

Rules for the Professional Basketball Tournament

The Thailand Basketball Super League (TBSL)

In order to have the professional basketball tournament achieved its objectives in accordance with the 4th Strategic Direction concerning the Sports Development for Profession in the 4th National Sports Development Plan, the committee then determines the rules for the professional basketball tournament as follows:

1. The rules shall be called “The Professional Basketball Tournament Committee’s Rules Concerning the Professional Basketball Tournament, The Thailand Basketball League” for the year 2018.
2. The rules shall be effective the next day after it is officially announced.
3. Any rules, regulations, orders, or announcements, which do not comply with the rules shall be replaced by the rules instead.
4. The secretary of the Tournament Committee shall be responsible for the rules.

Section 1 **Definitions**

5. Definitions in the rules:

5.1 **Tournament** – the professional basketball tournament, “The Thailand Basketball League”

5.2. **Committee** – the tournament committee for the professional basketball appointed by the Thai Basketball League Co., Ltd.

5.3 **SAT** – The Sports Authority of Thailand, is the state-enterprise under the supervision of the Ministry of Tourism and Sports of Thailand.

5.4 **Association** – The Basketball Association

5.5 **Team** – Any qualified team which is approved by the tournament committee to participate in the tournament.

5.6 **Host Team** – A team which sets up the tournament in its own area.

5.7 **Visiting Team** – A team which participates in a tournament in other teams’ areas.

5.8 **Player** – The basketball player of the team participating in the basketball tournament in which the player’s qualification is required to be approved by the committee.

5.8.1 **Thai Player** – A basketball player holding the official birth certificate, or passport issued by the Thai government.

5.8.2 **ASEAN Player** – A player holding the ID cards or passport issued by the ASEAN member states.

5.8.3 **Heritage Player** – A player whose father or mother was born in one of the ASEAN countries, and the official document confirming this shall be presented.

5.9 **Team Management** – A person who is appointed, chosen, or selected to be an executive responsible for running all activities of the team in accord with terms, rules, and orders of the committee.

5.10 **Team Manager** – A person who is appointed by the team responsible for conducting all the team's matches. A team manager must be qualified by the committee's requirements.

5.11 **Coach** – A person who is appointed by the team, and possesses qualifications required by the committee.

5.12 **Match-Commissioner** – A person who is appointed by the TBL responsible for conducting each match in a way that meet the committee's terms, rules, and orders. A match commissioner must be qualified by the committee's requirements.

5.13 **Referee Board** – Referees, umpires, and match-commissioners are those who undergone training from the TBL, or qualified for the TBL's requirements, and they are appointed and chosen by the TBL to perform their duties.

5.14 **Season of Tournament** – The period of two tournaments, and there is a break-period between these two.

Section 2 **Team Qualifications**

6. A team shall possess the qualifications as follows:

6.1 It shall be legally registered as a commercial entity, with good governance and without debt burden, or any condition required by the committee.

6.2 It is required to pay 50,000 baht for an application fee, and 50,000 baht for a team-insurance shall be given to the tournament committee (the team shall receive full refund at an end of the tournament on condition that it participates in the tournament, and strictly conforms to the rules required by the committee).

6.3 It shall be a corporate, or club officially invited by the tournament committee.

6.4 It shall be a legal party in a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to participate in the tournament as required by the committee.

6.5 It has well-qualified staffs as required by the committee.

6.6 Its player, no less than 12 but not more than 17 members, is required to have an employment contract with the team. The contract must be given to the committee to keep.

6.7 It is required to show its realistic revenues-earning plan.

6.8 It has its own court to be used as a host team. The court shall meet a standard requirement as follows:

6.8.1 It has enough lights and brightness with no less than 800 lux.

6.8.2 The sound system is well-managed and clear.

6.8.3 There are at least 500 seats.

6.8.4 The safe and efficient ventilation system is installed to make the people inside feel comfortable.

6.8.5 A meeting room equipped with needed facilities for team managers is provided.

6.8.6 Dressing/locker rooms for host and visiting teams are provided.

6.8.7 Separated sanitary men's and women's rooms are provided sufficiently.

6.9 It has court staffs operating various tasks; technical staffs, statistics staffs except a match-commissioner and referee.

6.10 The necessary equipments and facilities are well-provided and usable.

6.10.1 Rooms for players, referees/umpires, first-aid or medical, and meetings are available.

6.10.2 The balls and backboards are well-quality and meet with international standard.

6.10.3 The scoreboards and shot clocks are installed properly.

6.10.4 Tables for technical equipments, statistical officials, field nurses, and players benches.

6.10.5 All needed document forms; names list, scores sheet, scores summary.

6.11 Host team shall be responsible for the tournament expenses.

6.12 Any exemptions from terms and conditions shall be under the committee's considerations.

Section 3

The Team Players and Staffs Qualifications

7. All team players and staffs are required to have qualifications as follows:

7.1 Any nationality is eligible.

7.2 All team players and staffs; team manager, coaches, assistant coaches are required to registered to participate in the tournament on a specified date and time. Failure to perform accordingly, the committee reserves the right to consider and select any team deemed appropriate.

7.3 Team players and staffs are able to register for one single team only.

7.4 Any player who already has contract with a team, and wants to go play for another team prior to the end of contract, permission from the current team management or its authorized person with written consent is required.

7.5 Any player intends to leave a current team shall comply with terms and conditions as follows:

7.5.1 In case of a Thai player intending to move to other team, the player shall not be under contract with the current team so that the player shall be able to sign a new contract with the new team without having a release contract issued by the current team.

7.5.2. In case of a foreign player under contract, moving to a new team shall be possible if the player receives a release contract from the current team. Without it, or the contract ends, the player shall not be playing for a period of one year in any of the TBL's tournament prior to moving to the new team.

7.5.3. In case of any player with the Thai birth certificate, and a mixed-race player holding Thai passport, moving to a new team requires a release contract from the current team. When the contract ends, the player shall not be playing for any other team for a period of one year.

7.5.4 In case of any player's team is accused of performing a breach of contract or any agreement its player, the committee shall have an authority to examine the accusation. As soon as the committee agrees that the player has been given unfair treatment, it therefore reserve the right to consider and render any ruling it deems appropriate to all parties concerned. The committee's ruling shall not be used against it court at any time afterwards.

7.6 Transfer, loan (a particular player being able to temporarily play for a club other than the one he is currently contracted to.), or substitution of team

players or staffs shall be able to do during the first half-seasoned break, and the new registration document shall be submitted to the committee prior to the 2nd half-season at least 3 days. (In case of a Thai loan, the player shall play for the new team till the end of the tournament. The player shall not be able to play for his own team.)

7.6.1 Substitution of a player shall be able to do twice in L1, and only once in L2.

7.7 Any team player and staff who have already registered in each team shall not be punished earlier from the Association or SAT to be refrained or suspended from participation in the tournament programs under the two organizations.

7.8 Any world import, or foreign player in each team shall register no more than 2 players. On a match day, no more than 2 names shall be submitted. Only one player can be in the court.

7.9 The ASEAN or Heritage players:

- The 1st and the 2nd rank teams in the TBL 2016, shall be able to register for no more than 2 names. On the match day, no more than 2 names shall be submitted, and no more than 1 player shall present in court. (In case of the match among the basketball clubs in Thailand.)

- The 3rd to the 8th rank teams in the TBL 2016, shall be able to register for no more than 2 names. On the match day, no more than 2 names shall be submitted, and no more than 2 player shall present in court. (In the case that the player previously played in the TBL tournament, playing in all TBL's tournaments shall be allowed.)

7.10 Any player with the Thai birth certificate shall be a Thai player.

- Any Thai player playing for ASEAN team shall be a player of that country. No more than 4 names shall be submitted, and no more than 2 players shall be present in court.

7.11 Any ASEAN or Heritage player previously played in the TBL or TBSL tournament shall be eligible to play in the 2018 TBSL tournament.

Section 4

Teams' Responsibilities for the Tournament

8. All teams joining the tournament are required to do as follows:

8.1 All teams shall agree to sign a memorandum of agreement, MOA willing to accept terms and conditions to participate in the tournament.

8.2 All teams' basketball courts shall be arranged and prepared for the committee inspection whether they all meet the standard requirements to be used for the tournament. This shall be done prior to the tournament begins, or as requested by the committee.

8.3 All teams shall conform to the committee policy and requirements.

8.4 In case of a team fails to do that, the committee shall take the matter into its consideration to find the proper solution.

8.5 All teams shall provide life insurance and/or accident insurance to all of their team players and officials.

9. The host team's responsibilities are as follows:

9.1 To provide and prepare its basketball court in a suitable condition for each coming tournament, and for a match-commissioner to perform thorough inspection, and for having those visiting teams a practice session there at least once.

9.2 To organize staffs for various tasks needed in the court; field doctor, medical officer, staffs responsible for technical works, statistics, advertisement, scoreboard, ball-collecting, court cleaning, safety, and so on. The host team shall be responsible for all these expenses.

9.3 To provide an efficient distribution system of ticket-fees for all fans or audiences for all matches.

9.4 In case of a basketball court is located outside downtown, or far from community, or it is relocated to other court, the host team shall be responsible for a provision of transportation for match-commissioner, referees, players, the visiting teams staffs, including the expenses incurred from the committee's inspection of the court's conditions which is to meet requirements determined by the committee.

9.5 To host a meeting of both host and visiting teams to make sure that the host team has prepared things as specified by the committee.

9.6 To facilitate in public relations activities, and matters involving benefits as specified by the committee.

10. The responsibilities of the visiting teams are as follows:

10.1 The teams shall be responsible for their transportation expenses.

10.2 To attend a meeting with their team management prior to the tournament as required by the committee.

Section 5

The Tournament Administration

11. The total number of teams participating in the tournament for the year 2561 and their qualifications shall be in accord with the committee's requirements.

11.1 The two teams with the lowest scores shall not be entitled to participate in the 2561 tournament season, except they are selected by the committee to return.

11.2 The teams eligible to be selected to participate in the 2561 tournament shall be in accordance with the committee requirements.

12. The tournament schedule, sponsored-funds, and rewards shall be in accordance with the announcement attached.

13. The tournament rules and regulations, and norms or conventional practices shall be determined by the committee and the TBL.

14. The basketball equipments shall be in accordance with the announcement attached.

15. The Thailand Professional Basketball Association, or the Thai Basketball League Co., Ltd. shall provide match-commissioners and referees to perform all duties regarding the tournament.

16. All of decisions made by the referees in court shall be conclusive and unarguable.

17. The referee shall submit the results of each match to the match-commission, and then the match-commissioner shall report these results and all incidents of each match to the committee.

18. The committee shall have full authority in making decisions concerning the match schedule, team switching, court and time changing, or whatever it may see appropriate. However, the teams affected by the committee's decisions shall be informed in advance.

19. The match-commissioner shall have a full authority in making decisions concerning the cancellation of the match whenever it considers appropriate. The teams affected by the decision shall strictly comply with it.

20. All teams shall be present on the date, time, and place of the match as specified by which they must be present there no less than 60 minutes prior to the match.

21. The tournament schedule shall not be postponed except that it is specified otherwise by the committee.

Section 6 **The Match Operation**

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22.1 The 1st round match shall be the round-robin.

22.2 The 2nd round shall include the 1st-8th rank team with the round-robin. The total scores each team earned from the 1st and the 2nd round shall be

considered by the committee with respect to the supporting funds given to each team.

22.3 In the playoff, the 1st to the 4th shall meet for the two-thirds winner.

23. In case of an increase or decrease in the number of teams, the committee shall have full authority in making the decision.

24. The scoring system shall comply with the rules determined by the Thailand Professional Basketball Association, or TBA.

24.1 Winning teams 2 points

24.2 Losing teams 1 point

24.3 Withdrawn/disqualified 0 points

25. The ranking criteria of all teams in the tournament schedule shall use the total scores each team earns from each match. For the teams with equal total scores, all head-to-head teams' total scores shall be arranged. The TBL ranking criteria shall be used in case of three or more teams each have equal total scores.

26. On the day of the match, each team shall submit its registered player's names for the match; 12 for players, 1 for coach, and not more than 7 for each team's staffs. These names shall be submitted to the match-commissioner within 60 minutes prior to the match so they shall be given to the technical desk officials.

Section 7

Rules of the Match and Punishments

27. All teams shall play on the date, time, and court as officially specified. In the case that there are less than 5 players are present, the team shall be disqualified and thereby losing the match. The match-commissioner shall inform the incident to the committee.

28. Any host team fails to operate the match as specified in the tournament schedule, or any visiting team fails to show up without informing the committee for permission to absent from the match shall be punished as follows:

28.1 Any team or both fails to play as specified by the tournament schedule shall be disqualified according to the Rule No.24, and the winning team shall earn 20 points.

28.2 A fine of no less than 30,000 baht shall be compensated to all parties involved. The amount of money used as a fine shall be drawn from the insurance, sponsorship, or reward funds.

29. Any team or both fails to show up in the court, or play by the time specified by the tournament schedule without a justification, shall be punished according to the Rule No.28.1 and 28.2 or with leniency depends on the committee's consideration.

30. In each match, any team fails to play till an end of the match, or withdraws from the match, or any team player or staff causes any trouble that make the match is unable to continue without a justification as reported by the match-

commissioner, shall be punished according to the Rule No.28.1 and 28.2 or with leniency depends on the committee's consideration.

With respect to the punishment aims at the individual, whether it is a team player or staff, causing or involving the trouble, shall be under the committee considerations.

31. Any team player, staff, fan or audience of any team whatsoever, causing affray or quarrel, assaulting on a referee, match-commissioner, staff and player in the court, shall be punished according to the rules No.28.1 and 28.2 or with possible leniency deemed appropriate by the committee. The committee then shall report the incident and notify the TBL to conduct a full investigation, and determine the punishment measures, and shall have the SAT and all basketball clubs notified.

32. Team Withdrawal

32.1 Any team withdrawn during the tournament, the committee shall report the incident to the Thailand Professional Basketball Association, TBA. The team shall be officially forbidden from any tournament sponsored by the association for 2 years. In addition, team's insurance deposit, sponsorship funds, and rewards shall be forfeited.

33. Any team fails to submit the names list consistent with those registered names, or intentionally provide an unqualified player for the match, shall be punished according to the Rule No.30.

With respect to the punishment aims at the individual, whether it is a team player or staff, intentionally committed any wrongdoing, shall be under the committee's consideration.

34. Failure of having a team representative attending the meeting prior to the match shall be fined 2,000 baht a time of its absence. In the case of its player or staff behaves disorderly and untidily, or negligence of showing ID card properly, the team shall be fined for 2,000 baht a time. The fine shall be deducted from the team's insurance deposit or supporting funds.

Section 8 **Protest Procedure**

35. Protests relating to the technical issues shall be conducted politely while the match pauses. In case that the protest is to be continued, it shall be conducted before a referee signs a scoresheet.

36. Protests relating to the player eligibility shall be conducted in writing prior to the LEG 1 (within the 4th of May, 2561) along with the protest deposit fund for 5,000 baht. In case that the protest is valid, the committee shall return the fund to the protester. On the contrary, the protest is groundless, the sub-committee shall have the fund forfeited, and turn it to the committee.

37. The sub-committee responsible for considering protests in each court shall be consisted as follows:

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| 40.1 Secretary of the tournament committee | - chairman |
| 40.2 Head of Technical | - vice chairman |
| 40.3 Match-Commissioner | - member |
| 40.4 Legal Counsel, or Registrar | - secretary |

38. Having received the written protest, the subcommittee shall notify the team or party involved. The subcommittee shall then consider the matter promptly. Its ruling or punishment measure shall be conclusive and unarguable.

39. Any protest regarding a player qualification shall be done at least 7 days prior to a tournament.

Section 9 **Privileges and Benefits**

40. The basketball clothes suit for all team players and staffs shall be consisted of jersey, shorts, socks, shoes, headband, cap and warm-up suit. The size of trademarks appear on them shall not be bigger than 10 cm.

41. The team looking for an individual or organization interested to be its sponsor shall be able to have an advertising tag of that individual or organization on its team players and staffs' clothes under the requirements as follows:

41.1 The ad tag at the front of the team jersey shall not be bigger than 240 mm.

41.2 The ad tag on the end of the sleeves shall not be bigger than 60 mm.

41.3 The number at the back of the team jersey shall not be higher than 200 mm. and the size of the player's name above it shall not be higher than 80 mm.

41.4 The ad tag on the shorts, front or back side, shall not be higher than 150 mm.

41.5 The ad tag on both sides of the shoes shall not be bigger than 20 mm.

41.6 The ad tag on both sides of the socks shall not be bigger than 25 mm.

41.7 The ad tag on a front-side of the headband shall not be bigger than 90 mm.

42. The team shall be able to look for a sponsor specializes in advertising media to its team sponsors. The advertising media production shall include various types of medias; ads billboards, audio and visual medias, booth for the display and sale of products in the court and surrounding area.

The committee shall have full authority in the operation and production of media advertisement in all designated areas of the court. The proportion of the media advertisement shared between the central and the host team areas shall be informed in advance.

43. All teams participating in the tournament shall be able to use the tournament logo or their clubs' logo for the purpose of promoting the tournament.

The committee shall have full authority and ownership in the tournament logo. The use of it for any purpose by any team participating in the tournament shall be permitted by the committee.

44. Any promotional activities shall be conducted in the court as follows:

44.1 During the quarter-break which shall not longer than 2 minutes.

44.2 During the half-time break which shall be 10-15 minutes.

Section 10 **Other Actions**

45. Any team intending to participate in the Thailand Basketball Super League, TBSL for the year 2018 shall do as follows:

45.1 Application form along with the team's players and staffs' photos shall be submitted no later than January 10, 2018.

45.2 All participating teams shall be willing to pay 20,000 baht in cash for an application fee, 50,000 baht for a team's insurance deposit. In addition, all teams shall also unconditionally accept to terms and conditions determined by the committee as a part of contract or agreement between the teams and the committee.

48. In case of an unprecedented event, situation, conflict or any matter unspecified in this document, the committee's ruling or conclusion regarding it shall be conclusive and unarguable. In addition, it shall not be used against the committee in court.

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