



OFFICIAL BASKETBALL RULES 2017
of
Telecoms Basketball League (TBL)
League of 40's

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TELECOMS BASKETBALL LEAGUE (TBL) HOUSE RULES

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Rules and Regulations:

I. General Provisions:

1. Except otherwise stated below, all games will be played under the TBL 2017 Official Rules and Regulations:
<http://tbl.com.ph/house-rules>
2. Except otherwise stated below or the TBL 2017 Official Rules and Regulations, all games will be played under the FIBA 2014 Official Basketball Rules:
<http://www.fiba.com/pages/eng/fc/FIBA/ruleRegu/p/openNodeIDs/897/selectedNodeID/897/basketballRule.html>
3. KOTC Basketball Organizing Services shall serve as the policy making body of the Telecoms Basketball League (TBL) – League of 40's, who shall review and implement the rules at all times, as well as having the right to amend or supersede its portions accordingly. Consequently, it has the power to make decisions on any point not specifically covered by these rules.
4. Except for the assigned coach, captain, or team representative, no verbal protest or questions will be entertained by the onsite committee if it were leveled against any decision of the referee and/or official. An assistant team captain can be designated if the captain is not available during the game.

II. Tournament Format

1. 6-teams, One (1) bracket. Elimination round: Single round-robin; each team will play against all of its five (5) opponents only once in the elimination round.
2. After the elimination round, the top 4 teams will advance to the playoffs.
 - a. Rank #1 vs #4. If rank #1 sweeps the elimination round, it will have a twice-to-beat advantage
 - b. Rank #2 vs #3
3. Winner in (a) and in (b) shall advance to a one-game Finals.
4. Winner shall be declared Champion in the TBL League of 40s.

III. Player Eligibility

1. Open to all players coming from Telecoms and/or ISP companies/businesses.
2. Players must be full-time or regular employees of the telecoms and/or ISP company/business before the date of opening.
 - a. Owners, consultants and executives of telecoms and/or ISP companies/businesses are eligible to join.
 - b. Contractual employees, employees of outsourced companies, and employees of non-telco/non-ISP companies are **not eligible** to join.
 - c. Players must be at least 40 years old at the start of the tournament, except for item d.
 - d. As a matter of goodwill, all registered Governors and Alternate Governors not less than 34 years old, of teams participating in TBL Season 3 are eligible to play.

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- e. Once the teams have been finalized, additional players will not be accepted, unless approved by the commissioner.
3. No current professional, semi-professional, and collegiate basketball players.
4. No former professional and semi-professional basketball players (PBA, D-League, PBL, MBA, ABL).
5. No former collegiate basketball players (Team B included).
6. Teams may register a minimum of 12 players.
7. Proof of employment must be submitted via soft copy prior to the opening (COE, Company ID, or ITR)
8. A player who resigned at any time during the tournament will only be eligible to play up to the last day of employment.
9. Any inaccurate information placed below will strictly be subject to forfeiture of the games and/or commissioner's penalty where the players with incorrect information were fielded.

IV. Team Composition

1. Participating teams shall be formed by players in the official draft list.
 - a. Registered players are grouped into 6 (assuming there are 6 participating teams), according to height, age and perceived talent or skill.
 - b. "Lottery draft" will be applied to assign each player in a team using a digital (or app) draw lots.
 - c. Players assigned to a particular team number will form the Team. (e.g. players assigned to number 1 will form Team 1, players assigned to number 2 will form Team 2, and so on)
 - d. No team may hand-pick their players.
2. Once the drafting started, additional players shall not be allowed in the official draft list.
3. In the spirit of fairness, balance and equality, the league shall implement the "Rule on Protected List";
 - a. "Rule on Protected List" means no two or more players in the protected list of players shall be allowed to be drafted or teammates in one team. (6 identified "centers" or "big men" in the Protected List, assuming there are 6 participating teams.)
 - b. At the discretion and fair judgement of the organizers of the tournament, it shall determine the players in the "Protected List".
 - c. If necessary, the league can implement another "Protected List" for shooters, and for guards.

V. Individual Awards

1. The following individual awards shall be given, such as;
 - a. Statistical Leader – Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks, FG%, 3PT%, FT%
 - b. Mythical 5, Defensive Team (5)
 - c. Defensive Player of the Season
 - d. Season Most Valuable Player (MVP), Finals Most Valuable Player (MVP)
2. Except for the Finals MVP, only players who are **40 years old and above** are eligible for the individual awards.

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VI. Other rules

1. Passarelle Rules/Mandatory substitution shall be applied for the first half (1st and 2nd quarters) only.
 - a. Each team must consist of a minimum ten (10) players before the start of the game, one of whom shall be the team captain. However, the whole team shall be entered on the scoresheet.
 - b. If in each of the first two (2) quarters, a team turns up with only 9 or less players, the opposing team shall be awarded one (1) technical free throw and automatic ball possession.
 - i. If both teams have only 9 players or less at the start of the game, Art. VI, Sec. 1b shall be waived.
 - ii. The opposing coach may choose the replacement(s) during substitutions, if they wish so.
 - c. There must be a five (5) player substitution during a dead ball situation at the 5-minute mark of the 1st and 2nd quarters.
 - i. If there are 10 players or more who are available to play during the first half, each one shall be fielded and “must play” in the first half.
 - ii. No other substitutions aside from the Passarelle Rules/Mandatory substitution are allowed in the first half, except to replace a player who is injured, disqualified or has committed five fouls. This player, however, shall not be allowed to play for the remainder of the game.
 - d. Each quarter of the first half will consist of 2 x 5 minute periods, with an interval of 1 minute between each period.
 - e. If a player is injured, disqualified or has committed five fouls in the first half, then the opposing coach may choose the substitute, if they wish so.
 - f. For timeouts, Art. 18 of the Official FIBA rule shall apply.
2. Passarelle Rules/Mandatory substitution shall not be applied in the second half and overtime/s, if there's any.

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