

Competition Rules

Basketball

This competition prioritises fun and aims to cultivate a social environment. While a competitive spirit is welcome, it's essential to bear in mind that beginners require positive reinforcement, and an overly aggressive "win at all costs" mindset is not suitable. The Referee holds the authority to interpret all rules, and their decisions are final.

1.0 1. Responsibility of Players

All players are responsible for reading and understanding the rules contained in this document. Everyone participating should also understand and comply with the Terms, Conditions and Competition Information.

Players and their associated spectators are not to BYO alcohol to UQ Sport venue or have consumed any drugs or alcohol prior to playing. Condition of Entry are displayed at all facilities and must be adhered to.

If there are any rules that are not clear, please discuss these with the Referee or Convenor prior to the commencement of the game or at half time. Because of time constraints the Referees may not discuss rules or rulings during the game.

Should any player be found to consistently damage equipment, venue apparatuses or other associated materials, they shall be suspended from the competition and be required to pay for damages incurred.

All players should be a minimum of 16 years of age. Team Contacts must be at least 18 years old. Players Under 18 will require a responsible adult to acknowledge their QR code sign in.

2. Responsibilities of the Officials

Referee

The Referee is directly responsible for the game and ensuring the described rules are adhered to. They are responsible for the safety of the players; and the timing and conduct of the game. They have a duty to be respectful and considerate to teams, act in an unbiased manner and ensure the game remains social and enjoyable for all involved.

Convenor

The Convenor is responsible for the management of all the games, teams, venue, equipment and administration. They will be present at all games to ensure First Aid is administered, Incident reporting is followed, competition information is provided and that all players and officials are conducting themselves in an appropriate manner.

3. Conduct of Players

Please refer to the Terms, Conditions and Competition Information document for information regarding conduct of players, including sanctions guidelines for breaches to conduct. conduct of players, including sanctions guidelines for breaches to conduct.

4. Location

The location for Indoor Basketball will be held at the UQ Centre Building (27A), Union Rd, St. Lucia.

5. Game Commencement

- (a) Teams should arrive ten (10) minutes prior to the commencement of their match to allow for smooth transition of games.
- (b) Any teams that are not ready to commence play with a minimum of four (4) eligible players (see Rule 6) ten (10) minutes after the Referee has signalled the game can start will incur a 0-20 loss.
- (c) A game may go ahead after ten (10) minutes; however the 0-20 loss will stand regardless of the actual score.

6. Number of Players & Substitutions

Discovery of an ineligible player on the field during finals will lead to an immediate forfeit for the respective team. It is the duty of individual players and Team Contact to ensure the eligibility of all their players for finals matches. Although efforts will be made by the Referee, Convenor, and Competitions Coordinator to address such situations through the QR Code system, the ultimate responsibility lies with the individual players and Team Contact.

- (a) A team is allowed a maximum of five (5) registered/eligible players on the court. Four (4) registered/eligible players is the minimum number of players that a team can have without a forfeit resulting.
- (b) For mixed games, there is a maximum of three (3) of one gender on the court at all times. If four (4) players are only available, at least one of these players has to be from either sex.
- (c) In the men's competition, female players are not allowed. All members of the teams must identify as male.

(d) Teams are allowed unlimited substitutions, which may only be made once the ball is out of play. Substitutions may not be made while the ball is in play.

- i) In cases where there is a minor injury to a player on the court and the ball is still in play, the affected team may request an 'injury' substitution (while the ball is still in play) to occur to 1) allow the injured player to come off the court and 2) allow play to continue. Acceptance of this request is at the discretion of the Referee.
- ii) At all times, enforcement of the rules regarding the procedures for substitutions is at the discretion of the Referee.

(e) During finals matches (quarter final, semi-final and grand final), each player on court must have signed in via the QR Code and played a minimum of two (2) games to be eligible. If it is found that a player is on court that is ineligible for finals this will result in an immediate 20-0 forfeit by that particular team. It is the responsibility of individual players and Team Contacts to ensure that all their players are eligible for finals matches. While the Referee, Convenor, and Competitions Coordinator will try to prevent such situations via the QR Code, the responsibility does rest with the individual players and Team Contact.

(f) Continually breaching these rules may result in the offending team receiving an official warning. Persistent infringement may involve further disciplinary actions applicable to each case.

7. Playing Attire

Uniform

UQ Sport does not require teams to be in a specific uniform, however players in a team should wear the same colour t-shirt or singlet. Bibs will be available if two opposing teams have the same-coloured shirts.

Shoes

It is compulsory for all players to wear appropriate enclosed non-floor marking sports shoes. No bare feet permitted

Safety

No player can take the field with jewellery of any kind (medical bracelets are permitted). All jewellery (including watches) **MUST** be removed prior to the game. The Referee will ask any player breaking this rule to remove the piece of jewellery. Only prescription glasses will be allowed. Other types of glasses are not permitted.

8. Game Duration

Games will consist of four (4) quarters, each lasting for no longer than ten (10) minutes which is separated by breaks of one (1) minute between first and second, two (2) minutes between second and third and one (1) minute between third and fourth. No clock stoppages will be made except under exceptional circumstances and will be at the sole discretion of the Referee.

No time outs are permitted.

If a game commences late (and is not deemed a forfeit) then it still must finish at the scheduled time. The length of the quarters may be shortened at the discretion of the Convenor.

In the event of extreme weather, game format may be changed (eg. Game times reduced; drink breaks etc).

9. General Rules

Games will be played according to the FIBA Official Basketball Rules 2024 (valid as of 1 October 2024) unless otherwise specified. These rules can be found on the [FIBA website](#)

9(a) Mixed Rules

- Games will be played with a size 7 ball
- Male players can shoot in the key on a fast break so long as no female player/s is in the key.
- Male players cannot block female shot attempts. They must stand straight with body vertical (correct/legal guarding position).
- Male players cannot rebound over the top of females.
- *If you are unsure of the rules of the mixed competition please ask the Referee prior to the commencement of your game.*

11. Scoring and Competition Points

A scorer must be provided from each team. The scorers are to sit together throughout the match and keep score. The scorer does not have to be the same person throughout the match and can be “subbed” in and out with players (so you can have a substitute player scoring). If one team has a scorer and the opposing team does not, then there will just be the one team scoring. Captains from each team are encouraged to verify the final result and sign the scorecard to acknowledge that the game was accurately recorded.

Competition points will be allocated as follows -

- Win – 2 points
- Draw – 1 point each team
- Loss – 0 points

Should teams finish with equal competition points at the end of the regular season, For/Against will be used to separate the teams ie. (Team A goals scored – Team A goals scored against). If it is still a tie, the result of the game between those two teams during the season will determine the final position of the teams on the table. If the teams in question did not play each other, or, there is still a tie, the team with greater goals scored finishes above the other team.

12. Finals

To qualify for participation in the finals (quarterfinal, semifinal, and grand final), players are required to both sign in and play a minimum of two (2) games during the regular season. Utilizing a player who does not meet this eligibility criterion in the final rounds will result in an automatic forfeit and disqualification for the offending team, as outlined in Section 6(e)

All finals matches must have a winning outcome for one team. See section 9.

All players are also required to bring a form of PHOTO ID for the Convener to check player eligibility for every finals game. The convener can ask for this at any time, failure to provide may lead to the game being forfeited.

In the case of a draw/tie in a finals match, there will be 5 minutes played each way of extra time. If there isn't a result after this, the team who is currently higher on the ladder will be awarded the win.

13. Team Fixtures

It is the responsibility of the Team Contact and individual team members to read the draw. All correspondence will be forwarded via e-mail to the Team Contact and will be available through the UQ Sport website, and UQ Sport 'Social Sport' Facebook Page.

Please check the fixtures right up until game day as fixtures can change from time to time.

14. Unforeseeable Acts

The following formula is to be used to determine the result for a game that cannot be completed for whatever reason (e.g. serious injury which impedes court, court unsafe, power outages, etc.).

- A fixture called off anytime in the first half (i.e. in either the first or second quarter) will be declared a draw, unless one team is leading by a margin of 20 points or more. In this instance the result will stand at the score line when the game is called off.
- A fixture called off anytime in the second half (i.e. in the third or fourth quarter) will be determined based on the score line when the game was called off.

For fixtures called off before they commenced, UQ Sport will endeavour to re-schedule, however due to time constraints for season start and end dates, this may not always be possible.

15. Conduct Breaches – Sanction Guidelines

The Code of Conduct sets standards for respectful, fair, and safe sporting environments. In the event these standards are not upheld, UQ Sport may implement the following sanctions for breaches in conduct. The table below encompasses standards set by the [National Integrity Framework](#) by Sport Integrity Australia, **Offence**

	Examples	Minimum Sanction Guideline	Maximum Sanction Guideline
Undirected Physical or Verbal Misconduct	Mistake with an absence of intent to harm. Aggressive tone, swearing (not directed at a specific person), unintended overly physical contact (not involving sexual misconduct); overly competitive behaviour.	Warning (verbal or written)	Warning (verbal or written)
Directed Verbal Misconduct	Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures directed at a team/individual. Use of discriminatory language and/or gestures, including racist, homophobic, religious, ethnic or sexist remarks. May be towards other participants, Officials, or spectators.	Warning (verbal or written)	Suspension for remainder of competition season
Directed Physical Misconduct Against a Match Official	Conduct that intends to cause or causes significant harm. Eg. pushing, striking, kicking, elbowing, headbutting; spitting; intimidation.	Suspension for remainder of competition season	Life
Physical Misconduct	Excessive force when challenging for the ball when it is in play. eg: tackle from behind that endangers the safety of an opponent; pushing; shoving; striking; kicking; elbowing; spitting. Excludes gender based violence/sexual misconduct.	2 matches	Suspension for remainder of competition season
Serious Physical Misconduct	Excessive force or brutality when NOT challenging for the ball, including but not limited to striking, kicking, elbowing, headbutting. This may occur either on the field of play or outside its boundaries; whether the ball is in play or not; against an opponent, team-mate or any other person; or before/after fixture has occurred. Violent conduct of the most serious nature that intends	Suspension for remainder of competition season	Life



	<p>to cause or causes significant harm to any person.</p> <p>Involvement in a brawl (but not if person has tried to prevent a fight, shield others or separate those involved in a brawl).</p>		
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Further to the above:

- Acts of violence or harassment may also be referred to UQ under the [National Code](#), the Police, Human Rights Commission or to Sport Integrity Australia for advice or follow up.
- UQ Sport may determine that the actions of a team member or spectator were of such a nature that it warranted a sanction greater than the maximum guideline. Repeat offences may be taken into consideration.
- Deduction of competition points, suspension from attending UQ Sport venues and facilities, or a recommendation for further education may also apply for conduct breaches.
- If a team member plays in multiple teams or across multiple social sport competitions, the sanction applies to their participation in all UQ Sport social sport competitions.
- Suspension from matches includes participation and spectating.

16. Injury and Insurance

A player may request a 'time' due to an injury or illness, although the decision to stop play shall be at the sole discretion of the Referee. In the event of an injury, it is the player's or their team mate's responsibility to promptly notify the Referee, who retains the authority to stop the game at any moment.

In cases of minor injuries, the Referee should direct the injured player or a bystander to the Convenor for initial first aid treatment. QR Codes displaying the UQ Sport 'Incident Report' form are visibly placed throughout venues for anyone to report injuries.

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If a player sustains a minor injury (or has blood on their clothing or person), they are allotted a maximum of two (2) minutes for on-court treatment (or to remove any signs of blood), or else they will be substituted with another player.

The Referee has the discretion to pause the game for any duration to address emergencies.

In the event of a medical emergency, the Referee should stay with the injured player and designate someone else to inform the Convenor of the emergency.

During time for injury, all players must remain on the court unless involved in a substitution. In the event that a player is bleeding, they must leave the court immediately (for health and safety reasons) and not return until the wound has been cleaned and all blood and blood stained items have been removed and covered. If necessary, the ball and court surface shall be cleaned before play resumes.

Time for injury will not be added on to the final quarter during grading or round games – only in finals games. During finals matches the above injury rules apply with injury time added to the final quarter of the game. This includes any time taken for an emergency. However the injury time able to be accumulated is to be a maximum of ten (10) minutes

Many injuries that occur during officially sanctioned and managed UQ Sport activities are covered by our insurance policy. For further information regarding insurance please email insurance@uqsport.com.au or call 1300 755 293. Alternatively, you can contact the Competitions Coordinator at socialsport@uqsport.com.au.

UQ Sport Conditions of Entry

1. You must comply with these conditions of entry and follow instructions displayed within the Facilities or given by Us (and any person appointed by Us to manage the Facility) from time to time.
2. You must use the Facilities in accordance with Your membership or booking and, if applicable, strictly only between the times and the dates specified in Your booking.
3. You must not allow any person to use Your membership or student card to gain access to the Facility. Failure to observe this condition may result in eviction from the Facility and Your access rights being immediately cancelled.
4. You are responsible for the conduct of anyone participating with You.
5. Smoking is not permitted in this Facility, or on any University of Queensland campus or recognised site.
6. You must not litter or cause damage to the Facilities. We reserve the right to on-charge for any damage to the Facilities.
7. No alcohol, illegal or offensive substances or items, weapons, glass or sharp objects or oversized items of any kind are permitted in the Facilities.
8. The use of cameras, drones, audio or video recorders and other recording devices within the Facilities is strictly prohibited, unless We specifically advise otherwise.
9. It is a condition of entry that You consent to bag searches and We may confiscate prohibited items and items which in Our opinion may cause injury or a nuisance to other patrons using the Facilities.
10. Protect your valuables as thieves operate on campus despite security patrols and surveillance throughout the campus.
11. Surveillance cameras may be in use at this Facility.
12. Persons under 16 years of age must always be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult (aged 18 years and older).
13. You must not obstruct entry, exit or general movement of any person using any of the Facilities. Animals are not permitted at any of the Facilities with the exception of assistance animals unless We specifically advise otherwise.
15. We may refuse entry to, or require a person to leave the Facility if the person is abusive, uses offensive language or inappropriate behaviour, is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or the person's behaviour is threatening or offensive to others.
16. We may evict or refuse entry to any person if such eviction or refusal is reasonably necessary to ensure the safety or comfort of other patrons of the Facilities.
17. We reserve the right to close the Facilities at any time without notice for, but not limited to, an emergency, due to current or potential extreme and/or inclement weather, or for maintenance and construction works.
18. You must promptly report to Us any health or safety concerns You become aware of while in the Facilities.
19. Report any incidents, injuries or near misses to Us.
20. You must wear appropriate attire for the activity and non-marking footwear at all times (footwear excepted in the pool).
21. You must not use Our equipment or the Facilities for any other purpose than the relevant sporting activity.
22. Unless otherwise approved by Us, only We are permitted to coach in this Facility.
23. You must carry your student card, membership card or have a valid casual pass or proof of booking when using the Facility.
24. Patrons assume all risk of any damage or loss (including property damage, personal injury, economic and consequential loss) however it arises at this Facility. Patrons bring their personal effects into the Facilities at their own risk. We will not be responsible for any damage or loss or theft of a patron's personal property.
25. Observe and follow any other rules and signage in the Facility.

"You" and "Your" means the person who enters or uses the Facilities. "We", "Our" and "Us" means UQ Sport Ltd ACN 135 537 183, its employees, agents and contractors, and where the context requires, includes the University of Queensland.