



2026-2027

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

VISION

The National Junior Circuit (NJC) is an all-inclusive circuit designed to provide opportunities for elite level junior boys to compete against the best from across the country. At the National Junior Circuit, our goal is to provide a competitive and inclusive environment for young athletes to showcase their skills and represent their schools or clubs on a national stage. The National Junior Circuit hosts (5) weekend sessions and (1) Championship event, attracting the top programs, including National representation. We bring together the country, providing student athletes an opportunity to build long-lasting experiences and memories, while learning about Canada.

FORMAT

The NJC will include some of the best high school, Prep and Rep programs from across Canada. The circuit is a weekend session-based circuit to enable teams to participate during their regular high school season. Registered teams can attend a single session or all 5 sessions.

- Teams must play in a minimum of 12 games to qualify for the Championship Tournament
- All sessions must be paid in full prior to participating in any/all sessions
- Teams guaranteed 3 games per session and 3 for the National Championship event
- Games will be full FIBA 4 x 10-minute quarters

CODE OF ETHICS

It is the duty of all participants in the National Junior Circuit:

- To emphasize the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
- To respect all athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and host venues both on and off the court.
- To represent your school with pride and hold high the standards for which it stands.
- Recognize the power inherent in the position of coach/administrator and respect and promote the rights of all participants in sport. Coaches have a special responsibility to respect and promote the rights of participants who are in a vulnerable or dependent position and less able to protect their own rights.
- Properly represent oneself and not attempt to enter a competition for which one is not eligible, by reason of age, classification, or other reason.
- To respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
- Dress professionally, neatly and inoffensively while representing your school at all NJC events
- Act in a sportsmanlike manner and not display appearances of violence, foul language, or gestures to other players, officials, coaches, or spectators.
- To recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, mental, moral, social and emotional well-being of the individual players.
- Act in accordance with the NJC policies and procedures and, when applicable, additional rules as outlined by officials, or host venues.

NATIONAL JUNIOR CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board is comprised of:

Tony House – Founder

Drew Ebanks – Board Member

Curt McLean – Commissioner

The Executive Board is the governing body of the National Junior Circuit. The Board is responsible for the administration and supervision of the league. Board members will be reviewed annually after the National Championship event.

GAMEPLAY

The NJC follows full FIBA (International Basketball Federation) rules for all games.

For a full overview of rules please visit: [Basic Rules - FIBA.basketball](https://www.fiba.basketball)

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for competition in the National Junior Circuit:

- Players must have valid identification and be born in the year **2011** or later. Students may only play for **one** NJC team and must play in at least **SIX** circuit games to be eligible for the National Championship event. There will be **NO exceptions** or allowances for overage players. National Junior Circuit reserves the right to request proof of age from player at any time, if deemed necessary.
- A player may be able to transfer to another NJC program, but official transfer must happen prior to January 1, 2027. A player can only transfer once during our calendar season and be in good standing with the former team. If a player transfers after January 1st a team can file for a special exemption to the Board for possible approval. This same player will need to compete in (1) full weekend session to be eligible for Championship. No transfer player will be able to participate until Board approval.
- The NJC will allow a grade 8 or underaged player to compete in the NJC if they are registered in your program or at same school, these same players would also be eligible for the NJC Championship event if they played in (1) preliminary circuit weekend.

The NJC will be accepting Rep/Club teams as in previous years, it will be a mixed schedule of Prep/Rep with one National Championship.

APPEALS

All appeals must be presented to the Commissioner in writing and be accompanied by a cheque/money transfer of \$100.00 made payable to the National Junior Circuit. The Commissioner will decide on all routine protests and appeals. The Commissioner will present serious protests/appeals to the Executive Board for vote. If for any reason the school which is filing a protest/appeal is a voting member of the board, they will abstain from voting. All parties agree that the decision of the Commissioner and Executives is final and binding. No further appeals process is available. In the event of a successful protest/appeal, the \$100.00 deposit will be refunded to the school who filed it. Unsuccessful protests/appeals will forfeit their deposit.

The following items are grounds for reasonable protest/appeal:

- Protest of alleged misinterpretation of a rule by the officials in charge, provided the misinterpretation had a direct effect upon the outcome of the contest.
- Protest of opposing team player eligibility
- Protest of violation of NJC rules, by-laws, or constitution by opposing team
- Protest of an ejection which occurred during a game (player or coach)

EJECTIONS/PENALTIES

All game/gym ejections (player or coach) will be reviewed by the Commissioner. Players/coaches who are ejected from a game will be required to sit out their next scheduled game. Gross misconduct (ex: fighting) may require further suspension pending Commissioner review. Protest/appeals of any ejections are subject to the process laid out in the previous section.

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