

BAYSIDE BLAZERS - 2014 Champions



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ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANISATION

The Executive Members shall consist of:

- The Directors: - Hon. Julian Fraser RA, Third District Representative,
- Bishop John I. Cline, Founder; Save the Seed Energy Centre,
- The League Committee
- The Chairman of the League
- The League Commissioner
- The League Assistant Commissioner
- Any other person(s) designated by the Directors or the Chairman of the Committee in consultation with the Directors.
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Legal Advisor
- Operations/Facilities Manager
- Assistant to the Operations Manager

The Executive Members shall make up the Administrative Organisation for the **Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League**. All main Committee members of this League shall be appointed by the Directors.

The Committee in consultation with Directors may form sub committees as the need requires, which could include player representatives.

The Administrative Organisation reserves the right to alter rules, by-laws and structure of the League as needed.

FEES

Entry Fees: The registration/entry fee per team is **US\$200**. This fee is non-refundable and payable before commencement of the League. Teams who do not pay this fee in full shall not be allowed to play in the League. Fees are subject to change annually.

Final Appeal Fees: A final appeal fee of **\$50.00** must accompany the final appeal application. See '*Appeals and Protests Procedures*' on page 6.

Other Fees: Each team should have a minimum of 5 players in the line-up at the opening ceremony each year. If players do not show, the team will be required to pay a **\$100.00** fine before they can play in the League.

TEAM ROSTERS

- i. Team rosters and registration documents must be filed with the **Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League** before any player is permitted to participate in any games or other League activities, according to the deadline selected by the Committee.
- ii. Any additional documents or information requested by the League Committee must be submitted by the team within 48 hours of the request or the team and/or player(s) shall be considered ineligible to participate in the League.
- iii. Team roster is limited to **a maximum of 12** players per team. The team has the option to change players up to **two weeks** after the League begins. The roster will become official and frozen after **the two weeks period** and any team violating this section is subject to suspension.
- iv. If the team loses players due to death or medical emergency during the **regular** season, a team may replace those players to keep their roster at twelve (12) with the permission of the League Committee. However, a medical certificate from a Medical Doctor in the Virgin Islands must be provided. **No replacement of players will be made during the playoff season.**
- v. A team that forfeits more than three games will automatically be disqualified from the **Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League** for that season. However, after the first forfeit a \$50 fine will be imposed and an additional \$50 fine after the second forfeit.
- vi. The team coaches, managers and owners are entirely responsible to ensure that their players fully understand the League rules and by-laws.

- vii. No player can sign two team rosters once the roster is submitted to the League Committee. It would automatically disqualify the player from the League unless he or she can prove it was done without the player's knowledge.

TEAM ORGANISATION

1. Teams will be organised in the following Age Divisions:
 - i. 9 - 13 Junior Division; and,
 - ii. 14 – 50 Senior Division.

2. Teams shall consist of the following:
 - i. A 12-player team consisting of males and/or females.
 - ii. A Head Coach
 - iii. At least one Assistant Coach
 - iv. A Statistician and/or a Scorekeeper
 - v. Trainer
 - vi. We encourage teams to have managers, owners and sponsors to improve the teams and the sports.

3. It is mandatory that all players play on their senior team for a minimum of two (2) years. Teams are, however, allowed to change up to four (4) players in each roster year.

4. A Draft System will allow any player within the British Virgin Islands an opportunity to play in the **Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League**. Only one (1) draft player can play on a team. See 'Games Rules and Logistics' for more information on the Draft System.

5. Participating owners, managers, players, coaches or trainers cannot referee in their division.

6. Teams shall respect and accept the decisions of the game officials in an attitude of good sportsmanship. See '*Appeals and Protests Procedures*' page 6 - 7 if you have a concern.

7. Coaches, Referees, Players and Managers: All coaching personnel shall be of unquestionable character and have a profound interest in and knowledge of youth and the game of basketball. A person who is currently under disciplinary action by any youth organisation during the last season in which he/she coached, or fails to disclose previous disciplinary action at the time of registration shall be disqualified from

participating in the **Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League** in any capacity until approval is granted by the League Committee.

8. A coach or manager shall use discretion in permitting an injured player to re-enter a game. If in doubt, do not allow the player to participate in the game.

TEAM UNIFORMS

Either the top or bottom uniforms will be provided by the **Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League** upon receipt of registration fees. Teams will not receive uniforms unless registration fees are paid in full before the commencement of the League. Therefore, without uniforms, a team cannot play in the League.

Teams must adhere to the following uniform guidelines:

- i. Teams **MUST** wear uniforms during their games. Each member of individual teams must wear matching bottoms consisting of a dominant solid colour of individual team's choice. Bottom must not contain pockets.
- ii. Appropriate basketball shoes must be worn during games.
- iii. All jewellery (necklaces, watches, etc.) must be removed before the game.
- iv. Undershirts, if worn, should be white or black.
- v. All uniform tops must be placed in pants while **participating** in a game.
- vi. Teams are allowed to warm up in their sponsor/contributor shirts or to wear any appropriate sporting attire of choice when sitting on the beach, however once the game starts each team or player participating in a game must be in the uniforms given to them by the League.

CONDUCT

Teams shall abide by the rules and by-laws of the League and will behave in a manner that brings credit to his or her team and shows respect for the game.

Team owners, managers and coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their players, including:

- i. **Fighting:** Fighting, on any level, will not be tolerated. Any member or team personnel who participate in a fight shall be immediately ejected from the game and removed from the compound. Such player(s) will be subject to disciplinary action by the committee and may be suspended for a duration to be determined by the Administrative Organisation for the League.
- ii. **Use of Profanity:** All participants, managers, owners, coaches, and spectators shall refrain from using profanity or verbal abuse towards other players, coaches, managers, fellow spectators, referees and League officials.
- iii. **Use of Alcohol or Drugs:** No alcoholic beverages or drugs are allowed on the premises. Managers, owners, coaches or player(s) engaged in the use of alcohol or drugs on the premises of the Save the Seed Energy Centre or on the Church compound will receive a written warning and is subject to disqualification from the League if further violation occurs. **Smoking is not permitted on the premises.**
- iv. **Lost or Stolen items:** The Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League Administrative Organisation and/or officials of the Save the Seed Energy Centre are not responsible for any personal items that are left behind, lost or stolen.
- v. **Lack of Sportsmanship:** Any team, coach, player, or other member of the League participating in any capacity and found to have committed any type of unsportsmanlike act may be placed on probation, suspended, or expelled for a period of time as determined by the Administrative Organisation.

APPEALS AND PROTESTS PROCEDURES

The League Committee has the authority and responsibility to resolve disputes. Opposing parties are expected to view the issues from a neutral perspective. All adult administrators are responsible for the welfare of ALL of the participants and the integrity of the League.

All official protests must meet the following guidelines:

- i. All protests must be communicated immediately to the Official Score Table.
- ii. A formal, written protest must also be submitted to the League Committee immediately after the game. The Committee will consider all protests as soon as it is possible, depending on the particular situation. A **Protest Form** is available upon request from the League Committee.
- iii. Protests pertaining to an official's judgement (Referee) call will not be considered.

- iv. If any Team owner, manager, captain or player does not agree with a decision made by the Committee then the final appeal process is with the Founders of the League; Directors-Hon. Julian Fraser RA, Representative for the Third District and Founder of the Save the Seed Energy Centre, Bishop John I. Cline.
- v. The final appeal must be placed in writing within 24 hours after the Committee makes a decision and a fee of \$50.00 must accompany the final appeal application.

GAME RULES AND LOGISTICS

- 1. All games shall be played in accordance with the current FIBA Official Rules with the following League additions, deletions, and changes. **The Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League** is permitted to make **By-Laws** along with **FIBA** Rules.
- 2. The Administrative Organisation of the League shall not overrule the decisions of the referee during a game. However, team owners, coaches or managers have the right to protests under the '*Appeals and Protests Procedures*' on page 6 - 7.
- 3. The team owners, managers, coaches are entirely responsible to ensure that their players fully understand the League rules and regulations.
- 4. **Managers, Coaches, Captains or players ejected from a game shall be ineligible to participate in the next game until permission is granted from the League Committee.**
- 5. The League Committee will provide game balls and the following personnel, where practicable:
 - i. Statistician
 - ii. Timekeeper
 - iii. Head Scorer and other scorers
 - iv. 24-second clock Operators

6. GAME COMPONENTS:

All games will comprise of:

- i. 4 ten-minute quarters.
- ii. Two-minute break between quarters.
- iii. Ten-minute break at halftime.

7. **DRAFT SYSTEM:**

Effective 2014, a **Draft System** will be implemented to allow any player within the British Virgin Islands an opportunity to play in the Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League.

A **raffle pick** will determine what teams get which number picked in draft. Only draft players can be traded. However, trading of players is up to the League.

The Draft System will follow the following procedure:

- i. Teams picked in Draft System **MUST** display commitment to team.
- ii. Teams with lowest record/score get numbers 1, 2 & 3 in order to have first preference to pick in Draft System to display fairness.
- iii. Participating in the Draft System is not compulsory, however, it is highly recommended so that each team is allowed a fair and equal opportunity in the League.
- iv. Elite players for Draft System should be well disciplined.
- v. No managers, coach or player(s) that have been previously suspended from the League will be allowed to participate in the Draft System until after the duration of their suspension.
- vi. Each team has the right to Not participate in the Draft

8. **DIVISIONS:**

Junior Division (Ages 9 to 13) - Specific Rules Governing the Division

- i. NO ZONE DEFENCE.
- ii. Team leading by ten (10) or more points plays defence from inside opponent's 3-point line.
- iii. Clock stops on free throws and time outs.
- iv. Six (6) minute quarters.
- v. Players **MUST** play in uniform.
- vi. Eight (8) players **MUST** be present by half time to avoid forfeiture.
- vii. NO PLAYER is allowed to play 3 straight quarters.

Senior Division (Ages 14 to 50) - Specific Rules Governing the Division

- i. 24-second shot clock.
- ii. Jumping of ball by two opposing players (NO alternating possession).
- iii. After two (2) Technicals, a player is ejected from the game and sits out the next game once approved by the Committee.

9. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR SENIOR DIVISION

- i. Any player who has previously played in the Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League **is automatically qualified**.
- ii. Any player who has **not** made the playoff in the annual Federation League in Road Town/Virgin Gorda **is qualified except drafted players**.
- iii. Any player, **age 23 and under** or **age 40 and over**, whether for the playoff or championship, **is qualified**.

LEAGUE GAME SCHEDULES

- i. Each team shall be provided with a complete official schedule of the League games no later than 5 days prior to the first League game.
- ii. All teams must honour the entire schedule. In the event that a schedule is not honoured, the League Committee reserves the right to determine the standing of the team.
- iii. Schedule changes requested by any team must be submitted to the League Committee three (3) days prior to the game and shall require the approval of the Committee.

GENERAL GAME TIME RULES:

- i. **Facilities:** All the games are scheduled to be played at the Save the Seed Energy Centre in Duffs Bottom and any other facility named by the Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League.
- ii. **Transportation:** All teams are responsible for their own transportation to and from each game site.
- iii. **Bench Decorum:** Only eligible players plus a maximum of four (4) officials may be on the team's bench.
- iv. **Penalty:** If the team fails to comply, the violator(s) will be ejected from the League for a specified period of time once agreed by the Committee.
- v. **Statisticians/Scorekeepers Decorum:** Statisticians and/or scorekeepers must sit at the official score tables and are not permitted to cheer for teams, or intervene in decisions outside their remit.
- vi. **Tardiness:** Games will begin no later than 15 minutes following the posted time. If a team (all players) are not in place after a **15 minute grace period** the game will be forfeited. Managers, Coaches, Captains are responsible for getting their players to the proper courts on time for each game.
- vii. **Approaching the Scorer's table:** Only the **Coach/Assistant Coach** of a team is allowed to communicate to the Scorer's table during their game.

AWARDS

The Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League **Champions** will be awarded individual and/or trophies/plaques, or rings from the League. Other awards may be given at the discretion of the Committee.

GENERAL PARTICIPATION

The Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League encourages social activities to build and aide the League or teams in a constructive way.

EFFECTS OF THE RULES AND BY-LAWS

The main objective of **The Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League** is to promote the game of basketball through sportsmanship, fair play and quality competition. These rules are intended to support this objective as well as provide a structured framework and the guiding principles for the League.

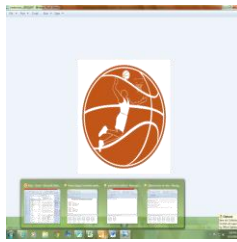
Team owners, managers and coaches reserve the right to question the structure, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these rules and by-laws. Appeals (i.e. discrepancies, questions and/or concerns) should be directed to the Administrative Organisation in writing, for consideration and discussion.

The Administrative Organisation reserves the right to deny a petition or alter the rules and structure of the League as needed.

DISCLAIMER/INDEMNIFICATION

Anyone (owners, managers, coaches, referees, players, or fans) agreeing to participate in or attend the games put on by **The Hon. Julian Fraser Save the Seed Basketball League**; means that the League Committee, Save the Seed Energy Centre and the Directors will not be held liable in anyway and will be therefore barred from any legal actions, costs associated with any injury or death while participating in or attending the games, or from lost or stolen property or Acts of God/nature.

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