



JUNIOR CLASSIC SCHOOLS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Inner City Super League (“ICSL”) is a basketball league structure established to provide organised, competitive, and well-managed basketball opportunities.

1.2 The aim of the ICSL is to provide a basketball environment that is competitive, fair, enjoyable, and sustainable, supported by sound administration and clear operational standards.

1.3 Junior Classic Schools (“JCS”) was introduced by the ICSL to create a high-level and well-managed schools basketball competition for high school teams.

1.4 Guiding Principles

1.4.1 The ICSL intends to provide a basketball product that players, coaches, schools, parents, spectators, officials, and management are proud to be associated with.

1.4.2 All stakeholders must understand the significant role they play in developing and protecting the standard of the competition.

1.4.3 All stakeholders are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that supports fair competition, respect, discipline, and the continued growth of school basketball.

2. FEE STRUCTURE

2.1 Registration Fees

The JCS registration fee is determined by ICSL Management and communicated to participating schools before the relevant registration cycle.

Unless otherwise communicated in writing by ICSL Management, the registration fee is payable per team entered into a registered division.

2.2 Refund Policy

2.2.1 Refund requests may only be considered at the beginning of the season if the team has not yet played any JCS fixtures.

2.2.2 Refund requests made once the season has commenced may be denied.

2.2.3 Teams expelled from JCS due to forfeits, misconduct, ineligible players, or breach of competition rules shall not be entitled to a refund.

3. DEADLINES AND TEAM REGISTRATION

3.1 Registration Deadlines

3.1.1 Registration deadlines shall be communicated by ICSL Management before the start of each registration cycle.

3.1.2 Different divisions may have different registration timelines, depending on the structure of the JCS season.

3.1.3 Late registrations may be accepted or declined at the discretion of ICSL Management.

3.2 Team Registration

3.2.1 All schools must complete the official JCS registration process as prescribed by ICSL Management.

3.2.2 No team shall be permitted to participate in JCS unless the required registration process has been completed and accepted by ICSL Management.

3.2.3 Schools must provide all information requested during registration. This may include, but is not limited to, school details, contact details, team divisions, coach details, team manager details, finance contact details, and any other information required for competition administration.

3.2.4 Each school must appoint a designated contact person who will be responsible for receiving all official JCS communication.

3.2.5 Schools are responsible for ensuring that all contact information remains accurate and up to date throughout the season.

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

4.1 Eligibility

4.1.1 Players must be eligible for the division in which they participate.

4.1.2 For age-group divisions, players must be turning the age of the division in that calendar year or younger.

Example: A player participating in the Under 16 division must be turning sixteen (16) in that calendar year or younger.

4.1.3 All players must be high school learners and must be formally registered with the school they represent.

4.1.4 A player may not represent a school with which they are not formally registered.

4.2 Registration

4.2.1 Each team must maintain a roster list containing the names, surnames, ages/grades, and school verification of players registered for that team.

4.2.2 The roster must be made available for inspection by officials or ICSL Management when requested.

4.2.3 There is no limit to the number of eligible players that may be registered by a school for a team, unless otherwise communicated by ICSL Management.

4.2.4 A team that fields an ineligible or non-registered player may be subject to disciplinary action, including forfeiture of the fixture.

4.3 Multiple Teams in the Same Division

4.3.1 Players may participate in a higher age division, provided that they are eligible for that higher division in terms of the applicable age requirements.

4.3.2 Players may not participate for more than one team in the same age division.

4.3.3 Where a school registers more than one team in the same age division, the school must submit a separate team list for each team in that division.

4.3.4 Once a player has been listed for a team in a specific age division, that player may not play for another team from the same school in that same age division, unless prior written approval has been granted by JCS Management.

4.3.5 Team lists must be made available for verification before fixtures. Referees, table officials, commissioners, or any authorised JCS official may verify team lists before or during a fixture.

4.3.6 A team that fields a player who is not listed on that team's approved team list, or who has already been allocated to another team in the same age division, may be subject to disciplinary action, including forfeiture of the fixture.

4.3.7 Schools are responsible for ensuring that all team lists are accurate, submitted timeously, and available for inspection when required

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 The fixture schedule for the season will be made available to participating schools through the official communication channels determined by ICSL Management.

5.2 Fixtures may be published on the ICSL website, shared directly with team representatives, or communicated through other approved platforms.

5.3 Matches may be scheduled at central venues, school venues, or any other venue approved by ICSL Management.

5.4 Match days and times shall be communicated by ICSL Management. Schools are expected to plan accordingly once fixtures have been released.

5.5 Change in Fixtures

5.5.1 Once the season has started, fixture changes shall not be made solely for the convenience of participating teams.

5.5.2 Fixture changes may be made where required by venue owners, weather conditions, operational constraints, safety concerns, or other circumstances determined by ICSL Management.

5.5.3 Schools are expected to make reasonable arrangements at the beginning of the season to ensure they have enough eligible players available to honour their fixtures.

5.5.4 Any major school constraints should be communicated to ICSL Management during the registration process. JCS will make reasonable efforts to accommodate schools where possible, but accommodation is not guaranteed.

5.6 Rainouts, Venue Disruptions, and Unrecoverable Fixtures

5.6.1 Where a fixture cannot be played or completed due to rain, weather conditions, venue unavailability, safety concerns, or circumstances outside the reasonable control of the participating schools, ICSL Management may postpone, reschedule, cancel, or record the fixture as a draw.

5.6.2 ICSL Management shall determine whether a fixture can reasonably be recovered.

5.6.3 Where ICSL Management determines that a fixture cannot reasonably be recovered, the fixture may be recorded as a draw.

5.6.4 Teams may not independently agree to record a fixture as a draw without the approval of ICSL Management.

5.7 Forfeits

A team may be charged with a forfeit for the following reasons:

5.7.1 The team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the referee or authorised official.

5.7.2 The team's actions prevent the game from being played or completed.

5.7.3 Fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled start time, the team is not present or is unable to field five (5) players to start the game.

5.7.4 The team fields a non-registered or ineligible player.

5.7.5 The team breaches any rule or directive that, in the view of ICSL Management, justifies a forfeit.

5.8 Forfeit Procedure

5.8.1 After a team commits two (2) forfeits, that team may be expelled from JCS.

5.8.2 No refund shall be paid to a team expelled from JCS.

5.8.3 The record of an expelled team may be expunged from the league standings at the discretion of ICSL Management.

5.8.4 Where a team forfeits a fixture, the non-defaulting team shall be awarded a win and two (2) league points. The defaulting team shall receive zero (0) league points.

6. LEAGUE FORMAT

6.1 Regular Season

6.1.1 Games shall be played in accordance with the rules and game format determined by ICSL Management.

6.1.2 Unless otherwise communicated, games shall consist of four (4) quarters of eight (8) minutes running time per quarter.

6.1.3 The last two (2) minutes of the fourth quarter shall be played according to stop-start timing, unless otherwise communicated by ICSL Management.

6.2 Season Structure

6.2.1 The JCS season structure may differ by division.

6.2.2 Under 14 and Under 16 divisions shall generally run within the school calendar year.

6.2.3 Under 19 divisions may run across two calendar years, depending on the competition structure approved by ICSL Management.

6.2.4 Final season timelines, breaks, fixture windows, and playoff dates shall be communicated by ICSL Management.

6.3 Regular Season Fixtures

6.3.1 Teams within a division may play each other once or more than once during the regular season, depending on the number of registered teams, available fixture dates, and approved competition format.

6.3.2 The final format for each division shall be confirmed by ICSL Management before or during the fixture planning process.

6.4 LOG CALCULATION AND LEAGUE STANDINGS

6.4.1 League standings shall be determined by a points system.

6.4.2 League points shall be awarded as follows:

6.4.2.1 Win: two (2) points

6.4.2.2 Draw: one (1) point

6.4.2.3 Loss: zero (0) points

6.4.3 A draw shall only be recorded where a fixture is abandoned, postponed, cancelled, or otherwise not completed due to weather, venue unavailability, safety concerns, or circumstances outside the reasonable

control of the participating schools, and where ICSL Management determines that the fixture cannot reasonably be recovered.

6.4.4 Teams may not agree among themselves to record a fixture as a draw. The recording of a draw shall be at the sole discretion of ICSL Management.

6.4.5 Where a team forfeits a fixture, the non-defaulting team shall be awarded a win and two (2) league points. The defaulting team shall receive zero (0) league points.

6.4.6 In the event that two (2) or more teams are equal on league points at the end of the regular season, seeding shall be determined as follows:

6.4.6.1 Head-to-head record between the tied teams.

6.4.6.2 Where more than two teams are tied, a mini-log shall be created using only the results between the tied teams.

6.4.6.3 If the mini-log does not determine the seeding, goal average or point differential may be used to determine the standings.

6.4.6.4 If, at any stage, a multiple-team tie is reduced to a tie between two (2) teams, the head-to-head record between those two teams shall apply.

6.4.6.5 If the tie remains unresolved, ICSL Management shall determine the final seeding using a fair and consistent method appropriate to the circumstances.

6.4.7 ICSL Management shall have final authority to determine league standings where exceptional circumstances arise, provided that such determination is made in line with fairness, consistency, and operational practicality.

6.5 PLAYOFFS

6.5.1 Unless otherwise communicated, playoffs shall consist of the top four (4) teams in each relevant division.

6.5.2 The playoff classification shall generally be:

1st vs 4th

2nd vs 3rd

6.5.3 Semi-finals and finals shall be one-game knockout fixtures unless otherwise communicated by ICSL Management.

6.5.4 ICSL Management reserves the right to adjust the playoff structure where division size, fixture availability, operational requirements, or exceptional circumstances require such adjustment.

7. JUNIOR CLASSIC SCHOOLS FAIR PLAY POLICY

7.1 All participants, coaches, parents, spectators, officials, and school representatives are expected to enjoy the game and contribute positively to the competition environment.

7.2 Supporters are encouraged to cheer and support their teams in a positive and respectful manner.

7.3 Verbal abuse, physical abuse, intimidation, harassment, or disrespectful conduct towards players, coaches, spectators, officials, venue staff, or ICSL Management will not be tolerated.

7.4 JCS is intended to be competitive and enjoyable. No person may conduct themselves in a manner that removes the enjoyment, safety, or fairness of the competition for others.

7.5 Any person who disregards the JCS Fair Play Policy may be asked to leave the venue and may be subject to further disciplinary action.

7.6 Team representatives are responsible for helping to maintain proper conduct among their players, coaches, technical staff, parents, and spectators.

7.7 Coaches' Behavioural Guidelines

7.7.1 Application

7.7.1.1 All coaches participating in JCS are responsible for their own conduct and for helping to manage the conduct of athletes, technical staff, and spectators under their jurisdiction.

7.7.1.2 Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in disciplinary action.

7.7.2 Actions

Coaches should model mature behaviour consistent with the objectives of JCS. Coaches are expected to:

7.7.2.1 Be leaders, positive influences, and role models.

7.7.2.2 Reward effort, fair play, commitment, and discipline.

7.7.2.3 Recognise and respect the differences between athletes.

7.7.2.4 Demonstrate respect for all individuals involved in the game.

7.7.2.5 Consider the physical and emotional wellbeing of athletes.

7.7.2.6 Communicate in a positive and rational manner.

7.7.2.7 Respect and coach within the spirit of the game.

7.7.2.8 Contribute to the development and betterment of basketball.

7.8 Players' Behavioural Guidelines

7.8.1 Application

7.8.1.1 Any person who participates as a player in JCS is expected to compete to the best of their ability while respecting the spirit of competition and the rules of the game.

7.8.1.2 Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in disciplinary action.

7.8.2 Actions

Players are expected to:

7.8.2.1 Model mature behaviour.

7.8.2.2 Make fair play a priority.

7.8.2.3 Participate for the love and enjoyment of the game.

7.8.2.4 Respect teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, spectators, and event organisers.

7.8.2.5 Respect the facilities used by JCS.

7.8.2.6 Play according to the rules and spirit of the game.

7.9 Parents' and Spectators' Behavioural Guidelines

7.9.1 Application

7.9.1.1 Parents, legal guardians, and spectators are responsible for their own conduct and the conduct of any guests attending with them.

7.9.1.2 Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in removal from the facility and/or further disciplinary action.

7.9.2 Actions

Parents, legal guardians, and spectators are expected to:

7.9.2.1 Remember that players participate for their own development and enjoyment.

7.9.2.2 Encourage participation without forcing participation.

7.9.2.3 Focus on effort, development, and performance rather than only winning or losing.

7.9.2.4 Avoid ridiculing, insulting, or shouting at any player for making a mistake or losing a game.

7.9.2.5 Encourage players to respect the rules of JCS.

7.9.2.6 Appreciate good performances and skilful play from all participants.

7.9.2.7 Support efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sport.

7.9.2.8 Respect officials' decisions and encourage players to do the same.

7.9.2.9 Respect the rights, dignity, and worth of every young participant.

8. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

8.1 Disciplinary Executive

8.1.1

The Disciplinary Executive shall ensure that the rules and regulations of JCS are followed by all persons involved in the competition.

8.1.2

The Disciplinary Executive shall endeavour to resolve disputes fairly, impartially, and without fear or favour.

8.1.3

The Disciplinary Executive may investigate any complaint, misconduct, misbehaviour, or incident that may bring JCS, ICSL, participating schools, or the game of basketball into disrepute.

8.2 General Hearing Procedures

8.2.1

Where possible, disputes shall be addressed and communicated to the relevant parties within seventy-two (72) hours.

8.2.2

The procedure may include written and/or verbal representations from the team or persons affected.

8.2.3

The Disciplinary Executive may call on any person to provide evidence or information relevant to the matter.

8.2.4

After investigating an incident, the Disciplinary Executive may take any of the following actions:

8.2.4.1

Expel the team or person.

8.2.4.2

Suspend the team or person for a period deemed appropriate.

8.2.4.3

Issue a caution or warning.

8.2.4.4

Dismiss the complaint.

8.2.4.5

Make any other decision deemed appropriate in the circumstances.

8.3 Protests

8.3.1

Any game protest must be submitted in accordance with the applicable official game procedures.

8.3.2

The coach must submit a signed protest within twenty (20) minutes of the conclusion of the game and hand it to the commissioner, referee, or designated official.

8.3.3

A protest fee of R250.00 must accompany the written protest and must be paid within twenty-four (24) hours.

8.3.4

If the protest is upheld, the protest fee shall be refunded in full.

8.4 Behaviour

8.4.1 Violence

No acts of violence will be condoned by ICSL Management.

8.4.2

ICSL Management views violence in an extremely serious light and may take severe action against any individual or team involved in violent conduct.

8.5 During a Game

8.5.1 Team Personnel

Team personnel ejected for violent behaviour against opponents during a match may face an automatic three (3) match suspension.

8.5.2 Players:

Players cited by officials for leaving the bench and entering the court illegally may face an immediate two (2) match suspension.

8.5.3 Supporters

Team personnel or supporters cited by officials for violent conduct towards spectators or other non-players may face removal from the venue and further disciplinary action.

8.5.4 Officials

8.5.4.1 Any team personnel who commit acts of violence against an official may face immediate expulsion from JCS.

8.5.4.2 Any team personnel ejected from a match for threatening officials with violence may face an immediate five (5) game suspension.

8.6 Disqualification

8.6.1 Disqualification is the removal of any team personnel from the bench or playing area during a game.

8.6.2Where a disqualification occurs:

8.6.2.1A written report may be submitted by the officials in charge of the game.

8.6.2.2 The player or team personnel may face an immediate one (1) game suspension pending a decision by the Disciplinary Executive.

9. AMENDMENTS

9.1 Any amendments to the JCS Rules and Regulations may only be made by ICSL Management.

9.2 Any amendments shall be communicated to participating schools before implementation, unless urgent operational circumstances require immediate implementation.

9.3 ICSL Management reserves the right to make amendments that are necessary to protect the fairness, safety, integrity, and operational viability of the competition.

10. CLOSING

The Rules and Regulations of JCS are designed to enhance the quality, fairness, and management of the competition.

All teams are expected to understand and respect the objectives of ICSL and the purpose behind these rules.

These rules are not intended to make participation difficult, but rather to ensure that JCS is managed in a fair, consistent, professional, and sustainable manner.

By participating in JCS, all schools, teams, players, coaches, parents, and spectators accept and agree to comply with the rules and policies contained in this document.

11. INNER CITY SUPER LEAGUE MANAGEMENT

11.1 Communication

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