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1.0 Membership of the League

The Sunshine Conference is a Member Association based competition. To maintain eligibility for entry into the competition Associations must:

- 1.01 Be Financial Members of Basketball New South Wales (BNSW). Associations must continue to be financial throughout the season.
- 1.02 Provide a venue that is approved by Sunshine Conference.
- 1.03 Provide suitable Referee nominations as per the criteria outlined in these bylaws.
- 1.04 Provide score table officials as set out below:
- 1.05 Provide Score table officials for all home games, it is strongly advised to have 4 score table officials, but a minimum of 3 is required.
- 1.06 Score table officials should have relevant experience to be able to fulfil the required tasks.
- 1.07 Remain compliant with the BNSW Registration By-Laws.
- 1.08 Ensure that coaches hold a current club coaching accreditation (level one).
- 1.09 Have paid all Conference nomination fees.
- 1.10 Nominate a team manager or contact with each competing team.
- 1.11 Each Association must provide a delegate from their association to be on the committee of Far North Coast Sunshine Conference to be eligible to participate in the conference. Failure to provide a delegate will mean team nominations will not be accepted. Delegates must be active participants in the committee and must attend meetings and responding to discussions and votes on a regular basis. If a delegate is unable to attend a meeting, notice must be provided, along with a reasonable explanation.
- 1.12 In accepting entry into the Conference all associations, teams and individuals so entered shall be bound by these Rules and Regulations.

2.0 Withdrawing from the League

Where an association nominates a team in the Conference and subsequently withdraws that team from the competition, the association will be liable to a penalty as outlined below:

- 2.01 Withdrawing a team PRIOR to the nomination deadline = NIL.
- 2.02 Withdrawing a team AFTER the Nomination deadline = loss of nomination fee.
- 2.03 Withdrawing a team AFTER the draw is released (within one month of the commencement of the competition = loss of nomination fee + \$100
- 2.04 Withdrawing a team DURING the competition = loss of nomination fee + \$500

3.0 Management of the Conference

- 3.01 Aims: To provide associations on the NSW Far North Coast with a high level of competition in which to represent their senior players during a defined season.
- 3.02 Control: The Sunshine Conference (the Conference) shall be under the control of the Far North Coast Sunshine Conference, Incorporated (ABN 38 183 213 787).
- 3.03 Administration: Recommendations for the Conference will be the responsibility of the Far North Coast Sunshine Conference Committee (the Committee) The Committee will comprise of five executive members plus one general member from each competing association.
- 3.04 The Conference Administrator shall be appointed by the Committee and paid remuneration at an hourly rate.

3.05 The duties and responsibilities of the Conference Administrator shall include:

- a) Identify and develop a relationship with nominated contacts of each competing association to ensure that your job is easy, and that Conference communication is acted upon.
- b) Liaise with clubs involved as to their availability for court hire prior to proposed Conference start dates and confirm court bookings once dates are finalised.
- c) Schedule a draft Sunshine Conference season using Excel for distribution to each committee member and competing association contact to check.
- d) Distribute Conference nomination forms and ensure their return by due date and forward to the Treasurer for invoicing.
- e) Co-ordinate with the Treasurer to ensure timely payment of nomination fees
- f) Set up Conference season in Basketball Connect, send out team codes to association contacts and liaise with contacts to ensure all members have joined the team prior to the start of the season.
- g) Check on a weekly basis via the Basketball Connect platform the registration details of players to ensure eligibility.
- h) Notify coaches by each Thursday of players that are not registered.
- i) Liaise with nominated court controllers from each team to ensure that venues and score bench personnel are available for the forthcoming games on a weekly basis
- j) Liaise with BNSW on matters related to training for referees and officials.
- k) Collate and update Conference game results on website, Facebook and Instagram weekly (every Monday).
- l) Collate game results and match reports and issue a brief press release to local media (TV, radio and newspapers) prior to 2pm Sunday detailing weekend results and points of interest
- m) Issue a press release to local media (TV, radio and newspapers) on Thursdays detailing upcoming games for the weekend and points of interest.
- n) Update Sunshine Conference Facebook and Instagram page regularly with other stories of interest (conference related, local association related and just general basketball stuff of interest)

4.0 Finance

- 4.01 The Treasurer shall administer the finances of the Conference.
- 4.02 Payments of Conference accounts must be validated via the approval of the Treasurer and a second approved Committee member who is signatory on the bank account.
- 4.03 All member associations are required to promote any sponsor or sponsors of the Conference in any social media posts.

5.0 Registration of Players

- 5.01 All players are required to be registered with BNSW and registered with their association at the time of the competition to be eligible to play.
- 5.02 No player may register to compete in the Conference unless they are capable of qualifying for the final.
- 5.03 All players, coaches and manager will be required to self join their team through the online form.
- 5.04 Any player that is registered and approved to play but are yet to be credited for a game, will be removed from the list of available players, if their team has less than 40% of games remaining in that season.
- 5.05 A player can only registered to play in one division.
 - a) if a player is registered to play in division 1 they are not permitted to play in division 2.
 - b) if a player is registered to play in division 2 they are permitted to play in division 1 and will be entered into any game for division 1 as a borrowed player. However once the player plays 3 games in the division 1 competition, then the player will remain in the division 1 team and can no longer partake in the division 2 competition.

6.0 Registration of Coach/Managers

- 6.01 All coaches/managers are required to be registered members of BNSW through the association for which they are coaching/managing.
- 6.02 It is required that all team head coaches hold a current club coaching accreditation (level one) at the time of competition.

7.0 Teams

- 7.01 After receiving team nomination, the Conference Administrator will set up registration forms in Basketball Connect and invite associations to join the competition. All players, coaches and managers must to join the team through their association's registration form, in the competition through Basketball Connect. All players and coaches must join the team no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the competition.
- 7.02 Only fourteen (14) players may be nominated per team. An additional two (2) development players may be nominated but these 2 players must be under age 18. If there are any extenuating circumstances, associations may submit a request in writing to the Sunshine Conference Committee for additional players.
- 7.03 All players must be a minimum age of 16 (can turn 16 during the season).
Built into the online form for joining teams, there are terms and conditions for any approved players that are under eighteen years of age at the commencement of the season. The players parent/guardian must read the terms and conditions along with the player and accept the terms at the time of joining the team online. Any team that plays with an underage player (that is not approved) will automatically forfeit the match and be fined.
- 7.04 Teams may field up to twelve (12) registered players per game.
- 7.05 Prior to the start of the season, the Conference Administrator will circulate a full team list of registered players who are eligible to play to the Team contacts. Associations will be required at this time to endorse their Official Team List. If any changes need to be made to the team list after the start of the season, the Association must put this in writing and forward to the Sunshine Conference for approval.
- 7.06 If a player does play without current membership with BNSW, the association shall be held responsible and will, in the first instance, lose the game by forfeit and pay the stipulated forfeit fine to the Conference, further disciplinary action may be taken against the association.

- 7.07 Associations will be required to nominate a person to attend a pre-season Court Controllers online meeting where game set up and administrative requirements for the season will be discussed.
- 7.08 Players who have played in a team cannot be removed from the team except for extenuating circumstances. Teams will be required to apply to the committee for approval to remove any players.
- 7.09 After the commencement of the season additional players can only be added to the team under extenuating circumstances and by seeking approval from the committee.

8.0 Restricted Players

- 8.01 Each team in the Division 1 Men and Women competition are entitled to have a maximum of two (2) restricted players.
- 8.02 Each team in the Division 2 competition are entitled to have one (1) restricted player.
- 8.03 A player will be ruled as a restricted player if they satisfy either Category A or Category B
- Category A: Is a player who was born outside the FIBA Asia/Oceania region and is not an Australian citizen, permanent resident or refugee
- Category B: Is a player who is an Australian citizen, permanent resident or refugee or born in the FIBA Asia/Oceania region.
- Also includes players who average greater than 50% in the NBL1 Men or 62.5% NBL1 Women of available court time in the most recent season (or higher competition).
- 8.04 If a player last played in the NBL1 or equivalent overseas league 2 seasons prior to the current season, and has not played in any other competition in Australia or overseas, then the status given in that season shall apply.
- 8.05 Unrestricted players: A player will be ruled unrestricted in any of the following scenarios, noting that clearances, BA approval and FIBA Oceania Foreign Player Licences may still be required.
- The Player is a citizen from any of the FIBA Oceania members (as per the FIBA Regulations).
 - The Player has citizenship from any of the FIBA Asia member (as per in the FIBA Regulations) and has not in the past seasons played with a division one (1) club. Teams will be limited to 1 player from FIBA Asia.
 - An international student who is in Australia on a subclass 500 student visa. Teams will be limited to one (1) international student.
 - Players who do not hold Australian citizenship status but immigrated to Australia with their parents prior to their fifteenth (15th) birthday may apply for a Special Foreign Player License.
 - Players who hold Permanent Residency, evidence of Permanent Residency needs to be lodged with both Basketball Australia and Basketball NSW.
 - Players who hold Refugee status, evidence of Refugee status needs to be lodged with both Basketball Australia and Basketball NSW.
- Please Note: Players who have citizenship from any of the FIBA Oceania members (as per in the FIBA Regulations) are allowed to play in all Leagues in Australia without being considered “foreign” or “restricted” in terms of competition eligibility.
- All Oceania born players outside of Australia still need to obtain a FIBA Oceania Foreign Player licence before participating for their association. A fine will be imposed by FIBA if a player plays without a licence being granted.
- Please refer to FIBA Oceania’s regulations for International Licences for Foreign Players, fees do apply and foreign players will not be permitted to play without a Foreign Players Licence.
- 8.06 Home grown player(s): If a player competing in either the NBL1 Men or Women (or equivalent overseas league) is deemed as restricted by by-law Restricted Player, but is returning to their home association may be ruled as unrestricted if:

- They have previously played more than 120 games (women) or 150 games (men) as an unrestricted player in any BNSW senior league for their home association, or
 - They have played 6 seasons representing their home association in a BNSW conducted junior league competition, (2020 COVID cancelled season may be considered as part of eligibility if registered to play in that season) or
 - If a player has only represented one association in all BNSW competitions at junior and senior level, they are classified as a home-grown player.
- 8.07 Permanent Residents/Refugees: Players who hold permanent residency are classified as unrestricted, evidence of permanent residency needs to be lodged with BA, BNSW and Sunshine Conference before participating in the League.
- 8.08 Each Association is required to notify the League Competition Coordinator the names of all restricted players and/or non-restricted players with citizenship other than Australian, that are registered to play in any of their teams, indicating the basis of their restriction and residency status.
- 8.09 Any restricted player may be replaced by another restricted player during the regular season, provided it is before the eligibility cut-off date. Any games in which the replacement-restricted player participates may not be counted towards the original restricted player's finals eligibility. The replacement restricted player must have the appropriate visas and clearances in place before participating in the League.

9.0 Finals

- 9.01 To be eligible to play in the Finals Series, a player has to have played a minimum of 40% of games in that season, that is to be suited up for the games and recorded on the scoring system, with the exception of injury.
- 9.02 Any player that misses participation in a league game(s) whilst trialling for, training for or representing their State, and Country in a sanctioned Basketball Championship/Tournament shall have those games missed due to this participation included in the calculations for finals eligibility. The player must have played a minimum of four (4) games for that Association to be eligible to have the missed games included in the calculations for finals eligibility.
- 9.03 To claim this exemption Associations must apply in writing to the Conference Administrator at least 14 days prior to the start of the finals series starting, stating the details of the games missed and a copy of the release for state and/or national commitments must be included
- 9.04 A player by virtue of injury/illness fails to qualify for the finals series may apply in writing to the Conference Administrator at least 14 days prior to the start of the Finals for permission to play. This must be done via the online request for exemption form, completed by the delegate and medical evidence uploaded. No applications will be considered outside these timelines.

In considering the application the Conference Committee shall regard only the following criteria.

- a) The players must have played a minimum of 2 games, this excludes DNPs
 - b) The injury was reported by either the player or delegate via the online injury report, this form should be completed within 7 days from the date of injury.
 - c) The delegate submits a medical evidence report and request for exemption to the Administrator/Committee by no later than 14 days prior to the start of the finals.
- 9.05 With regards to DNPs, at the end of the game if a player does not take the court, or if there are no transactions recorded against the player(s) in stadium scoring, shall mean that the player(s) were present and entitled to play, but the coach chose not to play them. These games will be counted towards a player's finals eligibility.
- 9.06 The format of the finals will be as follows based on the results at the end of the regular season.
Semi Finals – 1 v 2 and 3 v 4. Winner of 1 v 2 will progress to the Grand Final.
Preliminary Finals – Loser of 1 v 2 plays winner of 3 v 4.

Grand Final – Winner of 1 v 2 plays winner of Preliminary Final.

9.07 For associations to be eligible to host finals they are required to have the following:

- a) Have an association delegate on the Committee
- b) Have both a men's and women's team
- c) Must have successfully implemented all administrative requirements when hosting season home games
- d) Must have successfully live streamed games and made them available to the public

10.0 Reports and Tribunal

- 10.01 It is the duty of the officials in any match to report any person or player who misconducts themselves, within 48 hours.
- 10.02 An Independent Tribunal appointed by the Conference Committee shall deal with any reported individuals. In some case's the Conference Committee may choose to have any incident investigated by an independent person. It is up to this tribunal to decide on suspension time as per BNSW Rule List.
- 10.03 The Independent Tribunal shall comprise of three (3) independent persons not associated with the conference and one (1) committee member to act as Tribunal Chairperson, in accordance with BNSW guidelines.
- 10.04 All protest and complaints shall be refereed in the first instance to the Conference Administrator.
- 10.05 BNSW Tribunal procedures will be used in all cases and circumstances.
- 10.06 All players and/or team staff must be clear of any penalties imposed by any basketball authority or indirectly affiliated with Basketball Australia prior to competing in any Conference event.

11.0 Public Image

- 11.01 The image of the basketball and the Conference in general shall be upheld by all participants.
- 11.02 Any participant of the league (either individual, team or organisation) found guilty of using either a public-address system, game programs, social media either personal or public accounts (such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube etc.) or the use of media outlets as a means of bullying, criticising, making sexist or racist remarks about another individual, team or the Conference in general will not be tolerated.
- 11.03 Associations will be held responsible for any adverse media, or public, comment originating through these agencies.
- 11.04 The Conference Committee is empowered to impose a fine, or recommend expulsion, in the event that any adverse comment is reported, and after investigation is proven, the Conference Committee has discretion with respect to the amount of the fine to be imposed.

12.0 Playing Rules

- 12.01 FIBA Rules -The playing rules of the League shall be the rules of FIBA with some modifications.
- 12.02 Timing Rules -Each Game shall consist of 4 x 10-minute quarters (fully timed) as set down in the FIBA rules. Drawn Games teams on equal scores at full time will play an extra period(s) until a result is achieved. Each entire period shall be five (5) minutes and will be conducted as per FIBA Rules.
- 12.03 Match ball present to be BNSW Approved Sponsor – Wilson Basketball. Men use a size 7 and Women use a size 6. Each team is to provide their own basketballs for warm-up. The referee will make the decision on which basketball will be the match ball.

13.0 Abandoned Games

- 13.01 Abandoned Games- where a game is abandoned (e.g. loss of power to the stadium, extreme weather conditions, unsafe playing surface or incident within the venue or surrounds) the following

determines who makes the decision and actions to be implemented. The below is not definitive but is to highlight that the referees' official duties commence 20 minutes prior to tip-off

Time (before tip-off)	Who
60 mins+	The match day manager informs the Administrator by phone The League administrator makes the decision
60 mins	<i>The appointed Game officials should be onsite</i>
60 -20 mins	The court supervisor informs both the Administrator by phone and the game officials. The administrator in consultation with the relevant people eg court supervisor, referee supervisor or referees to make the final decision.
20 mins – until final siren	The match officials review the situation, the crew chief makes the final decision

In the event the league administrator is unable to be contacted by phone, the next contact is president, followed by vice-president.

13.02 Result of the game

Stage of the Game	Decision
1 st – 3 rd Quarter; 20 points or more	The result of the game will be recorded at the point when the game was abandoned
1 st – 3 rd Quarter: 19 points or less	The game will be rescheduled; the abandoned game will be treated as if it hadn't occurred
4 th Quarter or Overtime	The game will be ruled as finished and the score at the time of the game being abandoned shall stand.
4 th Quarter or Overtime: Score tied	If the result of the game has no bearing on teams qualifying for finals, the game will be ruled as finished and the score at the time of the game being abandoned shall stand. However, the result of the game will have a bearing on teams qualifying for finals. The game will be rescheduled from the point where it was abandoned, that is, the time that was left of the clock. Only the players recorded as playing in the abandoned game are permitted to play in the resumed game.

13.03 Game abandoned due to behavioural matters: If the game is abandoned due to behavioural matters of one or both teams, It shall be deemed a forfeit, and a report must be lodged by the game officials with BNSW.

14.0 Forfeits

- 14.01 A team shall lose the game by forfeit if:
- a) It refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referees.
 - b) By its actions it prevents the game from being played.
 - c) Fifteen (15) minutes after the starting time, the team is not present or is not able to field five (5) players.
- 14.02 In the event of a forfeit, the game is awarded to the opponents and the score shall be twenty (20) to zero (0). Further, the forfeiting team shall receive zero (0) points in the classification.
- 14.03 If a team has had a forfeit throughout the season and finishes on equal percentage with another team(s), it will receive the lowest ranking, irrespective of results between the teams concerned.
- 14.04 In the event of a forfeit, the association responsible will forward the forfeit fine to Sunshine Conference within seven (7) days of the game. Failure to pay such fine may mean disqualification at the discretion of the Conference Administrator /Committee. The fine must be paid before the team plays its next scheduled game. If not the team will forfeit all games subsequently played until the fine is paid.
- 14.05 Associations claiming expenses incurred at their home courts in the event of a forfeit should direct such accounts to the Conference Administrator within three (3) days of the forfeit occurring, providing a detailed breakdown of the expenses.
- 14.06 Associations who forfeit at their home court are not eligible to claim expenses.
- 14.07 Forfeits (per game) = \$120 plus costs per claim as follows:
- a) Court Hire.
 - b) Referee Fees.

15.0 Game won by default

- 15.01 Team shall lose a game by default if, during the game, the number of players of that team on the court is less than two.
- 15.02 If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead, the score at the time of stoppage shall stand. If the team to which the game is awarded is not ahead, the score shall be recorded as two (2) to zero (0) in its favour.

16.0 Uniforms

- 16.01 Associations shall have two uniform sets available for each team. Teams must travel with both sets of uniforms (or have reversible uniforms).
- 16.02 All teams must play in their approved uniform.
- 16.03 The singlets can use any numbers with a maximum of 2 digits, as per FIBA rules.
- 16.04 Players may only wear apparel, which is registered as part of their uniform in order to be eligible to participate in warm-ups.
- 16.05 In any competition where central venue(s) is/are utilised, and a clash of approved uniform colours occurs, the first team (team A) is the home team and therefore Team B is required to change colours.
- 16.06 T-Shirts regardless of style may not be worn under shirts, even if the player has written medical permission.

- 16.07 The following **compression** garments are permitted to be worn. They must be either black or same colour as uniform.
- a) Sleeved tops (short or long)
 - b) Sleeveless tops
 - c) Calf sleeves
 - d) Arm sleeves
 - e) Quad sleeves
 - f) Full length compression tights
 - g) Headbands/Sweatbands
 - h) Any compression garments worn on the legs must be black in colour
 - i) Headgear must be black and have no buttons, pins or OH&S risks
- Medical braces require approval to ensure they are compliant with OH&S standards. If approved they can be any colour.

17.0 Scheduling of Games

- 17.01 Games shall be played on a home and away basis on weekends. A draw will be distributed prior to the starting weekend of the competition
- 17.02 Where desirable and with the consent of the away team, matches may be played on a Friday evening or public holiday subject to being published on the league draw at the commencement of the season. The visiting team has the overall right of refusal.
- 17.03 Where necessary or requested by teams, double header games may be included in the season.
- 17.04 For the regular season, no game shall start earlier than 1pm Saturday and no later than 7.30pm on Friday or Saturdays or later than 3pm on Sundays.
- 17.05 Once the season has started, associations requesting a game change (date and/or time) must:
- a) Obtain approval from their opponent's Association.
 - b) Submit a written application to the Conference Administrator detailing the reasons for the request.
 - c) Games cannot be changed without Conference permission.
 - d) A fee of \$50 shall apply for each request.
- 17.06 All players and coaches will be required to sign the game sign on sheet prior to the game commencing.

18.0 Special Rules

- 18.01 Red Card System – Player or Player Coach. If a player accumulates three technical fouls for poor behaviour during the season, they will receive an automatic two-game suspension. Sunshine Conference will issue this suspension post-game, and it will be implemented immediately upon notification to the association.
- If a Player receives an automated suspension, this shall be construed as meaning that the suspended Player cannot during these two (2) games suspension do any of the following basketball related activities;
- a) play basketball
 - b) referee
 - c) coach
 - d) table officiates
 - e) officiate in game statistics

If the same Player receives two more technical fouls in the same season (for poor behaviour) then the offending player will be required to appear before a Conference Tribunal hearing.

To clarify the intent of this rule, this means that the offending Player:

- a) cannot choose which games the suspensions will apply
- b) cannot use games played at local level to count towards their suspension.

The Red Card System carries over into the finals series.

18.02 Should a red card be issued (for poor behaviour), Associations do not have the right to appeal.

19.0 Risk Warning

19.01 All participants should be aware that there are risks of injury associated with playing basketball, as there are with other sports. Risks will arise in the context of the activities of running, catching, throwing, passing, and shooting the ball plus guarding opposing players. While Sunshine Conference aims to minimise risk, it is not possible to eliminate them all.

20.0 Classification of Teams

20.01 Compilation of the Conference ladder will show:

- a) Games won; and
- b) Games lost; and
- c) Forfeits; and
- d) Points for; and
- e) Points against; and
- f) Points percentage (based on points for divided by points against; and
- g) Percentage of games won.

20.02 Teams on each ladder will be ranked in order of win/loss record and point differential.

20.03 If 2 or more teams have the same win-loss record of all games in the group, the game(s) between these 2 or more teams shall decide on the classification. If the 2 or more teams have the same win-loss record of the games between them, further criteria will be applied in the following order.

- Higher goal difference of the games between them.
- Higher number of goals scored in the games between them.
- Higher goal difference of all games in the group.
- Higher number of points scored in all games in the group.
- If these criteria still cannot decide, a draw shall decide on the classification

20.04 Sunshine Conference adopts FIBA's rules and procedures to determine the standings when more than 2 teams finish on equal points.

21.0 Disqualified Players/Coaches

21.01 When a disqualifying foul is imposed on any player, coach or official, a report must be submitted on the incident by either the referee or game official.

21.02 Any player, coach, official or person associated with any team or association may be reported by any official of an association participating in the League for actions that would bring the league or basketball into disrepute.

21.03 The BNSW Disciplinary Tribunal By-Laws (as amended) set out the Procedures to be followed in the event of any report being lodged.

- 21.04 If a player receives a game disqualification (GD), then a report must be filled out, and the charge is Game Disqualification.
- 21.05 Where players play more than one game for the weekend, the referee or court supervisor must contact the Administrator/President immediately for further advice. The Administrator or President will advise if the disqualified person can continue to participate. This may depend on the nature of the charges and any previous history.

22.0 Playing Venues

- 22.01 Facilities nominated by associations are required to be compliant with the rules of the game as required by Sunshine Conference.
- 22.02 The home venue shall provide a court with a quality playing surface, suitable lighting, scoreboards, 24/14 second clock, Score table, Team benches, backboards (transparent preferred), foul paddles and possession arrows.
- 22.03 The playing surface, lighting and public address system must be of a high standard
- 22.04 Playing venues should have change room facilities with showers and toilet facilities.
- 22.05 Playing venues should have a referee's room with a lockable door, shower and toilet facilities.
- 22.06 Lighting requirements
- a) Courts must have quality lighting that provides uniform illumination suitable for competitive basketball.
 - b) Lighting must not produce glare or obstruct visibility for players, officials, or spectators.
 - c) Emergency lighting must be present and functional in case of power failure.
- 22.07 Safety and Medical Provisions
- a) A blood kit must be available and located at the scorer's table for each game.
 - b) Venues must ensure the availability of a designated first-aid area or medical room accessible from the court.
 - c) Sunshine Conference encourages all teams to carry their own first aid kits for use in emergencies.
- 22.08 Playing venues are to clearly display Conference Sponsorship Signage for the duration of the Conference competition.

23.0 Game Day

- 23.01 All home teams must supply a Court Controller who shall be responsible for ensuring all relevant score bench officials (4 is strongly advised, minimum of 3) are present (must be over age of 16), all required equipment is on the score bench, including Basketball Connect scoring system (iPad). They are to ensure staff/volunteer and crowd behaviour as per the BNSW's Code of Conduct rules is adhered to and referee security is upheld. Spectators will understand as a condition of entry that they may be asked to leave the venue by this person. This condition of entry must be clearly displayed to all entering the stadium.
- 23.02 At least twenty (20) minutes prior to the start of the game the Court Controller is to provide the sign on sheet to each team. The sign on sheet must include all player numbers, player names and players are to sign against their name.
- 23.03 Each head coach will indicate who their starting 5 are (by circling the playing number of the players) and mark their captain with a C next to their name and also sign the sign on sheet, indicating that this is the team that is playing. The score bench chairperson must also ensure that there is at least a head coach listed on the sign on sheet plus any assistant coaches.

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- 23.04 If a player is knowingly arriving late, they can still play in the game, as long as this is indicated before the signing of the sign on sheet. To indicate this, the head coach is to write the word "LATE" in the signature box. The late player must sign the sheet after arrival and ready to take the court and are not added to the team on Basketball Connect app until this time. If a player marked LATE does not arrive and take the court they shall be crossed off the sign-on sheet by the score bench officials.
- Any players not indicated as "LATE" will be crossed off the sign on sheet by the score bench officials and will not be eligible to participate in the game should they arrive after tip off.
- Any players that fail to sign the sign on sheet prior to the game commencing and LATE not being written, will not be able to take part in the game.
- 23.05 The score bench chairperson shall add the players and head coach to each team from the sign on sheet to the Basketball Connect Scoring app, checking all player numbers are correct.
- 23.06 Each team shall supply a suitable game ball to referees prior to the start of the game. Referees will choose, by agreement, an appropriate ball for the game. The alternative ball shall be kept at the scorebench in case of any damage or issue with the chosen game ball. Both balls will be return to the teams at the conclusion of the game. Men use size 7 and Women use size 6.
- 23.07 Match/Score-table conditions are to be adhered to in strict accordance with approved FIBA score-table instructions and regulations.
- 23.08 At least two (2) floor wipers, using broom style floor wipers, should be in position (one at each end of the court) throughout the game. Floor wipers are to be at least 10 years of age, or older. Floor wipers (Children) on hands and knees using cloths/towels is not acceptable for hygiene and safety reasons.
- 23.09 It is encouraged that a court announcer/commentator is provided to call all game and home Associations will be held accountable for any indiscretions on the part of the court announcer/commentator.
- 23.10 Appropriate warm-up music can be played prior to all matches; appropriate music may also be played during all time outs, game breaks and at half time.
- 23.11 The players, team officials, referees and special guests may be introduced to the spectators before the game commences. Where a Conference naming sponsor is appointed due recognition is to be given before and throughout the game as notified by the Conference Administrator.
- 23.12 The Conference Logo and all league sponsorship signage, as directed by the Conference Administrator, must be prominently displayed at all home game venues. Such signage will be supplied to each Association by the Conference.
- 23.13 The home team shall have available an approved Blood Kit and spare basketball in the event of a blood incident on the court. A senior Association official in the event of such incident will use this blood kit.
- 23.14 Basketball Connect app shall be utilised at all venues for Conference fixtures. Competing Associations are to provide all necessary hardware and software to facilitate this mechanism. Sunshine Conference will provide all set up, venue and referee codes.
- 23.15 At the end of the game the home team must ensure that the device is connected to the internet and that the result has been uploaded before closing Basketball Connect application.
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23.16 It is a requirement that the home Association live-stream or video their home games. Any recordings or links to live-streams must be made available to the Conference Committee after the conclusion of each game for the purpose of, but not limited to;

- a) referee development
- b) tribunal evidence
- c) statistics collection or review
- d) conference promotion

Failure to provide recordings, will result in warning to the association for the first instances, then fines of \$50 for the second, \$100 for the third and increasing in \$50 increments for each subsequent instance. If there is a technical issue or other reason why the recording of the game could not be completed, the delegate must email the administrator as soon as the technical issue or reason occurs to advise details. It is at the discretion of the Committee whether any fine should be waived for exceptional circumstances.

24.0 Referees

24.01 A Referee Coordinator shall be appointed as the manager of officiating in the Conference. The duties and responsibilities of the Referee Coordinator shall include:

- a) Obtain referee nominations from each association for teams nominated. Organise alternatives and back up referees if required.
- b) Set up referee roster for each game and send to committee and relevant associations.
- c) Ensure all referees have sent updated bank details. (Bank details form completed).
- d) Monitor and make any changes required for referees for each game.
- e) Continuously confer with referees if any issues arising.
- f) Send details to Treasurer, each Monday after games, to confirm referees and make any necessary changes to the roster for payment by Treasurer.

24.02 Referee Requirements:

- a) All competing Associations must nominate a minimum of two (2) referees per team with team nomination.
- b) Associations can nominate Referees that are registered with another association (subject to approval from the Conference Committee and their registered association), on the provision that the referee(s) is NOT already nominated and is willing to referee at your home venue for Conference games.
- c) The home association is responsible for providing two (2) referees for all home games. Associations need to confirm availability of their nominated referees no later than 7 days prior to any home game. If the home association is unable to fulfil the referee requirement for any home games, they must contact the Referee Coordinator no later than 7 days prior to the relevant game. The home association must pay an amount of \$75 for each alternative referee supplied for a home game.

24.03 All nominated referees must be either Intermediate or higher and a minimum of 16 years old** There is a requirement that each game will have at a minimum least one adult intermediate referee. No game is to be officiated by two junior referees together.

** Approval is at the discretion of the Conference Committee and the Referee Coordinator.

- 24.04 All Referees will be required to perform their duties wearing Sunshine Conference referee shirt, long black pants and black shoes.
- 24.05 Referee Game Payments are reviewed annually, if any increase in payments occurs, associations will be advised prior to the commencement of season, after the budget has been finalised..

25.0 League Awards

- 25.01 Towards the end of the season (round games), associations will be asked to nominate player/s from their team/s, for each award, to be voted on by all teams within that division (men / women).
- 25.02 The Head Coach will be required to then vote (3,2,1) for the best players in their division (men / women), from these nominations, with three votes to the best player – The Head Coach will be prohibited from voting for their own players.
- 25.03 Each association is required to nominate player/s (per team) from their own association in the following categories:
MVP of the Year (1 player)
Defensive Player of the Year (1 player)
All Star Five – (3 additional players - MVP and Defensive Player automatically get nominated in this category)
- 25.04 The winners of MVP and Defensive Player categories are automatically placed in the All Star 5. The three players receiving the highest votes from the All Star Nominees make up the remainder of the All Star 5. If one (or both) of the MVP or Defensive Player award winners are in the top three, the player/s with the next highest votes takes a place in the All Star 5.
- *** All individuals nominated must have played a minimum of 40% of games during the season.
- *** Sunshine Conference will review the nominations. Please note: Players that have been suspended are not eligible for nomination.

26.0 League Annual Meeting

- 26.01 After the season has been completed, the Conference Annual Meeting will be held. Attendance is compulsory for all associations who competed in the previous season and for associations wishing to enter the Conference the following season. The Conference Annual Meeting will be held by Microsoft Teams Meeting (or equivalent technology).
- 26.02 The Agenda for the League Annual Meeting will be circulated two weeks prior to the meeting date.