

2018 NL Winter Games

The philosophy of the NL Summer and Winter Games have changed in recent history and now the program is focused on elite development. The NLBA have changed the age group and switched from school to club participation to accommodate this change in philosophy. If you have any questions on the details of the 2018 NL Winter Games please visit the NLBA website or contact the provincial office at 576-0247.

- ✓ The NLBA will be moving from a school based NL Winter Games to a Club format for the regionals and the 2018 NL Winter Games.
- ✓ The Age Classification will change from U15 to U14 years of age. (Born in 2004, 2005, 2006 only). This will assist in identifying potential athletes for the 2021 Canada Summer Games in ON.
- ✓ Teams for the playdowns may be made up from current affiliated clubs; schools or multiple combinations of both. Coaches may call for open tryouts within their respective region as long as they are within the boundaries outlined by government. These boundaries can be viewed in appendix "A".
- ✓ Individual athletes can only play with one club or team entering the playdowns. They may however, maintain their status with any of the clubs they are currently registered in.
- ✓ If a coach calls for an open tryout to form a team within their region this does not mean there cannot be other teams submitted via clubs, individual schools or a combination of both.
- ✓ Schools will be permitted to register and participate as clubs once they affiliate and pay all fees as per Club Policies. (\$50.00 Club affiliation fee and \$14.00 per person membership fee.) This does not cover any entry fee costs for the playdowns.
- ✓ The head coach for teams winning their region and advancing to the 2018 NL Winter Games MUST be minimum "Learn to Train (Trained)." There is no certification required for the playdowns.
- ✓ The playdowns will be played under FIBA rules with minor modifications. This means the fair play (must have 10 players) is not in effect. Teams may play 5 players in the entire game if they so choose. Modifications to rules such as pressing, time per period etc. will be implemented. Modifications to pressing etc. will be similar to the current provincial school championships.
- ✓ The Technical package outlining all rule modification will be completed prior to January 1st 2017 and will be on our web page once completed at nlba@nf.ca.
- ✓ The NLBA are looking to host regional playdowns in November of 2017. Applications will be available in the near future.

Note: there are certain rules surrounding possible exemptions for athletes to play outside their region. Please refer to the NL Summer and Winter Games Policy Manual under eligibility. All exemptions must be approved by the Technical Director of the NLBA.