

Season Review

The season was a testament to the growth and passion for basketball in our community. We saw many exciting and competitive games across all divisions, and it was fantastic to witness the development of our players. Unfortunately we lost two teams during the season for different reasons but welcome 5 new teams for the 2025/26 season. We have seen a number of new officials which is fantastic to see.

As Peter mentioned we had a number of occasions where the rules have been tested, and with a positive collaborative approach these have been amended to better suit the leagues needs. The updated rules should be carefully reviewed by all. As always any suggestion to the running of the league are welcomed by the committee.

Fixtures

I'm pleased to report that the number of fixtures requiring rearrangement was minimal, demonstrating excellent cooperation and communication between our teams. With very few forfeited games across the season.

Discipline

On the disciplinary front, we must address some concerning trends. This season, we recorded a total of 84 technical fouls and 65 unsportsmanlike fouls. These infractions resulted in a total of 20 game bans issued across all divisions. Additionally, we had 5 straight disqualifications.

Furthermore, we had three games forfeited due to teams fielding players who were not properly registered, should have been unavailable due to a previous disqualification or past the January deadline didn't seek special approve to be registered. This highlights a critical need for all teams to be fully aware of and compliant with the league's registration rules.

Looking Ahead: The 2025/2026 Season

The upcoming 2025/2026 season has already presented some challenges, particularly with fixtures and the new licensing process. The transition to a dual-platform system using both PlayHQ and Teamsportz has introduced some initial complications.

Important Reminders for the New Season

- **Player Licencing and Registration:** It is imperative that all players are properly licensed and assigned to your team on PlayHQ. This includes junior players who may be licensed elsewhere within your club. They must be assigned to your senior HBL team using the same registration link as all other players.
- **Teamsportz:** We appreciate that using two separate applications—PlayHQ for registration and Teamsportz for day-to-day game management—this can be a learning curve. However, once the season is underway, the majority of your weekly information will flow through Teamsportz. We strongly encourage all players and coaches to familiarise themselves with both platforms.

Conclusion

We are committed to making the 2025/2026 season our most successful yet with the highest number of teams and games the League has ever seen. We are here to support you and ensure the league runs as smoothly as possible. As always, if you need help or advice, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you.

Adam