

2021 SOUTHLAND BASKETBALL Miniball League



Introduction

The 2021 SBA Miniball Basketball League will commence this year on Tuesday 21 September and be run over 8 Tuesday nights at ILT Stadium Southland. The purpose of the league is to introduce players to the game of basketball and to develop these players as well as coaches and officials.

Dates for this year's league are: 21 & 28 September; 19 & 26 October; 2, 9, 16, 23 . The league will not run on 5 & 12 October (school holidays) . The Miniball tournament is scheduled to run on Friday 30 November .

A meeting regarding this year's league, including discussion around grade structure, registration process, rules and regulations will be held on 15 September, 5:00 pm at ILT Stadium Southland. Please send through your school's current contact details to jill@basketballsouthland.co.nz 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 new administrators could set up their SportsTG before the meeting.

Registrations

All Southland Basketball League entries are via the online SportsTG registration system. A guide to the process accompanies this entry information and a copy can also be requested from the SBA office. SBA can be contacted to help administrators with any queries regarding the new system.

This year registration fees are \$40 per player and ***all team registrations must be online prior to Monday 6 September.***

Please also ensure SBA has the correct email address for invoicing purposes.

Rules & Regulations

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

Important Dates

Initial League Meeting
15 September - 5:00 PM

Online Team Entries Due
Monday 6 September 2021

Start of League
Tuesday 21 September

Online Player Registrations Due
Tuesday 2 November 2021

Registration Fees Due
Tuesday 16 November 2021

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2021 MINIBALL BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Competition Overview

The 2021 Miniball Basketball League will run over 8 Tuesday nights, commencing on 21 September 2021. Games will be played at ILT Stadium Southland.

1.1 Grades

When entering your team please nominate one of the following grades: Year 5 & 6 Boys (A & B), Year 5 & 6 Girls (A & B), Year 5 & 6 Mixed (**Beginners**), Year 3 & 4 Girls, Year 3 & 4 Boys, Year 3 & 4 Mixed (**Beginners**).

Grading Weeks: The draw structure will consist of two weeks of grading, followed by the regular round robin. This is in an effort to ensure that all teams are in appropriate grades and games are as competitive and enjoyable as possible for all. **Schools must still register their teams into A and B grades where appropriate. TBC at meeting**

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

Note: In previous years the league has struggled to get enough teams for a Year 3 & 4 Girls grade. We encourage schools to make every effort to enter a team in this grade if possible.

1.2 Boys & Girls Teams

We would like to see teams entered into Boys or Girls grades specifically wherever possible, with mixed teams used as a last option where schools do not have enough players to enter a boys' and/or a girls' team.

Our goal is to have smaller mixed grades which will be an opportunity for beginner players, with as many players as we can playing in specific boys or girls grades.

2. Registrations

2.1 Team Registration

Schools must register their teams via the SportsTG 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 Monday 6 September 2021.** No late entries

will be accepted. **The overview form (Word document) must also be submitted on entry.**

2.2 Team Officials

Each team is to have a coach or manager looking after them every week. SBA will attempt to visit schools for development sessions with regard to coaching. Upon request SBA may also be able to assist your school to find a coach – if you are short please let us know.

2.3 Player Registration

Player registration is online via SportsTG. A guide to registration is available from the office and will accompany the entry information. **All players must be registered online prior to Tuesday 2 November 2021.**

- Once a player has played three games in a higher 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.
- **Failure to submit full registration sheets by the required date will result in your school being invoiced for 10 players per team.**

2.4 Registration Fees

The registration fee for the 2021 Miniball League is \$40 per player (including GST). 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 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 > Miniball page of the website. Draws and updates will be emailed to those who provide their address to jill@basketballsouthland.co.nz in the first instance

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

- Teams are responsible for providing at least one volunteer to do duty for their own game.
- Failing to do duty will result in one competition point being deducted from the team's overall competition points.
- **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.
- 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 for no valid reason 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 SBA office if you wish to query a recorded result on the website.
- Scores are permanent two weeks after the game date, so any queries need to be made within that time.

3.4.1 Points System

Competition points are allocated as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw 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 type and clearly numbered.
- Shorts are to be of a similar type and colour and must all be worn **above the knee**. No track pants or ¾ 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.
- Mouthguard use is compulsory

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 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 administrator directly to the SBA office.

4. Basic Basketball Rules

4.1 Game Timings

- All games will be played in 12 minute running clock halves. There will be two minutes for half time.
- The clock will stop in the last minute of the second half whenever the referee's whistle is blown if the margin is 10 points or less.
- Teams to be ready a minimum of **10 minutes** before the game is due to start.
- The game clock will always be started at the scheduled game time. Teams will have one minute to have five players on court in the correct uniform; if not the court controller will deem the game defaulted. The clock will not be reset.

4.2 Time Outs & Substitutions

- Each team is allowed one time out (50 seconds) per half. The clock will stop while the time out is being taken. After 50 seconds teams must return to the court to play.

4.3 Miniball League Rules

- Miniball is played with size 5 basketballs and with lowered hoops.
- Teams are to play a man to man defence. **Zones are not permitted.** On an out of bounds entry Year 5 & 6 grades may elect to play a full court press. **Year 3 & 4 grades must retire to within the three point line when the ball is inbounded in the back court.**
- If a team is winning by 20 points, regardless of the grade, then that team must retire to the three point line.
- **Jump Balls:** There is only one jump ball at the start of the game. From then on every time there is a tie ball situation, possession alternates.

4.4 Shooting Fouls

- **For a Missed Basket:** A foul on a shooting player results in the player receiving one point automatically and possession of the ball on the sideline or baseline closest to where the foul was committed.
- **For a Successful Basket:** If the shot for basket is successful the player will be awarded two points for the basket and one point for the foul. The other team inbounds the ball from the baseline.

4.5 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. Coaches must sign to indicate agreement.
- 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 and notified to SBA.

4.6 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.

4.7 Finals

If the scores are tied at the end of finals games, an extra two minutes will be played. If the scores are still tied, another two minutes will be played and so on until there is a winner. One time out per team is allowed during extra periods. The clock will stop on the referees whistle in the last minute of an overtime game as per a regular game if the margin is 10 or less.