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**REGULATIONS & BYE LAWS
OF
BASKETBALL IRELAND**

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.** The following Bye Laws are to be read in conjunction with FIBA rules, the constitution and, the policies and procedures of Basketball Ireland. These Bye-Laws were published in quarter four 2025 and apply to all members, associates, member organisations and volunteers within Basketball Ireland. Bye laws may include but are not limited to:-
- 1.1.1.** the admission of Members and the rights and privileges of Members;
 - 1.1.2.** the procedure of committees and Constituent Bodies insofar as such procedure is not regulated by the Articles or the terms of reference of those committees or Constituent Bodies;
 - 1.1.3.** the conduct of Members in relation to one another, and to the Association, its employees and volunteers;
 - 1.1.4.** matters supplemental to Article 8;
 - 1.1.5.** Any other matter which the Articles do not provide may be dealt with through bye laws, rules and regulations; and generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject of company rules or bye laws in the case of a national governing body of a sport.

2. DEFINITIONS / INTERPRETATIONS

- 2.1.** Articles referred to in these Bye-Laws are from the Basketball Ireland Constitution as approved by its members in quarter four of 2025.

- 2.2.** List of definitions;

“Act”	The Companies Act 2014;
“ADR”	The Anti-Doping Rules as specified in Article 20;
“Annual General Meeting” or “AGM”	An annual general meeting of the Voting Members of the Association;
“Board”	The Board of Directors of the Association as described in this Constitution;
“Business Day”	A day, when retail banks in Dublin are open for business other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in the Republic of Ireland;
“Chair”	The chair of the Board, appointed in accordance with Article 11.7;
“College Organiser”	The person who is recognised by the Association as the point of contact between the relevant college and the Association;
“Chief Executive Officer” or “CEO”	The person appointed from time to time as the Chief Executive Officer or secretary general of the Association;
“Company Secretary”	The person appointed from time to time as the company secretary of the Association;

“Constituent Bodies”	Such bodies as are ratified as constituent bodies from time to time by the Board;
“Co-opted Director”	A Director proposed by the Nominations Committee and co-opted by the Board, a director appointed under Article 7.12 to fill a vacancy in the Co-opted Directors, or a co-opted director at the date of the adoption of this Constitution;
“CTOC”	The Commissioners and Table Officials Committee;
“Director”	A member of the Board of the Association and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;
“Elected Director”	A Director elected to the Board in accordance with this Constitution or appointed as an Elected Director under Article 7.12;
“EPC”	The Elite Performance Committee;
“Extraordinary General Meeting” or “EGM”	Any general meeting of the Company other than an Annual General Meeting;
“FINARC”	The Finance, audit and Risk Committee;
“GNC”	The Governance and Nominations Committee
“I&DC”	The Inclusion and Diversity Committee
“Independent”	A person who has not held an officer post or an executive member post in a Constituent Body in the two years prior to being nominated by the Governance and Nominations Committee, unless otherwise decided by the Board;
“General Meeting”	An AGM or an EGM;
“Individual Member”	Any individual who plays, coaches, referees, officiates, organises, administers or is in any way connected with the game of basketball and who applies for, and is granted, membership of the Association as an Individual Member;
“Members”	The Voting Members and the Non-Voting Members;
“Member Organisation”	An Organisation that is a Member;
“Member of the Board”	A Director;
“Month”	A calendar month;

“NABC”	The National Area Board’s Committee;
“NAC”	The National Appeals Committee
“NBCC”	The National Basketball Colleges Committee;
“NBRA”	The National Basketball Referees Association;
“NBCA”	The National Basketball Coaches Association;
“NDC”	The National Disciplinary Committee:
“NDGC”	The National Domestic Games Committee reporting directly to the board;
“NLC”	The National Leagues Committee
“NLOC”	The National League Officials Commission;
“Non-Voting Member”	Shall have the meaning given in Articles 2.5;
“Organisation”	Any organisation that is in any way connected with the game of basketball, including but not limited to: - clubs, schools, colleges, Constituent Bodies and area boards;
“Person”	Includes an individual, a body corporate or Organisation;
“President”	Shall have the meaning given in Article 17;
“PPSC”	The Post Primary Schools Committee;
“PSMNC”	The Primary Schools Mini-Basketball National Committee;
“Register”	The register of Members of the Association kept pursuant to the Act;
“Representative”	shall have the meaning given in Article 2.8;
“School Organiser”	The person who is recognised by the Association as the point of contact between the relevant post primary school and the Association;
“State”	The Republic of Ireland;
“TOR”	The terms of reference that are agreed from time to time between Basketball Ireland and the various individual committees as set out in this definitions section:
“Vacancy”	A vacancy which arises in the circumstances set out at Article 7.12;
“Voting Members”	Shall have the meaning given in Article 2.2;

3. RULES FOR CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- 3.1. General Meetings** (Annual General Meetings & Extraordinary General Meetings)
These meetings must be held in accordance with Articles 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the BI Constitution 2025.
- 3.2. Sub-Committees of the Board (NDGC, FINARC, EPC, GNC, I&DC and Special Interest Groups appointed by the Board)**
- 3.2.1.** The Chair of any Sub Committee shall preside at the appointed time. In his absence, after allowing 15 minutes for his arrival, the members may appoint an interim Chair providing that a quorum is present or abandon the meeting.
- 3.2.2.** The quorum for meetings shall be as defined in the Terms of Reference of that Committee as ratified by the BI Board. In no case shall it be less than 50% of members plus one (1)
- 3.2.3.** The Chair shall approve the agenda or alter it as appropriate before the start of the meeting as agreed with the Sub Committee. Matters which the members consider being urgent and which have arisen too late for inclusion on the agenda may be brought before the meeting with the consent of a majority of the members present and voting.
- 3.2.4.** The Chairperson shall have power to adjourn the meeting or to settle points of discussion.
- 3.2.5.** On any question of procedure or interpretation the ruling of the Chairperson shall be final.
- 3.2.6.** It shall be appropriate for any member to move without comment the resolution "that the question be now put to a vote". If such a resolution be seconded and supported by a majority of members, the Chairperson shall call upon the proposer to make his reply after which the resolution shall be put forthwith without further debate. Should this occur, the Chairperson should ensure that any minority view is noted for the board.
- 3.2.7.** A person is guilty of a breach of proper conduct who:
- I. Uses objectionable words and refuses to withdraw them or offer a satisfactory apology.
 - II. Uses offensive words in respect of another person.
 - III. Wilfully disturbs the orderly conduct of business.
 - IV. Disobeys a lawful order from the Chair.
- 3.2.8.** Any person who commits a breach of proper conduct may, on being declared by the Chairperson to be guilty of a breach of proper conduct, be penalised, on resolution of the meeting:
- I. By being ejected from the meeting.
 - II. By being suspended for a fixed period from attending meetings.
- 3.2.9.** In the case of a charge against a person of improper conduct, it shall be distinctly stated and a resolution made thereon. The person so charged shall then be allowed to make an explanation if he wishes to do so before any penalty is imposed. Having made his explanation or on refusing to do so, the offending person shall retire from the meeting room and await the result of the meeting in relation to the charge.
- 3.2.10.** The Chairman may at any time he considers a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the proposer for a reply, and when that has been given a vote must be taken.

3.3. BI National Committee Meetings

- 3.3.1.** BI National Committees under 3.2 above are established by and report to the board as listed in the BI Constitution and are amended from time to time by the BI Board.
- 3.3.2.** Rules of Conduct are as per Bye-law 3 above.

3.4 Board Gender Balance

The Basketball Ireland Board shall endeavor to comply with Government and Sport Ireland policy in determining the minimum gender representation of the board. The board shall take into account the gender of the members of the board, and the possibility that the balance may not align with Government or Sport Ireland policy. The board shall then determine the minimum number of male to female balance needed to be nominated, for the membership from both elected or co-opted members onto the board to meet the Government or Sport Ireland requirement.

4. THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

General

- 4.1** The President, in a non-voting capacity, may attend any meeting of any Standing Committee by invitation or request.
- 4.2** The election of the President shall be as outlined in article 17 of the Constitution.

5. MEMBERSHIP OF BASKETBALL IRELAND

- 5.1** All individuals, clubs, colleges, schools, and technical personnel and are required to be registered members of Basketball Ireland. Upon a registration fee being accepted and receipted a unique Basketball Ireland Personal Identification Number (BIPIN) shall be allocated to each entity, except post primary schools. This BIPIN should be used on all scoresheets and in other situations where proof of registered membership of B.I. is required.
- 5.2** Clubs and Individuals shall register with Basketball Ireland before they compete or officiate in any local or national competition. Each club and individual must be registered with both Basketball Ireland and the Area Board in which their club has been affiliated to by the NABC. The membership form(s) duly completed, together with the appropriate fee(s) shall be sent as directed by Basketball Ireland.
- 5.3** Where individuals participate in schools/colleges and club competitions they must register as part of the team in all cases.
- 5.4** Schools shall register with Basketball Ireland before they compete in any local or national competition. The form(s) duly completed, together with the appropriate fee(s) shall be sent as agreed with by Basketball Ireland.
- 5.5** Colleges shall register with Basketball Ireland. The form(s) duly completed, together with the appropriate fee(s) shall be sent as directed by Basketball Ireland.

- 5.6** Clubs/ Colleges/ Schools teams must be registered with Basketball Ireland to participate in the following:

Club	College	School
International events	International events	International events
National League	College League	Schools Cup
National Cup	College Cup	School League
All Ireland Club	Approved Tournaments	Approved Tournaments
Area League	Intervarsity Tournament	
Area Cup		
Approved Tournaments		

- 5.7** Once a player's name is inscribed on the scoresheet for a game that player shall be deemed to have played in the game regardless as to whether the player spends time on court or not.
- 5.8** Membership with Basketball Ireland shall be at the discretion of the B.I. board.
- 5.9** Clubs can set up a link with Division One, National or Super League teams as per the individual competition regulations; to facilitate a pathway exists for all players from area board level.
- 5.10** Players may not play for more than one team in a Competition per season except as allowed herein or in the Competitions Regulations.

Unregistered Activity:

- 5.11** Any individual, team, school or club that participates in any basketball activity organised by or under the control of a League or entity which is not registered with Basketball Ireland in the current calendar year or season is automatically suspended for any activity in a Basketball Ireland event including, but not limited to, Leagues, events, seminars and courses for the remainder of the current year and/or season, unless otherwise agreed with Basketball Ireland.
- 5.12** Furthermore, the above stipulation will apply to clubs registering either their juveniles or senior team with Basketball Ireland but allowing either their juvenile or senior teams participate in any league or competition not registered with B.I. Registrations paid to B.I. will be refunded in such a case.
- 5.13** B.I. also reserves the right to rule whether a team or a number of teams are or are not effective members of a club playing under a different name.

Improper use of Basketball Ireland Personal Identification Number (BIPIN)

- 5.14** Where it has been decided by B.I. that a BIPIN has been misused in any way, or a participant in B.I. activity is shown not to be registered and therefore not have a BIPIN, B.I. retains the right to take whatever disciplinary action it deems appropriate against any individual, club, team or other entity it deems responsible for the misuse.

6. TRANSFERS WITHIN BASKETBALL IRELAND

- 6.1** A player shall be free to represent the club of his/her choice in National and Area Board competitions, subject to the regulations contained herein.
- 6.2** A player who wishes to transfer from one club to another must comply with the transfer regulations of the National Area Boards Committee (NABC). Such transfers must be completed on the Basketball Ireland transfer form and sent to Basketball Ireland.

- 6.3** A player who wishes to transfer into Ireland from a country outside the jurisdiction of Basketball Ireland must present a letter of clearance from the National Federation with which he was last registered.
- 6.4** Having completed the transfer procedure, a player must comply with the Basketball Ireland registration system and the respective registration of their Area Board.
- 6.5** All transfers should be notified to Basketball Ireland by the Secretary of the Area Board in whose jurisdiction the transfer form has been completed.
- 6.6** The closing date for transfers at National League Committee and Area Boards level shall be 31st October annually. Clubs playing in the Super League and Division One National competitions must comply with the above closing date for transfers of the respective competition and the national league licencing system.

7. RIGHT OF ACCESS

- 7.1** All members of the Board, National Team Coaches, professional staff of Basketball Ireland and others as designated by the Board, shall be given free access to all basketball courts in Ireland, provided they can show proof of appropriate membership.
- 7.2** In accordance with the regulations of FIBA, all FIBA officials, irrespective of nationality shall be given free access to all basketball courts in Ireland on presentation of the FIBA credentials.
- 7.3** This right of free access applies to all basketball matches played in Ireland regardless of the organisers of the event.

8. NATIONAL TEAMS

- 8.1** A player who is selected to represent Ireland in a full international match or event and agrees to do so and thereafter declines to do so shall not be permitted to play in any match during the period that they would have been representing Ireland, except with the written permission of the EPC.
- 8.2** A player who is selected to participate in an official National Squad training session and agrees to do so and thereafter declines to do so shall not be permitted to play in any match during the period that they would otherwise have been attending the training session, except with the written permission of the EPC.
- 8.3** International honours are only awarded for full international matches between teams representing Ireland and another country as determined by the EPC.
- 8.4** Staff, management and players through selection to an International Squad, will be bound to abide by Basketball Ireland's Code of Conduct and will be required to observe the highest standard of behaviour. This is to be in conjunction with the EPC Policies and procedures.

9. EVENTS AND PLAYER PRIORITY CLAIM

- 9.1** National teams shall take precedence over all other commitments for the priority claim of players.
- 9.2** Events established in the official Basketball Ireland master calendar of events shall take priority over all other events.

10. REGULATIONS GOVERNING CALENDARING OF BASKETBALL EVENTS

The approved Basketball Ireland master calendar takes precedent on all activities that can take place within a given season. This calendar is compiled in conjunction with all constituent committees of Basketball Ireland.

- 10.1** Basketball Ireland cannot grant an exclusive weekend to any club wishing to organise a basketball tournament. By implication therefore a number of tournaments can take place on the same weekend.
- 10.2** Tournaments may be organised on weekends allocated to the National League or National Cup once the tournament games involving National League teams or National Cup teams do not interfere with the National League or National Cup schedule.
- 10.3** Tournaments may be organised on weekends allocated to International competitions or National team training, once it is understood that the National Team shall take precedence over all other commitments for the priority claim of players.
- 10.4** The basketball membership season shall be as determined annually by BI.
- 10.5** The domestic competition playing season shall be as determined annually by BI.
- 10.6** The National Teams Preparation Programmes shall be submitted to the master calendar meeting for its consideration or as deemed necessary by the Elite Performance Committee (EPC).
- 10.7** All FIBA international tournaments that B.I. partake in will be included in the Basketball Ireland Master Calendar.

11. MATCHES AGAINST FOREIGN TEAMS

For any proposed game to be played by an Area Board/Club/Schools/College team against a foreign team, and also for teams from Ireland travelling abroad to play, Basketball Ireland reserve the right to deny authorisation to play any such game.

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1** Basketball Ireland accepts no responsibility for any member of the public (which shall also be deemed to be registered members of Basketball Ireland) for any personal injury or damage to property sustained at any basketball court or event whatsoever unless arising directly from an actual event organised by Basketball Ireland.
- 12.2** Every registered club must have in force Public Liability Insurance including where appropriate, Property Owners Insurance providing insurance cover in respect of all club activities. In addition, where a club engages a person under a contract of service or apprenticeship, the club must have in force an appropriate Employers Liability Policy.
- 12.3** No club or grouping shall be admitted to membership of Basketball Ireland where they fail to comply with point 5 above. Where a club/group are already registered as members but subsequently allow the insurance to lapse or discontinue they are liable to be expelled and have their registration revoked at the discretion of the Board.
- 12.4** It is mandatory for all registered Clubs to provide appropriate insurance for all players, officials, and the general public, for basketball activities.

13. NATIONAL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE (NDC) AND PROCEDURES

- 13.1** The Board of B.I. shall appoint independent individuals as members of the National Disciplinary Committee for a period of 2 years. Members shall be eligible to be reappointed every 2 years.
- 13.2** The Committee may sit in panels of three or more. The quorum for a sitting of the Committee shall be 3 members. Except for automatic sanctions, as set out in the relevant competition rules, all National disciplinary matters shall be referred to the NDC.
- 13.3** The NDC shall have the power to take disciplinary action against;
- a.** Any members under article 2 of the constitution to include any Committee established for the purposes of special task.
 - b.** Any and all remaining Committees and members thereof.
- 13.4** Any of the above may be excluded or suspended from Basketball Ireland or may be fined.
- 13.5** National Groups, Area Boards/Committees and clubs shall have the power to take appropriate disciplinary action against registered persons, members, and units within their jurisdiction. These decisions may be appealed to the National Disciplinary Committee. The disciplinary process will in all instances comply with the board approved disciplinary policy.
- 13.6** Any member under section 13 who is the subject of disciplinary proceedings other than where automatic penalties are specified, shall have the right to be heard in person or by written statement made by them in their own defence.
- 13.7** Any disciplinary action taken must be notified in writing to the person or body, or the nominated representative of the body, against whom disciplinary action is been taken within 7 calendar days of the decision being made.
- 13.8** Unsportsmanlike behaviour on the part of the public towards opponents (players, coaches, team followers, spectators, etc. and/or officials commissioner, referees, or table officials) during games played on the team's home court or another court may be referred to the National Disciplinary Committee by B.I. or its appropriate committees (Constituent committees) to be dealt with. The committee may impose fines or suspensions, as it deems appropriate having considered the incident(s). Players, coaches, clubs, club officials and game officials may be fined and/or suspended for any disciplinary incident occurring before, during or after a game. Disciplinary action may also be taken against a club for any unacceptable behaviour by its followers and /or supporters.
- 13.9** Unsportsmanlike behaviour on the part of the participants towards officials (commissioner, referees, or table officials) during games played on the team's home court or another court may be referred to the National Disciplinary Committee by the Board or its committees (Constituent committees) to be dealt with. A protocol is in place for National Competitions with regards to setting out guidelines. The committee may impose fines or suspensions, as it deems appropriate having considered the incident(s).
- 13.10** All parties will be responsible for their own costs in connection with participation before the NDC.
- 13.11** Decisions from disciplinary matters have the right of appeal to the National Appeals Committee.
- 13.12** The National Disciplinary Committee procedures are available through Basketball Ireland HQ.

- 13.13** The time limits in the disciplinary and appeal clauses do not apply to National Competitions but the relevant clauses in the National Competitions shall apply during the playing season.

14. NATIONAL APPEALS PROCEDURES

- 14.1** There shall be the right of appeal to the *National Appeals Committee (NAC)* against any decision of the following:
Any members under article 2 of the constitution to include;
1. The NDC
 2. Any Committee established for the purposes of special task.
 3. Any and all remaining constituent Committees and the members thereof.
 4. The Board of Basketball Ireland.
 5. Any executive officer of Basketball Ireland.
- 14.2** In order for an appeal to be progressed to *National Appeals Committee (NAC)* it must first have exhausted or waived all available mechanisms of the relevant national committee appeals process.
- 14.3** In order for an appeal to be valid it must be received in writing at the office of Basketball Ireland within 7 calendar days of notification of the decision and must be accompanied by a deposit of €300. This deposit shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
- 14.4** Notification of a bone fide appeal once received shall be circulated by the Basketball Ireland Office to the relevant parties whose decision is being appealed and a date and time for the hearing, once set, shall also be communicated to both parties.
- 14.5** The National Appeals Committee (NAC) shall consist of a panel of the nominees who shall be appointed by the Board for a period of 2 years and thereafter if required be reappointed every two years.
- 14.6** The NAC shall constitute three (3) members selected at random from the panel available. This committee is then the sitting or active appeals committee for the appeal at hand. A member of the office staff may attend at the request of the Chairperson for administrative assistance or information purposes but must leave the meeting before a decision is made.
- 14.7** Any meeting of the NAC shall appoint a Chairperson from among the NAC members present.
- 14.8** An independent person shall take the minutes of the meeting, a member of staff shall be available as per 14.6.
- 14.9** The party bringing the appeal shall state their case first. The defending body or committee will then state their case. Each side will have the opportunity to ask questions of the other side through the Chair. The National Appeals Committee members may also question both sides.
- 14.10** The Chairperson once satisfied that all involved have had ample time to state their case and ask questions, shall then terminate that part of the appeal meeting and ask all parties, including the minute taker, to withdraw to allow the committee to make their decision.
- 14.11** The decision of the National Appeal Committee shall be forwarded in writing or electronically to both parties within 3 working days-
- 14.12** As a final point of appeal, accepting that all BI internal dispute appeal avenues have been utilised, a dispute arising out of or in connection with these regulations may be referred to Sport Dispute Solutions Ireland (SDSI) and will be administered in accordance with SDSI Regulations (as amended from time to time).

14.13 All parties will be responsible for their own costs in connection with participation before the NAC.

14.14 The following procedures shall apply to all appeals to the National Appeals Committee:

- 14.14.1** Each club and/ or player and/or other interested party shall furnish submissions in writing and/ or video evidence on the incident to the NAC not later than seven days before the appeal hearing date.
- 14.14.2** Each club and/or player and/or interested party, or any representative of the aforesaid parties shall have the right to attend at the appeal hearing and offer oral evidence in addition to the written submissions to the NAC.
- 14.14.3** All appeals are by way of oral hearing, either in person or by phone and/ or video link and the appeal shall be held in private.
- 14.14.4** The decision of the NAC shall be in writing arrived at by majority vote. The Committee shall not be obliged to give reasons for its decision but where practical should do so.

15. DISPUTES RESOLUTION

Disputes between members at article 2 of the Constitution, if they can't be resolved by the local Area Board then refer the matter to the B.I. office to appoint a mediator / arbitrator. If an agreed mediator cannot resolve the dispute than they may refer the matter to the NAC. B.I. will set up a panel of mediators / arbitrators. The parties in dispute shall share the costs. A mediation is not binding and any party to the mediation can withdraw at any time. Arbitration is binding and the decision of the arbitrator is binding subject to an appeal to the NAC.

16. CODE OF CONDUCT

Basketball Ireland has adopted a Code of Conduct as a constituent part of National Policy. Basketball Ireland requires that all units of the Association in turn adopt this policy, supply all members with copies, and appoint and register centrally a Children's Officer.

APPLICATION

16.1 This Code of Conduct (the 'code') is binding on:

- I. All members of the Board of Directors, and Sub-Committees of Basketball Ireland.
- II. All officials, employees and player agents of Basketball Ireland.
- III. All players, coaches and officials with whom Basketball Ireland who have entered into agreements or who are otherwise affiliated to Basketball Ireland, (herein after referred to as 'covered persons').

OBJECTIVES

16.2 This Code is introduced to:

- I. Ensure that the policies and decisions of Basketball Ireland are implemented professionally and in an objective and accountable manner.
- II. Re-affirm the commitment of all covered persons to act in the best interests of Basketball Ireland at all times.
- III. Provide a further deterrent against conduct, behaviour and practices which may be detrimental to the best interests of Basketball Ireland and / or the game of basketball ('the game').

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COVERED PERSONS**16.3** Covered persons must:

- I. Perform the functions of their office in good faith and honestly.
- II. Act in the best interests of Basketball Ireland and take all necessary steps to assist Basketball Ireland in achieving its objectives in such a way that Basketball Ireland's credibility and integrity is not compromised.
- III. Conduct themselves in a manner worthy of their position within Basketball Ireland.
- IV. Act with due care and diligence in the discharge of their functions for and on behalf of Basketball Ireland.
- V. Disclose to Basketball Ireland any direct or indirect personal or private business interest that they or their spouses, partners or business associates may have which may conflict with Basketball Ireland's interests.

16.4 Covered persons may not:

- i. Engage in conduct, behaviour or practices, which may be detrimental to the best interests of Basketball Ireland.
- ii. Engage in any conduct, behaviour or practices, which may bring Basketball Ireland, or the game, into disrepute.
- iii. Disclose confidential information entrusted to them or obtained as a result of their position as covered persons, unless legally obliged to do so.
- iv. Disclose information, unless legally obliged to do so, in a way which may damage the reputation of Basketball Ireland or the game.
- v. Use their position or privileges as covered persons for private gain or to benefit another person improperly.
- vi. Commit or be responsible for, and / or party to, any form of discrimination including, but not limited to, discrimination on the basis of race, colour, gender, sex, ethnic or social origin, religion or political persuasion.
- vii. Do anything which is likely to intimidate, offend, insult or humiliate any person on the grounds of his or her race, colour, gender, sex, ethnic or social origin, religion or political persuasion.
- viii. Harass any person on any grounds whether physical, mental, professional or sexual.
- ix. Accept:
 1. Hospitality, either personally or on behalf of persons accompanying them, whether relatives or otherwise, which is excessive in the circumstance.
 2. Gifts other than gifts of nominal value in accordance with prevailing local custom and given and accepted as a mark of respect or friendship: provided that gifts which exceed €200.00 per annum in value should be declared to the appropriate Basketball Ireland structure and handed over to it unless it decides otherwise.
 3. Goods or services which may influence or affect judgement in the conduct of Basketball Ireland's affairs.
- x. Give gifts or perform favours of any kind where it could appear designed to influence others improperly or which may influence or affect judgement in the conduct of Basketball Ireland's affairs.

16.5 BREACHES OF THE CODE

- I. An alleged breach of the Code shall be investigated by a person(s) appointed by the board of Basketball Ireland, specifically for that purpose (hereinafter referred to as 'a Designated Official').
- II. A Designated Official shall determine the procedures governing the investigation of an alleged breach of the Code in his or her discretion on condition that the rules of natural justice are complied with.

- III. If a Designated Official determines that a breach of the Code may have been committed, he shall refer the matter through the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee or his or her representative, to the Disciplinary Committee for adjudication. Pursuant to the memo and articles of Basketball Ireland and the Disciplinary Regulations.
- IV. If a Disciplinary Committee appointed in terms of the Basketball Ireland Disciplinary Procedure regulations or the Board of Basketball Ireland determines that a breach of the Code had been committed, he / she / it may impose penalties as outlined in the byelaws, regulations, rules operational on the day i.e. expulsion, suspension or fine.

17. BASKETBALL IRELAND GDPR DATA PROTECTION REGULATION POLICY

Basketball Ireland adopts the General Data Protection (GDPR) Law which came into effect in 2018.

- 17.1 This Policy sets out the obligations of Basketball Ireland (“the Company”) regarding data protection and the rights of employees, service providers (contractors/sole traders) and business contacts (“data subjects”). This includes obligations in dealing with personal data, to ensure that the organisation complies with the requirements of the relevant Irish legislation, namely the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which replaced the Irish Data Protection Act (1988), and the Irish Data Protection (Amendment) Act (2003), (the Acts), as and from 25th May 2018.
- 17.2 This Policy sets out the procedures that are to be followed when dealing with personal data. The procedures and principles set out herein must be always followed by Basketball Ireland’s employees, agents, contractors or other parties working on behalf of Basketball Ireland.
- 17.3 The policy covers both personal and sensitive personal data held in relation to data subjects by Basketball Ireland and applies equally to personal data held in manual and automated form.
- 17.4 All personal and sensitive personal data will be equally referred to as personal data in this policy, unless specifically stated otherwise.
- 17.5 Basketball Ireland requires that all units of the Association in turn adopt our Data Protection policy, which may change from time to time in line with legislation.

18. BASKETBALL IRELAND MEDIA & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

- 18.1 Persons bound by this policy include Basketball Ireland registered members, players, officials, referees, clubs, coaches, employees, independent contractors, administrators and Basketball Ireland employees.
- 18.2 The Basketball Ireland Media Policy requires members to use media, including social media, in a productive and positive manner that promotes the sport of basketball and affords respect to individuals and organisations involved in the sport at all times.
- 18.3 Basketball Ireland promotes the practice of positive engagement and interaction with the media and encourages all persons bound by this policy to use media channels, including

- social media, appropriately.
- 18.4 Basketball Ireland requires that all units of the Association in turn adopt our Media and Social Media policy, which may change from time to time in line with legislation and new media platforms.
- 18.5 Basketball Ireland treats all written social media postings, blogs, status updates and tweets as 'public comment'. As a result, all persons bound by this Policy should not comment or respond to a comment in a way that may be construed as negative or may be considered derogatory towards others or put themselves in a situation where they may harm their reputation, the reputation of their teammates, the Irish team or Basketball Ireland, including its sponsors and stakeholders or any other third party.
- 18.6 Offensive conduct/Misuse of Social media shall be a breach of these Bye-Laws and a disciplinary matter to be dealt with by the Board who may refer it to the NDC for further sanction.

19. REGULATIONS GOVERNING BI RECOGNISED GAMES/TOURNAMENTS

Organisers of tournaments are required to receive Basketball Ireland sanction. This sanction will be at the discretion of the Board. To receive sanction the tournament must comply with the following general and technical regulations.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 19.1 The completed official application for tournament sanction must be received in Basketball Ireland Office one month prior to the event, along with a copy of the tournament rules, a copy of relevant insurance certificates (Public Liability Docs) and a list of attending clubs/teams.
- 19.2 All players must be registered with Basketball Ireland. In the case of a local/national tournament, all clubs/teams must be registered to Basketball Ireland.
- 19.3 Games against teams not registered with Basketball Ireland must seek authorisation from Basketball Ireland. Permission to play non-registered players and/or non- clubs may be granted by Basketball Ireland under certain circumstances (i.e. International Clubs, see inbound permission form, pre-season games) such permission must be received in writing from Basketball Ireland office.
- 19.4 It is the duty of the tournament organisers to ensure that all participants are registered with Basketball Ireland. Tournament organisers who permit non-registered or non-registered clubs to participate will be automatically fined €50 and may be open to further sanction by Basketball Ireland.
- 19.5 Referees should be appointed to the tournament in conjunction with NBRA or the local area association, depending on the level of the tournament/game, once it has been sanctioned. Notice will go from BIHQ to the relevant person(s). Once the organiser receives sanction they must contact the referees directly.

20. TOURNAMENT TECHNICAL REGULATIONS FOR SENIOR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS– Permitted exceptions to FIBA rules included.

- 20.1 In the case of a Tournament - organisers must appoint a technical commission which must comprise of the tournament organisers, selected representative of the participating teams,

- not including the host team, and a neutral nominee who will chair the commission and act as Tournament Commissioner.
- 20.2 The length of a game may be shortened. A minimum of 5 minutes per quarter with a half time interval of 2 minutes is essential. The “running clock” is not permitted in any circumstances.
- 20.3 The 15 minute dispensation for lateness may be reduced or abandoned.
- 20.4 Extra periods may be reduced in the event of a tie or alternatively in the event of a tie, the game may be decided by awarding the game to the team who scores the next point.
- 20.5 For matches with quarters of less than 7 minutes only one charged time out per half should be permitted to each coach.
- 20.6 The number of fouls permitted for a team and for a player can be reduced in accordance with the length of the match.
- 20.7 Rules governing substitutions cannot be altered.
- 20.8 Each team should play at least 40 minutes playing time over the duration of the tournament/blitz.
- 20.9 Any sanctioned tournament must ensure that the visiting international teams complete the form for touring teams to Ireland and pay the appropriate fee, if any applies.

21. ANTI DOPING CONTROL POLICY

- 21.1** Basketball Ireland has adopted and incorporated the Irish Anti-Doping Rules as its anti-doping rules and authorises Sport Ireland to carry out doping control on the athletes under its jurisdiction or control:
- i. Basketball Ireland recognises Sport Ireland’s authority under the Irish Anti-Doping Rules and the World Anti-Doping Code and shall assist Sport Ireland if applicable in the implementation of a testing programme.
 - ii. All athletes and each athlete support person who participates in a competition, event or activity authorised or organised Basketball Ireland or by a club, school, college, Area Committee or league affiliated to Basketball Ireland are bound by the Irish Anti-Doping Rules.
- 21.2** All club personnel have a responsibility to ensure that club members are aware of the Irish Anti-Doping Rules and that there is an atmosphere supporting a drug free sport within the club.
- 21.3** Basketball Ireland is also subject to the FIBA internal regulations governing Anti-Doping, including in competition and/or out of competition testing.
- 21.4** All individuals, clubs, schools, colleges and Area Committees will adhere to the Basketball Ireland doping control regulations, as follows:
- i. The use of performance enhancing, recreational or any drugs banned under World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Prohibited List of banned substances and methods are strictly prohibited by Basketball Ireland.
 - ii. Furthermore, Basketball Ireland subscribes to the National Anti-Doping Testing Programme operated by Sport Ireland.

- 21.5** Any person who has a positive drugs test will be subject to disciplinary action before an independent panel set up by Sport Ireland who will investigate the circumstances of the offence and decide the penalties to be imposed.
- 21.6** Athletes and other persons under Basketball Ireland's jurisdiction (or that of a club, school, college, Area Committee or league affiliated to Basketball Ireland) shall co-operate with Sport Ireland in relation to any investigations under the Irish Anti-Doping Rules, or FIBA in relation to any investigations under the FIBA Internal Regulations:
- i. Any failure to so co-operate, without acceptable justification, shall be a breach of these Bye-Laws and shall be a disciplinary matter to be dealt with by the Board.
 - ii. Offensive conduct towards a doping control official or other person involved in doping control by an athlete, athlete support person or other person, which does not otherwise constitute Tampering under the Irish Anti-Doping Rules, shall be a breach of these Bye-Laws and a disciplinary matter to be dealt with by the Board;
 - iii. The use or possession by an athlete support person or other person of a prohibited substance or method shall be a breach of these Bye-Laws and is a disciplinary matter to be dealt with by the Board;
 - iv. Any such failure to co-operate fully, offensive conduct or Use or Possession shall be a breach of the terms of any funding or other support provided by Basketball Ireland.

22. BROADCASTING/STREAMING

- 22.1 The Board shall have the right to regulate all appearances relating to basketball by participants in the sport of basketball whether players or otherwise in any public media and to stipulate the terms and conditions of any such appearance.
- 22.2 No such appearance shall be made without the prior authority of the CEO, or the Chair of the Board, or in their absence the President.
- 22.3 Basketball Ireland shall have the sole and exclusive right to negotiate on behalf of each Area Committee, Regional Board or Club regarding television, radio, streaming or any other public media coverage of basketball matches on the island of Ireland.
- 22.4 Basketball Ireland reserves all rights to the video-taping or filming of all matches under its jurisdiction.

23. GENERAL

- 23.1 The Board may take whatever action it deems appropriate against any registered person or organisation that it deems to have brought the game into disrepute.
- 23.2 At the start of each season outstanding and aged debts will be deducted from club payments as priority, and in advance of crediting payments against current and more recent payments due.
- 23.3 An approved Basketball Ireland score pad, or the electronic equivalent, must be used for all matches played in Ireland.

23.4 Basketball Ireland permits the use of courts that are safe and comply with the following:

Definition	Minimum Standard
28 x 15m with variations down to 24 x 13 with a 1m gap	24 x 13 with 1 m gap

24. CHANGES TO THE REGULATIONS

Only the Board may change, alter, or amend these regulations in accordance with the Constitution.

In determining the Minimum Gender Representation, the Basketball Ireland Board shall take into account the Sport Ireland required gender balance of board members, and the possibility that the board members could be either excessively male or female, and as such not comply with Sport Ireland requirements. It shall then determine the minimum number of males and the minimum number of females needed to be nominated for election as board member(s) for it to meet the Minimum Gender Representation required by Sport Ireland.