

Strathclyde Masters 2025

Tournament Rules 2025

Playing Rules

1. All games will be played under FIBA rules with the following exceptions:
2. The organising committee's decisions are final in all matters and the committee may change or alter any rule or regulation on the day to benefit the smooth running of the tournament.

Players & Registrations

1. All teams must have completed registration and paid all entrance fees by the first game in order to participate in the Strathclyde Masters Basketball Tournament.
2. **Age Limit:** men playing in the over 40/50/60/65 age category must be at least 40/50/60/65 years of age and ladies 40/50 by the 31st of December 2025.
3. All players must provide their Date of Birth. Proof of age may be requested and the playing of underage players will result in immediate disqualification. (Any team is entitled to request proof of age from another team through the organising committee on the day of the tournament.)
4. Players are only permitted to play/register for one team in each age category, players can play in different age categories.
5. Teams cannot add new players to their squad on a Sunday.
A player must be listed on Game Score sheet and attended on Friday or Saturday to be eligible to play on Sunday.
6. In the event that a team is short of players, which would make them unable to continue to participate, the team can make representation to the Management Panel to request a relaxation of the Player Eligibility rule. This can only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
7. It is expected that all players conduct themselves in the spirit of masters basketball. Failure to do so may incur disciplinary action. The Strathclyde Masters Basketball Club **WILL NOT** tolerate abuse of referees or officials and any such abuse will result in immediate player disqualification with the possibility of a future ban on playing in SM tournaments.

Attendance on Court & Game Timing

1. All games must start at the allocated game time.
2. Failure by a team to be ready to start a game on time can result in a default and the game being awarded to the opposing team.
3. All games must be completed within the allocated time slot. In the event of a game running late, the Games Commissioner may take a decision to Run the Game Clock if required.
4. Game Time Allocation will be 1 hour per game.
The game will consist of 4 x 6 minute quarters with a 2 minute break between quarters and a 5 minute break at half time.
Each team is allowed 2 time outs, one in each half.

Tied Games

1. In the event of a tied game, five players who finished the game for each team will shoot one free throw each with the team scoring the most baskets being deemed winners. If the game is tied after each team has taken their free throws, the game will be decided on a sudden death shoot out with players taking free throws in the same order as the initial shoot out.

Fouls

1. Players will be disqualified after 4 personal fouls in any match.
2. Teams will be in 'penalty' in each quarter, once they reach 5 team fouls.
3. If a player is ejected from a game for any of the of the following offences :- accumulation of two technical fouls, fighting, unsportsmanlike foul/conduct or violent fouls, said player will be disqualified for the next game and depending on the offence may be disqualified by the Management Panel for the remainder of the tournament.

League Positions

If 2 teams are tied on points in the league, then the winner of the game between the 2 teams will be given the higher position.

If 3/4 teams are tied on points then the points difference between the teams involved will decide the order of the teams

Management Panel

The Management Panel will consist of: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Games Commissioner of Strathclyde Masters Basketball Club. The Panel will resolve all matters referred to it, which are not covered by the Tournament Rules, whether they are operational, disciplinary, or management matters.