

SECTION 1: AFFILIATION

- 1.1 Any Club wishing to enter a team in any of the DLBB Leagues must make an application for affiliation to the League Administrator on a date to be fixed by the Executive Committee (herein after referred to as the Committee) from year to year. The committee have the right to rule on any issues not specifically covered in the rules, regulations and byelaws also to the interpretation of the rules, regulations and byelaws. It is a condition of entry into DLBB competitions that all clubs familiarise themselves with and abide by the byelaws. It is the duty and responsibility of all Club Executive Committees to ensure that all their members are registered and transferred in accordance with the rules of the DLBB and Basketball Ireland.
- 1.2 Affiliating Clubs shall pay a fee, the amount to be fixed from time to time by the Committee. Such fee must accompany each application for affiliation. Failure to affiliate by the due date will result in a fine of €25.00.
- 1.3 At the discretion of the Committee, a bond shall be payable by a Club or team which has not satisfactorily fulfilled its obligations and commitments to the Board during the previous season. This bond may be refunded at the discretion of the Committee at the end of the season.
- 1.4 Any Club from a different Area Board may request to affiliate to the DLBB on a season to season basis. This request to affiliate is discretionary and subject to the agreement of all parties from year to year. Any Club from a different Area Board wishing to affiliate to the DLBB must furnish the committee with the correctly filled in form from their own Area Board allowing them permission to play in the DLBB if allowed to do so by the DLBB within the deadline agreed by the National Area Boards Committee (NABC) from year to year. The club must also ensure that all their teams / players are registered with and competing fully in both Area Boards and agree to be bound by the rules of the NABC Agreements. All new Clubs will be subject to a bond of €130.00, refundable on receipt of their registration for a second season.
- 1.5 Affiliations from clubs who have failed to honour their financial commitments to the DLBB in the previous season, will not be accepted for the current season until all outstanding monies are received. In the case of National League clubs, the matter will be referred to Basketball Ireland informing them of their loss of Area Board status.
- 1.6 All Clubs must have public liability insurance with a minimum cover of €6.5 million and must produce a copy of their Certificate of Insurance to the League Administrator when affiliating each season.

SECTION 2: PROCEDURES FOR BOARD MEETINGS

Attendance at Board Meetings

- 2.1 All affiliated Clubs are obliged to send a representative of over 16 years of age to the monthly meetings of the DLBB. Failure to do this will result in a €32.00 fine. Minor Clubs are allowed to be represented by delegates already representing a Senior Club with the exceptions of the first and last meeting of the season, and the Annual General Meeting.
- 2.2.1 A Club is only considered to be present at a meeting if that Club's representative has signed the Attendance Book on entry and remains for the duration of the meeting. The Attendance Book is closed ten minutes after the start of the meeting.

- 2.2.2 The signing delegate is considered to be the spokesperson and the person eligible to vote on behalf of the Club at that meeting. Permission to speak must be requested by raising one's hand and only those speaking through the Chair will be heard. Other attendees at meetings may participate only when invited to do so by the Chairperson of the meeting.

Non-Attendance at Board Meetings

- 2.3 Single team Clubs fulfilling a league fixture should inform the Secretary prior to the meeting that their representative cannot attend the meeting. Failure to comply will result in a fine of €32.00. Failure to pay this fine within 30 days from the date of the meeting will result in a further fine of €13.00.

Annual General Meeting

- 2.4 All Clubs registered with the Board will be given 30 days' notice in writing of the Annual General Meeting. Each Club must send one representative to the AGM of the Board and the signing delegate is considered to be the spokesperson and the person eligible to vote on behalf of the Club at the AGM. Failure to attend will result in a fine of €65.00 which must be paid within 30 days of the date of the AGM.

SECTION 3: REGISTRATION

General Registration for Senior & Minor League Players

- 3.1 Each individual player must be registered with the Board and Basketball Ireland in order to participate in DLBB leagues/tournaments. A valid BIPIN must be supplied when the player is being registered with the DLBB to be eligible to compete in DLBB competition. It is the duty and responsibility of all Club Executive Committees to ensure that all their members are registered and transferred in accordance with the rules of the DLBB and Basketball Ireland.
- 3.2 Registration must be made on the DLBB Player Registration Form and lodged with the Registrar, together with the appropriate fee, before the closing date to be fixed by the Committee each season.
- 3.3 After initial team registrations have taken place at the start of each season, any additional registrations must be notified to the Registrar on the official DLBB Additional Player Registration Form together with the appropriate fee.
- 3.4 A player is deemed to be registered for the current season when the registration form and appropriate fee have been confirmed as received by the Registrar. The onus is on the clubs to obtain confirmation of this.
- 3.5 A registration that involves the transfer and/or re-grading of a player is also subject to byelaws in Section 4 and Section 5.
- 3.6 A Club which enters the name of a non-registered / illegal / ineligible player on a scoresheet or plays a non-registered / illegal / ineligible player on the court shall be liable to a fine of €50 for each non-registered player. The winning points will automatically be awarded to the opposition and no points will be awarded to the non-compliant team. The points adjustment will be made to the league tables at the end of the season.
- 3.7 A registered player may play (i.e. be named on the score-sheet) in two games only in a higher division within her own Club in the Dublin Leagues, without losing her lower division status for that season. This bye-law does not apply to Minor divisions. See also Byelaw 3.14 regarding Minor Players.
- 3.8 Additional non-transferring players can be registered up until 31st March each year.

3.9 There shall be two categories of players: Category 1 and Category 2:

Category 1: Players who have gone through primary/secondary school system on the Island of Ireland for a minimum of 3 years and FIBA Europe Developed Player (FED-Player) - A player who played underage basketball [between the ages 12 & 18] for at least two consecutive years with an official school/club registered with a National Governing Body, which is affiliated to FIBA Europe. The onus of proof of eligibility shall be on the club seeking to register the player.

Category 2: Any player not qualifying as a Category 1 player. No Category 2 player registered to play in the National League may play in the DLBB.

3.10 Within a club only 4 players can be licensed/registered on both a DLBB Senior Division one and National League team, these players must be U23 before the 1st January of the current season. These 4 players must be declared by 1st October in each season and once declared these 4 players cannot be changed. From time to time during the season the committee will decide on the eligibility of these players to continue playing in the Dublin league, when reviewing the updated statistics on the Basketball Ireland website. For these 4 players to qualify to play in the playoffs they must play in 60% of their Division One league games.

3.11 Any player registered with a National League team may not play in any Dublin Minor league below U17 Division 1. Players aged 16 and above who are playing in U17 or U18 may also play in a Senior league provided they are registered on that Senior team.

3.12 To play in the DLBB Under 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18 leagues a player must be Under 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 or 18 years of age on the 1st January of the year following the start of the season.

To play in the DLBB Under 10 jamborees a player must be under 10 years of age on the 1st January of the year following the start of the season. A Club who enters the name of a player on a score-sheet in an age group for which that player is too old, will incur a fine of €32. The winning points will automatically be awarded to the opposition and no points will be awarded to the non-compliant team. The points adjustment will be made to the league tables at the end of the season.

3.13 To register in any Minor league, the minimum age is over 8 years by 1st January following the start of the season.

3.14 Players should be allowed to participate in any competition as follows:

- Under 10,11,12
- Under 11,12,13
- Under 12,13,14
- Under 13,14,15
- Under 14,15,16
- Under 15,16,17
- Under 16,17,18

But may only play in a maximum of 2 grades/teams in any one season.

Players participating in two leagues must be registered on both teams. Only one registration fee, i.e. the lower fee is required. Byelaw 3.7 does not apply to a minor player who is registered in two leagues.

A maximum of 4 Minor players playing in Division 1 of one age group may play in Division 2 of a higher age group, and a maximum of 4 Minor players playing in Division 2 of one age group may play in Division 1 of a higher age group. These 4 players must be declared by 1st October in each season and once declared these 4 players cannot be changed. A maximum of 2 players from these 4 declared players may play in any one game. These 2 players must be clearly marked on the scoresheet.

- 3.15 Players should not be allowed to participate in any competition over two grades above their own starting grade (i.e. player's age) and may only play in a maximum of 2 grades in any one season. No player under 16 years of age on 31st December of the current season may take part in adult competition, including Under 20.
- 3.16 If requested, a copy of Birth Certificate of a minor player must be lodged with the Registrar of the Board within seven days of such a request. Failure to comply will result in the automatic suspension of that player.

Coach Registration

- 3.17 All Coaches who coach in the DLBB Leagues must be registered with the DLBB and the appropriate fee, fixed by the Committee each season, must be paid.
- 3.18 Failure to register a coach, together with the appropriate fee, before the closing date to be fixed by the Committee each season will result in a fine of €32.00.

SECTION 4: GRADING OF PLAYERS

- 4.1 Grading of all players shall be at the discretion of the Committee. Any player who played Senior 1 or Senior 2 in one season may not play lower than Senior 3 the following season. They may play lower than Senior 3 in the next following season.
- 4.2 Players wishing to down-grade after the commencement of the season must do so before 30th November. All down-grading shall be at the discretion of the Committee. Applications for down-grading must be made in writing to the Registrar on the official DLBB Re-Grading Form. Players may only be named on the score-sheet when confirmation of the Committee's decision has been received from the Registrar.
- 4.3 Up-grading shall be permitted within a season at the discretion of the Committee. Applications for up-grading must be made in writing to the Registrar on the official DLBB Re-Grading Form. Players may only be named on the score-sheet when confirmation of the Committee's decision has been received from the Registrar.
- 4.4 Any player who downgrades to a lower division without notification to and approval from the Committee shall be subject to a fine of €32.00. The winning points will automatically be awarded to the opposition and no points will be awarded to the non-compliant team. The points adjustment will be made to the league tables at the end of the season.

SECTION 5: TRANSFERS

- 5.1 All transfers are subject to Basketball Ireland Transfer Regulations. (See Appendix B). It is the duty and responsibility of all Club Executive Committees to ensure that all their members are registered and transferred in accordance with the rules of the DLBB and Basketball Ireland.
- 5.2 The closing date for transfers of Senior and Minor players is 31st October each year. Up to a maximum of three players from one club can transfer into another club in any one season.

- 5.3 All players changing Clubs must apply for a transfer regardless of the time period which has elapsed since the player left her previous Club.
- 5.4.1 The Secretary of a Club seeking to approach a Minor player with a view to transferring, must in the first instance approach the Secretary of the Club of which that player is a member to request permission from the player's parent / guardian to speak to that player. All such approaches must be confirmed in writing.
- 5.4.2 In instances where a Minor player wishes to transfer to another Club, that player's parent / guardian is obliged initially to contact that Club through the Secretary of her own Club.
- 5.4.3 Failure by Clubs to comply with the above will result in a fine of €65.00.
- 5.5 A senior player wishing to transfer must lodge a request for transfer with her club secretary. Applications for transfer must be made on the official Basketball Ireland Transfer Form. The form must be signed by the player, Club Secretary of the Club the player is transferring from, as well as the Secretary of the new Club. A player shall be eligible to play for the new Club once the Registrar has confirmed approval by the Committee of the transfer. In the case of underage players, it's the parent / guardian who should contact the secretaries of both clubs.
- 5.6 A Club withholding a release must notify the Registrar in writing as to the reasons why, within seven (7) days of the official transfer request. A copy of this letter must also be sent to the player involved, who must reply to the Registrar within seven (7) days. In the case of underage players, it's the parent / guardian who should contact the Registrar in writing. A decision will be taken by the Committee in such circumstances.

SECTION 6: LEAGUE RULES

General

- 6.1 The DLBB Senior leagues and other competitions are played in accordance with the provisions of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules which is Appendix C of our Bye Laws. The DLBB Minor Leagues and other competitions are played in accordance with the provisions of the FIBA Official Basketball Rules and also the Rules set out by the National Basketball Underage Rules from Season to Season.
- 6.2 The composition of the leagues each season shall be at the discretion of the Committee. All grading of teams shall be at the discretion of the Committee.
- 6.3 All league fixtures are played on a home-and-away basis. In the event of a gym being unavailable, or deemed unfit for play by the referee(s), on the appointed date, the game must be replayed with the home team retaining home advantage. The away team must pay its own travelling expenses.

Minor League Rules

- 6.4 All Minor divisions must complete at least 40% of their fixtures by 31 December of the current season. Any fixture that is postponed must be rescheduled immediately with the home team obliged to offer two alternative dates at least 4 days apart to the opposition. The new fixture must be confirmed to the League Administrator within seven days of the original cancellation. A fee of €25 per game will apply to the team requesting the change. Teams are permitted to change a league fixture to facilitate a Cup game. When rescheduling this league fixture they must offer two alternative dates at least 4 days apart to the opposition. There is no fee applied for a change to facilitate a Cup game. In situations where the change of fixture requested is due to the

unavailability of a gym, the fee will be refundable on production of a letter within seven days from the gym manager to this effect.

Start Times of Games

6.5 Senior & Appointed Games:

Monday - Thursday: Earliest start time 7pm Latest start time 9.00pm

Friday: Earliest start time 7.30pm Latest start time 9.00pm

Minor:

Friday: Earliest start time 7.30pm Latest start time 9.00pm

Saturdays: Earliest start time 10.00am Latest start time 7.00pm

Sundays: Earliest start time 11.00am Latest start time 7.00pm

Under 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12 and 11:

- No Minor teams are obliged to play on weekday evenings (unless agreed by both teams) at the relevant fixture meeting.
- Start times for weekend matches are as listed above for games (unless agreed by both teams to start earlier).

6.6 The following points shall be awarded for all league games:

- WIN: 3 Points
- LOSS: 1 Point
- WALKOVER: 3 Points to team who is awarded the walkover
- No points to team conceding walkover

6.7 The home team is responsible for the safe delivery of the score-sheet to the League Administrator WITHIN FIVE DAYS following the date of the fixture. Failure to comply with this will result in a fine of €13.00.

6.8 All teams playing in Senior divisions must have full-size, indoor courts and not less than 1.5 hours per game.

6.9 Teams are required to wear matching uniforms which are correctly numbered. Bicycle shorts must be of the same single colour as the uniform shorts. Shorts, a different colour to the top, are acceptable so long as everyone is dressed the same. Failure to comply with the terms of this regulation will result in a fine of €13.00 per player concerned. The DOA has the right to preclude any player or players from the game for breach of this byelaw.

6.10 All teams in Senior leagues should have two sets of gear and in the event of a clash the home team should change.

6.11 Promotion/relegation shall be on the basis of '2 up/2 down', subject to the provisions of Byelaws 6.1 and 6.2. In the event of vacancies arising in a particular division, decisions will be made at the discretion of the Committee.

6.12 When a team withdraws from the league, or for any other reason fails to complete a league, the following rules shall apply:

- (i) If they collapse during the first half of the season no points shall be awarded.
- (ii) If they collapse after having fulfilled their first half fixtures, the first half points will stand and no points will be awarded for the second half.

Clubs must notify the Committee of their decision not to compete in a league at least one week prior to the Fixture Meetings. Failure to do so will result in a fine of €65.

6.13 Teams in appointed divisions who withdraw during a season are liable for all league fees for that season.

- 6.14 In the event of a tie between teams in the same league at the end of the season who have equal points in the placing, if one team has won both games they are deemed to be the winner. A second classification will be established taking into account only the results of the games between the teams involved; if the situation is not resolved, and the teams have equal points in the placing after the second classification, then points difference will be taken into account only the results of the games between the teams involved will be made to determine the classification; if it is still not finally resolved a second classification will be determined by points difference taking into account all the results of the games from the group in question. If they are still tied the drawing of lots will take place decide on the league placings. This is in accordance with the provisions of Section D - Classification of Teams in the FIBA Official Basketball Rules which is Appendix C of our Bye Laws.
- 6.15 All league correspondence including complaints/queries must be presented in a typed format and condensed to two A4 pages to the League Administrator within ten days of the event.
- 6.16 All correspondence from the Committee requesting a reply must be answered within seven days. Failure to do this will result in a fine of €32.00.

Fixture Meetings

- 6.17 Fixtures of the DLBB have priority over all other fixtures, except at the discretion of the Committee.
- 6.18 All league matches shall be arranged at the start of each season at a Fixture Meetings to be held at a time and venue to be fixed by the Committee. Notification of the time and venue shall be given to all Club Secretaries at least seven days before such meetings. Teams failing to send representatives to Fixture Meetings shall be liable to a penalty of €65.00 and/or disqualification from the league, at the discretion of the Committee.
- 6.19 Confirmation of all fixtures must be given to the League Administrator on the night of the Fixture Meeting and confirmation of matches must be sent to the opposing teams within seven (7) days of the Fixture Meeting.
- 6.20 Requests for changes of fixtures in appointed divisions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and at the sole discretion of the Committee. Requests for changes must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of €65.00 for Senior divisions and €32.00 for any other appointed divisions, together with the new fixture date, and sent to the League Administrator. The League Administrator must be given three (3) weeks' notice of rescheduled matches.

Teams are permitted to change a league fixture to facilitate a Cup game. When rescheduling this league fixture they must offer two alternative dates at least 4 days apart to the opposition. There is no fee applied for a change to facilitate a Cup game.

In situations where the change of fixture requested is due to the unavailability of a gym, the fee will be refundable on production of a letter within seven days from the gym manager to this effect.

- 6.21 In all other divisions teams are not obliged to change a fixture unless a gym is unavailable. The onus is on the team who cancels the game to re-arrange the fixture within seven days. The fixture must be confirmed in writing with the opposing team, as well as the League Administrator. Failure to comply with these procedures will result in the opposing team being granted a walkover.

Any Minor team conceding a walkover to an away fixture with insufficient notice will be fined €50. The onus is on the away team to bring this walkover to the attention of the Board. The committee will then use their discretion to allocate this fine to the other team to cover the possible costs of gym hire and referees fees.

Walkovers

- 6.22 All games must start on time. If one team is not on court ready to play 10 minutes after the appointed time, a walkover will automatically be awarded to the team ready on court.
- 6.23 Applications for walkovers must be made in writing to the League Administrator and, if appropriate, accompanied by a score-sheet signed by a referee. A copy of the application must be forwarded to the opposing team who then have seven (7) days to reply to the League Administrator. A final decision on the matter will be taken by the Committee.
- 6.24 No points will be awarded to either team in situations where games are not played by the appointed date unless one of the teams claims a walkover.
- 6.25 Any team who concedes two walkovers in any one season will automatically be disqualified for the remainder of that season.

Table Officiating

- 6.26 Each team must supply one competent Table Official.
- 6.27 The home team must provide a stop clock, an official score pad and a signal for the table (e.g. whistle). Failure to comply with these requirements will result in a fine of €32.00 on the home team.
- 6.28 The home team is responsible for correct layout of the score-sheet. A fine of €13.00 shall be imposed on the home team for an incorrectly completed score-sheet.
- Any team found to have amended a score-sheet after it has been signed by match official shall be subject to a fine of €250 and will be deducted five (5) league points.
- 6.29 Score-sheets must be completed in triplicate:
- White copy: sent to League Administrator within five days by home team
 - Pink copy: given to winning team
 - Yellow copy: given to losing team
- 6.30 Games should be played in accordance with the time available, a minimum of 7 minutes per quarter must be played, a running clock is never permitted. In the event of a tie at full time and there being no time available to play an extra period, an extra period of five minutes shall be played at a late date. However, if both teams agree, the full game may be re-played later.

Referees

- 6.31 Teams in non-appointed divisions must supply a graded referee for their games. In the event of a team turning up without a referee and if the referee present is a Grade 3 or higher, then the game must go ahead once the following conditions are complied with:
- (i) The Coach/Manager of the team with the referee approaches the Coach/Manager of the team with no referee and requests payment of the appropriate referee's fee, plus travelling expenses if required.
 - (ii) The Coach/Manager of the team with the referee must write on the top of the score-sheet "Referee Supplied by Team XXX".
- If the team without a referee refuses to comply with any of the above requirements, a walkover will be granted.
- 6.32 All Minor teams must supply a competent official. In the event of there being only one official present, then the game must go ahead. The defaulting team must pay for the referee.

- 6.33 Under no circumstances shall the registered coach or a registered player of a team or coach named on the score-sheet officiate on behalf of that team.
- 6.34 The Board shall not be liable for any extraneous expenses incurred due to the failure of DOA referees to officiate at games, or for games cancelled or postponed due to the absence of DOA referees.
- 6.35 Referees must be paid before the start of the second half of the match.
- 6.36 The Committee reserves the right to prohibit referees who are not currently registered with the DOA from officiating at DLBB events.
- 6.37 Each team participating in an appointed division must have an “active” official registered with the Dublin Officials Association.
- (i) To be considered an “active” official, a referee must officiate at least one DOA appointed game per week
 - (ii) An “active” official must be aged 18 years or older
 - (iii) Teams that do not have an “active” official will not be admitted into the league
 - (iv) Teams that have an affiliated official that is non-compliant with the requirements of being deemed “active” as set out above will be disqualified from the league
 - (v) An “active” official can only be affiliated with the DLBB and not also with the DMBB

SECTION 7: DISCIPLINARY ACTION / APPEALS

7. The Committee shall, subject to these Regulations, have the power to discipline any Club or individual in connection with the activities of the Board.
- 7.1 In the event of a player or Coach being disqualified from any game under the jurisdiction of the Board, that player or Coach shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of two games in that division or corresponding cup competition. These suspensions take effect immediately and cannot be appealed under 7.2 below.
- 7.2 In the event of an incident happening in a game not relating to 7.1 above which shall come to the notice of the Board, either through a referee's report or through a complaint being made to the Committee by any member of the Board, the following procedures shall apply:
- (i) On receipt of the complaint or referee's report by the Secretary of the Board, the Secretary shall notify the Club, against who the complaint has been made, in writing within 7 days of receipt of the report.
 - (ii) On receipt of the notification of the Secretary referred to in paragraph 7.2(i) above, the Club shall be allowed 7 days in which to lodge their reply with the Secretary. If this reply is not received within 7 days, the Secretary may hold a meeting of the Committee to discuss the incident. The Committee, under its powers, may suspend or fine any Club or individual.
 - (iii) The Committee shall notify the offending Club and the DOA of the decision of the Committee concerning this disciplinary action within 14 days of the hearing of the Committee.
 - (iv) Any Club, on receipt of the decision of the Committee concerning a disciplinary action, may appeal to the Appeals Council of the Board within 7 days of the receipt by them of the Committee's original findings. When submitting this appeal the appellant must state from the DLBB Bye-laws or Constitution where the rule under which they are being sanctioned has not been applied or has been applied incorrectly. This appeal shall be notified to the Secretary of the Board in

writing and shall be accompanied by a fee of €200.00. If an oral hearing is required the request must accompany the notice of appeal.

- (v) The Secretary of the Board shall then notify the Appeals Council of the appeal and forward any written submissions they wish to make to the Appeals Council, and if the Committee requires an oral hearing the request must accompany this notice. The Appeals Council shall also notify the appellant Club or individual and ask them to make any written submissions they may wish to make.
- (vi) If an oral hearing is requested by either party, the Appeals Council will then notify both the Board and the appealing Club or individual when the date for the hearing has been fixed. Both the Board and the Club shall be entitled to be represented at this hearing.
- (vii) When the Appeals Council has made its decision, it shall notify the Board and the Club or individual in writing within 7 days.
- (viii) The decision of the Appeals Council shall be final except for any appeal the Club or individual or the Board may have to Basketball Ireland.

7.3 In the event of either Club involved in a game under the jurisdiction of the Board wishing to appeal the decision of that game, the following procedure shall apply:

- (i) The aggrieved Club shall sign the score-sheet under protest where provided on the official score-sheet at the end of the game.
- (ii) The aggrieved Club must notify the Secretary of the Board and the Secretary of the other Club involved in the game and the Secretary of the Dublin Officials Association within 7 days of the date of the game with its reasons for appealing the game. This appeal must be accompanied by a fee of €200.00.
- (iii) The Committee of the Board shall consider the appeal and may request clarification of any points arising in the appeal either from the Dublin Officials Association or from any other Club or person who may be able to assist the Board in connection with this appeal.
- (iv) The Committee shall notify the Secretary of the Club in question and the Secretary of the Dublin Officials Association and any other relevant party of its decision within 14 days of its meeting.
- (v) On receipt of the decision of the Committee of the Board, any Club may appeal to the Appeals Council of the Board within 7 days of receipt by it of the decision of the Committee. This appeal must be accompanied by a fee of €200.00. If an oral hearing is requested the request must accompany this appeal.
- (vi) Paragraphs 7.2(v), 7.2(vi), 7.2(vii) and 7.2(viii) of the previous section shall apply.

7.4 Any Club or individual who is affected by any decision of the Committee of the Board may appeal that decision to the Appeals Council within 7 days of receipt by them of the Committee's decision. The appeal shall be notified to the Secretary of the Board and shall be accompanied by a fee of €200.00 which shall be refundable only upon a successful appeal. If an oral hearing is requested the request must accompany this notice of appeal. Paragraphs 7.2(v), 7.2(vi), 7.2(vii) and 7.2(viii) shall apply.

Appeals Council

7.5 At the Annual General Meeting of the Board each year, the Committee shall seek nominations for persons to sit on the Appeals Council, which shall consist of twelve people. In the event of more than 12 people being nominated for the positions on the Appeals Council, an election shall take place and the 12 people obtaining the highest number of votes in the election shall be appointed to the Appeals Council.

In the event of less than 12 people being nominated the Committee shall have the power to co-opt additional persons to make up the full number.

At the first meeting of the Board each year the members of the Appeals Council shall be notified to the Board.

The Appeals Council, in order to carry out its business, may nominate any three of its members to sit to hear any appeal. These 3 members, when sitting, shall constitute the Appeals Council.

Any member of the Appeals Council who has any interest in any appeal coming before it shall notify the other members of the Appeals Council of this interest, and if the Appeals Council members consider it appropriate, that person shall not sit on any appeal where there may be a vested interest.

Verbal & Written Warnings

- 7.6 In the event of any club breaching the DLBB Byelaws during a season the Committee shall issue a verbal warning for future behaviour to the Executive Committee of that club, and will also impose a €500 bond for the following season to ensure good behaviour. This bond is refundable after that season once the club has not breached any Byelaws for that current season. In the event that any club continues to breach the DLBB Byelaws after receiving a verbal warning then that club will be issued with a written warning for future behaviour and their bond will be forfeit. Any club receiving two written warnings from the Committee within a period of 5 seasons will forfeit their place in the DLBB leagues.

SECTION 8: FINANCE

- 8.1 All funds of the DLBB shall be lodged at a bank or other financial institution as shall be decided by the Committee.
- 8.2 Ex-gratia payments, as agreed by the Committee, shall be paid each year to all officers of the Committee.
- 8.3 All members of the Committee are entitled to claim for expenses incurred (with receipt) in the course of their Committee duties.
- 8.4 All monies outstanding to the Board must be paid in full at the end of each season before affiliation for the following season will be accepted.
- 8.5 In the event of a team going out of existence owing money to the Board, the registered players of that team will be required to pay up to a maximum of one-sixth each of the debt due before being allowed to re-register with the Board.

SECTION 9: TOURNAMENTS

- 9.1 All teams who participate in DLBB tournaments, including Dublin Championships, must comply with any Tournament Rules issued by the Committee from time to time.
- 9.2 Any Club who wishes to hold a tournament within the DLBB jurisdiction must apply for sanction in writing to the Committee.
- 9.3 Tournaments run by DLBB take precedence over any other tournaments, other than those run by Basketball Ireland.
- 9.4 The Committee is obliged to run at least one Minor Tournament during each season.
- 9.5 All players participating in Minor Tournaments must be playing in the corresponding Minor League.
- 9.6 The composition of teams to represent the DLBB in any tournament is at the discretion of the Committee. No precedent will be set by decisions made from time to time.

- 9.7 The Committee reserves the right to impose a sanction upon any participating Club failing to honour their DLBB tournament commitments.
- 9.8 Any perpetual trophies or plates remain the property of the DLBB. Clubs are responsible for the safe-keeping and return of the trophies/plates to the Committee when requested to do so. Failure to do so or to maintain the trophies or plates in good condition will result in the Club being charged the full replacement costs together with a levy which the Committee considers appropriate.

SECTION 10: BASKETBALL IRELAND

10. All Clubs in the DLBB jurisdiction are required to affiliate to Basketball Ireland and pay the appropriate fee each year. Failure to do so will result in the Club being disqualified from participation in DLBB leagues.

SECTION 11: GENERAL

- 11.1 The Committee have the right to rule on any issue which may arise which is not directly covered by the Byelaws or Constitution, with a view to arriving at a decision which represents best interests and best practice for basketball.
- 11.2 The Committee have the right to restrict to the Board the entry of any Club or individual without question. They shall also reserve the right to restrict the entry of any Club or member to any venue being used by or on behalf of the Board, without question.
- 11.3 Clubs are encouraged to seek sponsorship and are permitted to carry the name of the sponsor on their gear.
- 11.4 The onus is on clubs to familiarize themselves with the Rules, Regulations Byelaws and Constitution of the DLBB to carry out proper administration and be compliant always. Should you not fully understand any aspect of our league please contact the Secretary in writing for clarification.
- 11.5 The National Underage Rules should form Appendix A of these byelaws and can be downloaded from dlbb.ie under Rules.
- 11.6 National League in these Byelaws includes Superleague, Premier league, National League Division 1.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR CHILDREN'S SPORT

- 11.7 Club Officers, Club Member's and the Parents of Juvenile Members of the club must sign up to the Basketball Ireland Code of Ethics for Children's Sport. It is the duty and responsibility of all Club Executive Committees to ensure that all their members adhere to this Byelaw in full.

GARDA VETTING

- 11.8 Clubs with Juvenile members, Disadvantage members or Vulnerable members must appoint a Child Protection Officer (or another nominated club member) who will Process the Garda Vetting Applications and keep a simple record as illustrated below as club vetting records which should be kept electronically and backed up so that it cannot be lost with access to only those whom are authorized by the club. Applicant Surname, Applicant Forename, Applicant Date of Birth, Applicant email address, Applicant Telephone Number, ID Verification Completed By, Date Sent to Basketball Ireland, Date applicant declared result to club, Vetting Valid Form, Date Vetting Valid to.

Garda Vetting Forms may be downloaded from www.dlbb.ie under Rules.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

- 11.9 Club Coaches and Assistant Coaches must all sign up to the Basketball Ireland Code of Conduct for Coaches. It is the duty and responsibility of all Club Executive Committees to ensure that all their members adhere to this Byelaw in full.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL MEMBERS

- 11.10 Club Officers, Club Members and the Parents of Juvenile Members of the club must sign up to the Basketball Ireland Code of Conduct for all members. It is the duty and responsibility of all Club Executive Committees to ensure that all their members adhere to this Byelaw in full.

Appendix A

The National Underage Rules should form Appendix A and should be read as part of these byelaws, they can be downloaded from www.dlbb.ie under Rules.

Appendix B

The National Transfer Rules for Transfers within Ireland and the National Area Boards Transfer Regulations should form Appendix B and should be read as part of the DLBB byelaws.

Rule 10 National Transfer Rules for Transfers within Ireland states that:

- A. 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.
- B. 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 notified to the registrar of Basketball Ireland.
- C. 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/she was last registered.
- D. Having completed the transfer procedure, a player must comply with Basketball Ireland registration system and the respective registration of their Area Board.
- E. All transfers should be notified to the Registrar of Basketball Ireland by the Secretary of the Area Board in whose jurisdiction the transfer form has been completed.
- F. The closing date for transfers at Area Boards level shall be 31st October annually. Clubs playing in the premier and Division One Nationals competitions must comply with closing date for transfers of the respective competitions.

National Area Boards Transfer Regulations

- 1. All transfers at Area Board level must firstly be completed in accordance with the Regulations and Bye-Laws of Basketball Ireland - **Article 10 Transfers within Basketball Ireland**.
- 2. All players wishing to transfer at club level must complete the Basketball Ireland Transfer Form regardless of age.
- 3. In order to comply with the transfer date deadline, players requesting a transfer must have completed the first section of the transfer form and have it lodged with the Secretary of their Area Board by midnight of the 31st October of the current season.

4. Once a player has been registered with Basketball Ireland and has been issued with a BIPIN the player is considered to be a member of the club he/she has been registered with for transfers purposes. All players, irrespective of age, must be registered with Basketball Ireland.
5. A player is deemed to be an inactive player if he/she has not been registered with Basketball Ireland as a player for a minimum of three (3) consecutive seasons and shall not be required to complete a transfer.
6. No transfer shall be signed by the assigned representative of the Area Board without all sections of the transfer form being fully completed. The BIPIN must be included on all forms if the player has previously been registered with Basketball Ireland.
7. No transfers shall be permitted at U12 and downwards, save at the discretion of the NABC in exceptional circumstances.
8. Within these Rules the NABC shall only have the authority to use its discretion under Rule 7 above.
9. When a player transfers from one geographical area to another the secretary of the outgoing Area Board, when the transfer has been completed, shall send a copy of the transfer form to the secretary of the incoming Area Board.
10. A player shall only be permitted to transfer once in a playing season.
11. A club can only accept a maximum of 3 incoming players from any one club in a season. If a club caters for both genders, they can accept a maximum of 3 incoming transfers for each gender. At U16 to U13 clubs are only permitted to transfer 3 players into any one team.
12. Where a club cannot facilitate a team within their natural age group, Rule 11 above shall apply. The incoming transfer club may not accept more than the maximum 3 players.
13. Where a club becomes defunct prior to the commencement of the season and/or before the 31st October. The players of the club may transfer in compliance with Rule 11 above, save at the discretion of the NABC in exceptional circumstances. The transfer form must be completed with the TRANSFERRING CLUB AUTHORISATION section crossed CLUB DEFUNCT.
14. Should a club become defunct after the 31st October, no players from the club may transfer within the remainder of that season.
15. A player that has transferred during the current season to a club that has become defunct may not transfer for the remainder of the season. Rule 10 shall apply in this instance.
16. All transfers when completed, the assigned representative of the Area board shall forward the forms to the registrar of Basketball Ireland as per Rule 10 E of Basketball Ireland, Regulations & Bye Laws.
17. Where a transfer does not come under the above Rules. The secretary of the Area Board whom jurisdiction for the transfer falls under shall submit the transfer to the National Area Boards Committee (NABC) for their decision.

18. Where an Area Board refuses a players transfer within the Rules above or for any other reason. The player having firstly complied with the appeal procedures of their Area Board shall then have the right of appeal to the National Area Board Committee (NABC). In order for the appeal to be valid it must be received in writing by the Secretary of the NABC within 14 days of notification of the decision of their Area Board and must be accompanied by a deposit of €300.00. This deposit shall be refunded if the appeal is upheld.
19. In order for an appeal to be progressed to the NABC it must first have exhausted all available mechanisms of the players/clubs Area Board.
20. When the secretary of the National Area Boards Committee (NABC) receives an appeal under Rule 19 above the secretary will inform the players Area Board of the receipt of the appeal and set the date for the hearing which shall take place at the next scheduled meeting of the NABC and/or within twenty eight (28) days of the receipt of the appeal. All parties to the appeal shall be entitled to be represented at the hearing.
21. The National Area Boards Committee shall have the right to exercise its judgment in the interpretation of the above Rules.

Appendix C

The FIBA Official Basketball Rules should form Appendix C and should be read as part of these Byelaws, they can be downloaded from www.dlbb.ie under Rules.