



# TAMILNADU BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (TNBA)

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To,  
All Presidents and Secretaries,  
District Associations,  
All Schools, Colleges, and Clubs,  
Affiliated to Tamilnadu Basketball Association (TNBA)

**Subject:** Regarding the Conduct of Basketball Tournaments in Tamilnadu

Dear All,

We, the Tamilnadu Basketball Association, are proud of the high number of basketball tournaments conducted across the state by organizations like yours (Corporates, Institutions, Clubs, Schools, and their respective Boards /Councils). However, ensuring quality alongside quantity is crucial.

We have been observing and receiving numerous complaints regarding the conduct of matches, including:

- Conducting about 120 matches within two days
- Referees favouring the hosting school or college
- Shortening the duration of the matches
- Coaches lacking TNBA licenses
- Fixtures not approved by the Technical Committee of TNBA
- Failure to provide playing time for all 12 players in a team
- Conducting matches favouring organizing schools & colleges
- Matches being conducted after 10 PM

In light of these issues, the TNBA has decided to implement the following rules and regulations with immediate effect. Districts (Clubs), Colleges, and Schools that have already obtained permission to conduct tournaments must adhere to these guidelines.

If any modifications are necessary regarding the conduct of the tournament as per the rules stipulated by TNBA, the organizing team must inform the TNBA in writing of the modifications required or seek clarification over phone and obtain TNBA approval. Additionally, they must confirm their understanding of these new guidelines and commit to strictly follow them to enhance the overall standard of TNBA tournaments.



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## **Rules and Regulations with Immediate Effect**

### **Tournament Allotment and Registration**

- **Allotment Code:** Secure an allotment code from the TNBA office at least 15 days before the tournament date. This code must be displayed prominently in the tournament prospectus.
- **Confirmation Code:** A confirmation code will have to be obtained from TNBA upon submission of the tournament fixtures by the organizers five days prior to the tournament.
- **Team Participation:** Teams must not participate in tournaments without a valid allotment code and confirmation code.
- **Player Registration:** A player registered with a club must play for the same club throughout the year of Registration. Changing clubs will result in a one-year ban for the player.
- **Team Registration:** Entries must be submitted in the official letterhead of the Participating Club, duly signed by the President or Secretary. This is essential to streamline administration and facilitate addressing any protests. Verbal or WhatsApp entries should not be entertained.
- **Fixtures:** Submit tournament fixtures to the TNBA for approval at least five days before the start of the tournament. Fixtures should be sent to the teams only after TNBA's approval.

### **Tournament Conduct**

- **TNBA Authority:** TNBA has the right to cancel or postpone tournaments if the above criteria are not met.
- **Fixtures and Regulations:** Fixtures must include tournament rules and regulations at the bottom, along with details of the format (league-cum-knockout, knockout-cum-league).
- **Match Scheduling:**
  - **Matches Timings:** Timings of the matches in the morning session should be scheduled so as to conclude latest by 11.00 am .In the evening matches to be scheduled so as to be completed by 10 pm
  - **School / College /Clubs:** A maximum of 5 matches can be scheduled in the evening session.
- **Tournament Duration:** Organizers must plan the tournament duration to adhere to the above time frame limitations.
- **Time Management:** Matches must be played according to the schedule. Requests to delay games due to spectator attendance or late arrival of guests should be avoided.
- **Tournament Period:** TNBA and the technical committee will decide the number of days the tournament to be conducted based on the number of teams and the Tournament format. (Example: 120 matches ( 70/80 ) in 2 days is not possible and



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hence will not be permitted) Tournament organizers (In charges ) should explain these facts to School ,/College , /Club authorities, if budget or permission constraints exist.

- **Conduct for Referees and Coaches:**

- Referees: TNBA to assign referees per court after the fixture approval. Requests for fewer referees due to budget limitations will not be entertained.
- Match Duration: Fixtures should be drawn with a 1 hour and 15-minute duration per match except in under 13 yrs category which will have 1 hour duration
- Conduct of Coaches: Coach requesting to complete one-sided matches without adhering to time schedule as per rules will be viewed very seriously.
- Referee Guidance: Referees will be instructed to strictly adhere to TNBA rules.

### **Player Participation**

- TNBA Policy 004/2022 dated 02.09.2022 to be scrupulously followed. This policy mandates that all 12 players play at least one quarter and no player plays more than three quarters. This is to respect each player's participation and to encourage more involvement of players up to the age of 18.

### **Team Supervision**

- Teams must be accompanied by a licensed coach. School teams without qualified coaches can have a licensed Physical Education teacher. Based on the recommendations from the concerned District Associations, TNBA will provide licenses to physical education teachers also.
- Women / Girls' teams must be accompanied by a female Coach or Assistant Coach, or Manager. Male Coaches accompanying Women / Girls teams to maintain decorum of the Society on and off the Court.
- Coaches must present their TNBA Coach ID Card for noting in the score sheet. The Technical committee will not allow them to participate in the tournament without the ID card.

**Team Attire:** Teams should wear uniforms according to basketball regulations (proper colour jersey).

### **Match Recording**

- **Mandatory Match Recording:** All state-level tournaments from the pre-quarterfinals must be recorded for analytical and review purposes. Organizers must ensure high-quality video recording of each game with live streaming on the TNBA YouTube Channel and handover videos of the game within 2 days to the Technical Committee



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after the completion of tournament. Manipulation by organizing teams will result in strict actions.

- Video Storage: Recorded matches should be stored by the organizers securely for a minimum of six months for potential review or analysis.
- Video Sharing: Upon request, organizers must provide recorded footage of specific matches to the TNBA for review or disciplinary actions.

## Referees and Coaches Regulations

- Referee and Coach Accountability: Coaches and referees who violate TNBA rules will face a three-year termination of their licenses.
- License Renewal: All coaches and all TNBA Panel referees must renew their licenses every two years. In respect of BFI referees , BFI Technical Commission is being suitably advised.
- Mandatory Clinics: Continued licensure requires participation in TNBA-conducted clinics to stay updated with rule changes and best practices. Only medical reasons will be accepted for non-participation.

**Note to Schools:** Irrespective of any board the school follows, the Organizing Schools must follow the TNBA Guidelines for basketball tournaments. A TNBA observation committee should be present in the selection of the State team / Regional Teams

By strictly adhering to these fundamental guidelines, we aim to establish a high standard for the game of basketball in Tamil Nadu, characterized by a structured, quality, fair, and complete game. Fairness should be the cornerstone of every match, ensuring that all participants have an equal opportunity to showcase their skills.

We are confident that you will take corrective measures down the line so that the quality and fairness in conducting such tournaments is upheld.

Together, let's build a strong Association and elevate the TNBA to new heights!

Sincerely,

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