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SLBA League and Competition Regulations

1. Playing Rules

- 1.1 These regulations shall apply to all competitions and league divisions organised by the “Strathclyde League Basketball Association,” hereinafter referred to as the “SLBA.”
- 1.2 Each competition (Cup) and Division shall be controlled by the Executive Committee of the SLBA. They will consider and act on all matters in connection with the regulations and have the authority to make decisions on all matters not specifically covered by these regulations. Typically, decisions will be made at committee meetings.
- 1.3 Decisions may be taken, between Executive Committee meetings, by any two from the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Secretary.
- 1.4 No Executive member will sit in judgement on any matter relating to his or her club.

2. Competition and League Entry

Club and Member affiliation.

- 2.1 All clubs participating in any competition or division organised by the SLBA must be affiliated to the National Governing Body prior to taking part in either the league or cup competition.

Club Contact Requirements

- 2.2 Each club must notify to the SLBA the name and contact details of the person who will act as Club Secretary. This person will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the club and will be recognised as having the full authority of the club. All communications between the SLBA and a club will be with the Secretary. The Club Secretary must have an email address, which will be used as the primary method of communications between the SLBA and the club.
- 2.3 Each club must provide an additional name and contact details of the person who will act as the secondary contact for the Club. This secondary club contact must have an email address, which will be used as the primary method of communications between the SLBA and the club.
- 2.4 Clubs with more than one team in the League must provide a primary & secondary contact name for each individual team. These named people may however also be contacts for other teams within the same league.

League Entry

- 2.5 All entry forms for the next season must be received by the Secretary by the AGM.
- 2.6 All entry fees shall be set annually by the Executive Committee. The fees will be detailed on the official League Entry Form which will be circulated each season prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). See also Appendix 4, for fees and fine values.
- 2.7 A team must compete in the League to be eligible for entry to the relevant Cup Competition.
- 2.8 There is no separate entry fee for Cup Competitions.
- 2.9 Clubs with more than one team playing in the same SLBA age group will be allowed to enter each team in the relevant cup competition but this shall be limited to their team's squad list and if a player transfers between teams, then they are cup tied to the original team.
- 2.10 Any Club wishing to enter a new team or re-enter a team that withdrew during the previous season must lodge a separate surety fee for that team.
- 2.11 Failure of a current Club to send a representative to the AGM may render the Club liable to a fine (see Appendix 1) and possible withdrawal from the league.
- 2.12 Non-attendance at the AGM of new Clubs will result in their application being rejected.
- 2.13 All outstanding fines for the season in question must be paid before the start of the AGM.

3. Registrations and Affiliations

- 3.1a All clubs, players, coaches, officials, and relevant committee members must be registered with National Governing Body prior to participation in any SLBA Competitions.

3.1b Players must remain within the age group for the team by the 1st of January of the season. For example, a 17-year-old cannot play for a club in this season U18 if they turn 18 by the 31st of December. The same applies to all age groups.

3.2 Failure of a Club to register a player/coach with the National Governing Body will incur a Club fine (see Appendix 1) and/or loss of all league points at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Continued abuse of this rule would render the Club liable to ejection from SLBA Competitions/League and possible refusal for re-entry.

3.3 Any player having signed for a given club by 1st August, may only sign for one other club within the season. Any player wishing to transfer Clubs or teams must do so within Basketball Scotland deadline, by the third Friday in January. This does not apply to the registration of any new player to a team where they have not played with another club in the league this season, they can continue to register at any time.

3.4 Where a team member is playing with a local league as a secondary club the local league club must complete the 'dual registration process' via Basketball Scotland. If the player was registered with the local league club, it is the responsibility of the SBC or BUCS club to complete the dual registration process.

3.5 It is a club's responsibility to ensure that they have appropriate PVG in place for any regulated roles within their club, e.g. Coaches for youth teams. The SLBA accepts no responsibility for this area and assumes that any coach lists provided are done so with the relevant assurances in place by the club through Basketball Scotland other arrangements.

4. League & Competition Format

4.1 The Executive Committee will decide league formats and the required number of divisions. The SLBA reserve the right to add new divisions as required to cater for the number of entrants.

4.2 At the end of the season, the decision on promotion and relegation will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee (subject to applications being received for entry in the following season).

4.3 League Points will be awarded as follows: Win 3pts, Loss 1pt, Forfeited 0pts Plus Fine (see Appendix 1).

4.4 In the event of two or more teams having the same points, the head-to-head scores are used to determine the league position.

4.5 Coordinators will be responsible for the day to day running of the leagues and should be a team's first point of contact for basic administration queries such as game rescheduling / forfeit / cancellations, player registration & floor official queries etc. League Coordinators have been given the authority from the Executive Committee to make contact with the first and second named contacts for each team within their respective leagues plus any other member of any team in their league as they see fit when performing their duty. Any queries that teams may have out with a League Coordinators remit should be made through the Club Secretary to the SLBA Secretary.

4.6 All League & Cup games should be played with a tip-off time no earlier than 7pm, unless agreed by both teams.

4.7 For League & Cup games on a Saturday or Sunday the tip-off time is by arrangement.

4.8 For new League entrants to Senior Men the placement of division will usually be in the lowest league, though consideration will be given to the included players if this would disadvantage existing clubs within the division.

5. League & Competition Fixtures

5.1 For league competitions with no central venue (i.e. played on a home and away basis), a Fixtures deadline will be set at the start of the season. Clubs will be expected to provide all of their home fixtures to the relevant Coordinator which will include Away Team, Date, Tip Time, and Venue by the agreed deadline. (Usually the 2nd Sunday in September) 5.2 Provision of Fixtures by this date is mandatory for each team (not club).

5.3 Failure of a team (not club) to provide their Fixtures without a legitimate reason and prior notification at least seven days in advance to the Executive Committee will result in a fine (See Appendix 1) and possible ejection from SLBA Competitions at the discretion of the Executive

Committee. This same fine applies if there is a fixtures meeting called and a team does not send a representative.

5.4 In the Cup competitions, the Executive Committee will establish week-ending dates for ties, and the Home (first named) club secretary will be responsible for offering a suitable date. Failure to fulfil the tie in the week stipulated may result in forfeiture of the game.

5.5 Where clubs have not included the details of their booked referees for each game at the start of the season, they must provide a notification a minimum of one month ahead of each game.

5.6 Any team losing a game or games by forfeit or default may not win the competition.

5.7 All senior league games must be completed before the Cup Final date each year and youth league games by 31st March each year. Failure to achieve this will incur a fine (see Appendix 1)

5.8 Where possible and unless by prior agreement with the other team and confirmed and accepted by the relevant Coordinator, games must be played within the agreed parameters issued by the SLBA. Clubs are encouraged to stick as close as possible to original parameters.

6. Game Equipment

6.1 Every Home Club must provide:

6.1.1 Official score sheet

6.1.2 Visual game clock (Not stopwatch or mobile phone)

6.1.3 Personal foul markers / Team foul markers

6.1.4 Visible Score

6.1.5 Sound Device (Preferably not whistle)

6.1.6 Scorer and a Timekeeper (qualified and with a registration number)

6.1.7 Where possible clubs should endeavour to provide two subs' chairs for each team (No fine levy)

6.2 Failure to provide one or more of the above will result in a fine per missing item (see Appendix 1). Responsibility to report the failure is with the visiting team. They must inform the home team that they will be reporting the matter and then contact the League Co-ordinator ASAP and follow up in writing by email or letter with the game details and the items that were missing. Repeated infringements could lead to the offending team being suspended from the league.

7. Fines

7.1 All fines are at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

7.2 Any fines imposed must be paid within fourteen days. If a fine is not paid, after fourteen days, it is then doubled and if not paid after a further fourteen days - the team will be suspended until the double fine is paid.

7.3 Any team or club continually breaking the same rules will result in a review by the Discipline Officer

8. Score Sheets & Results

8.1 The league copy of the score sheet (Photograph of the white copy) will be shared with the **League Coordinator** (with points per player completed for both teams) by the **WINNING** team within 1 week of the game being played. Failure to do so will render the Club liable to a fine (see Appendix 1) and the possible loss of two league points.

8.2 The winning team shall be responsible for notifying the result of the match to the Relevant Division/Cup Co-ordinator immediately after the game via the relevant league chat group.

8.3 All player registration numbers must be entered on the score sheet before the game commences. Failure to do so will result in a team fine (see Appendix 1).

8.4 Failure to complete the score sheet properly including obtaining signatures from match officials will incur a fine (see Appendix 1)

8.5 All clubs should retain a running total of players scores to enable a submission towards inclusion in the 'top scorer' category at the end of season. This should be supplied to the relevant Coordinator on request.

9. Team Strips

9.1 Home teams will wear light-coloured strips, and the visiting team will wear coloured strips unless alternative arrangements are made with both Clubs in agreement. All teams must wear matching uniforms. Team numbers to be as outlined in current FIBA regulations.

9.2 Failure to adhere to this rule will incur a fine (see Appendix 1).

9.3 All teams must provide details of their Home/Away strip colours at the start of the season to their Coordinator. Any clashes with colours should be mutually agreed between teams and confirmed with the relevant Coordinator.

10. Playing Facilities and Game Etiquette

10.1 All courts must meet Health & Safety requirements and be regulation size as defined by the National Governing Body regulations.

10.2 If a fixture is reversed, the visiting Club takes over the responsibility of the administration of the game unless both Clubs have agreed to alternative arrangements.

10.3 As per FIBA rules the table must be positioned on the court between the home and away team benches. Failure to have the appropriate set up without a valid reason will result in a fine (Appendix 1).

10.4 Scheduled game tip off must not be before 7pm on weekdays unless by prior agreement (this allows for cross city travel).

10.5 Home teams must confirm game arrangements (Venue, Strip Colour, Tip Time, and named referees) a minimum of five days prior to each game. Home teams should also confirm the availability of their booked referees five days prior to the game (although the league co-ordinator should be aware of the booked referees two months in advance)

10.6 Visiting teams may highlight any venue/setup issues to the referees and also notify the relevant Coordinator.

10.7 Visiting teams must be respectful whilst attending an away venue and comply with any policies, e.g. no smoking.

11. Player Restrictions

11.1 Each club may enter more than one team in any league; however, such teams will require to be named differently (e.g. Ayr Storm 1 and Ayr Storm 2 are acceptable).

11.2 Players within a club can only play for one team within an age group/division.

11.3 Senior National League players over the age of 23 may only play in Senior Men's or Women's Division 1 league. Any senior player 23 years+ who appears on ANY National League game scoresheet will retain National League status until the end of the current season and as such can only play in the Men's or Women's 1st Division in the SLBA. Any National League player under the age of 23 (by the 1st of January of the season start) may play for a Senior Team in any Division.

11.4 Prior to playing the first competitive match of the season (league or cup), each club must submit a copy of the Official Team registration list(s) from Basketball Scotland to the relevant League Co-ordinator. If a club has more than one team at the same age level, then individual team lists must be submitted at the same time. These lists must where possible include the photographs as mandated in the membership system (not mandated for youth)

11.5a If no team list is submitted before a team plays its first official league or cup game then the game shall be forfeit 20 – 0 by the offending team and a fine will apply (see Appendix 1). The team will then have 7 days from date of their first game to submit the team list to the relevant Competition Coordinator. Failure to do so will result in another £50 fine plus suspension from the League & Cup competitions until the fine is paid.

11.5b Clubs must also inform the relevant Competition Coordinator of every additional registered player throughout the season by sending through a copy of the official updated team registration list from Basketball Scotland. Failure to inform the Competition Coordinator of a new player(s) before said player(s) appears on an SLBA League or Cup scoresheet will incur a fine per player (see Appendix 1) and forfeit of the game 20-0. There will be no additional fine for the game forfeit above the player fine. There will be no appeal on this administrative fine unless a dated email with

the Basketball Scotland team list attached can be supplied to prove that the club did inform the Competition Coordinator of the addition before the game started.

11.5c If there are issues with the initial creation or subsequent addition of players to the official team list, you should email BasketballScotland Membership Officer at membership@basketball.scot copying in the relevant Coordinator. You should include a screen shot of the players valid membership. The membership officer will resolve the issue and respond accordingly. The coordinator retains the decision-making discretion re whether the player can play.

11.6 There will be no movement of players from one team to another other than by official transfer. Only one transfer per player per season will be allowed and both teams must agree to the transfer or seek arbitration in writing from the SLBA. Transfers must be completed in line with basketball Scotland deadline, end of third week in January.

11.7 Senior aged players can only play for the Club they have been registered with at Basketball Scotland. In circumstances where the SLBA team does not have a National League team, a nominated player can play National League for an alternative Club and still play for the nominating SLBA Club subject to the rules in 11.1-11.3 above. A player may also play within a BUCS competition.

11.8 No player may play for more than one team in any one season in any SLBA Cup Competition; however, they are permitted one transfer between teams per season, e.g. Div 3 to 2.

11.9 No National League registered senior-aged players may play in the SLBA Robert Taft Cup.

11.10 A player who plays in the Final of a Cup Competition must have played in the quarter or semi-final of the same Cup Competition plus a minimum of three League games for the club.

12. Non-Arrival of teams and Coaches

12.1 The FIBA ruling of allowing only 15mins after the Tip Off (T.O.) time is accepted as the ruling. However, because of the nature of cross-city traffic etc. the decision to appeal to the league to claim the game in the event of late arrival shall be left to the discretion of the home Club. If it is felt that any Club is abusing this flexibility the matter should be brought to the Executive Committee's attention and the offending Club will be warned of its conduct.

12.2 In order to commence a game there must be a minimum of five players.

12.3 If there is a delay or potential delay to the start of a game, both teams must make every effort to contact each other and understand the position before progressing with the game.

13. Disputes

13.1 Any team who agrees to start a game cannot later protest at something that was highlighted before the start of the game. If a Team agrees to play/not play a game under protest, the captain will sign the score sheet followed by writing "under protest" on the score sheet. The team protesting will then send a report of the protest to the League Co-ordinator, as will the referee and the umpire, within three working days. The team protesting must send £100 with the protest letter. If upheld the money will be refunded.

14. Officials

14.1 All Games must be played with two qualified and Basketball Scotland Registered Floor Officials, minimum requirement:

- U14 - 2 x Level 1 (Must have PVG*)
- U16 - 2 x Level 1 (Must have PVG*)
- U18 - 1 x Level 1, and 1 level2 or Experienced level 1 (Must have PVG*)
- Senior- 1 x Level 1, and 1 Level 2 or Experienced Level 1 (greater experience/level for higher divisions)

* It is the club's responsibility to ensure that they book referees with the appropriate Basketball Scotland PVG for any U14, U16 or U18 game. All referees must hold a PVG for their referee role with Basketball Scotland and therefore be on the PVG registered list held by your Co-ordinator and supplied by Basketball Scotland to the SLBA

14.2 All Games must be played with two Basketball Scotland qualified Table Officials. If no registration numbers are entered on the scoresheet for the table officials, then a fine will be levied (see Appendix 1).

14.3 The following match fees shall apply: -

	Senior Men	Senior Women	Junior	Cadet	U'14
Floor Officials	£30	£30	£20	£20	£16
Table Officials**	£10	£10	£10	£10	£10

(**Recommended minimum)

14.4 In addition to the above fees, travelling expenses between officials' homes and venue, and return, will be calculated as follows:

- 35p per mile travelling by car (subject to change).
- Second class return rail fare plus public transport to and from station.
- Bridge toll or ferry fare as appropriate.

14.5 All Officials' fees and expenses shall be paid by the Home Club prior to the commencement of the game.

14.6 Where an official is away from home for more than 5 hours and no suitable refreshments are provided, he/she is entitled to a subsistence allowance of £5 to be paid by the Home Club.

15. Game Postponements

15.1 If a game is postponed (without the agreement of both Clubs) within **5** days of the arranged fixture, (Except in extenuating circumstances) the cancelling team will be fined (see Appendix 1).

15.2 If the cancellation was on the day of the game with the referees attending and it was the away team that cancelled, the home team pays **travel expenses only** to the referees and claims the amount back from the away team.

15.3 The non-cancelling team must contact the League Co-ordinator immediately and inform them of the postponement.

15.4 If a game is cancelled, the date for the re-arranged game must be sent to the relevant league coordinator within 14 days of the original fixture. If the new date is not received within this time, then the club that cancelled the game will be fined (see Appendix 1). The exception to this would be if the game is forfeit then the conditions in regulation 16 would apply.

16. Forfeited Games

16.1 The team that forfeits the game must send a fine (see Appendix 1) to the League Treasurer within 14 days.

16.2 If a youth league game is not played by the 31st of March or a senior league game by the Cup Final day each year and neither team has claimed the game, both teams shall pay a fine (see Appendix 1). No league points are awarded to either team.

16.3 If a team forfeits one game, then entry into the league the following season will require to repay the surety fee applicable for the team (Senior or Youth – see Appendix 1).

16.4 If any team forfeits two games, then they will be immediately withdrawn from the league and entry into the leagues for the following season will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

16.5 No League points are awarded for a forfeited game.

17. Discipline, Disqualifications & Appeals (See also Appendix 2)

17.1 Any player or team official disqualified in a league or cup game shall receive an automatic one-match ban from their next game, league, or cup, at the same level. The Referee and Umpire will provide a report to the Disciplinary Officer within 24 hours of the game. The matter will then be passed to the Disciplinary Officer and will be considered by a discipline committee as to whether

any further action should be taken. A copy of the official's reports shall be forwarded to the relevant club secretary. The SLBA Disciplinary Committee will be guided by the Basketball Scotland National Competition Disciplinary Policy. [SLBA Disciplinary Report Form](#).

17.2 Any appeals against a decision made by the Discipline Committee, regarding protests and disputes must be put in writing. Any appeal shall be considered by individuals not concerned with the initial decision (see Appendix 1). There is an administration fee (see Appendix 1) that must accompany such appeals. Such appeals must be submitted in writing to the League Secretary within 7 working days of being informed of the Discipline Committee's decision. If the appeal is upheld the administration fee shall be returned.

17.3 Any Club guilty of playing a disqualified player will be fined (see Appendix 1) and the loss of all league points or expulsion from a Cup Competition.

17.4 The SLBA Disciplinary Officer (or nominated member of the SLBA Executive) will issue to all Clubs notification of players under an automatic one game ban and the details of any further disciplinary action taken.

18. Grievance Process for Complaints and Disputes (see also Appendix 3)

18.1 This process has been introduced to provide an avenue for any grievance, complaint or dispute not covered by the Disciplinary process. The Discipline Officer and as required any other executive Committee members will be responsible for identifying whether the issue requires to be addressed via the discipline or the grievance process route. Such uses of this process may include but is not limited to complaints about away venues, equipment, team behaviour, or arrangement of fixtures. If you have a general enquiry, please route this through the secretary.

19. Trophies (Shields)

19.1 A trophy will be awarded to teams winning League and Cup competitions. Individual mementoes will also be presented to all league winning and Cup and runner-up players.

19.2 Trophies will remain the property of the SLBA and must be returned on request. Failure to return a Trophy by a required date will result in a fine to cover the cost of replacement (see Appendix 1)

19.3 Should a trophy be lost or damaged whilst in the possession of a club they shall be responsible the cost of repair or replacement.

20. Code of Conduct

20.1 The "Code of Conduct" used by the National Governing Body will be enforced in all SLBA competitions.

20.2 Any reported infringements, or behaviour deemed to be in breach of the NGB Code of Conduct, shall be investigated by the SLBA Discipline/Conduct Officer and sanctions issued according to the NGB Code of Conduct. If the Discipline/Conduct Officer deems it necessary, they will ask an Executive Committee member to chair a sub-Executive Committee with two other impartial league members to deal with the matter.

21. Authority

21.1 The Executive Committee shall have the sole responsibility for the interpretation of these Regulations.

21.2 A request, in exceptional circumstances, for the relaxation of any of these regulations must be made in writing to the SLBA Secretary for consideration by the Executive Committee.

Appendix 1 – Fines and Fees (Season 2026/2027)

Surety and Entry Fees for Season 26/27 and previous season	26/27		25/26	
	Surety	Entry	Surety	Entry
Senior Team	£150	£150	£100	£100
Junior Teams	£50	£50	£50	£50 first year only
Cup Competition entry		included with league		included with league
* Surety fee is only for the first year of a new team in the category				

Season 26/27 Fines and Fees	26/27	25/26
Pre Season Fines		
No Club Rep at the AGM		
No apology & no show - disqualified. No rep but apology - fine	£30	£25
Failure to register a Coach (per Coach)	£25	£15
Failure to register a Player (per Player)	£25	£15
Failure to submit fixtures by deadline	£100	NEW
Failure to submit team list pre season	£100	£50
Fines through the season		
Failure to supply home game equipment (per item see section 6)	£20	£15
Failure to submit team sheet within 10 days of a game	£15	£10
Failure to complete team registration numbers on game sheet	£10	£10
Failure to complete game sheet properly	£10	NEW
Failure to use a trained table official (per official)	£10	£10
Failure to adhere to playing facility rules, e.g. table position	£10	NEW
Failure to adhere to team kit rules (one player)	£10	£10
Failure to adhere to team kit rules (several players)	£20	NEW
Failure to update team list through season (playing a player not added to team list prior to play)	£50	£50
Game postponements within 5 days	£100	£100
Failure to submit new game date within 14 days of a cancelled game	£30	£30
Forfeit of a game fine (Surety also required for returning season)	£100	£100
Failure to play all youth games by 31st March	£100	£100
Failure to play senior games by cup final day	£100	£100
Playing a disqualified player	£100	£100
Disciplinary Fines (are on a case by case basis and at the discretion of the discipline officer)	Case by case	Case by case
Failure to return a trophy by required date (requires the club to cover the costs of a new trophy)	circa £200	NEW
Additional Fees		
Disciplinary appeal fee - returned if upheld	£100	£100
Grievance - complaints/dispute Admin fee - returned if upheld	£100	NEW
All fines must be paid within 14 days, if not paid within the 14 days a double fine will be imposed and the team suspended until the fine is paid		

Appendix 2 - Discipline & Appeals Procedure

This process is specifically for any incidents of alleged discipline transgressions which should be reported by the match officials to the League Discipline Officer via the [Disciplinary Report Form](#) within 48 hours. If raised at a game the match official should also note on the reverse of the scoresheet.

On receipt of the report the matter will be considered by a Discipline Officer, as to whether any further action should be taken. If the issue is routine, as most of them are, the matter will be left with the Discipline Officer to determine sanction. Records of all such sanctions will be retained by the Discipline Officer typically for a period of 3 years, however where appropriate data may be retained longer, for example lifetime expulsions. The outcome will be communicated to the club concerned as per the outlined process.

It is extremely important that the matter is not further discussed until such time as any appeal is heard or the time frame for such an appeal to be made has expired.

Should any appeal be received an appeal sub-group of three members will be convened by the Chairperson. This group will consist of members who have no previous knowledge or information concerning the detail of the original discipline offence or the findings of the discipline officer. This group may also include persons from out with the SLBA Executive Committee.

Any member of the executive who does have knowledge of the original incident or following process or be affiliated with an involved club and is asked to be involved in the appeal should disqualify themselves from this process immediately.

Appendix 3 – Grievance Process for Complaints and Disputes

Any grievance, complaints or dispute can be reported by anyone via the Discipline Officer, Secretary, or the relevant Coordinator.

Before raising the grievance, members should consider if the matter can be resolved informally between clubs with the support of the relevant Coordinator. If this is deemed not appropriate a formal report should be submitted via email to the Secretary (see Appendix 1 for associated fee).

On receipt of the report the matter will be considered initially by the Coordinator/Discipline Officer, as to which route is the most appropriate for the matter raised. If the matter raised is about compliance with SLBA/NGB regulations the matter may follow the Discipline process, if the matter is not related to regulations or elements related to Discipline these will follow an administrative process which may include discussion at an SLBA Executive Committee meeting.

This process will include the following steps:

- 1) Informal Review
- 2) Outcome Decision (potential appeal)
- 3) Progress to Formal Grievance (this may involve the NGB)

The outcome will be communicated to both the club concerned and the club raising the issue.

Any member of the executive affiliated with an involved club will be excluded from any decision making.

Appendix 4 Under 14 Playing Regulations

The following rules & regulations will apply to all SLBA Under 14 games for the 2018 / 19 season. Normal FIBA rules will apply but allow for the exceptions listed below. Please note that these are an outline of the general rules and that these may be altered prior to the start of the season.

1. All U14 fixtures should be scheduled at the weekend, i.e. Saturday or Sunday games. However, if both clubs agree then mid-weeknights can be used. This is to prevent teams being forced to travel mid-week for late tip-off times and not arriving home until after 11pm on a school night.
2. Games will be 4 x 10-minute periods with 5 minutes overtime where required. If there is a time availability problem and both teams agree then this could be changed to 4 x 8-minute quarters and 3 minutes overtime, however, this must be agreed at the time of the initial fixture arrangement or if changed at least 7 days in advance of the fixture.
3. Ball Size – both U 14 boys and girls will use a size 6 ball.
4. Zone defences are NOT permitted at any time (see definition below). If spotted the referee will give a verbal warning to players on court to play man to man defence. If there is no change then the game will be stopped, and the coach verbally warned about the zone defence. If there is still no change then the game will be stopped, and the coach charged with a technical foul. If there is still no change then the game will be stopped again, and the coach charged with another technical foul and asked to leave the hall. If there is no suitable adult to continue as coach, then the game will be awarded 20 – 0 to the opposing team. If there is a suitable adult to continue as coach the game will continue, however, if the team continues to play a zone defence, then the referee will stop the game and default the game to the opposing team 20 – 0.
5. Teams must have a minimum of 8 players present and, on the scoresheet, all players on the scoresheet must take part in the game. If a team cannot field 8 players, then fewer can be used with prior agreement from the opponents. This prior agreement must be sought at least 7 days in advance of the fixture.
6. There are no restrictions on the amount of time any player can play; however, it is expected that coaches give reasonable court time to all competitors and respect the score and Basketball Scotland code of conduct. It should be seen that stronger players are rested when the game score reaches a 25-point difference.
7. Possession arrow follows standard FIBA rules, i.e. changes as per normal basketball rules regardless of the score.
8. A full court press is allowed unless a team is more than 10 points in front, then they must drop back to ½ court. Referee will give verbal warning to players on court to drop back to the half court. If, after two defensive phases by the team in front, there is no change in the full court press then the game will be stopped, and the coach verbally warned about the pressing defence. If there is still no change then the game will be stopped, and the coach charged with a technical foul. If there is still no change then the game will be stopped again, and the coach charged with another technical foul and asked to leave the hall. If there is no suitable adult to continue as coach, then the game will be awarded 20 – 0 to the opposing team. If there is a suitable adult to continue as coach the game will continue, however, if the team continues to play a full court press, then the referee will stop the game and default the game to the opposing team 20 – 0.

9. Referee and table official fees will be as laid out in Section 14 of the SLBA Handbook, i.e. £16 game fee plus travelling expenses for referees and a recommended minimum of £10 per table official.
10. Coaches and Floor officials must seek to use all players on the bench throughout the game including less experienced players, especially at times where there is a 25-point difference.

Zone Defence Definition

The SLBA are following the guidelines that Basketball Scotland are setting out for this age group with regards to no Zone defence being allowed.

Zone defence is different from man-to-man defence in that, instead of guarding a particular player, each defender is responsible for guarding an area of the floor, or "zone", and any offensive player that comes into that area. Zone defenders move their position on the floor in relationship to where the ball moves not the players. Zone defence is often effective in stopping dribble penetration and one-on-one moves. Man-to-man defence has each defender assigned to defend a certain offensive player - his or her "man" - and the defender moves when their assigned player moves. If a defender doesn't follow their player when they move a significant distance (more than 10 feet) or 'sag' or 'drift' or 'hedge' away from their man and they are not part of a double team on another player, then they will be considered to be in a zone defence.

For example, if a defender is standing inside the key close to the basket – blocking the lane to the basket in other words - whilst their 'man' is out close to the 3-point line then this will be considered a zone defence. The presence of the defender under the basket will stop outside players from driving to the basket. Defenders must be outside the key if their players are out at the 3-point line.

A 'sagging' man-to-man can quickly turn into a zone defence and this is not the point of the regulation. Likewise, this regulation is not intended to stop a double team or trapping defence but is aimed at stopping defenders 'waiting' or 'hanging' around an area whilst their assigned man is on the other side of the court. The referees must use common sense and judgement when issuing a warning to players as they may not be fully aware of their defensive role, but repeated warnings should not be tolerated and the coach warned to get the defence sorted out.