



## GAME DEVELOPMENT LEVY – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Q: What is the new levy and why is it being introduced by Basketball Australia?**

**A:** This new (\$5.00 + GST) contribution is called the Game Development Levy is being implemented by Basketball Australia to support the growth and development of basketball at all levels of the game and to enhance opportunities for the sport. Further information the new activity that will be delivered through the levy can be found [here](#).

### **Q: When will the Levy come into effect?**

**A:** Basketball Australia will commence collecting the Levy from 1 January 2024. If applicable you will be required to pay it the first time you register with your club or association after that date.

### **Q: How often will the Levy be charged?**

**A:** It is an annual levy and therefore you should only be required to pay the levy once per calendar year; regardless of if you play in multiple teams or play multiple seasons within that year.

### **Q: Who will be required to pay the Levy?**

**A:** The Levy applies to anyone actively playing basketball in 3x3, 5v5 or other endorsed iterations of basketball leagues and competitions.

### **Q: I don't play basketball, but I referee, coach and volunteer for my club. Do I still pay the levy?**

**A:** No. The levy only applies to individuals that are regularly playing basketball (multiple games per year). Coaches, officials (referees, score-bench, statistics), volunteers and administrators that do not actually play basketball are all exempt from the levy.

### **Q: Will the Levy apply to all basketball programs and competitions?**

**A:** The Levy applies to all basketball competitions and leagues governed by Basketball Australia and its affiliated state or local associations, including to local leagues.

The levy does not apply to Aussie Hoops programs or similar term-based development programs; school competitions or events (where they are delivered in school time) or Sporting Schools programs.

### **Q: How will the Levy be collected?**

**A:** The Levy will be automatically collected when you register to play basketball with your club or association. This will likely be at the same time you pay any club, association or State Association membership or affiliation fees.

### **Q: Are there any exemptions or discounts available for the Levy?**

**A:** Basketball Australia may consider exemptions or discounts on a case-by-case basis, considering factors such as financial hardship or other extenuating circumstances. Details regarding exemption or discount application processes will be provided by Basketball Australia on request.

**Q: Will the Levy be refunded if I get injured?**

**A:** If you have played multiple games, or there is a reasonable expectation that you will play multiple games then the levy will not be refunded. That said, Basketball Australia may consider exemption on a case-by-case basis for extenuating circumstances.

**Q: If I play for two different associations or in two different states in the same calendar year will I have to pay the Levy twice?**

**A:** The levy may be waived with the second association on request, however you will need to be able to prove that you have paid it with another association.

**Q: is there a discount for multiple players in the one family?**

**A:** There are no family discounts for the Levy.

**Q: How will the funds collected from the Levy be utilised?**

**A:** The funds collected from the Levy will be used to expedite work in areas of the sport that have been identified as priority areas that require additional resource or have been identified as inhibiting the growth of the sport. For 2024 the priority areas identified are officiating and pathways, coaching and pathways, and digital transformation.

**Q: Will the Levy be staying at \$5.00 or will it increase?**

**A:** Basketball Australia has committed to retaining the Levy at \$5.00 (+ GST and any merchant fees) through to 2027, at which time CPI (capped at 5%) will be added to the value of the levy annually.

Please note that the information provided in these FAQs is subject to change, and it is advisable to refer to official announcements and communication from Basketball Australia for the most up-to-date details regarding this levy.