

2022-23 H.L.B.A. RULES AND REGULATIONS
(may be altered by majority vote at a General Meeting)

1. All games shall be played under the rules adopted by the FIBA as amended from time to time with changes and additions drawn up by the H.L.B.A. Executive. One change is that the games shall be played with both halves 25 mins running time with only stop time in the last 2 mins of the game if score is within 10 points?
2. Teams may dress only 15 players under contract for any game.
3. No player may sign a contract after January 15th of a given year.
4. The schedule of league games will be the responsibility of the Executive.
5. The Executive Committee shall determine classification and entry fees. In the event of an increase in costs during the season, a surcharge may be levied.
6. Team rosters and fees must be submitted in full by the second game of the season with no exceptions. Any team not doing cannot take the floor for their third game.
7. Only those players who have registered and paid their fees will take part in league games. **Walk-ons are not allowed.** If a team needs to add players during the season, a formal request must be made to the Executive for approval of the addition(s). If approved, the contract and fees must be in the hands of the Executive before the player can take part in any league games.
8. **It is the responsibility of each team to fill out the score sheet with relevant details:** that is, date, gym, division, team name, first and last names and numbers of players, and scoring data. Any sheets that are not properly filled out will not be included in the league statistics and will not be counted towards player's eligibility for playoffs! It is acceptable to just have first initial and full last name or full first name and last initial. **Scores must be reported in every week either by phone or email.** Also each team must supply one person, over the age of 16, to be at the score table/bench to assist in scoring.
9. In order to be eligible for playoffs, players must participate in a half of their scheduled and played league games with the exception of the following: occurrence of injury or other medical condition that prevents the player from taking part. This information must be relayed to the Executive as soon as possible. If starting after Dec 1 to be eligible you must have played 2/3 of the remaining games.
10. It is recommended that there be a maximum of 8 teams in the A division and 12 teams in the B division.
11. Any player ejected by the referee for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be suspended for the next league game; on the 2nd offence it will be, a three game suspension; and on the 3rd offence the player will be ejected from the league. Any player ejected for fighting shall be suspended for five games for the first offense. A second ejection for fighting, the player will be ejected for the remainder of the season and the next season. The 3rd offence, **AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE** will result in a lifetime suspension from the Association.
12. When the game is defaulted, the team that did not field the required number of players will be fined the sum of \$70.00 for the defaulted game. Two defaults will prompt an official warning from the Executive. A third default will result in the team being suspended for the remainder of the season. Non-payment of fines will result in suspension from the league.
13. Playoffs will be sudden death involving the top four teams in both divisions in semi-finals, followed by sudden death finals. This will only change if the gyms are no longer available.
14. Ties in the final standings will be broken by the following: win-loss records of the teams involved against each other and, if necessary, points for and against.
15. All players wearing braces must have braces covered to avoid injury to other players.
16. A max of 2 players under the age of 18 may play on each team in any given game.