

2016-17 Minor Rule Changes

Hosting Club Championships: *The clubs apply to host the U13 and U14 events individually as we do in the U11 and U12 age groups.*

Grade 10-11 accessing feeder schools: *Coaches must have completed a signed form approving the pick-ups. Signature must include coaches of both teams involved along with principals of both schools. All grade schools are permitted to use any athletes in their school.*

Grade 10-11: *With reference to rural schools permitted pick-ups in feeder schools. Piece referring to rural schools be removed.*

Artificial Sound Makers: *Conveners have the ability to remove loud artificial sound makers if they feel it is causing issues surrounding the game or annoying to the population.*

Decrease in personal fouls: *The individual fouls will be reduced to 4 (from 5) at the grade 5 – 7 levels. This will be a pilot for one year.*

Running Time: *In the final period of a game and when a team is up by 20 or more the clock will switch to running time. The convener and both coaches has to approve / agree to switch to running time in the final periods. (4th period in Grade 10 – 11 and 5th period in grades 5 – 9). The clock will continue to stop for all time outs and free throws only. If a team reduces the score to 15 points or less the stop clock rule will be re-instated. This rule will also apply to all grade level championships along with the Sweet 16 and the Hall of Fame Cup.*

Video Taping: *Individuals looking to set up a tripod or Go-Pro camera at an NLBA event must have the convener's approval. Videotaping from a cell phone in the stands is not something anyone is able to restrict at this time.*

Game Times: *Implement staggered game time (1.5 – 1.45 hours) in all girls' games from grade 9 and up.*

Championship Game (Host Team): *Team rankings will be identified in the booklet as per division "A" and "B". For example in an 8 team event teams in Division: A" are 1, 4, 5 and 8th place ranked while division "B" consists of teams ranked 2, 3 6 and 7th. A second option is to place the ranking of the team next to the school/club on the schedule. TBD by office.*

Grade 5 – 6 Commissionaires: *To continue with commissionaires at the grade 5 level and to include grade 6 for all east and west coast events. The NLBA will maintain the grade 5-6 championships as 5 on 5. The grade 4 will operate as a 3 x 3 event.*

Ranking Process: *Once the rankings are sent out the letter accompanying the team lists will be altered to include possible suspension if teams are guilty of trying to rank their team so they are placed into a lower division. The letter to include disclosure of additional players, merging of teams, identifying if there are more than one team at the school. Failing to respond to the ranking memo will have the team automatically placed in the higher division and may result in a suspension to the school.*