EASTS BASKETBALL LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES

The Easts Basketball League (EBL) competition follows all FIBA approved rules with a few exceptions.

EBL specific rules as listed below:

20 Minute Running Clock Halves

In EBL games the clock stops for time outs only. The clock does NOT stop between a score and the ball being inbounded until the last minute of the game. The clock will run during the last minute of the game if the points difference is over 11 points.

Half Time

Teams will be given a 1 minute half-time each game.

Time-outs

Teams are allowed one time-out (1 minute duration) per half.

Late Starts

A team can only start a game with at least 4 players on the court. If a team is running late then for every minute after the clock starts team will be penalised 2 points. If a team is more than 10 minutes late, the game will be declared a forfeit and the score will be 20-0.

Overtime

If the score is even at the conclusion of the playoffs and Finals, 1 minute break will occur. The overtime period ensues and consists of 3 minutes (2 minutes running clock with the last minute fully timed). Team time-outs roll-on from the second half of the game and no extra time-outs are given. Team fouls and personal fouls DO NOT reset at the beginning of overtime and stay as they were in the second half of the game.

If a winner has not been declared after the first overtime then consecutive 3 minute overtimes will be played until a winner is declared.

In semi and grand final matches the 3 minutes overtime is fully timed.

Player Registration

All players need to registered by the Team Manager before the season starts and before taking the court. This is vital not only for your individual player stats but also for insurance purposes. A player who is not registered will not be eligible for insurance claims.

Player Attendance at Games

We understand that there will be times where you may be delayed (work commitments, traffic, etc) to get to the start of your game.

However, to be able to be a part of the game you must take the court by half time.

Exceptions to this are if you are a regular player for the team. Please ensure you check with the Venue Manager on the night before taking the court.

This rule has been put in place to ensure teams are not disadvantaged by fill-in guest players who are helping the team out, say for example if one of their 5 players on the night foul out.

Forfeits

Forfeits in EBL are unacceptable.

A forfeit is called if a team cannot start the game (min requirement of 4 players) by the end of the first half. By forfeiting this game, the team will obtain 0 points for the game and may be further docked 3 points.

If a team fails to notify EBL office of a forfeit (info@eastsbl.com.au) within the below specified timeframe, the team will lose three (3) competition points

* Sunday game - team must notify EBL office by 5pm the Friday before your competition game.
* Monday game - team must notify EBL office by 5pm the Friday before your competition game.
* Tuesday game - team must notify EBL office by 4pm the Monday before your competition game.
* Wednesday game - team must notify EBL office by 4pm the Tuesday before your competition game.
* Thursday game - team(s) must notify EBL office by 4pm the Wednesday before your competition game.

If a team forfeits multiple times in a single season they may be subject to being removed from the competition.

Playoffs

At the end of the regular season all teams will participate in the playoffs.

* Semi finals are made up of the final four from total competition points (1v4, 2v3).
* If two teams finish on equal points then head to head will be used to determine the rank.
* In the event of uneven games played head to head between tying teams on the ladder the result will be based on “For and Against” pts which is a plus minus ratio from points scored minus points scored on = +/- in those games played between the tying teams.

Player eligibility in finals:- All players must be registered and must be regular players (played at least 33% of the season’s games) to participate in the finals.

There are exceptions to this rule e.g. if players have been part of the team for some time prior to the current season and will not make an unfair impact on the game. This needs to be approved by EBL HQ prior to the game taking place.

Uniform Rules

Uniforms are a very important factor for not only the players, referees and bench but also for building the reputation and look of EBL.

* All teams must wear matching colour/pattern singlets with matching coloured numbers. No players can have the same two numbers and only ONE player on a team can use the number 0 (this includes people with no number).
* Players who have the same numbered singlets will share personal fouls. Once they reach 5 personal fouls (collectively), all players with the same numbered singlet are considered to have fouled out and can no longer take part in the game.
* Numbers must be easily visible on the front and back of singlets. This usually means that drawn on numbers and crest numbers are not accepted.
* Players can still wear shorts of their choice; however they must not be dangerous or offensive, nor have pockets.
* After WEEK 3 (week 4 and on) any player(s) not playing in the correct uniform will cause their team to be penalised 5 points at the start of the game or on arrival.
* NEW players to your team are allowed to wear a matching colour shirt or singlet as close to your team as possible for the first two weeks they play in the competition. After this time your team will be penalised for uniform violation. This only applies to NEW players. If you are a player that is a regular in the competition this does not apply to you.
* If a team does not make an effort to have correct uniforms over the course of a season the team may forfeit their position in the competition to new teams wanting to join. This is up to the discretion of EBL staff and EBL HQ.