



Rules of Primary Schools Competitions

1. Games will consist of two halves, with 1 minute for half time. Teams must be Ready to start playing as soon as the previous game has finished. The clock does not stop.
2. **Ball size:** Miniballers and year 5&6 use a size 5 ball, Yr 7&8 use a size 6 ball.
3. Teams are to provide **scorers** for their own game.
4. **Team Benches** are provided for players and coaches. Please keep players away from the score bench.
5. No jewellery or watches to be worn. Long hair tied back and nails should be short.
6. If players do not have numbered tops, it is their responsibility to give their name to the scorer should they be called for foul.
7. **Man to Man Defence** is compulsory in all of our primary school competitions. This encourages greater participation by all players and is in line with the BBNZ policy of compulsory Man to Man up to U16 age groups.
8. **Number of fouls** Maximum of 4 per player. No team fouls. Fouls will be called at all times when a player who is fouled is disadvantaged.
9. **Substitutions** Players can be substituted on any inbound pass (but not after a basket unless the referee has the ball). Please inform the referee.
10. **Free Throws** Generally, 2 or 3 for shooting fouls taken from free throw line for Yr 7&8 and from dotted circle for Yr 5&6 and Miniball. *This rule may be modified in lower grades or in shortened games- see administrator.*
11. **Discretionary Calls** The following rules will be applied with discretion by the ref: 3 seconds, back over half, 5 seconds, travel, double dribble.
12. **Time Outs** One (20 sec) time out per team per half. No timeouts or substitutions (unless for injury) to be taken in the last 2 minutes of the game.
13. **Defensive retreat rule** shall apply to all grades **except 'A' Grade Friday.**
14. Players must seek dispensation if they wish to play for more than one team in the competition. As a general rule, players may play with one team only. Any player (without dispensation) who regularly plays in a higher grade will forfeit the right to play in the lower grade for the remainder of the season.