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POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS HANDBOOK

This handbook includes:

- Schools Basketball Calendar for 2020/21
- Rules and Regulations for 2020/21
- Regional Organiser Contacts
- Basketball Ireland Competitions Officer Contact
- Registration Information

2020-2021 Season

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www.basketballireland.ie

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Competition 2019/20	U-19	U-16	U-15 CUP	U-14 CUP	JUNIOR 2ndYear/YR10	MINOR 1st Year/YR9
Age Limits	2002 or later <i>(PLCs are ineligible)</i>	2005 or later	2006 or later	2007 or later	2 nd Year or Year 10 student and born in 2006 or later	1 st Year or Year 9 student and born in 2007 or later
Player eligibility for League Competitions	All players Under-19. Maximum of three Under-16 players can play up No 1 st Year/Year 9 or 2 nd Year/Year 10 can play in the U19 League	All players Under-16. Maximum of three 2 nd Year/YR10 players can play up No 1 st Year/Year 9 can play in the U16 League			All players in 2 nd Year or YR 10. Maximum of two age appropriate YR 11's (NI) can play down. No 3 rd Years (ROI) can play in this competition. Maximum of three 1st Years (ROI)/YR 9's (NI) can play up. Eligible players can only play in this competition for a maximum of two seasons.	All players in 1 st Year (ROI) or YR 9 (NI) can play. No YR 8 (NI) can play in this competition. All Players can only play in this competition for one season.
Player eligibility for Cup Competitions	All players Under-19. Any number of Under-16 players can play up. No 1 st Years/Year 9 or 2 nd Year/Year10 can play in the U19 cup	All players Under-16. Any number of 2 nd Years/YR10 players can play up.No 1 st Years/Year 9 can play in the U16 C up	All players Under-15 can play.	All players Under-14 can play		
Player Rotation	Any five players can play at any time. No restrictions.	Any five players can play at any time. No restrictions	Five players play the first quarter A different five players must play in the second quarter. Any five players may play in the third and fourth quarters. Substitutes may only play first quarter and second half or second quarter and second half.	Five players play the first quarter A different five players must play in the second quarter. Any five players may play in the third and fourth quarters. Substitutes may only play first quarter and second half or second quarter and second half.	Five players play the first quarter A different five players must play in the second quarter. Any five players may play in the third and fourth quarters. Substitutes may only play first quarter and second half or second quarter and second half.	Five players play the first quarter. A different five players must play in the second quarter. Any five players may play in the third and fourth quarters. Substitutes may only play first quarter and second half or second quarter and second half.
Timing: League	4 X 8 Min. quarters Overtime period(s): 3 Min.	4 X 8 Min. quarters Overtime period(s): 3 Min.	4 X 7 Min. quarters Overtime period(s): 3 Min.	4 X 7 Min. quarters Overtime period(s): 3 Min.	4 X 7 Min. quarters Overtime period(s): 3 Min.	4 X 7 Min. quarters Overtime period(s): 3 Min. NB All Ireland 'A' Finals in UL (4 X 6 Min. quarters)
Timing: Cup	4 X 8 Min. quarters Overtime period(s): 3 Min.	4 X 8 Min. quarters Overtime period(s): 3 Min.	4 X 7 Min. quarters Overtime period(s): 3 Min.	4 X 7 Min. quarters Overtime period(s): 3 Min.		
Time Outs <i>Time Outs can be reduced to 2 in the 2nd half for tournaments and regional finals.</i>	2 timeouts in the 1 st half. 3 in the second half with max 2 used in the last 2 minutes of 4 th quarter.	2 timeouts in the 1 st half. 3 in the second half with max 2 used in the last 2 minutes of 4 th quarter.	2 timeouts in the 1 st half. 3 in the second half with max 2 used in the last 2 minutes of 4 th quarter.	2 timeouts in the 1 st half. 3 in the second half with max 2 used in the last 2 minutes of 4 th quarter.	2 timeouts in the 1 st half. 3 in the second half with max 2 used in the last 2 minutes of 4 th quarter.	2 timeouts in the 1 st half. 3 in the second half with max 2 used in the last 2 minutes of 4 th quarter.
Free Throw Line						Minor Girls 0.5m closer to basket.
Min. Court Size	24m X 13m	24m X 13m	24m X 13m	24m X 13m	24m X 13m	24m X 13m
Defence & Full Court Press	Any defence allowed & team may press at any time.	Any defence allowed & team may press at any time.	Any defence allowed & team may press at any time.	Any defence allowed & team may press at any time.	Any defence allowed & team may press at any time.	Any defence allowed & team may press at any time.
Ball Size	Girls: 6 Boys: 7	Girls: 6 Boys: 7	Girls: 6 Boys: 7	Girls: 6 Boys: 6	Girls: 6 Boys: 7	Girls: 6 Boys: 6

SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CALENDAR 2020/21

IMPORTANT: Dates with regard to Registration and Competition Structures 2020/21 are provisional in nature and are subject to change by PPSC based on the latest Government Health Advice.

September 2020

Tuesday 1st Closing Date for PPSC online registration
Tuesday 1st Closing Date for late applications for School Cup Entry
Friday 4th School Cup Draw (Under-16 and Under-19)
Saturday 5th PPSC Meeting
Friday 18th School Cup (U16 and U19) Preliminary Round Deadline
Saturday 19th BIPPS U17 Inter Regionals Girls Tournament (Host Venues)
Sunday 20th BIPPS U17 Inter Regionals Girls Tournament (Host Venues)
Friday 25th Closing date for payment of PPSC registration fees
21st – 25th Schools Cup (U16 and U19) Round 1 (Deadline for Round 1, Friday 25th)

October 2020

Friday 9th Final date for payment of late registration fee including late entry fee of €55 (Unpaid schools will be removed from all competitions on this date)
12th – 16th Schools Cup (U16 and U19) Round 2 (Deadline for Round 2, Friday 16th)
16th– 18th BIPPS ‘Tom Collins’ U15 Inter-Regional Tournament (UL Arena)
Mid-Term Break: Mon 26th - Friday 30th Oct (ROI) & 29th/30th Oct (NI)

November 2020

9th – 13th Schools Cup (U16 and U19) Quarter Finals (Deadline for QF Friday 13th)

December 2020

Friday 4th Regional Competition Deadline for Under-16 and Under-19 Leagues
Saturday 5th PPSC Meeting
7th-11th Schools Cup (U16 and U19) Semi Finals [Neutral Venues]
Christmas Holidays: 22nd Dec – 6th Jan (ROI) & 22nd Dec – 1st Jan (NI)

January 2021

Thursday 7th Jan U14 Girls Pools Schools Cup Finals Playoffs (Host Venues)
Friday 8th Jan U14 Boys Pools Schools Cup Finals Playoffs (Host Venues)
Saturday 9th Under-16 Girls A/B/C Playoff Stage (Host Venues)
Sunday 10th Under-16 Boys A/B/C Playoff Stage (Host Venues)
Tuesday 12th Jan U15 Girls Pools Schools Cup Finals Playoffs (Host Venues)
Wednesday 13th Jan U15 Boys Pools Schools Cup Finals Playoffs (Host Venues)
Saturday 16th Under-19 Girls A/B/C Playoff Stage (Host Venues)
Sunday 17th Under-19 Boys A/B/C Playoff Stage (Host Venues)
18th – 21st Schools Cup (U16 and U19) Finals [NBA] Main Court
Monday 25th U19 Girls B League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Tuesday 26th U19 Girls C League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Wednesday 27th U19 Boys B League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Thursday 28th U19 Boys C League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Friday 29th Leinster D Finals Boys & Girls [NBA] Main Court

SCHOOLS BASKETBALL CALENDAR 2020/21 (CONT.)

February 2021

Monday 1st U19 Boys A League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Tuesday 2nd U19 Girls A League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Wednesday 3rd U16 Girls B League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Thursday 4th U16 Girls C League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Friday 5th U16 Boys B League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Monday 8th U16 Boys C League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Tuesday 9th U16 Boys A League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Wednesday 10th U16 Girls A League Quarter & Semi Finals [NBA] Main Court
Mid-Term Break: 15th – 19th Feb (ROI) & 18th/19th Feb (NI)
22nd Feb – 26th Under-16 and Under-19 A/B/C League Finals [NBA] Main Court

March 2021

Wednesday 17th St Patrick's Day (ROI schools closed)
Friday 19th Regional Competition Deadline for Minor and Junior Leagues
Saturday 20th PPSC Meeting
Monday 22nd U14 & U15 Schools Cup All Ireland SF & Finals [NBA]
Tuesday 23rd U14 & U15 Schools Cup All Ireland SF & Finals [NBA]
Wednesday 24th U14 & U15 Schools Cup All Ireland SF & Finals [NBA]
Thursday 25th U14 & U15 Schools Cup All Ireland SF & Finals [NBA]
Easter Holidays: Friday 26th - 12th April (ROI) & Thurs 1st – 9th April (NI)

April 2021

Monday 12th Minor B & C Girls League Playoff (Host Venues)
Tuesday 13th Minor B & C Boys League Playoff (Host Venues)
Wednesday 14th Junior A B & C Girls League Playoff (Host Venues)
Thursday 15th Junior A, B & C Boys League Playoff (Host Venues)
Saturday 17th BIPPS U17 Inter Regionals Boys Tournament (Host Venues)
Sunday 18th BIPPS U17 Inter Regionals Boys Tournament (Host Venues)
Monday 19th Junior A Girls League QF & SF [NBA]
Tuesday 20th Junior A Boys League QF & SF [NBA]
Wednesday 21st Junior B Boys & Girls League QF & SF [NBA] (Cross Court)
Thursday 22nd Junior C Boys & Girls League QF & SF [NBA] (Cross Court)
Friday 23rd Minor B Boys & Girls League QF & SF [NBA] (Cross Court)
Monday 26th Minor C Boys & Girls League QF & SF [NBA] (Cross Court)
Tuesday 27th Junior A Boys & Girls League Final [NBA] Main Court
Wednesday 28th Junior B & C Boys & Girls League Finals [NBA] Main Court
Thursday 29th Minor B & C Boys & Girls League Finals [NBA] Main Court

May 2021

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday
Sat/Sun 8th/9th Minor A Tournament Boys and Girls (UL Arena)
Saturday 15th PPSC Meeting & PPSC AGM

IMPORTANT NOTE

This Calendar is subject to change if deemed necessary by the PPSC at any time throughout the year. Only Finals are guaranteed to be played in the National Basketball Arena or a major Arena, the PPSC reserve the right to move early stages to other neutral venues should the need arise.

1. MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

1.1 These Rules and Regulations (R&Rs) govern the operation of Basketball Ireland Post-Primary Schools Competitions for the current season. The following abbreviated terms will be used throughout this document.

R&R = Rules and Regulations

RO = Regional Organiser

PPSC = Post Primary Schools Committee

BICO = Basketball Ireland Competitions Officer

NRC = National Referees Committee

ESC = Executive Committee (Officer Holders as per Terms of Reference)

NEC = National Executive Committee, which is all Regional Organisers

1.2 The PPSC has the right to exercise its judgement in the interpretation of these R&Rs and the decision of the PPSC is final, following any appropriate appeal process, in relation to all Schools Competition issues. The school's download section on the Basketball Ireland website should be consulted for possible updates or changes to these regulations or calendar of events on a regular basis. If any doubt exists prior to a game about to take place you should seek clarification from the BICO or your RO.

1.3 Rules and Regulations Overview

- (i) Rules will be reviewed at the end of each season based on the following:
 - (a) The operations of the Schools Competitions throughout the season.
 - (b) Proposals put forward by the Regional Organisers (ROs) and/or the PPSC.
 - (c) Any suggestions for amendments by schools to the R&Rs must arrive with the PPSC, through the relevant RO, on or before May 1st of the current season.
- (ii) Where time constraints affect issues that arise the Chairperson of the PPSC, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the PPSC, have the authority to make decisions on any matter not specifically covered by the R&Rs.
- (iii) The PPSC has the right to amend or add to these R&Rs.
- (iv) The PPSC reserves the right to exercise its judgement and discretion in the interpretation of these R&Rs taking into account the best interests of Post-Primary Schools and players. The PPSC interpretation will be final and binding on all members.
- (v) In addition to these R&Rs schools must also adhere to any regional regulation and deadline as laid down by the Regional Organiser/Regional Committee and approved by the PPSC.
- (vi) These regulations form part of the regulations of Basketball Ireland and should be read in conjunction with them. It is the responsibility of all schools to make themselves aware of the Basketball Ireland Regulations which will be available on www.basketballireland.ie
- (vii) In order for a team to qualify automatically for the All-Ireland Playoffs, the team must have played in a regional competition with a minimum of four teams.

- (viii) F.I.B.A. rules will apply to any issues arising from a PPSC competition that is not governed by current PPSC R&Rs. Refer to 1.3(ii) and 1.3(iii).
- (ix) In a situation where a match official expels a team coach from the gym, another adult nominated by the school coach (not a player on that team) must take responsibility for the team. If there is no other adult available to take responsibility for the team the match is forfeited by the team whose coach was expelled.
- (x) In a situation where a match official expels a team player from the gym during any PPSC competition, that player cannot play in the following game of that competition, even if that is in the following season.
- (xi) It is the responsibility of each registered school to ensure that all teaching and coaching personnel involved in the school's basketball program are fully familiar with and adhere to the code of ethics and good sport. Copies of the Code are available from the Irish Sports Council.
- (xii) The grade of any new schools entering PPSC competitions will be determined by the PPSC.
- (xiii) 'D' Schools cannot participate in the Schools National Cup at any grade.
- (xiv) Teams that are demoted will not be eligible to enter the Schools Cup at any grade for one year.

1.4 Trophies and Medals

- (i) All Schools National Trophies remain the property of Basketball Ireland. Where winning schools have received trophies the contact person provided in the registration process of the current season will then be responsible for its return and engraving to the Basketball Ireland office by the following deadlines:
 - 1) National Under-19 and Under-16, League and Cup trophies 30th November of the following season.
 - 2) National Minor and Junior Year League trophies plus U14 & U15 National Cups – 31st of January of the following season.
 Regional Trophies remain the property of the PPSC and must be engraved and returned to the RO by the dates specified by the RO.
- (ii) Failure to return the trophies by this date will result in Basketball Ireland collecting the trophy, with the cost of this paid by the school. Failure to pay this fine will result in suspension from competition until the cost is met.
- (iii) Failure of schools to return trophies due to loss at either regional or national level will result in the school paying the cost of the trophy to be replaced and re-inscribed to a maximum of €500 euro. Failure to pay this fine will result in suspension from competition until the cost is met.
- (iv) Schools who return trophies in a damaged condition will result in the school paying the cost of the trophy to be fully repaired. Failure to pay this fine will result in suspension from competition until the cost is met.
- (v) At Regional Final and National Finals there will be 12 medals for each team at U16 & U19 and 15 medals at Minor & Junior. The Regional Organizer will provide the contact details

of the supplier (MMI Medals) for regional finalists wishing to order extra medals from the supplier.

- (vi) The provision of medals and trophies for all National Finals is the responsibility of Basketball Ireland.

1.5 Communication

- (i) The communication procedures accepted by the PPSC are as follows: Phone Call, E-Mail and Postal Service. E-Mail is the preferred option.
- (ii) The official channel of communication from Basketball Ireland is E-Mail. All school contacts must take responsibility for checking the E-Mail address provided in the registration process on a regular basis.
- (iii) It is the responsibility of the school to inform the PPSC and Basketball Ireland of any changes to the contact person before or during the season. It is also the responsibility of the school to ensure that all contact details are correct.

1.6 PPSC School Registration

- (i) For a school to register with the PPSC its first teams at each age level of competition must play in the PPSC leagues. First team in this context refers to the top standard team at each age level. Failure to comply will lead to €500 fine and the immediate removal of the school from all PPSC competitions.
- (ii) PPSC registered schools will receive the following:
- A minimum of 3 full duration scheduled games at regional pool stage at each grade prior to semi-finals and/or finals. All Regional Finals must be in a neutral venue i.e. a gym not owned by a school involved in the final.
 - 12 medals at U16 & U19 and 15 medals at Minor & Junior will be provided for both Regional winners and finalists. Schools can purchase extra medals from the medal supplier.
 - Presentation of a Regional Perpetual Cup or Plaque for the winning team.
 - Referees and hall hire for Regional finals is paid by the PPSC.
 - Trials for the Regional U15 team for PPSC registered school players.
 - Regional places in All-Ireland Qualifying Tournament Playoffs at Minor/Junior/U16 and U19 levels.
 - All-Ireland Playoff stages will take place based on the schedule posted on the BI website.
 - All Finals at A/B/C will be in the NBA except Minor A which will take place in the UL Sports Arena.
 - All-Ireland Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be presented to the final four teams in each National Competition.
 - A National Cup will be presented to each winning team and the team name will be recorded on the PPSC Roll of Honour on the BI website.
 - Referees and hall hire for national finals are paid by the PPSC.
 - Each team that qualifies for the All-Ireland League Group Stage must pay a contribution of €25 per group game (i.e. two matches is €50 and three matches is €75). The only exception to this is in the Minor A Tournament in UL, where it is €20 per game.
 - Each team that qualifies for an All-Ireland League Quarter-Final must pay a contribution of €25 for that match.
 - There is no contribution for All-Ireland League Semi-Finals or Finals

- There will be a €25 fee per game in the U14U15 Cup Playoff Pools towards referee costs.

2. REGISTRATION

2.1 School Competitions Registration

- (i) There is a separate independent online league registration process for boys and girls. Any school owing outstanding fees or fines must pay these in full by the 15th September before their registration for the current season will be accepted.

Please note if you have basketball teams of the other gender in the school these teams must also register and play with BIPPS. If not any registration becomes null and void and all teams are excluded from BIPPS competitions.

- (ii) **League Registration**
Forms and fees, including proof of the electronic payment of fees, must be presented to the RO at, or prior to, the regional meeting. Where no such meeting occurs proof of registration and fees must be sent directly to the PPSC Treasurer by the 21st September.

Schools must comply fully with the required registration procedure as follows:

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| Step 1 | Register online by at latest the 2nd September via the link provided by the RO and/or PPSC Registrar. |
| Step 2 | Receive confirmation of your registration and the fees due from the Registrar. |
| Step 3 | Bring confirmation of your registration and cheque, or proof of electronic payment, for the fees due to your regional meeting. Where no meeting occurs these items must be posted directly to the PPSC Treasurer by the 21 st September. |

- (iii) **Cup Registration**
Schools wishing to enter a Basketball Ireland Schools Cup competition must submit their entry to the Basketball Ireland Office via the online form by the deadline outlined in that current year's calendar. All Cup entries are available only from BI. All schools must be registered with the PPSC for the Post-Primary Schools League Competition at the appropriate gender and must also play in their specific league competitions in order to be eligible to enter the Basketball Ireland Schools Cup Competition.

2.2 Team Registration

- (i) You may register as many teams as you wish within an age group, prior to the competition commencing.
- (ii) If you wish to register two teams in the league you may enter a second team in the same grade or in the immediate grade below the current school grade.

2.3 Player Registration

- (i) Only students who are currently attending a second level school in Ireland on a full time basis and registered with the Department of Education on that school's roll on the Departmental returns in October are eligible to participate in Post Primary Schools Competitions subject to satisfying 2.3 (iv) below. The PPSC Executive may authorise a Regional Organiser at any time to request written confirmation, which must be signed by the school principal, that a student(s) is registered on the school roll and is currently attending the school in a full time capacity as a student. In this circumstance, until such confirmation is received by the PPSC/ RO, the student(s) cannot participate in any PPSC

competition.

- (ii) PLC students are ineligible for Post Primary Schools Competitions.
- (iii) **Player Registration Deadlines:**
Players must be registered on the National Team/Player Registration Form in their respective region which will be made available to registered schools by the RO.
A separate form must be completed for each team.
 - 1) Under-16 and Under-19 player registrations must be completed before the first game of the current season.
 - 2) Minor and Junior players must be registered before January 10th of the current season.
 - 3) Where a Junior player is playing Under-16 they must be registered before they play.
 - 4) All players must be fully registered before the date of their league's first fixture. Any subsequent players may be registered, but they must be registered prior to the relevant fixture.
 - 5) Coaches should retain a copy of all completed registrations.
 - 6) Players can be added to a team registration list by contacting the RO in writing.
- (iv) Players from other Countries who partake in education for a term or part thereof will be registered as a player under Category X. In order to continue playing the PPSC will require confirmation from the school and Principal in writing at the start of the next term that these students are currently in full time education in the registered school and that they will be continuing their education in said school in that capacity for the remainder of that term/year.
- (v) It is important to note that schools are not considered as registered until all fees (including late fees) are paid in full by the designated dates as set out in the PPSC registration form and/or calendar pertinent to that particular school year. Schools will be removed automatically from competition once these registrations cut off dates are reached and they will undertake no further part in PPSC competitions.

2.4 Responsibilities

- (i) Proof of age or school registration rests with the player, the school and the coach. There is no onus on the PPSC for checking this information. All school contacts must be aware that at any point during the season the eligibility of a player can be queried by the RO and/or PPSC.
- (ii) It is the responsibility of the coaches/teachers and managers to read and adhere to the Basketball Ireland Code of Conduct. This is available for download on the Basketball Ireland website in the download section.
- (iii) It is the responsibility of each school to ensure that all teaching and coaching staff are familiar with and adhere to the Code of Ethics and good practice. This is available on the Basketball Ireland website.
- (iv) It is the responsibility of each school to ensure upon registration with the PPSC that they comply fully with their Statutory obligation under the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Act 2012 as amended by the Criminal Justice (Spent Convictions and Certain Disclosures Act) 2016) and the Department of Education and Skills Circular 0031/2016.

- (v) All persons not covered under the vetting procedure in 2.4 (iv) involved in the PPSC U15 & U17 Inter Regional Competitions to include sports coaches/managers/physios etc must comply fully with the Act. Basketball Ireland will process applications for vetting where the appointing Regional Organiser requests Team Management to apply.

3. GAME PROCEDURES

3.1 Players

- (i) In U16 & U19 competitions run by BIPPSC only 12 registered players may be on the score sheet. For Minor & Junior Leagues, U14 & U15 Cup competitions a maximum of 15 registered players may be on the scoresheet.
- (ii) Fifteen registered players of the eligible age group may play in any game in the BIPPSC Inter-Regional Schools Competitions.

3.2 Timing

The timing of schools games is outlined below:

- 1) Under-19 and Under-16 League Games: 4 X 8 Min Quarters
- 2) Under-19 Cup Games: 4 X 8 Min Quarters
- 3) Under-16 Cup Games: 4 X 8 Min Quarters
- 4) Under-15 Cup Games 4 X 7 Min Quarters
- 5) Under-14 Cup Games: 4 X 7 Min Quarters
- 6) Minor and Junior League Games: 4 X 7 Min Quarters

The All Ireland Minor Girls & Boys 'A' tournament will be reduced to 4X6 Minute Quarters.

3.3 Time-Outs

- (i) Two time-outs may be taken in the first half.
Three time-outs may be taken in the second half with the proviso that if a Coach/Team does not use one of the three time-outs in the second half before the final two minute mark in the 4th quarter, the Coach/Team loses the time-out and will have two time-outs remaining during the final two minutes in accordance with FIBA Rules and Regulations. In Playoff Tournaments or regional Finals where there are a series of games the PPSC and/or Regional Organiser reserve the right to reduce the number of time-outs to two per half.
- (ii) One time-out will be given per team in each period of extra time.

3.4 Jump Balls

There will be no additional jump balls after the one that starts the game. The first possession goes to the team who do not gain possession from the opening jump ball. Possession then alternates for the remainder of the game.

3.5 Free Throw Line

For all Minor girls competitions only, the free throw line will be moved 0.5 metres closer to the basket. A short taped line should be placed on the floor.

3.6 'Fair Play Ruling'

When a team achieves a 20-point lead over their opposition, the PPSC state that the scoreboard operator holds the lead at 20 points on the visible scoreboard. The scorekeeper will keep the actual score but the visible score will remain at a 20-point lead on the scoreboard. All coaches must abide by this and make their players aware of this 'Fair Play Ruling'. In the event of a team reducing the deficit to less than the 20-point lead,

the operator will amend the scoreboard to reflect the score in the scorebook.

3.7 Uniforms

- (i) Legal uniform numbers as per FIBA Rules and Regulations allow use of all numbers between 0-99 including 00.
- (ii) Team members are required to wear uniforms of the same colour with numbers on the front and back. In the case of Regional and National Finals, players not wearing legal uniforms will not be permitted on court.

3.8 Player Eligibility

- (i) The following are the requirements for each age group and this section must be read in conjunction with Sections 8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 & 8.5:
 - 1) Under-19 Competition Players must be born on or after 1st January 2002 and be a student in 3rd/4th/TY/5th or 6th Year (ROI) or Yr 11/12/13 in (NI).
 - 2) Under-16 Competition Players must be born on or after 1st January 2005 and be a student in 3rd/4th/TY/5th or 6th Year (ROI) or Yr 11/12/13 in (NI).
 - 3) Under-15 Competition Players must be born on or after 1st January 2006
(Any player underage can play U15 Cup)
 - 4) Under-14 Competition Players must be born on or after 1st January 2007
(Any player underage can play U14 Cup)
 - 5) Junior Competition Players must be born on or after 1st January 2006 and be in 2nd Year / Year 10 (NI)
Two Year 11 (NI) players of eligible age (i.e. born Jan-June 2006) are eligible to play. (The numeral “11” must be inscribed against these players’ names on scoresheets in all games). No 3rd Years (ROI) are allowed play.
A player can only play in the Junior Competition for a maximum of two seasons.
 - 6) Minor Competition: Players must be born on or after 1st January 2007 and be in 1st Year (ROI) / Year 9 (NI). A player can only play in the Minor Competition for one season.
- (ii) A team that plays or lists on the scoresheet an ineligible player in any competition will be disqualified from that competition.
- (iii) If the ineligible player is discovered after the final, the offending school will forfeit all titles and trophies. The PPSC shall have the authority to make any consequential adjustments to titles and awards.
- (iv) On request from the PPSC and/or RO, a school must provide evidence of dates of birth of individual players within 48 hours.
- (v) After 2 walkovers/forfeits in any PPSC Tournament the offending team are non-competitive for the remainder of the tournament.

3.9 Condensation

If a game is disrupted because of condensation the following procedure will apply:

- (i) On the first occurrence of condensation interfering with play the referee shall stop the game and allow the home team fifteen minutes to solve the problem. This time should be used to dry the floor and ensure it is possible to continue the game.
- (ii) On the second occurrence of condensation the referee shall stop the game. If a suitable venue is available within 30 minutes of the second disruption, it is necessary for both teams to continue to play the game in this venue. A 5-minute warm up must be provided in this venue. If a suitable venue is not available within 30 minutes of the disruption, the home team will have to travel to the visiting team's court within 7 days to replay the game in full.
- (iii) The referee shall have the power to decide on the fitness of the court for play. Any objections to the court or equipment provided must be made to the referee prior to the start of the game.

3.10 Game Disruption

If a game begins and is disrupted for any reason (with the exception of condensation) the following procedures shall apply:

- (i) The Commissioner, (or Referee in the absence of a Commissioner) will take the score sheet at the point of the disruption. The commissioner must include a detailed report of this disruption. The Commissioner/Referee investigates to see if the disruption can be resolved and if the game can continue within a reasonable time frame. If this is not possible the RO will be contacted (at regional stage) or at All Ireland playoff stage the BICO will be contacted.
- (ii) If the game cannot be resumed, the RO/BICO will continue to investigate the circumstances, which led to the disruption. Written reports will be necessary.
- (iii) The PPSC will make the final determination based on the reports in 3.10 (ii) above as to whether the disruption was outside the control of the home team. If the disruption was caused by one of the teams or their supporters, the game may be lost by forfeit and a fine may be levied as deemed appropriate. If the disruption was beyond the control of the teams, the game will be resumed at the point of the disruption at a time and place determined by the RO/BICO. The game will not be resumed if both teams agree to let the score stand at the point of the disruption as the final score.

3.11 Regional Finals

All QFs, SFs and finals should be played in the region, this will be decided on a region by region basis by the RO.

4. LEAGUE FIXTURES

4.1 Organisation of League Matches

- (i) All school matches should normally take place on schooldays or as designated by the relevant organiser RO, PPSC or the BICO. They may, by mutual agreement of coaches/schools and with the permission of the RO and/or PPSC, take place at other times within a region's timeframe for the league.
- (ii) All games must be played on or before the stated regional and national deadlines (days and times appointed) unless an extension has been granted as per (i) above.
- (iii) Where a school has two teams competing on the same day the youngest age group must always play first.

4.2 Communication for Organisation of League Matches

- (i) The first named team will have home advantage and is responsible for communicating with the away team to arrange the fixture. In the event of a dispute the RO will rule on any regional league fixture.
- (ii) Official communication, as outlined in Section 1.5 must be used to clarify the time, date and location of the fixtures between each school.

4.3 Match Officials for League Matches

- (i) All referees operating in all PPSC events, both Regional and National, must be licensed and registered as appropriate with Basketball Ireland i.e. paying the relevant registration fees.
- (ii) The home team should provide table officials. The visiting team have the right to put an observer seated at the table. They must exercise this option before the game begins.

4.4 Failure to Fulfil a Preliminary or Playoff League Fixture

Any team failing to fulfil or comply with their full playoff preliminary and/or tournament commitments will be fined €500. If a school does not pay the fine within 2 working days the school will be automatically suspended from all competitions with immediate effect, pending the outcome of the appeals process if an appeal is lodged. Any further withdrawals by the same school gender within a period of 3 years from the date of incurring the first penalty will incur a fixed penalty of €500 plus an automatic immediate suspension of all school teams from PPSC competitions for 12 months from the date of incurring the second penalty.

Once a team indicates in writing to the BICO/PPSC that they are withdrawing from a particular playoff they cannot re-enter that same playoff competition

4.5 Failure to Arrive for a League Match on Time

A team who fails to appear on the court thirty minutes after the appointed time shall forfeit the game. In exceptional circumstances, or where a team is aware, they will be late arriving, a notification must be communicated to the basketball contact of the opposing school and/or the opposing school's main office, the Regional Organiser and the PPSC. Decisions on the progression of the game can then be made accordingly.

4.6 Results

Regional League Results: The winning team is responsible for sending the original score sheet to the Regional Organiser within the region's deadline for any game being played. No points will be awarded without the score sheet. The winning coach/school must also text the RO with the result before the end of the game day

4.7 All-Ireland Playoff Qualifiers and Hosting of Tournaments

- (i) Note that on completing their online registration schools would have chosen to confirm their commitment to participate fully in the National Playoff Competition which includes all games up to All-Ireland Finals. Failure to comply will result in a €500 fine plus the enforcement of rule 4.4 in the event of a subsequent offence. This means that schools which have not made this commitment cannot advance beyond the pool stage at regional level.
- (ii) When the Regional Finalists are known, each qualifying finalist may apply to host an All-Ireland Playoff. These applications must be received no later than the stated deadline. When all applications are received, the PPSC will select the most suitable venue, based on geography, facilities, seeding and availability of referees.
- (iii) There will be a refereeing fee of €25 per group game per qualifying team in the playoff tournament for the All-Ireland Playoff Stages. This will be paid to the host school on the day in cash/cheque or prior to the tournament via EFT/Cheque. The fee is increased to €50 if paid after the day. Teams must produce proof of payment if they are sending an EFT prior to the tournament to the BICO. The host will submit cash/cheques paid on the day directly to the BICO, along with the score sheets, report form and referees' claim forms.

The only exception to this is in the Minor A Tournament in UL, where it is €20 per game.

Each team that qualifies for an All-Ireland League Quarter-Final must pay a contribution of €25 for that game.

- (vi) A copy of these Rules and Regulations plus a copy of the PPSC schedule for the particular tournament must be made available for referees and officials at the table of all All Ireland Qualifying and Hosted Tournaments. The host school must provide this.

4.8 Supporters

School authorities and representatives shall be held responsible for any misconduct by players, coaches or supporters that may be reported by venue authorities or venue officials. Schools deemed guilty shall be subject to a fine of €500 as assessed by the PPSC. The school is also responsible for any payments to repair damaged property. Players, supporters and team officials are obliged to adhere to all venue regulations. In all cases the school is ultimately responsible for controlling and supervising their supporters and parents.

5. SCHOOLS CUP

5.1 Schools Cup

- (i) In the case of a Schools Cup fixture, the designated home team must make contact with the away team and agree the fixture date. To confirm the fixture the home team must return a fixture confirmation form to the Basketball Ireland Schools Competition Officer via E-mail no later than 48 hours in advance of the fixture.
- (ii) In the case of a Schools Cup fixture, if the designated home team does not make contact in relation to the cup fixture, the away team may take responsibility for organising the fixture. The away team must contact the Basketball Ireland Competitions Officer to make them aware of the situation. This contact must be made at least 7 days before the date of the game.
- (iii) In the case of a Schools Cup fixture, after agreeing a fixture, if one of the teams is unable / unwilling to play the game they must inform the opposing team 72 hours before the scheduled time by email and phone. If these conditions are met the Basketball Ireland Schools Competitions Officer may in conjunction with the other team reschedule the game depending on the circumstances. Failure to meet this reschedule fixture by the team who was unable/unwilling to play the original fixture, will lead to forfeiture by them.
- (iv) In the case of a Schools Cup fixture, a re-scheduled game must be played within 7 days of the original fixture. Where communication paths between teams and the Basketball Ireland Competitions Officer are not adhered to, then the team at fault will forfeit the game. The PPSC will make the final decision on this.

5.2 Failure to Fulfil a Schools Cup Fixture

Any team failing to fulfil a schools cup fixture will be fined €500. If a school does not pay the fine the school will not be allowed to compete the following season.

5.3 Failure to Arrive for a Schools Cup Match on Time

A team who fails to appear on the court thirty minutes after the appointed time shall forfeit the game. In exceptional circumstances, or where a team is aware they will be late arriving, a notification must be communicated to the basketball contact of the opposing school and the opposing school's main office if during the day and the BICO. A decision on how to proceed can then be made accordingly. It is in line with the ethos of schools basketball that goodwill prevails and every effort is made by all parties to proceed - if possible - with the fixture.

5.4 Cup Match Officials

- (i) All referees operating in Basketball Ireland Schools Cup events must be licensed and registered with Basketball Ireland
- (ii) Unregistered officials will not receive any appointments from Basketball Ireland and schools will be subject to a fine for using unregistered officials. Score sheets will be checked on a random basis by Basketball Ireland.
- (iii) Two referees and two table officials must officiate all games. If the home team can only provide one referee, they must notify the travelling team and allow them bring a referee. If the home team cannot provide any referee they must notify the travelling team and allow them bring two referees.

- (iv) In the case where a referee does not arrive, and the game does not have two referees, this must be communicated to the visiting school by the home team immediately. Basketball Ireland recommends that the game be played with one registered official. If a school decides to play the game, an appeal based on this article will not be accepted by the BICO.
- (v) The home team must provide table officials. The visiting team have the right to put an observer seated at the table. They should exercise this option before the game begins.

5.5 Cup Results

Schools Cup Results: The designated home team is responsible for sending the original score sheets to the BICO within 5 working days of the game being played. A fine of €10 will apply after the 5 days if no score sheet has been received. No points will be awarded without the score sheets. An immediate level of communication is required (text, phone or email) so that the next round of games can be scheduled. This communication must be made to the Basketball Ireland offices before 5pm on the evening of the scheduled fixture. BICO contact no 086 833 3587.

5.6 Schools Cup Fixtures Setting

Where two teams cannot agree a time/date within the deadlines, the game will automatically be set by the BICO. The BICO reserves the right to consult the ROs for the two school teams involved to help resolve the issues.

5.7 Supporters

School authorities and representatives shall be held responsible for any misconduct by players, coaches or supporters that may be reported by venue authorities or venue officials. Schools deemed guilty shall be subject to a fine of €500 and as assessed by the BICO and/or PPSC. The school is also responsible for any payments to repair damaged property. Players, supporters and team officials are obliged to adhere to all venue regulations. In all cases the school is ultimately responsible for controlling and supervising their supporters and parents of players.

6. APPEALS

6.1 Procedure for Appeals

- The PPSC Executive Committee will appoint an Appeal Committee and inform the BICO in writing. Each PPSC Appeals Committee assembled will consist of 3 persons and will consist of persons not having a conflict of interest.
- Each Appeals Committee will adjudicate only on the written submissions received from both sides involved in the appeal. The Appeal Committee will review only the written submissions and may seek further written clarification from the *Appellant* or *Respondent* or both if they deem it necessary. This clarification will be sought on behalf of the Appeals Committee through the BICO.
- Any decision can be appealed except fixed penalties included in the Rules and Regulations for that year.
- The PPSC will adjudicate on both the Schools Cup and League competitions.
- If you are appealing the result of a game, the scoresheet must be signed in protest by the

Captain or Coach before the referees sign it.

- An appeal on the official PPSC appeals form including the appeal fee of €300 must be lodged with the Basketball Ireland Competitions Officer (BICO) for National Competitions and the Regional Organiser for regional games within 2 working days of the incident arising. The BICO/RO will invite written submissions from the *Appellant* and the *Respondent* within a timeframe not exceeding a further 24 hours from the formal appeal being lodged with the BICO. Once this process is concluded and the BICO/RO has prepared the appeal file it will be sent to that specific PPSC appointed Appeal Committee to be heard.
- The decision of the Appeals Committee will also be issued in writing to the *Appellant* and the *Respondent* and it will include the rational and reasoning behind the decision-making process. Those taking part in the appeal decision will be named in the written judgment.
- If an appeal has been lodged in relation to a competition / suspension / fine etc everything involving that appeal will go on hold pending the outcome of the appeal.
- Any decision of the PPSC Appeals Committee can be appealed to the National Appeals Committee (NAC), which is an Independent body, and all appeals to the NAC are processed by and through Basketball Ireland HQ. It is the duty of an Appellant to ensure that they fully comply with all NAC conditions in making their appeal through Basketball Ireland.

6.2 Appeal under time constraints.

- In the case of an appeal where time constraints apply, i.e. a tournament, the appeal should be made should be made to the BICO and / or PPSC representative(s) that is/are present immediately following the game or issue. An emergency PPSC Appeals Committee will be appointed by the PPSC Executive Committee as outlined in 6.1 on receipt of appeal payment and this Appeal Committee will make a ruling on the appeal. In such circumstances the tournament must proceed as scheduled even if a decision is not forthcoming. The Appellant has the right to appeal any decision made in such circumstances to the NAC following the tournament. Where no decision was forthcoming the Appellant can appeal to the NAC immediately following the tournament.

7. GRADING

7.1 Schools Grades

- (i) Schools are graded by gender, and the school grade applies to all teams of that gender within the school, i.e. Under-19/Under-16/Under-15/Under-14/Junior/Minor.
- (ii) Grades may vary between genders in a particular school.
- (iii) Schools will be graded A, B, C and in some regions D categories. Schools competing in 2 or more grades should always have their best panel of players on their first team.
- (iv) Where a school reapplies for entry into competitions after being out for two seasons, they may, at the discretion of the PPSC, re-enter at the same level or a level immediately below that grade.
- (v) A team wishing to compete below their registered school grade for the current season

may only play in that grade as a friendly team and their results will not be taken into account in league placings or qualifications.

- (vi) The BICO will provide the PPSC with a full list of All-Ireland finalists in All-Ireland Competitions and of all schools who withdrew from Playoff tournaments.

7.2 Promotion

- (i) Any school competing in competitions is eligible for promotion to a higher grade at the discretion of both the PPSC and Regional Organiser.
- (ii) The winner of a D league at any age group may be promoted to the C division. The school will remain there for at least one year.
- (iii) Any school having won or been a runner-up in an All-Ireland League or Cup Final at B or C level in Minor/Junior/U14/U15/U16/U19 will be promoted to the next level. This level will apply for a minimum of 2 years in league and a minimum of 1 year in the cup except in the case of the U19 league where schools will have the right to appeal for regrading after one year.
- (iv) As a result of playing in an All Ireland Final each of the schools will be notified of their automatic promotion. Schools with Under 19 finalists in League or Cup may appeal this automatic promotion within 7 days of receiving this notice by email to the PPSC Registrar using the regrading procedure as per 7.3 below. Deadline dates will be strictly adhered to.
- (v) If a school is promoted by their Regional Organiser for any reason other than reaching an All-Ireland Final, they have the right to appeal as per the Regrading regulation 7.3 which follows.

7.3 Regrading

A school seeking a demotion for a new season must use the official PPSC regrading form available on the Basketball Ireland website and comply with the requirements therein. Making the appeal is an online procedure.

8. LEAGUE AND CUP PLAYING RULES

8.1 Movement of Players for League Competition (Boys and Girls)

- (i) Players can only play in their own age group and the age group immediately above.
- (ii) If a 1st Year player is overage for the Minor Competition or if a 2nd Year player is overage for the Junior Competition they become automatically reclassified as a player at the next appropriate age level, taking on board the full status of that reclassification.
- (iii) If a school has a second or third team playing in competition players cannot play below the highest grade they have played at any age level i.e. if you play with your team at A level then you cannot play at B Level again for the season at any age group. A maximum of two players having played for a school team at the lower grade i.e. B can transfer to the higher grade i.e. A for the remainder of that season.
- (iv) Players moving to a new school mid-season cannot play in any League and Cup

Competitions in which they have already played in their previous schools during that same season.

- (v) Three Under-16 players can play Under-19. These players may be rotated from game to game but only three can be named on the scoresheet in any one game. The number "16" must be inscribed against these players' names on under-19 scoresheets.
- (vi) Three Junior players can play Under-16. These players may be rotated from game to game. Any Junior players going to play at U16 must be registered on the official Team/Player Registration Form in September as per section 2.3. The numeral "2" must be inscribed against these players' names on U16 scoresheets.
- (vii) Three younger Year 11 players (NI only) can play on the Junior team if they are of the eligible age (i.e. born between January-June 2006). The numeral "11" must be inscribed against these players' names on Junior scoresheets. Eligible players can only play for a maximum of two seasons at Junior league level. No 3rd Years (ROI) can play in the Junior Competition at any time.
- (viii) Three Minor players can play Junior. These players may be rotated from game to game. The numeral "1" (ROI) and "9" (NI) must be inscribed against these players' names on all Junior scoresheets.
- (vii) Minor and Junior players are ineligible to play in Under-19 competition.
- (viii) Minor players are ineligible to play in Under-16 competition.
- (ix) A school may play any registered player from their Under-19 panel and 3 qualifying Under-16 players from their league panel in the Under 19 league competition. These players can change from game to game and must be inscribed with the numeral "16" on all U19 scoresheets. An exception to this rule is if any of those players have already played on a lower division Cup team. They are then Cup tied and cannot play.

8.2 Movement of Players for Cup Competition (Boys and Girls)

- (i) Players can only play in a maximum of two cup competitions in the same season i.e. any player can play in his/her eligible age group/grade and the age group/grade immediately above.
- (ii) A player who plays on a cup team may not play on another cup team in the same grade or age group for the duration of the competition.
- (iii) A player may not play for two different schools in the same competition.
- (iv) Any number of Under-16 players can play in the Under-19 Cup competition.
- (v) Any number of Junior players can play in the Under-16 Cup competition.
- (vi) Junior players are ineligible to play in the Under-19 Cup Competition.
- (vii) Minor players are ineligible to play in the Under-16 Schools Cup Competition.
- (viii) Any players that are underage can play in both the U14 & U15 competition.

- (ix) If a 1st Year player is overage for the Minor Competition or if a 2nd Year player is overage for the Junior Competition they become automatically reclassified as a player at the next appropriate age level, taking on board the full status of that reclassification.

8.3 Rules of Under-14, Under 15, Under-16 and Under-19 Cup Competitions (Boys and Girls)

- (i) Basketball Ireland is responsible for running all aspects of the U14, U15, U16 and U19 Schools Cup Competitions.
- (ii) The R&Rs outlined in the Game Procedures Section (Section 3) and the Fixtures Section (Section 4) applies to all Cup fixtures.
- (iii) Schools Cup progression rules state that a team that plays home in the first round will play away in the second round. The exception to this is where both teams have played away or home in the previous round. If this happens, the team who is higher up in the draw will play at home unless the opposing team have played more away fixtures at that stage of the competition. In such case(s) the lower placed team in the draw will have home advantage. Where a team receives a bye in any round this is recorded as a home game.
- (v) If a team does not enter by the deadline as set out in Rule 2.1 they will not be included in the cup draw.
- (vi) Any team entering a second team in the Cup competition must enter it in the same grade as their first team. This applies for the Schools Cup only.

8.4 Rules of Minor and Junior League Competition (Boys and Girls)

- (i) The R&Rs outlined in the Game Procedures Section (Section 3) and the Fixtures Section (Section 4) apply to all Minor & Junior League fixtures.
- (ii) The rotation of players is as follows:
 - 1) Five players play the first quarter
 - 2) A different five players must play in the second quarter.
 - 3) Any five players may play in the third and fourth quarters.
 - 4) Substitutes may only play first quarter and second half or second quarter and second half.

8.5 General Rules of Minor and Junior League Competition (Boys and Girls)

- (i) A team must have 10 players to legally play a game. If they have less than 10 before the game starts, they must forfeit and the score stands as 20-0 on the score sheet in favour of the team who has 10 players. The teams should then play a friendly game.

This does not apply to regional finals, playoff tournaments and national finals at Minor or Junior levels where schools involved must have the required number of players for games to proceed. Teams may not agree to amend this rule/result. Once the game starts if a team is reduced to less than 10 players the team must play with 4 in that quarter if no legal substitute is available.
- (ii) In the case of National Playoffs where time constraints exist, schools will be given reasonable notice of their fixture. It is expected that once a school qualifies from their region, they are ready to travel at short notice. Withdrawal from National Playoffs is considered a serious breach of the Basketball Ireland Post Primary School R&Rs and is subject to a fine of €500. Rule 4.4 will apply.

- (iii) If a region has not produced qualifiers by the cut off date on the Calendar the region will automatically lose their qualification places. A report will be commissioned by the PPSC NEC and any schools found to be responsible for preventing the completion of the Regional Competition by the deadline will be subject to a €500 fine by the PPSC.

9. PPSC CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURE

9.1 Classification Procedure

1. In all competitions with a round-robin system, teams will be classified according to their win-loss record, namely 2 classification points for each game won, 1 classification point for each game lost and 0 classification point for a game lost by forfeit. A forfeit is classified as:
 - A team whose actions are adjudged by the PPSC or its representative such that prevented the game from being played
 - A team that does not turn up to play or refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the PPSC or its representative.
 - In the event that a team arrives at a venue and due to extenuating circumstances – accepted by PPSC – they do not have the required number of players to play a competitive game the following will apply. They will proceed to play a non-competitive game, a loss with a score of 20-0 shall be recorded against them. It will not be classified as a forfeit and the losing team will receive 1 classification point for fulfilling the fixture taking into account the circumstances. The winning team will receive 2 classification points for a win.

If in the regional leagues/playoff tournaments a team forfeits for the second time, that team shall be disqualified from the regional leagues/playoff tournament and the results of all games played by this team shall be nullified.

2. In a scenario where two teams are tied:
If there are two teams tied in this classification the result of the match between the teams involved will be used to determine the placing.
3. In a scenario where three or more teams are tied:
If three or more teams are tied on classification points the following criteria will be used to determine classification in this order.
 - (a) The win-loss results of the game(s) between these three or more teams.
If this does not separate the teams then:
 - (b) Higher game points difference of the games between them (i.e. points scored less points conceded in the games involving the teams level on classification points).
If this does not separate the teams then:
 - (c) Higher number of games points scored in the games between them (i.e. the number of points scored in the games involving the teams level on classification points).
4. If at any level of these criteria one or more team(s) is already classified, the procedure will be repeated from the beginning for all the remaining teams not classified yet.
5. If the teams cannot be classified using the above criteria then a draw will be used to determine classification. The scores in the games against a team or teams that are not level on

classification points will never be used in PPSC Competitions. This is to ensure that weaker teams in competitions are protected.

10. COURT MARKINGS

10.1 Introduction of New Court Markings

- (i) For all Schools' Competitions the new markings, introduced in the FIBA Rules in 2010 are preferable. Where these are in place Schools' Competitions will use the new court markings.

- (iv) In cases where the old court markings are the only markings on the court, they shall be used. However, any school using old court markings should be brought to the attention of the RO who can follow up and insist on using a preferable size one.

11. PPSC INTER-REGIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

11.1 Ball Size

Girls will play with a Size 6 Basketball GG6X
Boys will play with a Size 7 Basketball GG7X

11.2 Timing

The matches shall be four quarters of seven minutes each (4 X 7 Min Quarters).

11.3 Time-Outs

Two time-outs may be taken in the first half. Three time-outs may be taken in the second half with the proviso that if a Coach/Team does not use one of the three time-outs in the second half before the final two minute mark in the 4th quarter, the Coach/Team loses that time-out and will have two quarter, the Coach/Team loses the time-out and will have two time-outs remaining during the final two minutes in accordance with FIBA Rules and Regulations. One time out will be given per team in each period of extra time.

11.4 Jump Balls

There will be no additional jump balls after the one that starts the game. The first possession goes to the team who do not gain possession from the opening jump ball. Possession then alternates for the remainder of the game.

11.5 Fair Play Ruling

When a team achieves a 20-point lead over their opposition, the PPSC state that the scoreboard operator holds the lead at 20 points on the visible scoreboard. The scorekeeper will keep the actual score but the visible score will remain at a 20-point lead on the scoreboard if maintained. All coaches must abide by this and make their players aware of this 'Fair Play Ruling'. In the event of a team reducing the deficit to less than the 20-point lead, the scoreboard operator will amend the scoreboard to reflect the score in the scorebook.

11.6 Uniforms

Legal uniform numbers are 0-99 inclusive including 00. Players on the same team shall not wear the same number. Team members are required to wear uniforms of the same colour with numbers on the front and back. In the case of National Finals, players not wearing legal uniforms will not be permitted on court.

11.7 Player Eligibility

U15 Players must be born on or after the 1st January 2006 and U17 Players must be born in 2004 or 2005 only to participate. 15 players can be placed on the score sheet and can play in each game. A team that plays an ineligible player in any competition will be subject to broad sanctions, which will include disqualification of the team from the competition. Only players in PPSC registered schools playing in our leagues are eligible to attend trials and participate in the PPSC Inter Regionals.

11.8 Defence & Full Court Press

As with all PPSC competitions there is no restriction on defence or exerting full court pressure at any time and any team can play whatever defence and press they wish at any time.

11.9 Player Rotation

The rotation of players is as follows in both U15 & U17 Inter Regional teams:

- (i) Five players play the first quarter
- (ii) A different five players must play in the second quarter.
- (iii) Any five players may play in the third and fourth quarters.
- (iv) Substitutes may only play first quarter and second half or second quarter and second half.

11.10 Only players in PPSC registered schools and playing in a minimum of one grade in our Leagues can play in the PPSC Inter Regionals .

11.11 PPSC Guidelines for the appointment, selection and participation of players on Inter Regional teams are available from each Regional Organiser or the PPSC Secretary on request.

12. HOSTING PLAYOFF TOURNAMENTS

12.1 The calendared dates for all Preliminary and Playoff Tournaments cannot be changed without the agreement, via email, of all the schools involved in any particular Preliminary or Playoff Tournament and that of the PPSC Executive. All email correspondence must be copied to the PPSC Executive at ppscexecutive@gmail.com. This date must be prior to the calendared date.

12.2 The host is responsible for providing a proper regulation size indoor hall for the duration of the tournament. The hall must be approved by the PPSC NEC or its representative.

12.3 The host will provide an electronic scoreboard and suitable competent table officials for each game of the tournament, this must include both a scorekeeper and a timekeeper. Teams have the right to have one observer at the table during the games.

12.4 The host should provide a Commissioner for the duration of the tournament that takes overall responsibility for the running of the tournament and will work closely with the BICO. The Commissioner will be known in advance to the travelling teams and greet them on arrival at the venue.

- 12.5** The Host must provide a room with complimentary subsistence i.e. tea, coffee, sandwiches for tournament officials/referees & coaches during the Playoff tournament.
- 12.6** It is the responsibility of each school/region to book and pay for their own accommodation (if required), transportation to and from the venue, first aid, and their own basketballs to warm up for these Tournaments.
- 12.7** It is the responsibility of each school to pay whatever the appropriate fee as laid down by PPSC for the Tournament to the Commissioner on arrival at the venue.
- 12.8** It is obligatory for teams to fulfil all their fixtures at both the Preliminary and Playoff Tournaments. Failure to comply will result in a €500 fine for the school or a suspension if they are repeat offending see Rule 4.4. Once a team indicates in writing to the BICO/PPSC that they are withdrawing from a particular playoff they cannot re-enter that same playoff competition.
- 12.9** If a player/coach is disqualified, he/she cannot participate in the team's next tournament game. If there is no game, the tournament host must immediately report to the PPSC NEC who will apply a sanction following the tournament. The PPSC will be requesting from the NRC a report from the specific Referees.
- 12.10** Teams should in normal circumstances report to the Table 30 mins prior to their tournament game beginning so as to allow the organisers adequate time to prepare the score sheet.
- 12.11** Schools involved in playoffs can apply to host a playoff tournament. Hosting are decided by the PPSC Executive directly at their scheduled meeting as per Calendar. Schools must inform both their Regional Organiser and the Basketball Ireland Competitions Officer of their request to host the playoff in writing.
- 12.12** Hosts are decided, taking into account a school's placing within their regional competition in conjunction with the geographical placings of the other schools in your pool. A record of previous attendance at playoffs and of previous satisfaction as host of events are also factors in the PPSC Executive's decision to award hosts.
- 12.13** Competent table officials along with a Commissioner for the event is also a requirement. The cost of the table officials and commissioner will be met by the host school. The appointment and payment of referees will be made by the Basketball Ireland Competitions Officer. The appointments will be made by the BICO in conjunction with the NRC Appointments Officer.
- 12.14** BIPPS is comprised of 9 geographical regions on the island of Ireland with a Regional boys and a Regional girls Organiser elected each year by the registered schools in that region at their annual general meeting. The PPSC comprises of all the voluntary Regional Organisers (RO). ROs meet as the National Executive Committee and at their AGM on a bi-annual basis they elect a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Minutes Secretary who comprise of an Executive to run day to day affairs with Basketball Ireland. The PPSC National Executive Committee may appoint other special advisors as required under their Terms of Reference.
- 12.15** The Basketball Ireland Schools Officer (BICO) administers the National Competitions element of the schedule on behalf of the BIPPSC, while the ROs administer the competition up to and including the Regional Finals in their own region.

13. INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS FEDERATION – WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 13.1** A bi-annual competition will be organised for U18 'A' teams from registered schools to participate in a National 3v3 competition, the winner of which will represent Ireland in the ISF WSC (3v3). All costs of the tournament and flights as laid down by the ISF will be the responsibility of the qualifying school and met by the qualifying school.
- 13.2** Entry for the bi-annual U18 ISF WSC (5v5) competition will consist of both a semi final and one game final in September or a date as close to it as possible prior to the tournament closing date between the current Winners of the U16 'A' Schools Cup and Schools League and the previous years Winners of the U16 'A' Schools Cup and Schools League, the overall winner of which will represent Ireland in the ISF WSC. All costs of the tournament and flights as laid down by the ISF will be the responsibility of the qualifying school and met by the qualifying school.
- 13.3** Entry for the bi-annual U15 ISF WSC (5v5) competition will consist of a one game final in September or a date as close to it as possible prior to the tournament closing date between the current U14 'A' Cup winners and the current Minor 'A' League winners, the winner of which will represent Ireland in the ISF WSC. All costs of the tournament and flights as laid down by the ISF will be the responsibility of the qualifying school and met by the qualifying school.

These competitions to select ISF-WSC representatives will be overseen fully by the PPSC on behalf of Basketball Ireland and the International School Sports Federation. The administration of the registration will be undertaken by BIHQ on behalf of the Governing Body. Entering a team or not in any year to represent Irish schools in ISF-WSC competition is a PPSC NEC decision. Further information is available on www.isfsports.org

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