

**New South Wales
Basketball Association Limited**

(Hereafter known as NSWBAL)

Drug Policy

In this policy, the following terms shall have the following meanings set forth below:

“NSWBAL”	New South Wales Basketball Association limited.
“PLAYER”	Any person selected in a team or squad selected by the NSWBAL and/or affiliated State Association
“OFFICIAL”	Any person, including manager, coach, medical practitioner, sports scientist, referee, administrator, psychologist or other person associated with the sport other than a player.
“RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY”	The NSWBAL and/or affiliated State Associations

- 1) Contravention of the Drug Regulations is prohibited.
- 2) This policy applies to all players and officials.
- 3) All players are liable to drug tests which are conducted in accordance with the current Australian Sports Commission’s testing procedures
- 4) Drug tests shall be conducted by an appointed Drug Testing Agency. Players are liable to any number of drug tests in any year. These tests may occur in competition or out of competition
- 5) Samples taken by the Drug Testing Agency shall be analysed by a laboratory accredited by the IOC.
- 6) Notification procedures when the NSWBAL Drug Regulations are breached
 - 6.1) In the case of a positive result, the NSWBAL shall make every endeavour to ensure confidentiality until any appeal is heard
 - 6.2) When a positive test is confirmed, the following procedure shall be followed:

- 6.2.1) The NSWBAL Manager – Administration shall notify the player or official of their immediate suspension
 - 6.2.2) The NSWBAL Manager – Competition shall notify the appropriate State Body within 48 hours of receiving notification from the Drug Testing Agency
 - 6.2.3) Any appeal against is to be lodged with the NSWBAL Manager-Administration with 14 days of notification of suspension
 - 6.2.4) All appeals shall be heard by the NSWBAL Medical and Scientific Commission within 21 days of the appeal being lodged. Any decision to impose a lesser penalty than prescribed in Section 7 shall be as its sole and absolute discretion
 - 6.2.5) The Chairperson of the Medical and Scientific Commission shall notify the appellant and the NSWBAL Manager-Administration of the result within 7 days of the appeal hearing
- 6.3) The NSWBAL shall notify the Australian Sports Commission when a breach of the SWBAL drug Regulations has occurred (within 10 days of receiving notification from the Australian Sports Drug Agency) and the date of suspension. If an appeal is heard by the NSWBAL, the NSWBAL shall notify the Australian Sports commission of the outcome of any appeal process and penalty imposed, if any.
- 7) Subject to Section 6 of the Policy:
- i) Any player who is found to have contravened the NSWBAL Drug Regulations will be suspended from all competitions for a period of:
 - Two years for a first offence
 - Life for any subsequent offence
 - ii) Any person serving a suspension for a first offence shall be subject to drug tests during the period of their suspension at their own expense
 - iii) Any player or official who aids, abets, counsels or procures or is knowing involved in any player's breach of the NSWBAL Drug Regulations will be subject to the same penalties as in Section 7 (i) above

- iv) If already selected in a representative team or squad the player and/or official will be immediately removed from that team or squad upon any breach of the NSWBAL Drug Regulations. Any financial assistance will be immediately withdrawn and that player or official will become liable for any expenses incurred on their behalf.
- 8) Any player or official who contravenes the Drug Regulations of any “responsible authority” shall be subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 7 (i) above
- 9) Any player who refuses to submit to a drug test will be subject to the penalties prescribed in Section 7 (i) above
- 10) It is the intention of this policy that drug tests be conducted in accordance with the current Australian Sports Commission’s testing procedure, but the failure to do so shall not in itself invalidate the findings of any such drug test.
- 11) The NSWBAL Board will be responsible for the administration and implementation of this Policy and will continue to monitor developments in this area