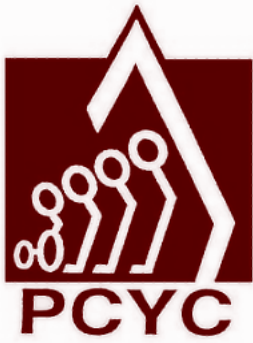




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FOR SATURDAY COMPETITION



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Games Commissioner

A Games Commissioner will be appointed by the Branch Manager to each set of games on a Saturday. The Games Commissioner will be responsible for the management of the games of basketball on a Saturday. On any matter on which these Rules are silent the Games Commissioner may make a decision. Provided the decision by the Games Commissioner is not inconsistent with these Rules, that decision will be conclusive. In the main, the Games Commissioner will be the Activity Co-Ordinator attached to the Redlands Branch. The Games Commissioner will report events to the Branch Manager by way of exception.

Application of these Rules

These Rules will apply to Magic Junior Basketball. In the absence of a ruling by the Branch Manager on any matter where these rules are silent, FIBA rules will apply.

Communications

If you want to communicate any matter concerning Magic Junior Basketball, please do so by writing directly to the Branch Manager. All formal communications must be in writing. You may telephone the Branch Manager on 32454639 or send an E-Mail to graham.pearse@pcyc.org.au. The Activities Co-ordinator (who is usually the Games Commissioner) may be contacted on 32454639 or at daniel.ivinson@pcyc.org.au

We will communicate with you primarily through the new notice board in the Court 1 and Court 2 stadium. Please make sure that you check the notice board each week.

Age Group Co-ordinators

An age group co-ordinator will be appointed by the Branch Manager to each age group at the start of each season. The main responsibility of this position is to monitor the competition for their specific age group and bring forward suggestions to the Branch Manager on how to improve the competition and the game of basketball generally at Redlands PCYC. Players, parents, coaches and referees are encouraged to speak to the Co-Ordinators and the Games Commissioner, in regards to their views on matters relating to their specific age group or general matters. Issues such as state of uniforms, division of age groups and new ideas are examples of what should be discussed.

Every 3 months and at the end of season, all age groups co-ordinators will meet with the Games Commissioner and the Branch Manager to discuss implementing new ideas and raise concerns. The age group co-ordinators will be an advisory group for Magic Basketball.

At the end of each year the age group co-ordinators, in conjunction with the Games Commissioner will examine and assess the state of each of the sets of uniforms and make recommendations concerning the retention of current uniforms or the acquisition of new uniforms. Coaches and Managers are encouraged to approach their age group co-ordinator with any suggestions or recommendations.

Non competition season

For the first part of the calendar year, a non competition season will be played. The purpose of the non competition season is to provide all teams, coaches and managers with an opportunity to grow and develop themselves and their teams. For the non competition season the Branch Manager or the Games Commissioner may, at their discretion, permit minor variations to player registration and team composition for the purpose of development of players, coaches and managers.

Competition season

A formal competition season will be played after the non competition season until the end of the year. During a formal competition season these By-Laws will strictly apply. Any by-law which may have been 'relaxed' during the non competition season will be enforced for the competition season. The Games Commissioner will determine the duration of the competition season based on the number of teams and the equitable allocation of competition games.

Ball Size

Under 10 age group, play with ball	size 5
Under 12 to Under 14 age group, play with ball	size 6
Under 16 Girls and up	size 6
Under 16 Boys and up age groups for males, play with ball	size 7

Scoring

Under 10's:

Players are allowed to score 8 points per half – total of 16 points per game. Once a team has scored, all their players must move back behind the halfway line. A player may score more than eight points if those points are scored as a result of a free throw situation.

All other age groups:

Any number of points may be scored by any player in a game. When there is a 20 point margin, the winning team must move back to the halfway line after each basket. This does not apply to preliminary finals, semi finals or Grand Finals.

Substitutions and Time Outs

There is no limit to the number of substitutions called per team during a game. Substitutions can be called after any whistle, or after a basket has been scored by the opposing team, in the last two minutes of the game when the clock has been stopped. Substitutions are also permitted after the last made foul shot of a shooting penalty. Players must approach the bench to ask for a substitution. Each team is entitled to 1 time-out per quarter. Teams are entitled to a second time-out in the fourth quarter, if a time-out has

been called before the commencement of the last two minutes of the fourth quarter. Time-outs can be called after any whistle and also after the opposition has scored.

Fouls

Players have maximum of five personal fouls per game. Once a player has gained five fouls, he or she must leave the game and is not permitted to re-enter the game. Each team is allowed four team fouls per quarter, without any additional penalty. Once a team has four team fouls (combined team personal fouls for the quarter), every foul after the fourth foul, entitles the opposition to two free shots (except on fouls where the opposition has team control).

Under 10

Referees should attempt to permit Under 10 teams to enjoy their game of basketball. In applying the rules of basketball, referees should endeavour to coach the under 10 players in respect to the rules as they are being applied. The three second key rule and the backcourt rule shall not be applied in Under 10's.

Mercy Rule

If a team is 20 points or more in front of their opposition at any stage of a game, they must retreat to the half-way line after they score and stay there until the ball crosses the half-way line. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in a verbal warning to the player. Further abuse will result in an official warning to the coach and a technical foul if the rule is breached a third or subsequent times in the same match.

Bench Duties and timing

Each team is responsible for providing someone to do bench duties during each game. Game clocks will be started on game start times where possible. Timing for all games is four periods comprising ten minute quarters. The clock is to be permitted to run continuously during a game. The clock is to be stopped when play is stopped in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter. The clock is to be stopped every whistle during this period and when a basket is scored. The clock is to be restarted when the ball touches a player on the court.

Courts 1 and 2 have 24 second clocks available for use during games. It is not intended that the 24 second clock be used for club games.

Draw at full time

Where there is a draw at full time in a fixture game, the game is deemed to be concluded at the end of the four periods of ten minutes. That is, no extra time will be played.

During preliminary finals, semi finals and grand finals if the score is even at full time, a three minute overtime period will be played with one minute break between the end of the scheduled game and the overtime period. The overtime period will be fully-timed, that is the clock will be stopped when the whistle blows or when a basket is scored. The clock will be restarted once the ball touches a player on the court.

Each team is allowed one time out in each period of extra time. Team fouls remain the same as the fourth quarter.

If the scores are still equal after playing the first overtime period, a second overtime period will be played to determine a winner.

If the score remains tied after 4 periods of extra time, the game will be declared a draw and be replayed at a later date.

Points

The following point system will apply during fixtures in the second half of the year, namely:

Win	3 points
Draw	2 points
Loss	1 point
Forfeit	0 points

Where a team wins on forfeit, the score shall be deemed to be 20 points for the team which did not forfeit and 0 points for the team which forfeited.

Registered Players

To be registered in a competition grade the player must be eligible for that grade on 31 December in the year in which the competition is played. (e.g. a player must be 13 years of age on 31 December to be eligible for 14 competition)

A player may register in 1 team only per age group.

To be a registered player the person

- ✓ Must be a financial member of the Club which will include a levy made payable to Basketball Queensland
- ✓ Must be registered at the office of the Club with the Branch Manager or the Games Commissioner at least 90 minutes before the game.

No transfer of registration will be permitted after midnight on the day of game seven of the competition fixture round, unless the Branch Manager is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist which warrant a transfer of registration.

All team members must be registered with Magic and PCYC.

Four registered team members must be present to take the court.

Player's names may not be added to the scoresheet after the end of half time. A player cannot take the court if his or her name is not on the score sheet.

Team composition

Teams shall have a maximum of 8 players unless otherwise authorised in writing by the Branch Manager. Where a team is permitted to have more than 8 players, such approval must be provided by 5pm on the Wednesday of any week for the player to take part in the competition games. The Branch Manager may place terms or conditions when a team is permitted more than 8 players and will specify the period for which the team may have greater than 8 players.

Teams competing in bidy ball, Under 10 and Under 12 may be of mixed gender. Players participating in teams from the Under 14 grade and above must be of the same gender within the team and the same gender as the team they are playing within the competition, unless approved by the Branch manager in writing.

Supplementary players

If four registered team players are present to play, teams may increase their total number of players up to a maximum of five players, using players from a lower grade or age group. The supplementary player's name and the team they play for must be marked on the scoresheet. A player may only assist a higher division or age group team for a maximum of 3 times. If a player plays up in the same higher grade or age group for more than three games as a supplementary player, then that player is deemed to be part of the higher grade or age group team and shall go on their team list and shall not be allowed to assist any other teams in that grade or age group as a supplementary player. Teams are only allowed a maximum of 8 players on their team list.

Supplementary players are not permitted in the preliminary finals, semi finals and grand finals. Any special considerations, including re-registration and deregistration, to this rule must be put in writing to the Branch Manager. The Branch Manager will make his or her determination based on the application of fair play in the competition. Players are not permitted to act as supplementary players in a lower graded division.

Forfeits

A team will lose 1 point for each minute it is unable to take the court from the commencement of the game, with at least 4 registered players. Teams have 10 minutes to take the court before the game is lost by forfeit. The ten minutes starts from the scheduled game time.

Transfer of a player from one team to another

If a player requests to be transferred to another team, that request must be in writing to the Activities Co-ordinator who will make the final decision and advise that decision in writing.

Payment

Membership is to be paid at the PCYC front office. Registration is \$35 per year for Bidy Ball players & \$40 per year for all other grades.

A game fee of \$8 per game is to be paid before the game to coach or manager. That money is to be remitted to the front office.

Training fees are to be paid to the PCYC front office before training each week, and is \$2 per training session.

Payment pockets will be made available each week for the collection of money. It is the responsibility of the coach or manager to return the money to the front office as soon as possible. Cash is the preferred payment method on Saturdays.

Preliminary finals, semi finals and grand finals

To qualify to play in a final game (Semi, Preliminary or Grand Final), a registered player must have played at least 5 games for that team during the current season.

The position on the points table at the conclusion of all of the round games will be determined as follows:

Firstly teams will be ranked in the order of the number of competition points scored during the season.

If two teams are equal the ranking will be determined by percentage. Percentage is determined by dividing the number of points for by the number of points against.

The finals will be structured in the following matter.

Semi final	Game 1	Position 1 plays position 4 on ladder
	Game 2	Position 2 plays position 3 on ladder
		Winner of each game goes to Grand Final
Play off for 3 and 4		Loser of game 1 plays loser of game 2

Uniforms

Redlands PCYC has purchased approximately \$40K worth of uniforms. The uniforms are made available to players and the maintenance of those uniforms is of paramount concern to the Club.

Uniforms must be returned to the coach or manager after each game. Teams need to wash uniforms after each game. Uniforms must not be worn to or from the courts, or for other sporting or training purposes. They are provided for the games only.

If a player wears a uniform to the club premises or wears a uniform away from the club premises, then that player will be required to lodge a \$25 deposit at the office for the breach of this rule. If there are no further breaches of this rule, the deposit will be returned to the player on the last game of the year. That player may not take the court as a player until the \$25 deposit is lodged at the office.

It is compulsory for all players to wear PCYC black shorts. Any players not wearing PCYC black shorts will be considered to be out of uniform and be penalised 5 points for incorrect uniform. PCYC black shorts are to be ordered from the Front Office, and players may receive dispensation to play without PCYC black shorts if they are ordered through the club but aren't in stock.

Jewellery, Nails & Skins

No jewellery, earrings, ear studs, visible body piercing, rings or non-plastic hair clips are allowed. Any hair that is in the referee's opinion deemed dangerous is not allowed. Nails must be trimmed short. Skins are subject to Basketball Australia Guidelines.

Hanging from the rings

During a programmed game of basketball the rules of FIBA will apply. That is, the sequence known as a 'slam dunk' will be permitted. However outside of a programmed game of basketball (i.e. during scratch matches, training, warming up, warming down and general use of the courts) no person will be permitted to 'hang' from the ring or the netting for any reason. A person is deemed to hang from the ring or the net if such intentional contact prevents the person, even for the slightest amount of time, from returning to the court. The Management Committee of the Redlands PCYC had directed that any person who 'hangs' from the ring will automatically received a suspension from playing basketball for a period of one week. The suspension will apply automatically. The offending person will be informed immediately and be issued with a letter within 7 days.

If the offending person wishes to appeal the suspension, they must advise the branch manager of their intention to do so within 24 hours of being informed of their suspension (verbal or written). The Branch Manager will take all reasonable steps to give effect to the intent of this rule.

Representative basketball

Players who are selected to play representative basketball for the Redlands PCYC must participate in a club game each Saturday (except where team has bye). Failure of a player to participate in a Saturday club game will result in that player being ineligible to play in any representative games during that weekend. Where extraordinary circumstances exist which may result in a representative player not being able to participate in a Saturday club game the Games Commissioner may give permission to miss Saturday club game/s. Players unable to find placement in a junior team may play in the senior competition, with the same rules applying to them for their senior team. All junior representative players **MUST** make themselves available to play in junior club teams.

General behaviour

The Games Commissioner may ask individuals to leave the centre if their behaviour is deemed too aggressive for a game. Coaches & managers are encouraged to talk to parents and visitors about not criticising the referees and their decisions. **This is a family environment club and the success of the development of our junior referees will ensure that the overall standard of refereeing in our club improves. Please try and be patient with our young referees.** Any club member may report an incident to the Branch Manager. Such reporting can include incidents of: verbal abuse, score bench table abuse, racial or derogatory comments, misuse or destruction of property, or physical abuse.

Discipline

The coach and or manager of each team will speak to their player(s) if they believe they are behaving in an unacceptable manner. If the player refuses to acknowledge warnings or behave accordingly as instructed, the matter will be referred to the Branch Manager, who may refer it to a Judiciary. The official referees reserve the right to report matters as a judiciary incident.

Judiciary

Definition of Misconduct

The following conduct may amount to misconduct, namely:

- ✓ technical foul or repeat technical fouls;
- ✓ inappropriate or abusive language;
- ✓ back chatting or intimidating Referees, Players, Managers or Officials;
- ✓ striking a player, manager, coach, official or referee or attempting so to do;
- ✓ use of inappropriate or excess physical force; or
- ✓ any other conduct which would not be reasonably expected by members of a sporting community which may bring the game of basketball or the ethos of the Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association into disrepute.

These Rules apply to the game of basketball played within the confines of Police-Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) or games of basketballs with which a PCYC is associated and any conduct which is able to be linked to the game of basketball at a PCYC.

General conduct

Spectators, Players and officials participating in Basketball at any place are required to behave professionally and not be guilty of any conduct which may amount to misconduct. During a game of basketball the Referee is the sole judge of fair and unfair play in respect to adjudication of the rules of the Game of Basketball.

During a game of basketball the players, coaches and managers are deemed to be under the control of the Referees. That area of control includes areas which are not on the basketball court.

This Rule does not prevent the Branch Manager or the Games Commissioner dealing with managerial matters in the administration of the game without the need for a judiciary hearing.

Reporting misconduct

Any person is at liberty to report alleged misconduct. A report of alleged misconduct must be in writing and will clearly outline all of the circumstances surrounding the conduct being reported. The reporting of misconduct will be in a format determined by the Branch Manager and may be made to the Branch Manager at any time.

Any inappropriate conduct arising during a game of basketball which is being reported by a Referee is to be recorded on the score sheet for the game or attached to the score sheet for the game if practicable. Any other reporting should be directly to the Branch Manager.

Where the alleged inappropriate conduct relates to a Games Commissioner the circumstances are to be reported directly to the Branch Manager. Such report shall be in writing and clearly outline the circumstances where misconduct is alleged. The Branch Manager may make his determination in accordance with the *Association Rules* and *Procedures Manual*.

Suspension until matter determined

Without the express permission of the Branch Manager any person against whom a report has been furnished is excluded from participating in the games of basketball as a coach, manager, official or player until the matter under inquiry is determined. There may be circumstances where a person against whom a complaint has been lodged will be permitted to continue to participate in the game of basketball until the matter is resolved. The method of managing this clause will be at the discretion of the Branch Manager.

Examination of allegation(s) by Branch Manager

The Branch Manager may make a determination on any matter which is reported in writing. The decision of the Branch Manager may be appealed to the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.

Examination of allegation(s) by Judiciary

The Branch Manager may appoint as minimum of any three independent persons (as a Judiciary Committee. Where a Branch convenes a Judiciary Committee, that Committee is deemed to have jurisdiction to determine any matter placed before it by the Branch Manager.

A Judiciary Committee will be provided with a written request to examine any matter which has been raised.

One of the Judiciary Committee members must be familiar with the rules of the game of basketball. The Judiciary Committee is to establish a finding of fact in relation to any allegations of conduct, reported in writing, which may amount to misconduct. The persons appointed must have no connection to the circumstances under inquiry. It is immaterial to the appointment of a judiciary member if that member actually witnessed the incident under inquiry.

The Judiciary Committee may make what ever inquiries it deems necessary to determine a finding of fact. The Committee is not bound by formal rules of evidence. In making a determination the Judiciary Committee shall make its finding based on the balance of probability. In making a determination of fact on balance, the more serious the allegation the higher the standard of proof, the more persuasive the balance which is required (*Briginshaw v Briginshaw*).

The Judiciary Committee will appoint a Chairperson among themselves and the Chairperson will report the findings of the Judiciary Committee to the Branch Manager within 72 hours of the determination of fact. The findings will be reported in writing providing the imposition of a sanction or a recommendation on what action or further action, if any, is to be taken. The determination of the Judiciary Committee will, within 24 hours, be conveyed orally to the person against whom the allegations were made by the Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee. That decision will be confirmed in writing to the member within five days of the making of the decision.

The Judiciary Committee must meet within 96 hours of the report of an allegation of misconduct being received by the Branch Manager.

The person(s) against whom allegations are made will be provided with a fair opportunity to respond to any allegations, either personally or in writing. The *Doctrine of Natural Justice* will apply. The person against whom an allegation is made may have a friend accompany him or her to a judiciary hearing. The friend is not permitted to participate in the judiciary hearing without the permission of the Judiciary Committee. At the request of the Judiciary Committee the friend must leave the judiciary hearing. Legal representation is not permitted at a judiciary hearing. Should the person against whom allegations are made elect not to make personal representation, the Judiciary Committee may convene and make its determination ex parte.

Sanction

A Judiciary Committee may only determine a penalty which prevents or qualifies a player, coach, manager, spectator or official from participating in or viewing the game of basketball at a PCYC. The sanctions which are open to the Judiciary Committee include

- ✓ A caution
- ✓ A reprimand
- ✓ A suspension for a period with or without conditions
- ✓ A period of probation with or without conditions
- ✓ Exclusion from a Branch or tournament in which the PCYC is participating in for a period determined by the Judiciary Committee
- ✓ Any combination of the above sanctions

These sanctions may be imposed and the implementation subsequently suspended for a period of time with or without conditions.

The Judiciary Committee must clearly specify the date on which the sanction commences, and the date on which the sanction concludes (if appropriate).

Automatic suspensions

The Branch Manager may determine, from time to time, circumstances which result in an automatic suspension of a period not exceeding four fixture matches for the player, coach or manager associated with that team. In the absence of a written appeal to the Branch Manager such automatic suspension will take effect immediately the incident occurs. Where the member concerned wishes to dispute any automatic suspension that member will make written application to the Branch Manager who will determine, in appellate jurisdiction, what action (if any) is to be taken. Any such appeal by a player, coach or manager must be made within 24 hours of the deemed commencement of the automatic suspension.

Appeals

Appeals from a Judiciary Committee may only be made based on an error of law, an error of fact, or quantum of sanction. A person may only appeal in respect to matters concerning himself or herself. Appeals cannot be lodged in respect to other parties to the tribunal.

Where an appeal is lodged a fee of \$20 must accompany the appeal. The money is to be lodged with the Branch Manager. If the appeal is successful in part or in its entirety, then the \$20 will be refunded.

In respect to this determination a Branch Manager may convene an appellate tribunal at the request of any party to the judiciary hearing. Any appellate inquiries will be finalized as soon as possible. The Branch Manager may convene an appellate tribunal either alone, or in conjunction with other persons. However, the final decision in respect to any appellate matters rests solely with the Branch Manager.

The Judiciary Committee may make a recommendation to the Branch Manager that a person be excluded from the Branch for a period of time or that a more severe penalty be imposed. In such cases the Judiciary Committee will refer the matter to the Branch Manager for determination by the Branch Manager. The Judiciary Committee may make such recommendations to a Branch Manager as they deem necessary.

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