

Norfolk Basketball Association



Norfolk Cup, Plate & Icení Trophy Rules 2018-2019

The Norfolk Basketball Association will, under the direction of the Competition Secretary, organise Cup Competitions for all men's and women's clubs which have their home courts within the County Boundaries of Norfolk or else play their regular league fixtures within Norfolk.

There will be two single sex competitions:

'The Men's Norfolk Cup' with subsidiary 'Norfolk Plate' Competition

'The Ladies Icení Trophy'

Both competitions will be played to the rules and notes set out in the following pages.

These competitions are the premier events in the Norfolk Senior Basketball calendar receiving considerable publicity and attracting a large number of spectators, some with no previous experience of the sport.

We ask that clubs strive to present the best possible image of the game especially in the later stages of the competitions when playing kit etc. should be of the highest possible standard.

Programmes are produced for "Finals Day". Clubs are asked to be prompt in forwarding details and to ensure that playing numbers on the day match those printed in the programme.

We also ask that clubs make themselves aware of the rules of the sports centres, which serve as neutral venues and co-operate with their management.

Clubs are reminded that they may be held liable for the actions of their supporters.

Clubs successful in winning trophies, are responsible for meeting the cost of, and arranging for proper engraving of the trophy and its safe return by 28th February the following year.

The Association hopes that all matches are played in a competitive manner within both the letter and the spirit of the rules. It is expected that players and Officials display sportsman like attitudes, as set out in the **BE Code of Ethics and Conduct** which will ensure that all involved will find the competitions enjoyable.

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1. All matches will be played to FIBA rules and the Competitions will be governed by Basketball England Regulations, except as modified below by the League to suit local conditions.
2. Application for inclusion shall be made on the official Entry Form and must be received, with the full fee, by the closing date thereon.
3. The format of the Competition will be decided when entries are known.
4. Games should be played as per the draw and on the dates allocated by the Competition Secretary.
5. No game should be called off within 48 hours of the scheduled tip-off unless the home court is unplayable or severe weather prevents travelling. Any team in breach of this regulation will automatically forfeit the fixture. In exceptional circumstances the Competition Secretary has the power to sanction postponement.
6. The Competition Secretary will appoint two Referees to each game and the Home Team shall supply two Table Officials. All Officials must be Level 2 or above.

If an appointed official does not attend a game, the Home Team must notify the Competition Secretary in writing, within 24 hours of the scheduled tip-off time. A suitable neutral replacement should be sought at the venue. Failing this, the match may proceed if an Official agrees to Referee solo. In this case, the Referee shall note the fact on the scoresheet.

Officials will be paid a fee and travel expenses before the start of the game, according to the Basketball England scale as set out below.

Level 3 Referee	£13.00	Level 3 Table Official	£6.00
Level 2 Referee	£12.00	Level 2 Table Official	£5.00
Level 1 Referee (Apprentice)	£9.00	Level 1 Table Official	£4.00

Travel by Road: 35.0p per mile. This figure does not apply where the official is using a company car, in which case the rate shall be 18.0p per mile for all mileage.

The total cost of all Officials will be shared equally between the two teams.

NBBA will take responsibility for making all payments in relation to Finals Day. Each participating team will be required to make a contribution of £40 towards costs.

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If an Official attends a fixture which for any reason does not take place, the travel allowance must still be paid (50% from each Team). If only one Team in attendance, they should pay all Officials and then claim reimbursement via the Competition Secretary.

7. The Home Team are responsible for sending an electronic copy of the scoresheet to the Competition Secretary within two hours of completion of the match, and despatching the top copy of the score sheet to the Competition Secretary within 48 hours of the game being played.
8. Team uniforms should comply with the official rules of basketball imposed by Basketball England.
9. All teams shall be affiliated to Basketball England according to their rules and regulations.
 - i. These are single sex competitions with no male players permitted to play in the Icen Trophy nor female players in the Norfolk Cup or Plate.
 - ii. All players/coaches must be registered with Basketball England
 - iii. Clubs are required to complete a Player Declaration Form naming up to fourteen eligible players
 - iv. The Player Declaration Form and individual BE Licence cards should be presented to the match officials before each game

Licence Cards

- a. Licences must bear the name and passport-size photograph of the player and be laminated. (Lack of lamination alone would not be a reason for disqualifying a player from participating provided that the referee is completely satisfied of the identity of the player. Such an omission should be reported to the Competition Secretary and would only be allowed upon the first occasion)
- b. Licence numbers of all participants (including Coaches and Team Followers) must be inscribed on the Scoresheet. No-one without a licence card may sit on the team bench.
- c. Failure to comply with Regulations 3d may result in a fine and/or possible forfeiture of the Match as determined by the Committee. The referee will decide the eligibility of a person to participate in the event.
- d. In the event of a valid licence not being produced for a Player, Coach or Team Follower that person shall not be permitted to participate in the Match in question. (Referees have no discretion in this matter)
- e. If it is declared that a Licence card will arrive after the tip off time but during the Match then that participant can be included on the Scoresheet but cannot participate in the Match (including sitting on the Team Bench) until their licence card arrives.
- v. Once a player has been included on a score sheet they cannot transfer to another team

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Playing an unregistered or ineligible player will lead to automatic forfeiture

There are no restrictions on the amount of teams, which may be coached by one person. However a player/coach must meet the player eligibility requirements.

Players shall only be deleted from the form as a result of serious injury. This can only be done with the permission of the Competition Secretary.

Any player deleted from a list cannot be re-instated during the current season.

Clubs do not have to nominate all fourteen players at one time.
The FINAL deadline for inclusion is 31st January 2018

10. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

If a team believes its interests have been adversely affected by any event that took place during a game, it must proceed in the following manner:

a The captain (CAP) of that team shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee that his team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the scoresheet in the space marked 'Captain's signature in case of protest'.

To make this protest valid, it is necessary for the official representative of the club to give confirmation of this protest in writing. This must be done within 24 hours following the end of the game forwarding written details of the protest to the Competition Secretary. A deposit of £20 must be paid within 72 hours of the conclusion of the game which is refundable if the protest is deemed to be valid.

Failure to do this shall invalidate the protest.

The Association shall follow the disciplinary procedures agreed for use by the Norfolk Basketball Association and published on their website.

b. The Competition Secretary is the proper and sole authority in the event of any dispute or grievance appertaining to the Competition, subject only to 10c below. Any grievance whatsoever must, in the first instance, be submitted to the Competition Secretary, in writing.

c. Any decision of the Competition Secretary may be appealed to the Norfolk Basketball Association, following the procedures laid down by that Association.

11. The Association has the power to rule on any matter not covered in these rules.

12. Failure to comply with these rules may render a club liable to disciplinary action. In such a case the "Disputes" procedure will come into effect with any initial submissions being made to the Competition Secretary with 48 hours of notification.

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NOTES

- a) It is accepted that facilities available to clubs may not comply with rules regarding size of court and court markings and that necessary technical equipment may not always be available. It is the duty of the host club to ensure the best possible use is made of the facilities available. Particular attention should be paid to safety aspects, and that at the very least, an official score pad and suitable game clock are provided.

All teams have a duty to be aware of local court regulations (e.g No Dunking Rules)

- b) Norfolk Cup, Plate and Iceni Trophy matches take priority over League fixtures.

The Competition Secretary has the power to order a reversal of the drawn fixture if the home team cannot make a court available for the scheduled fixture.

- c) Player unavailability is not considered an acceptable reason for postponement.