HORNSBY KU-RING-GAI SPIDERS 2026

HKBA 2026 Competition Expectations and Policies

Venue staff

Court Supervisors and Referee Coaches are identified with fluorescent vests (Court Supervisors in orange vests and Referee Coaches in yellow vests). Referee coaches or court supervisors are authorized to help with first aid and the collection of necessary items such as uniforms.

Referees on games are always required to stay with the courts in order to maintain the safety of the participants on court.

At away venues, the court supervisor is the point of contact for all questions. We ask that all managers get to know the supervisors at away venues, so they are well known for a point of contact. These supervisors carry equipment needed including; ice, first aid supplies, bibs and spare uniforms.

Participants

- Follow directions and participate in activities as directed by HKBA coaches and staff
- Avoid use of any inappropriate language and physical contact with fellow participants, HKBA referees and staff
- Apply themselves seriously to provide an enjoyable experience for themselves and fellow participants (no reckless behaviour)
- Wear appropriate attire for activities (including injury prevention measures – e.g. correct footwear, mouthguard, ankle tape etc.) Jewellery, hair bands/combs and wristbands are not allowed. Fingernails must be trimmed and safe. Please refer to the FIBA Rules in regards to the full list of items that cannot be worn in games.
- Participants unable or unwilling to adhere to the points listed above may be asked to leave the competition.

Spectators

- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing referees, players, coaches and staff.
- Where required, parents are to manage instances of unsuitable behaviour from their child.
- Respect and support the efforts of the coaches and officials.

Green Whistle Referees

Parents, Players, and Coaches are not to approach U18 (green whistle) officials, except to Thank them for the Game. Calling the game is unacceptable in all local competitions. Any questions regarding the game or rules should be directed to the Court Supervisor or Referee Coach on duty.

Arriving at Games

Any player arriving for their game must be respectful of the game in progress

1) No one on end lines
2) No dribbling near game
3) No bouncing of balls on walls
4) Safe distance away
5) If a Senior Team, and the previous game is juniors teams must stay in the foyer or canteen until the whistle sounds

We have a number of external venues that we partner with to be able to run games for For all external venues, members are not to enter the venue/courts

Uniforms

All players must wear the same basic matching colour with properly numbered singlets. Black (or same matching colour) shorts must be worn.

Penalty for incorrect uniform is five points added to the opposing team for each singlet and shorts that are not black or the same basic colour. *Uniform penalties are applied per the discretion of the Court Supervisor only*.

Players not wearing the correct attire will undergo the standard registration check to ensure their eligibility.

For safety reasons; shorts are not permitted to have pockets, zips, velcro, buttons or studs. Jewelry is not permitted to be worn on court. Permanent bracelets (that cannot be removed) may be worn if completely taped or covered. Nails must be closely cut or sufficiently taped. Tape is not supplied.

Fill ins

To avoid forfeits, an eligible player may be used as a fill in. Teams can use fill-in players to get up to 6 players on the day (e.g. four players from the team plus 2 fill-in players). If a team exceeds 6 players at the game with fill-in players, the fill-in players are not allowed to play.

The player must be registered to the competition and borrowed into the team list on the ipad for the game. Please contact the office 24 hours prior to your game if in need of assistance. Any player not on the iPad will not be allowed to play.

Teams are not allowed to borrow players from the **same division as their own**, a violation of this rule may result in forfeiture of the game. Players cannot play a lower division for the same age group however, lower division players can play for higher divisions.

Players are not permitted to play (or fill-in) in any team more than 1 competition age group above their age (i.e. an U10's player can play in U12's, but not in U14's or an U16's player can play in U18's but not seniors).

Rep players can fill-in, so long as the overall points on the day are not exceeded and they are filling in to a division 1 team.

Ineligible player

Players who are NOT registered correctly with the team and are NOT visible on the tablet at tip off, are strictly NOT allowed to take the court. This includes players playing under a false name.

Should HKBA be made aware of such a player, the game will be ruled as a forfeit and a points deduction will be handed down to the team. Teams will be fined $100 for a second offence and an extra $100 for any offence thereafter.

If an Affiliated Club is found to breach this rule, following a first offence, all ineligible player penalties will compound club wide (not just by team).

A team or club who is found to repeatedly breach these rules, may be removed from competitions by HKBA.

Forfeits

When teams register for the season, it is expected that they partake in all scheduled basketball activity as fixtured.

Forfeits come at a significant cost to HKBA including:

- Referee and supervisor fees
- Court hire
- Admin time
- Bank transfer fees

Forfeits should only be made when absolutely necessary.

Teams must be ready to play at the time specified. The opposition will gain two points for each minute late. Forfeits are officially declared

after 10 minutes if a team is unable to provide the required number of players.

Forfeits must be submitted by the forfeit form on the HKBA website.

Fees revolving around forfeits

Forfeit loss (your team is forfeiting):

Before draws are released: No charge

Once draws are released:

- You will be charged regular court fees as HKBA is liable for existing costs.
- You will also be charged a $150 penalty fee per forfeit. This covers the other team's game fee + an administrative fee. This penalty fee is due prior to your next competition game.

A team that continuously forfeits, may be docked points or removed from the competition at HKBA's discretion.

Forfeit win (your team was forfeited against):

You will be refunded your court fees twice (2x) per season - at the midway point and end of season.

The existing court booking is made available to you for a scrimmage/friendly game should you wish to play. Please confirm your participation with HKBA front office if this is the case.

Byes and Abandoned Games

Any time a team has a bye, they will be refunded their game fee.

Any time a game is abandoned (court hire or surface issue), the team will be refunded their game fee.

Teams will be refunded your court fees twice (2x) per season - at the midway point and end of season.

Late entry

Teams that register late to the competition season, once draws are released, are responsible for paying a 1 game late entry fee. Other missed games can be discounted from the total competition fee prior to registration.

Teams are often not able to be added into the draw immediately where

draws have been finalised. Teams that enter late are often able to be added to the draw from 7 days after the point of registration.

Withdrawal

When a team registers for a season, it occupies a position that could otherwise be allocated to another team. Teams are therefore expected to commit to and participate for the full duration of the season. Team withdrawals have a significant impact on competition grading, fixtures, venue scheduling, referee allocations, and overall competition operations.

In the event that a team seeks to withdraw from the competition, the following conditions will apply:

a) Teams withdrawing seven (7) days or more prior to the commencement of the season will incur a $300 withdrawal fee.
b) Teams withdrawing less than seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the season, or after the season has commenced, will be liable for the full competition fee for that season.

Considerations may be given in genuine extenuating circumstances.

Disputes regarding scores

In the event of a score dispute the scoreboard will be deemed correct at the conclusion of the game, **unless** an official corrects it per the rules prior to leaving the court.

Reasoning: All players and spectators can view the scoreboard and may *politely* query the score during the game. It is difficult with changing scorers to ensure they have properly filled out the sheet/courtside screen hence, in all local competitions the FINAL score will be based on the scoreboard unless the officials overrule.

Note further protests of a result must be put in writing by the team representatives (ONE MAX from each team) within 24h of finishing the game to be resolved by the Competition Committee. However, referees on the game as per FIBA rules have the authority to make a decision at the conclusion of the match.

Heat Policy

In accordance with the Basketball NSW Heat Policy, HKBA is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all players, officials, and spectators during periods of extreme heat. During such conditions, staff will actively monitor the temperature and overall environment within the stadium to assess playing conditions. Should it be determined that

games need to be cancelled due to excessive heat, this decision will be made in line with the policy's guidelines and communicated to all members via team managers' emails or program contact lists and shared on BasketballConnect after 2:00pm on the affected day.

Game Conduct

Disputing decision of referee	1. Warning 2. Tech
Unsportsman-like behaviour on-court	Referee decision
Unsportsman-like behaviour off-court	Bench technical foul
Unsportsman-like behaviour off-court towards any persons on the opposing team, own team, game official, or game equipment.	Disqualifying foul
Obscene language/gesture directed at officials (including threats)	Technical foul
Aggressive physical contact not in the spirit of the game (i.e physical striking/fighting/spitting)	2 techs = Disqualifying foul 1st Offense: Minimum automatic 4 playing weeks suspension and review by management 2nd Offense: Minimum automatic 12 playing weeks suspension and review by management 3rd Offense: Minimum automatic 52 playing weeks suspension and review by management
2 technical fouls in a game	Game disqualification
2 technicals in a season	Minimum automatic 1 week HKBA game suspension
3 technicals in a season	Minimum automatic 2 weeks HKBA game suspension
4 technicals in a season	Minimum automatic 4 weeks HKBA game suspension
5 technicals in a season	Minimum automatic 32 weeks HKBA game

	suspension
Non-playing personnel	Stepping onto the court - coach/parent/ spectator/ bench player: Technical foul Subject to the same rules as players for technical violations

*All subject to review as incidents
*A HKBA game suspension applies to all roles in HKBA games (local and representative) within that time period including playing, coaching, and refereeing.

BNSW Code of Conduct

The Codes of Conduct of BNSW, Basketball Australia & the Australian Sports Commission "Play by the Rules" have been ratified as HKBA Codes of Conduct. Codes of conduct apply to players, coaches, referees, spectators, parents, and anyone in attendance at any competition or skills venue when HKBA activities are in place.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable environment HKBA has adopted BNSW policies for Member protection, Zero tolerance and rage, Heat and concussion. As well as adhering to the necessary NSW government legislation for Working with Children checks. These policies can be found on our Website (competition tab) and the website of BNSW.

Participation in any role within any HKBA activity requires each individual to abide by these by-laws, codes of conduct, zero tolerance policy and any other HKBA policy. Observe the codes of conduct as posted throughout the building and on the website of BNSW.

HKBA reserves the right to penalise participants with administrative suspensions or proceed to tribunal, if necessary.

Spectator conduct

Observe the codes of conduct as posted throughout the building and on the website of BNSW. For the safety and enjoyment for all, spectators and players should be seated in the chairs provided.

If individuals are found to be violating these rules, they will be asked to leave the venue by the court supervisor with a formal zero tolerance report written-up across their name. Any future violations may escalate to administrative suspensions or tribunals. If individuals refuse to leave a court, the game will be stopped until a resolution is met.

Standard protocol for unruly people

[1] Get the Court Supervisor and the Stadium Manager ASAP

[2] If a person refuses to leave when asked, the game will be stopped and/or cancelled until there is a resolution
[3] Anyone acting in an unseemly manner in front of minors will be removed from the vicinity
[4] Anyone deemed to be influenced by drugs and/or alcohol will be removed from the premises
[5] If the safety of patrons/players are at risk, the person will be asked to leave, and the police will be contacted
[6] Either Tribunal or No Tolerance principle will be applied to the perpetrator.
[7] If police are involved:
    a. Those deemed unruly (by the association) will be suspended indefinitely
    b. A resolution of the matter must be concluded police first before,
    c. An official Tribunal and/or penalty is passed from the association
[8] If the Competitions Committee deems an individual a risk of re-offending, they will be referred to the Board to offer a resolution of the individual attending.

Photography and Videography Policy

Glory league

Glory league has been implemented at the Brickpit to enhance the experience of those playing in our competitions. This automated video platform provides professional grade full game videos and highlights to those listed with a Team. Full Glory league information including Privacy rules can be viewed on our website and by visiting: gloryleague.basketball.

PARENTS WHO DO NOT WISH THEIR CHILD TO BE FILMED MUST CONTACT info@hkbaspiders.com.au so that this can be accommodated.

HKBA reserves the right to 'Block' videos if deemed necessary.

Filming of games

For other competition venues where Glory league is not in place, filming games is allowed provided there are no objections from the other participants. Live streaming is not permitted.

Where teams/individuals do not wish to be filmed on the basis of child protection, the game cannot be videoed and must be deleted.

Any videoing must be according to safety requirements of the court rules i.e.:

1. No filming on the baseline
2. Two metres from the court sidelines including tripod legs

3. Not obstructing the view of the referees or bench personals scoring the game
4. Not within two metres of the scoring bench

Where an individual is believed to be inappropriately photographing, HKBA will ask the individual to stop. HKBA reserves the right to require any person to stop photographing or recording without the need to provide evidence where there is a concern regarding inappropriate content. This is a child protection measure. If the individual refuses, the police may be called to deal with the matter.

Complaints

On-court staff are entrusted with the safety of the courts and cannot be involved in discussion requiring more than a few minutes to resolve. Any complaints on that are not satisfactorily resolved can be submitted to the Competitions committee via this link. Only one submission per team is allowed.

Complaining to the officials and asking for rule clarifications is STRICTLY PROHIBITED on ALL JUNIOR games and to green whistle referees.

Issues on court (if applicable) may be resolved by the administrative suspensions or a tribunal. Any matter requiring the police will not be heard until the police make a full investigation and resolution.