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Definitions / Abbreviations

BIHQ: Basketball Ireland Headquarters

SENIOR: a player over 16 years of age on the first of January of the year when the first round of the NICC is held.

NABC: The National Area Boards Committee

NICC: National Intermediate Cup Competition

AICC: All Ireland Club Championships

NC: National Cup

NRC - National Referees Committee

NTOC - National Table Officials Committee

NAIC - National Area Intermediate Competition

1. NICC - Basketball Ireland National Intermediate Cup Competition

The competitions shall be called the *National Intermediate Cup Competition (NICC)*. One shall be for Senior Men and one for Senior Women.

1.1. ORGANISATION OF COMPETITION

1.1.0 The competitions will be jointly organised by a sub-committee from BIHQ (maximum 3 nominees) and the NABC (maximum three nominees) who will agree the format before the start of the competition each season.

(Note: the competitions may be regionalised in early rounds depending on number of entries)

1.1.1 BIHQ will be responsible for the drawing or setting of fixtures and all financial aspects.

1.1.2 The NABC will be responsible for rule implementation, protests, appeals and disciplinary matters.

1.1.3. Dates for the competitions will be entered on the BI Competitions Calendar and will not be altered except in exceptional circumstances.

1.1.4 Number of entries may be capped at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

1.1.5. Entry Fee will be set each season.

1.1.6 For 2015/16 competitions the fee shall be €100 per team per competition, where a club enters both men and women's team a total of €150 will apply. Fee must be paid before an entry form will be accepted into the draw.

1.1.7 Clubs and Players must be registered with Basketball Ireland and their Area Board

1.1.8 Only clubs teams will be accepted as entries, no representative teams.

1.2. ELIGIBILITY:

1.2.0 All Senior players registered with Basketball Ireland and their Area Boards prior to the commencement of the NICC and who have played at least two games for their clubs the current season are eligible except:

1.2.1 Any player who has played in the National League in the current season is ineligible.

1.2.2 Players that played U18/U20 National Cup will be eligible provided they have not played in the National League.

1.2.3 Any team found to play an ineligible player will be removed from competition and further sanction may apply.

1.3. NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

1.3.0 The winning team must notify the BIHQ Competition Secretary as stipulated on the BI website within 30 minutes of the game finishing and also post the scoresheet to BIHQ. Failure to do this will result in a fine of €20.

1.4. PROTESTS & APPEALS

1.4.0 Protests against the result of a game must be sent by registered post to the Secretary General, Basketball Ireland with a date mark that is within 72 hours on the date of the game and accompanied by a fee of €50. This fee shall be returned in the case of a successful protest. A copy of the protest must be sent to the opposing team in the same time frame.

1.4.1 Appeals against the decision of the hearing of a protest must be submitted to the SG by email within 48 hrs of receipt of the finding. An Appeal Fee of €100 must be sent at the same time to BIHQ. This fee will be returned to the appellant in the case where the appeal is successful.

1.5. OFFICIALS

1.5.0 Officials will be appointed by the NRC in all rounds up and including the Quarter-finals. Home teams will pay officials in these games.

1.5.1 Table officials are the responsibility of the home team.

1.5.2 The NRC will appoint officials for the semi-finals and Finals. BIHQ will pay Officials for these games.

1.6. VENUE

1.6.0 It is the responsibility of the home team to ensure their venue is available 30 minutes prior to the commencement of their game.

1.7. AWARDS

1.7.0 The Cup winners will receive a perpetual trophy and a set of 15 winner's medals. The runners-up will receive a set of 15 runners-up medals.

1.8. GENERAL COMMUNICATION

1.8.0 All communications including rules draws and fixtures will be communicated through the Basketball Ireland website and by e-mail. Entry Forms will be available to download also.

1.9. DISCIPLINE

1.9.0 See Discipline procedure on website

http://sportlomo-userupload.s3.amazonaws.com/uploaded/galleries/638_uploaded/BI_Bye-Laws_2015_1448388087.pdf

2. Basketball Ireland National Area Intermediate Championships

2.1 General:

2.1.0 The NAIC competition is run under National Competitions Regulations where standard FIBA rules apply, with the exception of rules contained herein. Pre and post-match procedures must be followed in accordance with the National Competition Regulations.

2.1.2 The NAIC shall be held annually at the National Basketball Arena or at any other venue the NABC may decide.

2.1.3 The NABC shall submit the dates of the NAIC for listing in the National Competitions Calendar.

2.1.4 The NAIC competition is confined to representative teams from Area Boards (Men's & women) whose players are registered with their board and Basketball Ireland (BI).

2.1.5 An Area Board must enter a Representative team

2.1.6 Area Board's representative team can have a maximum of 4 intermediate players from any club affiliated and playing in their competitions within their geographical area.

2.1.7 All players on the team shall be registered with a club and qualified to play.

2.1.8 All players participating in the NAIC must have been fully registered with their club and BI by 31st December and playing with their Area Boards for the current season and must have a BI membership number that must be entered on the score sheet for each game.

2.1.9 Teams may include a maximum of 2 licensed players provided prior authorization is received from the NABC.

2.1.10 Teams who wish to wish to play a licensed player must apply to the NABC within 2 weeks of the completion of Senior National Competitions.

2.1.11 Teams who wish to play a licensed player must provide score sheets as evidence, that the player played a substantial number of games in their local competition and had minimal playing time in Senior National competitions.

2.1.12 No player Under 16 years of age on the 1st of January of the current season is eligible to participate in the NAIC.

2.1.13 All Area Boards competing in the NAIC must pay €100 entry fee per team. The fee must be paid by the date decided by the NABC.

2.1.14 Once the pool draw has been made any withdrawal of a team shall result in a fine of €200 on the Area Board

2.1.15 Once the competition has commenced, should an Area Board fail to fulfil a scheduled fixture the NABC shall impose a monetary sanction of €500 on the Area Board.

2.1.16 The NABC shall be responsible for the scheduling of the fixtures and the running of NAIC competition.

2.1.17 The NABC shall be responsible for the booking of the National Basketball Arena or any other venue that may be required for the running of the competition.

2.1.18 The NABC shall nominate a venue officer who shall ensure, the provision of match basketballs, individual and team foul markers, a visible score board and clock and official BI score sheets.

2.1.19 The NABC is responsible for the appointment of a technical Committee for the duration of the competition which should compose of the following:

2.1.20 A member/two members of the NABC. A selected representative of an Area Board team who is not a member of the NABC.

2.1.21 A neutral nominee (e.g. the lead referee/game commissioner) who will chair the Technical Committee.

2.1.22 The NABC shall ensure that the National Referees Committee (NRC) are requested to appoint officials to the competition and the fixtures scheduled is forward to them in adequate time to allow for the appointment of officials.

2.1.23 The NABC shall negotiate with the NRC the fees to be paid for the competition and how the payment is to be made.

2.1.24 The NABC shall ensure the National Table Officials Committee (NTOC) are requested to appoint officials to the competition and the fixtures schedule is forwarded to them in adequate time to allow for the appointment of officials.

2.1.25 The NABC shall negotiate with the NTOC the fees to be paid for the competition and how the payment is to be made.

2.1.26 All teams must be properly attired with matching uniforms and be properly numbered.

2.1.27 Every effort will be made by the NABC to ensure there are no colour clashes, however, in the event of a conflict of colour, all teams must be prepared to change and have a second set of gear. The decision as to which team should change will be arrived at by tossing a coin.

2.1.28 Teams must be in the gymnasium at least 30 minutes prior to the game time and the venue must be available at least one hour prior the commencement of the competition on each day.

2.1.29 At the discretion of the NABC, games may be brought forward as long as both teams and match officials agree.

2.1.30 Protest and Appeal Procedure:

2.1.31 The team captain shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee if their team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the score sheet in the space provided.

2.1.32 Protests must be submitted in writing within one (1) hour following completion of the game. The fee of €100 must accompany the written protest, which must be handed in person to a member of the Technical Committee.

2.1.33 The Technical committee will deal with the protest within a time scale that will allow for a decision to be made before the team in question will have to play its next game. The decision of the Technical Committee on the protest will be final and there will be no course of further appeal. The technical committee are there to ensure the smooth running of events on the day(s).

2.1.34 The NABC shall apply for a grant to the Council of Basketball Ireland annually to cover the cost of Referees fees, Table Officials fees, Commissioner fees and cost of the venue if applicable. The NABC must comply with all requests from Basketball Ireland including but not limited to a budget, eSports text service, score sheets, match reports and photography.

2.1.35 The NABC reserves the right to make amendments to the rules in this document.

2.1.36 Matters not covered in this document may be decided by the NABC.

2.1.37 Any changes to this document must be ratified by the NABC.

2.2 PENALTIES:

2.2.0 Outside of automatic fines, the NABC may impose penalties upon individual players, clubs, club members and/or game officials as it sees fit.

2.2.1 Penalties may be in the form of fines, league points, suspension or disqualification from the League fixtures or any other penalties deemed appropriate by the NABC from time to time.

2.2.2 All penalties will be notified in writing by the CO.

2.2.3 A penalty imposed by the NABC not including automatic penalties as outlined in Appendix 1 may be appealed in the first instance to the NABC. Such an appeal shall be in writing and shall be provided to the CO within 5 working days of the notice of the penalty. The NABC may decide to refer the appeal to the National Appeals Committee depending on their previous ruling.

2.2.4 No appeal under section will be considered unless it is accompanied by a bond of 100 Euros (€100), which shall be returnable if the appeal is subsequently upheld.

2.2.5 The appeal must clearly state the grounds on which the penalty is being appealed and shall include any documentary evidence to be considered necessary to support the appeal. The NABC may not always hold an appeal hearing for such appeals.

2.2.6 Until such time as an appeal is heard the penalty will stand unless otherwise determined by the NABC.

2.3 PAYMENT OF FINES:

2.3.0 All fines imposed, whether they are individual or team fines must be paid within 30 days of the commencement of the competition. All clubs will be liable to pay a member's fine and seek reimbursement from that individual. No fine may be appealed until it has been paid.

2.4 WRITTEN PROTEST:

2.4.0 If a team believes that its interests have been adversely affected and that the decisions taken have influenced the result of the game, it may protest the result by signing the score sheet 'under protest' in accordance with the procedures outlined in the FIBA Official Basketball Rules.

2.4.1 A written protest and a 100(100) Euro fee must be sent to the CO to arrive within one (1) hour following the time of the game; e-mail is acceptable but must be followed up with a phone call to ensure the receipt of the e-mail. If either the written protest or the fee is not received within the specified time, the protest shall be considered null and void. A copy of the written protest must also be sent to the opposing team.

2.4.2 Video evidence may not be used to determine or change the result of a game.

2.5 OTHER DISPUTES:

2.5.0 Any other dispute, not being a written protest or a disciplinary matter, arising from a game should be submitted in writing to the CO within one (1) Hour following the game. The report may be sent by e-mail and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee, as outlined in Note 4. If either the written dispute or the fee is not received within the specified time, the protest shall be considered null and void. A copy of the written dispute must also be sent to the opposing team.

2.5.1 In relation to a dispute against a referee, a copy will be sent to the assessments officer and it will be the assessments officer, in conjunction with the office who will decide on any action, if deemed necessary. The club will be informed of any decision arising from the dispute.

2.5.2 Any other dispute arising from a non-game situation shall also be subject to the guidelines above.

2.6 OF THE NABC:

2.6.0 The NABC will appoint an Technical Committee, comprising of a minimum of three persons, who will act on behalf of the NABC and review all written protests under Regulation 8.3 and other disputes under 8.4. In reaching its decision, the Technical Committee may consult with others, as it deems appropriate. The final decision of the Technical Committee will be conveyed to all interested parties in writing.

2.6.1 If the Technical Committee rules in favour of the team making the protest or dispute, the fee shall be refunded in full.

2.6.2 In exceptional circumstances, the NABC may deem late written protests or late written disputes compliant with the time limits set out. The NABC reserve the right to investigate any breaches of regulations brought to their attention, punishment may include fines, loss of points and expulsion from competitions.

2.7 DISCIPLINE OF CLUBS, CLUB MEMBERS, CLUB OFFICIALS, COACHES, PLAYERS AND GAME OFFICIALS:

2.7.0 The Technical Committee, comprising of a minimum of three persons, will deal with all disciplinary matters relating to the NAIC Competition. The membership of the EDC will be

determined the NABC and may comprise of more than three persons. The decision of the Technical Committee will be notified to the NABC and will be binding on all parties.

2.7.1 Players, coaches, clubs and club officials may be fined and/or suspended for any disciplinary incident occurring before, during or after a game. Disciplinary action may also be taken against a Team for any unacceptable behaviour by its followers and /or supporters.

2.7.2 Serious abuse of match officials and all Basketball Ireland members on social media forums can be subject to disciplinary actions.

2.7.3 If a club intentionally fields a weakened team they may be deemed guilty of bringing the game into disrepute and may be subject to disciplinary action.

2.7.4 When a player or member of coaching staff is disqualified from a game they automatically receive 14 penalty points and the national disciplinary board will review the case and determine if more penalty points will be added to this total.

2.7.5 The exception being when the disqualification is for two unsportsmanlike fouls or two technical fouls. In such a case the player or coach will receive 10 penalty points and the case will only be referred to the disciplinary committee if so decided by the CO/NABC.

2.7.6 Disciplinary matters will be referred to the Technical Committee by the NABC or the CO arising from referees reports; match commissioner's reports; written complaints; recommendations from the NRC. All issues considered by the NRC as potential disciplinary matters must first be sent to the CO and the CO will decide on referring to the Technical Committee

2.7.7 Disciplinary action in respect of automatic penalty points will have immediate effect.

2.7.8 A system of cumulative penalty points will be maintained and a one-match suspension is automatic when a person reaches 20 points, 30 points will result in suspension from the competition.

2.7.9 The cumulative penalty points shall remain in effect for one calendar year from the date of the incident leading to the points being assigned. In the case of an incident leading to a suspension for longer than one year, cumulative penalty points shall remain in effect for duration at the discretion of the NDC.

2.7.10 The following procedures shall apply to all disciplinary matters;

2.7.11 The CO shall forward copies of all reports related to the incident being considered to the managers of both teams.

2.7.12 Each club, player and/or official shall have one (1) hour from the distribution date by Basketball Ireland to submit its own report or submission on the incident.

2.7.13 Each club, player, official and/or other interested party shall have the right to make a verbal submission to the Technical Committee on the day of the hearing.

2.7.14 All hearings shall be heard in private.

2.7.15 The Technical Committee in ruling on any disciplinary matters may use video evidence.

2.7.16 The decision of the independent disciplinary board shall be a single written decision arrived at by a majority vote. The committee shall not be obliged to give reasons for its decision but, where practical are encouraged to do so.

2.7.17 BI will endeavour to hold all disciplinary hearings within 13 working days of the incident.

2.7.18 The NABC will communicate the decision of the Technical Committee to all interested parties in writing (email is acceptable). It is the duty of the Club to ensure that if a player (whether she/he is still licensed with the Club or not) is the subject of or affected by a decision of the Technical Committee that she/he is informed of the decision.

2.7.19 Game officials are subject to the disciplinary procedures above.

2.7.20 Disciplinary matters relating to game officials may be drawn to the attention of the CO by the NRC; players; coaches; match commissioner; NABC members.

2.7.21 Any such disciplinary notification regarding a referee/commissioner/table official must be in writing and accompanied by a protest fee if applicable. All matters relating to refereeing will be referred to the NRC/TOC (depending on the official) and the NABC by the CO. The procedures as outlined in 8.6.10 will be implemented.

2.7.22 In relation to a club protest against an official, that is not a disciplinary matter – the procedures as outlined in 8.4 will be implemented.

2.7.23 Decisions from disciplinary matters have the right of appeal to the National Appeals Committee.

2.8 EFFECT OF SUSPENSION:

2.8.0 Any disciplinary action decided by the Technical Committee will take effect immediately and this decision will remain in force until the written appeal and fee are received as outlined in 8.10.1 herein.

2.8.1 All disciplinary action will be applied to both League and Cup games regardless of what competition the incident occurred in.

2.8.2 Notwithstanding the rules herein, in relation to disciplinary matters that occur during the months of February and March (except for final's/semi-final weekends which is dealt with in section 2.9 below), the disciplinary hearing, and if required the appeals hearing, shall be held within 8 working days of the incident occurring.

2.8.3 For this purpose the Club shall have 24 hours from the time the decision of the NDC is made known to lodge the appeal. In such cases it will be possible to lodge an appeal by sending an email to the CO along with a fax copy of the cheque (or the fee itself) as appropriate. The email must be followed up with a phone call to ensure receipt of the email.

2.8.4 Any suspension not served in full before the end of the season will be carried forward into the following season and will commence from the time the player receives a licence for the new season.

2.8.5 In the event of a player not being in a position to serve a suspension, the NABC may seek to impose relevant sanction(s) on the club at the time of the disciplinary decision.

2.8.6 It is only possible to replace suspended players with players who are at the time of the incident leading to the suspension already licenced with the Club.

2.8.7 Any player or coach who is suspended may not play or sit within the team bench area. He/she may be present at the venue unless otherwise decided by the NABC.

2.8.8 Commissioners and/or Officials will be informed by the CO of any player or coach suspensions in force in advance of a game to which they are appointed.

2.9 APPEALS:

2.9.0 The Technical Committee's decision will be final. Due to time constraints there will be no right to appeal such decisions.

3. Basketball Ireland All Ireland Club Championship

3.1.0 The competition is run under National Competition Regulations where standard FIBA rules apply, with the exception of rules contained herein. Pre and post-match procedures must be followed in accordance with the National Competition Regulations.

3.1.1 All clubs participating must be fully registered members of Basketball Ireland (BI) and players should be registered fully with Basketball Ireland through the on line registration system. All playing members must have been registered with BI before 31st December of the current season to be eligible to play in their respective competition.

3.1.2 All Area Boards competing in the AICC must pay €100 entry fee per team per competition where they are represented. This fee should be received by the hosting Area Board at the latest two weeks before the event. Failure for teams to submit their entry fee by the required deadline of the competition will result in an additional late fee of €50 to be added.

3.1.3 All players of the participating club must be registered with the Area Board in which the club is geographically located and with the U-14/U-16 team as competing in the local area competition. All players must have a BIPIN that must be entered on the score sheet for each game.

3.1.4 Players competing in the AICC can play in both competitions, once they played on both teams in their local area competition, in accordance with National Underage Rules 2014-2016.

3.1.5 A club must play in their own county/area board to be eligible to qualify, however if your own area/county board does not provide a competition in this category you may qualify from another area/county. If a local area board competition is provided this is the competition that a club must qualify from e.g. If a club plays in more than one area board competitions they can only qualify from the area/region in which their home court is geographically located. The NABC will be responsible for the final decision on the interpretation of this regulation, subject to individual cases proposed by Area Boards.

3.1.6 Players are only eligible to participate in the AICC once they have played with the club in the local competition in which the club has qualified from. Scoresheets from the local competition must be provided to verify the player's eligibility. If there are additional slots to be filled in any section of the competition, the NABC reserves the right to fill returned slots once offered to all area boards eligible to enter the competition.

3.1.7 Once an area/county board confirms entry into the All Ireland Club Championship any withdrawal by a team from that area/county board will result in an automatic suspension of the entire area board from the following year's competition. If extra spots become available for the competition as a result, the area board with the most teams competing in that aged league will be awarded the extra spot.

3.1.8 Once the competition has commenced, should a club fail to fulfil a scheduled fixture the NABC may impose a monetary sanction as allowable under the National Competition Regulations.

3.1.9 A player in the U-14 competition must not be fourteen (14) before 1st January 2016 and must be eleven before 1st January 2016. Likewise a player in the U-16 competition must not be sixteen (16) before 1st January 2016 and must be thirteen before 1st January 2016. The burden of proof as regards a player's age will be on the club and player if a query arises.

3.1.10 Adequate insurance cover as specified by Basketball Ireland must be in place for the event and a copy of the Insurance Certificate of the hosting venue must be lodged with the BI office.

3.1.11 Games will be 6 minutes per quarter for all competitions. One time out per quarter with two in the final quarter. Where the scores are tied at the end of the 4th quarter, overtime of 3 minutes will be played.

3.1.12 The following ball sizes will be used:

U14 Boys	Size 6
U16 Boys	Size 7
U14 Girls	Size 6
U16 Girls	Size 6

3.1.13 All teams will be entitled to play 12 players in each game. Fifteen medals will be provided as team prizes for 1st and 2nd in Under 14 and Under 16 boys and girls competitions. First place teams will also be awarded a cup that will be returned in advance of the following season.

3.1.14 The 'A' section is drawn as per the entries 10 teams = 2 pools of five, 12 teams = 4 pools of three. The B section will be four pools of three, with all three teams qualifying to the play-off stages. The play-offs are sub-divided into three divisions, with there being a winner, runner-up, third and fourth places in each division. Cups are only presented to the winner of the final and Medals are only been presented to the winners and runner up in the final.

3.1.15 Within the pool games, in the event of two or more teams finishing on level point totals the procedures set out in the FIBA classification of teams will be employed to determine the final rankings.

3.1.16 Each Area/County Board is responsible for ensuring that their nominated venue meets National Competition standards and may be inspected by a nominee of the Area Board Committee prior to the event.

3.1.17 The Hosting Board is responsible for table officials, provision of a hosting committee, nominated venue-officer, provision of match basketballs, individual and team foul markers, a visible score board, visible clock and official BI score sheets. All table officials must be registered with Basketball Ireland. Payment of Table Officials is at the discretion of the Hosting Area Boards.

3.1.18 The Hosting Board is also responsible for the appointment of a Technical Committee for the duration of the Tournament which should comprise of the following:

3.1.19 A member/two members of the hosting committee,

3.1.20 A selected representative of the participating teams, not including the host team, and

3.1.21 A neutral nominee (e.g. the lead referee/game commissioner) who will chair the Technical Committee.

3.1.22 Basketball Ireland in conjunction with the Regional Referees Representatives/National Referees Committee (NRC) will appoint Referees to the tournaments; these referees will be paid, where applicable, by the Venue Officer of the Hosting Area Board. All referees must be registered members of Basketball Ireland.

3.1.23 The match fee is €15 per U14 game and €18 per U16 game and 0.25c per mile for travel expenses if applicable. Because of the number of games involved it is acceptable that the hosting boards may come to agreement with the local referees association around the match fees.

3.1.24 All teams must be properly attired with matching uniforms and be properly numbered.

3.1.25 Every effort will be made by the organisers to ensure there are no colour clashes, however, in the event of a conflict of colour, all teams must be prepared to change and have a second set of gear. The decision as to which team should change will be arrived at by tossing a coin.

3.1.26 Teams must be in the gym at least 30 minutes prior to the game time and the venue must be available at least one hour prior to the commencement of the tournament on each day.

3.1.27 At the discretion of the Host Committee, games may be brought forward as long as both teams and the match officials agree.

3.1.28 Protest and Appeal Procedure in the All Ireland Club Championship:

3.1.29 The captain shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee if their team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the score sheet in the space provided.

3.1.30 Protests must be submitted in writing within one (1) hour following completion of the game. The fee of €100 must accompany the written protest, which must be handed in person to a member of the Technical Committee.

3.1.31 The Technical Committee will deal with all protests within a time-scale that will allow for a decision to be made before the team in question will have to play its next game.

3.1.32 The decision of the Technical Committee on the protest will be final and there will be no course of further appeal. The technical committee are there to ensure the smooth running of events on the day(s).

3.1.33 A grant from Basketball Ireland, if possible, will be awarded to each Hosting Area Board per age section upon completion of the All Ireland Club Championship and post event requests. The Hosting Area Board must comply with all requests from Basketball Ireland including but not limited to a budget, a results text service, score sheets, match reports and photography

3.1.34 When a player or a member of coaching staff is disqualified from a game they will automatically receive 10 penalty points for their first offence, a further 10 points will be received for

a second disqualification. Where a player or member of the coaching staff receives a total 20 points in the competition they will be disqualified and shall take no further part in the competition

3.1.35 The NABC reserves the right to make amendments to this document and to the fixtures/competition up to 1 week prior to the event.

4. U-18 & U-20 NATIONAL CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS

4.1.0 All clubs competing in the above competition must be a registered member of Basketball Ireland (BI) and players should be registered with BI under the team registration scheme. All players of the club must be registered with the clubs Area Board and with the U-18 or U-20 team as competing in the Area Boards competition (where applicable). These team lists will be available to view on the Basketball Ireland website.

4.1.1 Players leaving the jurisdiction of Basketball Ireland to play basketball may not return to play in National Competition in the current season.

4.1.2 As per FIBA age limits, a player in the **U-18 Cup** must be under the age of 18 on or after the 1st January of the current season

4.1.3 A player in the **U-20 Cup** must be under the age of 20 on or after the 1st January of the current season

4.1.4 The burden of proof as regards a player's age will be on the club and player if queried and the player may be asked to produce their birth certificate/passport to the office if required to confirm compliance.

4.1.5 Adequate insurance cover as specified in Basketball Ireland Regulations must be in place for the Tournament Events and a copy of the Insurance Certificate of the Hosting Club must be lodged with the BI office. For all other games in the competition, adequate insurance cover as specified in Basketball Ireland regulations must be in place by competing clubs.

4.1.6 Teams accepted into the competition after the closing date will be subject to a late entry fee as decided by the NABC and other teams must be aware of possible changes and willing to accommodate these changes imposed by the NABC as a result of a late entry being accepted or as a result of the withdrawal of a team. Any withdrawals after entry will result in the loss of entry fee and bond.

4.1.7 Teams withdrawing from the competition prior to the draw being made will be subject to loss of their entry fee. Subsequent entry into this competition will be at the discretion of the NABC.

4.1.8 Teams withdrawing from the competition after the draw has been made and after the issue of fixtures will be subject to loss of entry fee and bond and will be fined in accordance with National Competition Regulations. Subsequent entry into this competition will be at the discretion of the NABC.

4.1.9 In the U-18 Tournaments, games will be 10 minutes per quarter where there are pools of three teams or less .Where the pools have 4 teams or more it has been decided by the National Area Boards Committee (NABC) to allow 8 minute quarters

4.1.10 In the U-20 National Cup Competition, games will be 10 minutes per quarter.

4.1.11 U-18 Tournament Competition Format:

A. Pools that involve five or less teams will be decided on a round robin basis, with the 1st and 2nd placed teams going forward to the quarter-finals.

B. Where there are two pools at a venue the top two teams from each pool will play a crossover game to determine the two qualifiers for the quarter-finals.

C. The winners of these two cross-over games will play one game to decide the 1st and 2nd placed teams of the tournament.

4.1.12 In the event of two or more teams finishing on level point totals the procedures set out in the FIBA classification of teams will be employed to determine the final rankings.

4.1.13 The U-18 and U-20 competitions are run under National Competition Regulations with the exception of rules contained herein. Pre and post-match procedures must be followed in accordance with the National Competition Regulations.

4.1.14 The Organising Committee/Host club is responsible for ensuring that the venue meets National Cup standards and may be inspected by a nominee of the NABC prior to the event.

4.1.15 Host club is responsible for appointment of table officials, provision of a hosting committee (U-18 only), nominate a venue-officer, provide match balls, individual and team foul markers, a visible score board, visible clock and official BI score sheets. They are also responsible for the PR Procedures as designated by the NABC.

4.1.16 Basketball Ireland in conjunction with the National Referees Committee/Appointments Officer will appoint Referees to National Cup Games.

4.1.17 For all U-18 & U-20 Cup games, preceding the semi-final's, that are not run on a tournament basis, the host/home club is responsible for the payment of referees as follows;

A. Match Fee - €45

B. Mileage 0.35mile for mileage in excess of 10 miles

C. Overnight accommodation agreed in consultation with club

D. O/N Subsistence - €20

4.1.18 For the U-18 tournaments, referees will be paid centrally by Basketball Ireland and the Venue Officer of the Hosting Club will be responsible for collecting the Referee Claim forms, prior to each game and for ensuring that they are received by the office within 5 working days of the end of the tournament.

4.1.19 For the U-18 Tournaments, the host club is responsible for the appointment of a Technical Committee for the duration of the Tournament which should comprise of the following:

A. Member/two members of the hosting committee,

B. A selected representative of the participating teams, not including the host team, and

C. A neutral nominee (e.g. the lead referee), who will chair the Technical Committee and act as Tournament Commissioner, in the absence of a Commissioner.

D. The names of the Technical Committee must be available to all participating clubs. It is suggested the list be left at the scorers table.

4.1.20 All teams must be properly attired with matching uniforms and be properly numbered.

4.1.21 The NABC will endeavour to pre-organise the team colours but in the event of a conflict of colour, the designated HOME team must be prepared to change and have a second set of gear. Fines will be implemented in accordance with National Competition Regulations.

4.1.21 All teams will be entitled to play 12 players in every cup game but this does not restrict the number of players a club may register via the team registration scheme.

4.1.22 Teams must be in the gym at least 30 minutes prior to the game time and the court must be available to the AWAY team for warm-up.

4.1.23 In the U-18 Tournament competitions, games may be brought forward, at the discretion of the Host Committee providing that if either of the teams played in the last pool game they have had an adequate recovery time, and provided both teams and the match officials agree.

4.1.24 Overall Protest and Appeal Procedure:

A. The captain shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee if its team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the score sheet in the space provided.

B. Protests must be submitted in writing in accordance with section 8 of the National Competition Regulations.

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A. The captain shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee if its team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the score sheet in the space provided.

B. Protests must be submitted in writing within one (1) hour following completion of the game. The fee of €100 must accompany the written protest, which must be handed in person to a member of the Technical Committee.

C. The Technical Committee will deal with all protests within a time-scale that will allow for a decision to be made before the team in question will have to play its next game.

D. The decision of the Technical Committee on the protest will be final and there will be no course for further appeal. The technical committee are there to ensure the smooth running of events on the day(s).

4.1.26 Games must be played on or before the Cup deadline dates outlined by the NABC.

4.1.27 For the National Cup Quarter-Finals of the U-18 Competition, the following games were drawn by the NABC as follows;

☐ Game 1: 1st in Host 1 (H) vs. 2nd in Host 3

☐ Game 2: 1st in Host 2 (H) vs. 2nd in Host 4

☐ Game 3: 1st in Host 3 (H) vs. 2nd in Host 1

☐ Game 4: 1st in Host 4 (H) vs. 2nd in Host 2

4.1.28 The National Cup Quarterfinal games are to be organised so that they are played on/by the designated December QF weekend. The home team must offer Two (2) alternate dates to their opponent. . Friday night is not considered reasonable for U18/U20 teams to

travel unless agreed by both teams. Games may be played the weekend before provided it is agreed by both teams.

4.1.29 The U-18 National Cup semi-final games will play on the weekend of the designated January Semi-Final's weekend at a venue yet to be confirmed as follows;

A. Winner Game 1(H) vs. Winner Game 2, Venue TBC

B. Winner Game 3(H) vs. Winner Game 4, Venue TBC

C. Other games this weekend will include the U-20 and Senior semi-final games. Basketball Ireland will be looking for possible hosts for these semi-finals.

4.1.30 The winners of the above games will play the final of Basketball Ireland's National Cup in the National Basketball Arena on the designated Cup Final's Weekend.

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