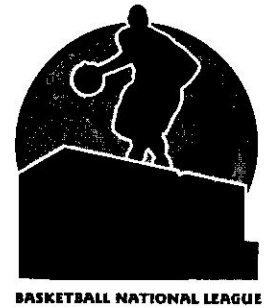


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2017 BNL LEAGUE COMPETITION PROCEDURES

Whereas the BNL Rules & Regulations are fully enforced, the following procedures and guidelines will apply in the 2017 season.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

- The clubs will be paired in streams of two's,
- This pairing is based on demographic proximity,
- The paired clubs will play a series of five games against each other,
- The winners of the series will proceed to compete in the BNL Top 6,
- The best loser from the preliminary round will receive a wild card to compete in the Top 6.

BNL Top 6

- The clubs will be grouped into two pools of 3,
- The grouping will be done in accordance with the 2016 final log standing (e.g. if the BNL 2016 winners qualify, they will be in pool A and runners up will be in pool B, with the rest being allocated accordingly),
- During the pool stages the clubs will be expected to play each other twice,
- The clubs that finishes top in each pool will qualify to play in the BNL 2017 play-offs.

BNL Semi-final and Finals

- Cross pool positioning will be used to determine the semi-finals clubs,
- A once-off semi-final and final will take place.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO NOTE

To determine the best loser for the preliminary round the following will apply:

- The club that has lost with the highest points and won games will proceed. This means that if the club has lost the series 3-2 stand a better chance,
- If two clubs or more have the same number of lost and won games. The average calculation for the points scored and against will be used,
- If there is any average that is the same, the total number of points scored only will be used,
- For the Top 6 club positioning, clauses 6 as per the Rules and Regulations of BNL will apply.
- Clauses 10.2 and 10.3 of the BNL Rules and Regulation will apply in all the games played under BNL.
- Clauses 5.4.3 of the BNL Rules & Regulations regarding the number of games to be played by restricted players will not be less than 7 games, including the preliminaries and Top 6.
- For any other issues refer to the BNL Rules and Regulations.

Issued and signed by the General Manager of the League: _____

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