



Trowbridge Basketball League

Rules Document

What is the Trowbridge Basketball League?

Trowbridge basketball League (TBL) is a central venue recreational League designed to cater for a wide audience at different abilities. The Club's rules and Regulations still apply and must be followed. Each season runs approximately from September to May and includes a play-off period and All-Star event.

Team Requirements & Rules

Every team must have a roster of at least eight active players to start the season. Failure to follow player numbers will mean your team is ineligible to play in the League.

We advise all members/players and officials to familiarize themselves with the rules of Basketball and to keep updated with any new changes that may be made. Please refer to basketball England and FIBA regarding the rules of which we follow

Every team must have a designated team representative which will be available to attend meetings. The Team representative should be decided amongst the team however the Committee may summon someone from the team if required.

The Team Representative is responsible for the following:

1. Team Fee of **£40** is paid to table each week(Please pay via Bank transfer or Paypal)
2. Every team must have their own kit that is deemed fit for purpose. Your kit must include numbers that don't clash within the Team. Kit can be rented out from the Club.
3. Late registration is accepted for new players joining after the season has commenced. New players will be given two weeks before they must sign-up for senior Club membership. A new player is someone that has not played in our TBL league before or has not played in the league for 2years.
4. Failure to pay the membership fee will result in the player unable to play until the fee is paid.



5. New players are given a 2-game trial before they are required to pay the membership fee. This will be tracked by our Treasury or TBL manager to ensure you have not played any more games than allowed.
6. Team fee (£40) is used to pay the expenditure of running the TBL and must be paid before the game. Team fee must be given to the Table officials before your game commences **not after**.
7. PayPal is acceptable as payment however payment must be made before the team can play and the TBL Manager needs to be notified if paying via PayPal.
8. It's the Team Representative's responsibility to pay this fee. If players are not paying their required fee then it's the Reps responsibility to contact the TBL Manager. For Team Reps responsibilities please refer to Team reps roles & Responsibilities Document.
9. Table must be notified of the name and jersey # of any new players ahead of the game.
10. Any players who wish to play for a different team can do so, but must then skip one game before returning to their former team.
11. The responsible Team Rep MUST notify either the TBL Manager or media Officer of any new players added to their team. This is so they are added to the official team roster and their contact details can be added.
12. Teams must have at least five players ready in time for scheduled tip-off times. The clock will start at scheduled times regardless.
13. As soon as possible you must vacate your bench to allow the next team to prepare and warm-up. You are allowed time to finish your team chant and provide your MVP to the Table.
14. Continuous Failure to vacate your bench in a responsible time and manner will lead to the matter being resolved with the Committee in order to come to a resolved outcome.



Game forfeits and cancellations

If a team is unable to field enough players for a game with minimum notice, they are liable to pay the £60 court fee for the hour . A scrimmage will be held instead However;

If a team gives 24hours minimum notice and chooses to forfeit the game regardless and not recruit players or free agents. There will be a scrimmage in place at the normal price of £4 per person and will be exempt from paying the court fee. The notice must be given directly to the chairman or TBL Manger and not other members of the club. You can email this via trowbridgebasketball@gmail.com

If a team is unable to field enough players for a game with at least 24 hours notice, they can choose to use free agents or players from different teams(excluding Playoffs) but will officially forfeit the game. The players who decide to play in these circumstances are exempt from (9.10) of this document. Team representatives are responsible for giving the notice and recruiting players if possible to allow the game to go-ahead.

Creating a welcoming environment

Respect the calls of the referees. They will not get every call right 100% of the time but they're there to control the game and thus have the power to stop the game and, if need be, eject players as a last resort. Any player that is Ejected/disqualified will be penalized and will not play their next game.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the refereeing at the club please speak to our head of refereeing TBC.If you are the first in the sports hall you must help by setting up. This includes gathering chairs & benches and setting up the table. If you are not sure where things are kept please ask either the Table officials or a member of the Committee.

Any Violence on or off the court that is deemed to cause risk or harm to the League and its players is taken very seriously. Any individual that is seen as a threat to others will be removed either by the official referees or TBL Manager.

Failure to leave when asked to do so can result in banishment for at least 12 months. We ask any player or spectator to respect all our sessions by avoiding bad language and inappropriate behavior. You may be asked to leave if any complaints are made against you. Please ensure you have read our Club way (Code of conduct) document.



TBL Playoffs

All club rules and regulations apply unless otherwise stated in this document

Each player must play 6 games(quarter of all regular season games) before being eligible for the play-offs. This Rule was amended and determined by our committee at our 2019 General meeting.

Any team is not to be allowed to recruit during the play- off periodt. This means if a team is unable to field the minimum requirement(5) for a game they will automatically forfeit the game with no exceptions.

- (A) If a team does forfeit during the play-off period the opposing team will gain the automatic win and a scrimmage or other session will take place.
- (B) All play-off games will be officiated with two qualified referees..
- (C) Play-off games may run in a different format to season games such as full stop clock. This will be established closer to the play-off start date.

Joining the League

We have no official guidelines for recruitment. This is to help new players enter our league without restrictions. It also allows teams to have complete control over how they manage their teams.

New players are given a 2-game trial before they are required to pay the membership fee(See Team requirements). This will be tracked by our Treasury or TBL manager to ensure you have not played any more games than allowed.

Team Representatives hold the responsibility to recruit for their team. If a Team is still struggling to find new players for the upcoming season then they must inform the chair or TBL manager.



The free agent tracker

To make it even easier for team Representatives to find new players to recruit to their team we have our free agent tracker. This tracker is made up of all the new players that have registered their interest on our website to join our League. Team Representatives will have the opportunity to contact players on the tracker via email. Please be aware that we comply with all data protection laws.

This means those added to our free agent tracker have agreed to have their information shared with our team Representatives. The information provided is for the purpose of the Team Representatives and **must not** be shared with other members of the team. The TBL manager will have access to the document and the information in order to continue to update the tracker with new players.

If a team Representative is found to share the above tracker or any information other than players name with their team or other members of the public, they will be dealt with accordingly. The team Representative will be replaced and another team Representative will be elected in the team.

The TBL Manager may advise and point new players in the right direction to join a team. However it's always the team Representative's responsibility to recruit new players.

The TBL Manger may only recruit on the Team Reps behave if the team Representative cannot fill their roster to meet minimum recruitment. They then can allow the TBL manager to recruit players to the team or alternatively they can choose to disband the team from the league.

- (A) 14days prior notice to the registration deadline must be given if you are to disband your team from the League. If the required notice is not provided the committee will decide on reasonable action. If a team disbands after the season has commenced a meeting will be held to decide on reasonable action which may lead to a fine payable to the club.
- (B) Following a disbanded team any players still willing to play will then have the opportunity to join another active team before the registration deadline(14 days).
- (C) The committee may decide to organize a team following a disbandment to allow new players to play. The committee will then elect a team Representative to organize this team.

New players are welcome throughout the majority of the season. However recruitment is not permitted throughout the play-off period. Recruitment is also not allowed within the 6 weeks leading up to the playoffs. This is to ensure teams play with their current roster during the play-off period and to avoid teams trying to gain an unfair advantage.



All Team Representatives will be provided with a separate document stating their Roles and responsibilities.

Please note these rules apply to the TBL(Trowbridge Basketball League) ONLY and even though most rules apply to the Club some rules & Regulations may differ.

Registering your Team

1. A team may register their interest via email or our website. You may also register your interest by attending other Club sessions.
2. You are responsible for your own travel to and from our venue(St.Augustines Catholic College, Trowbridge)
3. Every member of the team must read and understand this document.
4. Senior Membership will be required from each player by the deadline given
5. Team registration form will need to be completed by the team representative
6. Failure to sign will mean your Team's registration is invalid.
7. Failure to complete Club membership as a returning player will mean you are unable to play(invalid for new players who are given a 2week period to sign-up).
8. Medical information must be provided by each player via player before the season commences.
9. The designated team Representative must attend AGM Held in March each year..
10. Each team must hit the minimum requirements before the season commences.

This document may be given to new teams wishing to join our league for the 2022/2023 season.

Current teams will be provided with a copy of our TBL rules at the beginning of each season. It's Team reps responsibility to make all the players aware of the rules. Any rules seen to be broken will result in reasonable actions being decided upon by the Committee.

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