

2021 SOUTHLAND BASKETBALL

Secondary Schools League



Introduction

The 2021 SBA Secondary School Basketball League will commence this year on 14 May 2021 and be run on Friday nights at ILT Stadium Southland and school gyms. Competition length may vary dependent on number of teams entered but will be approximately 10 - 11 weeks.

Dates for this year's league will be among the following: 14, 21 & 28 May; 3*, 10*, 18 & 25 June; 2 & 30 July, 6, 13 & 20 August (* = Thursday nights).

A meeting regarding this year's league, registration process, rules and regulations will be held at Stadium Southland – time and date to be advised. Please send through your contact details to Jill so we can add you to our email list for this league and confirm the meeting location, time and date.

In order for us to help with registrations and any queries at this meeting it would be helpful if administrators could set up their SportsTG before the meeting. **All registrations must be online prior to 7 May 2021.**

Registrations

All Southland Basketball League entries (both teams and players) 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.

This year registration fees are \$84 per player for Senior A teams and \$75 per player for all other teams.

Rules & Regulations

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

Important Dates

Initial League Meeting
5 May 2021

Online Team Entries Due
7 May 2021

Start of League
14 May 2021

Online Player Registrations Due
10 June 2021

Registration Fees Due
6 August 2021

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2021 SECONDARY SCHOOLS LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Competition Overview

The 2021 Secondary Schools Basketball League will run on Friday nights, commencing on 14 May 2021. Games will be played at ILT Stadium Southland and school gymnasiums.

1.1 Grades

Grades for both boys and girls will be Senior A, Senior B, Junior A and Junior B. Senior Boys will also have a C Grade. Pool and draw structures will be determined based on the number of entries in each grade and weeks available.

1.2 Grading

There will be no grading in the 2021 competition.

This will be discussed at the meeting so please ensure your school has a representative present so that we can answer any queries.

1.3 Multiple Teams in Grades

If you are entering multiple teams into a grade, we ask that you split your talent across the teams. This results in a more balanced and competitive grade for your players.

2. Registrations

2.1 Team Registration

Schools must register their teams 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 7 May 2021.**

The Southland U13 Girls and Boys teams may enter in the Junior grades as long as it does not disrupt the draw.

2.2 Team Officials

Each team is to have a coach or manager looking after them every week.

Schools are also to give the name of one person who may assist as a referee when required. They will be provided with ongoing assistance.

A rules / referees clinic will be held prior to the season commencing to assist anyone who may be interested in helping out with this competition. Schools will be asked to circulate this information to interested people. Senior players may be asked / rostered to help referee junior games should the need arise.

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 10 June 2021**

- Only Year 9 and 10 players can play in the Junior grades. Year 9 and 10 players are also permitted to play in the Senior grades.
- Players may not play down a grade.
- Players may not play for a different team entered in the same grade.
- Once a player has played two games in a higher grade, should they play again in that grade that player must remain in the higher grade.
- Players must be enrolled at the school which they are playing for.
- Permission may be granted when individual players from a school with no team wants to join another school's team. This request must be made to SBA in writing.
- Schools may use Junior A players to play in the Senior A Grade, playing in both grades of the competition (Junior and Senior) without penalty, or restriction.
- Some Year 7 and Year 8 players may be given dispensation to play in the Junior grades. This needs to be requested in writing to SBA.
- Should a registered player leave school during the competition he/she may continue to complete the season.

2.4 Registration Fees

The registration fee for the 2021 Secondary Schools League is \$75 per player (including GST) for all players except Senior A, which is \$84 (including GST) per player. Schools will be invoiced the week after player registration is due online. Entry fees must be paid for a team to compete in finals.

2.5 Draw Requests

Any special requests for the draw (weeks teams cannot play, requested time slots, team clashes etc.) must be noted on the Entry Overview Form and sent into the SBA office.

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 in writing before competition starts.

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 > Secondary Schools page of the website. Draws and updates will be emailed to those who provide their address to the administrator.

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 supply one person to duty for their own game, with the exception of stop-clock games which will be scheduled
- 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.
- A good standard of score keeping is expected; running scores and final results must clearly be indicated.
- If a team forfeits their duty please make a record of this on the score sheet.
- **Coaches or an adult must supervise their team on duty.**

3.3 Forfeits

- 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. Space for this is provided on the entry overview form.
- Teams must notify the SBA office directly **in writing** more than 24 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 notification is received more than 24 hours before a game, teams will qualify for a catch up game and no penalty will be issued. If notification is not received as above, the game will be recorded as a 'forfeit' and 1 competition point will be deducted from the team's competition points total.
- 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 or it will be recorded as a forfeit.
- If a forfeit game occurs then the draw will not be changed (e.g. games swapped on competition night) to accommodate any teams.
- Forfeited duties will also incur a deduction of 1 competition point.
- If any team forfeits more than twice without a reasonable excuse they will be withdrawn from the competition. (Note: This does not have to be on consecutive nights.)

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 the competition administrator 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 (singlets or t-shirts) are to be all of the same time and numbered. No t-shirts are permitted under singlets.
- Shorts are to be of a similar type and colour and must all be worn above the knee. No track pants or $\frac{3}{4}$ length shorts are to be worn.
- Bibs will be available court side for teams of similar colour. The game referee will nominate which team wears the bibs.
- Players will not be allowed on court if they are not wearing the correct uniform.

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 Behaviour & 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 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 Basketball New Zealand's Operations and Procedures Manual.

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. It is preferred that these come via the school sports administrator directly to the SBA office.

4. Game Rules

4.1 The official FIBA rules apply for general game play.

4.2 Game Timings

- All Senior A games will be played in 10 minute stop clock quarters. There will be one minute between quarters and three minutes for half time.
- All other grades will be played in 10 minute running clock quarters. There will be one minute between quarters and three minutes for half time.
- The clock will stop on every whistle during the last minute of the fourth quarter or overtime periods.
- Teams to be ready a minimum of **10 minutes** before the game is due to start.
- The clock will stop on time outs.
- Five minutes after the scheduled game time if a team does not have five players ready to play (with the score sheet completed) the court controller will deem the game defaulted.
- **A 5 minute period of extra time will be played to avoid draws in any semi-finals or finals only.**

4.3 Senior A Grade Rules

- 10 minute quarters; stop clock
- Two time outs in the first half and three in the last half of the game (but only two in the last two minutes of the last quarter)
- Four team fouls per quarter before shooting
- Senior A teams are allowed to play zone defence

4.4 Senior B & All Junior Grade Rules

- 10 minute quarters; running clock
- One time out each in the first half, two time outs each in the second half
- Four team fouls per quarter before shooting
- Teams must play man to man defence (no zone defence)

4.5 Finals

- Players must have played five games (excluding Junior A floating players) for a team to be eligible to play in semi-finals and finals.
- Quarters, Semis and Finals will be scheduled dependant on round robin / pool structure. This will be advised when the draw is circulated.
- If the scores are tied at the end of a quarter final, semi-final or final game, an extra five minutes will be played. If the scores are still tied another five minutes will be played and so on until there is a winner. One time out can be taken during the extra periods.

4.6 Score Sheets

- Only those players listed on the score sheet will be allowed on court.
- 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 school via SportsTG (The Huddle) and notified to SBA.

4.7 General Rules

- 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.
- All boys will play with a size 7 ball. All girls will play with a size 6 ball.
- A 5 minute period of extra time will be played to avoid draws.