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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Glossary

Application Deadline	The date determined by BQ as the last day on which an Association may apply to participate in the NBL1 North for a Season
BA	Basketball Australia Limited
BQ	Basketball Queensland Ltd
CEO	the Chief Executive Officer of BQ from time to time, including a person acting in that position in the absence of the usual Chief Executive Officer by delegation from the usual Chief Executive Officer
Championship Technical Committee	A committee comprising of the Event Commissioner, a host association representative and the Referee Commissioner to make decisions in relation to a State Championship about changes that may be necessary or disciplinary matters.
Club Coach Accreditation	Formal recognition that a coach has attended a course and been acknowledged as attaining a qualification as a coach at the Club Level (formerly known as Level 1).
Competition Manager	the person nominated from time to time by the CEO (or if no person is nominated, the CEO) to manage State Championships
Domestic Competition	A competition conducted by and under the auspices of a member association of Basketball Queensland Ltd.
Event Commissioner	The person appointed by Basketball Queensland to manage a State Championship.
Financial Member Association	An association that is a member of Basketball Queensland Ltd. that has no outstanding debts to Basketball Queensland Ltd. that are more than one calendar month overdue.
Fully Timed	The game clock will stop on each stoppage of a basketball game and recommence once the ball is back in play.
Game Official	• a referee involved in a Game • a referee coach involved in a Game • a person who supervises or reviews referees (such as a referee supervisor or a person who assesses referees' performance) involved in a Game • A scoretable official • a statistician involved in a Game
Host Association	The member association host the State Championship.

Member Association	An association that is a member of Basketball Queensland Ltd.
Referee Commissioner	The person appointed by Basketball Queensland to manage the Referees at a State Championship.
Regional Championship	Regional representative competitions i.e. Central Queensland Junior Basketball Competition (CQJBC), North Queensland Junior Basketball Competition (NQJBC) and South Queensland Junior Basketball Competition (SQJBC).
Registered	A player, coach, Team Manager or Official who has purchased a BQ Registration Product so that any applicable fees have been paid and their name and contact details are recorded on the BQ database.
Score Bench	The bench at which the officials scoring and keeping time sit.
Team Nomination	The process by which teams are accepted by BQ into a State Championship.
Zone Defence	Any defence in the half court, which does not incorporate normal man-to-man defensive principles. Trapping defences which rotate back to man-to-man principles are acceptable.

1.2 Changing these Rules

a. BQ may change these rules from time to time by:
   I. amending something in these rules; or
   II. Deleting something in these rules; or
   III. Adding something in these rules; or
   IV. Revoking these rules and adopting new rules in their place.
b. A change to these rules cannot have retrospective effect.

SECTION 2: COMPETITION MANAGER

2.1 Decisions when these rules are silent or unclear

a. If these rules are silent on a matter arising in relation to the State Championships, the Competition Manager may make a decision about how the matter is to be dealt with.
b. If these rules are not silent on a matter arising in relation to the State Championships but they are uncertain, the Competition Manager may make a decision about how the uncertainty is to be resolved.
c. Those decisions are binding on everyone who is bound by these rules.

2.2 Delegate of BQ

a. The Competition Manager is taken to be a delegate of BQ.
b. Any function or power conferred on the Competition Manager by these rules is taken to be a function or power conferred on BQ and exercised on behalf of BQ by the Competition Manager.
c. Any decisions or actions taken by the Competition Manager under these Rules are taken to be decisions or actions taken by the Competition Manager on behalf of Basketball Queensland.
d. Any appeal or proceedings in a tribunal or court in relation to the Competition Manager's functions, powers, decisions or actions must be taken against BQ and not the Competition Manager personally.

SECTION 3: ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Team Nominations

a. Member associations must go through the nomination process determined by BQ from time to time.
b. Team Nominations for a State Championship will only be accepted if:
    I. The nomination is from financial member associations of BQ; and
    II. The team being nominated has competed in a Regional Championship prior to the State Championship in which the team is being nominated.

3.2 Players

a. To be eligible to complete in a representative team at a State Championship, players must meet all of the following criteria:
    i. Must be registered with the member association that is nominating the team in which the player is competing (except where approval has been granted under Clause 3.2.1 a.).
    ii. Must have been competing in the domestic competition of the member association nominating the team for at least two (2) months prior to the commencement of the State Championship (except where approval has been granted under Clause 3.2.1 b).
    iii. Must be under the age of 12 at 31 December in the year of the State Championship is being conducted to compete in the Under 12 State Championship.
    iv. Must be under the age of 14 at 31 December in the year of the State Championship is being conducted to compete in the Under 14 State Championship.
    v. Must be under the age of 16 at 31 December in the year of the State Championship is being conducted to compete in the Under 16 State Championship.

vi. Must be under the age of 18 at 31 December in the year of the State Championship is being conducted to compete in the Under 18 State Championship.
vii. Not have played in another State Championship during the year in which the State Championship is being conducted.
viii. If transferring from another association (either a member association, interstate or internationally), have fulfilled all the requirements stipulated in the BQ Transfer Policy so that they are cleared to play prior to the State Championship.

3.2.1 Special Eligibility

a. Players from member associations that have not nominated a team in the State Championship may be included in teams from another member association that has nominated a team without the need for a transfer and clearance provided that
   i. The member association receiving the player lodges a Temporary Transfer for State Championships form with BQ at least seven (7) days prior to the closing date for team nominations.
   ii. A member association is not obliged to accept a player from a different member association.
   iii. Discussion between the player and the member association to which the player requires a temporary transfer should be conducted to ensure there is agreement before lodging the Temporary Transfer for State Championships form with BQ.
b. A player who has previously represented the member association nominating a team to the State Championship and is returning from interstate, overseas or the Basketball Australia Centre of Excellence, does not need to meet the player eligibility criterion set out in 3.2 a. ii. This only applies to the last Association that the player represented within a BQ Competition prior to leaving Queensland.

3.2.2 Appealing Player Eligibility

a. Only member associations may lodge an appeal in relation to player eligibility.
b. If a player is deemed illegible by BQ the member association that is nominating the team in which the player was to participate may lodge an appeal to the Competition Manager. The appeal must be via email to the competition manager at coo@basketballqld.net.au and must outline the grounds for the appeal and provide evidence to substantiate the appeal.
c. A member association that questions the eligibility of a player in a team from a different member association may also lodge an appeal. The appeal must be via email to the competition manager at coo@basketballqld.net.au and must outline the grounds for the appeal and provide evidence to substantiate the appeal.

d. All appeals must be accompanied by evidence that a $200 appeal fee has been deposited into BQ's bank account.
e. Appeals may be lodged no later than fourteen (14) days prior to a State Championship.
f. The appeal fee will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
g. BQ's decisions in relation to an appeal will be final and not subject to any further appeal.

3.3 Member Association Responsibility

a. Member associations must ensure that all players in teams the member association nominates are eligible to compete at a State Championship.
b. BQ may investigate if it suspected a player has not met the eligibility criteria set out in clause 3.2. Member association will be required to assist in these investigations and may be required to produce evidence of a player's age by way of the players birth certificate or other suitable documentation (e.g. passport).
c. If a member association has player an ineligible player, the penalties imposed are:
    I. Forfeit of all games in which the ineligible player participated; and
    II. A maximum fine of $1,000 at BQ's discretion.

3.4 Information Requirements

a. All player information details shall be submitted to BQ in accordance with relevant deadlines to be accepted for the Championships.
b. If a player does not already exist in the online database the minimum information required to be entered when adding a player is their first name, surname, date of birth, phone number and email. A playing number must also be included for each player when registering them to a team online.
c. A closing date for registering all players online will be identified in the nomination information.
d. Up to twelve (12) players only may participate in the State Championships. The team list registered online will be forwarded to the Association Delegate to review. Any changes to the team list must be finalised with BQ by the due date on the nomination information. Once this deadline has passed, the only changes that will be considered are those required due to an emergency or injury that is bona fide with BQ.
e. Only the players listed on the final team list are permitted to play in the Championships.
f. An Association representative i.e.: President or Secretary must certify the Online Team Registrations Form which lists all the teams they have entered online. This form also certifies that the players entered online into the teams are current registered members of BQ and the original Birth Certificate or Passport Document has been sighted for everyone named.

3.5 Coaches

a. Coaches must meet the following criteria:
    I. Registered with the member association that has nominated the team that they are coaching; and

II. Have a Club Coach accreditation.

3.6 Team Officials

a. All coaches and team managers of teams competing in the State Championships must acknowledge and agree to the below statement when nominating a team online into the State Championships:

I will be bound by and agree to comply with the constitutions, regulations and policies of Basketball Australia and Basketball Queensland. I agree to comply with the provisions of the Codes of Conduct, and I submit to the jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Tribunals of Basketball Queensland and agree to be bound by any decisions of these Tribunals.

3.7 Child Protection Act

a. Under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 2000 (Qld), it is a legislative requirement that all Team Staff (i.e. Coaches and team Manager), Referee Staff (i.e. Commissioners / Managers / Evaluators) and any other PERSONS over the age of 18 years that are accompanying teams or referees away from home must have a valid Working with Children Check or an Exemption Card.

b. All team officials should also have signed an Association Member Protection Declaration when taking on their position with the team.

c. Signed Declarations should be retained by the Association.

d. All Working with Children Check details of Team Staff and Referee Staff are to be entered into the persons OwnUrGoal Database at their Association as noted in the Blue Card Requirements for State Championships document and outlined in the Memorandum for 2014 Volunteer Member Registrations.

e. If the Association does not comply with these legislative requirements, they may be liable to a fine at the discretion of BQ.

SECTION 4: RULES AND REGULATIONS

4.1 Playing Uniforms

a. All teams are to be correctly attired. Uniforms are to be numbered 0,00 and any number between 1 - 99 in accordance with the Official FIBA Basketball Rules. Games may be forfeited for incorrect dress. The current BQ logo must be worn in a **visible** position on playing tops; failure to have the BQ logo on playing tops will incur a $200.00 fine. For all uniforms produced since 2020, the BQ logo must be displayed on the right breast of all Representative Team Uniforms and must be depicted in the corporate colours of black, orange, and white and cannot be modified to suit Association colours. Playing Uniforms will be monitored by the Event Commissioners throughout the tournament to ensure a BQ logo is visible.

b. All teams must have two sets of uniforms and the alternate set of playing singlets must always be on hand if required and the two colours must be distinctly light and dark. The same playing numbers are to be allocated to players in both strips.
c. In the event of two teams having the same or similar coloured primary uniforms, the first named team on the draw (Team A) must wear their primary uniform and the second named team (Team B) must wear their alternate uniform. If, however, the two (2) teams agree, they may interchange the colours of the shirts. The Referees will have the final say as to whether there is a clash of uniforms.
d. Each team is required to carry at least one (1) additional playing singlet and pair of shorts in case a uniform is spoilt by blood. The additional uniform is to be of a different number to those already listed on the approved electronic scoring system.
e. No t-shirts or full upper body compression gear are to be worn under uniforms unless approval is granted by the BQ Competition Manager. Approval must be sought in writing at least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the State Championship. If permission is given, t-shirt or compression gear must be of the same single colour as the playing singlet. The decision to grant or not to grant permission will be at the sole discretion of the Competition Manager and is final and not subject to appeal.
f. Singlets must always be tucked into the playing shorts.

4.2 Playing Equipment

a. Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other players.
b. The following are **not** permitted:
    I. Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal, or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding.
    II. Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (fingernails must be closely cut).
    III. Headgear, hair accessories and jewellery.
    IV. T-shirts under playing jersey.
c. The following **are** permitted:
    I. Shoulder, upper arm, thigh, or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded.
    II. Compression sleeves which are either black, white or of the same dominant colour as the shirts.
    III. Compression stockings which are either black, white or of the same dominant colour as the shorts.
    IV. Full length lower body compression garments are now permitted to be worn at the State Championships. These must be either black, white or the same predominant colour as the teams shorts i.e. light/dark and player garments must be identical in colour style and pattern.
    V. Knee braces if they are properly covered.
    VI. Protector for an injured nose, even if made of a hard material.
    VII. Mouth guard of any colour.
    VIII. Spectacles, if they do not pose a danger to other players.
    IX. Power Band - only permitted on wrist if covered by tape and only on ankle if worn under the sock.

X. Headbands, maximum five (5) cm in width, made of non-abrasive, unicolour cloth, pliable plastic, or rubber.
XI. Any solid-coloured, transparent taping of arms, shoulders, legs etc.
XII. Pairs of shoes that do not match in colour are permitted if they are of the same make/model.

4.3 Sponsorship

a. Sponsorship is permitted on Championship uniforms, as per current FIBA Rules.
b. Teams are not permitted to display sponsorship by alcohol, Tobacco, adult entertainment or gambling Companies on uniforms, warm-up gear, playing equipment, or in any other way.

4.4 Injured Players

a. If during the course of the tournament a player receives an injury and the Sports Medicine officer has noted that they should not continue playing in the tournament, but the player wishes to continue, the player must first obtain a Doctors certificate stating they can play and present this to the Event Commissioner before being permitted to take the court.
b. It is the Team Manager's duty of care to ensure that the injured player has been cleared to play by a medical professional at the request of the attending Sports Medicine officer.

4.5 Game Timing

b. Timing for each quarter shall be:
   I. Under 12 and Under 14 - 4 x 8-minute quarters fully timed.
   II. Under 16 and Under 18 - 4 x 10-minute quarters fully timed.
c. One (1) time out may be granted to each team during the first half (1st & 2nd periods) and two (2) time outs during the second half (3rd & 4th periods).
d. Warm up shall be 3 minutes, time between quarters shall be 1 minute, and half time is set for 2 minutes; but is subject to amendment if required.
e. For the Division 1 Grand-Final the schedule will be 5 minutes warm up and 5 minutes half-time; however, this may be reduced to 3 minutes at the discretion of the BQ Event Commissioner if games are not running on time.
f. All teams are permitted to warm up only on the court in which they are playing on next.
g. In the event of a tied score at the end of a playoff game, overtime periods of 3 minutes each will be played until a result is obtained. A break of 1 minute between regular time and overtime periods of 3 minutes will be taken. During overtime, each team is allowed one (1) time out during each period.
h. In special circumstances the Championship Technical Committee may authorise the reduction of the warmup and half-time intervals.

i. The 24-second shot clock will operate in the U14, U16 and U18 State Championships and is compulsory in these age groups including all playoffs and finals. It is not used for the U12 age group.
j. Court changes may be required during the tournament if a court is running overtime.

4.6 Under 12 Free Throw Line

a. Free throws are to be taken from the designated free throw line within the keyway (0.9m in front of the original free throw line).

4.7 Player Numbers Per Team

a. Each team will have all their registered players (maximum of twelve (12) players) listed on the approved electronic scoring system game file.
b. Only these players may participate in the Championships.
c. In order to start a game, teams must have a minimum of five (5) players. Refer to clause 4.16 for the process to follow if there are not five (5) players to start the game.

4.8 Bench Allocation

a. First named team on the draw (Team A) shall sit on the bench immediately to the left of the Scoretable (the left side facing the court from the score bench).
b. Second named team on the draw (Team B) is to sit on the bench immediately to the right of the Scoretable (the right side facing the court from the score bench).

4.9 Match Balls

a. All game basketballs are supplied by BQ and will be Molten BG4000 balls.
b. The size of the game basketball is determined by the age group and gender of the State Championship as set out below:
    I. All girls' State Championships – Size 6
    II. Under 12 and Under 14 boys' State Championships – Size 6
    III. Under 16 and Under 18 boys' State Championships – Size 7

4.10 Special Technical Foul

a. Referees may award a Special Technical Foul for use of foul language or derogatory remarks directed towards officials, where a referee believes an ejection is not warranted.
b. In addition to the awarding of free throws to the opposing team, the player awarded the Special Technical Foul must be substituted from the game and sit out of the game for at least five (5) minutes of playing time, irrespective of score, number of players on the court or remaining time in the game.
c. When the referee calls the technical foul, they are to look at the clock and quote the time remaining, so the Scoretable officials can note it on the match report. For

example, 7:41 1st quarter, and the player can then re-enter the game at 2:41 or after (via substitution through the bench).

4.11 Automatic Suspension for Disqualification

a. Any player, coach, assistant coach or team manager that receives two technical fouls in a single game or is ejected from any game at the State Championships will receive an **automatic suspension** for their next scheduled game.
b. Further penalties may be issued if the matter is taken to a disciplinary tribunal and the person in question is found guilty of any disciplinary offence.
c. There is no right of appeal on this suspension.
d. BQ may overturn the automatic suspension if after investigating the incident that led to the suspension, it is believe that the suspension is unwarranted.

4.12 Classification of Teams

a. Standings for the major rounds will be determined primarily on the number of competition points earned as detailed below:

Win	3 points
Draw	2 points
Loss	1 point
Forfeit	0 points

b. If there are two (2) teams that finish equal on points after the pool stage, then only the result(s) of the game(s) between the two (2) teams involved will be used to determine standings.
c. If more than two (2) teams are equal in the placing, a second classification will be established taking into account only the games played between the tied teams with GOAL PERCENTAGE to be used to determine the placings. This is determined as using the formula Points For ÷ Points Against
d. If after the second classification there are two (2) or more teams still tied (i.e. identical goal percentage), the result(s) of game(s) from all the pool games involving the tied teams will be used to determine the final placings by calculating GOAL PERCENTAGE using the results of all pool games.

Note: In some formats games results from initial pools may be carried over to new pools and will be included in the classification of teams in the new pool.

4.13 No "Zone" Rule

a. The use of Zone Defence is banned at Under 12 and Under 14 State Championships. This is to encourage the development of defensive and offensive skills in the younger athletes. In the interest of better player development, coaches should ensure defences are only those which incorporate man to man principles.
b. The Host Association must provide sufficient Zone Busters to police this rule throughout the Championships. Zone busters will be provided with the BA Zone Buster

Manual and must wear the highly visible vests provided by BQ to make them easily identifiable to team officials.

c. Note: Only team officials (i.e. Team Manager or Assistant Coaches) are permitted to request the attendance of a Zone Buster at their game. Requests from spectators will not be accepted.

4.13.1 Violation of the No Zone Rule

a. Violation of the "no zone" rule will generally fall within one of the following categories:
   I. One (1) or more players are not in an acceptable man-to-man defensive position in relation to the player they are guarding and the player with the ball.
   II. A cutter moved all the way through the key and was not defended using acceptable man-to-man defensive techniques (e.g. bumped, switched, followed).
   III. Following a trapping or help and recover situation the team make no attempt to re-establish man-to-man defensive positioning.
   IV. Teams Zone press and did not assume man-to-man defensive positioning once the ball was into the quarter court.

4.13.2 Zone Busters

a. The Host Association must appoint at least one (1) observer each to observe and if necessary, make rulings on violations.
   I. Zone Busters will:
   II. Take into account the intention of the defensive team
   III. Take into account the time and state of the game
   IV. Act immediately on deliberate and premeditated use of zone defence at a critical time of a game
   V. If there is any doubt, the benefit of the doubt will be given to the defensive team

b. If a Zone Buster determines a team is playing a zone the following course of action will occur:
   I. First offence – warning – speak to coach
   II. Second offence – Technical Foul
   III. Third offence – Second Technical Foul – disqualification of head coach
   IV. Fourth offence – Third Technical Foul – disqualification of assistant coach
   V. Violations throughout the Championship – If a team has been penalized for playing "zone defence" in two (2) or more games during the Championship, the Championship Technical Committee may take further disciplinary action including, but not limited to, disqualification and loss of points.

4.14 Scoretable

a. Each team competing in a State Championship must supply two (2) competent Scoretable officials for each of their games. BQ will not accept nominations if Associations fail to provide the relevant number of Scoretable officials.
b. Some Host Associations may offer to provide Scoretable officials to teams requiring assistance for a fixed fee of $25 per person per game. Whilst Host Associations may have this service on offer it is the ultimate responsibility of the team to ensure the Scoretable is staffed for all their games.
c. If a team does not have a Scoretable official present, and the Host Association is unable to provide one, the Manager of the team will be required to fill this position. If the manager is unable to fill this position, then the coach must become the Scoretable official. If the coach is unable to fill this position and the team is then unable to provide the required Scoretable the game will be classified a forfeit by the team unable to provide the Scoretable official/s.
d. The Scoretable should consist of a person for the approved electronic scoring system, the game clock, 24-second shot clock operator and chairperson. It is preferred that all persons on Scoretable reach an agreement of who will fulfil which roles, however, should a disagreement arise over duties, Team A will be responsible for game clock and shot clock, while Team B will be responsible for Scoring and chairperson.

4.15 Referees

a. It is the member association' responsibility to adequately assign a suitably qualified referee for each of their nominated teams in the U12 and U14 age groups. The BQ Referee Education Matrix and Mapping System should be used when assigning referees. Failure to nominate a suitably qualified referee may result in the team's nomination being revoked.
b. If an Association nominates a referee to the U12 & U14 State Championships and the **referee does not attend**, without a **valid reason** as **approved by the BQ Competition Manager** or is not replaced with another referee organised by the Association, **a fine of $250** will be applied to the team in addition to any travel levy that may be applicable.
c. Member associations that have not supplied a referee in **either** of the two (2) previous years will be charged a fine amount that is **double** the fine for not supplying a referee.
d. Member associations that have not supplied a referee in **both** of the two (2) previous years will be charged a fine amount that is **triple** the fine for not supplying a referee.
e. Associations that have not supplied a referee for **three (3) consecutive years** will be charged a fine amount that is **triple** the fine for not supplying a referee and may have their nominations to State Championships refused for the State Championship (in any or all age groups, as determined by BQ) for the following year. Admittance to future State Championships will be contingent on the Association being able to

supply suitable referees for each of their State Championship teams from that point onwards.

f. Referees will be selected and invited by BQ to attend both the U16 and U18 State Championships.
g. All referees attending the State Championships must be registered with BQ through OwnUrGoal. Selected Referees and member associations will be notified directly by BQ with all information regarding the State Championships they are attending.

4.15.1 Referee Travel

a. As all referees are selected by BQ, travel arrangements to and from these Championships will be arranged by BQ with an equalised cost per team passed on to Associations in addition to the nomination fee.

4.15.2 Referee Accommodation

a. To ensure referees are receiving the same education, all are required to stay at the accommodation provided by BQ.

4.16 Defaults and Forfeits

4.16.1 Games Starting Late

b. If a team is not ready to play with the correct number of players (all teams must have five (5) players to start the game) after the end of the first quarter of the scheduled or delayed game time (as set out in clause 4.16.2), the game shall be called a forfeit.
c. The game clock will start at the scheduled start time with the team that is there ready to play being given two (2) points per minute the game is delayed.
d. If the opposing team arrives before the end of the first quarter, the game will be played from that moment (i.e. the game clock will not be reset).
e. The team that forfeits the game will receive no competition points and the score will be recorded as 20 to 0 in favour of the opposing team.

4.16.2 Delayed or Rescheduled Games

a. BQ at its discretion may delay or reschedule the start of a game due to exceptional circumstances such as a traffic incident, weather implications or any reasonable occurrence that may delay a team from being present at the start of their scheduled game.
b. BQ's decision is final and not subject to appeal under any circumstance

4.16.3 Forfeits

a. Games will be considered a forfeit when any of the following occur and will result in the game being awarded to the opponents with a score of 20-0 and the forfeiting team receiving no competition points:
    I. The team plays an ineligible player.
    II. The team does not have five (5) players ready to play within ten (10) minutes of the scheduled game time as outlined above, unless cleared by BQ under Exceptional Circumstances.
    III. The team walks off the court and refuses to finish the game at any stage of the match.

4.16.4 Defaults

a. A team shall lose a game by default if, during the game, the team has fewer than two (2) players on the playing court ready to play (i.e. remaining team members have all been fouled out).
b. If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead, the score shall stand as at the time when the game was stopped.
c. If the team to which the game is awarded is not ahead, the score shall be recorded as two to zero (2 to 0) in its favour.
d. The defaulting team shall receive one (1) point in the classification.

4.17 Disputes and Decisions

a. A team may lodge a dispute in relation to a decision made during the State Championship.
b. The dispute must be lodged in writing to the BQ Event Commissioner.
c. All disputes will be reviewed by the Championship Technical Committee
d. Any decision made by the Championship Technical Committee will be final.

4.18 Correctable Errors

a. Officials may correct an error if a rule is inadvertently disregarded in the following situations:
    I. Awarding an unmerited free throw/s
    II. Failure to award a merited free throw/s
    III. Erroneous awarding or cancelling of a point/s
    IV. Permitting the wrong player to attempt a free throw/
b. To be correctable the above-mentioned errors must be recognised by the officials, Referee Supervisor, or the score table officials before the ball becomes live following the first dead ball after the game clock has started following the error.
c. An official may stop the game immediately upon recognition of a correctable error if neither team is placed at a disadvantage.
d. Any fouls committed, points scored, time used and/or additional activity which may have occurred after the error has and before its recognition, shall not be nullified.

e. After the correction of the error, unless otherwise stated in the rules, the game shall be resumed at the point it was stopped to correct the error. The ball shall be awarded to the team entitled to the ball at the time the game was stopped for the correction.

4.19 Protests

a. A team may file a protest if its interests have been adversely affected by:
    I. an error in scorekeeping, timekeeping or shot clock operations, which was not corrected by the officials.
    II. a decision to forfeit, cancel, postpone, not resume, or not play the game.
    III. a violation of the applicable eligibility rules.
b. In order to be admissible, a protest shall comply with the following procedure:
    I. The captain (CAP) of that team shall, no later than five (5) minutes following the end of the game, inform the referees (crew chief) that the team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the match report in the 'Captain's signature in case of protest' column.
    II. The team shall submit the protest reasons in writing no later than twenty (20) minutes following the end of the game.
    III. A fee of $100.00 shall be applied to each protest and shall be paid in case the protest is rejected.
c. The referees shall, following receipt of the protest reasons, report in writing the incident which leads to the protest, to the BQ Competition Manager or Event Commissioner.
d. The competent body shall issue any procedural requests which it deems appropriate and shall decide on the protest as soon as possible. The competent body shall use any reliable evidence and can take any appropriate decision, including without limitation partial or full replay of the game. The competent body may not decide to change the result of the game unless there is clear and conclusive evidence that, had it not been for the error that gave rise to the protest, the new result would have certainly materialised.
e. The decision of the competent body is also considered as a field of play rule decision and is not subject to further review or appeal.

4.19.1 Lodging the Protest

a. All protests must be lodged with the BQ Competition Manager or Event Commissioner.
b. The Team Manager must lodge the protest in writing. This must be made within twenty (20) minutes following the end of the game. Detailed explanations are not necessary. It is sufficient to write: 'The X team protests against the result of the game between the teams' X and Y'.
c. An application fee of $100.00 must be submitted with any protest, which may be refunded if the protest is upheld.

d. After the protest has been submitted, the BQ Competition Manager or Event Commissioner can seek further details from the Team Manager regarding the protest.
e. The referee shall, within one (1) hour following the end of the game, report the incident which led to the protest. This must be provided to the BQ Competition Manager or Event Commissioner
f. Any protest will be heard by the Championship Technical Committee.
g. The decision of the Championship Technical Committee. Their decision will be final.
h. Please note teams that protest must be prepared to replay the game at times outside of the normal times of play (i.e. 6:00am or 9:30pm). This may be due to venues being at capacity or to ensure teams have a break either before or after their next scheduled game.

4.20 Disciplinary Tribunals

a. The Basketball Queensland Tournament Tribunal Policy will cover all procedures of a tribunal if conducted based on the lodgement of an official report.

4.20 Team Withdrawal

a. If an Association withdraws a team before the Draw is released, they will receive a full refund. If an Association withdraws a team any time after the Draw is released, the full fee for that team will be forfeited and an additional fee may be charged not exceeding $1,000.

SECTION 5: CONSTRUCTION OF THE DRAW

5.1 Format

a. The format of the drawn will be based on the number of teams nominating for the Championship in each Division. Further information can be found in the Draw Format Overview on the BQ website.
b. As part of nominating for the Championships, teams accept the chosen format of the draw as determined by BQ and acknowledge that they must play using this format. There is no right of appeal in relation to the draw format.
c. Teams cannot nominate to a preferred division for the State Championships. If a team wishes to move either up or down a division in which they are seeded, they must complete a Request for Division Exemption form and return to Basketball Queensland before the due date for nominating teams into the State Championships.
d. All teams must be available to play between the hours of 08.00 and 21.30 on each day of the State Championship.
e. Wherever possible each team will be scheduled to play two (2) games each day with a minimum two (2) game break between games. The exception will be for the Under 18 age group that play over five (5) days and as such may only have one (1) game on some days, as well as on finals day for all age groups when teams will only play one (1) game.

f. BQ will seed teams into pools based on information available from regional based competitions (CQJBC, NQJBC, SQJBC).
g. Draw formats will be available on the BQ website **approximately** 14 days prior to the commencement of the Championship.

5.2 Scoring and Statistics

a. An approved electronic scoring system will be in operation for all State Championships.
b. Scoring files must be approved by referees form each game, which will then be verified by Event Staff.
c. Staff will endeavour to have results and stats online within one (1) hour of completion of each timeslot. This may be dependent on internet connection, the electronic scoring system and results website.

SECTION 6: GENERAL

6.1 Technical Information

a. Technical information will be provided to Teams at the same time as the Draw is released.
b. The team accepts that it is their responsibility to read and familiarise themselves with all tournament information, policies, and procedures. BQ will take no responsibility for the team's lack of knowledge or understanding of the event policies and procedures.
c. All referees will meet the night before the Championship. It is the responsibility of the BQ Referee Development Manager to inform referees of the timing and venue for this meeting.

6.2 Entrance Fee

a. Spectator must pay an entry fee.
b. Fees per day are to be purchased online prior to the commencement of the State Championships.
c. Host Associations may choose to offer a pensioner rate or an event pass for the duration of the tournament but are not obliged to do so.
d. The only exception to the payment of this entrance fee will be for players, coaches and managers of each team; Game Officials and any individuals authorised by BQ or the Host Association.

6.3 Medical

a. BQ will supply a Sports Medicine Accredited Level 1 sports trainer to be on duty at all times during the Championship at all venues used at the State Championship to conduct games.
b. A separate room/area will be dedicated as a medical room for the period of the Championships.
c. If a player is seriously injured and cannot continue in the game, an injury report form is to be completed. The original is to be given to the team manager and a copy must be provided to the BQ Event Commissioner.
d. Details of emergency doctors, physiotherapists and pharmacies are included in the Event Program online.

e. The Sports Medicine personnel will have limited access to ice during competition. Ice will only be provided to athletes injured in games after being assessed by the attending Medic and not for the management of existing injuries or post-game recovery. Ice is a treatment, and every request must be assessed and be accompanied by an injury report form.

6.4 Blood Kit and Blood Rule

a. Each court of every State Championship venue is to have a blood kit available for immediate use in a game.
b. Kits are to be stored at the Scoretable.

6.4.1 Blood Rule

a. During a game, any player who is bleeding or has an open wound must be substituted.
b. The player may return to the playing court only after bleeding has stopped and the affected area or open wound has been completely and securely covered.
c. If the injured player or any player who is bleeding or has an open wound, recovers during a time-out taken by either team before the scorer's signal for the substitution, that player may continue to play.
a. A player must also be substituted if they have blood on their uniform regardless of whether it is their own or another player's. The player must replace their uniform with the team's spare uniform before re-entering the court.

6.4.2 Blood Kit

a. A "Blood Kit" should be situated at the Scoretable **of each court** during competition games. The Kit should be used only for the purpose of dealing with spilt blood on the floor or benches. It will be the responsibility of the Team Manager of the bleeding player to clean up the blood on the court / bench.
b. Suggested Contents of Blood Kit:

1 x Roll or packet of paper hand towels.

1 x Packet/set of disposable latex surgical gloves.

1 x Packet of medium size re-sealable plastic bags

1 x 1500 ml Spray Bottle with **0.5% bleach and 2% detergent mixed with water.**
(Bleach is the key ingredient. Standard household bleach is acceptable, but it must not be used past its use by date). Solutions should only be used if they have been mixed (prepared) that day.

6.5 Results

a. Daily results and player statistics will be available on the BQ website.
b. BQ will not under any circumstance change player statistics once a game on the Scoring file has been confirmed.

6.6 Medals

a. Presentation ceremonies may take place at various times throughout the final day of the State Championship dependent on the draw, venue and any restrictions due to COVID with the closing ceremony to take place immediately following the Boys or Girls Division 1 final.
b. Players and coaching staff of the winning team for each Division will receive gold medals and a winner's plaque.
c. Players and coaching staff of the second placed teams for each Division will receive silver medals.
d. Players and coaching staff of the third placed teams for each Division will receive bronze medals.
e. Referees of the Gold and Bronze Medal Games will each receive a Referee medals.
f. Medals will only be presented at the official presentations. If a team does not attend, their medals can be picked up at the BQ office in Brisbane. Medals will not be posted to Associations.

6.7 Photography

a. BQ will organise a professional photography service for all State Championships to photograph teams and individuals.
b. Teams are not permitted to have their own professional photographer or a designated team photographer.
c. All spectators taking photos or videos must sign the Photo/Video Register online or at the Venue Entrance upon entering the stadium. The spectator must be accompanied by a Team Official who is to sign and approve any person taking photos of players in their team.
d. When signing the photography register the person is acknowledging that photographs may only be taken of the participant that they have come to watch (i.e. a parent watching their child) and that taking photographs of a whole team are not permitted under any circumstance.
e. After signing in, the spectator will receive a digital pass which must be displayed for tournament staff to see when required.
f. If it is believed that a person is photographing a whole team, they will be asked to refrain from doing so immediately, otherwise their photography pass will be revoked.
g. No individual (with the exception of the official photographer or event staff) are permitted to photograph from the sidelines (unless in spectator seating at the sideline) or the baselines.
h. Flash photography is prohibited.

SECTION 7: CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

a. All participants and attendees at the 2021 State Championships are bound by the BQ Conditions of Entry noted in the online Event Program and the Zero Tolerance policy that has been implemented by BQ for all junior representative competitions; and by any other Conditions of Entry as displayed by the venue.
b. Upon payment of the entry fee the spectator agrees to be bound by the BQ Codes of Conduct and the Zero Tolerance Policy.
c. All coaches, Team Managers, Players, Game Officials and any other attendee agrees to be bound by the BQ Codes of Conduct and the Zero Tolerance Policy.
d. If at any time a person is found to be breaching a code of conduct, the Zero Tolerance Policy or any condition of entry, they may be removed from the stadium by event staff and face further penalty under the Basketball Queensland Tournament Tribunal Policy, which will be enforced by the Championship Technical Committee.
e. No spectator is to enter the playing surface at ANY time unless approved by a referee in circumstances such as a player being injured on the court. Any spectator who enters the court may be removed from the venue by event staff or a member of the Championship Technical Committee without warning.

SECTION 8: ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

a. To ensure a safe and enjoyable playing environment for all players, officials, and participants, BQ have implemented a Zero Tolerance Policy for inappropriate behaviour by parents and spectators.
b. The Policy will ensure that:
    I. There will be a zero-tolerance shown towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from parents and spectators
    II. Anyone who engages in the following behaviour may be asked to leave the host venue immediately and without warning by a member of the Championship Technical Committee.:
        1. Persistently or wilfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
        2. Berate or abuse Game Officials i.e. referees and Scoretable personnel
        3. Berate or abuse team officials
        4. Berate or abuse players
        5. Berate or abuse other parents or spectators
        6. Berate or abuse any game day official such as a Court Controller, Referee Supervisor, Association Representative or BQ Representative

c. In addition to behaviour being monitored by the BQ Event Commissioner, Referee Commissioner and educators and Host Association staff if the referees have an issue with a person, they may stop the game and inform a referee educator of what has occurred, and that educator is to report it to the Championship Technical Committee who may remove this person.

d. If at any stage during a game a Game Official believes a person needs to be observed for poor behaviour, they may stop the game and ask the Referee Educator to get a member of the Championship Technical Committee to observe and monitor the person. The Championship Technical Committee will take any actions deemed necessary after observing the spectator.
e. Any breaches of the Zero Tolerance Policy are to be reported on the Zero Tolerance Report Form and given to the BQ Event Commissioner.
f. A person is not to be removed from the stadium without the knowledge of the BQ Event Commissioner in attendance.

SECTION 9: CODES OF BEHAVIOUR

9.1 Players

a. Play by the rules.
b. Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.
c. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting, or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport.
d. Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
e. Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether your team or the opposition makes them.
f. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
g. Cooperate with your coach, team-mates, and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
h. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
i. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
j. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature.

9.2 Coaches

a. Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.
b. Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.
c. Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy, and enthusiasm.
d. Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.
e. Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
f. Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just-average need and deserve equal time.
g. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.

h. Display control, respect, and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents, and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same.
i. Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
j. Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.
k. Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
l. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person
m. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing or offensive in nature.

9.3 Officials

a. Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and needs of young people.
b. Compliment and encourage all participants.
c. Be consistent, objective, and courteous when making decisions.
d. Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
e. Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
f. Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
g. Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words.
h. Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and the principles of growth and development of young people.
i. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
j. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
k. Give all young people a 'fair go' regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
l. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing, or offensive in nature.

9.4 Administrators

a. Involve young people in planning, leadership, evaluation, and decision making related to the activity.
b. Give all young people equal opportunities to participate.
c. Create pathways for young people to participate in sport not just as a player but also as a coach, referee, administrator etc.
d. Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability, and maturity level of young players.
e. Provide quality supervision and instruction for junior players.
f. Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not overemphasise awards.
g. Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.

h. Ensure that everyone involved in junior sport emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.
i. Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players, and the media, and encourage them to follow it.
j. Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
k. Support implementation of the National Junior Sport Policy.
l. Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.
m. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
n. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing, or offensive in nature.

9.5 Parents

a. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
b. Encourage children to participate, do not force them.
c. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
d. Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
e. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
f. Remember that children learn best by example. Appreciate good performances and skilful plays by all participants.
g. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
h. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
i. Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
j. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
k. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing, or offensive in nature.

9.6 Spectators

a. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
b. Applaud good performance and efforts from each team.
c. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
d. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do the same.
e. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.
f. Condemn the use of violence in any form be it by spectators, coaches, officials, or players.
g. Encourage players to follow the rules and the official's decisions.
h. Do not use foul language or harass players, coaches, or officials
i. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussion or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other

basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing, or offensive in nature

9.7 General

a. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
b. Be fair, considerate, and honest in all dealing with others.
c. Be professional in, and accept responsibility for, your actions.
d. Make a commitment to providing quality service.
e. Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adhesion to, Basketball Queensland's standards, rules, regulations, and policies.
f. Operate within the rules of the sport including national and international guidelines which govern Basketball Queensland, the member associations and the affiliated clubs.
g. Do not use your involvement with Basketball Queensland, a member association or an affiliated club to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of Basketball Queensland, a member association or an affiliated club.
h. Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
i. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
j. Refrain from any form of harassment of others.
k. Refrain from any behaviour that may bring the sport of basketball, Basketball Queensland, a member association or an affiliated club into disrepute.
l. Provide a safe environment for the conduct of the basketball activities.
m. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
n. Be a positive role model.
o. Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour.
p. Refrain from engaging in negative or destructive discussions or postings on social media about players, coaches, spectators, officials, administrators, or other basketball participants, that may be viewed as abusive, harassing, or offensive in nature.

SECTION 10: DRESS STANDARDS

a. All team officials must wear a collared shirt or polo and closed in shoes.
b. All Scoretable personnel must wear closed in shoes and it is the responsibility of the team to ensure this occurs.
c. Any breach of these rules will incur a penalty of $200.

SECTION 11: Dunking (Basketball Ring Safety)

a. No dunking is permitted in warm-ups or at half time in any game
b. Hanging from the basket is not permitted at any time
c. PENALTY:

I. First offence – Technical Foul on the player concerned.
II. Second offence – Disqualification from game.

SECTION 12: ALCOHOL AND SMOKING

a. Smoking will not be permitted inside any venue for the duration of the State Championships.
b. All sites and venues shall be "Smoke Free Zones" and shall be posted as such.
c. Consumption of alcohol by players, whether of the legal age or not, is not permitted for the duration of all BQ State Championships.
d. Coaches and managers are expected to exercise discretion and restraint in the consumption of alcohol.

SECTION 13: REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

a. Blue Card Requirements for State Championships – sent to all Associations with the Nomination Information
b. BA Zone Buster Manual – available on the BQ website under About BQ – Forms and Policies
c. Draw Format Overview – available from BQ website under Competitions – State Championships
d. BQ Transfer Policy - available on the BQ website under About BQ – Forms and Policies
e. Basketball Queensland Tournament Tribunal Policy – available on the BQ website under About BQ – Forms and Policies