

PAKENHAM



BASKETBALL

U8 Competition Guidelines

Aim/Purpose:

The purpose of these guidelines and modified rules is to ensure the focus of the U8's competitions (Girls & Mixed) is on participation, fun and development, where all children will get the opportunity to play and learn the game of basketball.

Modified rules may be applied at the discretion of the officials. For example, rules in U8 A Grade may be more strictly enforced (closer to U10 rules).

Competition Structure

To ensure the focus of U8 Competitions is on participation, fun and development, U8 Competitions will not have a ladder throughout the season or a finals series at the end of the season.

Referee Scheduling

The following referee scheduling considerations will apply:

- Referees allocated to specific divisions each season.

The intent is to provide more consistent officiating by allocating referees to matches of a similar standard each week.

Referees and coaches will also be able to develop a working relationship over the course of the season allowing them to collaborate and focus on player development.

Referee Directives

The following directives apply:

Fouls

- All illegal contact is a foul.
- Advantage/Disadvantage principles do not apply.
- Referees will be instructed to coach players on any infraction they have committed.
- Foul out rule after 5 personal fouls still applies.

Travels

- All travelling violations must be called but 2 or 3 steps at the start or end of the dribble is acceptable depending on the experience of the player.
- A player who has possession of the ball and turns around on the spot (approx. 1 metre radius) will be permitted depending on the experience of the players.
- From a stationary position, 2 or 3 steps when a player is attempting to pass or shoot the ball will be acceptable depending on the experience of the players.

Double Dribbles

- A player who places both hands on the ball while dribbling (inconsequential action) but maintains their momentum and direction will be permitted.
- A player who picks up the ball and ends their dribble must not then commence a new dribble.

Foul Line

- Foul shots may be taken at a distance deemed accessible to the individual. Referees will determine this distance players.
- Violations for breaching the free throw line early will not be called

Other Violations

- If a player mistakenly scores in the wrong basket, no score shall be recorded. The referee will stop the game, correct the player on the error and award a baseline throw-in to the offending team.
- If a player dribbles the ball towards the wrong basket and crosses the centreline in error. The referee will stop the game, correct the player on the error and award a sideline throw-in to the offending team.

Coaching Guidelines

The following guidelines apply:

- Each team will be allowed one (1) coach and one (1) assistant coach.
- Coaches must coach from their allocated coaches' box/bench.
- Only one (1) coach is permitted to be standing up at a time.
- Assistant Coaches are not permitted to speak to the referees.
- Spectators are not permitted to sit/stand in their teams allocated bench area.
- Spectators are not permitted to coach players (yell out instruction) during the game.

Assistance from Coaches

Assistance from coaches to position their players for the opening jump ball and on foul shots will be welcomed by referees. Please be mindful that this is not an opportunity to "coach players" or address the referee:

- Only one (1) coach per team may come on to the court to assist.
- Coaches are only permitted to come on the court to assist for the opening jump ball and to help position players for foul shot attempts.
- Coaches are only to assist players on their own team. Do not address opposition players.
- Coaches are not to "coach players" in this situation - only to assist with positioning.
- Coaches are advised that this is not an opportunity to address the referee about calls/no calls. If this does occur the referee may ask you to leave the playing court, and you will not be permitted back on the court to assist for the remainder of the game. A technical foul may also be issued.

Adjustments to Modified Rules

Coaches are encouraged to speak to the referee before the match if they would like the modified rules to be more tightly applied to their team or specific players.