

NLBA

Senior Championship

Booklet

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## **Finances**

The N.L.B.A. shall reimburse its officials for all reasonable expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. The rates for travel expenses are:

Meals - \$36.00 per day.

- Breakfast - \$8.00
- Lunch - \$10.00
- Supper - \$18.00

Travel - for use of own vehicle - \$00.35 per km

The NLBA will be responsible for all costs associated with providing officials for provincial championships aside from the accommodations. This will be the responsibility of the host committee.

## **Age Groups/Divisions**

Competition will be promoted for the following.

- Division I Men- open (Clarence Sutton Memorial)
- Division II Men
- Division III Men-(Paul Whittle Memorial)
- Division IV Men
- Division I Women-open
- Division II Women
- Masters A-B-C- open-(35 or over prior to the tournament date)

The N.L.B.A. may demand proof of age of any player competing in the Masters.

Athletes are only permitted to compete in one provincial championship outside the OPEN category.

## **Hosting Selection Process**

Hosting of the NLBA Championships shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting. Individuals are permitted to bid up until October 31<sup>st</sup> for events not awarded at the AGM.

Where no bids are received by the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, the committee shall promote the unhosted events at their convenience on a first come first served basis.

In the selection of the NLBA Championships' hosts, the following criteria will be taken into consideration by the Senior Committee to assist in the selection process.

- ✓ Rotation from previous year hosts.
- ✓ Affiliated Senior Leagues operating in region. Minor leagues will also be given consideration.
- ✓ Hotel and facilities appropriate for the respective event.
- ✓ Availability of qualified officials in the region.
- ✓ Ability to promote the game in the region

- ✓ History of hosting previous events.

The Executive after consultation with the Affiliated Leagues may, for just cause, move and change or cancel any Championship.

### **Registration Process**

The provincial office shall distribute registration forms to the Affiliated Leagues by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Teams have until January 31<sup>st</sup> to have completed forms along with the appropriate registration fees to the provincial office. The host will only have to accept the first 8 teams to register. Consultation of a second facility will be required if more than 8 teams apply.

The provincial office shall advise the host of the entries in each championship 14 days prior to tournament.

Each team entered in a championship shall notify the provincial office of its final roster at least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the said championship.

The Provincial Office shall notify the host of the final roster of each team at least (7) seven days prior to the commencement of said championship.

### **Registration Fees**

- Fees for N.L.B.A. Championships shall be \$350.00 per team.
- For registration to be considered it **must** be accompanied by the \$300.00 registration fee.
- Registration must be either postmarked, or in the possession of the provincial office by January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Registration may be withdrawn, with no financial penalty, by contacting the Tournament Director on or before January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Registrations will be accepted up until the tournament is filled or 30 days prior to the event.

### **Eligibility**

A player may register with more than one Affiliated League during a playing season.

A player is considered eligible to play for a team if:

- This person is an individual member of the N.L.B.A.
- This person is ordinarily a resident of this province.
- This person is properly registered with the team 14 days prior to the tournament.
- This person resides within the immediate area in which the team is located.
- Teams from St. John's playing in a NLBA Championship can pick up a maximum of two players from the same local division or a lower division, providing the players team isn't registered to participate in a provincial tournament. The concept for this regulation is to pick up players similar in skill level as those unable to compete in the tournament. The rule is not intended for the purpose of strengthening a team. Teams may strengthen a team if they are moving up to a higher division. All additions must be approved by the NLBA in consultation

with that local Affiliated League. St. John's teams are not permitted to add players from other Affiliated Leagues.

- This person resides in an area where there is no organised basketball being played.
- The Provincial Division 1 Men's will be open to any interested teams in lower divisions.
- Upon approval of executive a player whose team isn't in a provincial tournament can play in a higher division.
- For newly affiliated centres, entrance into NLBA Championships is at the discretion of the Senior Committee.
- Affiliated Leagues outside of St. John's region can enter as all star teams or as a house league team. Leagues outside the St. John's region may pick up a maximum of 2 players to their roster from any affiliated league, including the St. John's leagues... as long as these teams are NOT entered in provincial play. If these teams are entered in the provincials they MUST compete with their local St. John's team. These players must be of equal skill level for the tournament entered and must be approved by the provincial office or Sr. Committee.

### **Responsibilities**

The NLBA shall have the following responsibilities:

- Attempt to have a representative of the NLBA is present at each tournament.
- To work in an advisory capacity with the Tournament Convenor.
- To approve all applications to host NLBA Championships.
- To approve all team registration forms and allocate teams to appropriate divisions and areas (and tournaments if a division championship is held at two separate tournament sites).
- To consult with the Tournament Host 14 days prior to tournament and any problems involving referees, transportation, teams registration and other matters to ensure a smooth event.
- To draw up pools and schedules.
- To distribute registration forms by October 15.
- To advise the host of the entries in each Championship 14 days prior to that tournament.
- To ensure that the assignment of officials is completed for all tournaments.
- To forward tournament package including score sheets, awards, banners, etc.
- To ensure Championship Reports are submitted.
- To ensure that a press release is put out seven (7) days prior to the commencement of each Championship.

The Tournament Host shall have the following responsibilities:

- To oversee the operation of the Championship.
- To notify the office of accommodation s and rates shortly 2 months prior to the event.
- To establish an Awards Committee and present awards.
- To oversee a free throw contest and three point shooting contest.
- To be responsible for supplying all minor officials for the Championship.
- To provide an outline of all off court activities to the office.
- To provide a legal ball. Current sponsor of NLBA.
- To provide all accommodations for travelling officials.

- To complete "Tournament Host Reports" and forward them to the provincial office not later than 14 days after the tournament.
- To provide a social to help promote the product of the tournament sponsor.
- To provide an adequately stocked "First Aid Kit" to be readily available at each venue for Provincial Championships for use in emergencies **ONLY**.

NABO shall have the following responsibilities:

- To assign referees to all N.L.B.A. Championships.
- To submit these assignments to the Provincial Office.
- Responsible for any expenses that occur from last minute changes that incurs additional expenses for the provincial office or the host center.
- To complete an "Official's Report" and forward it to the office no later than 14 days after the tournament.

### **Tournament Format**

The maximum number of teams permitted to enter a Senior N.L.B.A. championship will be 8. This may be increased upon consultation with the board and the host committee. The minimum number of teams required for any championship is four (4).

Two & Three Team Format - No tournament.

Four and Five Team Format - shall be a round robin with the top two teams competing for the championship.

Six Team Format - two divisions of three competing in a single round robin within each division. There will be one cross-over game to be played per team after the round robin is complete. As follows:

A1 vs B3  
A2 vs B2  
A3 vs B1

The two teams in each division with the best-won loss record will participate in the playoff cross-over. As follows:

A1 vs B2  
A2 vs B1

The winners will advance to the championship game.

Seven Team Format - seven team format will compete in a six team format. The seventh team will be seeded into another tournament if possible. If not there will be a division of 3 and 4 teams. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams will cross over in an exhibition game.

Eight Team Format - two divisions of four to compete in round robin. Top two teams from each div. will compete in a crossover. Winners of crossover will compete for the championship.

Nine Team Format- One division of 4 and one division of 5 to compete in a round robin format. Top two teams from each div. will compete for the championship.

Ten Team Format- two divisions of 5 to compete in round robin. Top two teams will compete for the championship.

Twelve & Thirteen Team Format - The 12 & 13 team format will consist of four divisions of three:

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3
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Teams will play a round robin in each division with the top team in each division advancing to the Semi-finals. A1 vs. D1 and B1 vs. C1. Consolation games will be arranged between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams in each division. A4 will not play consolation game due to completion of a third game in their division.

### **Tie Breaking System**

Two way ties:

**For first place** - the team that won the game when the two (2) teams in question played each other will be awarded first place.

**For second place** - the team that won the game when the two (2) teams in question played each other will advance.

Three way ties:

Three way ties shall be determined by "Point Spread". "Point Spread" is defined as "points against subtracted from points scored". For first and second place - point spread between each of the three (3) teams will determine which team is awarded first place and second place. Any ties that remain after these calculations have been carried out, using only those games involving the three (3) teams tied, shall then be determined by point spread taking into account all games played within the series involving the teams still tied.

### **Rules of Play**

- The rules of play for all games in Provincial Championships shall be F.I.B.A. playing rules. Tournament convenors should note the following:
- Senior leagues or F.I.B.A. score sheets may be used.
- All teams participating in provincial tournaments shall have proper uniforms and numbers properly fixed (4-15), (20-25), (30-35), (40-45), (50-55). Proper uniforms are defined as a top of the same color, properly numbered and the shorts are the same color. Failure to comply may result in the disqualification of individuals and/or teams.
- Where possible a 24-second clock shall be provided.

- The following exceptions to F.I.B.A. rules will be in effect at all N.L.B.A. Championships.
- The maximum number of players which may be used by any teams in any games shall be twelve (12). Teams may register and alternate to a maximum of 15 throughout the tournament as long as they were registered 14 days prior to the event.
- Fan shaped backboard may be acceptable where rectangular boards are not financially feasible.
- Where NLBA Championships are played on weekends, games may be scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Permission may be provided by the Senior Committee for games to be held on a Thursday as well.
- The NLBA after a one-hour delay have the right to postpone the game to a later date in cases where power outages, condensation, mechanical or electronic issue or other unforeseen circumstance occur and hinder the quality of the championship.

### **Protests and Sanctions**

The Tournament Convenor shall, in conjunction with the N.L.B.A. appoint a Protest Committee prior to the start of the tournament. This committee shall be composed of three adults, one of whom shall be the N.L.B.A. representative in attendance. In the case of protests, notice must be given immediately as outlined in the F.I.B.A. Rule Book and as provided for on F.I.B.A. score sheets. As well, written notice of the protest must be given to the Convenor within twenty minutes following the completion of the game in question. The Convenor must deal with the protest prior to the start of the next game in the tournament. Should the protest be upheld, the game in question shall be replayed in its entirety.

During a tournament should any teams be discovered to have used (or to be using) an ineligible player(s), the said team shall be defaulted from all games in which such player(s) appeared on the score sheet. In addition, such player(s) shall be immediately removed from further participation. The decision regarding further disciplinary action shall rest with the Executive of the N.L.B.A.

If a team withdraws from or defaults entrance in a tournament after the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline that team shall automatically forfeit its tournament fees. As well, the Executive shall be empowered to suspend such team and/or team official and/or players from N.L.B.A. Championship play for up to one full season, when such action is deemed appropriate following a complete investigation of the matter by the Executive.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Basketball Association shall deal severely with players and/or teams whose unruly behaviour at the tournament site results in property damage or in damage to the image of basketball in the community or province.

### **Awards**

The following awards will be provided for individual Newfoundland and Labrador Basketball Association tournaments:

- Divisional Championship Trophy (Keeper and Perpetual)
- Individual awards to players of Championship Team (12)
- Most Valuable Player
- Five all-stars
- Free Throw Winner
- 3 Point Winner.

### **Misconduct against Officials**

Minimum disciplinary actions for offenses towards game officials: (Applies against player and/or team or league officials).

A. Persistent criticism and persistent disputing of game officials decisions (for which player has been disqualified) -

first offense	one game suspension
second offense	two game suspension
any repetition	four game suspension

B. Deliberate insulting conduct towards game officials - e.g. personally insulting remarks and/or allegations and/or physical actions but without physical contact -

first offense	four game suspension
second offense	eight game suspension
any repetition	twelve game suspension

C. Deliberate sustained and/or repeated physical action with game officials with no degree of violence -

first offense	eight games
second offense	sixteen games

D. Deliberate small violent physical conduct against officials - e.g. striking, kicking, charging, pushing, etc. -

first offense	one year suspension
second offense	two year suspension

E. Very serious physical violence against game officials - e.g. where official is knocked to the floor or requires treatment of an injury received -

first offense	sine die suspension not to be renewed for three years.
second offense	sine die suspension not to be renewed for five years.

Furthermore -

All cases of misconduct and/or physical violence against game officials above level B must be dealt with by the Provincial Association, or in the case of inter-provincial play by Canada Basketball.

Disposition of all cases (including levels A and B) are to be reported to the Provincial Association the Local Association.

Officials involved in such cases must submit a written report within forty-eight (48) hours unless extraordinary circumstances prevent this.

Individuals ejected from a game serves an automatic one game suspension.

Any individual suspended, under A-E above, in any capacity by any A.M.A. shall be suspended in all capacities, from all organised basketball affiliated with the provincial body for the duration of the imposed suspension.

EXAMPLE: If you are suspended from "playing" four (4) games you serve your suspension in all categories until you have served your four (4) games as a "player".