



**SOUTHERN BASKETBALL
LEAGUE**

OFFICIAL RULES 2016

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1 Introduction

1.1 Glossary

The following glossary defines terms that are used in these rules.

Act of God

An instance of uncontrollable natural forces in operations (such as weather)

Application Deadline

the date determined by BQ as the last day on which an Association may apply to participate in the SBL for a Season

Association

an affiliated association which is a member of BQ

Association Official

in relation to a Participating Association:

- a Coach/Manager of a team fielded in the SBL by a Participating Association
- a committee member of the Participating Association
- an employee of the Participating Association
- a volunteer administrator of the Participating Association
- medical or fitness staff involved with a team fielded in the SBL by the Participating Association
- a Scoretable Official nominated by the Participating Association under rule 9.2(c)

Basketball Authority

- BQ
- BA
- a constituent member of BA
- an association which is a member of BQ or of a constituent member of BA
- FIBA
- Court of Arbitration for Sport
- a tribunal, body or authority conducted under the auspices of

any of the above

BA	BA Limited
BQ	Queensland Basketball Limited ACN is 162 567 419
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
Coach/Manager	in relation to a Participating Association – a person who is responsible for instructing and supervising a team of the Participating Association's basketball players during training and games and who provides technical or tactical advice or guidance to the players or team or fulfills other functions commonly called coaching
Code of Conduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Code of Conduct published on the SBL website from time to time• the Codes of Behaviour, Defamation Policy, Anti-Doping Policy and Pregnancy Participation Policy published on BQ's website from time to time
Deactivation Form	the form prescribed or approved by the League Manager from time to time for deactivating players under these rules
FIBA	FIBA (International Basketball Federation), of which BA is a member
Finals Game	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a Game listed in rule 12.1• a playoff, postseason or finals Game to determine the league champion and other final positions in a SBL competition after the end of the home and away Games
Fine Offence	see rule 16.1
Game	a game listed in the draw of the SBL for either the men's competition or the women's competition during a Season
Game Dispute	see rule 17.1
Game Official	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• a referee involved in a Game

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 involved in a Game • a statistician involved in a Game
Home Association	the Participating Association fielding the Home Team for a Game
Home Team	the team participating in a Game which is shown as the home team in the draw
Ineligible Player	a person who is cannot become a Registered Player in the SBL see rule 5.7
League Expenses	expenses of operating the SBL for a Season, including an administration fee to BQ
League Manager	the person nominated from time to time by the CEO (or if no person is nominated, the CEO)
NBL	the National Basketball League conducted by a private entity
Nomination Fee	\$400.00 or such other amount as is determined by BQ
Off-Season	the part of a year that does not fall within a Season
Official	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Association Official of a Participating Association • a Game Official • a Venue Official
Official Basketball Rules	the official basketball rules as published by FIBA from time to time
Participating Association	an Association that has the right to field teams in the SBL during a Season
Player Declaration Form	the form required or approved by the League Manager from time to time for the registration of players in the SBL and their acceptance of the terms and conditions of the competition.

Player Registration Form	the form required or approved by the League Manager from time to time for the registration of players in the SBL
QBL	Queensland Basketball League
QBL/SBL Tribunal	a tribunal constituted by a QBL/SBL Tribunal Member selected by the BQ appointed League Manger .
QBL/SBL Tribunal Member	a person who is from time to time on a panel kept by the BQ appointed League Manger who is none of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the CEO • an employee of BQ • the League Manager • a committee member or employee of a Participating Association • a person who the League Manager knows to have a personal relationship with the Respondent or the person who made the report leading to the charge against the Respondent or to be affected by another material personal interest in the outcome of the charge
Registered Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generally – see rule 5.1 • in relation to a Participating Association – a person who is on a player roster kept under these rules for a team fielded in the SBL by that Participating Association • in relation to a team fielded in the SBL by a Participating Association – a person who is on the player roster kept under these rules for that team
Regular Season Game	a Game other than a Finals Game
Restricted Player	see rule 5.6(f)
Season	the period within a calendar year between the date of the first Game in that calendar year and the last Finals Game in that calendar year
Significant Sponsorship	a contract entered into with a Sponsor under which the value of the

Contract	payments or benefits to be received by a Participating Association during a Season is \$8000 or more
Sponsor	a party that has entered into a contract with another entity under which the party makes payments or provides benefits to the other entity in return for marketing, promotional, advertising or similar services, rights or benefits
Unregistered Player	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • generally – a person who is not a Registered Player • in relation to a Participating Association – a person who is not a Registered Player on a player roster kept under these rules for a team fielded in the SBL by that Participating Association • in relation to a team fielded in the SBL by a Participating Association – a person who is not a Registered Player on the player roster kept under these rules for that team
Venue Official	<p>in relation to a venue where a Game is held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a crowd controller at the venue • medical or fitness staff for the venue • the person who manages or is in charge of the venue
Visiting Association	the Participating Association fielding the Visiting Team for a Game
Visiting Team	the team participating in a Game which is not the Home Team
WNBL	the Women's National Basketball League conducted by BA

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 adding something to them; or
 - (iii) revoking these rules and adopting new rules in their place.
- (b) A change to these rules cannot have retrospective effect.

- (c) If BQ changes these rules during a Season:
 - (i) BQ must first consult with the Participating Associations, using a process or methodology determined by the CEO; and
 - (ii) the change cannot substantially change the way in which the SBL competitions for that Season are conducted, when the way in which the SBL competitions for that Season are to be conducted under these rules before the change is viewed overall; and
 - (iii) the change only takes effect when BQ notifies Participating Associations of the change.

2 League 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 SBL, the League 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 SBL but they are uncertain, the League 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 League Manager is taken to be a delegate of BQ.
- (b) Any function or power conferred on the League Manager by these rules is taken to be a function or power conferred on BQ and exercised on behalf of BQ by the League Manager.
- (c) Anything done or action taken by the League Manager under these rules is taken to be a thing done or action taken by BQ on behalf of BQ by the League Manager.
- (d) Any appeal or proceedings in a tribunal or court in relation to the League Manager's functions, powers, things done or actions taken must be taken against BQ and not against the League Manager personally.

3 Participating Associations

3.1 *Fielding of teams*

An Association may field teams in the SBL during a Season only if:

- (a) it makes an application to BQ to enter those teams in the SBL by the Application Deadline; and
- (b) the application is in the form prescribed by BQ; and
- (c) the Association pays the Nomination Fee to BQ; and
- (d) BQ accepts the application; and
- (e) the Association is an Affiliated Association or Affiliate with an Association of BQ and are located in the southern region of the state.

3.2 *Budget*

- (a) The League Manager will set a budget of the League Expenses for each Season. The League Manager may amend the budget during the course of the Season if the League Manager thinks it is necessary to do so.
- (b) The budget for a Season may include anticipated League Expenses during any time in the calendar year in which the Season falls.

3.3 *Equalised Contribution*

On the basis of the budget for a Season, each Participating Association will have an **Equalised Contribution** for that Season which is specified in (or is the total of the nomination payment specified in) the Nomination Form..

3.4 *Cost of Operation*

- (a) Each Club / Association is responsible for its own operational expenses to participate in all game of the competition (including finals where not covered by the league)
- (b) **A game fee of \$120 per team** is to be paid at every venue. This fee must be paid 20 minutes prior to the start of the game. The home team is responsible for referee payments except in the case of finals where this cost will be paid by BQ. however the League is responsible for the referee coach payments.

Participating Associations may be invoiced for the cost of referee travel to and from their playing venue should they not have sufficient qualified referees in their geographical area. This is at the discretion of the League Manager and Referee Commissioner.

3.5 Invoices to Participating Associations

- (a) BQ will periodically issue invoices to Participating Associations for their Equalised Contributions for a Season. Each invoice will be in the amount specified in, or calculated under, the Nomination document.
- (b) A Participating Association must pay each invoice within 30 days of the date of the invoice.
- (c) If a Participating Association pays an invoice by a cheque which is not honoured on presentation:
 - (i) the Participating Association must pay to BQ, as a debt, any bank fee incurred by BQ because of the dishonour of the cheque; and
 - (ii) the invoice is not taken to have been paid at all.
- (d) If an invoice issued to a Participating Association is not paid on time, BQ may charge the Participating Association interest on the outstanding amount of the invoice from the date of the invoice. The Participating Association must pay the interest to BQ. The interest is to be calculated and accrues on daily balances at the rate of interest charged by the National Australia Bank on unsecured business overdrafts from time to time plus a margin of 3% per annum.

3.6 Sponsors

- (a) A Participating Association must notify the League Manager if it enters into a Significant Sponsorship Contract.
- (b) A Participating Association must not take on a new Sponsor if:
 - (iv) the new Sponsor is in competition with a Sponsor of BQ or of the QBL; or
 - (v) the taking on of the new Sponsor will foreseeably damage BQ's relationship with a Sponsor of BQ or of the SBL or QBL.

3.7 *Media*

- (a) A Participating Association must ensure that any media release that it issues or authorises:
 - (i) contains the SBL logo; and
 - (ii) recognises any naming rights Sponsor of the QBL / SBL.
- (b) A Participating Association must on a monthly basis send to the League Manager copies of:
 - (i) any media release relating to the SBL issued or authorised by the Participating Association; and
 - (ii) press clippings relating to the SBL published in the area where the Participating Association is located; and
 - (iii) television and radio interviews relating to the SBL aired in the area where the Participating Association is located.
- (c) The Home Association must promote and advertise each Game in order to maximise spectator attendance.
- (d) The Home Association must present each Game with a suitable program that can include, appropriate announcements and suitable music and half-time entertainment. Any music should enhance the atmosphere of the Game rather than being a noisy distraction. Music should be played at an acceptable level as to not make it difficult to hear the court side announcer or cause pain and anguish to patrons.

3.8 *Participating Associations' responsibilities*

- (a) A Participating Association must ensure that all persons under its control comply with these rules.
- (b) For the purposes of these rules, a person is taken to be under the control of a Participating Association if the person is:
 - (i) a player in a team fielded in the SBL by the Participating Association or a Registered Player of the Participating Association; or
 - (ii) a Registered Coach/Manager for a team fielded in the SBL by the Participating Association; or

- (iii) a person acting as a Coach/Manager for a team fielded in the SBL by the Participating Association; or
 - (iv) an Association Official of the Participating Association; or
 - (v) a Venue Official at the venue for a Home Game of the Participating Association.
- (c) For the purposes of these rules, a person who has, at any time during a Season or the calendar year in which the Season falls, been a person under the control of a Participating Association is conclusively presumed to be a person under the control of that Participating Association for the whole of that calendar year unless the Participating Association proves that the person:
- (i) was not covered by paragraph (b) at the time when it is relevant to know whether the person is covered by paragraph (b) or not; and
 - (ii) is unlikely to be covered by paragraph (b) again during that calendar year.

3.9 Participating Associations with debts to BQ

- (a) If a Participating Association owes a debt to BQ which has fallen due for payment but not been paid in full, then the CEO may decide that for the purposes of determining the ladder positions of the teams fielded by the Participating Association in the SBL, the teams are deemed to have lost all their Regular Season Games.
- (b) If the CEO makes that decision and:
 - (i) the Participating Association subsequently pays the debt to BQ; or
 - (ii) an agreement is subsequently made between BQ and the Participating Association as a result of which the time for payment of the debt has been extended to a future date,

then the positions of the teams fielded by the Participating Association on the ladders are to be restored according to the provisions of these rules governing the ladder, but only if that happens before the end of the last Regular Season Game.

3.10 Disqualification

- (a) The Board of BQ may decide to disqualify a Participating Association's team from the SBL for a Season if:
 - (i) the Participating Association owes a debt to BQ which has fallen due for payment but not been paid in full and is more than 60 days overdue for payment; or

- (ii) the Participating Association breaches rule 13.3 in a manner or with a persistency which the Board of BQ considers seriously damages the status or reputation of the SBL, QBL, BQ or the sport of basketball; or
- (iii) a person or persons under the control of the Participating Association (see rule 3.8) breaches rule 13.3 in a manner or with a persistency which the Board of BQ considers seriously damages the status or reputation of the SBL , QBL, BQ or the sport of basketball; or
- (iv) a team fielded in the SBL by the Participating Association forfeits a Game; or
- (v) an Association Official of the Participating Association has been, or has, acting as an Association Official in breach of a suspension or order of a Basketball Authority or a judicial body; or
- (vi) a person has been, or has, acted as a Coach/Manager for a team fielded in the SBL by the Participating Association when he or she is not a Registered Coach/Manager; or
- (vii) the Board decides that the Participating Association has persistently or repeatedly breached these rules in a manner that, or with the effect that, the reputation or status of the SBL is or may be significantly undermined or the ability of those running the SBL to do so efficiently and effectively is or may be significantly undermined; or
- (viii) the Board decides that the stadium at which the Participating Association's Home Games are to be held is unsafe or is not in compliance with minimum requirements set out in the Official Basketball Rules; or
- (ix) the Board decides that the stadium at which the Participating Association's Home Games are to be held is not in compliance with any representations made to BQ about the features and facilities of the stadium when applying to participate in the SBL.
- (x) The Board decides that a SBL program is adversely affecting the operational standards of financial sustainability of an association.

- (b) If a Participating Association's team is disqualified from the SBL under this rule:
 - (i) it can no longer field a team in the relevant SBL competition; and
 - (ii) its financial obligations under these rules and under any Agreement continue despite the disqualification.

4 Coach/Managers

4.1 Registration of Coach/Managers

- (a) A person is a **Registered Coach/Manager** for a Participating Association's team in the SBL only if:
- (i) they have been engaged by the Participating Association to be the Coach/Manager of the team; and
 - (ii) they have been registered by the Participating Association with BQ as a registered participant under BQ's constitution and that registration is current or they are registered with BQ as a volunteer within BQ's associations database; and
 - (iii) they are not subject to any suspension or other sanction imposed by a Basketball Authority which would be violated by the person engaging in activities of a Coach/Manager; and
 - (iv) they are not contracted to an NBL or WNBL club (unless the club has provided written permission to be a Coach/Manager in the SBL); and
 - (v) they have no unpaid fines owing to a Basketball Authority; and
 - (vi) they have completed the Coach/Manager Registration Form; and
 - (vii) they are only registered to coach one division and gender in the SBL competition; and
 - (viii) have the suitable level of accreditation to coach at this level. It is expected that all SBL coaches and assistant coaches carry a level 1 Coaching Accreditation by the end of the 2016 SBL Season however a level 2 is desirable.
 - (ix) the Participating Association has lodged the Coach/Manager Registration Form with BQ; and
 - (x) BQ has advised the Participating Association that the person has been registered.
- (b) However, a person is taken not to be a Registered Coach/Manager for a Participating Association's team in the SBL:
- (i) while the person owes a debt to BQ which has fallen due for payment but has not been paid in full; or

- (ii) while a fine levied on the person under these rules has not yet been paid to BQ; or
- (iii) if the person has been deactivated from the team's player roster under rule 5.7; or
- (iv) while the person is taken to have been deactivated from the team's player roster under rule 5.6(b); or
- (v) while the person is subject to a suspension under these rules or the rules or by-laws governing the SBL for a previous Season.

Note: A breach of rule 4.1 is a Fine Offence. See rule 16.

4.2 Processing of Coach/Manager Registration Forms

BQ requires a minimum of 5 business days to process Coach/Manager Registration Forms. Therefore, Participating Associations who want to appoint or change the Registered Coach/Manager for one of their teams in the SBL should lodge the completed Coach/Manager Registration Form with BQ at least 5 business days before the date when the Participating Association wants the person to act as a Coach/Manager in the SBL.

4.3 Other matters

- (a) A person cannot be the Registered Coach/Manager of teams fielded in the SBL by more than one Participating Association during the same Season.
- (b) A team fielded in the SBL by a Participating Association can only have **three** registered Coaches and two registered Managers, they must state in his or her Coach Registration Form that he or she is an assistant Coach/**Assistant Coach**/Manager, at any given time.

A Participating Association must ensure that a person does not act as a Coach/**Assistant Coach**/Manager for a team fielded in the SBL by the Participating Association unless the Coach/**Assistant Coach**/Manager is a Registered Coach/Manager for that team.

5 Players

5.1 Registration of players

- (a) A person is a **Registered Player** for a Participating Association's team in the SBL only if:
 - (xi) they are a member of the Participating Association or of another association or club which is itself a member of the Participating Association; and
 - (xii) they have been registered by the Participating Association with BQ as a registered

- participant under BQ's constitution and that registration is current; and
- (xiii) they are not subject to any suspension or other sanction imposed by a Basketball Authority which would be violated by the person playing; and
 - (xiv) they are not contracted to an NBL or WNBL club (Players under this category are ineligible to compete in this competition); and
 - (xv) they have no unpaid fines owing to a Basketball Authority; and
 - (xvi) they have completed the Player Registration online; and
 - (xvii) they are only registered to play in one division in the SBL competition relevant to their gender; and
 - (xviii) the Participating Association has lodged the Player Declaration Form with BQ; and
 - (xix) BQ has advised the Participating Association that the player has been registered; and
 - (xx) the player is a male person (if playing in the Participating Association's men's team) or a female person (if playing in the Participating Association's women's team).
- (b) However, a person is taken not to be a Registered Player for a Participating Association's team in the SBL:
- (vi) while the person owes a debt to BQ which has fallen due for payment but has not been paid in full; or
 - (vii) while a fine levied on the person under these rules has not yet been paid to BQ; or
 - (viii) if the person has been deactivated from the team's player roster under rule 5.7; or
 - (ix) while the person is taken to have been deactivated from the team's player roster under rule 5.6(b); or
 - (x) while the person is subject to a suspension under these rules or the rules or by-laws governing the SBL for a previous Season.

Note: A breach of rule 5.1 is a Fine Offence. See rule 16.

5.2 Processing of Player Registration Forms

BQ requires a minimum of 5 business days to process Player Registrations. Therefore, Participating Associations who want to introduce a new Registered Player for one of their teams in the SBL should lodge the Players Details online or should they wish to add the player after the online system has been locked they will need to complete and submit a Player Registration Form with BQ at least 5 business days before the date when the Participating Association wants the player to first take the court in the SBL.

5.3 Player rosters

- (a) BQ will maintain a player roster for each Participating Association's men's team and women's team. The player roster for a team lists the names of the team's Registered Players.
- (b) A person covered by rule 5.1(b) may be listed on a player roster (because BQ may not be aware that the person is covered by rule 5.1(b) or may not have amended the player roster), but that does not make them a Registered Player.

5.4 Restriction on new player registrations

- (a) A Participating Association cannot register a new player under rule 5.1 for one of its teams when less than 40% of the Regular Season Games remain to be played by that team.
- (b) When calculating the number of games, any fraction is disregarded. For example, 7.2 games is taken to be 7 games.
- (c) Paragraph (a) does not prevent a Participating Association from registering a new player for one of its teams if:
 - (i) the player is otherwise eligible under rule 5.1; and
 - (ii) the League Manager grants a special dispensation for the player.
- (d) The League Manager may grant a special dispensation if:
 - (i) less than 40% of the Regular Season Games remain to be played by the team; and
 - (ii) the team has 7 Registered Players or less; and
 - (iii) an application for the special dispensation is submitted by the Participating Association on letterhead to the League Manager; and

- (iv) the League Manager is satisfied that there are reasonable and legitimate grounds for granting the special dispensation.

5.5 *Minimum and maximum roster size*

- (a) Each Participating Association must at all times has **seven (7) or less** Registered Players for each of its teams.
- (b) A Participating Association cannot have more than 20 Registered Players for either of its teams.

5.6 *Restricted Players*

- (a) A Participating Association cannot have more than 2 Restricted Players who are Registered Players for either of its teams at any time.
- (b) If paragraph (a) is breached, each of the Restricted Players is taken to have been deactivated under rule 5.8(a) until the Participating Association deactivates a sufficient number of them under rule 5.8(a) to comply with rule (a).
- (c) A Restricted Player is not counted for the purposes of paragraph (a) if the League Manager grants an injury waiver to the Restricted Player.
- (d) For the purposes of paragraph (c), the League Manager may grant an injury waiver for a Restricted Player if:
 - (i) a certificate of a medical practitioner or sports medicine specialist has been given to the League Manager, which shows that the Restricted Player is or has been or will be injured or ill for a specified period during which at least 3 Regular Season Games (involving the Restricted Player's team) have been or are to be held, within 14 days after the injury or illness was suffered or began; and
 - (ii) the League Manager is satisfied that the player has been and will stay in Australia during that period; and
 - (iii) the League Manager is satisfied that the request for the injury waiver is reasonable and genuine.
- (e) A Restricted Player to whom an injury waiver has been granted under paragraph (d) cannot again play in the SBL unless any Restricted Player who was added as a Registered Player for the same team on or after the granting of the injury waiver is first deactivated under rule 5.7.
- (f) A person is a **Restricted Player** if they are listed in the "Inclusions" column of the following

table, unless they are covered by any corresponding provision of the "Exclusions" column.

<i>Inclusions</i>	<i>Exclusions</i>
A player who has averaged more than 25% of court time in the Men's QBL Competition or equivalent State League such as SEABL, Big V Australia in the previous year	Players who participated in three game or less in the Men's QBL Competition or equivalent State League such as SEABL, Big V Australia s
A player who has averaged more than 35% of court time in the Women's QBL Competition or equivalent State League such as SEABL, Big V in the previous year	Players who participated in three game or less in the Women's QBL Competition or equivalent State League such as SEABL, Big V
A player who has played in the QBL Competition or equivalent State League in the previous year, if the player's average court time cannot be evidenced to the League Manager's satisfaction	

5.7 Ineligible Players

- (a) A person is an **Ineligible Player** if they are listed in the "Inclusions" column of the following table, unless they are covered by any corresponding provision of the "Exclusions" column.

<i>Inclusions</i>	<i>Exclusions</i>
A player who is contracted to an NBL or WNBL team as specified in a list published by BA from time to time	A player who holds a development contract with an NBL or WNBL team may make application to the League manager for exemption.
A player on a national senior squad list as at 1 July before the start of the Season	A graduating AIS female player if she is returning directly from the AIS to a Participating Association, and that Participating Association released her to the AIS
A player who is an Australian citizen who has represented another country in an official FIBA tournament (Zone Qualifier, World Championships or Olympics) and is ineligible to represent Australia	

<i>Inclusions</i>	<i>Exclusions</i>
A Non Australian citizen that has been contracted to play for any basketball association	
A Foreign player that is contracted to play in the Queensland Basketball League (QBL)	

5.8 *Deactivating players*

- (a) A Registered Player may be deactivated from a team's player roster. Deactivation means that the player is taken off the player roster and ceases to be a Registered Player for the team.
- (b) To deactivate a Registered Player, the Participating Association must lodge a Deactivation Form with BQ.
- (c) A Participating Association that has lodged a Deactivation Form with BQ must not allow the Registered Player concerned to take the court in the SBL at any subsequent time.
- (d) After a player has been deactivated, they cannot again be a Registered Player for the same team during the same Season.

5.9 *Transfer of players*

- (a) A Participating Association must not directly or indirectly approach a development player contracted to an NBL or WNBL club with a view to asking him or her to play in the SBL unless the Participating Association has the permission of the club to do so.
- (b) A player who has played for a team in the SBL in a Season cannot become a Registered Player for a team fielded by another Participating Association within the SBL or QBL in the same Season unless:
 - (i) the player is the subject of an uncontested clearance under the rules and regulations decided by BQ; and
 - (ii) the application for registration of the player by the second Participating Association is made before the end of the last fourth-round Regular Season Game; and
 - (iii) the League Manager is satisfied that the player is requesting the transfer because the player has relocated his or her place of residence by more than 100 kilometers (from the locality of the first Participating Association to the locality of the second Participating Association) because of genuine work or personal reasons.

- (c) A player cannot become a Registered Player for a team in the SBL in contravention of any relevant rules, by-laws or policies of BA from time to time.

5.10 Finals eligibility

- (a) A player cannot take the court for a team in a Finals Game unless they have played a minimum of 40% of the Regular Season Games for that team during the Season.
- (b) When calculating the percentage, any fraction is discarded. For example, 39.1% is rounded to 39%.
- (c) When determining finals eligibility DNP's are counted in the Southern Basketball League.
- (d) Paragraph (a) does not prevent a Participating Association from fielding a player in one of its teams during a Finals Game if:
 - (i) the player is a Registered Player; and
 - (ii) the League Manager grants an injury waiver or a special dispensation for the player.
- (e) The League Manager may grant an injury waiver for a player if:
 - (i) a certificate of a medical practitioner has been given to the League Manager, which shows that the player was injured or ill for a specified period, within 14 days after the injury or illness was suffered or began; and
 - (ii) the League Manager is satisfied that the player was in Australia during that period; and
 - (iii) the League Manager is satisfied that the player missed a number of Regular Season Games due to the injury or illness during that period and would otherwise not have been covered by paragraph (a); and
 - (iv) the Participating Association applies for the injury waiver in writing to the League Manager at least 14 days before the date scheduled for the first Finals Game for the Season concerned.
- (f) The League Manager may grant a special dispensation for a player if:
 - (i) the League Manager is satisfied that the player missed a number of Regular Season Games due to representing their State in National Junior Championships, World Uni Games or Australia on official national duties at a national camp or playing for Australia and would otherwise not have been covered by paragraph (a); and

- (ii) the Participating Association applies for the special dispensation in writing to the League Manager at least 14 days before the date scheduled for the first Finals Game for the Season concerned.

5.11 Other matters

- (a) Players who do not have Australian nationality are permitted to participate in the SBL under the condition that they are not contracted from overseas for this purpose.

6 Draw

6.1 Setting of draw

- (a) BQ will determine the draw of Regular Season Games for each Season, setting out:
 - (i) the dates and times for Regular Season Games; and
 - (ii) where Regular Season Games are to be played.

- (b) The draw will normally provide for:
 - (i) Regular Season Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays, however in some circumstances a Friday night may be required: and
 - (ii) the men's and women's teams will play each team once some at home and some away.

6.2 Changing the draw

After BQ has officially published the draw, it cannot be changed except with the approval of the League Manager. Should a change be required the home team must first notify the league manager before approaching the opposing team. If a change is approved by the League Manager, the Home Association for the Games that are changed must organise and publicise the change and must compensate the visiting team should they lose any accommodation or travel bookings due to the change.

7 Uniforms

7.1 General requirements

Each Participating Association must ensure that all players in their teams wear a uniform:

- (a) including a singlet displaying the current logo of the QBL or SBL in the top right of the front of the singlet; and
- (b) with any advertising or logo at least 5 centimeters away from the number on the singlet; and
- (c) with a single dominant colour front and back on the singlet and a single dominant colour front and back on the shorts (although the two dominant colours do not necessarily need to be the same); and
- (d) of colours and a design approved by the League Manager before the start of the Season.

7.2 Home and visiting strips

Each Participating Association must have two separate strips for its teams:

- (a) a darker one worn when the Participating Association's team is the Home Team; and
- (b) a lighter one worn when the team is the Visiting Team.

7.3 Interchange of home and visiting strips

If the Home Team and the Visiting Team for a Game agree, they may interchange the strips so that:

- (a) the Home Team wears its lighter strip; and
- (b) the Visiting Team wears its darker strip.

7.4 Playing numbers

The singlet worn by each player in a team in a Game must:

- (a) have a number different from the number on the singlet worn by each other player in the team; and
- (b) the following numbers are permitted to be used 0, 00 and any number between 1 – 99

7.5 Dangerous objects

A player in a Game must not wear any equipment or object that could cause injury to other players. Following are equipment and objects which are prohibited and permitted.

<i>Prohibited</i>	<i>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) Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (including fingernails that are not closely cut) Headgear, hair accessories and jewellery Full length compression stockings Hard plastic headbands	Shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded so as to make it unlikely that it could cause injury to another player Undergarments that do not extend below the shorts Compression sleeves if they are of the same dominant colour as the singlet Compression stockings for the upper leg ending above the knee Compression stockings for the lower leg ending below the knee Sleeveless compression vests Knee braces that are properly covered so as to make it unlikely that they could cause injury to another player Protector for an injured nose Mouth guard Spectacles, if they are unlikely to pose a danger to other players Headbands no more than 5 centimeters wide of non-abrasive, unicolour cloth, pliable plastic or rubber Non-coloured taping of arms, shoulders, legs etc

8 Pre-game day

8.1 Visiting Associations & Basketball Queensland

The Visiting Association must, by no later than the **Wednesday** before a Game in which the Visiting Association is to field a team, give the Home Association and the League Manager the following information:

- (a) a current player list including playing numbers for the Registered Players who will be participating in the Visiting Association's teams; and
- (b) the colour of the uniform to be worn by the Visiting Association's teams; and
- (c) the name and contact number of the manager of the Visiting Association's teams and those of a secondary contact; and

- (d) a Visiting Team Information Sheet which lists the names of the players and staff for the Visiting Teams.

Note: A breach of rule 8.1 is a Fine Offence. See rule 16.

8.2 Home Associations

Before each Home Game, the Home Association must advise the League Manager of the name and contact details of:

- (a) the person who will be the Game Controller for the Home Game; and
- (b) the person who will be the Head Scoretable Official for the Home Game.

9 Game day

9.1 General

For each Home Game, the Home Association must:

- (a) provide an appropriately sized water container at the team bench for the Visiting Teams and provide chilled water as a minimum; and
- (b) Metal legged chairs or metal benches are not permitted to be used as player benches or be located near to or within the required two meter run off of all edges of the playing surface. **NOTE a breach of this rule is a finable offence; see rule 16**
- (c) provide a dedicated change room for use by the Visiting Teams; and
- (d) supply a minimum of 2 **competent** persons to act as floor wipers; and
- (e) ensure that the floor wipers use mops or devices with a handle to wipe the floor of the court (and not their bare hands); and
- (f) **ensure that first aid staff (ideally holding a sports trainer qualification, but at the minimum holding a current first aid certificate) are easily identifiable and present to attend to injuries and accidents and are not undertaking any other role on game day; and**
- (g) display the Australian flag, BQ signage (**including sponsors**) and the QBL logo sign (if it has been supplied to the Home Association by BQ); and
- (h) hold a reserved seat for a referee coach and partner, in a position in which the Game can be clearly viewed; and

- (i) hold reserved seats (in the general admission area and not in a bar area) for the persons listed on the Visiting Team Information Sheet (see rule 8.1(d)) who are not participating in the Game; and
- (j) allow the Visiting Team and its entourage to have bench seating for up to 16 people; and
- (k) at the second Game held on the same day, provide free seating for the referees who officiated the first Game on that day; and
- (l) where they so choose charge a fee for spectators to watch SBL games. The league recommends a fee of \$5 per adult and \$2 per child.
- (m) ensure that a crowd controller / court supervisor is appointed and that the crowd controller takes all reasonable action to prevent, stop or handle unruly or dangerous behaviour at the venue of the Game by persons at that venue.

Note: A breach of rule 9.1(m) is a Fine Offence. See rule 16.

9.2 Scoretable and Game reporting

- (a) The Home Association must notify the result of each Home Game to the League Manager by using any form required by the League Manager and submitting it in the way required by the League Manager.
- (b) The Home Association must ensure that the stadium scoring lap top is set up, active with a live internet connection for each Home Game as required by the League Manager. The game file must be uploaded immediately after the end of the Game. The home association must ensure they have a delegate on call should the game file not upload or have an effort so that it can be rectified on game day.
- (c) Each Participating Association must nominate a Head Scoretable person before the start of the Season and give BQ the name, contact number and email address for the nominated person.
- (d) The Home Association must supply all stationery and equipment for scoretable, including an SBL match report and a spare scoresheet should it be required if the stadium scoring computer fails or any item required by the League Manager.
- (e) The Home Association must comply on time with all requirements in the "After Games Procedures" document published by the League Manager from time to time.

Note: A breach of rule 9.2 is a Fine Offence. See rule 16.

9.3 *Scoretable*

The Home Association must provide **competent** technical Game Officials for all Home Games. The technical Game Officials must include four competent scoretable officials with a minimum of three Level 2 and one Level 1 scoretable officials.

9.4 *Padding on boxes*

The Home Association must ensure that boxes on the end line closer than 3 metres from the line are padded on all corners and rims (including the backboard on the underside and side).

9.5 *Other matters*

For each Game:

- (a) the Home Association must provide the match balls to the game controller/scoretable before the Game; and
- (b) the match balls must be of the brand and type determined by BQ; and
- (c) the Home Team will have the choice of the bench; and
- (d) the Visiting Team will have the initial choice of baskets.

9.6 *Warm-ups*

Warm-up time is to be allowed on court before the start of each playing period during a Game as follows:

- (a) 20 minutes (or if agreed between the Home Association and the Visiting Association, 10 minutes) before the first playing period;
- (b) 2 minutes before the second playing period;
- (c) a minimum of 5 minutes up to a maximum of 15 minutes (as selected by the Home Association) before the third playing period;
- (d) 2 minutes before the fourth playing period.

9.7 Number of players allowed

A Participating Association may suit up and play a maximum of 12 Registered Players in each Game in which it fields a team.

9.8 Game rules

- (a) The playing rules for each Game will be the Official Basketball Rules, other than as modified by these rules.
- (b) Before the start of each Game, the captains of each team participating in the Game must shake the hands of the referees to officiate the Game and identify themselves as the team captains.
- (c) Each Game is to consist of four 10-minute quarters.
- (d) If overtime is required, it is a 5 minute period.

10 Ladder system

10.1 Compilation of ladder

- (a) After the conclusion of the Regular Season Games to be held in each week during the Season, the League Manager is to compile and publish a ladder for the men's competition and a ladder for the women's competition.
- (b) Each ladder is to show for each team in the competition:
 - (i) Games won; and
 - (ii) Games lost; and
 - (iii) percentage of Games won; and
 - (iv) points for; and
 - (v) points against; and
 - (vi) points percentage (based on points for divided by points against).
- (c) Teams on each ladder will be ranked in order of percentage of Games won.
- (d) If more than two teams are equal in the placing, a second classification will be established taking into account only the results of the games between the teams that are tied.
- (e) In the event that there are still teams tied after the second classification, then POINTS PERCENTAGE (i.e. $\text{Points For} \div \text{Points Against} \times 100$) will be used to determine the placing, taking into account only the results of the games between the teams still tied.

10.2 Games lost by forfeit

- (a) A team loses a Game by forfeit if:
 - (i) 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time for the Game, the team is not present or is unable to field 5 Registered Players ready to play, and the referees decide to award the Game to the other team as a forfeit; or
 - (ii) its actions prevent the Game from being played, and the referees decide to award the Game to the other team as a forfeit; or

- (iii) the team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referees, and the referees decide to award the Game to the other team as a forfeit; or
 - (iv) the team commits a technical breach of these rules (such as playing an Unregistered or ineligible Player), and the League Manager decides to award the Game to the other team as a forfeit (even if that decision is made after the Game has been played).
- (b) If a team loses a Game by forfeit:
- (i) there is to be no further play in the Game; and
 - (ii) the Game will be deemed to have been won by the other team by 20 points to zero; and
 - (iii) all individual players' statistics stand, except for those of any Unregistered Player.
- (c) If a team loses a Game by forfeit, the Participating Association that fielded the team must pay to BQ, as a debt, an amount equaling the amount of all expenses incurred by BQ or by the Participating Association that fielded the other team in the Game (up to a maximum of \$1500) for transport, accommodation and the hosting of the Game.

Note: The loss of a game by forfeit is a Fine Offence. See rule 16.

10.3 Games lost by default

- (a) A team loses a Game by default if during the Game the team has fewer than 2 players on the playing court ready to play, and the referees decide to award the Game to the other team by default.
- (b) If a team loses a Game by default, then:
- (i) if the other team was ahead at the time the Game was awarded to it, the score at the time stands as the final score for the Game; or
 - (ii) otherwise, the Game will be deemed to have been won by the other team by 2 points to zero.

10.4 Abandoned games

- (a) This rule applies if a Game cannot be completed due to some supervening event or circumstance (otherwise than because a team has lost the Game as a forfeit or by default).
- (b) If the margin in favour of one team was 20 points or more at the time when the Game was abandoned, the score at the time stands as the final score for the Game.

- (c) If the margin in favour of one team was 15 points or more at the time when the Game was abandoned, and the time when the Game was abandoned was during the third quarter, the score at the time stands as the final score for the Game.
- (d) If the Game was abandoned during the fourth quarter, the score at the time when the Game was abandoned stands as the final score for the Game.
- (e) In any other circumstance, the League Manager decides the outcome of the Game after consulting with the referees and the Game Commissioner.

10.5 Act of God

- (a) In an instance of uncontrollable natural forces that prevent the operation or delivery of a schedule round game or final game the League Manager shall make all decision with regards to the game/s. The League Manager shall determine if they are postponed, moved to an alternate venue, cancelled, deemed a draw or any other course of action appropriate for the situation.

11 Referees

11.1 Referees Appointment Board

There is to be a **Referees Oversight Committee** which consists of the following persons:

- (a) the SBL Referee Commissioner appointed by the CEO from time to time; and
- (b) the Referee Oversight Committee appointed by the CEO from time to time; and
- (c) the League Manager,

or such additional or other persons as are appointed by the CEO from time to time.

11.2 Role of Referees Oversight Committee

The Referees Appointment Board is solely responsible for the appointment of referees to regular season and all finals Games.

11.3 Attire of referees

- (a) A referee in a Game must wear the QBL shirt approved by the League Manager from time to time.

- (b) The referee must wear black pants and black shoes with the shirt.

11.4 Game fees for referees & referee coaches

- (a) Referees & Referee Coaches for each Game are entitled to the fee listed below. In 2014 these rates were increased as these pay rates have not been increased since 2006.

<i>Referee classification</i>	<i>For a Game in the men's competition</i>	<i>For a Game in the women's competition</i>
Panel 1 – 4	\$45 per game	\$45 per game
Panel 5	\$42 per game	\$42 per game
Panel 6	\$32 per game	\$32 per game
Referee Coach Panel 2	\$30 per game	\$30 per game
Referee Coach Panel 1	\$25 per game	\$25 per game

- (b) The Home Association must pay the referee that fee for each Game in which he or she officiated on the day of the Game, Basketball Queensland will pay the referee coach.

Note: A breach of rule 11.4(b) is a Fine Offence. See rule 16.

- (c) If a referee in a Game complains to the League Manager that he or she was not paid as required by this rule, then:
- (i) the League Manager may require the Home Association to produce evidence to the League Manager that the Home Association paid the referee as required by this rule; and
 - (ii) if the Home Association does not produce that evidence within 24 hours, or the League Manager is not satisfied by the evidence that the referee was paid as required by this rule, BQ may pay the referee the fee that he or she was entitled to under this rule; and
 - (iii) BQ may invoice the Home Association for the amount paid by BQ (and rule 3.4 applies in relation to the invoice with any necessary modifications).

Note: A breach of rule 0 is a Fine Offence. See rule 16.

11.5 League to cover referees' travel costs

- (a) The League will pay the reasonable travel costs for a referee in a Game to travel to and from the place where the Game is held. The travel costs are to include ground transport only. Any overnight accommodation required due to double headers will be charged back to the host

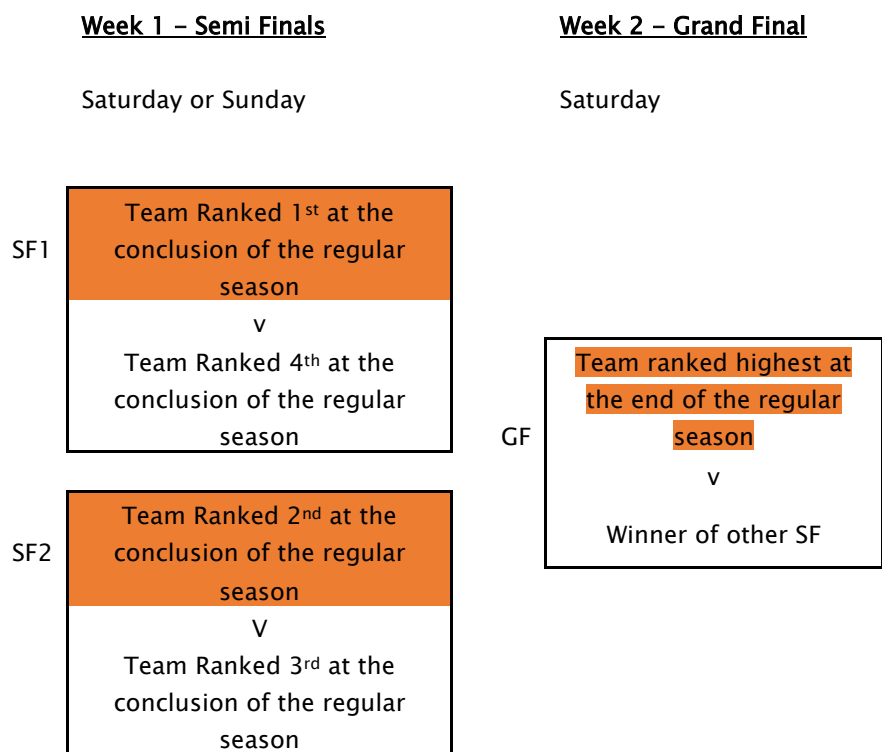
associations based on a 50/50 split if two games are held in the same region. i.e Sunshine Coast

- (b) The Referee Manager will administer petrol claims for travel by referees. A referee who wants to make a petrol claim must submit it within 2 weeks after the petrol cost was incurred and must include the original petrol receipt. A petrol claim can only be made for travel of 200 kilometers or more for the round trip.
- (c) The Referee Manager will arrange any car hire for referees if required from time to time and these cost will be charged back to the host association.

12 Finals

12.1 Finals format

This diagram shows the finals format for the SBL in each competition



- (a) The ladder rankings for the Finals Games are as described in these rules at the end of the last Regular Season Game in each competition.
- (b) The Home Association for each Finals Game will be the Participating Association fielding the team denoted in orange.

- (c) The Grand Finals are required to be played at a time that does not directly conflict with a QBL center participating in the QBL finals series. The League Manager will work with the host association to determine the game time.
- (d) The Home / Host Association will be required to sign a SBL finals host agreement and agree to all the terms and conditions to be eligible to hold the finals at their home venue. Should any association fail to sign the host agreement and fail to agree to be bound by the terms they will lose their right to host. The finals series will then be managed by Basketball Queensland on behalf of the league at a venue to be determined by the league manager.
- (e) The Home Association for a Finals Game is to pay for referee game payments. Once an invoice is provided BQ will reimburse the host association for the referee game payments for the Semi and Grand Final Games. Rule 3.4 applies in relation to these invoices with any necessary modifications.
- (f) Basketball Queensland will oversee the appointment of a full bench for all semi-final and grand final games. In previous seasons the host association arranged these appointments however the league will now oversee this aspect of the finals.
- (g) For SF1, SF2 and GF, the mode of transport for the Visiting Team is the responsibility of the visiting team.

12.2 Finals admission prices and ticket allocations

- (a) The Home Association has the ability to set admission prices for Finals Games in consultation with the League Manager.
- (b) The Home Association must ensure that allowance is made for:
 - (i) free admission of at least 4 guests invited by BQ in a court side position appropriate to the level of BQ's guests (or as agreed with the League Manager); and
 - (ii) free admission of 15 seats to SF1 and SF2 for each Association (other than the Home Association) fielding teams in SF1 and SF2; and
 - (iii) free admission of 15 seats for each Association (other than the Home Association) that fielded teams in the grand final.
- (c) If an Association does not want to use all of the free admissions listed in paragraph (b)(ii) or (b)(iii), it must notify the Home Association by 10:00am on the day of the relevant Finals Game so that the Home Association may reallocate the tickets to other people or for general sale. If

an Association does not do so, and any of the free admissions is not used, BQ may invoice the Association for an amount equaling the usual ticket price for the number of free admissions not used. Rule 3.4 applies to such an invoice.

12.3 Programs

- (a) The Home Association may choose to prepare and produce a programs for all home games and finals. If this is produced and BQ / SBL sponsors must be given suitable recognition in the program.

13 Conduct standards

13.1 Publication of Code of Conduct

- (a) BQ may publish and amend a Code of Conduct for the QBL & SBL
- (b) BQ may revoke a Code of Conduct at any time.

13.2 Compliance with Code of Conduct

- (a) Every person who is bound by these rules must comply with a Code of Conduct published by BQ for the QBL & SBL.

Note: A breach of rule 13.2(a) is a Fine Offence. See rule 16.

- (b) This does not, however, apply to the extent that something in the Code of Conduct is in direct conflict with these rules.

13.3 Bringing the QBL & SBL into disrepute

A person who is bound by these rules must not publicly criticise an Official or do another act that brings the QBL & SBL into disrepute.

Note: A breach of rule 13.3 is a Fine Offence. See rule 16.

14 Awards

14.1 Most Valuable Player – Regular Season Games

- (a) After each Regular Season Game, the coaches of the teams participating in the Game are to provide their votes for the Most Valuable Player to the League Manager by fax by 12:00pm on the Monday after the Game was conducted.
- (b) The coaches are to undertake a 3,2,1 vote for the players on each team who played in the Game.

14.2 League Most Valuable Player

- (a) BQ will confer the award of League Most Valuable Player after the last Regular Season Game has been played.
- (b) The League Manager will request each head coach of the teams participating in the SBL during that Season to submit votes on a 3–2–1 basis for people eligible for this award. The people eligible for the award are the Registered Players who achieved the top 15 numbers of votes over the Season under rule 14.1. Each Participating Association must ensure that its head coach submits the votes in the way and at the time required by the League Manager.
- (c) The League Manager will determine the winner of the award on the basis of the votes submitted.

14.3 Coach of the Year

A coach of the year award will be presented to one men's & one women's head coach at the end of the SBL season. This will be determined using the methodology below:–

- (a) BQ will confer the award of Coach of the Year after the last Regular Season Game has been played.
- (b) The League Manager will request each head coach and team captain of the teams participating in the SBL during that Season to submit votes on a 3–2–1 basis for people eligible for this award. Each Participating Association must ensure that its head coach and team captain submit the votes in the way and at the time required by the League Manager.
- (c) The League Manager will determine the winner of the award on the basis of the votes submitted. The winner of the award must be a coach in the SBL during that Season.

14.4 No disputes permitted

No one can dispute the outcome, or process towards the outcome, of any of the above awards.

15 QBL/SBL Tribunal

15.1 Glossary

The following glossary defines terms that are used in rule 15. See also the definitions in the glossary in rule 1.1.

Established Offence	see rule 15.13(a)
Lesser Offence	a Tribunal Office constituted by or involved in the behaviour of a Respondent which carries a lesser maximum penalty than the Tribunal Offence with which the Respondent is charged
Required Witness	means a person: (a) who is bound by these rules; or (b) who is under the control of a Participating Association (see rule 3.8); or (c) in relation to a charge – lodged the report leading to the charge.
Respondent	see rules 15.4(a)(i) and 15.5(a)(i)
Respondent's Association	the Participating Association who the person is under the control of (if any – see rule 3.8)
Respondent's Representative	see rule 15.8(b)
Tribunal Offence	see rule 15.3

15.2 Non-application of BQ's "Queensland Basketball Model Disciplinary Tribunals By-law"

BQ's "Queensland Basketball Model Disciplinary Tribunals By-law" does not apply in relation to the QBL & SBL except:

- (a) as regards any action taken or commenced under it before the start of the 2012 Season; and
- (b) that it applies to a person who is not bound by these rules but who is bound by the "Queensland Basketball Model Disciplinary Tribunals By-law"; and
- (c) as provided in rule 15.15.

15.3 Tribunal Offences

The following table lists the offences which are **Tribunal Offences** and the maximum penalties for each. In some cases two maximum penalties (or penalties of a type) are listed for a Tribunal Offence. If so, penalty B is the maximum penalty (or penalty of that type) if the behaviour constituting or involving the commission of the Tribunal Offence involved an Official, and penalty A is the maximum penalty (or penalty of that type) in any other case of the commission of that Tribunal Offence.

<i>Offence</i>	<i>Maximum penalty</i>	
	<i>Suspension</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Disputing a decision of a referee	2 games	\$1000
Unsportsmanlike behaviour	2 games	\$1000
Breach of a Code of Conduct	2 games	\$100
Gross breach of a Code of Conduct	4 games	\$1000
Attempting to trip	A: 3 games B: 6 games	\$1000
Tripping	A: 3 games B: 17 games	\$1000
Making an obscene gesture	A: 3 games B: 6 games	\$1000
Using offensive, abusive, obscene or insulting language	A: 3 games B: 6 games	\$1000
Attempting to strike	A: 3 games B: 17 games	\$1000
Striking (using the fist, hand, head or an object or another body part)	A: 17 games B: 2 seasons	\$1000
Attempting to elbow	A: 3 games B: 17 games	\$1000
Elbowing	A: 6 games B: 2 seasons	\$1000
Fighting when 2 or more players are involved	6 games	\$1000

<i>Offence</i>	<i>Maximum penalty</i>	
	<i>Suspension</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Attempting to kick	A: 3 games B: 17 games	\$1000
Kicking	A: 6 games B: 2 seasons	\$1000
Spitting	A: 6 weeks B: 17 games	\$1000
Moving under an airborne player (tunnelling)	1 season	\$1000
Putting a person in fear of impending violence	A: 17 games B: 1 season	\$1000
Coaching, refereeing, playing or performing scorebench duties while under suspension	2 weeks	\$1000
Deliberately endangering the safety or health of a player, spectator, Official or other person	Lifetime	\$1000
Deliberately endangering the safety or health of a player, spectator, Official or other person in an incident involving blood or a body fluid	Lifetime	\$1000
Engaging in conduct bringing the game of basketball or the QBL / SBL into disrepute	6 games	\$1000
Breaching rule 15.9(h), 15.9(i), 15.10(h) or 15.10(i)	6 games	\$1000
Failing to cooperate in or hindering or obstructing an investigation or hearing under these rules	6 games	\$1000
Conspiring with another person to present false evidence to a QBL/SBL Tribunal or to otherwise mislead a QBL/SBL Tribunal	6 games	\$1000

15.4 Reports about behaviour in Games

- (a) Under this rule, a person covered by paragraph (b) may lodge a report that:
- (i) concerns alleged behaviour by a person who is bound by these rules (the **Respondent**), that occurred during a Game or in the period soon before or soon after the Game; and
 - (ii) alleges that the behaviour constituted or involved the commission of a Tribunal Offence by the Respondent.

- (b) The persons who may lodge a report under this rule are:
- (i) a referee who officiated in the Game; and
 - (ii) a Registered Player or a Registered Coach/Manager; or
 - (iii) a Participating Association that fielded a team in the Game; or
 - (iv) an Association Official of a Participating Association that fielded a team in the Game; or
 - (v) a Game Official who was involved in the Game; or
 - (vi) a Venue Official who was involved in the Game or who was fulfilling duties at the venue for the Game when the Game was held;
 - (vii) the CEO; or
 - (viii) the Board of BQ or a member of the Board of BQ; or
 - (ix) an employee of BQ (other than the League Manager).
- (c) A report under this rule must:
- (i) be in writing; and
 - (ii) if it is made by a referee, be noted on the official scoresheet for the Game; and
 - (iii) be lodged with the League Manager within 48 hours after the Game concluded; and
 - (iv) name the Respondent; and
 - (v) specify the alleged behaviour the report concerns.
- (d) The report may:
- (i) include statements of persons who witnessed the alleged behaviour the report concerns; and
 - (ii) allege that the Respondent committed a specified Tribunal Offence.
- (e) A person who lodges a report under this rule must, within 48 hours of doing so, give a copy of

the report to:

- (i) the Respondent; or
- (ii) the Respondent's Association.

15.5 Reports about behaviour not in Games

- (a) Under this rule, a person covered by paragraph 15.4(b) may lodge a report that:
 - (i) concerns alleged behaviour by a person who is bound by these rules (the **Respondent**), that did not occur during a Game or in the period soon before or soon after the Game; and
 - (ii) alleges that the behaviour constituted or involved the commission of a Tribunal Offence by the Respondent.
- (b) The persons who may lodge a report under this rule are:
 - (i) a Registered Player or a Registered Coach/Manager; or
 - (ii) a Participating Association; or
 - (iii) an Association Official; or
 - (iv) a Game Official who has been involved in Games during the Season in which the alleged behaviour occurred; or
 - (v) a Venue Official who has been involved in Games during the Season in which the alleged behaviour occurred or who has fulfilled duties at the venue for Games during the Season in which the alleged behaviour occurred; or
 - (vi) the CEO; or
 - (vii) the Board of BQ or a member of the Board of BQ; or
 - (viii) an employee of BQ (other than the League Manager).
- (c) A report under this rule must:
 - (i) be in writing; and

- (ii) be lodged with the League Manager; and
 - (iii) name the Respondent; and
 - (iv) specify the alleged behaviour the report concerns.
- (d) The report may:
- (i) include statements of persons who witnessed the alleged behaviour the report concerns; and
 - (ii) allege that the Respondent committed a specified Tribunal Offence.
- (e) **When a report is lodged under this rule (once received) the League Manager must**, within 48 hours of doing so, give a copy of the report to:
- (i) the Respondent; or
 - (ii) the Respondent's Association.

15.6 What the League Manager does with a report

- (a) This rule applies if:
- (i) a person specified in rule 15.4(b) lodges a report under rule 15.4(c); or
 - (ii) a person specified in rule 15.5(b) lodges a report under rule 15.5(c).
- (b) The League Manager must (within 72 hours after receiving the report) consider the report and decide whether the information in the report discloses the possible commission of a Tribunal Offence by the Respondent. In doing so, the League Manager:
- (i) must not make any findings of fact; and
 - (ii) must rely solely on the information in the report; and
 - (iii) must assume that the facts alleged in the report are proven.
- (c) If the League Manager decides that the information in the report does not disclose the possible commission of a Tribunal Offence by the Respondent, the League Manager must advise the person who lodged the report.

15.7 Charges

- (a) If the League Manager decides that the information in a report lodged under rule 15.4(c) or 15.5(c) discloses the possible commission of a Tribunal Offence by the Respondent, the League Manager must (within 48 hours after making the decision) refer the charge to a QBL/SBL Tribunal.
- (b) The League Manager refers a charge to the QBL/SBL Tribunal by giving a copy of the report to a QBL Tribunal Member and notifying the QBL/SBL Tribunal Member of:
 - (i) the name and contact details of the Respondent; and
 - (ii) the name and contact details of the Respondent's Association; and
 - (iii) the name and contact details of the person who lodged the report (if they are not included in the report); and
 - (iv) the Tribunal Offence or Tribunal Offences of which the League Manager has decided the report discloses the possible commission by the Respondent.
- (c) If the League Manager refers a charge to the QBL/SBL Tribunal, the League Manager must (within 24 hours of doing so) advise:
 - (i) the Respondent; or
 - (ii) the Respondent's Association.

15.8 How charges are dealt with

- (a) If a charge is referred to the QBL/SBL Tribunal, the QBL/SBL Tribunal:
 - (i) may view any DVD or other recording of the alleged behaviour that the report concerns that is made available to the QBL/SBL Tribunal; and
 - (ii) may interview any person who, in the QBL/SBL Tribunal's opinion, may be able to offer information about the charge; and
 - (iii) must decide whether the charge will be dealt with by way of a telephone hearing or a formal hearing.
- (b) If the Respondent is someone under the control of a Participating Association (see rule 3.8), the Respondent may advise the League Manager or the QBL/SBL Tribunal (within 24 hours after

the League Manager has advised of the referral of the charge under rule 15.7(c) that the Respondent wants a specified person (the **Respondent's Representative**) to be the representative of the Respondent in relation to the charge. The Respondent's Representative can only be a person who:

- (i) is not a legal practitioner and does not hold a law degree; and
- (ii) is a committee member or employee of a Participating Association who the Respondent is under the control of (see rule 3.8).

15.9 Procedures for charges dealt with by telephone hearing

- (a) This rule applies if the QBL/SBL Tribunal decides that a charge will be dealt with by way of a telephone hearing.
- (b) The QBL/SBL Tribunal is to convene a telephone hearing by advising the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative:
 - (i) of a day and time for the telephone hearing; and
 - (ii) of a number on which the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative can contact the QBL/SBL Tribunal Member on that day and at that time; and
 - (iii) of an email address to which the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative can submit any written material to the QBL/SBL Tribunal in relation to the charge.
- (c) The QBL/SBL Tribunal may change the day or time of the telephone hearing (or both) to a later day or time (or both) by advising the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative.
- (d) The Respondent or the Respondent's Representative may, on the day and at the time for the telephone hearing:
 - (i) give verbal evidence on the subject matter of the charge; and
 - (ii) make submissions to the QBL/SBL Tribunal; and
 - (iii) present verbal evidence from witnesses.
- (e) The Respondent or the Respondent's Representative may, at or before the day and time of the telephone hearing, send written material in relation to the charge to the QBL/SBL Tribunal at the email address that the QBL/SBL Tribunal gave under paragraph (b)(iii). The material may include:

- (i) the Respondent's plea of guilty or not guilty to the charge; and
 - (ii) evidence and submissions; and
 - (iii) submissions about the appropriate penalty if the Respondent is found guilty of the Tribunal Offence with which he or she is charged (or a Lesser Offence).
- (f) The QBL/SBL Tribunal may, before the telephone hearing is appointed to start, notify:
- (i) a Required Witness that he or she is required to participate in the telephone hearing and give evidence to the QBL/SBL Tribunal; or
 - (ii) a Participating Association that a person under the control of a Participating Association (see rule 3.8) is a Required Witness who is required to participate in the telephone hearing and give evidence to the QBL/SBL Tribunal.
- (g) The QBL/SBL Tribunal:
- (i) may give a notification under paragraph (f) to, or in relation to, a Required Witness who the QBL/SBL Tribunal thinks may be able to give evidence or information to the QBL/SBL Tribunal about the charge or about the matter of penalty if the charge results in an Established Offence; and
 - (ii) must, when giving the notification, provide contact details for the Required Witness to make telephone contact with the QBL/SBL Tribunal at the time of the telephone hearing or in advance of the telephone hearing when further arrangements for telephone contact during the hearing can be made.
- (h) A Required Witness who is bound by these rules and to whom, or in relation to whom, a notification is given under paragraph (f) must not fail to participate in the telephone hearing as reasonably required by the QBL/SBL Tribunal unless he or she has a reasonable excuse for not doing so.
- (i) A Participating Association to which a notification is given under paragraph (f) must ensure that the Required Witness does not fail to participate in the telephone hearing as reasonably required by the QBL/SBL Tribunal unless the Participating Association or Required Witness has a reasonable excuse for not doing so.
- (j) The conclusion of the information-gathering phase is:
- (i) when the telephone hearing ends; or
 - (ii) the time that was appointed for the telephone hearing if it does not occur (for example,

because the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative does not contact the QBL/SBL Tribunal Member at that time.

15.10 Procedures for charges dealt with by formal hearing

- (a) This rule applies if the QBL/SBL Tribunal decides that a charge will be dealt with by way of a formal hearing.
- (b) The QBL/SBL Tribunal is to convene a formal hearing by advising the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative:
 - (i) of a day and time for the formal hearing; and
 - (ii) of a venue for the formal hearing (which must be a place in Brisbane or a place in the locality of where the Respondent resides or a place in the locality of the Respondent's Association); and
 - (iii) of an email address to which the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative can submit any written material to the QBL/SBL Tribunal in relation to the charge.
- (c) The QBL/SBL Tribunal may change the day, time or venue of the formal hearing (or all) by advising the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative.
- (d) The Respondent or the Respondent's Representative may, on the day and at the time and venue for the formal hearing:
 - (i) attend the formal hearing in person but not by any other representative; and
 - (ii) make submissions to the QBL/SBL Tribunal; and
 - (iii) present verbal evidence from witnesses.
- (e) The Respondent or the Respondent's Representative may, at or before the day and time of the telephone hearing, send written material in relation to the charge to the QBL Tribunal at the email address that the QBL/SBL Tribunal gave under paragraph (b)(iii). The material may include:
 - (i) the Respondent's plea of guilty or not guilty to the charge; and
 - (ii) evidence and submissions; and
 - (iii) submissions about the appropriate penalty if the Respondent is found guilty of the Tribunal Offence with which he or she is charged (or a Lesser Offence).

- (f) The QBL/SBL Tribunal may, before the formal hearing is appointed to start, notify:
 - (i) a Required Witness that he or she is required to attend the formal hearing and give evidence to the QBL/SBL Tribunal; or
 - (ii) a Participating Association that a person under the control of a Participating Association (see rule 3.8) is a Required Witness who is required to attend the formal hearing and give evidence to the QBL/SBL Tribunal.
- (g) The QBL/SBL Tribunal:
 - (i) may give a notification under paragraph (f) to, or in relation to, a Required Witness who the QBL/SBL Tribunal thinks may be able to give evidence or information to the QBL/SBL Tribunal about the charge or about the matter of penalty if the charge results in an Established Offence; and
 - (ii) must, when giving the notification, provide details of the date, time and place for the formal hearing that the Required Witness is required to attend.
- (h) A Required Witness who is bound by these rules and to whom, or in relation to whom, a notification is given under paragraph (f) must not fail to attend the formal hearing unless he or she has a reasonable excuse for not doing so.
- (i) A Participating Association to which a notification is given under paragraph (f) must ensure that the Required Witness does not fail to attend the formal hearing unless the Participating Association or Required Witness has a reasonable excuse for not doing so.
- (j) The conclusion of the information-gathering phase is:
 - (i) when the formal hearing ends; or
 - (ii) the time that was appointed for the formal hearing if the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative does not attend the formal hearing.

15.11 Procedures common to charges dealt with by telephone hearing or formal hearing

- (a) This rule applies regardless of whether the QBL/SBL Tribunal decides that a charge will be dealt with by way of a telephone hearing or a formal hearing.
- (b) If the Respondent is at the hearing, the QBL/SBL Tribunal must (at the commencement of the hearing and before receiving any evidence at the hearing) read the charge and ask the Respondent whether the Respondent pleads guilty or not guilty to the charge. If the Respondent:

- (i) does neither – then the Respondent is taken to have pleaded not guilty; or
 - (ii) pleads guilty – then the QBL/SBL Tribunal must find the Respondent guilty of the Tribunal Offence with which he or she was charged and restrict the subject matter of the hearing to matters of penalty.
- (c) If the Respondent's Representative (but not the Respondent) is at the hearing, the hearing is to proceed on the basis that the Respondent has pleaded not guilty, unless the Respondent has pleaded guilty in writing under paragraph (d).
- (d) The Respondent may, by writing to the QBL/SBL Tribunal before the time for the hearing, plead guilty or not guilty in writing. Such a plea has the same effect as if it was entered verbally at the hearing under paragraph (b) unless the Respondent is at the hearing and then enters a different plea.
- (e) Otherwise, the Respondent cannot change his or her plea after it has been entered unless the QBL/SBL Tribunal, in its discretion, grants leave for the Respondent to do so, at his or her request, for special reasons.
- (f) If the charge arises from a report lodged under rule 15.4 by a referee who officiated in the Game and the referee is at the hearing, the QBL/SBL Tribunal (at the commencement of the hearing, after the Respondent's plea has been entered but before receiving any other evidence at the hearing):
- (i) must read out the report in the presence of the referee; and
 - (ii) must invite the referee to give any further relevant evidence; and
 - (iii) if the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative is at the hearing, must give them a reasonable opportunity to question the referee; and
 - (iv) may ask questions of the referee.
- (g) The QBL/SBL Tribunal:
- (i) may adjourn a hearing from time to time and from place to place; and
 - (ii) may allow or request witnesses to give evidence by telephone; and
 - (iii) must give the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative a reasonable opportunity to question any witnesses giving evidence at the formal hearing; and

- (iv) is not bound by the rules of evidence; and
- (v) may disallow any question or content which the QBL/SBL Tribunal considers is irrelevant, vexatious or improper; and
- (vi) may ask questions of the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative and of witnesses; and
- (vii) may decide who is allowed to be present during the hearing or any part of it; and
- (viii) may suspend a hearing for an interval (for example, to allow the QBL/SBL Tribunal Member to retire to consider a decision).
- (ix) except as otherwise provided in these rules, may conduct the hearing as the QBL/SBL Tribunal sees fit.

15.12 Decision on whether a charge is made out

- (a) This rule applies:
 - (i) regardless of whether a charge is dealt with by way of a telephone hearing or a formal hearing; and
 - (ii) only if the Respondent has not pleaded guilty to the charge.
- (b) At the conclusion of the information-gathering phase (see rules 15.9(f) and 15.10(j)), the QBL/SBL Tribunal must consider and decide either:
 - (i) that the Respondent committed the Tribunal Offence with which he or she was charged;
or
 - (ii) that the Respondent did not commit the Tribunal Offence with which he or she was charged, but that the Respondent did commit a Lesser Offence (by the behaviour which is the subject of the charge); or
 - (iii) that the Respondent did not commit the Tribunal Offence with which he or she was charged.
- (c) The QBL/SBL Tribunal must announce the decision at the hearing.

15.13 Decision on penalty

- (a) This rule applies regardless of whether a charge is dealt with by way of a telephone hearing or a formal hearing, but only if the Respondent:
 - (i) pleads guilty to the charge (in which case the charged Tribunal Offence is an **Established Offence**); or
 - (ii) is found by the QBL/SBL Tribunal to have committed a Tribunal Offence (including a Lesser Offence) or more than one of them (each an **Established Offence**).
- (b) If the Respondent or the Respondent's Representative is at the hearing, the QBL/SBL Tribunal must give that person a reasonable opportunity to make submissions about the appropriate penalty for the Established Offence or Established Offences.
- (c) The QBL/SBL Tribunal must then consider and decide on the penalty to be imposed on the Respondent in respect of the Established Offence or Established Offences.
- (d) The penalty imposed in respect of an Established Offence cannot exceed the maximum penalty specified in rule 15.2 for the Tribunal Offence which is the Established Offence. If rule 15.2 specifies two or more types of penalty (for example, a suspension and a fine), the penalty imposed can be one or a combination of any two or more of those types of penalty, not exceeding the maximum for each type of penalty specified in rule 15.2 for the Tribunal Offence which is the Established Offence.
- (e) If:
 - (i) there are two or more Established Offences; or
 - (ii) a QBL/SBL Tribunal has previously imposed a penalty in respect of another Established Offence arising out of the same behaviour by the Respondent,

then the QBL/SBL Tribunal may (subject to paragraph 15.13(h)(ii)) impose a single penalty based on the maximum penalty for any one of the Established Offences (and in the case covered by paragraph (ii), giving credit for the penalty previously imposed by a QBL/SBL Tribunal) or it may separately apply a penalty for each of the Established Offences.

- (f) If:
 - (i) the penalty imposed for two or more Established Offences is or includes a period of suspension in each case; or

- (ii) the Respondent is already serving a period of suspension imposed under these rules, then the QBL/SBL Tribunal may (subject to paragraph 15.13(h)(ii)) order that the suspensions be served concurrently or cumulatively or partly concurrently and partly cumulatively. **The tribunal may also choose to suspend a sentence for a period of time at their discretion.**
- (g) The QBL/SBL Tribunal may take into account the Respondent's disciplinary record when imposing a penalty. It may, for example:
 - (i) treat the fact that the Established Offence is the Respondent's first offence as a factor in mitigation of penalty; or
 - (ii) treat the fact that the Established Offence is not the Respondent's first offence as a factor justifying the imposition of a greater penalty.
- (h) If the Established Offence is "Coaching, refereeing, playing or performing scorebench duties while under suspension":
 - (i) the penalty imposed must be or include a suspension of at least 1 week; and
 - (ii) the QBL/SBL Tribunal cannot order that the suspension be served concurrently.
- (i) If the penalty is or includes a period of suspension, then unless the QBL/SBL Tribunal orders otherwise, the period of suspension begins on the next day after the date of the hearing.
- (j) The QBL/SBL Tribunal must announce the penalty at the hearing.

15.14 Notification and application of penalty

- (a) This rule applies if a QBL/SBL Tribunal decides to impose a penalty.
- (b) The QBL/SBL Tribunal must notify the League Manager of the QBL/SBL Tribunal's decision. The League Manager must then notify the QBL/SBL Tribunal's decision to:
 - (i) the Respondent; and
 - (ii) the Respondent's Association.
- (c) The League Manager and BQ may notify the QBL/SBL Tribunal's decision to any other person and may publish details of the QBL/SBL Tribunal's decision in any manner they think fit (for example, on BQ's or the QBL's website).

- (d) If the penalty is or includes a period of suspension and the Respondent is a Registered Player or a Registered Coach/Manager, then for the purposes of these rules the Respondent is taken not to be a Registered Player or a Registered Coach/Manager for the period of the suspension. (See also rules 4.1(b)(v) and 5.1(b)(x).)
- (e) If the penalty is or includes a period of suspension for a Season or a number of Seasons, then the following table details when the period of suspension ends, based on when it began. In the table, the "concluding Season" is the next Season corresponding to the number of Seasons in the period of suspension. For example, if the suspension is for one Season, the "concluding Season" is the next Season. If the suspension is for two Seasons, the "concluding Season" is the Season after the next one, and so on.

<i>If the period of suspension begins ...</i>	<i>... then the period of suspension ends ...</i>
during a Season, on a day before the first Finals Game of that Season has been played	at the completion of the last Regular Season Game during the round of the SBL in the concluding Season that corresponds to the last round of the SBL which was fully completed before the period of suspension began
during a Season, from and including the day of the first Finals Game of that Season up to and including the day of the last Finals Game of that Season	at the completion of the corresponding Finals Game of the concluding Season
during an Off-Season	at the completion of the last Finals Game of the concluding Season

- (f) If the penalty is or includes a period of suspension for a number of Games, then:
- (i) if the Respondent is a person under the control of a Participating Association (see rule 3.8) in or associated with its men's team or both its men's team and its women's team, then the number of Games is reckoned by reference to that men's team's Games (and may be in more than one Season); or
 - (ii) if the Respondent is a person under the control of a Participating Association (see rule 3.8) and paragraph (i) does not apply, then the number of Games is reckoned by reference to that women's team's Games (and may be in more than one Season); or
 - (iii) in any other case, the number of Games is reckoned by reference to the Games (which may be in more than one Season) of the men's team of the Participating Association that last won the SBL.

- (g) If the penalty is or includes a period of suspension for a period of time, it is reckoned by the calendar.
- (h) If the penalty is or includes a fine, rules 16.1(b), 16.1(c) and 16.1(d) apply.

15.15 Appeals

Part 5 of BQ's "Queensland Basketball Model Disciplinary Tribunals By-law" applies with the modifications listed in this table.

<i>A reference in Part 5 to ...</i>	<i>... is to be read as if it was a reference to ...</i>
Tribunal	QBL/SBL Tribunal
Appeals Officer of the Association	League Manager
Appeals Officer	League Manager
this By-law	these rules
charged person	Respondent
\$110	\$330
the Association	BQ
Part 4 of this By-law	these rules

15.16 Spanning of Seasons and changes to the rules relating to the QBL/SBL Tribunal

- (a) Rule 15, as it stands at the time, applies if a report is lodged under it.
- (b) This is the case even if:
 - (i) rule 15 is subsequently amended; or
 - (ii) these rules are subsequently otherwise rescinded or otherwise cease to have effect; or
 - (iii) a Season subsequently comes to an end.

16 Fines

16.1 Fine Offences

- (a) This rule creates the **Fine Offences** listed in the "Fine Offences" column of the table below. If a person listed in the "Person" column corresponding to a Fine Offence commits a Fine Offence, then the fine in the "Fine" column can be imposed and levied on that person.

<i>Fine Offence</i>	<i>Person</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Breaching rule 4.1	Participating Association	\$250
Breaching rule 5.1	Participating Association	\$250
Breaching rule 8.1	Visiting Association	\$100
Breaching rule 9.1(b)	Participating Association	\$2000
Breaching rule 9.1(m)	Participating Association	\$1000 maximum
Breaching rule 9.2	Home Association	\$250
Losing a Game by forfeit under rule 10.2(a)(i) or 10.2(a)(ii), 10.2(a)(iii)	Participating Association	\$2000
Losing a Game by forfeit under rule 10.2(a)	Participating Association	\$500
Losing a Game by forfeit under rule 10.2(a)(iv)	Participating Association	\$500
Breaching rule 11.4(b)	Home Association	\$100
Breaching rule 11.5(a)	Home Association	\$250
Breaching rule 13.2(a)	Any person	\$500 maximum
Breaching rule 13.3	Any person	\$1000 maximum
Counselling, requesting, encouraging or authorising a person to do anything that would be a breach of any of the rules listed above (assuming that the person is bound by these rules, even if they are not)	Participating Association	The fine listed above for the breach concerned

- (b) If a person commits a Fine Offence is under the control of a Participating Association or was under the control of a Participating Association when the person did so (see rule 3.8), then the Participating Association also commits a **Fine Offence**. The fine that can be imposed and levied on the Participating Association is the same fine as if the Participating Association had itself committed the Fine Offence that was committed by the person who is or was under the control of the Participating Association.

- (c) If the League Manager imposes a fine on a person, the fine is levied on the person when BQ issues an invoice to the person for the amount of the fine.
- (d) If a fine is levied on a person, the person must pay the fine within 14 days.
- (e) The imposition, levying or payment of a fine does not prevent any other action being taken against a person for breaching these rules.
- (f) A person may make a complaint to the League Manager that another person has committed a Fine Offence, but has no right to question or review the League Manager's decision not to impose a fine, to impose a fine or about the amount of any fine imposed.

17 Game Disputes

17.1 Game Disputes

- (a) A Participating Association has a **Game Dispute** if the Participating Association:
 - (i) claims that a Game was not conducted in accordance with these rules in a way that prejudiced a team fielded in the Game by that Participating Association; or
 - (ii) claims that a team fielded in the Game by that Participating Association was prejudiced by a non-compliance with these rules; or
 - (iii) claims that a team fielded in the SBL competition in which the Game was conducted is prejudiced by the Game not having been conducted in accordance with these rules; or
 - (iv) claims that a team fielded in the SBL competition in which the Game was conducted is prejudiced by a non-compliance with these rules.
- (b) If a Participating Association that has a Game Dispute wants the League Manager to consider the Game Dispute, the Participating Association must:
 - (i) if the Participating Association fielded a team in the Game, ensure that the captain of the team informs the referee that the team has a Game Dispute (whether or not in those words, and without any need to say why the team has a Game Dispute) and signs the scoresheet for the Game in the space provided for the captain's signature in the case of a Game Dispute (whether or not those words are used, for example the word "protest" or another similar word may be used); and
 - (ii) notify the League Manager within **24 hours after the Game finished**; and

- (iii) within the same time, notify the other Participating Association that fielded a team in the Game to which the Game Dispute relates that the first-mentioned Participating Association has notified the League Manager that it wants the League Manager to consider a Game Dispute; and
- (iv) lodge a full written report with the League Manager within **24 hours after the Game finished**, outlining the subject matter of the Game Dispute and what outcome is sought by the Participating Association; and
- (v) within the same time, give any other Participating Association that fielded a team in the Game to which the Game Dispute relates a copy of the full written report lodged with the League Manager.

17.2 Procedures for Game Disputes

- (a) If a Participating Association does any of the things provided in paragraph 17.1(b), then BQ may invoice the Participating Association for:
 - (i) \$220 if the Participating Association fielded a team in the Game to which the Game Dispute relates; or
 - (ii) \$550 if the Participating Association did not field a team in the Game to which the Game Dispute relates.

Rule 3.4 applies in relation to these invoices with any necessary modifications.

- (b) The League Manager must make a decision on the Game Dispute if:
 - (i) a Participating Association complies with paragraph 17.1(b)(i), (ii) and (iv); and
 - (ii) the League Manager is satisfied that the Participating Association has complied with paragraph 17.1(b)(iii) and (v) or has no reason to believe that the Participating Association has not done so.
- (c) If the League Manager must or may make a decision on the Game Dispute, the League Manager must consult with the CEO and may:
 - (i) make any enquiries about the Game Dispute that the League Manager thinks fit; and
 - (ii) decide to uphold or dismiss the Game Dispute; and
 - (iii) if deciding to uphold the Game Dispute, decide on a remedy for the subject matter of the Game Dispute.

18 Communications

18.1 Communicating with the League Manager, BQ and the CEO

- (a) If these rules authorise or require a person to give a document or notification to the League Manager or BQ or the CEO, or to advise the League Manager or BQ or the CEO of something, the person may only do it by using a communications channel listed in the following table for the relevant party and by using any corresponding protocol for that communications channel.

<i>Intended recipient</i>	<i>Communications channel</i>	<i>Protocol</i>
League Manager	Email to lisa.jones@basketballqld.net.au	
League Manager	Fax to 07 3823 5655	Addressed to the League Manager by title or name
BQ	Fax to 07 3823 5655	
CEO	Fax to 07 3823 5655	Addressed to the CEO by title or name
League Manager	Hand-delivery to a BQ employee at BQ's head office during normal business hours <i>or</i> Post to BQ at its head office or the post office box published on its website	An open document addressed to the League Manager by title or name <i>or</i> A document in an envelope addressed to the League Manager by title or name
BQ	Hand-delivery to a BQ employee at BQ's head office during normal business hours <i>or</i> Post to BQ at its head office or the post office box published on its website	
CEO	Hand-delivery to a BQ employee at BQ's head office during normal business hours <i>or</i> Post to BQ at its head office or the post office box published on its website	An open document addressed to the CEO by title or name <i>or</i> A document in an envelope addressed to the CEO by title or name

- (b) The League Manager or BQ may add something to, delete something from or change something in the above table by sending a communication to Participating Associations generally.

18.2 Communicating with Participating Associations

- (a) This rule applies if the League Manager, BQ, the CEO or a QBL/SBL Tribunal is authorised or required by these rules to give a document or notification to a Participating Association or to advise a Participating Association of something.
- (b) The document, notification or advice may be given by email to an email address:
 - (i) in any Nomination Form or Affiliation Agreement for the Participating Association; or
 - (ii) from which emails from or on behalf of the Participating Association are frequently sent to BQ or an employee of BQ; or
 - (iii) published on the Participating Association's website for general communications.
- (c) The document, notification or advice may be given by fax to a fax number:
 - (i) in any Nomination Form or Affiliation Agreement for the Participating Association; or
 - (ii) published on the Participating Association's website for general communications; or
 - (iii) published for the Participating Association in a public directory (such as the paper or online versions of the White Pages or Yellow Pages).
- (d) The document, notification or advice may be given by hand-delivery to a person at the Participating Association's head office or place of business or at an address given for the Participating Association in the a Nomination Form or Affiliation Agreement.
- (e) The document, notification or advice may be given by post to:
 - (i) the Participating Association's head office or place of business; or
 - (ii) an address given for the Participating Association in a Nomination Form or Affiliation Agreement; or
 - (iii) a postal address for the Participating Association published on its website.

18.3 Communicating with other people

- (a) This rule applies if the League Manager, BQ, the CEO or a QBL/SBL Tribunal is authorised or required by these rules to give a document or notification to a person other than a Participating Association or to advise that person of something.
- (b) If the person is someone under the control of a Participating Association (see rule 3.8) then the document, notification or advice may be given to the Participating Association by a method provided in rule 18.3. The Participating Association must then pass the document, notification or advice on to the person without delay.
- (c) The document, notification or advice may be given to the person by email, fax, hand-delivery or post using any contact details for the person:
 - (i) on the registration database kept by BQ (unless BQ knows the contact details are not current); or
 - (ii) on another database kept by BQ (unless BQ knows the contact details are not current); or
 - (iii) that the person sending the document, notification or advice reasonably believes are current contact details for the person.

18.4 Authentication of certain communications

If the League Manager, BQ, the CEO or a QBL/SBL Tribunal receives a communication authorised or required by these rules which appears to have been sent by a particular person, they may treat it as authentic unless:

- (a) they know it is not authentic; or
- (b) a reasonable person in their position would believe, on the basis of other information about the purported sender that the recipient knows about, that the communication is not authentic.

This applies not only to written communications, but also to communications by telephone and in person. It means, for example, that a QBL/SBL Tribunal is usually entitled to assume that a person appearing at a telephone or formal hearing is who they say they are.

18.5 When certain communications are taken to have been received

- (a) A communication under these rules by email is taken to have been delivered 3 hours after it is sent unless it bounces or the sender has some other reason to believe that the email was not delivered. This is the case regardless of whether the email is received or read by the intended

recipient within that time or at all. In reckoning the 3 hours, time between 7pm and 7am is not counted.

- (b) A communication under these rules by fax is taken to have been delivered 3 hours after it is sent if the machine or software from which it is sent produces or generates a report saying the correct number of pages was successfully transmitted. This is the case regardless of whether the fax is received, printed or read by the intended recipient within that time or at all. In reckoning the 3 hours, time between 7pm and 7am is not counted.
- (c) A communication under these rules by post is taken to have been delivered at 12pm on the day when it would ordinarily be delivered in the post based on the place of sending and place of delivery, if it sent by any form of prepaid post, unless the sender is aware that it has not been delivered. This is the case regardless of whether or when the communication is actually delivered or received by the intended recipient.

19 Challenging decisions under these rules

- (a) A decision under these rules cannot be challenged except strictly as allowed by these rules and strictly in accordance with the provisions of these rules allowing for it.
- (b) Otherwise, a person who is bound by these rules must not challenge or seek to challenge a decision under these rules unless and to the extent that:
 - (i) a by-law, rule or regulation of BA which is binding on BQ provides for a process of appeal or review by which the person may challenge the decision; and
 - (ii) under that or another by-law, rule or regulation of BA which is binding on BQ, it is impermissible for the person's right to challenge the decision to be negated.
- (c) For the purpose of this rule, a reference to a decision under these rules means a decision under these rules of BQ, the CEO, the Board of BQ or a QBL/SBL Tribunal and includes:
 - (i) the exercise or non-exercise of a discretion; and
 - (ii) the exercise or non-exercise of a power, right or obligation.
- (d) For the purposes of this rule, a reference to challenging a decision includes:
 - (i) questioning the decision or seeking to have it overturned, quashed or changed in any judicial body, administrative tribunal, sporting tribunal or other forum; and
 - appealing against the decision.