



Peg City Basketball Association (PCBA)

Rules and Regulations

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to inform players about the rules and regulations of the Peg City Basketball Association [PCBA]. The PCBA follows the FIBA rules, with additional specific rule exceptions made by the League Coordinator.

Philosophy of the Peg City Basketball Association

To provide an atmosphere that allows the Winnipeg and surrounding area basketball community to come together and compete in a safe and recreational environment.

PCBA adheres to the following philosophy and principals:

- Sportsmanship and Enjoyment of the game
- Quality scorekeeping
- Quality tracking of team and individual statistics
- Consistent scheduling
- Member-centric administration
- Team parity within divisions
- Strong relationships with Basketball Manitoba and the Manitoba Association of Basketball Officials

League Website

News, standings, schedules, and statistics will be available on the league website:

www.pegcityball.ca

General information regarding the league, registration procedure, team rosters forms, league handbook, and coordinator contact information will also be available on the website.

League Staff

League Statistician:

- Tracks/logs individual player and team statistics during game play (the number of statisticians required will depend on the number of games and venues per day).

League Scorekeeper:

- Handles the official game sheets and runs the score clock during games play (the number of scorekeepers required will depend on the number of games and venues per day).

League Convenor:

- Handles the daily administration of the league game schedule, timekeepers, officials scheduling, game statistics, and website.

League Coordinator:

- Supervises the League Convenor, team and disciplinary concerns and league finances.

***Note:** Where the position of League Convenor is not filled, the League Coordinator will assume all duties and responsibilities of League Convenor.*

General Information

- The regular season typically starts late September and concludes in April.
- The season will consist of 20 regular season games, plus playoff games.
- One playoff game is guaranteed.
- All games are played on Sundays, with exceptions for gym availability and make-up games.
- Teams will be placed into a division to begin the season based on captains' request or strength of roster.
- Re-alignment of the divisions may occur throughout the season.
- Team Captains may be asked to provide some input, but the decision will be made at the discretion of the League Convenor.

Team Rosters

- A team may carry between 8 and 15 players on their official team roster.
- A player must have actively played in 7 games over the course of the season to be eligible to play in the playoffs.
- The minimum age for all players in the league is 18 years old. Some exceptions may apply.
- The deadline to register a player to the roster is **Friday, January 6th, 2024**. Late additions to team rosters will not be accepted.
- Once the official players list has been submitted to the League Convenor at the beginning of the season, Team Captains must provide 24 hours notice (prior to game time) to the League Convenor to add a player to the team's roster.
- Once the official roster form is complete, all teams and players will be registered with Basketball Manitoba. A Team Roster form must be signed by each individual to qualify for the Basketball Manitoba Insurance Policy.

Team Names

PCBA is committed to creating an inclusive and respectful environment, free from discrimination or harassment.

- Teams must submit a name that is in good taste and ensure the name is not offensive to any individuals or groups.
- All team names must be approved by the League Coordinator. PCBA reserves the right to refuse any inappropriate team names.

Team Uniforms

- All players must wear the same colour jersey. Each player's jersey must have a permanent number on the back of the jersey that corresponds to their name and number on the official game sheet. It is recommended to have numbers on the front and back.
- Taping or altering a jersey's number will not be permitted.
- No black-soled shoes are allowed on the gym floor.
- Some facilities used by PCBA require all participants and guests to leave their outdoor footwear outside the gym doors. Please be respectful and adhere to this request.

Skill Level

The League Convenor and/or League Coordinator reserve the right to move teams to a different division to promote parity within divisions. This rule is typically applied a few games into the season and again during the Holiday Break.

Pre-Game

All players must have photo ID at each game. This can be a driver's license, passport, or student card, as long as it has the player's name and picture. Players must be prepared to show photo ID to any PCBA staff member (Scorekeeper, Statistician, League Convenor, or League Coordinator) upon request. Failure to provide photo ID when requested may result in a team default, at the discretion of the League Convenor.

It is the Team Captains' responsibility to ensure that all players' names, with appropriate jersey number, appear on the game sheet. Playoff eligibility (minimum 7 games) will be determined by legible names on the game sheet. Players must use the same spelling/abbreviation of the name as it appears on the official team roster.

Post-Game

The Scorekeeper will retain the white game sheet at the end of the game. We encourage each team to take a picture of the game sheet for their records.

At the end of each game, all players must exit the court and bench as quickly as possible. This is to ensure that the following team has ample time to set up their bench and move their belongings before their game start time. Each team is responsible for cleaning their bench area after games.

Duration of Games

There will be a short warm-up before the scheduled start time of all games. Games will consist of four 10-minute quarters, played in stop time, with a 30-60 second referee timeout between quarters. There will be one 2-minute break at half.

Teams must be ready to play with at least five players on the game sheet and present on the court at the scheduled game time.

- If a team is not ready to start the game with a minimum of five players on the court at the scheduled game time, the team will receive a technical foul and a 5-minute warning to gather players.
- If a team is not ready to start the game with a minimum of five players on the court after five minutes, the team will receive a second technical foul and a final 5-minute warning to gather players.
- If a team is late between 05:00-09:59 minutes, the first half of the game played will be played with running time in order to stay on schedule.
- If a team is not ready to start the game with a minimum of five players on the court after ten minutes, they will default the game and lose 50% (\$100) of their team default deposit. This deposit will be forwarded to the team that shows up in the form of a PCBA credit.
- If neither team is ready to play after ten minutes, both teams will default the game and be charged the default fee.

Overtime Rule: If the game score is tied after regulation time. The game will be decided by the team to reach the Target Score first. The clock will be stopped and the first team to score 7 points will win. Timeouts will carry over from the game but no additional timeouts will be awarded.

Game Defaults

The score of a defaulted game shall be 2-0. A team that defaults a game will lose 50% (\$100) of their team default deposit. In the event that both teams' default, both teams will receive a loss and be charged the default fee.

A team that defaults a second game will lose the remaining 50% (\$100) of their team default deposit. Additionally, they will be required to provide a continuation deposit of \$100 before their next scheduled game.

If a team defaults a third game during the season, they will lose the continuation deposit of \$100 and, following a review by the League Convenor, maybe excluded from further participation in the league without refund of registration fee.

Team Captain Duties

Team captains are a vital link in the communication process between the League Coordinator and the individual participants. Team Captains are responsible for obtaining and understanding all league information, passing it on to team members, and regularly checking ongoing activities.

It is vital that the League Coordinator has the most up to date contact information, including phone numbers and email address. The Team Captain will also be asked to provide a photo of players on their roster.

Specific duties include:

Pre-Season

- i. Submit a complete team roster and registration fees.
- ii. Attend the mandatory captains meeting or ensure that a designated team representative is present.
- iii. Read the league's Rules and Regulations and ensure that all team members understand and abide by the rules and regulations.

In-Season

- i. Inform team members of league and playoff game schedules
- ii. Ensure enough team members are present at each game to avoid a forfeit and/or default
- iii. Ensure that all players are entered on the score sheet (if you are unable to attend a game please assign this duty to an alternate)
- iv. Make sure that all members of the team are eligible to participate.
- v. Submit a photo of each registered player after they have played their first game.

General

- i. Control team behavior and accept the responsibility for the conduct of all team members and spectators. Team captains must notify all players and fans that alcohol and drugs are prohibited in all gymnasiums and that participating under the influence can result in player or fan ejection, team disqualification and further disciplinary actions.
- ii. Maintain a cooperative attitude with the officials, Timekeepers and League Convenor. Set an example of good sportsmanship for others to follow.
- iii. Team Captains and their team members are strongly encouraged to fill out the annual league evaluation at the end of the season.

League Playoffs

All teams will be eligible for playoffs and seeded based on Peg City Power Rankings from the regular season.

Playoffs will be a single elimination playoff format. Further playoff information will be determined by the end of April or beginning of March each season.

Ties in Final Standings

In the event of a tie in the standings after the regular season, results will be decided by:

- Record against the team(s) with whom you are tied, followed by,
- Point Differential between the team(s) with whom you are tied.

Playing Rules

All FIBA rules apply, in addition to the following:

- Each team will be permitted two 1-minute timeouts per game.
- Time-outs must be called by the Team Bench.
- If the game score is tied after regulation time has ended, one 2-minute period will be played. Should the score remain tied after this overtime period, another 2-minute period will be played. This will continue as no game will end in a tie.
- Each time the opposing team reaches five or more team fouls in a quarter, there will be 2 bonus shots. There are no 1-1 bonus shots.

Where there is no specific PCBA rule, rulings will revert to FIBA rules by the officials' during game time, or be referred to the League Convenor for review after the game.

Code of Conduct

The PCBA supports the following Code of Conduct:

- To respect the dignity and individuality of all persons;
- To respect the rights and property of others;
- To refrain from and discourage behaviors which threaten the freedom and respect that others deserve.

All participants are expected and required to conduct themselves in a manner that upholds these principles. Any violations of these principles will be dealt with by the League Coordinator.

Zero Tolerance Policy

To maintain the spirit of the game, the PCBA follows a Zero Tolerance Policy. This policy regulates the conduct of players and spectators toward game officials and league staff. Players or spectators are not allowed to challenge an official's decision and are not allowed to make abusive comments. This includes comments and complaints from the sidelines.

Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. All spectators are held to the same guidelines, principles and rules as the PCBA players.

Team Captains are to advise their players of the Zero Tolerance Policy. Team Captains are also required to remind spectators supporting them of the team's responsibility to adhering to the rules of the league and not to challenge or criticize officials, for any reason.

- a) Prior to the start of each game, the official will meet with each of the Team Captains to remind them of the league's Zero Tolerance Policy. Teams need to identify their Captain to the officials prior to the game start.
- b) Players may ask for clarification on rules at an appropriate stoppage in play, and only if they do so in a respectful manner. In no way are they to call out or question the official during the game. Comments such as "Call something," "Get in the game," or sarcastic comments such as "It's about time," are unacceptable by players and spectators.
- c) A technical foul will be given to any player who challenges an official's decision, in an offensive and disrespectful manner. The Referee, with the support of the Timekeeper and/or League Convenor, has discretion to immediately eject the player or Coach. If another technical foul for abuse is called, their team will forfeit the game.
- d) If a spectator challenges or harasses an official, a technical foul will be called on the team that they support. The referee, with the support of the scorekeeper, has discretion to immediately eject the spectator. If the spectator delays or refuses to leave, the referee will advise the captain that his team will forfeit if they cannot get the spectator to leave. Captains are asked to remind parents and spectators that any further outbursts will result in their team forfeiting the game.
- e) Should the same team challenge or harass the official a second time, then the game will be called, and that team will forfeit the game. Under no circumstances are coaches, players or spectators to come up and further question the official. The decision to cancel and forfeit is final.

Officials (including Timekeepers and League Convenor) shall write up an incident report of any defaulted game, including recommendations for further action. The League Convenor will review the report and will decide on any additional action that might be required.

Technical fouls that are called but do not involve the abuse of an official (e.g.: too many players on the court, uniform violation, score sheet infraction) will not count toward the Zero Tolerance Policy and the official's decision to call the game.

Fighting and Abuse

NOTE: The minimum penalty for fighting (whether contact or no contact is made) is a one-year suspension from PCBA.

- Fighting is not allowed in the league, in any game (before, during or after).
- Any player attempting to fight, strike or hit another player, coach, team captain, referee, PCBA staff or another person before, during or after a PCBA game or event will be immediately expelled from all present and future PCBA games or events indefinitely. In addition, this individual may be prosecuted under the Manitoba Provincial Law.
- Fighting is defined as "a punch thrown" or an attempt to do such.
- This will result in immediate:
 - Flagrant technical foul assessed to the team
 - Immediate suspension from the game for that individual
 - Indefinite suspension from the league play pending review and may result in lifetime league expulsion for the player (and or team if required).

Duration of suspensions are solely up to PCBA and the PCBA disciplinary committee.

Technical and Unsportsmanlike Fouls

The accumulation of technical and unsportsmanlike fouls throughout the season will result in that players suspension.

- Any player accumulating four (4) technical and/or unsportsmanlike fouls receives an automatic one (1) game suspension.
- A further two (2) technical &/or unsportsmanlike fouls (cumulative six (6) for season) will result in an additional two (2) game suspension.
- Upon reaching a total of eight (8) technical &/or unsportsmanlike fouls for the season, the player is suspended for the balance of the season including playoffs.

Appeals Process

The League Convenor has the responsibility and authority to make all decisions related to the administration of the League. If a decision by the League Convenor is not satisfactory to the Team Captain, designate, or player, the Team Captain may inform the League Coordinator in writing that they would like to appeal the decision and provide a basic rationale for the appeal.

Appeals are allowed for suspensions other than those related to accumulation of technical or unsportsmanlike fouls.

The appeal is to be submitted by the Team Captain and must be presented within five days of the alleged event. This letter must include game date, teams involved, description of incident, contact information of those involved (if available), and desired outcome of appeal.

The appeal will then be addressed in a reasonable time period. If necessary, the League Convenor will forward this appeal to the League Coordinator for further consideration/ investigation. The decision of the League Coordinator is final and team captains can expect a reply to the appeal in writing with their final decision.

Where there is no League Convenor, appeals may be addressed directly to the League Coordinator.

COVID-19 Update

PCBA would follow if the during the season, the Province of Manitoba requires proof of COVID-19 vaccination for entry to all indoor sporting and recreational facilities. As previously mandated, this requirement was in place for all health regions of Manitoba and was mandated by a Public Health Order. Proof of vaccination would be required for entry to the facility, as it is an indoor sporting facility. All facility users 18 years of age and older, including spectators, would be required to show photo ID and proof of vaccination (QR code or physical card) just inside the front doors and would not be allowed into the facility without both items.

In the event of a season cancellation due to COVID-19, pro-rated refunds based on the number of games remaining will be given to all affected teams. Please note that once games have commenced, the insurance portion of your team registration fee cannot be refunded.

Note: Any section of these rules may be subject to change at any time at the discretion of the League Coordinator. The League Coordinator reserves the right to rule on any issue not specifically or completely covered in this document.

The PCBA welcomes feedback from all our teams. If there are any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact Sean Close or Bryce McDonald by e-mail at info@pegcityball.ca