

**S H A B A 2009**  
Sacred Heart Alumni Basketball Association  
Cebu City

**THE OFFICIAL BASKETBALL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**RULE I : ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS**

1. Players must have studied at Sacred Heart School for at least two years in high school.
2. Mixed teams are allowed to have a maximum of only two active commercial or collegiate players in their line-up. The two players shall not be allowed to play at the same time in any particular phase of the game.  
  
\*Commercial or Collegiate players are considered inactive when they have not played in any commercial or collegiate leagues in the immediate past three years or more.
3. **Mixed teams are to be composed of no more than three batches.**
4. Batch teams which have more than two active commercial or collegiate players are not covered by the above rule no.1 provided these particular players have actually graduated from Sacred Heart School.
5. Players who fail to play in three games during the elimination round shall no longer be eligible to play in the succeeding rounds of the tournament. Absences or failures to play may only be excused in the following instances:
  - a- Due to sickness or injury when physical presence is not possible. A medical certificate must be submitted to the Commissioner on the day of, but before playing in, the next game.
  - b- When present during the game, whether in uniform or not, the Table must be informed before the start of the game and shall be duly noted down in the official Score Sheet and signed by the player concerned witnessed by the Table Official.

**RULE II: SUBMISSION OF LINE-UPS**

1. The teams should have submitted to the Commissioner their complete official line-up at least two weeks prior to the start of the SHABA tournament.
2. Failure to submit the complete and official line-up within the deadline set shall disqualify the team/s concerned from participating in the tournament.  
  
**A team shall be required a minimum of eight players and a maximum of fifteen players to participate in the tournament. Failure to comply shall mean disqualification from the tournament.**
3. Replacement of players shall no longer be allowed after the deadline of submission of the teams' complete and official line-up.
4. Exceptions shall be at the full discretion of the Commissioner after notifying the chairman of the SHABA Board.

**RULE III: CONDUCT OF PLAYERS, COACHES AND TEAM OFFICIALS**

(Sanctions for Infractions, etc)

1. A player who has been banished from the court by the referee for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be suspended from playing in the next following game of his team. The "next following game" means a game actually played by his team. A repetition of the same offense shall cause him to be banned from further participating throughout the rest of the tournament. Fines will also be imposed as follows:  
**First Offense : P 1,000.00 + 1 Game Suspension**  
**Second Offense : P 2,000.00 + Season Disqualification**
2. Any player under a One-Game Suspension must be on the bench during the entire "next following" game, must be in proper uniform and must join the team's warm-up. Any suspended player who fails to join the team is deemed not to have served his suspension yet.
3. A coach or team official who tries to intimidate, threaten or by his act causes bodily harm (**i.e. punch, kick**) to any player, spectator or team or game official before, during and after a game and by reason of and/or in connection therewith, shall be banned from further participating in any

SHABA tournament for two seasons.

**Fine : P 3,000.00 + Disqualification (2 Seasons)**

4. Any player, coach, or team official who, by his acts, words or conduct, starts, incites or causes to start a fight or a free-for-all during or immediately after the game, shall cause the suspension of the team from further participation in the tournament.

**Fine : P 3,000.00 + Season Disqualification (Team)**

5. Team officials, crew or players shouting or showing disrespect to the referees, to the Commissioner as well as to other persons of authority shall be penalized.

The SHABA Commissioner and the referees have the right to give one (1) warning to an unruly team or player showing disrespect to the officials. A technical foul is given after the first warning. If player still does not stop, another technical foul is given and an automatic ejection is effected. A player shall then be considered suspended for the next game and a 1000 PHP fine assessed. That player **SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY** until after he has served his suspension and his personal **1000 PHP** fine has been paid. If he insists on playing, the team automatically forfeits the game. On second offense, fine shall be **2000 PHP** and a one **Season Disqualification** which shall start immediately upon the Referee's call.

**First Offense : P 1,000.00 + 1 Game Suspension**

**Second Offense : P 2,000.00 + Season Disqualification**

6. Any act of disrespect **BEFORE, DURING** or **AFTER** the game by a player or by any team member or official can result to the disqualification of the erring party from further participating in the ongoing tournament, or a heavier penalty shall be imposed depending on the SHABA Commissioner's decision after consultation with the Board of Directors.

7. If a team walks out of the game for whatever reason, the court officials shall immediately inform the team to return and continue the game within five minutes. If after the five-minute grace period the team still has not returned to the court, the referees shall forfeit the team. The team shall thereafter be banned from participating further in the tournament.

**Fine : P 3,000.00 + Season Disqualification**

8. Any coach or team official who causes his team to walk out, or fails to stop his players from walking out during any game of any of the SHABA tournaments, shall immediately be suspended and shall be banned from coaching or from sitting on the bench of his team during the entire duration of the tournament. The same penalty shall be imposed upon a coach who refuses to field his team or his players within the grace period of five minutes.

**Fine : P 3,000.00 + Season Disqualification**

9. Only the coach is allowed to stand during the game. He must strictly confine himself within the area designated for coaches. Otherwise, the court officials must call a technical foul against the abusive coach, and appropriate penalties must be imposed on him.

10. Only the coach, or the assistant coach, may officially represent the team in communicating with the table officials during the game. He may do so whenever the clock is stopped, the ball is dead and when necessary to seek information concerning the score, time, scoreboard, and number of timeouts remaining or number of fouls. Contact with the table officials must be in a calm and courteous manner at all times. He must not interfere with the normal progress of the game.

A Technical Foul may be called by the officiating Referee against any team violating this rule.

11. A coach must, at all times, be the athletic and spiritual leader of his team, and must at all times, conduct himself in a manner befitting a good and true leader of his team.

Coaches and players must not shout invectives or unsavory words or remarks against opponent teams or against any official of the game; otherwise, corresponding sanctions at the discretion of the officiating Referees and the Commissioner shall be duly imposed against violators.

**First Offense : P 1,000.00 + 1 Game Suspension**

**Second Offense: P 3,000.00 + Season Disqualification**

12. No coach or team official shall be allowed to officiate either as court or table official in any game. Furthermore, no coach shall be allowed to coach more than one team within the duration of the tournament.

13. Any player who fails to wear the prescribed uniform of his team shall not be allowed to play. Decimals or fractions are strictly prohibited from being used as jersey number. Any basketball playing outfit that does not conform to one's team uniform is considered to be an "invalid uniform." The player's family name should be printed on the back portion of the jersey.

A player wearing an invalid uniform may only be allowed to play if approved by the opposing team and a fine be paid by the team for each player playing wearing an invalid uniform before the

start of the game. No consideration for invalid uniforms shall then be entertained when the game has started.

**Fine : P 1,000.00 per player**

14.

Players and substitutes must not remove their uniforms during the entire duration of the game. Violators shall be fined and shall not be allowed to play in their next following game if the fine had not been paid yet before the game has started.

**Fine : P 500.00 per player**

15.

Coaches should wear proper attire (t-shirt with collar, long pants and shoes) at all times during the games. Sleeveless shirts, short pants, slippers or sandals are to be considered as improper attire. Any coach not in proper attire shall not be allowed to take part in the games.

16.

Wearing of necklace, bracelet, earrings or any ornament that may cause injury to other players is not allowed. Any player who willfully violates this rule shall not be allowed to play.

17.

Any player, coach or team official reeking with liquor or wine odor shall not be allowed to sit on the team bench. A repetition of this same offense shall ban him from further participation in the tournament.

**First Offense: P 1,000.00**

**Second Offense: P 2,000.00 + Season Disqualification**

18.

No player, coach or team official is allowed to smoke at the team bench area during the duration of the game. **Any player, coach or team official who smokes during the duration of the basketball game shall be fined.**

**First Offense: P 500.00**

**Second Offense: P 1,000.00 + one game suspension**

19.

A coach, who is ejected from the playing venue by the game officials, or after having incurred two technical fouls, shall be suspended from coaching in their next scheduled game. While serving his suspension, the said coach shall not be allowed to stay within the confines of the playing venue.

**Fine: P 1,000.00 + 1 Game Suspension**

20.

Any team caught fielding an unqualified player will be slapped with forfeiture in all the games the said player played and shall be penalized as follows:

**Fine: P 1,000.00 for every game played by the disqualified player**

21.

**Any team member (player, coach, or team official) serving a season disqualification shall not be allowed anywhere within the playing venue.**

#### **RULE IV: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

1. All players present must be fielded in the game, regardless of time duration for each player; otherwise, the team forfeits the game.

**Fine : P 1,000.00 + Forfeiture**

2. All scheduled games played in the SHABA tournament shall be considered official.

3. Waived games are strictly prohibited. Any team which waives any game or fails to come up with five players at the start of the game shall forfeit the game with the score of 20 - 0. A repetition of a similar offense shall automatically disqualify the team from playing further in the tournament.

**First Offense: P 3,000.00**

**Second Offense: P 3,000.00 + Season Disqualification**

4. No request for postponement shall be allowed during the duration of the tournament.

5. Each playing team shall be allowed fifteen minutes grace period after the scheduled game time to have its first players on the court. Should a team fail to do so within such grace period, the referee shall declare the game forfeited in favor of the opposing team, which is present, fully dressed up and ready to play, with the score of 20 - 0. Where both teams involved are not ready to play within the prescribed period, both teams shall be considered to have forfeited the game with the score of 0 - 0.

6. The Commissioner shall do the selection and appointment of referees to officiate in the games. Any team who refuses to play over a disagreement with the Commissioner on the choice of referees shall be considered to have forfeited its game after a grace period of five minutes. In choosing the referees, the Commissioner shall, as much as practicable, provide for a drawing of

lots among only those qualified referees and umpires who are present. The drawing of lots shall be done within a reasonable time before the start of the game in the presence of the coaches concerned.

7. No play-off games shall be scheduled to break ties.
  1. In case of a simple tie, the team that beats the other rule will be applied.
  2. In case of triple ties, Olympic quotient system will be applied. "Point for divided by point against," for the teams involved only.
  3. Multiple ties – apply goal average/difference
  4. The team or teams with the highest quotient will advance to the next round
8. **Each team must have at least eighty percent (80%) or ten players, whichever is lower, present during the parade. Failure to comply will be penalized.**  
**Fine: P 1,500.00**
9. Each team must have a muse during the parade. Failure to comply will be penalized.  
**Fine: P 1,500.00**
10. All teams who are scheduled to play must be within the vicinity of the venue at least thirty minutes before schedule.
11. In case of a conflict between the running score in the scoreboard and the official scorebook, the score in the official scorebook shall prevail.
12. A team that fails to attend the Opening Ceremonies will be penalized.  
**Fine: P 3,000.00**
13. A player, who is selected to participate/play in the SHABA All Star Games, or in any SHABA activity, must participate/play in the said activities; otherwise, the said player shall be suspended from playing in two games of his team's succeeding games.
14. All ground rules set by the Commissioner by the start of the basketball tournament shall automatically become part of these rules and regulations but only for the entire duration of that particular tournament.
15. The following conditions shall be observed in the event when games cannot continue due to force majeure or fortuitous events:
  - a. If it happens in the first half, a replay of the whole game shall be made and the score will be reset back to zero.
  - b. If it happens in the second half, a replay only of the second half shall be made. Whatever the standing score was at the time the game was stopped shall be the running score.
  - c. If it happens with less than five minutes left in the game, only the remaining time of the game will be played with the same running score at the time when the game was stopped.
16. Rules not covered by the SHABA rules and regulations shall be governed by the FIBA rules.

#### **RULE V: PENALTIES**

1. For violation of any rules and regulation herein promulgated, unless otherwise specified, the Commissioner, at his discretion, may impose the following additional penalties, to wit:
  - A. Reprimand
  - B. Fine (Minimum: P 500.00 ; Maximum: P 3,000.00)
  - C. Forfeiture of game
  - D. Suspension
  - E. Expulsion

#### **RULE VI: PROTESTS**

1. All protest letters must be in TRIPLICATE (3 copies). Attached should be a **1000PHP** bond. The 3<sup>rd</sup> copy of the letter shall be the team's copy and must bear the signature of the SHABA Commissioner within 24 hours as proof that the protest letter and bond has been properly received by the League.

2. Protest failure to comply in writing within 24 hours would mean disinterested and will not be accepted anymore.
3. Point of clarification on calls of the Referees during the games shall be done in a civil manner at all times in a proper way at the proper place. Only the Team Captain of each team shall be allowed to approach the Table to allow the Officials concerned to explain their position. In case of a stalemate, the Commissioner shall then step in as arbitrator to resolve the conflict. While Referees' decision are indeed final, a formal protest regarding the resulting penalties imposed may be reviewed by the Board for resolution. A player ejected by the Referee during the game shall be final.
4. Only the Team Captain or accredited Team Representative can submit letter of protest. It must be complete and detailed. The submission of protests must be made to the SHABA Commissioner.
5. In case a protest wins, the **1000 PHP** bond will be deposited and added to the team's bond. If a protest loses, the bond will be automatically deposited to the SHABA League.

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