted to instruct any players on the roster that they are not able to play in randomly selected games. Ontario Basketball recognizes the fact that not every child will attend every game to due various other commitments but the choice must be left up to the player and player's parents. If you have signed a player to your roster they must then be given an equal chance to play.

## 7.6 Back-to-Back Shift Substitution

- Players may not play back-to-back periods in the game.
  - Exceptions:
    - The periods immediately before and immediately following half time are not considered to be back-to-back in the U10 Novice level of play because of the half time break. Free substitutions may occur at half time. This rule is contingent upon equal participation conditions being met for all team members; or

- A player may play in back-to-back periods as a result of medical reasons and/or injuries and then only if the coach has no other player to substitute; or
- For the purpose of shift assignment for equal participation only, each shift shall be divided into three – one minute intervals, and assignment of the shift shall take place as follows:
  - If substitution occurs during the first two minutes (0:00-1:59), the shift belongs to player two (“the Substitute”).
  - If substitution occurs in the last minute (2:00-3:00), the shift belongs to player one (“the Intended Player”).

**7.7 Overtime**

- The length of each extra period shall be three minutes long.
- Time-outs do not carry over to the overtime period. Each team receives one time-out per overtime period.
- Teams are not required to provide playing time for all players in overtime.

**7.8 Faking an Injury and Not Dressing Players**

- The equal participation rules were formulated with the best interests in mind of the CHILDREN playing the game at the U10 Novice level.
- Every child who is registered for the provincial championships must participate under the equal participation rules. Every Ontario Basketball registered club and coach must respect the intent of these rules and adhere to them.
- At no time shall a player be intentionally excused from a sanctioned game by a coach unless necessary.

**7.9 Late Players**

- Although adding eligible player(s) after the game has started to the official score sheet is permitted, the equal participation rule must be met for all players including the late player(s).

**7.10 Tracking Playing Time – U10 Novice:**

- The scorer is required to track all of the players’ shifts including substitutions due to medical reasons and/or injuries.
- Each time a player is on the court for a shift a checkmark will be made in the space provided on the score sheet.

Example:

Team:		Date:				Location:			
Player	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter		
	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight	
McPhee		✓		✓		✓		✓	
Jansson	✓		✓		✓		✓		
Thain	✓		✓		✓		✓		
McCaw		✓		✓		✓		✓	
Wolk		✓		✓		✓		✓	
Albright	✓		✓		✓		✓		
O’Keefe		✓		✓		✓		✓	
Perrier	✓		✓		✓		✓		
Donohoe		✓		✓		✓		✓	
Hopkins	✓		✓		✓		✓		
Total	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	

### 7.11 Person-to-Person Rule:

*Ontario Basketball requires its registered clubs and coaches to have as one of their most important priorities, the development of long-term basketball skills. For this reason:*

- Ontario Basketball believes that teaching person-to-person defensive skills is critical to children's overall skill development, enjoyment and success in the game of basketball.
- Registered member clubs and coaches are required, therefore, to teach their players the necessary skills needed to use only person-to-person defence during Ontario Basketball's U10 Novice games.

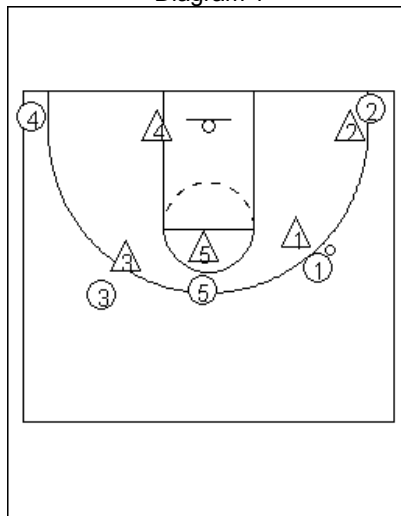
#### 7.11.1 Definition of Person-to-Person:

***The following defences are illegal and not allowed.***

A) Zone defences (defensive players covering an area of the court rather than an offensive player).

- Each defensive player must guard an offensive player inside the boundaries of three point field goal line and make all of the defensive moves associated with the offensive player.
- When defending in the quarter court, the defensive player must be committed to an offensive player, or if defending a player on the weak side of the floor, (the side that the ball is not) the defensive player must be outside or on the lane line (triangle four) with no feet in the key. The defensive player is not permitted to enter the key area unless his teammate who is guarding the ball has been completely beaten off the dribble by his defender.
- When defending a person who is on ball side but doesn't have the ball (triangle two), the defender must guard his/her opponent. The defensive player is not permitted to leave his defender unless his team mate who is guarding the ball has been completely beaten off the dribble.
- When defending someone who does not have the ball and is above the three point line, the defender must be above the free throw line and defending their person. (triangle three and triangle five) The defensive player is not permitted to enter the key area unless his team-mate who is guarding the ball has been completely beaten off the dribble by his defender.

Diagram 1



B) Pressing an opponent

- Pressing of any kind throughout the first seven periods is not permitted.
- Exception: During the last three minutes of the game (or shift eight) and overtime shifts, both teams may press unless a team is leading by more than 15 points. In that case, the leading team must not continue to press.
- Example: Once the defensive team secures control of the ball (dribbling and/or holding the ball) in its backcourt, the opposing team's players shall immediately retreat to their defensive end of the court behind the eight-second line. The "new" offensive team shall be allowed to dribble the ball unimpeded across the eight-second line and establish frontcourt status.

C) Intentional double teaming

- Double teaming and trapping is not permitted the entire length of the floor.
- Accidental double teams (ie. when an offensive player dribbles towards a teammate and their defender is in the same part of floor) is not a violation unless the defensive players do not immediately retreat back to their original checks.

The intent of this rule is to eliminate intentional double teaming, so please inform your parents of this rule so a positive playing environment is maintained at all times.

Note: If any or all of the defensive team's players deliberately or intentionally presses the new offensive team, the team is in violation of the person-to-person rule.

Note: If any or all of the defensive team's players do not retreat fast enough, the offensive team will receive the ball where the infraction occurred.

**7.11.2 Consequences for Person-to-Person Defence Rule Infractions:**

First infraction:

- The game official will provide one warning to the offending team.
- The scorer must then notate the warning on the game sheet.

Subsequent infraction(s):

- A team technical foul will be assessed against the defensive team for each and every infraction of the rule.
- Two free throws and possession of the ball at half court will be awarded to the offensive team.

**7.11.3 Procedures to the Consequence for Person-to-Person Defence Rule Infractions:**

- Any player of the offensive team listed on the game sheet (on or off the court) may shoot one or both of the free throws.
- An offensive player coming on to the court from the bench to take one or both of the free throws must return immediately to the bench after the free throw(s) have been taken and before play resumes.
- Coaches are not to use this violation as a substitute opportunity.
- The team's coach whose team receives three or more team technical's as a result of person-to-person infractions in any one game, will be reported to Ontario Basketball by the sanctioned tournament convener or league representative and investigated under Ontario Basketball's Fair Play Policy.

**7.11.4 Person-to-Person Recommendations:**

- Coaches must take a more active role in reminding their young players throughout the game to play according to the rules and guidelines as set out in this manual.
- For example:
  - Coaches should monitor their score and remind their players during the eighth shift to stop pressing whenever the score warrants.
  - Coaches should remind their players to defend their offensive opponent throughout the game to avoid Person-to-Person Defence Rule Infractions.

**8 U11 ATOM AND U12 MAJOR ATOM RULES AND REGULATIONS****8.1 Playing Court Dimensions**

- Minimum: 44' x 74'
- Maximum: 50' x 84'
- Free Throw Line - U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom: 15'
- Three-Point Line: Is in effect
- Ball Size: Size 5

**8.2 Entire Game**

- The game will consist of four quarters of play. Each quarter will be divided into two periods of four minutes each resulting in eight periods of play.
- During the first seven periods, substitution will occur only at the end of each period.
- Open substitution will only be permitted in the eighth and final four minute period of the game or any overtime periods.
- The time between period four and five is halftime.
- Substitutions are permitted for medical reasons at any time and if an injury occurs during the first seven periods.
- The throw-in shall be from the out-of-bounds at the division line in the backcourt opposite the scorer and timer's table.

**8.3 Players' Playing Time**

- Coaches are required to provide playing time for all players present at the game who have been registered with Ontario Basketball.

**8.4 Players Equal Participation Rule**

- This rule will be in effect for the first seven periods.
- Each eligible player must play the minimum number of shifts required. For clarity, see chart below.
- All Atom/Major Atom teams must abide by this rule for all Ontario Basketball games including exhibition games, sanctioned tournaments, and the provincial championships. If any team is found with a player(s) shift totals exceeding the maximum number of shifts per player or any player(s) that do not meet the minimum number of shifts per player, the game will be considered a forfeit game. Please see 6.4 for game forfeiture scores.

### 8.5 Minimum/Maximum Shifts for U11 Atom & U12 Major Atom

Number of Players	Minimum Shifts per Player	Maximum Shifts per Player
15	2	3
14	2	3
13	2	3
12	2	3
11	3	4
10	3	4

Note: An eligible player is defined as one who is registered on the team registration form and online roster and by virtue of same, shall, subject to injury or illness, be placed on the team roster and/or score sheet for all games. Coaches are not permitted to instruct any players on the roster that they are not able to play in randomly selected games. Ontario Basketball recognizes the fact that not every child will attend every game to due various other commitments but the choice must be left up to the player and player's parents. If you have signed a player to your roster they must then be given an equal chance to play.

### 8.6 Back-to-Back Shift Substitution

- Players may not play back-to-back in the game.
- Exceptions:
  - The shifts immediately before and immediately following half time are not considered to be back-to-back in the U11 Atom/ U12 Major Atom level of play because of the half time break. Free substitutions may occur at half time. This rule is contingent upon equal participation conditions being met for all team members.
  - A player may play back-to-back shifts as a result of medical reasons and/or injuries and then only if the coach has no other player to substitute.
  - For the purpose of shift assignment for equal participation only, each shift shall be divided into four one-minute intervals, and assignment of the shift shall take place as follows:
    - If substitution occurs during the first three minutes (0:00-2:59), the shift belongs to player two ("the Substitute").
    - If substitution occurs in the last minute (3:00-4:00), the shift belongs to player one ("the Intended Player").

### 8.7 Overtime

- The length of each extra shift shall be four (4) minutes long.
- Teams are not required to provide playing time for all players in overtime.
- Time-outs do not carry over to overtime period. Each team receives one (1) time-out per overtime period.

### 8.8 Faking an Injury and Not Dressing Players

- The equal participation rules were formulated with the best interests in mind of the children playing the game at the U10 Novice, U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom level.
- Every child who is registered for the Provincial Championships must participate under the equal participation rules. Every coach must respect the intent of these rules and adhere to them.

### 8.9 Late Players

- Although adding eligible player(s) after the game has started to the official score sheet is permitted, the equal participation rule must be met for all players including the late player(s).

### 8.10 Tracking Playing Time – U11 Atom/U12 Major Atom

- The scorer is required to track all of the players' shifts including substitutions due to medical reasons and/or injuries.
- Each time a player is on the court for a shift, a checkmark will be made in the space provided on the score sheet.
- Example:

Team:		Date:				Location:		
Player	First Quarter		Second Quarter		Third Quarter		Fourth Quarter	
Shift	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
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Thain	✓		✓		✓		✓	
McCaw		✓		✓		✓		
Albright		✓		✓		✓		
Wolk	✓		✓		✓		✓	
O'Keefe		✓		✓		✓		
Perrier	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Donohoe		✓		✓		✓		
Hopkins	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Total	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	

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- Ontario Basketball believes that teaching person-to-person defensive skills is critical to children's overall skill development, enjoyment and success in the game of basketball.
- Registered member clubs and coaches are required, therefore, to teach their players the necessary skills needed to use only person-to-person defence during Ontario Basketball's U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom games.

#### 8.11.1 Definition of Person-to-Person

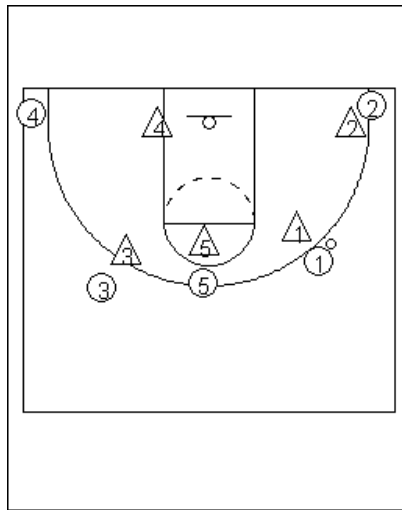
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A) Zone defences (defensive players covering an area of the court rather than an offensive player). This includes zone presses.

- Each defensive player must guard an offensive player inside the boundaries of 3-point field goal line and make all of the defensive moves associated with the offensive player.
- When defending in the quarter court, the defensive player must be committed to an offensive player, or if defending a player on the weak side of the floor, (the side that the ball is not) the defensive player must be outside or on the lane line (Triangle 4) with no feet in the key. The defensive player is not permitted to enter the key area unless his teammate who is guarding the ball has been completely beaten off the dribble by his defender.

- When defending a person who is on ball side but doesn't have the ball (Triangle 2), the defender must guard his/her opponent. The defensive player is not permitted to leave his defender unless his team mate who is guarding the ball has been completely beaten off the dribble.
- When defending someone who does not have the ball and is above the three point line, the defender must be above the free throw line and defending their person. (triangle three and triangle five) The defensive player is not permitted to enter the key area unless his team-mate who is guarding the ball has been completely beaten off the dribble by his defender.

Diagram 1



Note: Double teaming is permitted but the player that is double-teaming must go straight from their original defender directly to the double team. The motion must fluid without stopping and the player cannot wait in an area before the double team occurs.

Note: Double teaming is only permitted when defending the offensive player with the ball. Double teaming is not permitted off the ball.

### 8.11.2 Consequences for Person-to-Person Defence Rule Infractions

First infraction:

- The game official will provide one warning to the offending team.
- The scorer must then notate the warning on the game sheet.

Subsequent infraction(s):

- A team technical foul will be assessed against the defensive team for each and every infraction of the rule.
- Two free throws and possession of the ball at half court will be awarded to the offensive team.

### 8.11.3 Procedures to the Consequence for Person-to-Person Defence Rule Infractions

- Any player of the offensive team listed on the game sheet (on or off the court) may shoot one or both of the free throws.
- In offensive player coming on to the court from the bench to take one or both of the free throws must return immediately after the free throw(s) have been taken and before play resumes.
- Coaches are not to use this violation as a substitute opportunity.
- The team's coach, whose team receives three or more team technicals as a result of person-to-person infractions in any one game, will be reported to Ontario Basketball by the sanctioned tournament convener or league representative and investigated under Ontario Basketball's Fair Play Policy.

### 8.11.4 Person-to-Person Recommendations

- Coaches must take a more active role in reminding their young players throughout the game to play according to the rules and guidelines as set out in this manual.
- For example:
  - Coaches should monitor their score and remind their players during the 8th shift to stop pressing whenever the score warrants
  - Coaches should remind their players to defend their offensive opponent throughout the game to avoid Person-to-Person Defence Rule Infractions

## 8.12 Drop Back Rule

- Pressing is permitted except when one team leads by 15 points or more, its players must 'drop back' behind the eight second line.
- Once the losing team secures player control of the ball (dribbling or holding the ball) in its backcourt, the winning team players must retreat immediately into their backcourt behind the eight second line.
- The losing team shall be allowed to dribble the ball unimpeded across the 8-second line and establish frontcourt status.

### 8.12.1 Drop Back Rule Penalty:

- Violation of the rule as stated above will result in the ball being awarded out of bounds to the losing team behind the frontcourt end line at the junction of the extended free throw lane.

## 9 U13 BANTAM AND U14 MAJOR BANTAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 9.1 Playing Court Dimensions

- Minimum: 44' x 74'
- Maximum: 50' x 84'
- Free Throw Line - U13 Bantam and U14 Major Bantam: 15'
- Three-Point Line: Is in effect
- Ball Size: Size 6

### 9.2 Entire Game

- The game will consist of four quarters of play. Each quarter is 8 minutes long.
- After the first quarter, each quarter will start in the direction of the possession arrow.
- The throw-in shall be from the out-of-bounds at the division line in the backcourt opposite the scorer and timer's table.

### **9.3 Overtime**

- The length of each extra shift shall be four minutes long.
- Time-outs do not carry over to overtime period. Each team receives one time-out per overtime period.

### **9.4 Drop Back Rule**

- When a team leads by 20 points or more, its players must ‘drop back’ behind the eight second line.
- Once the losing teams player secures control of the ball (dribbling or holding the ball) in its backcourt, the winning team players must retreat immediately into their backcourt behind the eight second line.
- The losing team shall be allowed to dribble the ball unimpeded across the eight second line and establish frontcourt status.

#### **9.4.1 Drop Back Rule Penalty**

- Violation of the rule as stated above will result in the ball being awarded out of bounds to the losing team behind the frontcourt end line at the junction of the extended free throw lane.

## **10 U15 MIDGET, U16 MAJOR MIDGET, U17 JUVENILE, U19 JUNIOR RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **10.1 Playing Court Dimensions**

- Minimum: 50' x 84'
- Maximum: 50' x 94'
- Free Throw Line: U15 Midget, U16 Major Midget, U17 Juvenile, U19 Junior 15'
- Three-Point Line: Is in effect
- Ball Size:
  - U15 Midget to U19 Junior Girls: Size 6
  - U15 Midget to U19 Junior Boys: Size 7

### **10.2 Entire Game**

- The game will consist of four quarters of play. Each quarter is eight minutes long.
- After the first quarter, each quarter will start in the direction of the possession arrow.
- The throw-in shall be from the out-of-bounds at the division line in the backcourt opposite the scorer and timer's table.

### **10.3 Overtime**

- The length of each extra shift shall be four minutes long.
- Time-outs do not carry over to overtime period. Each team receives one time-out per overtime period.

#### **10.4 24-Second Shot Clock Rule**

- A) Standard FIBA rules apply minus the shot clock when participating in games where a shot clock is not available.
- B) Please refer to Article 29, Page 32 of the FIBA Manual for the full 24-second rules and procedures (Whenever a player gains control of a live ball on the court, his/her team must attempt a field goal within twenty-four (24) seconds.
- C) To constitute a shot for a field goal within 24 seconds:
  - The ball must leave the player's hand(s) before the 24 second device signal sounds, and after the ball has left the player's hand(s), the ball must touch the ring or enter the basket.
- D) When a shot for a field goal is attempted near the end of the 24-second period and the signal sounds while the ball is in the air:
  - If the ball enters the basket, no violation has occurred, the signal shall be disregarded and the goal shall count.
  - If the ball touches the ring but does not enter the basket, no violation has occurred, the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.
  - If the ball hits the backboard (not the ring) or misses the ring, a violation has occurred unless the opponents have gained immediate and clear control of the ball, in which case the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.

#### **10.5 24-Second Shot-Clock Procedure**

- If the game is stopped by an official for any valid reason not connected with either team (24 second device reset in error, etc.) or connected with the opponents of the team in control of the ball, possession of the ball shall be awarded to the team that previously had control of the ball with a new 24-seconds.
  - However, if in the judgment of the officials, the opponents would be placed at a disadvantage, the 24-second device shall continue from the time it was interrupted.
- If the 24-second device sounds in error while a team has control of the ball or neither team has control of the ball, the signal shall be disregarded and the game shall continue.
  - However, if in the judgment of the officials, the team in control of the ball has been placed at a disadvantage, the game shall be stopped, the 24 second device shall be corrected and the ball shall be awarded to that team.

##### **10.5.1 24-Second Shot-Clock Penalty**

- The ball shall be awarded to the opponents for a throw-in at the place nearest to where the game was stopped by the official, except when directly behind the backboard.

## 11 SAMPLE DRAWS

### 11.1 16 Team Tournament Draw:

- Pools consist of 4 teams each. Each number represents the team's seed in the tournament

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C	POOL D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13

Friday	Gym 1	Gym 2
4:30 P.M.	A1 vs. A16	A8 Vs A9
6:00 P.M.	D4 Vs. D13	D5 Vs. D12
7:30 P.M.	B2 Vs. B15	B7 Vs. B10
9:00 P.M.	C3 Vs. C14	C6 Vs. C11

Saturday	Gym 1	Gym 2	Gym 3
8:00 A.M.	A1 Vs. A9	A8 Vs. A16	D4 Vs. D12
9:30 A.M.	B2 Vs. B10	B7 Vs. B15	D5 Vs. D13
11:00 A.M.	C3 Vs. C11	C6 Vs. C14	
12:30 P.M.	A1 Vs. A8	A9 Vs. A16	
2:00 P.M.	D4 Vs. D5	D12 Vs. D13	
3:30 P.M.	B2 Vs. B7	B10 Vs. B15	
5:00 P.M.	C3 Vs. C6	C11 Vs. C14	

#### Quarterfinals

7:00 P.M.	(1) A1 Vs. D2	(2) D1 Vs. A2
8:30 P.M.	(3) B1 Vs. C2	(4) C1 Vs. B2

Sunday	Gym 1	
9:00 A.M.	(5) Winner Game 1 Vs. Winner Game 2	Semi Final #1
10:30 A.M.	(6) Winner Game 3 Vs. Winner Game 4	Semi Final #2
1:00 P.M.	Loser Game 5 Vs. Loser Game 6	Bronze Medal Game
2:30 P.M.	Winner Game 5 Vs. Winner Game 6	Gold Medal Game

- Each team will receive three pool games.
- The two teams with the best records in each pool will advance to the playoff round and play a quarter-final game Saturday evening.
- The winners of the quarter-finals will play two games in the medal rounds on Sunday; a semi-final and either a bronze or gold medal game.
- In the event of a tie within pool play, the Ontario Basketball tie-break format will be used.
- The team that appears on the left hand side of the tournament draw shall be the home team.

**11.2 12 Team Tournament Draw:**

- Pools consist of 4 teams each. Each number represents the team’s seed in the tournament

POOL A	POOL B	POOL C
1	2	3
6	5	4
7	8	9
12	11	10

FRIDAY	GYM 1	GYM 2
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6:00 P.M.	A 1 Vs. 12	A 6 Vs. 7
7:30 P.M.	B 2 Vs. 11	B 5 Vs. 8
9:00 P.M.	C 3 Vs. 10	C 4 Vs. 9

SATURDAY	GYM 1	GYM 2
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9:00 A.M.	A 1 Vs. 7	A 6 Vs. 12
10:30 A.M.	B 2 Vs. 8	B 5 Vs. 11
12:00 P.M.	C 3 Vs. 9	C 4 Vs. 10
1:30 P.M.	A 1 Vs. 6	A 7 Vs. 12
3:00 P.M.	B 2 Vs. 5	B 8 Vs. 11
4:30 P.M.	C 3 Vs. 4	C 9 Vs. 10

**Quarterfinals**

7:00 P.M.	(1) A1 Vs. Wildcard 2	(2) B1 Vs. Wildcard 1
8:30 P.M.	(3) B2 Vs. C2	(4) C1 Vs. A2

SUNDAY	GYM 1	
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9:00 A.M.	(5) Championship Semi-Final 1	(Winner “1” Vs. Winner “3”)
10:30 A.M.	(6) Championship Semi-Final 2	(Winner “2” Vs. Winner “4”)
1:00 P.M.	Bronze Medal Game	(Loser “5” Vs. Loser “6”)
3:00 P.M.	Gold Medal Game	(Winner “5” Vs. Winner “6”)

- Each team will receive one pool games.
- The two teams with the best records in each pool and two wildcard teams will advance to the playoff round and will play a quarter final game on Saturday evening.
- The two wild card teams will be determined by using the Ontario Basketball tie break format.
- In the event of a tie within pool play, the Ontario Basketball tie-break format will be used.
- The team that appears on the left-hand side of the tournament draw shall be the home team.
- In the quarterfinals, Ontario Basketball reserves the right to swap wildcard teams’ positions if two teams have previously met within pool play.

**11.3 8 Team Tournament Draw:**

- Pools consist of 4 teams each. Each number represents the team's seed in the tournament

POOL A	POOL B
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

**FRIDAY GYM 1**

4:30 P.M.	A 1 Vs. 5
6:00 P.M.	A 4 Vs. 8
7:30 P.M.	B 2 Vs. 6
9:00 P.M.	B 3 Vs. 7

**SATURDAY GYM 1**

8:30 A.M.	A 1 Vs. 8
10:00 A.M.	A 4 Vs. 5
11:30 A.M.	B 2 Vs. 7
1:00 P.M.	B 3 Vs. 6
3:00 P.M.	A 1 Vs. 4
4:30 P.M.	A 5 Vs. 8
6:00 P.M.	B 2 Vs. 3
7:30 P.M.	B 6 Vs. 7

**SUNDAY GYM 1**

9:00 A.M.	(1) A1 Vs. B2	Championship Semi-Final 1
10:30 A.M.	(2) B1 Vs. A2	Championship Semi-Final 2
1:00 P.M.	Bronze Medal Game	(Loser "1" Vs. Loser "2")
3:00 P.M.	Gold Medal Game	(Winner "1" Vs. Winner "2")

- Each team will receive three pool games.
- The two teams with the best records in each pool will advance to the semi-finals and medal rounds on Sunday and play two additional games.
- In the event of a tie within pool play, the Ontario Basketball tie-break format will be used.
- The team that appears on the left hand side of the tournament draw shall be the home team.

**11.4 Tie Break Format: All Draws (Except 12 team draws)**

**Step 1: Most Wins**

- The team with the most wins will be given priority ranking.

**Step 2: 2-Way Tie -- Head to Head Method**

- If a tie exists between two teams at the completion of the schedule, the winner of the game played by the two teams involved (head to head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

**Step 3: 3-Way Tie -- Points For and Against Method**

- If a tie exists between three or more teams, the points for and against method will be used with a cap at 20 points per game. Example – Team A wins by 32 points, only a point spread of +20 will be used for that game not a +32.
  - Scores against the team(s) NOT involved in the three-way tie are discarded.
  - The total points scored and allowed for each game is calculated of the teams involved in the three-way tie.
  - The team with the highest points for and against value will be given priority ranking.
  - The team with the second highest points for and against value will be given the secondary ranking.

Example: Three Pool Games of the three Teams Tied:

Game 1 - A 50 - B 45    Game 2 - B 60 - C 38    Game 3 - C 45 - A 37

Team A – Game 1 (+5), Game 3 (-8) = -3 Points For and Against

Team B -- Game 1 (-5), Game 2 (+20) = +15 Points For and Against

Team C -- Game 2 (-20), Game 3 (+8) = -12 Points For and Against

Team B receives the priority ranking.

Team A receives the secondary ranking and advances to the playoffs.

Team C is eliminated from the playoffs.

**Step 4: 2-Way Tie Persists -- Head-to-Head Method**

- If a tie exists between two teams after using the three-way tie -- points for and against method, (see method “three” on the previous page) the winner of the game played by the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points for</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points For and Against</u>
A	90	80	+10
B	100	90	+10
C	80	100	-20

- The winner of the game between Team A and Team B receives the priority ranking.
- The loser of the game between Team A and Team B receives the secondary ranking.
- Team C is eliminated from the playoffs.

**Step 5: 3-Way Tie Persists – Additional Pool Play Result**

- If a tie persists between three teams after the points for and against method is used, the game against the remaining team in the pool will be added to the calculation to determine who is given priority ranking. If a tie persists between two teams after the additional score is used the head to head method will be used to determine the priority ranking.

Example:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points For and Against of Teams Involved</u>	<u>Additional Pool Play Game Result</u>	<u>Total Points For and Against</u>
A	0	50 – 55 = -5	-5
B	0	68 – 60 = +8	+8
C	0	55 – 52 = -3	-3

- Team B receives priority ranking
- Team C receives the secondary ranking and advances to the playoffs
- Team A is eliminated from the playoffs.

**Step 6: 3-Way Tie Persists -- Number Draw**

- The numbers 1, 2 and 3 are written on a piece of paper by a neutral third party and the coaches.
- The coaches then draw a number from the container, beginning with the highest seeded team and ending with the lowest seeded.
- Number 1 shall represent the priority ranking, number 2 the secondary ranking and number 3 will be eliminated from the playoffs.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points For</u>	<u>Points Against</u>	<u>Points For and Against</u>
A	90	80	+10
B	100	90	+10
C	120	110	+10

- The team that draws the number 1 receives the priority ranking.
- The team that draws the number 2 receives the secondary ranking.
- The team that draws the number 3 is eliminated from the playoffs.

**11.5 Tie Break Format – 12 Team Draw****Step 1: Most Wins**

- The team with the most wins will be given priority ranking.

**Step 2: 2-way Tie -- Head to Head Method**

- If a tie exists between two teams at the completion of the schedule, the winner of the game played by the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

**Step 3: 3-Way Tie -- Points For and Against Method (Cap 20 points per game)**

- Once the two teams with the best record in each pool have been determined, if two or more of the remaining teams in the three pools are tied in wins, ranking of those teams to determine the wildcard teams is based on the team with best points for and against record using the scores from all the round-robin games of each team. With a maximum plus 20 score per game.

**Step 4: 3-Way Tie persists – Points For and Against Method**

- If ranking based on points for and against results a tie remaining between two teams in different pools, or among more than two teams, ranking of those teams to determine the wildcard teams is based on the (highest) difference between total points scored and total points allowed for each team using the scores from all the round-robin games of each team.

**Step 5: 2-Way Tie Persists -- Head to Head Method**

- If ranking based on points for and against or points allowed results in a tie remaining between two teams that are in the same pool, the winner of the head-to-head game has priority ranking.

**Step 6: Tie Persists -- Number Draw**

- Any remaining ties are broken by ranking numbers drawn by the affected coaches.

## **12 ONTARIO CUP RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **12.1 General Information**

- All Ontario Cup divisions will be classified division 1, 2, 3 and so on....
- Division 1 is the highest level of play.
- Provincial championship tournaments will be offered in multiple divisions where applicable.
- Tournament draws may be held in 4, 8, 10, 12 or 16 team standard formats.
- Please see pages 29, 30, 31 for all tie-break formats.
- All Ontario Cup division breakdowns are done by the ranking and seeding committee and will be published online at [www.basketball.on.ca](http://www.basketball.on.ca) under the Provincial Championships section. Divisions and schedules are posted online once confirmed after each respective final ranking meeting.
- All initial and final ranking listings can be found at [www.basketball.on.ca](http://www.basketball.on.ca) within two business days of the initial or final ranking meeting for each respective age group.
- **Please note once the schedule is released possible changes may occur due to uncontrollable circumstances. Make sure you check the Thursday or Friday of the tournament weekend to ensure you have an updated schedule. Ontario Basketball will make every effort to contact you if a change is made, please make sure you register your team with a valid email and emergency contact number where you can be reached.**
- Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the Ontario Cup provincial championships. Please contact Shawn McPhee, Manager of Provincial Competitions at [smcphee@basketball.on.ca](mailto:smcphee@basketball.on.ca) for more information.
- Ontario Cup merchandise will be on sale and available on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Please visit The Basketball Store online at [www.basketball.on.ca](http://www.basketball.on.ca) for prices, sizes and to order online. To avoid missing out on certain sizes, individual orders and team orders may be placed ahead of time using the pre-order form and can be mailed out or picked up at any Ontario Cup weekend.

## 12.2 Registration

- All teams wishing to participate in the Ontario Cup must register online and submit payment to Ontario Basketball prior to the published deadline for their given age category. (For deadlines please see the 2009 Ontario Cup Provincial Championships Timelines)
- The 2009 Ontario Cup team registration fee is \$400.00
- For step by step online instructions download the On-Line Registration Instructions from the Affiliated Clubs & Camps page on the Ontario Basketball website.

## 12.3 Participation Requirements

### Teams:

- U10 Novice teams must play a minimum of six games against Ontario Basketball teams, including one sanctioned tournament.
- U11 Atom to U19 Junior teams must play a minimum of 10 games against Ontario Basketball teams, including one sanctioned tournament.
- All teams must play a minimum of five different Ontario Basketball teams.
- Exception: U10 Novice must play a minimum of four different Ontario Basketball teams.
- All teams must play a minimum of two games against Ontario Basketball teams outside their region.
- All teams must play the minimum number of games within their given age category. (i.e. U17 Juvenile teams must play their minimum number of games against U17 Juvenile teams.)
- All teams must play the minimum number of games using only players listed on their Ontario Basketball roster.
- All games that teams wish to use for Ranking and Seeding purposes must be played before the date of the final submission of results for a given category of play. (See 2009 Provincial Championship Timelines)
- Teams failing to play the minimum number of games may be disqualified from participating in the Ontario Cup.
- Games against teams from other provinces, countries, high schools or elementary schools, do not count for the purposes of ranking and seeding.
- To ensure that your team is ranked and seeded appropriately, please make certain that you play a wide range of opponents that are both stronger and weaker than your team.
- A list of sanctioned tournaments can be found on Ontario Basketball's web site at [www.basketball.on.ca/provincials](http://www.basketball.on.ca/provincials).
- Teams (or clubs) may apply to have their own tournaments sanctioned. For further details, please contact the Coordinator, Provincial Competitions at (416) 426-7207 or go directly to [www.basketball.on.ca](http://www.basketball.on.ca) and select the Sanctioned Tournament page to download the 2009 Sanctioned Tournament Hosting Package.
- Teams must submit all scores using the on-line team results system at [www.basketball.on.ca](http://www.basketball.on.ca). It is mandatory to report all game scores against Ontario Basketball teams. It is recommended that you report all scores within 48 hours of the game taking place. There is no team results form to be sent in to the ranking and seeding committee member for your age category. A print out of all reported scores will be given to your ranking and seeding representative. The ranking and seeding committee list can be downloaded on the Ontario Basketball web site at [www.basketball.on.ca](http://www.basketball.on.ca).
- DO NOT send results to the Ontario Basketball office unless instructed to do so.

#### **12.4 Wait List**

- Ontario Basketball will hold all monies and registration forms until you are entered into the Ontario Cup. If, by the start of the respective tournament you are not entered, the package will be sent back to you.

#### **12.5 Withdrawal**

- Teams withdrawing between January 30, 2009 and the final results submission deadline in a respective category will be refunded the team registration fees, less a \$100.00 administrative fee.
- Teams withdrawing after the final ranking date will be penalized according to the Performance Bond and Failure to Appear Policy.
- Teams intending to withdraw from the Ontario Cup should notify Shawn McPhee, Manager of Provincial Competitions immediately at 416-426-7198 or by email at [smcphree@basketball.on.ca](mailto:smcphree@basketball.on.ca).

#### **12.6 Team Substitution**

- If a vacancy occurs in the Ontario Cup prior to the final seeding, the vacancy shall be filled from the waiting list. Teams on the waiting list are listed by date of receipt.
- If a vacancy occurs in the Ontario Cup after the final ranking and seeding has been completed, it shall be filled from the waiting list by the next team on the waiting list that was seeded in the given division.
- If no team that was seeded in the given division is available, the top team from the next lowest division will be moved into the vacancy and so on until all vacancies are filled.
- Any team substituted after 12:00pm on the Monday two weeks prior to the tournament weekend, will take the seed of the team they are replacing.

### **13 RANKING AND SEEDING**

- Please note that the ranking and seeding committee lists will only be published on the Ontario Basketball web site, [www.basketball.on.ca](http://www.basketball.on.ca), click on 'Provincial Championships' and then 'Ranking and Seeding'.
- It is the responsibility of the coach to locate their regional representative and ensure that all results have been reported online correctly and prior to each respective deadline.

#### **13.1 Team Tracking:**

- The online membership system includes a team results and tracking component within the coach login section. <https://www.basketball.on.ca/coach/login/> . It is the responsibility of every team contact/head coach to input game results for their team. Once a team has registered online and Ontario Basketball has received the team registration form, the team contact will be sent a user name and password that will enable the contact to input every game opponent and score through the team results and tracking login. The winner of each Ontario Basketball game is responsible for entering the score online.

### 13.2 Team Results Online Form:

- Each team intending to participate in the Ontario Cup must double check that all their team results have been entered into the team tracking system and can be verified, if needed, before the ranking and seeding submission deadline. Ontario Basketball strongly suggests you keep a copy of all game sheets as a back-up. The ranking and seeding committee member in the respective category of play, gender and region will then take these results to the ranking and seeding meeting.
- Team results must be entered online no later than 4:00p.m. on the published deadline.
- Please do not send results forms to the Ontario Basketball office unless requested.

### 13.3 Failure to Submit Results and Falsification of Results:

- Teams that fail to submit results for the initial ranking and seeding (U15 Midget to U19 Junior Boys excluded) will be ranked N/R (Not Ranked).
- Teams failing to submit results for final ranking and seeding will not be permitted to compete in the Ontario Cup provincial championships.
- Failure to submit all games scores or falsification of information by a coach is a serious matter which could result in unfair seeding and may result in sanctions under the Fair Play Policy.

### 13.4 Initial Ranking:

- It is important that coaches submit results for the initial rankings and seeding. Not only does it show where teams are ranked, it provides the opportunity to address any concerns with a rank and seed.
- [Link for Initial Ranking Page](#)

### 13.5 Final Ranking:

- Final Rankings from each respective age category by selecting this [link](#) at 5:00 p.m. the next business day following the final ranking meeting. There is a 24-hour window period that coaches may respectfully submit an email outlining any possible errors in the posted rankings. These emails must be sent to the following people to ensure the concern is looked into. If the email is not received by the following two people prior to the 24-hour window expiring then no changes will be made. Please note that ranking appeals should only be sent if you feel your team is in the wrong Ontario Cup division. Pool placements within the same division is not the intent of the appeal process.
- All ranking appeals must be sent to Chris Barron – Chair of Ranking and Seeding Committee [cjbhoops@yahoo.com](mailto:cjbhoops@yahoo.com) along with Shawn McPhee – Manager, Provincial Competitions [smcphee@basketball.on.ca](mailto:smcphee@basketball.on.ca)
- Once all concerns are addressed, the FINAL rankings will then be posted by 5:00 p.m; 48 hours after the original final rankings were posted.
- Example Timeline:
  - April 26<sup>th</sup> – U17 and U19 Women’s Final Ranking Meeting takes place.
  - April 27<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. – Final Rankings are posted
  - April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. – Deadline to voice any ranking concerns.
  - April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. – FINAL Rankings are re-posted. Ontario Cup draws will then be sent shortly there after.
- Please be proactive in your scheduling, reporting of game scores and communication with your ranking and seeding committee member. All coaches will be asked to submit an initial ranking review form if they feel there are some concerns with the initial rankings. This form is sent to all team contacts and is used at the final ranking meetings to help make the divisions as competitive as possible. For divisions that do not have an initial ranking deadline, there is a ranking review form available to

complete and send to your ranking representative within 24 hours of the final ranking release.

- Exception: Ontario Basketball reserves the right to make ranking and seeding changes for the equality of any Ontario Cup divisions.

### 13.6 Criteria for Ranking and Seeding:

- Head to head results
- Win versus loss record
- Opponent's record
- Strength of schedule and opponent's schedule (second half results carry more weight)
- Roster changes
- League results

### 13.7 Responsibilities of the Ranking and Seeding Committee:

- To collect game results from tournaments, leagues and exhibition games for a given category of play in a given region.
- To rank and seed teams according to established guidelines in a given category of play for the Ontario Cup.
- To solicit feedback on the initial ranking.

### 13.8 Limitations of the Ranking and Seeding Committee

- The ranking and seeding committee is responsible for ranking and seeding only. Members should not contact the members of the ranking and seeding committee directly concerning issues in the final ranking. All communications regarding final ranking and seeding concerns should be sent in writing and must follow the process outlined in section 13.5.
- Ranking and seeding committees have no authority to:
  - Change tournament draws after the final seeding meeting.
  - Alter roster or payment deadlines.
  - Make decisions with financial ramifications.

### 13.9 Office Staff

- The Ontario Basketball office staff does not rank or seed teams for the Ontario Cup.

### 13.10 Regional Breakdown for Ranking and Seeding

Ontario Basketball Regions	Region, Counties, Districts
Capital	Prescott/Russell, Dundas/Glengary/Stormont, Ottawa/Carleton, Renfrew, Lenark
Hamilton-Wentworth	Hamilton, Wentworth, Dundas, Ancaster, Haldimand
Kawartha and York Region	Haliburton, Peterborough, Newcastle/Northumberland, Victoria, Durham, York Region
Niagara	Lincoln/Niagara South, Norfolk
Peel-Halton	Dufferin, Peel, Halton
South Simcoe, Near North and North	Simcoe, Muskoka, Nipissing, East/West Parry Sound, "All" Points North
St. Clair and Huron	Grey/Bruce, Huron, Perth, Middlesex, Oxford, Elgin/Kent, Lambton/Essex
St. Lawrence	Leeds/Grenville, Frontenac, Lennox/Addington, Prince Edward, Hastings, Cornwall
Toronto	North York, East York, Etobicoke, Scarborough, City of York, City of Toronto,
Tri-County	Waterloo, Brant, Wellington

## 14 FAIR PLAY GUIDELINES

### 14.1 General Information

- Ontario Basketball, through its Board of Directors, is committed to providing a sport and work environment in which all individuals are treated with respect and dignity. To that end, and consistent with its Fair Play policy contained within the Behavioral Guidelines.
- For a copy of the full Fair Play policy and procedure manual visit the Ontario Basketball website at [www.basketball.on.ca](http://www.basketball.on.ca).
- This Policy applies to:
  - All members of Ontario Basketball;
  - All Ontario Basketball sanctioned basketball programmes or services, including, but not limited to, Ontario Basketball sanctioned games and/or tournaments.

*For purposes of this Policy, the following definitions shall apply:*

**Club:** is an association as defined in accordance with By-law One of Ontario Basketball;

**Game:** a period of time, divided by quarters or halves, during which two basketball teams compete against each other. A "Game" shall include the warm-up period prior to its commencement, half-time, and post-game procedures, including, but not limited to signing and distribution of score sheets, team handshake, clearing the benches and exiting the gymnasium;

**Game Official:** an individual certified by the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials who referees a game;

**Game Management Committee:** any individual(s) designated by a club hosting a game or tournament to facilitate the game or tournament;

**Guideline Penalty:** a penalty provided for in Schedule "A", annexed hereto [Schedule "A"] or Schedule "B" annexed hereto "Recommended Penalties" [Schedule "B"], which may, in the discretion of the appropriate person(s) in accordance with this policy, be imposed upon a member;

**Mandatory Minimum Penalty:** a penalty provided for in Schedule "A" which, in addition to any other penalty which may be imposed, must be imposed upon a member by the appropriate person(s) in accordance with this policy;

**Misconduct:** in addition to conduct contrary to Ontario Basketball's Fair Play policy contained within the Athletes' Behaviour Guidelines, the Coaches Behaviour Guidelines, and the Spectator Guidelines, misconduct includes those actions by a member provided for in Schedule "A" or Schedule "B";

**Recommended Penalty:** a penalty provided for in Schedule "B" annexed hereto to be imposed is deemed appropriate by the appropriate person(s) in accordance with this Policy;

**Season:** a twelve-month period commencing on September 1 of any given year and ending on August 31 of the following year;

**Seasonal Offence:** any offence which occurs within a season as defined herein;

**Team Official:** a coach, assistant coach, manager of a team, trainer of a team or any "bench personnel," as defined by the International Basketball Federation of Officials. For greater clarity, where a penalty has been imposed against a Team Official in accordance with this policy, any unexpired penalty imposed against the Team Official shall continue to apply to the team Official in the event she or he has become a Team Official for a successor or different Team;

**Team/Successor Team:** For purposes of this policy, where a penalty is imposed against a team of basketball players, any unexpired penalty continues to apply to any Successor Team. For greater clarity, a Successor Team shall be defined as a team comprising of at least 6 players from the Team against which the penalty was imposed.

**Tournament:** a series of games sanctioned by Ontario Basketball and hosted by an affiliated club, as defined pursuant to By-law One of Ontario Basketball, which are conducted within a period of less than 72 hours;

**Time:** in calculating the number of days provided for in this policy, no account shall be taken of statutory holidays, and, where the time provided for is less than seven days, no account shall be taken of Saturdays and Sundays. The time limits provided for within this policy, may, in the sole discretion of the appropriate committee in accordance with this policy, be abridged or extended;

**FIBA:** The International Basketball Federation's Official Basketball Rules which are adopted for use at all Ontario Basketball sanctioned games and/or tournaments subject to Ontario Basketball modifications as outlined in the Coaches Manual.

**Disqualifying Foul:** is defined in Article 37.1, FIBA Official Basketball Rules, as any flagrantly unsportsmanlike action of a player, substitute, excluded player, coach, assistant coach or team follower.

A player shall be disqualified when:

- A player is charged with two unsportsmanlike fouls.
- A player who has committed five fouls, personal and/or technical, shall be informed thereof by the referee and must leave the game immediately. The player must be substituted within thirty seconds.

A coach shall be also disqualified when:

- A coach is charged with two technical fouls as a result of their personal unsportsmanlike behavior.
- A coach is charged with three technical fouls accumulated as a result of unsportsmanlike behavior from the team bench (assistant coach, substitute or team follower) or a combination of three technical fouls, one of which has been charged against the coach.

**Unsportsmanlike foul:** is defined in Article 36.1, FIBA Official Basketball Rules, as a player contact foul which, in the judgment of the official, is not a legitimate attempt to directly play the ball within the spirit and intent of the rules.

**Zero Tolerance:** Any player or coach who is disqualified from a game for unsportsmanlike fouls (excluding players committing five personal and/or technical fouls) shall be deemed to have committed a possible Zero Tolerance Offence and may be subject to review under the Zero Tolerance Rule outlined in

## 14.2 Athlete Behaviour Guidelines

**Definition:** Anyone who participates in an athletic activity is considered an athlete. It is expected that each athlete will compete to the best of his or her abilities at all times, keeping in mind the spirit of competition and of the game.

**Goal Statement:** Any athlete participating in Ontario Basketball sanctioned events will be expected to adhere to Ontario Basketball's principles of Fair Play and the Athletes' Guidelines for Behaviour.

**Actions:** Always model mature behaviour consistent with that of Ontario Basketball's Guidelines for Behaviour.

- FAIR PLAY is an athlete's first priority.

- Participate for the love and enjoyment of the game.
- Respect the efforts and accomplishments of your teammates and your opponents.
- Respect officials, coaches, spectators and event organizers.
- Respect the facility you visit or in which you play.
- Respect the rules of the game.

### 14.3 Coaches Behaviour Guidelines

**Definition:** Anyone who participates as a teacher, leader or instructor to train, educate or motivate athletes to compete in an athletic activity is a coach.

**Goal Statement:** Any coach participating in Ontario Basketball sanctioned events will be expected to adhere to Ontario Basketball's principles of Fair Play and the Coaches' Behavioural Guidelines.

**Actions:** Always model mature behaviour consistent with that of Ontario Basketball's Guidelines for Behaviour.

- Be a Leader, a positive influence and role model.
- Reward effort, Fair Play and commitment.
- Recognize and respect the differences in your athletes.
- Demonstrate respect for all individuals involved in the game.
- Always consider the physical and emotional well being of the athletes.
- Communicate in a positive and rational manner.
- Respect and coach within the spirit of the game.
- Always attempt to contribute to the betterment of the game.

### 14.4 Spectator Behaviour Guidelines

**Definition:** Anyone watching a particular athletic activity or event whether sitting or standing is considered a spectator. A spectator may be a parent, a relative, friend, teammate, opposing player, administrator or coach not directly involved in the game. Spectators are an important part of any athletic activity; however, they are not essential. Spectators should never influence the outcome of an event and must never pose a distraction to players, other spectators, timers, score keepers and referees.

**Goal Statement:** Any spectator watching a Ontario Basketball sanctioned event will be expected to adhere to the following Guidelines for Behaviour.

**Actions:** Always model mature behaviour consistent with that of Ontario Basketball's Guidelines for Behaviour.

- Support the game of basketball!
- Stress the importance of participation.
- Avoid spectator-imposed pressures to win.
- Be supportive of the athlete, team, coach, opponents and officials.
- Maintain a supportive, constructive atmosphere conducive to personal development.
- Refrain from negative communications with players, coaches, the scorers' table or game officials.
- Remain in the spectators' section and refrain from entering the playing area at any time.

### 14.5 Spectator Conduct Policy for Clubs

**Definition:** It is a requirement of all clubs affiliated with Ontario Basketball to assume responsibility for the conduct of all athletes, coaches and spectators under their jurisdiction.

- Violation of the Guidelines for Behaviour of Coaches and Athletes will be dealt with under the Fair Play Policy.

- With respect to the enforcement of the Conduct Policy for Spectators, we need your help and co-operation.

**Procedure:** The following procedures should be applied:

1. Should team spectators violate these guidelines, a member of the game or tournament management Committee or an Ontario Basketball representative will approach the group and advise that its behaviour is not acceptable.
2. Should the behaviour continue, the Ontario Basketball representative will approach the coach, or an executive member of the coach's club, if present, and ask for their co-operation in dealing with the situation.
3. If the coach neglects to provide assistance, and/or should the behaviour persist, the Ontario Basketball representative will then bring the situation to the attention of the Game official(s) and any or all of the following penalties may be invoked in the unfettered discretion of the Game Official(s): a technical foul, suspension of play or spectator ejection from the gymnasium.

## 14.6 Officials Conduct Policy

**Definition:** Officials at Ontario Basketball events are participants in enriching the experience of athletes and coaches competing in the game. As such, it is expected they shall exercise a high level of self-discipline, independence and responsibility.

**Goal Statement:** The purpose of this Code is to establish guidelines for standards of conduct for officials who are refereeing all Ontario Basketball events.

**Actions:** Officials shall be fully aware of both the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.

- Officials shall work with each other and Ontario Basketball in a constructive and cooperative manner.
- Officials shall uphold the dignity of the profession in all interactions with athletes, coaches, team managers, scorekeepers, timekeepers, convenors, tournament personnel and spectators.
- Officials shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally, shall wear the approved OABO uniform, and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
- Officials shall be punctual and professional.
- Officials shall remain mindful that this conduct influences the respect that athletes, coaches and spectators hold for the profession.

## 14.7 Transfer Guidelines for Players, Coaches and Clubs

**Joining a Team:** A player who has signed with, or played two games (refereed by carded officials) with a team, during any basketball season, has joined that team and belongs to that Affiliated Club or Organization for that season.

**Basketball Season:** The basketball season begins September 1 and ends May 31 of each year.

**Goal Statement:** The spirit and intent of these Guidelines is to encourage commitment and respect between the athletes, their coaches and their affiliated Club.

**Actions:**

- Once a player has joined a team he/she cannot join another team until September 1 of the following season.
- A player shall not try out for or practice with another affiliated club or organization once she/he has joined a team.
- The season ends and all players are released on May 31 of each year.

- A player joining more than one team in a season will be suspended for the remainder of the basketball season.
- A coach shall not drop a player off the team's roster once the player has joined the team, however, the coach may drop a player from the team for disciplinary reasons.

#### **14.8 Parents' Behaviour Guidelines**

**Definition:** A parent is anyone who is the legal guardian of an athlete (any child or youth who participates in a sport). Children learn best through example and parents are their most influential role models. A parent should always demonstrate a fair play, supportive attitude with all participants including opposing players and parents, officials and other spectators.

**Goal Statement:** Any parent participating in, or watching, an Ontario Basketball sanctioned event will be expected to adhere to the following Guidelines for Behaviour.

**Actions:**

- Remember that children and youth participate in sport for their enjoyment, not your own.
- Encourage children and youth to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on their efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children and youth to always play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child or youth for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children and youth learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children and youth to do likewise.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, there would be no competition.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of his or her race, national or ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, family status or physical appearance.

#### **14.9 Conduct Policy for Member Clubs**

**Definition:** A member club is a registered organization with Ontario Basketball running basketball programming for youth or adults. It is a requirement of all member clubs with Ontario Basketball to assume responsibility for the conduct of all athletes, coaches and spectators under their jurisdiction.

**Goal Statement:** Any member club participating within Ontario Basketball will be expected to adhere to Ontario Basketball's principles of Fair Play and the Conduct Policy for Member Clubs.

**Actions:** Always model mature behaviour consistent with that of Ontario Basketball's Guidelines for Behaviour.

- Conduct organization as an ambassador of Ontario Basketball.
- Follow all Ontario Basketball policies and procedures.
- Refrain from negative communications with or against any other member club.
- Support the game of basketball!
- Avoid spectator-imposed pressures to win.
- Be supportive of the athlete, team, coach, opponents and officials.
- Maintain a supportive, constructive environment for all participants.
- Be a Leader, a positive influence and role model.

#### **14.10 How to Write a Formal Complaint to Ontario Basketball**

1. Complete the form below and submit it with all additional information to Ontario Basketball c/o Chair, Fair Play and Resolution.
2. Once Ontario Basketball receives the formal complaint you will be contacted to confirm receipt of it by a member of Fair Play and Resolution Committee.
3. Once the Fair Play and Resolution Committee has confirmed receipt of the complaint form, your complaint has then been officially filed with Ontario Basketball.
4. Please note this form is not to be used for any complaints regarding game officials. Complaints regarding officials must be sent to their local officials board for handling.
5. For an electronic version of the complaint form, please contact the Ontario Basketball office at [info@basketball.on.ca](mailto:info@basketball.on.ca) See 14.11 for

**14.11 Ontario Basketball Fair Play Policy and Procedure Official Complaint Form**

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**Submitted by:**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_ M / D / Y

**Complaint being submitted against:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player:  Team Official:  Club:

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Misconduct:**

*\* Using "Schedule B" of the Fair Play Policies and Procedures, indicate the specific 'description of misconduct' that best reflects your complaint.*

<p><i>Example:</i> Misconduct number: <u>  2.2  </u> Description: <i>Team Official engages in a fight outside the definition of the game but within the jurisdiction of the game management committee.</i></p>
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**Misconduct number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:**  
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**Provide a brief summary of the complaint:**

Additional information to support complaint included.

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This form, along with all other documentation, must be sent to Dave Hurley Chair, Fair Play and Resolution  
Email: [dhurley@basketball.on.ca](mailto:dhurley@basketball.on.ca) Fax: 416.426.7360  
Mail to: 3 Concorde Gate, Suite 311, Toronto, ON, M3C 3N7

## Appendix A

### Upcoming NCCP Clinics

Below are upcoming NCCP courses for both Introduction to Competition (formerly level one) and Level two technical.

<b>Introduction to Competition</b>	
January 3 and 4, 2009	Blessed Sacrament
January 16 and 17, 2008	Motion Basketball
January 24 and 25, 2008	MUMBA
January 24 and 25, 2009	Timmins Selects
January 31 and February 1, 2009	K-W Lighting
March 7 and 8, 2009	London Gold Medal

<b>Level two technical</b>	
January 27 and 28, 2009	Motion Basketball
March 7, 2009	London Gold Medal

<b>Level two theory</b>
For more information on level two theory courses, please check <a href="http://www.coachesontario.ca">www.coachesontario.ca</a> .

<b>Level two practical</b>
For information on submitting your level two practical please see <a href="http://www.basketball.on.ca/coaching">www.basketball.on.ca/coaching</a> .

For a complete list of upcoming NCCP clinics and for contact information for the above clinics please go to [www.basketball.on.ca/coaching](http://www.basketball.on.ca/coaching).

*\*\*The clinics listed above were confirmed at time of print of this manual (end of November 2008). Please contact the clinic hosts for any updates or possible cancellations as dates and locations are subject to change.\*\**

## Appendix B

### ONTARIO BASKETBALL FAIR PLAY PENALTIES

The following Penalties will be in effect for the 2009 Ontario Cup Provincial Championships and Sanctioned Tournaments. These penalties are in accordance with Ontario Basketball's Fair Play Policy.

#### Player

Incident	Penalty
The player is ejected from the game.	That player is ineligible to compete in the next game.
<p>A player receives a flagrant foul and is ejected from the game for fighting.</p> <p>Fighting includes, but is not limited to combative acts such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An attempt to strike an opponent with the fist, hands, arms, legs or feet.</li> <li>b. An attempt to punch or kick an opponent, regardless of whether contact is made.</li> <li>c. An attempt to instigate a fight by committing an unsportsmanlike act toward an opponent that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting.</li> </ul>	That player is ineligible to compete for the remainder of the tournament.

#### Coach

Incident	Penalty
A coach is ejected from the game.	That coach is ineligible to coach in the next game.
<p>A coach receives a flagrant foul and is ejected from the game for fighting.</p> <p>Fighting includes, but is not limited to combative acts such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An attempt to strike an opponent with the fist, hands, arms, legs or feet.</li> <li>b. An attempt to punch or kick an opponent, regardless of whether contact is made.</li> <li>c. An attempt to instigate a fight by committing an unsportsmanlike act toward an opponent that causes an opponent to retaliate by fighting.</li> </ul>	That coach is ineligible to compete for the remainder of the tournament.

#### Parent

Incident	Penalty
A parent is ejected from the gym for verbal or physical abuse of an official, player, coach, minor official or site supervisor or other spectator.	That parent will not be permitted in any Basketball Ontario facility for the remainder of the tournament.

**\* Please note it is the coach's responsibility to ensure that his or her parents are aware of the policies of Ontario Basketball.**