

# NBL DIVISION 3 CHANGES

## NEW CONFERENCE LEAGUE MEN



From 2024/25 onwards, a new conference league of forty teams will underpin NBL Division Three.

D3 will be limited to forty teams from 2024/25 onwards, with all D3 teams competing in 2023/24 for a spot in the 2024/25 structure.

The top 36 teams in D3 this coming season (not including teams who achieve promotion to D2) will be joined by four relegated D2 teams to make up 2024/25's D3 field.

Now the 2023/24 regular season is completed, teams will be ranked across the various pools in the same way teams are ranked for playoff purposes, first by win percentage and then by points difference.

The new conference leagues will create a more suitable introduction to NBL basketball than the current D3 tier, with promotion and relegation still taking place between D3 and the conference leagues via promotion playoffs.

All new senior teams will need to start at this level from 2024/25 season onwards, and ensure they complete a New Team Entry pack.

All teams were made aware at the point of league entry for the 2023/24 season and during the season that this change is something current D3 teams should be aware of.

### **KEY RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

14.2.3 Conference League Men must win their promotional playoffs and may make a league entry to join Division Three Men

14.3.3 that finishes in the bottom two places of Division Three Men or does not meet the

National Basketball League Recommended Standards will compete against the top two places of the Conference League Men to determine promotion and relegation between the two leagues.

14.4.2 finishes in first or second place in Division Two or Division Three Men in two successive seasons or wins their promotion games in Conference League Men and fails to apply for promotion.

18.6.2 Clubs in the Division Three Men, Conference League Men, Division One and Two Women may licence a maximum of three Non-Nationals Type 1 Players (please see appendix 10 for breakdown) and there is no limit on the number of Non-Nationals Type 2 players listed in appendix 10.

40.2 For all Division One Men and Women, Division Two Men and Women and Division Three Men league fixtures, National Cup and Playoff competitions, all referees will be appointed by Basketball England for each Match.

For Conference League Men, referees will be appointed by the home team. Where a Conference League Men team is hosting a National Cup game or promotional playoff fixtures, all referees will be appointed by Basketball England for each Match.

40.4 For age group competitions and Conference League Men the following shall apply:

40.4.1 For all Jnr. NBL and Conference League Men's games the Crew Chief (and on occasions, the Umpire) may be appointed by Basketball England for each Match. When an official is not appointed by Basketball England, the Home Club is responsible for the appointment of licensed, qualified neutral official(s) who must have no connection with the Home Club (the only exception to this is in line with Regulation 40.4.4). For those who use a third party regional/local Officials coordinator to appoint home club officials, they must ensure they meet the criteria outlined above, with ultimate responsibility still with the Home team for officials to meet this regulation

40.4.4.

<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>N.O. REFEREES (LEVEL 2)</b>	<b>N.O. REFEREES (LEVEL 1)</b>
Mens Conference League	2	0
Under18 Premier & Conference	2	0
U16 Premier & Conference		
U14 Premier		
Under 16 Regional Under 14 Conference & Regional U12 Leagues	1	1

41.2 The minimum number of Table Officials, at each level, that should be appointed to each League and/or Playoff Match should be as follows, this includes 24 second operators:

<b>LEAGUE</b>	<b>N.O. TABLE OFFICIALS (LEVEL 3-5)</b>	<b>N.O. TABLE OFFICIALS (LEVEL 2)</b>	<b>N.O. TABLE OFFICIALS (LEVEL 1)</b>
Division One Men	3	0	0
Division Two Men	2	1	0
Division Three Men	1	2	0
Conference League Men	1	2	0
Division One Women	2	1	0
Division Two Women	1	2	0
Under 18/16 Premier	1	1	1
Under18/16	0	1	1
Conference/Regional Under 14 Leagues	0	1	1
Under 12 Leagues	0	0	2

### **OTHER KEY INFORMATION**

- All officials, including referees and table officials, must be appointed by the home club in the league, except for National Cup and promotional playoff fixtures.
- Each team gains two 'Wilson Evo Nxt' match balls, size 7 only.

## STANDARDS

### NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE FACILITY STANDARDS

		D1/2 Men	D3 Men/Conference League Men	D1 Women	D2 Women	U18/16 Premier League	U18/16 Conference/Regional League	U14 Premier League	U14 Conference/Regional League	U12 Mixed/Girls League
<b>PLAYING COURT WITH A MINIMUM RUN-OFF OF 2M FROM THE COURT EDGE TO ANY OBSTRUCTION (INC. TEAM BENCHES, SEATING ETC) FOR SENIOR COMPETITIONS AND 1M RUN OFF FOR JUNIOR COMPETITIONS</b>	28 x 15m	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	26 x 14m		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>BASKETBALL GOALS 3.05M FROM FLOOR</b>	Pressure release rings with 70KG flex break with adequate back support frame.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
<b>BACKBOARDS - 1.8M X 1.05M (MINIMUM THICKNESS 19MM), AND 1.2M FROM END LINE. OLDER BACKBOARDS SIZED 1.8M X 1.2M MUST BE PADDED</b>	2 backboards made from transparent material	✓								
	2 backboards made from transparent or wood material		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Backboard sides and lower edge must be padded.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
<b>FLOORING</b>	Timber or synthetic floor meeting standard European Standard EN 14904:2005. Timber Area Elastic A4 floor preferred	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>SPECTATOR PROVISION</b>	250 seated spectators.	✓								
	100 seated spectators.		✓	✓						
	50 seated spectators as required.				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

<b>CHANGING ROOMS</b>	Two separate 17 person changing rooms with access to shower and toilet facilities for use by home and away teams.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Two separate 3 person changing rooms with access to shower and toilet facilities for match officials (male & female).	✓	✓	✓	✓					
<b>HEATING/LIGHTING</b>	Recommended temperature comfort for participants and spectators 16°C.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	A minimum of 500 Lux lights For televised games a minimum of 1400 Lux is required	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>SCOREBOARD</b>	Electronic scoreboard with digital countdown to show score, time, team fouls and time-outs mandatory. Players names and fouls desirable.	✓	✓	✓						
	Running score and electronic / digital game time to be shown				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	24 seconds device that must reset to 14 seconds.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				