

31. Competition Match Rules:

Rule	Age Group					
	Senior Men & Women	Boys & Girls				Mixed U8 & Boys & Girls U9
		U18 & U23	U16	U14	U10 & U12	
Timing	2 x 20 min halves (refer section 17).				2 x 15 min halves.	
Match Clock	Stops on: All whistles in the last 3 minutes of the 2 nd half; All substitutions during last 1 minute of 1 st half; The direction of the Basketball Supervisor.				Stops on Compulsory Time Outs (refer below). Will not stop at Team Time Outs. ¹	
Time Outs	2 per half per team (refer section 17). Not permitted during last 2 minutes of 1 st half. If called after the 3 minute mark, will finish at the 2 minute mark.				2 Compulsory time outs per half at about the 10 & 5 minute marks.	
Half Time Break	2 minutes (refer section 17).					
Sin Bin	Applies (refer section 28).	Does not apply.				
Heat Rule	Applies.					
Mercy Rule	Does not apply.	25 points.	20 points.	10 points.		
Foul Line	Normal line (refer section 30).			Short line (refer Section 30).	Bottom of Circle.	
Key Limits	3 seconds.			5 seconds.		
Defence Permitted	No restriction.	No Zone Defence within 3-point arc in first half (refer section 29).			Man-to-man only. Retreat to centre line after basket. ²	
Ball Size Females	Size 6 (refer section 21).				Size 5 (refer section 21).	
Ball Size Males	Size 7 (refer section 21).		Size 6 (refer section 21).		Size 5 (refer section 21).	
Individual Player Limit on Points Scored	No limit.				U8 – 10 points. U9 – 14 points. Points scored beyond the above do not count.	
Individual Player Court Time	No limit.				All players to receive fair and reasonable court time.	

1. For Mixed U8 & Boys & Girls U9, additional Time Outs are permitted, but not recommended. Such Time Outs are not permitted in the last 2 minutes of either half.
2. For Mixed U8, a restricted man-to-man defence is played, where players are required to defend the opposition player wearing the same coloured arm band as they are wearing (see full rules on the DBA website).