

BRISBANE BASKETBALL GBL RULES Championship Season: Updated

GBL Overview

- The Greater Brisbane League (GBL) is a senior competition conducted by Brisbane Basketball Incorporated (BBI). The competition presently encompasses male and female competitions of three divisions, Gold, Silver & Under 23's. Where Silver and U23 division are combined this will be treated as a Silver Division.
- The governing body of the GBL is BBI with the point of contact being the BBI (GM) General Manager. Decisions relating to the structure and running of the GBL are made in consultation with the GBL Sub Committee, and where necessary, the delegates from the Clubs and Teams involved in the GBL

GENERAL RULES

- Games will be played according to the FIBA Official Basketball 2014 Rules that are modified as per the requirements of the GBL season. These Rules should also be read in conjunction with the BBI Core Rules.
- General rules common with the other BBI Competitions are included in the Brisbane Basketball Core Competition Basketball Rules. Rules specific to the GBL Competitions are listed herein and shall be read in conjunction with the Brisbane Basketball Core Competition Basketball Rules as amended from time to time.
- It is a requirement that all QBL players participate in the GBL competition for at least the number of games required to qualify for the finals.
- Where Core Rules are adopted into these rules a reference in the core rules to a "club" shall be for the purpose of these rules a reference to a club and/or team.
- A player seeking exemption to any rule must apply in writing in the first instance to the General Manager outlining the basis of their request.

1. Team Nominations, Game Fees, Team Forfeits & Withdrawals

1.1 Team Nomination Bond

All Teams which nominate must comply with clause 1.1 of the core rules. In addition, any team which is not nominated by an Affiliated Club as defined in the constitution of BBI must pay a Bond with their nomination. The amount of the bond will be determined by the BBI Management Committee. The bond paid, less any deductions therefrom shall be refunded upon the completion of a season and at the request of the team concerned.

1.2 Game Fees

Are to be determined and to be paid in accordance with clause 1.2.1 of the Core rules.

1.3 Forfeit Fines

As provided by clause 1.3 of the Core rules, but in addition

1.3.1 Where a team incurs a forfeit fine, and has paid a team nomination bond and the fine is not paid in the stipulated time period (before the next game), then the amount of the unpaid forfeit fine shall be deducted from the team nomination bond, the bond will have to be reinstated to full value before the next game.

1.4 Withdrawals

As provided by clause 1.4 of the Core rules.

1.5 Names Players

1.5.1 Teams are required to nominate a minimum of 8 players with their team nomination.

1.5.2 At the start of each GBL season Gold Teams are required to nominate their top 5 - the nominated players are not permitted to play silver divisions for the season. Teams are required to update their top 5 if changes occur. The penalty for non-compliance will be forfeiture of the game.

2. Player Eligibility

2.1 In accordance with clauses 2.1 – 2.4 of the Core rules, but in addition

2.2 Players may play for only one club in each playing season.

2.2.1 Players who play in a QBL (Queensland Basketball League) team may only, in that calendar year, play in a GBL Gold team, or under 23 team if otherwise eligible, in the championship competition, save and except if an exemption is granted by the General Manager taking into account the actual time played in the QBL by that player.

2.3 Any junior player participating in the GBL competition for a club that does not have junior teams, is not eligible to play juniors for a club comprising both GBL and junior teams. A player in a junior team of a club that does not have GBL teams, may play with a GBL club that does not have junior teams. The exception to this rule is the school teams, where players can play for the school team in juniors and for any club or team in the GBL competition. If a school team plays in a senior division of GBL they are bound by the senior rules regarding this matter.

2.4 Gold and Silver are open age divisions. However, upon application including completion of the required waiver from a club/team delegate to the BBI (Brisbane Basketball Inc.) General Manager approval may be granted for an U16 player to be eligible to play in any GBL competition. Approval may be for the season, or for a specified game or number of games.

2.4.1 Junior players must play at least the qualifying number of games for finals in their respective competition.

2.4.2 All GBL Silver Team's must align within a Club.

2.5 Breaches of these rules will result in the forfeiture of such games by the offending team.

2.6 Players seeking an exemption from rule 2.2 and 2.3 may apply, through their club delegate, to the General Manager for such an exemption. Any application must be made in writing to the General Manager.

Clear Points to Note

- Genuine Gold Player 1st Five – Restricted to GBL Gold Competition
- Gold 2nd five restricted to GBL Silver/Men's 1
- GBL Silver are not restricted however the association would question the legitimacy of Silver players playing in low divisions like M4, M5 and M6

For Women while the situation is a little different the principle rules can still be applied so as not to disrupt the sole nightly women's competition so the same rules would apply.

2.7 Updated Player Eligibility refer to Core Rules

3. Finals Eligibility

3.1 In accordance with clause 3 of the Core rules but in addition:

3.2 The number of games stipulated for the purposes of 3.1 of the Core rules shall equate to 40% of the number of played games scheduled in each competition season rounded down.

3.3 If a player has qualified to play in a lower division for GBL they automatically qualify for a high division final. But if they qualified for a higher division they are not qualified for a lower division.

3.4 Players selected for National/International Basketball Australia sanctioned tournaments may have games credited for finals eligibility on application and the provision of suitable evidence (move to Core Rules)

3.5 Final ladders and lists of eligible players are available on the BBI website. It is the responsibility of the team to check their position on the ladder and which players have qualified.

3.6 If a player does not satisfy the terms of Core Rule **Error! Reference source not found.** due to an injury/certified medical condition, an application must be made to the BBI General Manager to allow the player to participate in the finals as per core rule 3.5.

4. Game Rules

4.1.1 Game Timing rules: for GBL Gold are

- Warm up period of 5 minutes.
- Four (4) quarters of ten (10) minutes each.
- Intervals of two (1) minute at quarter time and three quarter time.
- Half time interval of three (3) minutes, between the second and third quarters.

Game Timing rules for: GBL Silver, Bronze & U23's are

- Warm up period of 5 minutes.
- Four (4) quarters of eight (8) minutes each.
- Intervals of two (1) minute at quarter time and three quarter time.
- Half time interval of three (3) minutes, between the second and third quarters.

4.1.2 Period Timing:

- The game clock stops for match infringements or time-outs (i.e. on any referee's whistle)
- The clock will also stop after a made basket in the last two (2) minutes of the fourth quarter.
- The clock shall restart when the ball touches a player on the court.
- If at full time the scores are level an extra period (overtime) of three (3) minutes will be played. These overtime periods will continue until such time as there is a winner of the game.

4.1.3 Charge Time Outs

- Two (2) time outs are available in the first half.
- Three (3) time outs are available in the second half.
- One (1) time out may be granted at any time during each period of overtime.
- The score bench is to alert the referees when fifty (50) seconds has elapsed of the time out so that the referees can signal the players back onto the court.

5. Classification of Teams

As per clause 5 of the core rules save that the third (3rd) dot point in 5.1 does not apply.

6. Unforeseeable Acts

As per clause 6 of the core rules save that every attempt will be made to reschedule the fixture before the end of the regular season. In the event that it is not possible each side will receive two (2) points.

7. Late Starts, Forfeits & Defaults

7.1.1 The game clock shall commence to run at the scheduled commencement time unless the Court Supervisor, taking into account extraneous factors determines that the scheduled starting time should be delayed.

7.1.2 If a team is not ready to play with the correct number of players by the scheduled time for the completion of the first quarter, then the game shall be declared a forfeit.

7.1.3 If a team arrives anytime within the scheduled time for the first quarter, the game will be played as if it was beginning at the correct starting time.

Otherwise the provision of 7.2 of the core rules shall apply.

8. GBL Draws

7.1 After the close of nominations and once all draws have been completed they will be released to the clubs and teams for scrutiny. The clubs and teams will have 7 days to comment on the draws before they are finalised for the season.

9. Rescheduled Games

As per clause 9 of the core rules.

10. Finals Format

10.1 Option 1 under clause 10.1.1 of the core rules shall apply unless otherwise stated on the Nomination Form.

11. Uniforms

11.1 All players in a team shall wear the approved uniform of their team, which includes shorts and tops and which shall be identical, as far as practicable, across each team.

11.2 Uniform penalties as specified below will apply from round 1 for singlets and round 3 for shorts.

11.3 Where there are two (2) teams in one division with the same colour uniforms, it is the responsibility of the team listed first on the scoresheet (TEAM A) to acquire a different set of uniforms. Each team should have two (2) sets of uniforms (light & dark) so that they can change uniforms.

11.4 Penalty for non-compliance is the player is prohibited from entering the court.

This is the GBL and as such we expect that professional standards that are above Social Basketball.

12. Venue Rules of Conduct

As per clause 12 in core rules

13. Player Injury/Blood Rule

As per clause 13 in the core rules.

14. Insurance

As per clause 14 in the core rules.

15. Transfer/Clearances

As per Core Rules 15 through to 15.4.

15.1 An appeal for a clearance after the season has started may be considered by the General Manager under extenuating circumstances.

16. Protests

16.1 As per core rule 16

16.2 All disputes or protests must be lodged within 48 hours (2 business days) following the occurrence of the incident.

17. Tribunals

Tribunals will be run as per the BBI Judiciary Rules – core rule 17. These rules will be made available on the website.

18. Correspondence and Meetings

All correspondence in relation to GBL is to be sent to Brisbane Basketball Incorporated from the teams' nominated delegate/s. The teams' delegate/s should be known to all teams as they are to be the first point of contact for queries on GBL area of the BBI website. If the delegate is unable to attend a meeting the secondary contact may attend in their place.

19. Overrule

The BBI Management Committee sitting as a committee reserves the right to overrule or modify any of these rules or to grant an exemption from their application.

GBL Player Matrix

Competition	Status	Eligible to play in
QBL/State Leagues/ NBL/WNBL or other equivalent or higher leagues		GBL Gold
SBL		GBL Gold/GBL Silver
GBL Gold	First Five	GBL Gold
GBL Gold	Second five	GBL Silver/Mens 1/Womens
GBL Silver		Mens D1-D3/Womens

Notes to support player eligibility matrix

- Any exemption requests are to be submitted in writing to the General Manager providing as much information as possible concerning their past playing resume with a reasonable amount of time to undertake research as required.
- All exemption request decisions will be copied to all GBL Club representatives
- A player who plays in the QBL or other equivalent or a higher league in the preceding 12 months (previous calendar year) is considered to be of QBL player level status
 - An exception to this may apply if a player notifies the association in writing of their retirement from the QBL type level of basketball.
 - Should a player decide to retract their retirement status during the season then the player will be deemed ineligible and any games played will be declared a forfeit.
- A player assumes restricted player eligibility when they are named in a QBL team or sign a contract to play QBL in the calendar year of the competition. Training or trialling with a QBL squad does not confer QBL or equivalent status.

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- GBL First Five lists – the association reserves the right to make enquiries about the reasonableness of any player list supplied and if required restrict the player to the higher-level competition.
- A named GBL Gold first five player also retains their status from the preceding calendar year until the commencement of the championship season – unless they elect to declare in writing retirement from the GBL Gold competition. Should the player decide to retract their retirement status during the season then the player will be deemed ineligible and any games played will be declared a forfeit.

PENALTY FOR PLAYING A NON-ELIGIBLE PLAYER – ALL GAMES WHERE THE PLAYER HAS PLAYED WILL BE DECLARED AN ADMINISTRATIVE FORFEIT.

As mentioned previously the association is very keen to create circumstances where parent/child/ren can play together. As a result should there be a circumstance where a player is subjected to a restricted status the association is open to an application from the player/s for consideration of exemption. The application should be submitted prior to playing any games and include information about the grade of competition proposed.