



Official Basketball Rules 2026

PAN PACIFIC MASTERS GAMES - Basketball

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Basketball Rules & Regulations

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Player Eligibility

1. Each participant must have paid the **SPORTS FEE** for **each team** they are playing in.
2. Only those names printed on the scoresheet are eligible to play for that team.
3. A team will forfeit their game (official score **0–20**) if a player not listed on the scoresheet steps onto the court.

2. Accreditation & Eligibility Breaches

Any player:

- Not accredited (fees unpaid),
- Playing under a false name, or
- Playing in an ineligible age group,

will result in their team being **expelled from the tournament**.

3. Timing

- (i) 2 x 18-minute halves (running clock)
- (ii) 3-minute warm-up (minimum)
- (iii) 3-minute half time
- (iv) No timeouts in the last minute of the first half
- (v) The clock stops on all whistles and made baskets during the last **2 minutes of the second half only**
- (vi) If scores are tied at the end of regular playing time, **extra time will be played in FINALS ONLY**:
 - 3-minute overtime period
 - 1-minute break between regular time and overtime
 - Each team allowed 1 timeout per overtime period

4. Competition Points

- Win – 3 Points
- Draw – 2 Points
- Loss – 1 Point
- Forfeit – 0 Points

If two or more teams are tied on competition points after the round games, teams will be separated by the result of the game(s) between the respective teams only.

5. Bench Officials

Each team must supply **one bench official** for the game immediately following their own.

Failure to do so will result in:

- Loss of competition points
- Game recorded as a **0–20 forfeit**

Bench officials will be provided for:

- Medal games
- The first timeslot of each day (where possible)

6. Uniforms

All teams must wear identical singlets and shorts.

Players in incorrect uniform will not be permitted to take the court unless approved by the Technical Committee.

7. Disputes & Decisions

All disputes must be lodged **in writing** to the Sports Convenor no later than **10 minutes after the conclusion of the game** in which the dispute occurred.

The Tournament Technical Committee (comprised of a Basketball Queensland representative and the Referee Commissioner) will determine if there is sufficient evidence to convene a hearing.

The decision of the Tournament Technical Committee is **final**.

8. Disqualifications

Any player who receives a disqualification report will be suspended from playing until a judiciary hearing is convened.

Basketball Queensland Judiciary By-Laws apply (available at the Tournament Office during the competition).

9. Age Eligibility

- Players may only play **down** an age group.
- Players are not permitted to play in more than one team within the same age group (e.g., 40+ Div 1 and 40+ Div 2).
 - If this occurs, the second team the player represented will forfeit the game.
- Players may compete in more than one age category (e.g., 50+ and 45+).
 - This does not apply where age groups are combined.

10. Finals Qualification

Players must play a **minimum of two (2) games** for each team they are registered with to qualify for finals.

11. Late Arrival

Teams not ready to play at the scheduled time will be penalised **two (2) points per minute**, up to a maximum of **ten (10) minutes**, after which the game will be declared a forfeit.

The score will be recorded as **0–20**.

12. Rules of Play

FIBA rules (2024) apply.

- Size 6 basketball for women
- Size 7 basketball for men

The Sports Committee reserves the right to alter these Rules and Regulations in the event of extraordinary circumstances at its discretion

Regarding inclusion, please refer to the Basketball Australia Transgender and gender diverse inclusion policy for Community Basketball

Basketball Rules and Regulations FIBA Rules apply unless otherwise stated below (rules as at 2024).