

Teesside Basketball League Constitution And Rules



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Modifications and updates

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League Constitution

1. Name

- 1.1. The organisation shall be called the Teesside Basketball League, hereinafter referred to as "The League."

2. Aim and purposes

- 2.1. The League shall organise and promote the game of basketball in accordance with the current England Basketball rules, hereinafter referred to as "EB".

3. Executive Committee

- 3.1. The Honorary Officers of the League shall comprise President and Vice-Presidents (without voting powers).
- 3.2. The affairs of the League shall be managed by the Executive Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "EC", who shall organise and run the League. The EC will comprise of Chairman, Treasurer, Registrar, Website Administrator, Development and Media Officer, Referees Secretary and Fixture Secretary. To be elected at the A.G.M.
- 3.3. All disciplinary matters will be dealt with by the EC.

4. Membership

- 4.1. Membership shall be open to all clubs in the area who are affiliated to the EB and can fulfil application requirements of the League and agree to abide by the Constitution and Rules.
- 4.2. All individual members of an affiliated club become individual members of the League as soon as their names are registered with the League.
- 4.3. A team that disbands or resigns from the League must pay all outstanding debts to the EB and the League.

5. Finances

- 5.1. The finances of the League shall be administered by the Treasurer under the direction of the EC which shall decide financial policy.
- 5.2. The League funds shall be kept in a current account in a named bank. Cheques shall be signed by any two of the EC. The Treasurer may also operate the account online. The accounts shall be audited by the two persons approved by the EC
- 5.3. Each team will be required to pay an entry fee each time it enters the League. Entry fee for both league and cup competitions must be paid prior to the start of each season.

6. The A.G.M.

- 6.1. This shall be held in annually when reports and accounts of the previous

year shall be presented. Any individual member of the League may attend this meeting.

- 6.2. A maximum of two members per club have voting powers. EC members have one vote each. No person may vote twice. Decisions shall be taken on a majority vote. The Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to the casting vote.
- 6.3. Notice of the A.G.M. shall be given at least one calendar month in advance. All seconded proposals, amendments or alterations to Constitution or Rules of the League shall be in the hands of the EC at least 14 days prior to the date of the A.G.M.
- 6.4. The agenda of the A.G.M. shall be circulated to all clubs at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

7. Alterations to the Constitution or Rules

- 7.1. This shall be only at the A.G.M. or at a specially convened meeting called by the EC at the request of at least five member clubs.
- 7.2. Fourteen days notice shall be given to all member clubs of the proposed alteration.

8. General

- 8.1. Any matter not provided for in this Constitution shall be dealt with by the EC whose decision will be final.

League Rules

1. The League

- 1.1. The format of the league will be decided before the start of the season by the EC appropriate to the number of clubs.

2. Registration

- 2.1. A registration meeting will be held prior to the commencement of each season. Clubs not represented at this meeting or have not forwarded to the Area Registrar their League fees prior to this meeting will not normally be entered into the League. The EB club membership should have been received by the EB prior to the date of this meeting.
- 2.2. All players in the League must be registered with both the League and the EB before a game is played. Players will be allocated a League registration number. Any one player may only register with one club in the League. Any club playing an illegal player will forfeit. A team may comprise both men and women.
- 2.3. Any club entering two or more teams can register their players for one team only.

3. Transfers

- 3.1. A player may be transferred from one club to another only after both clubs agree. That agreement should not to be unreasonably withheld. The team making the transfer must inform the Web Development officer and the other team involved in the transfer. The transferred player can only play for their new team 7 days after the final confirmation has been received.
- 3.2. Any player may transfer only once in any season. No transfer may take place after 31st January.

4. Fees

- 4.1. Teams will pay a membership fee of £100 per team per season. This may be updated periodically by the EC.

5. Match Officials

- 5.1. The Referees Secretary will appoint referees to all league and cup matches from a referees panel.
- 5.2. Each team must provide, as a condition of entry into the League, a minimum of one qualified official to carry out match duties each season, or send at least one representative on appropriate refereeing courses organised by the league. If a team is unable to do this they will pay £50 towards league refereeing costs and agree to placing one person on a refereeing course.
- 5.3. Referee fees shall be £18 per game plus a £20 bonus at the end of the season for refereeing 10 or more games. In a league game referees must be paid by the home team before of the start of the game.

- 5.4. Referees may also claim travel expenses at a rate set annually by the EC.
- 5.5. Any club who fails to fulfil a club appointment(s) must pay referees fees in the first instance, and any subsequent infringement will result in disciplinary review from the EC.
- 5.6. If only one neutral referee turns up the game will be played. The two teams must provide a suitable qualified official to assist. When a team provides an official, that official must complete a full period.
- 5.7. If neither official appears and one of the teams refuses to play, the game must be re-arranged. If an official is available from either team and both teams are willing to play, the game may be played. This official must complete a full period.
- 5.8. Referees should be present 15 minutes before tip off time.

6. League System

- 6.1. The League shall have all matches completed by 31st March.
- 6.2. Winning teams will be awarded 3 points, losing teams 1 point and forfeited matches 0 points, with the final score being awarded 20-0 to the non-forfeiting team. There will be no draws and overtime will be played when necessary.
- 6.3. At the end of the season the top and bottom teams will be promoted and demoted at the discretion of the EC.
- 6.4. In the event of a tie in league points at any point, this shall be resolved as follows:
 - A table will be compiled taking account only of the matches played between the teams involved in the tie. The teams are then placed in accordance with league points gained in this table.
 - In the event of further equality, the difference between the points scored and points conceded in these matches will be taken into account.
 - In the event of further equality, the difference between the points scored and the points conceded in all matches in the League will be taken into account.

7. Equipment

- 7.1. All teams in the League must play all matches on full size courts. The court must be up to standard with all markings visible.
- 7.2. The home team must provide two competent table officials, a match ball, EB score pad, a game clock, visual if possible; an audible signal, device, air horn, whistle or similar; visual score indicator, player and team foul markers, and a directional arrow.
- 7.3. A club failing to provide the required equipment on repeated occasions may result in disciplinary action. Infringements should be reported to the referee by the away team who should then report the infringement to the Referees Secretary.

8. Dress

- 8.1. All clubs must provide their teams with properly numbered uniform. Where colours clash the home team must change.

9. Website Team Information

- 9.1. All team information must be kept up to date on the League website including tip off times, venue and strip colour.

10. Playing Rules

- 10.1. The playing rules shall be those of the EB.

11. Honouring of Fixtures

- 11.1. Fixtures must be played on the agreed date and cannot be postponed unless the venue is unavailable for an unscheduled reason. The unavailability must be confirmed with the venue.
- 11.2. Should a fixture fail to take place because of the failure of the officials to attend, the fixture may be re-arranged by the home team, once only. The Fixture Secretary must be informed immediately, in writing, of the new date for the fixture which cannot subsequently be re-arranged.
- 11.3. In the event of a valid cancellation the home team must provide, within three days, three alternate dates. The away team will have three days from notification to accept one of the dates. In the event that either club is unable to agree a date or exceeds the time limit. The Referee Secretary must be notified of fixtures
- 11.4. If a team finds it is unable to honour a fixture then it must inform the opposing team, the match officials and the Fixtures Secretary no later than 6.00pm on the day preceding the scheduled fixture. Failure to do this may result in disciplinary action.
- 11.5. In the event an away team doesn't turn up they forfeit the game and should pay all costs including table officials, referees and venue.

12. Notification of results

- 12.1. The home team must retain the score sheet and enter the result onto the League website within 48 hours of the match being completed. All mandatory details including player statistics must be provided. (www.teessidebasketball.co.uk). The penalty for not entering result on the website is one league point.

13. Disqualifications

- 13.1. Any player disqualified from a game will be referred to the EC and may be subject to a ban or fine.

14. Fines

- 14.1. Fines imposed must be paid within 14 days of receipt of notification. If not paid then the offending team will forfeit all games played during the non-payment period.
- 14.2. The EC has the power to suspend or fine any club or individual for any breach of League Rules.

15. Executive Committee

- 15.1. Members of the EC may receive up to £60 per annum towards phone, computer and travel costs.
- 15.2. The EC will be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules. The decision of the EC on any matters of the League not provided for in these rules made shall be binding and final.

16. Cup and Plate Competitions

- 16.1. The home team is responsible for the payment of the court hire and the away team is responsible for the payment of both referee fees.
- 16.2. Any cup or plate game which is postponed must be played before the date of the next round. Any game which is not played due to a postponement, the team who postponed the game initially will forfeit the game (see section 16.2).
- 16.3. Any team forfeiting a cup game will be removed from both cup and plate competitions.

Annual General Meeting

Agenda

- Chairman's address
- Apologies for absence
- Proposals for additions or alterations to the rules or constitution
- League report
- Treasurer's report
- Election of officers to the League
- Resignations from the League
- Application for membership to the League
- Acceptance to the League
- League make-up

Any nominations for officers to the League or proposals for additions or alterations to the rules or constitution must be received by the EC before the date of the meeting.

All completed club registration/application for membership forms should be received by the EC prior to commencement of business of the A.G.M. as a condition of entry or re-entry to the League.

BLANK FORMS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING

Clubs who are not represented at this meeting will not normally be entered into the League.