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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & PLAYERS

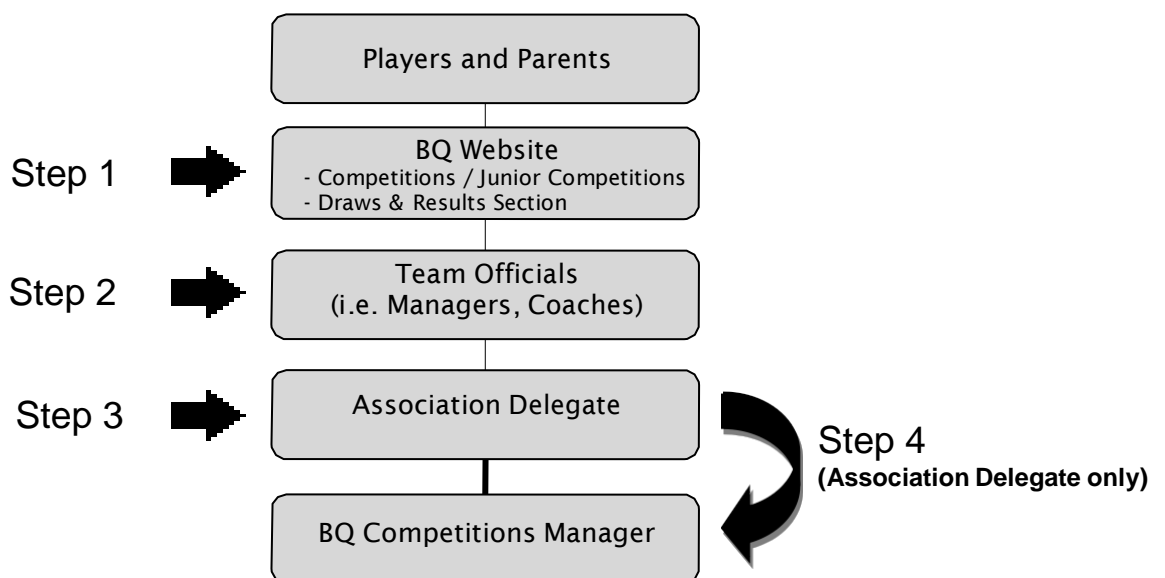
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## COMMUNICATION

One of the most important matters that parents need to be aware of is the communication process for BQJBC which is summarised in the diagram below. With over 220 teams competing it is not practical for BQ to address enquiries directly from parents or players, therefore you **must make contact with an appropriate official from your association first**. Your association needs to be made aware of any issue or query you have so it can be dealt with officially by them and communicated to BQ if required.

At any stage parents may also access the BQJBC Section of the BQ website for information relating to the BQJBC. The BQJBC section is located under the *Competitions* tab on the top menu of the homepage. In this section you will find information such as the rules, calendar, draws, venue details and plenty of other information relevant to BQJBC.

### BQJBC Communication Channel for Players & Parents



# CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Upon entry into a stadium hosting BQJBC games all team officials, parents, players, spectators and game officials are agreeing to be bound by:

- Basketball Queensland Codes of Conduct
- Basketball Queensland Zero Tolerance Policy; and
- Any additional conditions of entry displayed at the venue

Codes of Conduct and the Zero Tolerance Policy are on display at each of the venues and are available the BQ website at [www.basketballqld.com.au](http://www.basketballqld.com.au) under *Policies*.

If at any time a person is found to be breaching a code of conduct, the Zero Tolerance Policy or any venue-specific condition of entry they will be removed from the stadium by a BQJBC Court Controller and may face further penalty under the Queensland Basketball Model Disciplinary Tribunals By-law which will be enforced by Basketball Queensland.

## PHOTOGRAPHY DISCLAIMER

Upon entry to any competition venue you acknowledge that Basketball Queensland, and all Associated bodies (i.e. State/Territory Associations and Institutes), may use photographs / video of a player and games during activities associated with the 2016-17 Junior Representative Program for publications (including BQ or Association websites and media outlets such as YouTube) to promote basketball in the future.

## DRAW

The BQJBC Draw is released in three parts: Rounds 1-7 are released approximately one week prior to season commencement, Round 8 is released on the Monday following Swap-Over Challenge, while Rounds 9-14 are released in mid-December.

In a normal 8 team competition all teams are scheduled to play each other twice – once home and once away.

In any competition that has more or less than 8 teams competing, a balance of games played between teams is not mandatory and fixtures will be scheduled to fit into the full 14 rounds. All teams within a division will still play an equal amount of games, and where possible each will have the same number of home games.

Under no circumstance will any request for a change to the draw be considered once the season has commenced, and no teams will be permitted to negotiate the changing of game dates and times. The only exception to this, as noted in the BQJBC Rules, is if a team has two or more players unavailable due to a conflicting Basketball Queensland High Performance commitment.

## FIXTURES & LADDERS

Fixture and ladder information can be obtained from the Basketball Queensland website by visiting [www.basketballqld.com.au](http://www.basketballqld.com.au), clicking Draws and Results on the top menu bar, then by clicking on the Junior Competitions link.

All results are verified once the referees have signed off the stadium scoring file with their codes. Once this has been done all stats for the game will be locked and cannot be altered.

### How to check player stats

- Click on Results for the relevant BQJBC division
- Click on Match Centre for the specific game
- Once page has loaded to view Season Statistics for a single player click on the name of the player – at this time a box will appear for that player from which you can view a log of all their playing statistics.

Another method is to click on the team name and this will take you to a page where you can access all player stats and other useful team information.

### *Please note:*

Unless otherwise noted on the official Match Report, BQ will not under any circumstance change a player's statistics once a game has been confirmed on Stadium Scoring.

# PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. All Players must be registered with Basketball Queensland;
2. To be eligible for an age group, players cannot be turning that age prior to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December of the year of the next State Championship competition.
3. Players who have transferred from another Association must meet all of the Transfer Policy requirements as outlined on the following page in order to be clear to play ahead of the commencement of the season;
4. Players may play in only one age group in the BQJBC Season;
5. Players may play for only one association in each playing season. If a player plays 1 game (including grading competition) for an association they will not be eligible to play for another association in that BQJBC season except in extenuating circumstances (e.g. Moving house) as approved by the BQ Competition Manager;
6. Players may only play in one team for grading carnivals;
7. Players cannot play for more than one team in the same division;
8. All Team Lists supplied prior to grading must remain the same for Round 1 of the BQJBC Competition; unless a team is registering a brand new player (i.e. did not contest grading with any other team). From Round 2 onwards movement of players between teams will be permitted provided the movement does not breach any other player eligibility rules.
9. Players that play six games in a higher division will be classified as restricted and will not be able to move teams to a team in a lower division in the same season (i.e. if you play 6 games in a Premier League team you will be regarded as restricted and cannot then change teams and play in a Southern Cup or Challenge Cup team).
10. New players cannot be added to teams after the registration cut-off date of Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February which is the Friday prior to the Round 10 games.

# FINALS ELIGIBILITY

Players must play a minimum of 40% of games in a team to qualify to play finals for that team. In the case that 40% would not be a round number then the total will be rounded up (i.e. 5.6 games becomes 6 games). To ensure all players are being recorded correctly for eligibility purposes, it is vital that teams ensure only players who are present and participating in a game are checked in the Stadium Scoring game file.

Teams may apply for an exemption to the finals eligibility rules under certain circumstances as outlined in the BQJBC Official Rules.

# TRANSFERS

Basketball Queensland has in place a Transfer Policy which applies to all Basketball Queensland Competitions. The Policy consists of two parts as follows:

1. Permission to Train - Junior players must seek the permission of their existing representative association (i.e. the association where they played their last representative basketball) before they can train with or try out for another association.
2. Transfers - A transfer is required for any member wishing to change from one affiliated Club or Association to another. It is both the responsibility of the accepting association and player to ensure clearances are obtained and approved prior to the commencement of playing/training/trialling in instances where the player is seeking a permanent transfer and has not submitted a Permission to Train Form. Once a junior representative player transfer has been granted there is a mandatory waiting period whereby a player must wait one (1) calendar month from the date that the transfer is approved by Basketball Queensland before they can play representative basketball for a new association.

Players can either choose to complete both Part 1 then Part 2, or may skip Part 1 if it is not applicable to them (i.e. they have confirmed that they are leaving one Association to go to another). For the full details of this policy please refer to the BQ website.

If an association has not granted a Permission to Train, or BQ approved a Transfer, and the player subsequently engages in any representative activity with another association (eg. trials, training sessions, games etc.), the Association accepting this player will be fined up to \$250 and the player will not be permitted to play representative basketball for a period of up to three (3) months.

## SWAP-OVER CHALLENGE

The Swap-Over Challenge gives the top two teams in Southern Cup the opportunity to play the bottom two teams in Premier League for their position. In age groups where three or four divisions exist the top two teams will also be able to challenge the bottom two teams of the higher division. Teams who can challenge/be challenged will be determined as at the completion of the Round 7 games with Swap-Over games to be played at one central venue on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November.

Please note that that for all Under 18 divisions the Swap-over Challenge shall also act as the Wildcard Challenge (see next).

## WILDCARD CHALLENGE

All teams who compete in Premier League must nominate to Division 1 of the State Championships. At the completion of Round 14 however the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> placed teams can be challenged for their Division 1 position through the Wildcard Challenge by teams who competed in Southern Cup. If no teams challenge then all 8 Premier League teams will be required to play in Division 1.

All teams who compete in Southern Cup must nominate to Division 2 of the State Championships. At the completion of Round 14 however the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> placed teams can be challenged for their Division 2 position through the Wildcard Challenge by teams who competed in Challenge Cup. If no teams challenge then all 8 Southern Cup teams will be required to play in Division 2.

The format of the Wildcard Challenge Competition is set once all nominations are received. The Wildcard Challenge will be played on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

## CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

The final standings after all round games will be determined primarily on the win/loss records. Teams will be classified by the number of Competition Points earned, or in cases where teams have changed divisions after the Swap-over Challenge, by Win Percentage.

**Point scores:**

Win: 2 points  
Default: 1 point

Loss: 1 point  
Forfeit: 0 points

If teams are tied on Competition Points (or Win Percentage in divisions with a swap-over team) a tie breaker method is used to rank teams as outlined in the BQJBC Official Rules.

## FINALS FORMAT

Semi-Final 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup>

Semi-Final 2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grand Final – Winner of Semi-Final 1 v Winner of Semi-Final 2

*Note: Under 21 Women may play to a different finals format.*

Semi-finals are to be played at three central and these will be split by division – Premier League, Southern Cup and Challenge/Development Cup. Game times may commence from as early as 10am and all teams must be available from this time.

If possible all Grand Finals will be played at the same venue. As a general rule Southern Cup and Premier League games are to be played at the same time with Challenge & Development Cup finals being held before these games. Game times may commence from as early as 8:00am and all teams must be available from this time.

For Semi Finals and Grand Finals the game fees are payable to the host association as per a normal competition round.

**Please note:** The BQJBC Grand Finals have a door entry fee for spectators which will be \$2.00 per Adult and \$1.00 per Child (5-17) / Pensioner Concession.

## PLAYER INJURY & INSURANCE

The BQJBC is covered by Basketball Queensland's Insurance company V-Insurance Group. Information on Player Injury Insurance Cover along with the how to make a claim can be found on the Basketball Queensland Website under *About Us > Insurance*.

# GAME DAY WEATHER ISSUES

If an Act of God occurs in the lead up to the round or there are major weather concerns on the morning of round games, Basketball Queensland in the first instance will endeavor to move games to an alternate venue. A decision will be made by 10am on the Saturday morning as to whether the game will be moved to another venue that day or be rescheduled to a catch up round as per the season calendar. All official announcements will be made by the BQ Competitions Manager via Basketball Queensland's official communication channels –please contact your association delegate, or refer to our website or Facebook page, to verify all information under these circumstances.

## PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO

At Basketball Queensland events we need to ensure any photography or videography performed is done strictly for the purposes of scouting or team use/development by approved personnel.

All individuals wanting to photo/video any Basketball Queensland games must sign in upon entrance to the stadium, with a Team Official (ie. Coach/ Manager) approving them to undertake such activity. A register will be available at each venue so that parents and or team officials can register.

Please note it is also a requirement of participating in the BQJBC that players and their parents/guardians accept that Basketball Queensland, and all Associated bodies (i.e. State/Territory Associations and Institutes), may use photographs / video of a player and games during activities associated with the 2016-17 Junior Representative Program for publications (including BQ or Association websites and media outlets such as YouTube) to promote basketball in the future.

## ZERO TOLERANCE

To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials and participants, Basketball QLD has implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour for Parents and Spectators in all Basketball Queensland junior representative competitions.

The Policy will ensure that:

1. There will be zero tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators
2. Any parent/guardian and/or spectator who feels the necessity to:
  - Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
  - Berate or abuse game officials i.e. referees and scoretable personnel
  - Berate or abuse team officials
  - Berate or abuse players
  - Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
  - Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Controller, Referee Supervisor, Association Representative or Basketball Queensland Representative.
  - Display conduct which is inappropriate in a sporting environment

will be asked to leave the venue immediately by the Court Controller. No warnings need be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary.

In addition to spectator behaviour being monitored by the Court Controller and Referee Supervisor if the referees have an issue with a spectator they may stop the game and get the Court Controller and inform them of what has occurred in order to have the Court Controller remove the parent or spectator.

If at any stage during a game a referee believes a spectator needs to be observed for poor behaviour they may stop the game and ask the Court Controller to observe and monitor the spectator. The Court Controller will take any actions they deem necessary after observing the spectator (i.e. removing the spectator without warning)

*In addition to the Zero Tolerance Policy, all persons entering a BQJBC venue are also bound by the Basketball Queensland Codes of Behaviour and can be reported to a Tribunal.*

# RESPECTING OUR REFEREES

Referees and their development is one of the most vital aspects of our game, and whilst we may not like their decisions at times, everyone needs to be well aware at all times that **any abuse or harassment of referees will NEVER be tolerated.**

BQ trust all participants will contribute positively to the playing environment of children, but please be warned that there are **severe penalties that will be strictly enforced** against any individual who infringes any of our codes.

A copy of the Basketball Queensland Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy can be viewed by clicking the *Resources & Policies* tab on the Basketball Queensland Website (under *About Us*). BQ strongly encourage every parent and player to read these. Players, parents, spectators and team officials at all levels are expected to conduct themselves in a manner which does not bring discredit to themselves and their Association.

## TRIBUNALS

Tribunals are held in instances where the Basketball Queensland Codes of Conduct or Zero Tolerance Policy have been breached during competition and an official report/complaint has been lodged with the BQ Competition Manager.

Tribunals are conducted in accordance with the Queensland Basketball Model Disciplinary Tribunals By-law with Basketball Queensland being the Organising Body. A copy of this By-law can be found on the Basketball Queensland website by clicking on the Policies tab.

If you or your child commits a reportable offence at a BQJBC game during the season proper the following course of action will occur:-

- The official report or complaint is completed and submitted to the Basketball Queensland Competition Manager with the match report sheet by 10.00am on the Monday following the game.
- The BQ Competition Manager will review the report and liaise with a Tribunal Chairperson selected from the Association Tribunal Representatives to determine if a Tribunal is required.
- If a Tribunal is required it will be held at the Basketball Queensland Office during the week following the game.
- If reports or complaints are received later than 10:00am on the Monday following the game the Tribunal may be deferred to the following week.

Please note a "junior" person (up to the age of 18) has the right to have an adult attend as an observer and adviser however this person must not be a legal practitioner.

## REFERENCE

BQ website under *Competitions > Junior Competitions > BQJBC*

- 2016/17 BQJBC Official Rules
- BQJBC Game Rules
- Season Calendar
- Venue Details

BQ website under *About Us > Resources & Policies*

- BQ Zero Tolerance Policy
- BQ Codes of Behaviour
- BQ Transfer Policy
- BQ Tribunal By-Laws