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RULES & REGULATIONS MANUAL



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¹ The OBA will do its best to notify each club's primary contact if there are major changes to this document during the season.

FINANCES

1.1 FEE STRUCTURE

Club Affiliation	
House League Only	\$250
Existing Member Clubs	\$500
New Member Clubs	\$2000 ²

Competitions	
Team registration fee	\$100
Ontario Basketball League (OBL) registration U9	\$1935
Ontario Basketball League registration U9-U14	\$2900
OBL registration U15-U19	\$2950
Ontario Basketball Championships (OBA championships) registration	\$950
G-Elite registration deposit	\$1000
G-Elite registration	\$6500
Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA) deposit	\$3000
OSBA registration fee	\$6000
Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association Development League (OSBA D-League) deposit	\$2500

² New clubs must pay a \$500 performance bond in addition to a new-club-affiliation fee of \$1,500. Please see section 3.5 for more details about the purpose of the performance bond.

OSBA D-League registration fee	\$5000
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Individual Registration	
Coach	\$50
Manager	\$50
Youth Rep Player	\$40
OSBA/D-League player	\$40
Youth House League Player	\$15
Adult League Participant	\$15

Camps	
Centre for Performance – Regional training	\$400

Other Fees	
Back-End-Registration Fee (RAMP) per day ³	\$100

Sanctioned-event hosting	
Sanctioned tournament	\$50

³ Clubs will be charged \$100 for each day they register players via the backend of Ramp. Registering all players on a single day will result in a single \$100 fee. Registering players via the backend on multiple days will result in multiple \$100 fees.



Registrations are not considered complete until all relevant payments are made. Receiving an invoice does not qualify as a registration and there is no guarantee that a team will be added to an OBA-sanctioned competition schedule if the relevant registration fees are unpaid.

1.2 REFUND POLICY

Ontario Basketball League (OBL)

If a team registers for the OBL and withdraws within 14 days after the registration-OPENING date, they will receive a refund of the registration fee, minus \$100. Teams that withdraw 15 or more days after the registration-OPENING date will not receive a refund.

If a game is cancelled because of a team's withdrawal and cannot be rescheduled, the team that is prepared to play will receive a refund equal to the OBL registration fee divided by the number of games they are scheduled to play during the season.

If an OBL game is cancelled due to poor weather, an act of God (e.g., natural disasters, public safety emergencies), or other dangerous conditions, each affected team will receive a refund equal to the OBL registration fee divided by the number of games they are scheduled to play during the season, minus \$60.

For each OBL game that the OBA cancels due to an inability to accommodate registered teams, the OBA will refund each impacted team an amount equal to the registration fee divided by the number of games the team is scheduled to play during the season.

If a team is removed because of compliance issues, they will NOT receive a refund.

Ontario Basketball Championships (OBA championships)

Teams that withdraw their OBA-championship registration will not be refunded.

If a game is cancelled because of a team's withdrawal and cannot be rescheduled, the team that is prepared to play will receive a refund equal to the OBA-championship registration fee divided by the number of games they are scheduled to play in their division.

If an OBA championship game is cancelled due to poor weather, an act of God (e.g., natural disasters, public safety emergencies), or other dangerous conditions, each affected team will receive a refund equal to the OBA championship registration fee divided by the number of scheduled games in their division, minus \$60.

For each game that the OBA cancels due to an inability to accommodate registered teams, the OBA will refund each affected team an amount equal to the registration fee divided by the number of OBA-championship games the team was scheduled to play.

If a team is removed because of compliance issues, the team will NOT receive a refund.



G-Elite

G-Elite registration deposits will not be refunded under any circumstance.

If a team registers for the G-Elite and withdraws within 14 days after the registration DEADLINE, they will receive a refund of the registration fee, minus \$100. Teams that withdraw 15 or more days after the registration-DEADLINE will not receive a refund.

If a game is cancelled because of a team's withdrawal and cannot be rescheduled, the team that is prepared to play will receive a refund equal to the G-Elite registration fee divided by the number of games they are scheduled to play during the season.

If a G-Elite game is cancelled due to poor weather, an act of God (e.g., natural disasters, public safety emergencies), or other dangerous conditions, each affected team will receive a refund equal to the G-Elite registration fee divided by the number of games they are scheduled to play during the season, minus \$60.

For each game that the OBA cancels due to an inability to accommodate registered teams, the OBA will refund each impacted team an amount equal to the registration fee divided by the number of games the team was scheduled to play during the season.

If a team is removed because of compliance issues, they will NOT receive a refund.

Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA)/OSBA D-League

OSBA/OSBA D-League deposits will not be refunded under any circumstance.

OSBA/OSBA D-League games will not be refunded under any circumstance.

Organizations terminating their OSBA membership in the current season will not receive a refund. For more information, please see section 3.03 of the OSBA operations manual.

Individual registrations

If a club requests a refund via email for a **youth-rep-player** registration before the relevant individual registration deadline (please see the deadline table on [page 9](#)), they will receive a refund of the youth-rep-player-registration fee. Youth-rep player registrations will not be refunded after the individual-registration deadline for their age group.

If a club requests a refund via email for a **club-staff member** registration before the relevant individual registration deadline (please see the deadline table on [page 9](#)), they will receive a refund of the staff-registration fee. individual-staff registrations will not be refunded after the relevant individual registration deadline.

House-league participant registrations will not be refunded.



Coaching Clinic Refunds

Refunds will not be provided to coaches if a clinic is cancelled. Coaches must reschedule and complete the clinic on a different date.

Centre for Performance

Backend-Registration fee

Backend-registration fees will not be refunded under any circumstance.

Other

All other circumstances involving refunds that are not mentioned above will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. No 2025-2026 refunds will be issued after the OBA's fiscal year end (August 31, 2026).

1.3 Overdue Payments

If an affiliated member club or organization has any overdue invoices or other outstanding fees at any point in the season, all its teams can be removed from OBA-sanctioned competition including but not limited to the Ontario Basketball League, the Ontario Basketball Championships, the Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association, the Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association Development League, and the G-Elite.

The OBA will deny all insurance requests from clubs and affiliated organizations with overdue invoices or outstanding balances.

The OBA will deny affiliation to clubs and organizations with overdue invoices or outstanding balances from previous seasons.

2. REGISTRATION DEADLINES

OBL Registration U9-U12 Girls & Boys	September 26 th , 2025
OBL Registration U13-U14 Girls & Boys	October 3 rd , 2025
OBL Registration U15-U19 Girls/Women	October 31 st , 2025
OBL Registration U15-U16 Boys	January 30 th , 2026
OBL Registration U17-U19 Boys/Men	February 7 th , 2026
OBA Championships Registration U9B-U14B	TBD
OBA Championships Registration U15B-U19M	TBD
G-Elite Application	August 1 st , 2025
G-Elite-Registration deposit	August 29 th , 2025
G-Elite Registration	September 22 nd , 2025
OSBA/D-League registration deposit	TBD
OSBA/D-League registration	TBD
OSBA Men's/Women's individual registration	TBD
D-League Boys/Girls individual registration	TBD
Individual registration (U9-U14 Boys)	October 22 nd , 2025
Individual registration (U9-U14 Girls)	October 22 nd , 2025
Individual registration (U15-U19 Girls/Women)	November 26 th , 2025
Individual registration (U15-U19 Boys/Men)	February 26 th , 2025
G-Elite individual registration	Oct 6 th , 2025

OBA-affiliated teams must make scheduling requests before the relevant registration deadline. This rule is different for the OBL (please see the following). Scheduling requests will not be considered after the relevant



program's registration deadline listed above. You can make a scheduling request by email:

- OBL (obl@basketball.on.ca)
- OBA championships, G-Elite (kshipley@basketball.on.ca)
- OSBA/OSBA D-League (rcatherasoo@basketball.on.ca)

There is no guarantee scheduling requests will be granted.

Scheduling Requests Policy - OBL

To ensure that schedules are released in a timely manner and that the Ontario Basketball League (OBL) operates efficiently for all participants, strict guidelines apply to scheduling requests.

All scheduling requests must be submitted using the official **OBL Scheduling Request Form**. Teams are reminded that the act of submitting a request does not guarantee its approval. Each request will be reviewed by OBL staff, and decisions will be made at the league's discretion.

Requests must be submitted at least **21 days prior** to the scheduled game(s). Any request submitted within 21 days of game play will not be accommodated under any circumstances. This firm deadline is in place to protect the scheduling process and ensure that games can be organized and communicated to all teams well in advance.

Once the official OBL schedule has been finalized, posted online, and released to participating teams, the schedule is considered **final**. No new scheduling requests, changes, or adjustments will be accepted once the schedule has been published.

This policy applies to **all situations**, including but not limited to player availability, coaching conflicts, team travel, or unforeseen personal circumstances. OBL reserves the right to deny any scheduling request to maintain fairness, consistency, and efficiency in the scheduling process.

2.1 LATE REGISTRATIONS

OBL registration

Once the relevant OBL registration deadline has passed, the registration package on Ramp will close. Teams can apply for a late registration [here](#). Teams must pay the OBA team fee via Ramp before applying for a late registration.

There is no guarantee that teams will be granted a late registration when they apply. Should a team be granted a late registration, they must pay the registration fee plus an additional \$150. The OBA will reach out to the email listed in the application with instructions on how to complete the late registration.



OBA Championships registration

Once the relevant OBA-Championships registration deadline has passed, the registration package on Ramp will close. Teams can apply for a late registration [here](#). Teams must pay the OBA team fee via Ramp before applying for a late registration.

There is no guarantee that teams will be granted a late registration when they apply. Should a team be granted a late registration, they must pay the registration fee plus an additional \$150. The OBA will reach out to the email listed in the application with instructions on how to complete the late registration.

OSBA/D-League registration

Late registrations will be subject to the approval of the OBA's high-performance team. Teams that are late to register may be subject to additional requirements. There is no guarantee that registrations will be approved after the deadline.

Centre for Performance registration

G-Elite registrations

G-Elite registrations are subject to an application process. Team additions will be up to the discretion of the OBA.

Individuals

Players and club staff may submit registrations after the individual-registration deadline. Clubs registering players, coaches, or managers after the relevant individual-registration deadline must notify Michael Cross (mcross@basketball.on.ca) via email. Please list the new individual's first and last names, and the reason for the late addition. All individual registrations done after the individual-registration deadline will be subject to OBA approval via Ramp. There is no guarantee that player, coach, or manager registrations will be approved after the deadline.

If you are adding a player to your roster, the new player must not be registered with another OBA-affiliated club and must meet all other player requirements.

If a club adds a player from another club, that player must be added via the transfer process. Please see section 5.3.

OSBA/D-League Individuals

All OSBA and D-League individual registrations done after the OSBA, and D-league individual registration deadline will be subject to OSBA approval via Ramp. There is no guarantee that player or coach registrations will be approved after the deadline. Please contact Michael Cross (mcross@basketball.on.ca) via email to add individuals after the individual-registration deadline.

For more information about team roster deadlines, please see section 6.03 of the OSBA Operations manual.

3. CLUB/AFFILIATED-ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 CLUB AFFILIATION

Club affiliation for the 2025-2026 season will open on August 22, 2025. Clubs must use Ramp to submit their affiliation. Please see our Ramp [user guides](#) for instructions. Only OBA-affiliated teams can participate in OBA-sanctioned competitions. Teams from unaffiliated clubs or organizations will not be added to any OBA-sanctioned competition schedules.

Clubs that have not participated in rep or have not hosted a house-league, Jr NBA, or training program in the season immediately before the current one—and are therefore deemed inactive—will not be granted affiliation through the returning-club affiliation process. Inactive clubs must reapply for affiliation to become a current season affiliated member club.

Once a club has submitted the appropriate club-affiliation form/application, paid the appropriate affiliation fees, has no outstanding balance, and has been approved via Ramp, Ontario Basketball will issue the club their requested insurance certificates. Clubs can request insurance certificates [here](#).

It is the responsibility of the club to ensure that the club's contact information is up to date and the club's current Board of Directors is listed. During the affiliation process, clubs must agree to all of Ontario Basketball's policies and accept the responsibility of sharing the information provided by the OBA through e-mail communications, online resources, and this Rules and Regulations Manual with their coaches, athletes, and parents.

3.2 HOUSE-LEAGUE, JR. NBA, & TRAINING REGISTRATION

All clubs are required to host at least one house-league, Jr. NBA, or training program. Clubs must submit a list of all their 2025-2026 youth-house-league players and training-program participants to the OBA through the OBA-house-league [registration portal](#). Clubs must pay the youth house league player fee for each youth house league player and training-program participant. Jr. NBA program registrations can be submitted via RAMP.

Athletes who initially registered as house league players but have been moved up to play in rep must pay the difference between the house league fee and the rep fee, which is \$25.

Failure to report all house-league player and training-program participant information, or failure to pay all applicable fees, may result in all teams from a club being removed from OBA-sanctioned competitions.

Please contact Tristan Cave (tcave@basketball.on.ca) if you have any questions.

3.3 INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

It is the responsibility of the club to keep individual membership forms on file. In the case of a complaint about a player's age and/or authenticity, the club's primary contact may be required to supply Ontario Basketball with a birth certificate and/or photo ID containing the player's birthdate.

Any participants on an Ontario Basketball team roster must be residents of Ontario.



If unregistered players are participating in OBA-sanctioned competitions and representing an affiliated club or organization, that club or organization will be fined \$100 per unregistered player. The team the unregistered player is on may be removed from all OBA-sanctioned competitions for which they are registered.

Any changes in membership information (e.g., address change) must be recorded in Ramp immediately to ensure all membership data is accurate.

Individuals are not considered registered until their individual profile is in Ramp and in the correct category (e.g. a coach must appear under staff registrations and not player registrations).

3.4 TEAM REGISTRATION

Every team must be registered online using Ramp and all fees must be paid to Ontario Basketball prior to their first game of the season.

3.5 CLUB LICENSING & TEAM REPRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS

All OBA-affiliated teams must represent an affiliated member club or organization and be based in the same geographic region as that club. Teams from outside an affiliated club's region may not register for OBA-sanctioned competitions under that club's name to gain participation eligibility. Affiliated teams must wear jerseys that clearly represent their home club and must regularly practice in their home club's designated facilities.

All affiliated teams must fall under their home club's administrative oversight. Club presidents and primary contacts will be responsible for duties relating to team compliance and communication.

Affiliated member clubs may not lend, lease, or assign their brand or name to unaffiliated clubs, organizations, or teams.

Clubs found to be in violation of this policy may face suspension of their affiliation, removal of their teams from OBA-sanctioned competitions, or ineligibility to host sanctioned events for the current or future seasons.

3.6 OSBA-MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

See Article 3 of the OSBA Operations Manual for information about member organization responsibilities and requirements.

OSBA member organizations are responsible for ensuring that their coaches attend the annual technical meeting. Please see section 4.03 of the OSBA operations manual.

See Section 6.04 of the OSBA operations manual for more information about team-registration responsibilities for OSBA member organizations.

OSBA-member organizations are responsible for their attendance at the annual meetings held by the



OSBA. Please see ARTICLE 7 of the OSBA Operations manual for more information about OSBA annual meetings.

OSBA-member organizations are responsible for, among other things, matters relating to submitting practice schedules, reviewing scheduling information, and requesting schedule changes. Please see article 14 of the OSBA operations manual for more information about OSBA-member organization scheduling responsibilities.

3.7 FEES

Clubs are responsible for all OBA-related fees. Please see section 1.1 for the 2025-2026 fee structure and 1.3 for the 2025-2026 overdue payment policy. Invoices and overdue payment notices will be sent to each club's primary contact.

3.8 PERFORMANCE BONDS, FAIR PLAY REGULATION, AND WITHDRAWALS

Clubs with teams that withdraw from a sanctioned tournament or, the Ontario Basketball Championships after the schedule has been released, or that fail to appear without notifying the OBA **and** the hosting club will be subject to penalties.

PENALTIES

Penalties will differ based on the number of violations committed by a member club. If two teams from the same club commit the same type of any of the following violations (under 3.8), the two violations will count as two occurrences. For example, if two teams from the same club fail to show up for a scheduled game, two no-show violations will be recorded for that club.

Violation occurrences are tracked across all seasons and do not reset at the end of each season. A club's full affiliation history will be considered when determining penalties, regardless of the year in which the violations occurred.

Penalties will be implemented as follows:

One occurrence – withdrawing after the schedule release

The club's performance bond will be forfeited, and the monies will be divided equally among the teams that the team in question was scheduled to play.

A performance bond equaling the dollar amount originally bonded must be immediately replaced by the club. Failure to replace the bond will disqualify all teams from the club in question from the current year's OBA Championships, OBL, and other OBA-sanctioned competitions.

Two or more Occurrences – withdrawing after the schedule release

The replacement performance bond will be divided equally among the teams that the missing team was scheduled to play.

The club will be suspended from the current year's OBA Championships, OBL, and other OBA-sanctioned competitions.

The performance bond of double the original bond amount must be immediately replaced by the club. Failure to do so will disqualify all teams from the club in question from the following season's OBA Championships, OBL, and other OBA-sanctioned competitions.

One occurrence – failing to appear without notice

A fine equaling \$300 for each missed game (including potential playoff and consolation games) must be paid to the OBA by the missing team's home club within 1 week of receiving an invoice for the fine. Failure to make the payment on time will result in all teams from the club in question being removed from the current year's OBA Championships, OBL, and other OBA-sanctioned competitions.

Two or more Occurrences – failing to appear without notice

A fine equaling \$400 for each missed game (including potential playoff and consolation games) must be paid to the OBA by the missing team's home club within 1 week of receiving an invoice for the fine.

The club will be suspended from the current year's OBA Championships, OBL, and other OBA-sanctioned competitions.

Failure to make the payment on time will result in all teams from the club in question being removed from the following year's OBA Championships, OBL, or other OBA-sanctioned competitions.

OSBA/OSBA D-League

Please see section 3.03 of the OSBA operations manual, to see the program-withdrawal policy and resulting performance-bond implications.

3.9 ATHLETE CONTRACT

All assigned players in Ramp must sign an athlete contract agreeing to abide by a set of guidelines consistent with OBA's code of conduct for the entire season.

It is the club and coaches' responsibility to distribute an athlete contract to each player. Each player is required to complete the athlete contract and return it to the club. All contracts must remain on file with the club.

3.10 COACH CONTRACT

All affiliated club and organization coaches must sign a coach contract. The coach contract provides guidelines to abide by to ensure a positive development experience for all athletes they coach.

It is the affiliated club's or organization's responsibility to distribute and collect contracts from all coaches. All contracts must remain on file with the affiliated club or organization.

4 COMPETITION-COMPLIANCE STANDARDS

Affiliated clubs and organizations must ensure their individuals and teams satisfy the following compliance standards before participating in any OBA-sanctioned competition or program. Failure to meet these standards can result in a team's removal from OBA-sanctioned competitions, forfeited game scores, and other penalties. If issues related to individual or team compliance come up, the OBA will notify the club's primary contact. Teams are not considered fully registered until the following requirements are satisfied.

1. All applicable team-registration fees must be paid. Section 1.1 outlines the 2025-2026 fee structure.
2. Each team must have the required number of players assigned to its roster in Ramp. This number varies by age group.

Age Category	Minimum number of players required on Ramp roster	Maximum number of players	Minimum number of players required to start game
U9-U12	10	15	5 at tip-off (by Shift #4)
U13-U19	8	15	5
OSBA/OSBA D-League	-	15	5

3. Each team must have at least one coach assigned to the roster. For more information on allowable amounts of coaches, players, and team personnel on an OSBA/OSBA D-League roster and bench, please see section 6.02 of the OSBA Operations manual.
4. All assigned coaches must meet all NCCP certification and safe sport requirements for the age group they are coaching in. Coaches must complete and submit a vulnerable sector check via Ramp. Vulnerable sector checks must be no more than 3 years old at the time of submission. All coaches must complete a frontend-staff registration. Please note that managers must also complete a vulnerable-sector check, complete a frontend-ramp registration, and possess the required NCCP certifications⁴. Backchecks done through Sterling Backcheck in the previous or current season will not be accepted. Clubs must review and verify all their staff members' vulnerable-sector checks via the backend of their Ramp account. Unverified vulnerable-sector checks will not be accepted. Only assigned staff are permitted to sit on a team bench during competitions. All club staff must abide by the rules in this section. For additional requirements related to OSBA/OSBA D-League coaching, please see Article 5 of the OSBA Operations Manual. More details about our competition-compliance standards are outlined in this section.

⁴ In some cases, a receipt showing that you paid a fee to have your vulnerable-sector check done can be used and uploaded as a temporary place holder for the official document. You can still be removed from OBA-sanctioned competitions if the completed vulnerable-sector check is not uploaded within a reasonable time, or if the vulnerable-sector check result presents a safety concern.

4.1 NCCP CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The purpose of the mandatory National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) is to ensure that all athletes are coached by individuals who are ethical, knowledgeable, and trained in age-appropriate methods. All Ontario Basketball coaches are expected to be at least "trained" in the relevant category and awaiting certification before coaching athletes. While clinic schedules may vary by region, coaches should attend required clinics as soon as possible to apply the techniques learned through NCCP training to maximize their athletes' development.

After completing the in-person course and attaining "in training" status, coaches must complete their evaluation and the "Make Ethical Decisions" online module through the Coaches Association of Canada (CAC) to become fully "trained."

Evaluations for Learn to Train and Train to Train stages include an online Coach's Portfolio and an on-court assessment. Coaches can submit their completed portfolios through **Game Plan** and request an evaluation, which will be assigned to a Canada Basketball Certified Evaluator by Ontario Basketball. A complete evaluation and a submitted portfolio are required to attain "certified" status.

Coaches must complete certification within one year of their training. After the one-year window, coaches will be required to pay a \$100 fee to complete their evaluation.

OSBA coaches are expected to be Train to Compete certified. Please see article 5 in the OSBA operations manual for more information about NCCP requirements within the OSBA.

Required Coaching Certification			
Level	Head Coach	Assistant Coach	Manager
U10 to U12	Certified Learn to Train	Trained Learn to Train	Trained Learn to Train OR First Aid OR High Five OR Athletic Trainer certification
U13to U14	Certified Train to Train	Trained Train to Train	Certified Learn to Train OR First Aid OR High Five OR Athletic Trainer certification
U15toU19	Certified Train to Train	Trained Train to Train	Certified Learn to Train OR First Aid OR High Five OR Athletic Trainer certification
OSBA/D-League	Trained Train to Compete or certified train to train	In Training Train to Compete or Trained train to compete	In Training Train to Compete OR First Aid OR High Five OR Athletic Trainer certification
G-Elite	Certified Train to Train	Certified Learn to Train	Certified Learn to Train OR First Aid OR High Five OR Athletic Trainer certification



Coaching Certification Checks

If coaches or managers fail to meet the required certification standards, the team they are assigned to will face removal from all OBA-sanctioned competitions.

Alternative certification options, points of Clarification, and Examples

OBL, OBA Championships,

A Learn to Train (L2T) – Trained coach moves up from U12 to U13 as a Head Coach. This Coach will need to first complete their Learn to Train Certification (portfolio and practice evaluation) and then attend a Train-to-Train (T2T) course to attain in-training status at the T2T level. This coach must work towards completing their T2T certification as soon as possible.

If a U16 Team realizes that they don't have a coach available, and a parent steps up to coach, the new coach will not be expected to be L2T and T2T trained then complete both evaluations in the same season. We will ask them to fully complete Learn to Train in season one, and then Train to Train in season two. This process is subject to OBA approval.

If a first-time coach in any OBA-sanctioned competition does not hold any NCCP coaching certifications but has the requisite experience and community support, this coach has the option to challenge the trained portion of the certification process. The coach will then be able to jump to the evaluation portion of the certification process. Please see the challenge requirements set out by **Canada Basketball**.

OSBA, OSBA D-League

OSBA and OSBA D-League coaches are expected to be Train to Compete trained.

For more information about alternative pathways to the required certifications for the current season, please see section 5.01 of the OSBA operations manual.

G-Elite

All G-Elite coaches are expected to possess the necessary certifications before the G-Elite registration opens. Failure to be properly certified in the G-Elite can result in a coach's removal. G-Elite staff will reach out to coaches that lack certification with steps on how to become properly certified.

Coaching Certification Contact

Contact Tristan Cave (tcave@basketball.on.ca) with questions regarding certification and NCCP clinics.

Certification for Managers

Managers who do not have a Learn to Train certification must send their first aid, High Five, or athletic trainer certificate to Ben Dickinson (bdickinson@basketball.on.ca) to be registered with a team.

4.2 SAFE SPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUB STAFF MEMBERS (COACHES / MANAGERS)

Ontario Basketball is committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for children participating in basketball activities. Safe Sport should be a top priority for all OBA member clubs.

All coaches and managers are required, at a minimum, to complete a vulnerable-sector check through their local police department prior to their first practice of the season. Vulnerable-sector checks must be provided to the OBA via upload to the club staff member's RAMP profile. Clubs must also verify the document via the backend of their Ramp account. Club staff members must also complete online training in Safe Sport, Anti-Racism in Coaching, Concussion Management, and Coaching Behavior, and register themselves on RAMP as a coach. If the results of a club staff member's vulnerable-sector check present a safety concern, they must stop all activities with their member club immediately. Failure to remove such club staff members from member club activities can result in a member club's (or some of its affiliated teams') removal from all OBA-sanctioned competitions and the OBA membership.

For OSBA/OSBA D-League safe-sport requirements, please see section 5.01(ii) of the OSBA operations manual.

The following are the minimum standards and online training requirements for Safe Sport that OBA member clubs must ensure ALL COACHES & MANAGERS COMPLETE prior to the first practice of the season:

Vulnerable-sector background check

Completion of NCCP Safe Sport Online Training Module

Completion of NCCP Anti-Racism in Coaching Online Training Module

<https://coach.ca/anti-racism-coaching>

Rowan's Law Concussion Education

Agree to OBA Zero Tolerance Policy

4.3 FRONTEND STAFF REGISTRATION

All staff assigned to a roster must complete a frontend registration in Ramp. Backend registrations are not permitted for coaches or team managers. If a coach or manager is added to their club's Ramp account via the backend, they will not be considered registered and any team they are assigned to will fail to meet OBA competition compliance standards.

4.4 RAMP ROSTERS

All rep and OSBA/D-League players must be listed in Ramp and assigned to their respective teams. Any team with fewer than the minimum or more than the maximum allowable number of players will be considered non-compliant with OBA competition compliance standards.

Once a player is added to a club's player list in Ramp, they cannot be added to any roster from another OBA-affiliated club unless they go through the proper athlete transfer procedures ([see section 5.3](#)). Please note that tryout-only participants should not be added to Ramp-player lists. Any individual listed in a club's Ramp account will be considered part of that club.

If you have any questions about insurance claims for tryout participants, please reach out to Michael Cross (mcross@basketball.on.ca)

For competition purposes, a youth-rep player is not considered part of a roster until they are assigned to that roster in Ramp.

If you need assistance with adding and assigning players in Ramp, please review this [manual](#).

For OSBA organizations, all Ramp registrations and Roster Eligibility forms must be completed by Sept 15th.

Please see Article 6 in the OSBA Operations manual for Ramp-rostering requirements and deadlines for student athletes.

SPECIAL SITUATIONS

Ontario Basketball Championships, Ontario Basketball league, Sanctioned games/tournaments

Teams requesting the use of younger players from within their club must notify the OBA by emailing Michael Cross (mcross@basketball.on.ca) at least 48 hours prior to the start of the relevant sanctioned game. Requests should be made only if a team is unable to meet the minimum number of players requirement for their age group. If the minimum number of players requirement is met, the request will not be considered.

Older players cannot play down to a younger age group. For example, a U14 player cannot be called up to play for a U13 team.

Players are permitted to be called up to an older team within their club for a maximum of 1 sanctioned tournament or 4 sanctioned games. Players cannot be called up to play a combination of both. For example, a U13 player cannot be called up to play 2 U14 OBL games and 2 games in a U14 sanctioned tournament.

If a player exceeds the maximum number of sanctioned tournament or game call-ups, they will be required to play up for the remainder of the season.

Please note that temporary call-ups cannot be used for the OBA Championships.

Teams are permitted, subject to approval by the tournament host and Ontario Basketball, to participate in one sanctioned tournament at an older age group during the basketball season. Any teams participating in more than one sanctioned tournament with an older age group will be required to play at the higher age level for the remainder of the season including in the Ontario Basketball Championships.

Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association/Ontario Basketball Association Development League

Please see section 5.03 of the OSBA Operations manual for more info about temporary callups.

G-Elite

Please contact Kshipley@basketball.on.ca or Ewillock@basketball.on.ca for more information about temporary call ups in the G-Elite. .

MIXED TEAMS

In all age categories, boys and girls can compete on the same team, but they must compete in the boys' division.



5. ATHLETE RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 2025–2026 AGE CATEGORIES

REP

Category	Age	Year of Birth
U10	Under 10 as of December 31, 2025	2016 or later
U11	Under 11 as of December 31, 2025	2015 or later
U12	Under 12 as of December 31, 2025	2014 or later
U13	Under 13 as of December 31, 2025	2013 or later
U14	Under 14 as of December 31, 2025	2012 or later
U15	Under 15 as of December 31, 2025	2011 or later
U16	Under 16 as of December 31, 2025	2010 or later
U17	Under 17 as of December 31, 2025	2009 or later
U19	Under 19 as of December 31, 2025	2007 or later
G-Elite Jr (U15 & U16)	Under 16 as of Dec 31, 2025	2010 or later
G-Elite Sr (U17 & U19)	Under 19 as of Dec 31, 2025	2007 or later

OSBA

Senior (OSBA) U20	Student-Athlete has not reached their 20th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held. (Example, year of competition is 2023-2024. The individual must not have turned 20 by January 1, 2023)
Junior (OSBA D-League)	Student- Athlete has not reached their 16th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held. (Example, year of competition is 2023-2024. The individual must not have turned 16 by January 1, 2023)

Teams must abide by the age restrictions above. Teams that violate the stated age requirements will face sanctions such as forfeited game scores, competition disqualification, or club-level penalties.

5.2 TEAM REGISTRATION

Each athlete is permitted to play on only one (1) OBA-affiliated team per Ontario Basketball season unless they are participating as a call-up within their club and within the maximum allowable number of games. Once an athlete is registered via Ramp and assigned to a team roster, they are required to stay with that team for the remainder of the season unless they are granted a transfer by the OBA. Please reach out to Michael Cross about player transfers (mcross@basketball.on.ca).

If it is found that a player is playing for more than one team, the player may be suspended from all OBA-sanctioned activities for the remainder of the season and the following season. Both teams the player is on will face penalties and possible removal from OBA-sanctioned competitions.

OSBA/OSBA D-League

Each OSBA and OSBA D-League player is permitted to play for only 1 OSBA or OSBA D-League team each season, unless they transfer within the allowable transfer window.

OSBA schools are not categorized as an Ontario Basketball rep club. Therefore, athletes are allowed to play for an OSBA team and an Ontario Basketball club team.

Please see section 5.02 of the OSBA Operations manual for more information about Student-athlete requirements.

OBA-affiliated players in Other Leagues

Each OBA-affiliated player is permitted to play for only 1 OBA-affiliated team even when playing in other leagues. A player will be ineligible and penalized if they have been playing on two (2) or more OBA-affiliated teams.

Please see Article 3 of the OSBA Operations manual for more information about Participation in international scholastic competition.

OBA championships

A player is NOT permitted to participate in more than one Ontario Basketball Championships in a single season. Teams with repeat OBA-championship participants will face disqualification.

Ontario cup and provincial championship rosters must **not** contain more than 3 OSBA/D-League players.

OBL

OBL rosters must **not** contain more than 3 OSBA/D-League players.

G-Elite

A player is NOT permitted to play for more than one G-Elite team per season.

All rostered players must dress for a minimum of 50% of G-Elite season games to qualify for participation in the G-Elite playoffs.

G-Elite rosters must not contain more than 4 OSBA/D-League players.

Failure to disclose OSBA/D-League players on your roster can result in the ineligibility of the OSBA/D-League player(s) on the club team (applicable to all rep rosters).

Players failing to comply with the regulations in this section may be removed from all OBA-sanctioned competitions for the remainder of the current and following OBA seasons and may be subject to provisions decided upon by the Fair Play Committee.

5.3 ATHLETE TRANSFER POLICY

Ontario Basketball championships, Ontario Basketball League, Sanctioned games/tournaments, G-Elite

An OBA youth-rep player can transfer to another club if they have consent from their current and new clubs. This consent must be in writing and submitted to the OBA via email. Please fill out [this form](#). Transfers must be approved by Ontario Basketball. A transfer is not final until the youth rep player's registration is transferred to their new club's Ramp account. Please email Michael Cross (mcross@basketball.on.ca) to complete registration transfers.

OSBA/OSBA D-League

Please see section 5.03 of the OSBA Operations manual for more information about the student-athlete transfer policy and impacts on playoff eligibility.

6 SANCTIONED EVENTS

6.1 SANCTIONED-TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Hosting Information

For an organization to host a sanctioned event, they must be an affiliated club or organization in good standing with Ontario Basketball.

Please see the fee structure in section 1.1 for tournament-sanctioning costs.

All sanctioned tournaments must be submitted and approved through the OBA-sanctioned tournament **approval system**.

Tournaments will be approved only if they meet all the sanctioned-tournament requirements listed in this section.

Please note, that for the purposes of sanctioned-tournament hosting and reporting, each combination of age group and gender will be considered a separate tournament.

For example, if a host organizes a U17B, U16B, and a U15B schedule, they will be scheduling 3 separate sanctioned tournaments. A host that organizes a U17G, U17B, and a U16B schedule, will be scheduling 3 separate sanctioned tournaments.

Sanctioned-tournament hosts must report and account for each of these separately, regardless of whether they occur on the same dates or at the same venue.

6.2 HOST RESPONSIBILITIES SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

Sanctioned-Tournament Requirements

All sanctioned tournaments must:

- Be registered and approved through the **OBA-Sanctioned tournament approval system**.
- Be comprised of OBA-affiliated teams only.
- Have all games abide by all Ontario Basketball rules and regulations (See gameplay under section 8).⁵
- Have all games officiated by a minimum of two (2) Ontario Association of Basketball Officials (OABO) representatives and follow the FIBA-game rule set and any applicable

⁵ Please note, that while we bring your attention to the gameplay portion of this manual, all other rules and regulations apply.

OBA-rule modifications (e.g. U10-U12 games must satisfy equal-shifting requirements).

- Ensure that there is always a gym convener present during competition.

Game-Draw Guidelines

To comply with LTAD recommendations for adequate rest and recovery time, draw formats must meet the following requirements:

Teams must have at least a 90-minute break between games.

Teams should play a maximum of two (2) games per day, though teams are permitted to play a maximum of **three (3)** games per day.

Games for U10 to U12 teams should not start after 7:30 p.m.

Results Submission Deadline

It is the responsibility of the tournament host to submit all results from the event to Ontario Basketball no more than 48 hours after the conclusion of the final game.

Failure to Comply

Any proposed tournament that fails to meet any of the requirements listed in this section will not be approved as a sanctioned tournament.

If it is found that, after approval, a host did not meet the stated requirements for hosting a sanctioned tournament, the host club will incur a \$200 fine and the tournament will lose its sanctioned status.

Failure to comply with the outlined responsibilities may affect a club's eligibility to host sanctioned events in the future.

6.3 HOST RESPONSIBILITIES SANCTIONED-EXHIBITION GAMES

The OBA will no longer consider sanctioned exhibition results when determining teams' ranking positions in the Ontario-Basketball championships.

6.4 HOST RESPONSIBILITIES OBL – Reimbursement

OBL Reimbursement Policy

Ontario Basketball (OBA) is committed to processing reimbursements in a fair and timely manner. Invoices submitted to OBA will generally be processed within **30 days of receipt**, within reason. This timeline ensures that clubs and teams receive reimbursement in an efficient way while also allowing OBA adequate time to manage its administrative processes.

It is important to note that delays may occur during periods of **high volume**. While OBA will make every effort to process reimbursements as quickly as possible, teams should be aware that peak periods may result in longer processing times.

To be eligible for processing, all invoices must be submitted in the **proper format** and must include accurate and complete supporting documentation. Submissions that are incomplete, inaccurate, or missing required documentation may result in additional delays until the issues are corrected.

Additionally, **no reimbursements will be issued to any club or team that has an outstanding balance owed to OBA**. All accounts must be in good standing before reimbursement requests can be approved and processed.

6.5 HOST RESPONSIBILITIES OSBA GAME OPERATIONS

Please see Article 10 of the OSBA Operations Manual for more information about OSBA/OSBA D-League rules and procedures of play.

Please see section 10.03 of the OSBA Operations Manual for more information about OSBA game-day protocols.

Please see Article 12 of the OSBA Operations Manual for more information about the OSBA and OSBA D-League game operation requirements that hosts are responsible for.

Please see section 12.02 of the OSBA Operations Manual for more information about results submissions by hosting teams.

OSBA game hosts must fulfil media-related obligations for each game. Please see section 17.03 of the OSBA Operations Manual for more information.

7 ONTARIO BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TEAM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Teams must meet the following requirements to be eligible to participate in the Ontario Basketball Championships:

Ontario Basketball Championships
Provincial Championship All UIO - UI9 Boys and Girls teams that want to compete for the Provincial Championship must play in the Ontario Basketball League.
Ontario Cup <u>UI0 Boys and Girls to UI9 Men and Women</u> Play in the Ontario Basketball League, or: Play a minimum of one (1) sanctioned tournament.

Teams that fail to play the minimum number of sanctioned tournaments or in the OBL before the final rankings meeting will not be ranked and therefore will not be permitted to participate in the Ontario Basketball Championships. If a team cannot play the minimum number of games or in the OBL, they can request an exemption before the final ranking results submission deadline for their age group.

All teams must play the minimum number of games against other OBA-affiliated teams using only players listed on their roster in Ramp. Games against teams from other provinces, other countries, high schools, elementary schools and unaffiliated clubs or organizations do not count for ranking purposes. Using unregistered players will disqualify a game as a sanctioned game.

Further, all registered players listed on a team roster must play a minimum of four (4) sanctioned games with their team to be eligible to compete in the Ontario Basketball Championships. Coaches may be asked to provide scoresheets should any question arise about whether a player has met the participation requirement at the Ontario Basketball Championships.

Teams that have Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA) players on their club rosters must declare their registration to Ontario Basketball. Click [here](#) to declare players.

Failure to disclose OSBA players on an OBL, OBA championship, G-Elite, or sanctioned-tournament roster may result in the disqualification of any games those players participate in from sanctioned status. Additional penalties will be determined by the Fair-Play Committee.

7.1 RANKING & SEEDING

Game Results

Rankings for teams will be completed using sanctioned-tournament and OBL-game results that have been submitted to Ontario Basketball. No consideration will be given to games that were not submitted to the OBA. If a team fails to report the minimum number of sanctioned-tournament games required prior to the final ranking deadline, they will not be ranked and will be deemed ineligible to participate in the Ontario-Basketball Championships.

Initial Rankings

There will be one initial ranking per age group that will be completed by the Ranking and Seeding Committee. Ontario Basketball will not accept any appeals for initial rankings.

Final Rankings

For the final rankings, a committee will meet to review all game results and discuss any team notes to ensure the best quality decision is made for the Ontario Basketball Championship rankings.

After the final rankings meeting, preliminary-final ranking results will be e-mailed to head coaches. Preliminary-final rankings will not be posted online. It is imperative that clubs ensure OBA has the most accurate head coach e-mail addresses for each registered team.

Appeal

After receiving preliminary-final rankings, coaches have 24 hours to appeal. Appeals will only be accepted from the head coach of a team. Coaches must submit their appeal along with sanctioned-tournament scores to support it. Appeals must be sent to the rankings chair and OBA staff.

Eligible Appeals

If a coach feels their team has been placed in the wrong division and wishes to appeal, they must provide detailed reasons, including sanctioned-tournament results, to explain why their team should be moved to a different division.

OBA will NOT accept any appeals to move up or down WITHIN a division.

Contact

General ranking questions can be e-mailed to Ben Dickinson (bdickinson@basketball.on.ca).

7.2 TIE-BREAK FORMAT

The 2024-26 Ontario Basketball Championships Tie-Break format will be as follows:

Step 1: Most wins

The team with the most wins will be given priority ranking.

Step 2: Two-way tie, head-to-head method

If a tie exists between two teams at the completion of the schedule, the winner of the game played between the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

Step 3: Three or more-team tie, Points for and against method

If a tie exists between three or more teams, the points for and against method will be used with a cap at 20 points per game.

Example: If Team A wins by 32 points, only a point spread of +20 will be used for that game, not +32.

The total points scored and allowed for each game is calculated for the teams involved in the tie. Scores against the team(s) NOT involved in the tie are discarded.

The team with the highest points for and against value will be given priority ranking.

The team with the second highest points for and against value will be given the secondary ranking.
Example: Three pool games of three teams tied.

Game One: A 50 - B 45

Game Two: B 60 - C 38

Game Three: C 45 - A 37

Team A: Game One (+5), Game Three (-8) = -3 Points For and Against

Team B: Game One (-5), Game Two (+20) = +15 Points For and Against

Team C: Game Two (-20), Game Three (+8) = -12 Points For and Against

Team B receives the priority ranking.

Team A receives the secondary ranking

Team C receives the tertiary ranking.

Step 4: Two-Way Tie Persists, Head-to-Head Method

If a tie exists between two teams after using the three or more-team tie – Points For and Against Method (see Step 3 on the previous page), the winner of the game played by the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

Example:

The winner of the game between Team A and Team B receives the priority ranking. The loser of the game between Team A and Team B receives the secondary ranking. Team C is eliminated from the playoffs.

Step 5: Three-Way Tie Persists, Additional Pool Play Result

If a tie persists between three teams after the Points For and Against Method is used, the game against the remaining team in the pool will be added to the calculation to determine who is given priority ranking. If a tie persists between two teams after the additional score is used, the head-to-head method will be used to determine the priority ranking.

Example:

Team B receives priority ranking.

Team C receives the secondary ranking and advances to the playoffs.
Team A is eliminated from the playoffs.

Step 6: Three-Way Tie Persists, Number Draw

The numbers one, two, and three are written on individual pieces of paper and placed in a container by a neutral third party.

Each coach then draws a piece of paper from the container, beginning with the highest-seeded team and ending with the lowest seeded.

The team that draws the number 1 receives the priority ranking.
The team that draws the number 2 receives the secondary ranking.
The team that draws the number 3 is eliminated from the playoffs.

7.3 PROTESTS

Upon completion of your game, you should review the game sheet given by the table staff. If there is a discrepancy, please follow up with the site convenor.

An official protest can be done if there is evidence that Equal shifting was not followed.

OBA will not review any video or photo evidence and decisions will be made based on the game sheet in question.

For an official protest to occur, a **\$100** fee must be paid to the convenor in cash and a protest request must be sent to Ethan Willock (ewillock@basketball.on.ca) via email. Teams must notify the convener within 1 hour after the game is played. A copy of the game sheet must be provided to the convener and the convener will submit the protest to OBA staff. OBA will review and make their decision. If the game result is overturned, the game will be changed to a 2-0 forfeit.

Protests are only valid for cases involving equal shifting and/or illegal players. Protests cannot be made for, among other scenarios, judgment calls by referees such as fouls, violations, or minor official errors.

7.4 SPECTATOR BEHAVIOUR

Zero tolerance – the coach/team is responsible for the actions of their parents/spectators. If a spectator is asked to leave and refuses to do so, the team they support will be penalized with a forfeit of the game.

Noisemakers (e.g., mechanical air horns, electronic devices) are **NOT** allowed for use during OBA-Sanctioned Events.

If you are an OSBA or OSBA D-League participant or organization, please review section 10.04 of the OSBA Operations manual for more information about participant conduct.

7.5 OSBA LEAGUE PLAY

For more information about OSBA and OSBA D-League gameplay and rules, please see Article 10 of the OSBA Operations manual.

8. GAME PLAY

8.1 OVERVIEW

All sanctioned games will be governed by FIBA (International Basketball Federation), whose rule books are adopted for use at all OBA-sanctioned games and events. The OBA has added and made certain modifications to the FIBA rules including components of U10 to U12 games to meet the needs of young players. The rules and modifications for each specific age category can be found in section 8.8.

8.2 OFFICIALS

Every Ontario Basketball game must be refereed by at least two OABO officials assigned through the local officials' board.

For more information on officials' observation, selection, and assignment procedures within the OSBA and OSBA D-League, please see article 9 of the OSBA Operations manual.

8.3 GAME FORFEITURE

A 15-minute grace period from the scheduled start of the game will be granted for a late team.

Teams arriving within the 15-minute period will be permitted a five-minute warm up to prevent injury.

At sanctioned events, the convener shall decide if a forfeit is to be called after the 15-minute grace period has expired.

At the Ontario Basketball Championships, an OBA staff member shall decide if a forfeit is to be called after the 15-minute grace period has expired.

An OBA staff member shall decide if a forfeit is to be called at an OSBA game after the 15-minute grace period expires.

An OBA staff member shall decide if a forfeit is to be called at a G-Elite game after the 15-minute grace period expires.

Teams with incomplete rosters or unregistered will forfeit games.

Teams that violate any games rules (e.g. equal-shifting rules) will forfeit all games where a violation occurs.

Teams will forfeit games where any zero-tolerance policy violations occur.

Coaches without the proper certification for their age group or division will also be required to forfeit games and may face removal from league or championship play.

For the purposes of tie-breaker-point differential in sanctioned tournaments, the following outcomes will be used if game officials forfeit a game at any time during play once a game has started.

If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead by 20 or more points, the score shall be recorded as a 20-0.

If the team to which the game is awarded is ahead by 1-19 points, the score shall stand as is at the time when the game stopped.

If the team to which the game shall be awarded is tied or not ahead, the score shall be 2-0 in its favor.

Please see Article 10 of the OSBA Operations manual for more information about late arrivals to OSBA and OSBA D-League games.

8.3.1 Pre-Game Forfeiture

A game may also be forfeited due to:

Not having enough players to start a game.

U9 – U12 Must have 5 players to start a game, and 8 players before the fourth shift. U13 – U19 Must have 5 players to start a game.

If a game is not started and forfeited because one team is absent, the score shall be recorded as 2-0 in favor of the team that is present and ready to play.

If both teams forfeit (due to insufficient players), the score shall be recorded as 0-0.

8.3.2 Pre-Game Forfeiture, Cancellation Policy

Ontario Basketball League (OBL)

Pre-Game Forfeiture & Cancellation Policy

In order to maintain the integrity of competition and ensure fairness across the Ontario Basketball League (OBL), strict rules are in place regarding forfeitures, cancellations, and game attendance.

If a team is unable to field a roster for an OBL game, the team must notify OBL by emailing **obl@basketball.on.ca** no later than **48 hours prior** to the scheduled game time. In such cases, the game will not be rescheduled, either within the OBL structure or outside of it. The team that withdraws will automatically forfeit the game, and the opposing team will be awarded a **2–0 victory**.

If a team fails to appear for a scheduled game and does not provide at least 48 hours' notice of its absence, the team will face additional penalties. Specifically, the absent team will be fined an amount equal to its OBL registration fee divided by the number of games it is scheduled to play in the season, plus an additional **\$100 fine**. The result of the game will be recorded as a **2–0 win in favor of the attending team**, and as with all forfeitures, the game will not be rescheduled.

In situations where both teams agree in advance not to play a scheduled game and notify OBL before the game time, the league will treat this as a **mutual forfeit**. The game will be recorded as a **loss for both teams**, and neither team will be entitled to any refund of their game fees. This rule exists to prevent teams from bypassing their scheduled commitments and to protect the integrity of the competition and the league schedule.

If a game is cancelled due to external factors such as **poor weather, facility closures, or other dangerous or unforeseen conditions** beyond the control of the teams and OBL, the game will be recorded as a **0–0 result**. These games will not be rescheduled.

Ontario Basketball Championships

If you cannot field a team to play during an OBA-championship weekend, your team must withdraw by emailing Ethan Willock (ewillock@basketball.on.ca) at least 21 days before their first scheduled game. If the game(s) cannot be rescheduled or if the schedule cannot be changed, the scheduled game(s) will be forfeited by the withdrawing team. The other team(s) will be granted a 2-0 win.

If a game is cancelled because a team fails to appear and fails to notify the OBA of its absence within at least 21 days of the scheduled game, the team that fails to appear will be subject to performance bond penalties (see [section 3.8](#)). The score will be recorded 2-0 in favor of the team that is available.

If an OBA-championship team forfeits for a second time for any reason, the team shall be disqualified from the tournament and the results of all games played by this team shall be nullified. All following scheduled games will count as forfeits against the forfeiting team.

If a game is cancelled because of poor weather, an act of God, or other dangerous conditions, the game will be recorded 0-0.

G-Elite

If you cannot field a team to play during a G-Elite weekend, your team must withdraw by emailing kshipley@basketball.on.ca at least 48 hours before their scheduled game time. If the game cannot be rescheduled, the scheduled game will count as a forfeit against the withdrawing team. The other team will be granted a 2-0 win.

If a game is cancelled because a team fails to appear and fails to notify the OBA of its absence within at least 48 hours of the scheduled game, the team that fails to appear will be fined the G-Elite registration fee divided by the number of games they are scheduled to play for the season, plus \$100. The score will be recorded 2-0 in favor of the team that is available.

If a game is cancelled because of poor weather, an act of God, or other dangerous conditions, the game will be recorded 0-0.

Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA)/OSBA D-League

All cancelled games will be rescheduled. If a team cannot be present at the rescheduled game, that game will be forfeited by the absent team.

If both teams cannot be present for the rescheduled game and further rescheduling is not done by the OBA, the game will be forfeited and recorded as a loss for each team.

8.3.3 Game Forfeiture due to Team Behavior (Players, Coaches, Parents)

Game officials may forfeit a game at any time during gameplay if the actions by a team, player, coach or parent prevent the game from being played (e.g. Ejected player, coach or parent refusing to leave the gym).

Game officials may forfeit a game at any time during gameplay if a team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referees.

8.4 TIMEOUTS AND HALFTIME

Ontario Basketball League (OBL), Ontario-Basketball Championships, Sanctioned tournaments

During a game, each team receives:

Two 60-second timeouts in the first half.

Three 60-second timeouts in the second half. Note: Only two timeouts will be granted in the last two minutes of a game. Coaches must therefore use one timeout before the last two minutes of the game; otherwise, they effectively “lose” that timeout.

One timeout per overtime period is granted.

Any unused timeouts do not carry over into overtime periods.

Minimum halftime length is 4 minutes.

Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association, Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association Development League.

During a game, each team receives:

Two 60-second timeouts in the first half.

Three 60-second timeouts in the second half. Note: Only two timeouts will be granted in the last two minutes of a game. Coaches must therefore use one timeout before the last two minutes of the game; otherwise they effectively “lose” that timeout.

One timeout per overtime period is granted.

Any unused timeouts do not carry over into overtime periods.

Minimum halftime length is 10 minutes.

For more information on OSBA and OSBA D-League game-day protocol, please see section 10.03 of the OSBA Operations manual.

G-Elite

During a game, each team receives:

- Two 60-second timeouts in the first half.
- Three 60-second timeouts in the second half.

Note: Only two timeouts will be granted in the last two minutes of a game. Coaches must therefore use one timeout before the last two minutes of the game; otherwise, they effectively “lose” that timeout.

Any unused timeouts do not carry over into overtime periods. One timeout per overtime period is granted.

8.5 FREE THROWS AFTER TIME HAS EXPIRED

Free throws shall be attempted after time has expired in the last period of the game provided a foul occurs:

As the timer nears expiry and cannot be stopped; or

After time expired but while the ball was in flight during a field-goal attempt.

8.6 TEAM JERSEYS

Teams must wear jerseys that correspond to their affiliated member club. If reported to the Fair Play Committee, both the team and the club may face sanctions, including game forfeiture. Repeated violations may result in the team's removal from all OBA competitions.

During the OBA championships and OBL games, the team with the **higher seeding** is considered the home team, therefore will wear the light/home jersey.

As per FIBA Rules and Regulations, any number between 0 and 99 is permitted.

8.7 TEAM BENCHES

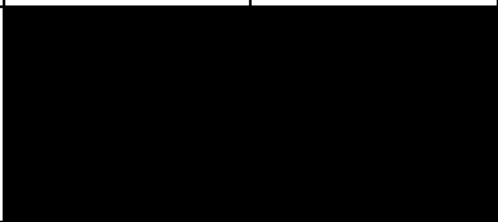
During the OBA championships and OBL games the team with the higher seeding is considered the home team, therefore will have the option of selecting which bench they would prefer to sit on.

8.8 FIBA RULE MODIFICATIONS

*Repeated violations of the drop back rule could result in a delay of game penalty

LTAD Stage	Learn to Train		Train to Train	Train to Compete
Age Category	U9-U10	U11-U12	U13-U14	U15-U19
Number of players to start	5 at tipoff (8 by shift #4 to fulfil equal participation requirements)	5 at tipoff (8 by shift #4 to fulfil equal participation requirements) *5 -> U12 OBLX	5	5
Ball Size	Size 5 (27.5)	Size 5 (27.5)	Size 6 (28.5) *Size 7 (29.5) -> U14 Boys OBLX games only	Female: Size 6 (28.5) Male: Size 7 (29.5)
Free Throw Line	13'	15'	15'	15'
3-point Line (if multiple lines exist, use as per indicated order)	Not in use	NFHS (19.75' = 6m) FIBA Old (6.25m) FIBA New (6.75m)	FIBA Old (6.25m) NFHS (19.75'=6m) FIBA New (6.75m)	FIBA New (6.75m) FIBA Old (6.25m) NFHS (19.75'=6m)
No Charge Semi-Circle	Not in use		Not in use	In-use
Restricted Area (Key)	Old FIBA rectangle NFHS (one spot up on free throws)		New FIBA rectangle NFHS (one spot up on free throws)	New FIBA rectangle NFHS (one spot up on free throws)
Shot Clock	Not in use		Not in use	In-use
Base Rule Set	FIBA Rules	FIBA Rules	FIBA Rules	FIBA Rules

Duration (Regulation Time, Overtime, Halftime)	8 x 4-minute shifts (2 shifts = 1 quarter) 4-minute extra shift(s) as necessary per overtime Teams will be given a minimum of 4-minutes during halftime	8 x 4-minute shifts (2 shifts = 1 quarter) 4-minute extra shift(s) as necessary per overtime *4 x 8-minute quarters for U12 OBLX Teams will be given a minimum of 4-minutes during halftime	4 x 8-minute quarters 4-minute Overtimes Teams will be given a minimum of 4-minutes during halftime	4 x 8-minute quarters 4-minute Overtimes Teams will be given a minimum of 4-minutes during halftime
Team Fouls Penalty (Bonus)	Penalty situation resets to 0 at the end of each “period”, which is the end of shifts 2, 4, and 6 Overtime: As per FIBA (no reset)	Penalty situation resets to 0 at the end of each “period”, which is the end of shifts 2, 4, and 6 *Penalty applied per period and extra period(s) as per FIBA rules for U12 OBLX Overtime: As per FIBA (no reset)	Penalty applied per period and extra period(s) as per FIBA rules Overtime: As per FIBA (no reset)	Penalty applied per period and extra period(s) as per FIBA rules Overtime: As per FIBA (no reset)
Equal Participation Rule	In Use	In Use	Not in use	Not in use
Substitution	Only between shifts unless an injury, fouling out, or disqualification occurs	Only between shifts unless an injury, fouling out, or disqualification occurs	Substitution as per FIBA rules	Substitution as per FIBA rules

Equal Participation Rule and Substitution (U10-U12 OBLX mies)	OBLXU10 Equal participation in use for Shifts 2-7 only Open substitution in Shifts #1, #8 and all overtimes	OBLXU12 Equal participation NOT in use Substitution as per FIBA		
Drop Back Rule & Full Court Press	Drop back mle enforced at ALL times No Pressing*	Drop back mle enforced at 15 points or more* Pressing: U11 Pressing allowed for the last 2 shifts (final quarter+ overtime) U12 Pressing allowed for last 4 shifts (2nd half+ overtime)	Drop back rule enforced at 20 points or more* Pressing: No Restrictions	No drop back mle Pressing: No Restrictions
Closely Guarded Rule	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below

Closely Guarded Rule

If there is no shot clock (UIO to 014), a modification of the FIBA closely guarded rule will be applied.

A five-second closely guarded count will be applied when a player is holding the ball while an opponent is actively defending within one metre anywhere on the court, with the following exception:

If, in the judgement of the officials, a team is withholding the ball from play and/or delaying, a closely guard count will be applied when a player is holding OR dribbling the ball while an opponent is actively defending within one metre in the front court.

As such, once the closely guarded count begins, the offensive player who is closely guarded must pass or shoot the ball within five seconds.

9. AGE-SPECIFIC RULES

Please refer to Canada Basketball's Long-Term Athlete Development model for additional stage-appropriate information.

LEARN TO TRAIN (U9-U12) RULES

Playing Court Dimensions & Equipment

Court Size (Minimum)	44' X 74'
Court Size (Maximum)	50' X 84'
Free Throw Line (U9 & U10)	13'
Free Throw Line (U11 & U12)	15'
3-Point Line (U9 & U10)	Not in use
3-Point Line (U11 & U12)	In use
Ball Size	5 (27.5")
U9 - U12 Boys	
U9 - U12 Girls	5 27.5"

Game Rules

The Participation Rule will be in effect for the entire game as outlined in the section below. The game will be eight periods with each period being four minutes in length.

The time between period four and period five is halftime.

Periods two to eight will start in the direction of the possession arrow and the throw-in shall be from out-of-bounds straddling the centre line extended, opposite the scorers' table.

During the game, substitutions will only occur at the end of each period.

Substitutions are permitted for an injured player if the injury occurs during the eight periods.

A player who leaves a shift due to injury or medical reasons shall not return to the game during the same shift.

In the event a player fouls out or is injured and unable to return to play, the team is permitted to continue with fewer than 10 players. The Fair Play Commissioner will investigate any formal complaint regarding any incident where a team has player(s) intentionally foul out to gain a competitive advantage. Discipline could include but is not limited to suspensions and/or fines.

Participation Rule

The Participation rule was formulated for the best interests of the children playing at the Learn to Train stage of development and aims to provide stage-appropriate competition that maximizes each athlete's long-term development.

Every child who is registered must participate under the Participation rule. Every coach is expected to respect the intent of these rules and adhere to them.

Coaches are required to provide playing time for all players present at the game who have been registered with Ontario Basketball. This rule will be in effect for the entire game.

All U9-U12 teams must abide by this rule for all Ontario Basketball games including sanctioned tournaments, Ontario Basketball League games, and Ontario Basketball Championships. Please see the following on participation-rule exemptions.

Equal Participation Table Requirements

U9-U12 OBL: Minimum and Maximum shifts per player in Regulation time		
Number of Players	Minimum Shifts per Player in Regulation Time	Maximum Shifts per Player in Regulation Time

15	2	3
14	2	3
13	3	4
12	3	4
11	3	4
10	4	4
9	4	5
8	5	5

U9-U12 OBL: Maximum shifts per player in Overtime		
Number of Players	1 st Overtime Max Shifts per Player	2 nd Overtime Max Shifts per Player
15	3	4
14	4	4
13	4	4
12	4	5
11	5	5
10	5	5
9	5	6
8	6	7

U10-U11 OBLX: Minimum and Maximum Shifts per Player (Shifts 2-7)
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Number of Players	Minimum Shifts per Player in Regulation Time	Maximum Shifts per Player in Regulation Time
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15	2	2
14	2	3
13	2	3
12	2	3
11	2	3
10	3	3
9	3	4
8	3	4

Participation Rule Exemption

U10 and U11 boys and girls playing in the OBLX will have open shifting for period #1 and #8. OBLX U12 boys and girls will have no participation rule.

Participation Rule Violations

If a team violates the participation rule, they will forfeit the game and the score will be recorded (2-0). If both teams violate the participation rule, the game will be recorded as a 0-0 loss for both teams.

It is the responsibility of all coaches to check the scoresheet during and after the game for accuracy of shift tracking.

Should a violation of the participation rule occur, it is the responsibility of the coach to raise this issue.

During OBL games, coaches must report violations to the convener and to obl@basketball.on.ca via email. The violation will be reviewed by Ontario Basketball after the weekend. Changes to game results will happen after the review, if necessary.

There is a 24-hour window after the completion of an OBL game to report an equal participation violation. No review will be conducted if the violation is reported afterwards.

If a shifting violation has occurred, teams must finish playing the game. Any decisions regarding further penalties will be handled by the Fair Play Committee upon completion of the game.

Important Shifting Notes

- Each player must complete a minimum of one shift per half.
- No player is permitted to play more than one shift more than any other player
- Back-to-back shifts are permitted.
- The sequence of shifting is not relevant if each player receives the minimum number of shifts, does not exceed the maximum, and plays at least one shift per half (First half = Shifts 1, 2, 3, 4; Second half = Shifts 5, 6, 7, 8).
- For all OBA-sanctioned competition games, a team must have 5 players at tip-off and must have 8 players by shift #4 to fulfill equal participation requirements. If these standards are not met, the game will be forfeited (2-0). However, in such circumstances, the game must still be played.
- If injuries or foul outs result in a team playing with fewer than the required 8 players, the game will not be considered a forfeit based on this circumstance. Equal play guidelines still apply to the athletes remaining in the game; **no player is permitted to play more than one shift more than any other player.** This exception only applies if the team meets the required number of players to start the game. If a player is injured or fouled out in the 1st half, that player does not have to play a shift in the 2nd half.
- For the Ontario Basketball Championships, a team must have 8 players to start their first game of each weekend, otherwise the game is forfeited (2-0). If a team forfeits because they fail to meet the minimum player requirement, the game must still be played. Specific to Ontario Basketball Championships only, in the case of injuries or foul outs that result in a team playing with fewer than the required 8 players, the first and subsequent games will not be considered a forfeit. The game results will count provided that all participating players have completed at least one shift in the first half of their first game, and the Participation rule is observed throughout all games.
- In the case of a disagreement on which team must put out their lineup first, the lower-ranked seed will be asked to put it out first.

Assigning Shifts

For shift assignment under the participation rule, each shift shall be divided into eight four-minute intervals, and assignment of a shift shall take place as follows:

In the event of an injury, medical emergency or an athlete fouling out and a substitution is required, the athlete who plays most of the shift will be deemed to have played that shift.

If Player #1 is injured any time in the first minute and fifty-nine seconds or earlier in the shift (4:00 to 2:01 on the game clock) and requires a substitute, the shift will be assigned to Player #2 (the substitute).

If Player #1 plays most of their shift (has played two minutes or more of the shift, or 2:00 or fewer on the game clock) and requires a substitution, the shift will be assigned to Player #1 (the injured or fouled out player).

Case 1 Example: Player A1 is injured 1 minute and 15 seconds into the shift (2:45 on the game clock). Player A2 is substituted into the game to replace teammate A1. The shift is assigned to the substitute (Player A2) on the scoresheet, as they will have played most of the shift (2 minutes and 45 seconds of the four-minute shift).

Case 2 Example: Two minutes and five seconds into shift (1:55 on the game clock), Player B1 received their fifth foul and is therefore fouled out. Player B2 is substituted in to replace teammate B1. In this case, Player B1 has already played most of the shift (more than half of the four-minute shift) and therefore the shift is recorded as being played by Player B1 on the scoresheet.

Late Players

Although adding eligible player(s) after the game has started to the official scoresheet is permitted, the participation rule must be met for all players including the late player(s). Players must play in at least one shift in the first half to fulfill equal playing time requirements and thus a player cannot be added in the second half and meet the Participation rule.

Tracking Playing Time

The scorer/minor official is required to track all players' shifts including substitutions due to injuries, medical reasons, and fouling out.

Each time a player is on the court for a shift, a checkmark will be made in the space provided on the scoresheet (see example below).

Note: The brackets illustrate the number of shifts the player has played and are not placed on the scoresheet.

Faking Injuries/Not Dressing Players

It is considered unethical and a lack of respect for the intent and spirit of the game for a coach to instruct an athlete to fake an injury or to not allow them to dress for competition without a good reason. Instructing players to not attend games for the competitive advantage of circumventing equal shifting is unethical, unsportsmanlike, and counterproductive to the focus on development for Learn to Train athletes.

At no time shall a player be intentionally excused from a sanctioned-competition game by a coach. Coaches are not permitted to instruct any players on their roster to be absent from selected games. Ontario Basketball recognizes the fact that not every child will attend every game due to other commitments and circumstances. However, the choice to attend must be left up to the player and the player's parents.

As per FIBA rules (Art 5.3), an athlete is considered injured if they cannot continue to play immediately (within approximately 15 seconds) or if they receive treatment on the floor.

Drop Back Rule

For U9 and U10 teams, pressing is not permitted.

For U11 and U12 teams, when a team leads by **15 points** or more, its players must immediately 'drop back' into their backcourt behind the eight-second line once the losing team secures player

control of the ball (dribbling or holding the ball) in its backcourt. The losing team shall be allowed to dribble the ball unimpeded across the eight-second line and establish frontcourt status.

Violation of the rule stated above will result in the ball being awarded out-of-bounds to the losing team, at the frontcourt sideline, at the extended free throw line. Repeated violations of this rule may result in a delay of game penalty.

Overtime

The length of each extra period shall be four minutes.

Timeouts do not carry over to the overtime period. Each team receives one timeout per overtime period.

The participation rule during overtime is still in effect during overtime. Each overtime period begins in the direction of the possession arrow.

TRAIN TO TRAIN U13-U14 RULES

Playing Court Dimensions & Equipment

Court Size (Minimum)	44' X 74'
Free Throw Line	15'
3-Point Line	In use

<u>Ball Size</u>	
U13 Boys & U13 Girls	6 (28.5")
U14 Girls	6 (28.5")
U14 Boys non-OBLX games	6 (28.5")
U14 Boys OBLX games	7 (29.5")

Game Rules

The game will consist of four quarters of play. Each quarter is eight minutes long.

After the first quarter, each quarter will start in the direction of the possession arrow, and the throw-in shall be from out-of-bounds straddling the centre line extended, opposite the scorers' table.

Overtime

The length of each extra period shall be four minutes long. Timeouts do not carry over to the overtime period. Each team receives one timeout per overtime period.

Each overtime period begins in the direction of the possession arrow.

Drop Back Rule

When a team leads by **20 points** or more, its players must immediately 'drop back' into their backcourt behind the eight-second line once the losing team secures player control of the ball (dribbling or holding the ball) in its backcourt. The losing team shall be allowed to dribble the ball unimpeded across the eight-second line and establish frontcourt status.

Violation of the rule stated above will result in the ball being awarded out-of-bounds to the losing team, at the frontcourt sideline, at the extended free throw line. Repeated violations of this rule may result in a delay of game penalty.

TRAINTOTRAIN/COMPETE U15-U19 RULES

Playing Court Dimensions & Equipment

Court Size (Minimum)	50' X 84'
Free Throw Line	15'
3-Point Line	In use
<u>Ball Size</u>	
UIS - U19 Females	6 (28.5")
UIS - U19 Males	7 29.5"

Game Rules

The game will consist of four periods of play. Each quarter is eight minutes long. In the OSBA, each quarter will be 10 minutes long.

For more information about OSBA rules and procedures of play, please see Article 10 of the OSBA Operations manual.

After the first quarter, each quarter will start in the direction of the possession arrow, and the throw-in shall be from out-of-bounds straddling the centre line extended, opposite the scorers' table.

It is mandatory that all sanctioned games for the U15 to U19 age categories use shot clocks.

Overtime

The length of each extra period shall be four minutes long.

Timeouts do not carry over to the overtime period. Each team receives one timeout per overtime period.

Each overtime period begins in the direction of the possession arrow.

24-Second Shot Clock Rules

Shot clocks are mandatory for all games⁶. Standard FIBA rules will apply should a shot clock malfunction or not work during a game.

Whenever a player gains control of a live ball on the court, their team must attempt a field goal within 24 seconds.

To constitute a shot for a field goal within 24 seconds, the ball must leave the player's hand(s) before the 24-second device signal sounds, and after the ball has left the player's hand(s), the ball must touch the ring or enter the basket.

When a shot for a field goal is attempted near the end of the 24-second period and the signal sounds while the ball is in the air:

If the ball enters the basket, no violation has occurred, the signal shall be disregarded, and the goal shall count.

If the ball touches the ring but does not enter the basket, no violation has occurred, the signal shall be disregarded, and the game shall continue.

If the ball hits the backboard (not the ring) or misses the ring, a violation has occurred unless the opponents have gained immediate and clear control of the ball, in which case the signal shall be

⁶ The OBA will make the strongest possible efforts to stock each game with enough shot clocks. If the OBA cannot secure a shot clock before a game, impacted teams must still play the game.

disregarded, and the game shall continue.

Refer to Article 29 of **the FIBA Manual (page 30)** for the full 24-second rules and procedures.

24-Second Shot-Clock Procedure

Possession of the ball shall be awarded to the same team that previously had control of the ball if the game is stopped by an official for:

A foul or violation (not for the ball having gone out-of-bounds) by the team not in control of the ball,
Any valid reason by the team not in control of the ball, or

Any valid reason not connected with either team.

If the throw-in is administered in the backcourt, the 24-second clock shall be reset to 24 seconds.
If the throw-in is administered in the frontcourt, the 24-second clock shall be reset as follows:

If 14 seconds or more is displayed on the 24-second clock at the time when the game was stopped, the 24-second clock shall not be reset, but shall continue from the time it was stopped.

If 13 seconds or less is displayed on the 24-second clock at the time when the game was stopped, the 24-second clock shall be reset to 14 seconds.

However, if in the judgement of an official, the opponents would be placed at a disadvantage, the 24-second clock shall continue from the time it was stopped.

24-Second Shot Clock Penalty

The ball shall be awarded to the opponents for a throw-in at the place nearest to where the game was stopped by the official, except when directly behind the backboard.

Glossary

Abbreviation	Description
OBA	The governing body for basketball in Ontario. Oversees competitions, club affiliation, and compliance. Often referred to as Ontario Basketball.
OBL	The primary in-season competitive league operated by the OBA for U9–U19 age groups. Participation in the OBL is required to qualify for the provincial championships
OSBA	High-performance basketball league for scholastic teams (typically high schools or prep programs). Operates separately from club rep basketball.
OSBA D-League	A development-focused league under the OSBA umbrella for younger scholastic athletes.
G-Elite	A distinct-rep, application-based OBA program for female youth basketball competition. Includes special rules and requirements.
LTAD	A Canada Basketball framework guiding age-appropriate athlete development. Influences rules for equal participation, game structure, and training.
NCCP	The national standard for coach education in Canada. Certification levels are tied to the age and skill level of athletes.
CAC	Oversees the delivery of NCCP training and online modules like Safe Sport and Make Ethical Decisions.
OABO	The provincial body responsible for the training, certification, and assignment of referees for OBA-

	sanctioned games.
OBLX	A specific competitive division within the OBL that may include rule modifications (e.g., substitution, shifting) for U10–U12 age groups.
RAMP	The online registration and roster management platform used by the OBA and affiliated clubs. Used for team and individual registration, affiliation, payments, and certification/document uploads.
FIBA	The international governing body for basketball. OBA uses FIBA rules as the base rule set, with specific modifications for youth play.

Definitions

Affiliated organization

An entity that has been approved by the OBA through the annual affiliation process but operates outside the scope of traditional rep, house league, or training programs. These organizations must complete the required forms, pay applicable fees, and agree to OBA policies and guidelines. Affiliated Organizations may include programs such as schools within the OSBA or other specialized basketball initiatives recognized by the OBA.

Affiliated member club

A basketball club that has been approved by the OBA through the annual affiliation process. To become affiliated, a club must complete all required applications, forms, pay the applicable fees, and agree to comply with OBA policies and guidelines. Affiliated clubs are eligible to participate in the OBL, the OBA championships, the G-Elite, and OBA-sanctioned tournaments. Affiliated member clubs are also eligible to host OBA-Sanctioned tournaments, house-league programs, and training programs. Clubs may also engage in other OBA-supported programs, events, or camps.

Assigned coach

A coach who has been officially placed on a team within a club's Ramp account. Assigned coaches are considered part of a team's official roster and are searchable within that team's roster in Ramp.

Assigned rep player

A rep player who has been officially placed on a team within a club's Ramp account. Assigned rep players are

considered part of a team's official roster and are searchable within that team's roster in Ramp.

Assigned OSBA player

An OSBA player who has been officially placed on an OSBA team within an affiliated OSBA organization's Ramp account. Assigned OSBA players are considered part of a team's official roster and are searchable within that team's roster in Ramp.

Assigned staff

A staff member of an affiliated club who is a head coach, assistant coach, team manager, administrator, trainer, or director that has been officially placed on a team within a club's Ramp account. Assigned staff are considered part of a team's official roster and are searchable within that team's roster in Ramp.

Certified

A coach or other club-staff member that has satisfied the certification requirements for their role and level of play. These coaches or staff members have met or successfully challenged the "in-training" requirements and have submitted their coach's portfolio and completed their on-court assessment. Team managers, as an alternative to being learn-to-train certified, can complete first-aid, high-five, or athletic-trainer certifications to become certified.

Club staff member

An individual who is registered in a club's Ramp account and is listed as a head coach, assistant coach, team manager, administrator, trainer, or director.

Coach

An individual who is registered on Ramp as a coach or assistant coach and provides at least one team with technical instruction and coaching during games and practices.

Convenor

An individual selected by a host club that is responsible for overseeing parts of venue operations including but not limited to, minor official duties, crowd control, rule enforcement, protest facilitation, and schedule execution.

Good standing

A club in good standing must:

- Be affiliated for the current season
- Have an outstanding balance of \$0
- Have 0 fair-play penalties against them in the current season
- Must not have repeated violations of the current rules and regulations

Hosting club

An affiliated club that is responsible for the planning, scheduling, staffing, and coordination of an OBA-sanctioned competition. Hosting clubs must ensure that all tournament operations meet OBA requirements, including the use of affiliated teams, adherence to FIBA and OBA-modified rules, certified officiating, and compliance with all standards outlined in the OBA rules and regulations manual.

House League

A local, recreational basketball program designed for players who do not participate in rep competitions. House-league players do not travel for games, and all games are played within the club, without competition against teams from other clubs. The focus is on skill development, teamwork, and enjoyment of the game in a non-competitive setting.

In Training

A coach or club-staff member that has completed all “in-training” requirements for their role and level of play. All coaches in training must complete an NCCP in-person training course or successfully challenge the course requirement.

Minor officials

A Minor Official is an individual responsible for assisting in the administration of a basketball game by performing essential table duties in accordance with FIBA rules and Ontario Basketball guidelines. These duties include keeping the official score, operating the game clock and shot clock, tracking substitutions, and managing shift tracking when applicable. Minor Officials also communicate relevant game information to the referees and ensure accurate documentation of gameplay. They play a key role in maintaining the flow and integrity of the game from the scorer’s table.

OBA-Affiliated team

A team that is registered under an affiliated club or organization and meets all eligibility requirements set by the OBA. Affiliated teams must consist exclusively of youth-rep players or OSBA (some limits apply) players and club or OSBA staff. OBA-Affiliated teams must wear club/affiliated organization-branded jerseys that clearly represent their affiliated organization or club. Affiliated teams must practice in facilities located in their organization’s or club’s region. Only affiliated teams are eligible to participate in OBA-sanctioned competitions such as the Ontario Basketball League (OBL), G-Elite, OBA Championships, sanctioned tournaments, and the OSBA.

OBA championships

The OBA championships contain the Ontario cup and the Provincial championships. The provincial championships contain the top 8 ranked OBL participants. All other registered teams play in the Ontario cup.

Ontario-Basketball championships

The Ontario-Basketball championships contain the Ontario cup and the Provincial championships. The provincial championships contain the top 8 ranked OBL participants. All other registered teams play in the Ontario cup.

OBA-sanctioned competition

OBA sanctioned competitions are basketball games, tournaments, and leagues that have been approved by the OBA. These include but are not limited to the OBA championships, the OBL, G-Elite, the OSBA, the OSBA D-League, and sanctioned tournaments hosted by host clubs.

OBA staff member

An OBA Staff Member is an individual employed by the OBA in an official capacity to support the organization's operations, programs, and strategic initiatives. This designation does not include minor officials, referees, convenors, or representatives from host clubs.

Registered Coach

An assigned coach that satisfies all compliance requirements relevant to coaches in section 4 –Competition Compliance.

Registered player

Individuals added to an affiliated club's Ramp account as a player.

Rep

A competitive basketball program for athletes who are selected to represent their club as part of an OBA-affiliated team competing in OBA-sanctioned competitions. Rep players participate in a higher level of play that includes tryouts, regular practices, travel for games or tournaments, and competition against teams from other affiliated clubs. Players in rep must be listed in Ramp and be assigned to a team roster to be eligible for competition.

Rep individual

Rep individuals are athletes and club staff members that are listed in Ramp for the purpose of participation in the G-Elite, OBL, OBA championships, and sanctioned tournaments.

Sanctioned Game

A sanctioned game is a game within an OBA-sanctioned tournament or an OBA sanctioned league (e.g. the

OBL). Exhibition games between affiliated teams will no longer be considered sanctioned games.

Sanctioned-tournament host

An affiliated club that is responsible for the planning, scheduling, staffing, and coordination of an OBA-sanctioned tournament. Hosting clubs must ensure that all tournament operations meet OBA requirements, including the use of affiliated teams, adherence to FIBA and OBA-modified rules, certified officiating, and compliance with all standards outlined in the OBA rules manual.

Team Manager

An individual who is registered in Ramp as a team manager with a club and is responsible for supporting the administrative operations of a team. Team managers typically handle tasks such as registering teams for OBA-sanctioned competitions, managing schedules, and communicating with event organizers. They do not coach and are not authorized to provide coaching or technical instruction during practices or games.

Trained

A coach or club-staff member that has satisfied or successfully challenged the requirements to be deemed “in-training” and has completed the “Make Ethical Decisions” online module through the Coaches Association of Canada.

Training program

A structured, non-competitive program offered by affiliated-member clubs to help athletes develop basketball skills through drills, instruction, and other practice-based activities. These sessions do not include formal games or competition. The purpose of training programs is to prepare athletes to be game-ready by focusing on individual skill development, fundamentals, and basketball IQ under the guidance of qualified trainers or coaches.

Training-program participant

An athlete registered in a training program who falls within the U9 to U19 age range. Training program participants do not participate in any rep programs, OBA-sanctioned competitions, house-league programs, do not travel for games, and only train within their own club. These athletes focus on individual skill development, fundamentals, and basketball IQ under the guidance of qualified trainers or coaches.

Youth House League player

An athlete registered in a house-league program who falls within the U9 to U19 age range. Youth house league players do not participate in any competitive rep programs, any OBA-sanctioned competitions, do not travel for games, and only compete within their own club. These players take part in a recreational setting focused on skill development, teamwork, and enjoyment of the game without inter-club competition.

Youth rep player

An athlete within the U9 to U19 age range who is registered in Ramp and who is or will be assigned to a team roster that will participate in the OBL, OBA Championships, G-Elite, or sanctioned tournaments. Youth rep players compete against teams from other clubs and are part of a structured, competitive environment that involves regular practices, travel, and elevated standards of play. Youth rep players are also eligible to try out for the Ontario Basketball provincial team.

Fines⁷

Violation	Fine
Unregistered player	\$100
Withdrawing from a sanctioned tournament after the schedule release once	\$500*
Withdrawing from a sanctioned tournament after the schedule release twice	\$1,000*
Failing to appear for a sanctioned-tournament game without giving notice once	\$300 per missed game
Failing to appear for a sanctioned tournament without giving notice twice	\$400 per missed game
Withdrawing from an OBL game at least 48 hours in advance	OBL registration fee divided by number of scheduled games
Withdrawing from an OBL game fewer than 48 hours in advance	OBL registration fee divided by number of scheduled games + \$100
Withdrawing from a G-Elite game at least 48 hours in advance	G-Elite registration fee (including deposit) divided by number of scheduled games
Withdrawing from a G-Elite game fewer than 48 hours in advance	G-Elite registration fee (including deposit) divided by number of scheduled games + \$100
Withdrawing from an OBA championships game 21 days (and before the schedule release)	OBA championship registration fee divided by number of scheduled games + \$100
Withdrawing from an OBA championships fewer than 21 days in advance	See failing to appear for a sanctioned tournament without giving notice.
Withdrawing from OBA championships after schedule release	See withdrawing from a sanctioned tournament game after schedule release

⁷ This list is not exhaustive.

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION

The Request for Exemption process is intended to provide Ontario Basketball members with a procedural mechanism to request an exemption from various rules or regulations published annually in the Rules and Regulations Manual.

This process is intended to be used in exceptional circumstances. Any decision made by the Request for Exemption Committee is final and binding. Any requests that are denied are not subject to further review or appeal.

A member cannot file a Request for Exemption for the following rules and regulations:

Final ranking and seeding results.

Process to Request an Exemption.

Click [here](#) for the Request for Exemption Application form.

Complete and submit the application along with \$100 payment to Ontario Basketball.

Once a decision has been finalized, Ontario Basketball will notify the applicant with the committee's decision.

Teams must operate assuming the request has not been approved until official confirmation is received.

Violation of any of the rules contained within this document without an approved exemption request will result in applicable penalties.



APPENDIX: COMPLAINT FORM

Submitted by:

Contact Name:

Club Name:

Phone:

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E-mail:

Date of Submission:

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Complaint being submitted against:

Name:

Player ☐

Team Official ☐

Club ☐

Club Name:

Description of Misconduct:

**Using "Schedule B" of the [Fair Play Policies and Procedures](#), indicate the specific 'description of misconduct' that best reflects the complaint.*

Misconduct number:

Description:

Provide a brief summary of the complaint:

This form, along with all other documentation, must be sent to: Commissioner, Fair Play and Resolution: Dave Hurley dhurley@basketball.on.ca



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