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**2012 Ontario Cup Provincial Championship
dates and locations**

<u>Age Category:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
U10 Novice Girls	March 23-25, 2012	Chatham
U11 Atom Girls	March 23-25, 2012	Brantford
U12 Major Atom Girls	March 23-25, 2012	Mississauga
U10 Novice Boys	March 30-April 1, 2012	London
U11 Atom Boys	March 30-April 1, 2012	Burlington
U12 Major Atom Boys	March 30-April 1, 2012	Niagara
U13 Bantam Girls	April 13-15, 2012	Windsor
U14 Major Bantam Girls	April 13-15, 2012	Ottawa
U13 Bantam Boys	April 20-22, 2012	Kingston
U14 Major Bantam Boys	April 20-22, 2012	Etobicoke/Mississauga
U15 Midget Girls	April 27-29, 2012	Sault Ste. Marie
U16 Major Midget Girls	April 27-29, 2012	Kitchener/Waterloo
U17 Juvenile Girls	May 4-6, 2012	Brantford
U19 Junior Womens	May 4-6, 2012	Kitchener/Waterloo
U15 Midget Boys	May 11-13, 2012	Windsor
U16 Major Midget Boys	May 11-13, 2012	Ottawa
U17 Juvenile Boys	May 25-27, 2012	Niagara
U19 Junior Men	May 25-27, 2012	Kitchener/Waterloo

1. 2012 Ontario Cup Provincial Championship Timelines

1.1 Ontario Cup & Team Registration Deadlines:

January 31 U10 Novice to U14 Major Bantam boys' and girls' teams
U15 Midget to U19 Junior girls' teams

March 30 U15 Midget to U19 Junior boys' teams

April 16 Player addition deadline
U15 Midget to U19 Junior boys' teams only

1.2 Ranking and Seeding Deadlines:

Please note: The deadline for submitting results will be the Wednesday prior to each ranking and seeding meeting.

Age Category:	Initial Ranking Meeting:	Final Ranking Meeting:
U10 Novice Girls	February 12	March 11
U11 Atom Girls	February 12	March 11
U12 Major Atom Girls	February 12	March 11
U10 Novice Boys	February 12	March 18
U11 Atom Boys	February 12	March 18
U12 Major Atom Boys	February 12	March 18
U13 Bantam Girls	February 12	April 1
U14 Major Bantam Girls	February 12	April 1
U13 Bantam Boys	February 12	April 8
U14 Major Bantam Boys	February 12	April 8
U15 Midget Girls	March 11	April 15
U16 Major Midget Girls	March 11	April 15
U17 Juvenile Girls	March 11	April 22
U19 Junior Women	March 11	April 22
U15 Midget Boys	N/A	April 29
U16 Major Midget Boys	N/A	April 29
U17 Juvenile Boys	N/A	May 13
U19 Junior Men	N/A	May 13

2. Reminders for 2011-2012

2.1 Age Specific Rules and Regulations

The coaches' manual has been revised for 2011-12 to include rules that are applicable to all coaches and teams. Age specific subsections have been created for each set of rules, for each age group.

2.2 Submission of Rosters

Rosters must be submitted before a team participates in their first sanctioned tournament or before the registration deadline listed in 2.1. Teams are recommended to submit their signed team roster as early as possible in order to secure all their players for the upcoming season.

2.3 Player Participation Requirements

All registered players listed on the team roster must play a minimum of 3 sanctioned games with their team prior to the final submission of results deadline in order to be eligible to participate in the Ontario Cup. Coaches will be asked to provide scoresheets should any question arise on whether a player has met their participation requirements

2.4 Person-to-Person Rules

Ontario Basketball will continue to enforce person-to-person defence rules for the 2011-2012 season. Every coach is encouraged to review these rules on a regular basis in the U10 Novice, U11 Atom and U12 Major Atom subsections.

2.5 FIBA Rules Update

Federation numbers will be permitted at all Ontario Basketball sanctioned games/events. However, it is recommended that any team intending to acquire new uniforms should only purchase FIBA approved numbering. FIBA approved numbers are 4-15. Should your team have more than 12 players on a roster, the numbers 21-23 are also permissible.

As for undergarments, players are permitted to wear t-shirts under uniforms provided the shirt colour matches the dominant colour of the jersey. Undergarments that extend below the shorts may be worn as long as they

are the same dominant colour as the shorts. The same rule will apply to body suits with tight-fitting long sleeves.

On October 1, 2010, FIBA released an update to their basketball rules. These updates will be adopted by Ontario Basketball and the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials (OABO) and will be enforced in all Ontario Basketball sanctioned games.

Sanctioned games will continue to use the court markings that are available at the facility.

Listed below is a summary of changes:

Equipment

Compression sleeves and stockings are permitted (same colour as shirt/shorts) .

Interval of Play

It ends when the ball is tossed or is at disposal of thrower-in. The interval of play is the time between quarters and at halftime.

Status of the Ball

On the jump ball, the ball is live when it leaves the hands of the referee.

Last Second Shots

The game clock must indicate 0:00.3 (three tenths of a second) or more for a player to secure possession of the ball on a throw-in or on a rebound, after the last or only free throw, in order to attempt a shot for a field goal.

If the game clock indicates 0:00.2 or 0:00.1, the only type of a valid field goal made is by tapping or directly dunking the ball.

In the Last Two Minutes

During the last two minutes of the fourth period and during the last two minutes of each extra period, following a time-out granted to the team that has been entitled to the possession of the ball from its backcourt the throw-in be taken at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table.

8-Second Rule

The Count starts as soon as any player touches or is touched by the ball in the backcourt and when the team taking the throw-in remains in control of the ball.

Ball in the Front Court

This is when the ball touches or is legally touched by an offensive player who has both feet entirely in contact with his frontcourt.

24-Second Shot Clock

On a throw-in, the shot clock starts as soon as the ball touches or is touched by any player on the playing surface and the team taking the throw-in remains in 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, for any valid reason by the team not in control of the ball or for any valid reason not connected with either team then possession of the ball shall be awarded to the same team that previously had control of the ball.

- If the throw-in is administered in the backcourt, the twenty-four second clock shall be reset to twenty-four 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 thirteen 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.

Unsportsmanlike Foul

During the last two minutes of the fourth period and during the last two minutes of each extra period, contact between offensive and defensive players prior to the being in-bounded will be considered an unsportsmanlike foul.

For more information on FIBA rule modifications please review Appendix C.

3. Registration

For more information including step-by-step directions for registering a team, please review the *Club Administration and Registration Guide* on the Ontario Basketball Website.

3.1 Teams

Every team must be registered online using the Club Login system and must submit their team roster form and fees to Ontario Basketball prior to their first game of the season. ***Insurance coverage is not in effect until the team is registered online.***

Teams must be registered **before**:

- The team's first sanctioned game
- The team's first sanctioned tournament
- The Ontario Cup and Team Registration Deadlines located in section 2.1.

Once payment for all players, coaches and team fees have been completed, the team will be posted as a registered team on the Ontario Basketball website under 2011-2012 Registered Teams.

All teams must have their signed team roster form submitted prior to their first game.

3.2 Individuals

All head coaches, assistant coaches, managers and players participating in Ontario Basketball events and/or signed to an Ontario Basketball team roster are required to become members of Ontario Basketball using the online Club Login.

It is encouraged that all teams have a chaperone of the same gender as the players. Chaperones do not need to be members of Ontario Basketball but cannot sit on the bench at any sanctioned events or games. However, chaperones should remain in the gym during activities associated with the game and join team at the conclusion of the game.

It is required that a birth certificate for each player be stapled to a copy of their membership form and kept on file with the team or club contact. In the case of a complaint about a player's age and/or player's authenticity, the

team contact will be required to supply Ontario Basketball with a birth certificate and/or another picture ID containing his/her birthdate.

Any participants signed to an Ontario Basketball team roster must be residents of the province of Ontario.

Any changes in membership information (i.e. changed address) must be completed online immediately to ensure all membership is accurate at all times.

3.3 Athlete Contract

All players signed to a team roster form and a member of Ontario Basketball **must** sign an athlete contract agreeing to abide by a set of guidelines for the entire season. It will be club and coaches' responsibility to distribute an athlete contract to each player. The player is required to complete the athlete contract and return it to the club. All contracts are to remain on file with the club. Contracts may be found through their club's login under "News and Documents".

3.4 Coach Contract

All coaches signed to a team roster form and are a member of Ontario Basketball **must** sign a coach contract. The coach contract provides guidelines to abide by to ensure a positive development experience for all the athletes they coach.

It is the club's responsibility to distribute and collect contracts from all coaches within their club and all contracts are to remain on file with the club. Contracts may be found through their club's login under "News and Documents".

3.5 Player Add Information

Players may be added to a team registration form after it has been submitted before the registration deadlines listed in section 2.1. Teams are not permitted to drop any player(s) from the team registration form to make space for player additions once the team roster has been submitted to Ontario Basketball.

Membership information must be entered online for all players that are added, and fees submitted online or with the new team registration form.

Faxes will be accepted for additions to the team roster and all player add forms must have the signature of the head coach.

Teams wishing to add players after the registration deadlines in section 2.1 must follow the request for exemption procedures in section 6.5.

3.6 Transfer Policy

Ontario Basketball has created a new transfer policy that will be enforced for the 2011-2012 season and beyond. To review the new transfer policy please see Appendix B. Clubs and teams are encouraged to submit a formal complaint to the Commissioner, Fair Play and Resolution should they find anyone in violation of this policy.

3.7 Ontario Basketball Age Categories

Category	Age	Year of birth
U10 Novice	Under 10 as of January 1, 2012	2002 or later
U11 Atom	Under 11 as of January 1, 2012	2001 or later
U12 Major Atom	Under 12 as of January 1, 2012	2000 or later
U13 Bantam	Under 13 as of January 1, 2012	1999 or later
U14 Major Bantam	Under 14 as of January 1, 2012	1998 or later
U15 Midget	Under 15 as of January 1, 2012	1997 or later
U16 Major Midget	Under 16 as of January 1, 2012	1996 or later
U17 Juvenile	Under 17 as of January 1, 2012	1995 or later
U19 Junior	Under 19 as of January 1, 2012	1993 or later

3.8 Minimum & Maximum Player Registration Requirements

Age category	Maximum number of players	Number of players required on the OBA team roster form
U10 Novice, U11 Atom & U12 Major Atom	15	At least 12
U13 Bantam to U19 Junior	15	At least 10

3.9 Team Roster Form

The team roster form should be submitted immediately after the teams register online. All clubs are now required to print their team roster form from the online club login. Note: Coaches please contact club administrators for club login information.

Please follow the steps below:

- Login through the club login
 - Select “Teams” on the left menu and select the team you want
 - Click “Print Roster” located at the top right corner
 - This will produce a pop up window with a formatted roster page ready to print
- Make sure the page is printing landscape
 - Click File - Click Page Setup
 - Change the orientation of the page to landscape
- Ensure all lines and shaded areas are printed:
 - Click Tools - Click Internet Options - Click Advanced
 - Scroll to Printing and click the box that says “Print Background Colours and Images”

4. National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP)
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In order to qualify to coach in the 2011-2012 season, coaches must meet certain National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) requirements. Any coach with previous experience in an Ontario Basketball club must have their full certification in place by the time the season begins.

All first year coaches will be required to enroll and take an Introduction to Competition (ITC) NCCP course during the season and have it fully completed within a year of taking the course.

Required coaching certification		
Level	Head coach	Assistant coach
U10 Novice to U14 Major Bantam Teams	Level one or Introduction to Competition (ITC)	Level one or Introduction to Competition (ITC)
U15 Midget to U19 Junior Teams	Level two or Introduction to Competition Advanced (ITCA)	Level one or Introduction to Competition (ITC)

Ontario Basketball recommends that coaches contact their club about potentially hosting an ITC clinic. If the club does not have enough coaches to take an ITC clinic, they can partner with another local club to host a clinic. Coaches may alternatively sign up to attend another ITC clinic that has been posted on the Ontario Basketball website under “Coaching.”

Please contact Kelly Lafontaine, klafontaine@basketball.on.ca for assistance with your coaching questions and to host a clinic.

5. Ontario Basketball Team Rules & Regulations

Ontario Basketball rules apply to all age categories for any sanctioned game.

5.1 Minimum Playing Requirements

Age Category	Minimum Number of Players Required
U10 Novice to U12 Major Atom	10
U13 Bantam to U19 Junior	5

For U10 Novice to U12 Major Atom age groups games can start with less than the minimum number of players. However, if this occurs, the game result will be considered a 20-0 loss for the team that does not meet minimum playing requirements.

For U13 Bantam to U19 Junior age groups, none of the Ontario Basketball games will start without the minimum number of players required. The game will be considered a 20-0 forfeit if playing requirements are not met.

5.2 Mixed Teams

In all age categories, teams may compete with boys and girls on the same team, but must compete in the boys' division.

5.3 Performance Bonds & Failure to Appear Policy

Any team that withdraws or fails to appear for a sanctioned tournament and/or the Ontario Cup (after the release date of the tournament draw) will be subject to sanctions.

Such sanctions will be implemented as follows:

First occurrence:

- The club's performance bond will be forfeited and the monies will be divided equally among the team(s) in question who were scheduled to play.
- A performance bond equaling the dollar amount originally bonded must be immediately replaced by the affiliated club. Failure to do so will disqualify all other teams from the club in question from the current year's provincial championship tournaments.
- The performance bond for the organization in question and the club for which the coach is coaching, if different from above, will be raised the following year.

Second occurrence:

- The replacement performance bond will be forfeited and the monies will be divided equally among the teams which the team in question was scheduled to play, the hosting club and Ontario Basketball.
- The performance bond of double the original bond amount must be immediately replaced by the affiliated club. Failure to do so will disqualify all other teams from the club in question from the current year's provincial championships.
- The affiliated club will be suspended from Ontario Basketball's sanctioned tournaments and provincial championships for a period of one year.

5.4 Temporary Call Up

Any team requesting the use of younger players from within their own club must complete the Temporary Call-Up Permit. This permit must be approved by Ontario Basketball prior to the start of the first sanctioned game. Requests should only be sent if a team is unable to meet the minimum player requirements for their respective age group. The Temporary Call-Up Permit can be found on the Ontario Basketball website under Sanctioned Tournaments.

Players are permitted to be called up for a maximum of two league/exhibition games or one sanctioned tournament with an older- aged team during the basketball season. If a player exceeds the maximum, they will be required to play up for the remainder of the season.

Teams are permitted, subject to Ontario Basketball's approval, to participate in one sanctioned tournament or two league/exhibition games at an older-age group during the basketball season. Any teams participating in more

than one sanctioned tournament will be required to play at the higher age level for the remainder of the season including provincial championships. Please refer to section seven for guidelines regarding playing up.

5.5 Request for Exemption

The Request for Exemption process is intended to provide Ontario Basketball members with a procedural mechanism to request an exemption or exemptions from any rule or regulations published annually in the Coaches' Manual.

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

This Policy Applies to all members of Ontario Basketball.

Exceptions to the policy: A member cannot file a request for exemption against the following rules and regulations:

- Final ranking and seeding results.
- Transfer policy.

Steps to completing a request for exemption

1. Contact the Manager, Clubs and Competitions to receive the Request for Exemption Application Form via email.
2. Complete and submit the form along with payment to Ontario Basketball.
3. A completed form will be sent to the Chair of the Request for Exemption Committee within five business days.
4. The Chair of the Request for Exemption Committee will assign the case to a panel consisting of three members for the Request for Exemption Committee within five business days.
5. The members of the panel will meet in person, by phone or via email to consider the request and make a decision.
6. The decision will be communicated to the members who filed the request by the Manager, Provincial Competitions.

6. Sanctioned Tournaments

For sanctioned tournament hosting information please visit the Ontario Basketball website under “Provincial Competitions.”

6.1 Participation Requirements

No team shall be permitted to play in a different age category (i.e., U16 Major Midget against U17 Juvenile) in a sanctioned tournament, unless written consent has been granted by Ontario Basketball.

Written consent will be granted for sanctioned tournaments if:

- A team withdraws from the tournament 24 hours prior to the start of the first scheduled games and if the host has exhausted all other possibilities of finding a team of the same age category.

Violation of this rule and process may result in ineligibility of the team playing in a different age category and/or withdrawal of the team from the Ontario Cup.

6.2 Withdrawal

If a team withdraws seven days or less prior to the start date of a sanctioned tournament, the tournament organizer is entitled to keep any deposits or registration fees that have been paid in advance to secure the withdrawing team’s position in the tournament, however;

- If a team withdraws from a tournament because of Ontario Basketball has removed sanctioning status due to non-compliance of sanctioning rules, the tournament organizer must return all deposits and/or registration fees to the withdrawing Ontario Basketball team.
- If a tournament provides a final draw 6 days or less prior to the start date of a sanctioned tournament and a team withdraws, the tournament organizers must return all deposits and/or registration fees to the withdrawing Ontario Basketball team.

7. Ontario Basketball Game Rules

7.1 Overview

All sanctioned Ontario Basketball games will be governed by FIBA (International Basketball Federation), whose rule books are adopted for use at all Ontario Basketball sanctioned games and/or tournaments. Ontario Basketball has added and made certain modifications to the FIBA rules including components of the FIBA Mini Manual for Novice-Major Atom division games in order to meet the needs of the young players and its members.

The rules and modifications for each specific age category can be found in each age category's rules and regulations section.

Each Ontario Basketball game must be refereed by two OABO officials and assigned through the local officials' board.

7.2 The Intent of Young Player Rule Modification

These rules apply to the U10 Novice, U11 Atom, U12 Major Atom, U13 Bantam and U14 Major Bantam categories of play and are formulated with the best interests of the children playing the game in mind. It is expected that each coach and club will respect the intent of these rules and adhere to them. Officials' boards that are responsible for calling provincial championship games have been provided with a copy of the Young Player Rule Modifications in order to familiarize themselves with the Ontario Basketball game rules. However, officials are not responsible for enforcing the person-to-person rules and that is the responsibility of the convener.

7.3 Game Forfeiture

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

- At a sanctioned tournament, the tournament convener shall decide if a forfeit is to be called after the 15-minute grace period has expired.
- At the Ontario Cup Provincial Championship, Ontario Basketball shall decide if a forfeit is to be called after the 15-minute grace period has expired.
- Teams arriving in the 15 minute period will be permitted a five minute warm-up to prevent injury.

In a forfeited game, the score shall be recorded as 20-0. If both teams forfeit (due to insufficient players), the score shall be recorded as 0-0.

7.4 Time-Outs

Each team receives:

- Two 60 second time-outs in the first half.
- Three 60 second time-outs in the second half.
- Any unused time-outs do not carry over into overtime periods.
- One time-out per overtime period is granted.

7.5 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:

- So near the expiration of time that the timer could not stop the clock before game time had expired; or
- After time expired but while the ball as in flight, during a try or tap for a field goal.

<h3>8. Tiebreaking Procedures</h3>

8.1 All Draws (except twelve team)

Step One: *Most Wins*

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

Step Two: *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 by the two teams involved (head-to-head match-up) will be given priority ranking.

Step Three: *Three-Way 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: Team A wins by 32 points, only a point spread of +20 will be used for that game not a +32.

- Scores against the team(s) NOT involved in the three-way tie are discarded.

- The total points scored and allowed for each game is calculated of the teams involved in the three-way tie.
- 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 the 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 and advances to the playoffs.

Team C is eliminated from the playoffs.

Step 4: Two-Way Tie Persists, *Head-to-Head method*

- If a tie exists between two teams after using the three-way tie – points for and against method, (see method “three” 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.

Team	Points for	Points Against	Points For and Against
A	90	80	+10
B	100	90	+10
C	80	100	-20

- 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	Points For and Against of Teams Involved	Additional Pool Play Game Result	Total Points For and Against
A	0	$50 - 55 = -5$	-5
B	0	$68 - 60 = +8$	+8
C	0	$55 - 52 = -3$	-3

- 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 a piece of paper by a neutral third party.
- The coaches then draw a number from the container, beginning with the highest-seeded team and ending with the lowest seeded.
- Number 1 shall represent the priority ranking, number 2 the secondary ranking and number 3 will be eliminated from the playoffs.
- 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.

9. Ontario Cup Rules & Regulations

9.1 Tournament Format

All Ontario Cup divisions will be classified at division in numerical order with Division one being the highest level of play. Tournament formats will use 8 team draws whenever possible. Tiebreaking procedures for all tournament draws can be found on pages 13.1 and 13.2.

All Ontario Cup division breakdowns are done by the ranking and seeding committee and will be published online at www.basketball.on.ca under the Provincial Competitions section. Divisions and schedules are posted online

once confirmed after each respective final ranking meeting. Please review section Section 15 *Ranking & Seeding* for more information.

Please note once the schedule is released possible changes may occur due to uncontrollable circumstances. All teams are responsible for checking their schedule on Thursday and Friday of the tournament weekend to ensure you have the updated schedule. Ontario Basketball will make every effort to contact you if a change is made, please ensure the contact information provided on the Team Roster Form is accurate and an emergency contact number where you can be reached is provided.

9.2 Registration

All teams wishing to participate in the Ontario Cup must register online and submit payment to Ontario Basketball prior to the published deadline for their given age category (for deadlines please see section 2.1., 2012 Ontario Cup Provincial Championships Timelines). The Ontario Cup team registration fee is \$450.00 for teams in U10 Novice to U14 Major Bantam age categories and \$475.00 for U15 Midget to U19 Junior age categories.

For step-by-step online instructions, download the Club Administration and Registration Guide from the Ontario Basketball website.

9.3 Team Participation Requirements

U10 Novice teams must play a minimum of six games against Ontario Basketball teams, including one sanctioned tournament. Teams must also play a minimum of four different Ontario Basketball teams and two games against teams outside of their region.

U11 Atom to 19 Junior girls' and U11 Atom to U14 Major Bantam Boys teams must play a minimum of ten games against Ontario Basketball teams, including one sanctioned tournament. Teams must play a minimum of five different Ontario Basketball teams and two games against teams outside their region.

U15 Midget to U19 Junior boys' teams must play a minimum of eight games against Ontario Basketball teams, including one sanctioned tournament. Teams must play a minimum of five different Ontario Basketball teams and two games against teams outside their region.

All teams must play the minimum number of games within their age category. Teams that fail to play the minimum number of games will not be permitted to participate in the Ontario Cup and will be refunded their entry fee less a \$150.00 administrative fee. Exceptions to this will be granted if the team provides legitimate reasons for not meeting the minimum requirements.

All teams must play the minimum number of games using only players listed on their Ontario Basketball Roster. Games against teams from other provinces, countries, high schools or elementary schools do not count for the purposes of ranking and seeding.

To ensure that your team is ranked and seeded correctly, please make certain that all games results are posted before the Ranking and Seeding deadlines listed in section 2.2. Teams are encouraged to play a wide range of opponents that are both stronger and weaker than your team to ensure your team is ranked appropriately.

9.4 Player Participation Requirements

All registered players listed on the team roster must play a minimum of three sanctioned games with their team prior to the final submission of results deadline in order to be eligible to participate in the Ontario Cup. Coaches will be asked to provide scoresheets should any question arise on whether a player has met their participation requirements.

9.5 Team Results

Teams must submit all scores using the online team results system at www.basketball.on.ca. It is mandatory to report all game scores against Ontario Basketball teams. It is recommended that you report all scores within 48 hours of the game taking place.

All team results submitted will then be posted on your team page and available for the Ranking and Seeding Committee to access.

Do NOT send scoresheets to the Ontario Basketball office unless instructed to do so.

9.6 Wait List

Ontario Basketball will hold all monies and registration forms until you are entered into the Ontario Cup. If, by the start of the respective Ontario Cup you are not entered, a refund will be provided.

9.7 Withdrawal

Teams withdrawing between January 31, 2012 and the final results submission deadline in a respective category will be refunded the team registration fees, less a \$150.00 administrative fee.

Teams withdrawing after the final ranking date will be penalized according to the Performance Bond and Failure to Appear Policy.

Teams intending to withdraw from the Ontario Cup should notify Ryan Albright, Manager of Provincial Competitions immediately in writing by email at ralbright@basketball.on.ca.

9.8 Team Substitution

If a vacancy occurs in the Ontario Cup prior to the final seeding, the vacancy shall be filled from the waiting list. Teams on the waiting list are listed by date of receipt.

If a vacancy occurs in the Ontario Cup after the final ranking and seeding has been completed, it shall be filled by the next team on the waiting list that was seeded in the given division.

If no team was seeded in the given division that is available, the top team from the next lowest division will be moved into the vacancy and so on until all vacancies are filled.

Any teams substituted after 10:00 p.m. on the Monday, two weeks prior to the tournament weekend, will take the seed of the team they are replacing.

9.9 Merchandise

Ontario Cup merchandise will be on sale and available on February 1, 2012. Please visit The Basketball Store online at www.basketball.on.ca for prices, sizes and to order online. Individual orders and team orders may be placed ahead of time using the pre-order form and can be mailed or picked up at any Ontario Cup weekend.

10. Ranking & Seeding

The Ranking and Seeding Committee list is available on the Ontario Basketball website, www.basketball.on.ca. Click 'Provincial Championships' and then 'Team Results and Tracking.'

10.1 Team Tracking

It is the responsibility of every team contact/head coach to input game results for their team and ensure all team results are posted and are accurate before their respective ranking and seeding meeting.

All game results are to be posted through the coach login:

<https://www.basketball.on.ca/coach/login>

Login for coaches will be sent upon receipt of the 2011-2012 signed team roster form. The winner of each Ontario Basketball game is responsible for entering the score online.

10.2 Failure to Submit Results and Falsification of Results

Teams that fail to submit results will be listed as N/R (Not Ranked) for the initial ranking meeting. If results are not posted for the final ranking meeting, the team will not be permitted to compete in the Ontario Cup.

Failure to submit all game scores or falsification of information by a coach is a serious offence and will result in a sanction under the Fair Play Policy.

10.3 Initial Ranking

Coaches must submit results for the initial ranking and seeding meeting. It will show where teams rank to that point in the season and will address any concerns with a ranking. Initial rankings will be posted the following week after the meeting.

10.3.1 Initial Ranking Review Form

All teams have the opportunity to submit the "Initial Ranking Review Form" to Ontario Basketball (ralbright@basketball.on.ca) before their final ranking meeting. The "Initial Ranking Review Form" can be found on the Ontario Basketball website under Provincial Competitions/Team Results & Tracking.

Coaches are encouraged to submit the Initial Ranking Review Form if they feel there are concerns with the initial ranking. This form is used at the final ranking meeting by the committee to help make the divisions as competitive as possible. This form can also be used by teams who do not have an initial ranking meeting.

10.4 Final Rankings

The final ranking for each age group will be posted on the Ontario Basketball website at 5:00 p.m. the Monday following each final ranking meeting

10.4.1 Final Ranking Appeals

Teams will have a 24-hour period that coaches may respectfully submit an e-mail outlining any possible errors in the posted rankings.

All appeals must be sent via e-mail to:

- Ryan Albright – Manager, Clubs and Competitions
ralbright@basketball.on.ca

If no e-mail is received by the end of the 24-hour period then no changes will be made to the final rankings. Once all concerns are addressed, the final rankings will then be posted by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday following the ranking meeting

Example Timeline:

- April 18 - U15 and U16 Girls' final ranking meeting.
- April 19 at 5:00 p.m. – Final rankings are posted.
- April 20 at 5:00 p.m. – Deadline to voice ranking concerns
- April 21 at 5:00 p.m. – Final rankings are re-posted.
Ontario Cup draws will be posted on the website shortly after.

Please note: Ontario Basketball reserves the right to make ranking and seeding changes for the equality of any Ontario Cup division.

10.5 Criteria for Ranking and Seeding

- Head-to-head results
- Win-loss record
- Opponent's record
- Strength of schedule and opponent's schedule
- Roster changes
- League Results

Appendix A: OBA Official Complaint Form

Submitted by:

Contact Name: _____

Club Name: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

Date of Submission: _____ M / D / Y

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 your complaint.*

Example:

Misconduct 2.2
number: _____

Description:

Team Official engages in a fight outside the definition of the game but within the jurisdiction of the game management committee.

Misconduct number: _____

Description:

Provide a brief summary of the complaint:

Additional information to support complaint included.

This form, along with all other documentation, must be sent to
Commissioner, Fair Play and Resolution

Email: fairplay@basketball.on.ca Fax: 416.426.7360

Mail to: 3 Concorde Gate, Suite 311, Toronto, ON, M3C 3N7

For a full form please visit the Ontario Basketball website.

Purpose:

This Policy encourages players and their families to make careful and informed choices about selection of teams and Clubs. It promotes commitment and respect among players, coaches and teams. This policy also enables Ontario Basketball, as a governing body, to ensure fair competition among its member teams and to uphold the values of equity, opportunity, and accountability for its members.

Application:

This Policy applies to all youth players and to all coaches of youth teams in the Ontario Basketball system. This policy does not apply to: adult players as defined by Ontario Basketball; youth players who have never previously registered with an Ontario Basketball team or Club; or youth players changing teams within the same club.

Joining a team:

Players join a team by signing an Ontario Basketball roster. When executed, rosters are submitted to Ontario Basketball. Upon the execution of a roster and its submission to Ontario Basketball, the player had deemed to have joined the team and is thus committed to play for that team for the season. Once a player has signed a roster, he or she may not be removed from it except for disciplinary reasons, which are documented in writing.

Timing:

The Ontario Basketball year is divided into two parts. The 'seasonal commitment period' begins when a player signs a roster and ends on the day following the completion of the Ontario Cup tournament for the player's age group. The 'free agency period' begins when the 'seasonal commitment period' ends and continues until the player executes a roster for the next season.

Responsibilities of players

During the seasonal commitment period, a player must play for the team they have joined and may not join another team, except in the following circumstances:

- The team or Club they have joined folds
- Criminal charges are brought against personnel within the team or Club they have joined

- The player's family relocates outside the area served by the team or club they have joined (such a relocation must be substantiated through appropriate legal documentation).

A player who has been removed from a roster for disciplinary reasons may not join another team during the seasonal commitment period.

Responsibilities of coaches

During the seasonal commitment period, coaches may not engage in discussions with players or their families about recruiting players to play for their teams or Clubs. They may engage in such discussions only during the free agency period. For the purposes of this Policy, the term 'discussions' refers to verbal communication in-person or by telephone, as well as all forms of electronic discussions such as through e-mail or other social networking sites.

Breaches and penalties

Any person who is aware that a coach or player is in breach of this policy may report such a breach by means of a written complaint to the Chair of the Fair Play Committee of Ontario Basketball ('Fair Play Commissioner')¹. The Fair Play Commissioner will lead an investigation of all complaints received and will convene a panel of Fair Play Committee members to review. The Fair Play Committee shall be composed of not fewer than five members of Ontario Basketball.

The Panel and Commissioner will make a determination as to whether this Policy has been breached, and the resulting penalty.

In the event a coach is found to have breached this Policy, the following penalties will apply:

- First offence – up to one-year suspension from all OBA-sanctioned activity.
- Second offence – up to three-year suspension from all OBA-sanctioned activity.
- Third offence – up to five-year suspension from all OBA-sanctioned activity.

In the event a player is found to have breached this policy the following penalties will apply:

- First offence – suspension for the balance of the OBA competitive season.

- Second and subsequent offences – suspension for the balance of the OBA competitive season and for the next season.

The decisions of the Fair Play Commissioner and the Panel will be in writing and will be final and binding upon all Ontario Basketball members (player, coach and Club).

Appendix C: FIBA Rule Modifications
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FIBA Rule	Will Be Enforced As Follows
<i>Court And Equipment</i>	
Art. 2 Court markings – If FIBA markings are there, play them, if not play what’s there.	Ontario Basketball sanctioned games and tournaments will use FIBA key. Where FIBA Key is not available use NFHS.
<i>Teams</i>	
Art. 4.1.2. A team member is entitled to play when his or her name has been entered on the score sheet before the start of the game and as long as he/she has neither been disqualified nor committed five fouls.	A player whose name has not been added to the score sheet may be added after the prescribed deadline without penalty. In equal participation age groups, the added player must meet the minimum number of required shifts.
Art 4.2. Each team shall consist of no more than twelve players including a captain.	Teams may be comprised of up to fifteen members.
Art 6.2. The captain shall, immediately at the end of the game, inform the referee if his or her team is protesting against the result of the game and sign the score sheet in the space marked “Captain’s signature in case of protest”	Game protests shall be administered in accordance with established Ontario Basketball protocols. The head coach will sign the score sheet in lieu of the Team Captain in cases where a protest is being launched.
Art. 7.8 The captain shall act as coach if there is no coach, of if the coach is unable to continue and there is no assistant coach entered on the score sheet. If the captain must leave the playing court, he may continue to act as coach however, if he must leave following a disqualifying foul, or if he is unable to act as coach because of injury, his substitute as captain may replace him as coach.	This rule will apply only where the captain has reached the age of majority, i.e., 19. In all other cases, a parent or adult supervisor qualified to coach at the level in play, must be present on the bench for the game to continue.

Playing Regulations

Art. 8.2. The interval between quarters will be 2 minutes	The interval between quarters will be 1 minute.
Art. 8.3. The halftime intervals will be 15 minutes.	Ontario Basketball sanctioned games will continue to provide a minimum of 5 minutes/maximum of 10 minutes at half.
Art. 8.4. There shall be an interval of 20 minutes before the game is scheduled to play.	Ontario Basketball sanctioned games will provide a minimum of 5 minutes for warm-up. If time permits: 10 Minutes.
Art 8.7. Extra periods will be 5 minutes in length.	Extra periods are either three or four minutes depending on age category.

Violations

Art. 27 – Closely guarded player rule	Will be enforced in age groups that do not use a shot clock as per the National Federation closely guarded rule.
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