

# BUCS BASKETBALL REGULATIONS

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**BAS i** The BUCS Basketball Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the FIBA (Federation Internationale de Basketball) Rules of the Game as interpreted by the relevant National Governing Body.

**BAS ii** In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

**BAS iii** In the event that these regulations contradict those of the FIBA (Federation Internationale de Basketball) Rules of the Game as interpreted by the relevant National Governing Body, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

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**BAS 1 Fundamental principle: The game must take place** Notwithstanding the regulations contained herein, all participants are required to use their best endeavours to ensure that all fixtures; (a) take place and (b) are completed. It is not possible to deal in these regulations with each and every circumstance that could arise which might affect BUCS fixtures, but participants (including match officials) are expected at all times to regard this principle as a prime consideration.

**BAS 1.1** If a team considers its interests to have been harmed by the application of this principle, they are at liberty to play under protest and use the standard BUCS match appeal process.

**BAS 2 Affiliations** All institutions/Playing Entities, teams and players competing in the BUCS Basketball Team Championships must affiliate to their respective National Governing Body (NGB) as per the requirements of the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document. Failure to affiliate institutions/Playing Entities, teams or players to the relevant NGB by the deadlines stated in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document will result in sanctions being imposed as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document and the possibility of further disciplinary action.

**BAS 2.1** Players must be able to present their individual licences at each fixture should they be requested to do so. Players unable to evidence their licensing at a fixture should be noted on team sheets but are *able* to play, *however*, any institution/Playing Entity found to have fielded players without the appropriate licensing in place will face sanctions as outlined in the BUCS Sport Specific Affiliations Document.

**BAS 3 Minimum number of players for a fixture to start** The minimum number of players required for a fixture to start will be five.

**BAS 4 Shirt numbering** Allowable shirt numbers will be 00, 0, and any number from 1 to 99.

## **BAS 5 Balls**

**BAS 5.1** For all Men's fixtures the ball shall not be less than 74.9cm and not more than 78cm in circumference (size 7). It shall not weigh less than 567g and not more than 650g.

**BAS 5.2** For all Women's fixtures the ball shall not be less than 72.4cm and not more than 73.7cm in circumference (size 6). It shall not weigh less than 510g and not more than 567g

**BAS 6 Facility requirements** Facilities should meet the Club level requirements of [Basketball England/Sport England's Basketball Data Sheet](#).

**BAS 7 24-second shot clocks** 24-second shot clocks shall be required in all Men's and Women's Premier Tier and Tier 1 league matches and Championship and Trophy knockout competition matches. There shall be no requirement for 24-second shot clocks in any other matches; this responsibility shall lie with the referees.

**BAS 7.1** Failure to provide a 24 second shot clock for Men's and Women's Premier Tier and Tier 1 league matches and Championship and Trophy knockout competition matches will result in a £100 fine per instance of this breach for the home team. Away teams cannot claim a walkover, play under protest or appeal, as the match can still go ahead timed by the officials.

**BAS 8 Match officials** Match officials should be appointed as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements').

**BAS 8.1** Failure to obtain an appropriate Referee and Umpire, as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements'), may lead to the forfeiture of the affected match, unless there is written notification from the appropriate officials appointments body that they were unable to provide officials and this is communicated at least 48 hours before the fixture start time, or where officials withdraw from the fixture on the day (written evidence required, refer to BAS 8.1.3).

**BAS 8.1.1** For all competitions, if at least 48 hours' (outside of weekends and bank holidays) notice ahead of the start time of the fixture has been given and the appropriate written evidence provided, then the away institution/Playing Entity may choose to host the match provided it can supply an appropriate Referee, Umpire and facilities, and notifies the opposition and the BUCS Executive by 11:00 on the last working day before the fixture. In this case the original home institution/Playing Entity is obliged to travel.

**BAS 8.1.1.1** Where the away institution/Playing Entity chooses not to host and agreement cannot be reached between the institutions/Playing Entities for rescheduling, the match shall be replayed at a venue and on a date determined by the BUCS Executive.

**BAS 8.1.2** Any institution/Playing Entity failing to notify the opposition of the failure to obtain the appropriate Referee and Umpire at least 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) before the fixture start time will forfeit the match and concede a walkover.

**BAS 8.1.3 Non-provision of officials due to being let down by an appointed/booked Referee/Umpire within 48 hours of the fixture start time**

**BAS 8.1.3.1** If the away team has arrived at the venue and the home team is let down by an appointed/booked Referee/Umpire and can prove in writing that the official was appointed/booked, the original home team will be obliged to travel to a rescheduled match.

**BAS 8.1.3.2** If the away team has not yet travelled, and the home side notifies them that they have been let down by an appointed/booked Referee/Umpire within 48 hours of the fixture start time (providing written evidence as per BAS 8.1.3.1) the match shall be rescheduled to be played at the original home team venue.

**BAS 8.2** Failure to obtain the appropriate Table Officials, as per Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements'), may lead to the home team incurring a £50 fine, unless there is written notification from the appropriate officials appointments body that they were unable to provide officials, or where officials withdraw within 48 hours of the fixture start time (written evidence required).

**BAS 8.2.1** The away team may choose to play under protest, however, they may only appeal the match result if both the Referee and Umpire provide written evidence to substantiate that the performance(s) of the Table Official(s) that did not meet the requirements of Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements') affected the outcome of the match.

**BAS 8.2.1.1** Should the Referee and/or Umpire not meet the requirements of Appendix 5 ('BUCS Match Officials Requirements') then a team shall have the option to appeal the match result (note BAS 8.1).

**BAS 8.3** Should the two institutions/Playing Entities concerned agree in writing beforehand to play with non-neutral, not appropriately qualified and/or the incorrect number of officials, the BUCS Executive will accept the result. Neither team can play under protest or appeal against the result of a match played under these circumstances.

## **BAS 9 Results**

**BAS 9.1** As per the FIBA rules of play there shall be no drawn result in a basketball game.

**BAS 9.1.1** Should the teams be tied at the end of normal time, then a period of five minutes extra time will be played. If the teams are still tied at the end of this extra period of

five minutes, additional periods of five minutes extra time shall be played until a winner is determined.

**BAS 9.1.2** The exception to this rule shall be promotion/relegation fixtures played as part of playoff formats involving either two or three teams. (See REG 8.3.8.5)

**BAS 10 Scoresheets** In the case of any rule breach by either team, the home team must be able to produce the official scoresheet of each match to BUCS when requested (White copy only).

### **BAS 11 Additional Premier Tier/Championship and Tier 1/Trophy specific requirements**

**BAS 11.1** Playing facilities must be booked for an appropriate length of time to allow for the full conclusion of the match. BUCS recommends that at least two hours of court time are booked. Institutions/Playing Entities failing to book sufficient time will be considered to have defaulted on the match if for any reason there is insufficient time to bring the fixture to a conclusion.

**BAS 11.2** Facilities should be of an appropriate quality for matches and should comply with the Club level requirements of [Basketball England/Sport England's Basketball Data Sheet](#). Ideally, all matches should be played on courts to FIBA specification in terms of court size, run-off areas, player safety, lighting, floor surface and visibility of court markings.

**BAS 11.3** A fully working and easily visible scoreboard must be provided showing the match score and time remaining in each period.

**BAS 11.3.1** Failure to provide a fully working and easily visible scoreboard will result in a £100 fine per instance of this breach for the home team. Away teams cannot claim a walkover or play under protest or appeal, as the match can still go ahead timed by the officials.

**BAS 11.4** Host institutions/Playing Entities should ensure that there is an appropriate level of medical/first aid cover available either at or within close proximity to the courts. In the latter case, the home captain or coach should be aware of how to summon assistance swiftly. Ideally, medical support will be available during the match courtside.

**BAS 11.5** All Premier Tier/Championship teams must have their institution/Playing Entity name on the front of their playing vest for all matches. Failure to comply will result in a £50 fine per reported incident.

The FIBA regulation dealing with the specifications for the institution/Playing Entity name on the playing vest is:

The name or the badge/symbol of the club or country must appear on the front of the shirts as follows:

- i. Above the advertising.
- ii. If the written text comprises one (1) line, the letters shall be a maximum of 8cm in height. If the written text comprises two (2) lines, the letters on each line shall be a maximum of 6cm in height.
- iii. The badge/symbol must not be smaller than 100cm<sup>2</sup> nor larger than 200cm<sup>2</sup> and shall be a maximum of 10cm in height.

The institution/Playing Entity name can be shortened if required – e.g. LSBU (London South Bank University)

**BAS 11.6** Regular spot checks will be carried out during the season to verify teams' licences and facilities are meeting the BUCS Basketball sport specific regulations.

**BAS 11.7 Representative commitments** In Premier Tier leagues, when two or more players from a single institution/Playing Entity are selected for a GB or any of the Home Nation (England, Scotland, or Wales) Senior or Under-20s sides, necessitating their presence at a competition or preparation camp associated with a competition, the institution/Playing Entity concerned shall be able to postpone any affected league fixtures.

**BAS 11.7.1** The institution/Playing Entity concerned shall be responsible for informing the opposition institution/Playing Entity of the requirement to postpone the fixture no later than 48 hours (outside of weekends and bank holidays) after the announcement of the squad for the representative team, and no later than five working days prior to the original fixture

date. Upon notification of the postponement, institutions/Playing Entities must follow REG 14.3 to rearrange the fixture.

**BAS 11.7.2** Championship knockout competition fixtures are not covered by BAS 11.7.

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