

01 CLUBS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

A Participation in the national leagues and competitions is open to those clubs affiliated to the Malta Basketball Association and whose application for participation has been accepted by the President's Council.

B ONLY those clubs that participate in any one of the Competitions of the Youth categories i.e. Junior men/women or Cadets/Cadettes may participate in the senior's national league men/women. The junior team must be the same gender as the team participating in the national league. When a club has no junior team will only be allowed to participate for two consecutive seasons. Within this two seasons the club is regularise his position

02 PLAYERS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

Players eligible to participate shall be those registered with the Malta Basketball Association as per REGISTRATION AND LICENCE POLICY.

03 PENALTIES AND FINES FOR USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- A Clubs making use of a player/s who is/are ineligible to play are liable to:
- (i) SENIORS:
 - a) A fine of €2000 for each ineligible player
 - b) Deduction of all points gained when player was utilized.
 - c) Suspension of ineligible player/s made use for six (6) months.
 - (ii) ANY OTHER CATEGORY:
 - a) A fine of €150 for each ineligible player.
 - b) Deduction of all points gained when player was utilized.
 - c) Suspension of thirty days of the ineligible player/s made use of.
 - (iii) PRESENTATION OF LICENCE CARD:
 - a) If a player fails to present the licence card or ID card when requested prior to a match he/she will be stopped from playing.
 - b) A fine of €50 will be imposed if same infringement occurs more than once during the sme season.

In any case a protest must be made in writing to the Protests Board by any club participating in the same competition.

B Any elected official of the Malta Basketball Association may intervene instead of a club.

C Straightforward cases of ineligibility of player/s will be dealt with by the SECRETARY GENERAL.

D In cases of ineligibility of player, the player involved may be called to appear before the competent body.

04 FIBA RULES

A The last edition of the FIBA rules shall apply to all the national leagues and competitions organized by the Malta Basketball Association.

B In all National Leagues if two or more teams finish with equal number of points at the top of the table, one round decider/s will be played to determine the league winner.

05 AWARDS OF POINTS

Two (2) points will be awarded to the team winning the game and one (1) point to the team losing a game. No points (0) will be awarded to a team conceding a walkover. The result of a walkover will be 20 – 0.

06 COMPETITIONS SECRETARY

A The President's Council shall appoint a competitions secretary to consider and decide:

- (i) Request for postponement.
- (ii) Walk-overs
- (iii) Matters arising out of the organization of any competition not specifically covered in these rules.

07 PROTESTS

A Unless otherwise stated protests from clubs arising from competitive games shall be dealt with by the PROTESTS BOARD appointed by the Competitions Secretary.

B If a club wishes to protest against the result of a match, the captain must sign the official score sheet – "Under Protest" at the end of the game, briefly indicating grounds. This must be followed by:

- (i) A formal written protest on an official club's letterhead signed by an official of the club
- (ii) SENIOR CATEGORIES – A deposit of €100
- (iii) ANY OTHER CATEGORY – A deposit of €50

The protest must reach the Secretary General within 48 hours from the termination of the match. If the protest is not upheld, the deposit will be forfeited. The protest board reserves the right to charge 50% of the deposit for administrative expenses.

If the protest is not followed up in writing, a fine of €25 will be imposed on the club.

Protests must be based on the grounds indicated by the captain on the score sheet.

C In cases referring to ineligibility of players, the score sheet needs not to be signed.

08 POSTPONEMENT OF A GAME

A Games shall start at the time appointed on the fixture list. When the start of a game is delayed by not less than forty-five (45) minutes its postponement may be requested by either of the two teams.

B Only those players who were eligible to play on the date of the first date will be eligible to play in a postponed fixture.

C A postponed fixture shall be played before the next competitive game whenever is possible. The new date and time will be decided by the Secretary General.

D Requests for a postponement made in writing to the MBA and specifying the reason shall be considered only in cases of "**FORCE MAJEURE**". Such requests shall be accompanied by a fee of €50 and received at least 30 clear days before the fixture's date.

E Requests for postponements will not be accepted if the club concerned has six players or more who can actually play at the scheduled day and time of the match.

09 WALK-OVERS

A Fifteen (15) minutes grace, which will be controlled by the referee, will be conceded for the start of every game. If one (1) team arrives after the lapse of this grace period the other team shall have the right to a walkover, which shall be confirmed in writing by the Secretary General.

B If five (5) players from each of the two teams are present such grace period shall not be conceded. When a team arrives within the fifteen minutes grace period a fine of €25 will be imposed and the game shall start with a technical foul against that team.

C A fine of €500 in case of senior categories and a fine of €100 in all other categories will be imposed on the club conceding a walkover. Expenses not exceeding €50 may also be claimed by the team, which honoured the fixture provided such claim is supported by a fiscal receipt. Such claim, however, will not be valid when the team, which is unable to honour the fixture, informs the Secretary General of the **MBA** and the **opposing club** at least 24 hours before the start of the scheduled time.

D in any case a walkover shall be confirmed by the Secretary General of the MBA. The Secretary General can make recommendations as it may deem fit to the President's Council for disciplinary action to be taken against that team which fails to honour any fixture.

E A team which concedes its third walk-over, not necessarily consecutive, shall, besides the fines contemplated above immediately forfeit its eligibility to continue participating in the league/competition/tournament in which it will be participating at the time it concedes its third walk-over. If such forfeiture to participate shall be applicable to any league/competition which, in terms of Section 1B is mandatory for eligibility of the same club in the seniors national league men/women then the club shall, as a consequence, and unless it has otherwise satisfied the provision of Section 1B, also forfeit its eligibility to participate in the seniors national league men/women.

F Games played in the seniors national league men/women by the team forfeiting its eligibility will be considered as never been played.

10 CHOICE OF BASKETS AND BENCHES

For all games the first named team on the OFFICIAL FIXTURE LIST (home team) shall sit on the left hand side of the officials table.

11 OFFICIAL TEAM LIST

The official team list, which shall include all details is to be presented (15) minutes before the scheduled time of the game. A fine of €5 will be imposed to the defaulting club/s. A fine of €1. will be meted out to clubs who omit the ID Card number of their players on the team list. This applies to all competitions/categories organized by the MBA.

12 TEAM COLOURS AND UNIFORMS

A The first named team (home team) on the OFFICIAL FIXTURE LIST must wear light colour uniforms (preferably white) and their opponents with dark coloured uniforms.

B UNIFORMS – Each player shall be numbered on the front and back of his shirt as per FIBA regulations.

In Junior and Cadets competitions – any number can be used from 0 to 99

WARM-UP VEST is to be identical for all senior teams

UNDERGARMENTS that extend below the shorts may be worn provided they are of the same single colour. In all categories the referee is to make proper note on the score sheet of any infringement. Infringements will each be penalized by a €5 fine.

13 OFFICIALS ON TEAM BENCH

A Licenced coach, assistant coach, team follower and medical/para medical officer will be allowed to sit on the bench during any game. The officials sitting on the team's bench shall be licensed. This does not apply to medical/para medical officer.

B The referee may, where conditions warrant it:

(i) Reduce the number of team followers/officials that can sit on the bench

(ii) Permit any team follower/official to sit as a representative of his team at or near the scorer's table.

C Disqualified coaches must go and remain in the team's dressing room for the rest of the game or shall leave the premises.

14 BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Malta Basketball Association will at the end of the season present the best player of the year award in all categories except for cadets and mini basket.

15 TROPHIES TO BE AWARDED AND OTHERS

A The eventual winners of all National Leagues and Competitions will be presented with a trophy and a miniature.

B The runner-up of all National Leagues and Competitions will be presented with a trophy.

C Clubs will be responsible for the custody and upkeep of all trophies in their possession. The clubs are to return the Trophies won before the start of the new Season.

D The team winning the National League Men and Women will receive 30 badges to be used on the kit the following year.

16 STOPPED GAME FOR TECHNICAL REASONS

If a game is stopped for technical reasons during the first half it will be replayed in "TOTO" but if the abandonment occurs during the second half, the game will be continued at a later date with the remaining time with the score at the time of the abandonment.

17 PARTICIPATION IN MBA NATIONAL LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS

Clubs are to send the participation form – mba 03 by not later than the 8th August of each year.

18 LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Clubs are to send the list of committee members form – mba 02 by not later than the 8th August of each year.

19 MBA NATIONAL LEAGUES AND COMPETITIONS

Men	Women	Div. One
Seniors Competitions:		
National League	National League	National League
MBA Shield	MBA Shield	MBA Shield
KO	KO	KO
Super Cup	Super Cup	
Louis Borg Cup	Louis Borg Cup	
Young Men (Under 20)	Young Women	
Juniors Competitions:		
Junior Men (Under 16)	Junior Women	
Cadets (Under 14)	Cadettes	
Minibasket		
Under 12	Under 12	
Under 10	Under 10	
	Under 8 (mixed)	

20 DISBANDED TEAMS / CLUBS

When a team/club is disbanded the following procedure must be followed in cases where same disbanded team/s/club/s owe money to the MBA and or other club/s and or player/s and or coaches:

- (i) All players will be declared as MBA Players.
- (ii) Before a player can register and play for a new club, the new club must pay the established fee to the MBA as per Registration and Licence Policy.
- (iii) The money raised from the sale of players will be distributed as follows:
 - i. MBA
 - ii. Clubs/teams
 - iii. Players
 - iv. Coaches
 - v. If the disbandment is of the club the remaining funds will be kept by the Association for future possible club from the same locality
 - vi. Clubs/Teams disbanded after the issue of the fixtures will be fined €1000 in case of senior team and €500 for any other category/league

21 COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS

The MBA will issue 4 Complimentary tickets every season.

22 PARTICIPATION FEES

	Men	Women
Division One	€350	€350
Division Two	€250	
Young	€120	€120
Junior	€100	€100
Cadets	€100	€100
Minibasket	€25 each team	

23 PROTEST BAORD - APPEALS BAORD DEPOSIT FEES

A deposit of €100 must be paid to the MBA when a club is lodging an appeal or protest.

24 OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE – CONTACT INFORMATION

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