

**International Youth Basketball  
Tournament  
London Games 2025  
London, England  
18-20 April 2025**  
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## Sports Venues

**Burnt Oak Leisure**  
Watling Ave, Edgware, UK

**Saracens High School**  
Corner Mead, London  
NW9 4AS

**ST James High School**  
Great Strand, London  
NW9 5PE

**Unitas**  
76 Montrose Ave,  
Edgware HA8 0DT

**Copthall Leisure  
Center**  
Champions Way, London  
NW4 1PX

**Copthall School**  
44 Pursley Rd, London  
NW7 2EP

# Regulations Basketball

The Londonium Games will be played according to the official rules of the United World Games and the International Basketball Association FIBA. Except for the rules specifically mentioned in the following points:

## Most Important Rule - FAIR PLAY

It should be needless to say, but we expect fair play from all teams! Please respect your opponents as well as the decisions of the referees and try to play as fair as possible.

## 1. Age Groups & Playing Time

### Male:

Categories	Cutoff Date	Playing time Prelims.	Minimum number of players
U 18	01.01.2007 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players
U 16	01.01.2009 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players

### Female:

Categories	Cutoff Date	Playing time Prelims.	Minimum number of players
U 18	01.01.2007 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players
U 16	01.01.2009 and younger	4 x 8 mins	5 players

### Playing time is "running time"

- Only the last 2 minutes of the fourth quarter and the last minute in overtime are "stopped".
- The break after the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter are one minute each. The halftime break is 2 minutes.

### Exception permits:

Due to different deadlines of the various national Basketball Federations, exceptions may be issued in accordance with our statutory exception rule. As per this rule, a maximum of **2 players** per team is allowed to **exceed the respective age limit by up to but no more than 6 months**. These players must be announced to the Organizing Committee and marked on the corresponding Squad List accordingly.

## 2. Squad List & ID Checks

For **each participating team a squad list has to be submitted** to the Organizing Committee (via email to [office@londongames.com](mailto:office@londongames.com)), which will be checked, signed and handed out to the respective team representatives upon checking in London. The coaches are requested to carry the signed squad list, as well as **player's licences or IDs of all athletes with them to all games.**

Upon request, every player must be able to verify his or her **identity** by showing a valid photo ID card. In case of a suspected violation of deadlines or the use of an ineligible player, squad list and ID have to be checked in coordination with the referee/venue supervisor. A **violation results in an automatic defeat** for the concerned team (0:20).

Generally it is allowed for athletes to play in 2 separate teams, as long as they are not entering the same competition, yet they also have to appear on the respective squad lists of both teams (a player of the U16 tournament may for example also be a member of a team participating in the U18 competition and compete for both teams, provided the tournament schedule allows it).

Should participants enter one and the same competition with more than one team, they are forbidden to move players between these teams, athletes may only appear on the squad list of ONE team per competition.

## 3. Team Size

There is no maximum team size or substitution limit.

## 4. Match Regulations

- **5 personal or 2 technical fouls** (the second technical foul results in a disqualification).
- With a **disqualification foul**, a player is **suspended** for the remainder of the game.
- After **6 team fouls per half** each foul will be sanctioned with free throws. Except offensive fouls.
- **One time-out** is allowed during 1<sup>st</sup> half, **two time-outs** are allowed during 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
- **A Time-out** needs to be **requested** at the game table first.
- **The 24-second-rule** will be considered by the referees.
- **Sudden death periods** start with a **jump ball**.
- All other periods start with **possession arrow**.
- There can be differences between the **European and American foul and traveller rules**.
- Age groups **U16, U18** are playing with a **free defense**.
- If a team leads by at least 25 points, it is not allowed to full court press.
- No offense restrictions.

## 5. Games, Points & Play-Off

During the preliminaries the teams will be divided into groups and play a round robin.

**The ranking will be decided by points:**

Win	2 Points
Loss	1 Point
Disqualification	0 Points

After the preliminary round a table reflects the order of the teams. This ranking derives from:

- a) the number of points in the table/group
- b) the number of disciplinary panel adjudications of a result (the higher the number, the lower a team will be ranked)
- c) direct duel
- d) in case of equal points, only the games between the affected teams will be taken into account
- e) The score difference will be determined
- f) decision by drawing lots

In case best ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> (etc.) have to be determined, the ranking of said teams will be made by the following criteria:

- Total number of points/Number of games
- Score difference
- Higher number of scored points
- Decision by drawing lots (computerised random generator)

**In case of a tie:**

In case of a tie there will be a "sudden death" – first point wins!

**Exception: Finals** – in case of a tie in a final game, there will be an overtime of 1 x 3 Min. The three minute overtime will be repeated until there is a decision.

## 6. Walk Over (w.o.)

A team that fails to present itself on the court without any reported valid reason is automatically disqualified 0:20 (w.o.). Delayed teams will be waited for 5 minutes.

All further actions and decisions are the responsibility of the Tournament Director or Venue Supervisor (in consultation with the referee).

## 7. Gyms/Courts

Entering the gym is only allowed with indoor sport shoes. It is not allowed to bring any food or drinks into the sports halls.

**Exception:** PET bottles

Smoking is prohibited in all sport facilities!

The different courts have different lines. All rules will relate to the individual lines. The "No Charge Circle", if not marked on the floor, will be determined by the referees.

## 8. Ball Size & Teamoutfits

Male U16 & U18	Size 7
All female groups	Size 6

**Please note:** The tournament organizers will only provide the gameball, **please bring your own balls for warming up!**

All uniforms must include a number on the backside. All teams are advised to bring spare uniforms in a different colour in case the colours of the uniforms are too similar to the discretion of the referee.

The team that is listed first in the game schedule will have to change to colours distinctive from their opponent.

## 9. Match Report

10 Minutes before each game all coaches have to hand in the completed squad sticker to the organizing committee. The same players can be part of various teams of the same basketball club, however not in the same age-group.

All players must prove their identity with legal photo identification.

## 10. Insurance, Disclaimer & Theft

The participants are not insured through the organizers. It is up to the coach of each team to make sure that his/her players and all the participants of the team are insured during the event. The organizers do not assume any kind of liability in case of illness, accidents or loss/theft of personal belongings.

With their participation the athletes accept the disclaimer of warranty for any kind of damage. No claims can be asserted against the organizing committee, the event sponsors, the city of London regarding damage or injuries.

Every athlete has to make sure that they are fully physically capable of participating without any medical objections.

**For all players:** Do not leave any valuable things and/or expensive clothing and/or shoes in the locker rooms.

## 11. Disciplinary Remark

Severe offenses and brutal fouls will result in an automatic ban for the next game. In addition, the tournament board will speak out a further suspension according to the severity of the offense. In case of a sending-off because of a brawl or insulting the referee, the concerned player will be disqualified for the whole remainder of the tournament.

Furthermore the tournament board reserves the right to suspend entire teams from the tournament, if they act disrespectful towards referees, officials or opponents, or misbehave themselves.

## 12. Final Remark

The organizers of the London Games are at the understanding that each participant and team leader knows all the items as mentioned in these regulations.

**IMPORTANT: In emergencies and during the night-time the emergency number 111 or 999 must be called. Please also note that if an injured athlete has to be transported to the hospital with an ambulance, a coach of the affected team must always go with them.**