

2022 SOUTHLAND BASKETBALL

A Grade League



Introduction

The 2022 A Grade Basketball League will run on Tuesday nights at Stadium Southland with a scheduled start date of 31 May 2022. Competition length may vary dependent on number of teams entered but will be approximately 10 - 11 weeks. Games will be played at ILT Stadium Southland.

Dates for this year's league are: 31 May, 7, 14, 21 & 28 June; 5, 19 & 26 July; 2, 9 & 11 August. There will be no games on Tuesday 12 July.

Registrations

All Southland Basketball League entries are via the online SportsTG (The Huddle) registration system. A guide to the process accompanies this entry information and a copy can also be requested from the SBA office. Online registration also required players to be registered online before week three of the competition.

All registrations must be accompanied by a \$500 deposit to confirm entry. Full entry fees are \$950 (Inc GST). Bank account details are listed at the end of the online form.

Sporting Pulse Team Registration Form: <https://membership.sportstg.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=58725>

Sporting Pulse Player Registration Form: <https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=58727>

Rules & Regulations

The following pages outline rules and regulations for the 2021 A Grade League. If you have any queries regarding these please contact the SBA office.

Important Dates

Online Team Entries & \$500 Deposit Due
18 May 2022

Start of League
Tuesday 31 May 2022

Online Player Registrations Due
14 June 2022

Full Registration Fees Due
28 June 2022

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2022 A GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Competition Overview

The 2022 A Grade Basketball League will run over 10 - 11 Tuesday nights, commencing on 31 May 2022. Games will be played at ILT Stadium Southland and school gyms when required.

2. Registrations

2.1 Team Registration

Teams must register via the SportsTG (The Huddle) online system. A guide to registration is available from the office and will accompany the entry information. **All teams must be registered online prior to 18 May 2021.** No late or 'offline' entries will be accepted – teams who have not submitted the official online registration form will not be registered. An initial non-refundable \$400 deposit must accompany your entry (as outlined in paragraph 2.5).

2.2 Online Registration Form

The web link for registration is as follows:
<https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regofrm.cgi?formID=58725>

2.3 Player Registration

- Player registration is online via SportsTG (The Huddle). A guide to registration is available from the office and will accompany the entry information. **All players must be registered online prior to 14 June 2021.**
- Each team can register as many players as they wish but only 12 may play each game. **Players may only play for one team.**
- **Secondary School Player Discount**
Teams with secondary school players who will be registered in the Friday night competition will receive a discount of \$15 per player. Teams will need to indicate who they are in writing to SBA so the office knows to include the discount on the invoice.

2.4 Registration Fees

The full registration fee for the 2022 A Grade Basketball League is \$950 (Inc GST) per team. Entry fees must be paid for a team to compete in finals.

An initial non-refundable deposit of \$500 must be received by **18 May 2021** to confirm team registration.

Payment may be made to the SBA office via cheque or cash (receipt provided) or via direct bank deposit to:

Southland Basketball Association
03 1750 0494294 00

If you pay by internet banking please ensure that your deposit has a clear reference (team name / A Grade etc) so we can link your payment with your entry.

2.5 Draw Requests

Any special requests for the draw (weeks teams cannot play, requested time slots etc) must be advised in writing upon entry to diane@basketballsouthland.co.nz. We will do our best to meet requests however this may not always be possible.

Note: Once the draw is finalised no changes will be made. So if there are dates your team may not be able to play it is important that you notify SBA before competition starts.

2.6 Referee Duty

Each team may be rostered on to referee approximately every second week. Please let us know who your allocated referee/s will be so that we can include their name in the draw when they are required. If the named person is unable to referee it is up to them to find a replacement.

Failing to provide a referee when you are rostered to do so will result in the team losing one competition point.

If a team forfeits their game they are still required to provide a referee if rostered on.

3. Competition Rules & Administration

3.1 League Draw

The draw will be available online via the SBA website under the Draws & Results page. It will also be available to download as a PDF document on the Competitions > A Grade page of the website. Draws and updates will be emailed to those who provide their address to diane@basketballsouthland.co.nz

Please check the website regularly for updates. Posts will also be made to the SBA Facebook page when any changes have been made.

3.2 Duties

- All teams are required to do duty (a minimum of three people are required). Duties will be scheduled before or after teams have played, and the number of duties will balance fairly by the end of the league.
- Teams are still required to complete their scheduled duty, even if they forfeit their game.
- Team should take particular notice of the draw (downloadable pdf and emailed document) to ensure they do not miss scheduled duties.
- Failing to do duty will result in one competition point being deducted from the team's overall competition points, and the team may be re-scheduled to make up that allocated duty at a later date.

3.3 Forfeits

- Forfeits in this and all SBA leagues are strongly frowned upon. It is very disappointing to turn up to play only to find there is no opposition.
- Upon initial entry please inform SBA of any dates or times your teams cannot play. If this is not done then teams will be expected to play all scheduled games.
- Teams must notify the SBA office directly **in writing** more than 48 hours before their game if they cannot play. **They must also advise the opposition team as well as any duty team affected by their forfeit.**
- The forfeiting team is responsible for arranging people to cover their scheduled duty for the night. **This also includes any other duty affected by their forfeit.**

- If a team has three or more players away representing Southland Basketball teams, you can choose to defer your game that particular week. Please inform SBA of any teams that may be in this situation.
- Catch up games may be played when it is suitable for **both teams** and SBA. Catch up games must be played within **two weeks** of the original game date.
- If a forfeit game occurs then the draw will not be changed (e.g. games swapped on competition night) to accommodate any teams.
- Forfeited games and duties will incur a deduction of 1 competition point each.

3.4 Results

The results and ladders will be available online via the SBA website under the Draws & Results page.

- Please check the scoresheet before leaving your game each week to ensure the correct score is recorded and the name of the winning team is written clearly on the bottom of the sheet.
- Notify diane@basketballsouthland.co.nz if you wish to query a recorded result on the website.

3.4.1 Points System

Competition points are allocated as follows: 2 points for a win and 0 points for a loss. Bye games are also 2 competition points. A point will be deducted for non-advised forfeits (of games and duties).

3.4.2 Tied Ladders

If two or more teams are on the same competition points, the team who has the better win/loss record when the teams met during pool play will rank higher on the ladder. If it was a draw when the teams met in pool play, points differential between those teams will be used to determine the highest qualifier (or in the case of no finals, the winner of the competition).

3.5 Uniforms

- Tops are to be of the same colour and type (e.g. all singlets or all t-shirts)
- Tops are to be numbered with a big number on the back and a small number on the front.

- T-shirts are no longer permitted to be worn underneath singlets (FIBA ruling).
- **No track suit pants, tights under shorts or ¾ length shorts are to be worn.**
- Shorts are to be of a similar type, same colour and above the knee.
- Players will not be allowed on court if they do not comply with the uniform rules (referees and competition controllers will enforce this).

3.6 Protests

Protests or formal complaints are to be written on the back of the score sheet with a contact number and signature of the coach provided. The competition controller will contact the coach with a decision on the matter. Any protest not occurring on the night can be forwarded in writing directly to the SBA office.

3.7 Code of Conduct

All competitors, coaches and supporters must conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the spirit of fair play and sporting behaviour. They shall give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents, spectators, the stadium staff members and others.

All venues, equipment and the facilities at the venues used by the Southland Basketball Association must be treated with respect and left tidy.

The disciplinary procedure for misconduct will be dealt with under the guidelines of Southland Basketball's Policies and Procedures manual section "Judicial Processes".

3.8 Questions / Concerns

If at any time during the league a team has queries, concerns or protests these are to be put in writing through the SBA office either via email, post or dropped into the office.

4. A Grade Rules

4.1 The Official FIBA rules apply for general game play.

4.2 Game Timings

- Games consist of 10 minute quarters, stop clock.
- One minute break between quarters; three minutes for half time.
- Teams to be ready a minimum of **10 minutes** before the game is due to start.
- If there are not five players on the court ready to play (with the score sheet completed) at the allocated game time, the clock will start. Teams will have five minutes to have five players on court in the correct uniform; if not the court controller will deem the game defaulted.
- If the game is tied at the end of regulation time a 5 minute overtime period will be played.

4.3 Time Outs & Substitutions

- Two time outs may be taken in the first half of the game and three in the last half.
- Substitutions can be made on either team's ball.

4.4 Score Sheets

- Only those players listed on the score sheet will be eligible to play.
- The score sheet must be correctly filled out. At the end of your game please always check the score is correct and that the name of the winning team is clearly noted at the bottom of the score sheet.
- Any additions or alterations to the pre-printed team lists must be clearly outlined on the back of the score sheet. Additional player registrations must be done by the team (or player) via SportsTG and notified to SBA.

4.5 General Rules

- All men's teams will play with a size 7 ball. All women's teams will play with a size 6 ball.
- Four team fouls per quarter before shots are taken.
- All supporters are to be kept off team benches and must sit in spectator seating. **The team benches are strictly for players, coaches and managers only.**
- There will be zero tolerance regarding bad behaviour towards referees.

4.6 Finals

- After round robin / pool play games have been completed, a finals series will take place. The

structure will depend on the number of teams entered.

- Teams on equal points will be ranked by the result of games against each other in the round robin. If this game was a draw, or they played twice with a different team winning each time, points differential will decide the deadlock.
- To be eligible to play in the quarters, semis or finals, players must have played at least four round robin games for the team.