Men's Premier League – Proposal to Amend Competition Rules

Members of the CBA staff, Competitions Committee and Canterbury Rams Management met and discussed an alternative framework that could serve the needs of our players better.

The proposal below was constructed after feedback from some clubs, and noting the changes to the Men's NBL by: Clive Beaumont (CBA GM); Terry Brunel (CBA Life Member); Mick Downer (Rams Head Coach); Caleb Harrison (Canterbury Rams GM); James Lissaman (CBA Community Basketball Manager); Piet Van Hasselt (CBA Competitions Committee).

The following proposal has been tabled:

- Each Men's Premier Team can have up to four players who are labelled as Tier One or Two players, and no more than two from Tier One being active in any game.
- Tier One and Two players added to Premier Team Squad Rosters before start of Week 8 games – Thursday 24 June (after each team has been scheduled to play the other six teams, assuming a seven or eight team competition). There is no limit to Tier Three players.
    - Tier One and Two (and below) players will be assigned their respective status by an independent committee (earmarked to be Mick Downer – Canterbury Rams Head Coach; Terry Brunel – CBA Life member; James Lissaman – Responsible for CBA Premier League Administration)
    - The following criteria will be reviewed to assign tiers: Contractual Status with The NBL (professional or amateur); Minutes played per game; Ability/Experience, most instances will use the previous twelve months of data (this may be extended in case of injury).
    - Players from other professional leagues, and college scholarship athletes, who wish to play in our premier league will be assigned a tier as well. CBA Clubs/Individual players must request a player be assigned a tier.
    - All Canterbury Rams squad members will be assigned a tier by the committee (without needing to request it), with the following an initial estimate of how players may fit (not exhaustive):

Tier One	**Tier Two**	**Tier Three**
Taylor Britt Ethan Rusbatch (Hawks) Jack Salt	Fletcher Arnold Jack Exeter Pafe Momoisea (Nuggets)	TBA
Most Tier One players will not be expected to be able to gain playoff eligibility in the Premier League. Not all of these players are expected to play in the CBA Premier League	Tier Two players will probably be able to gain playoff eligibility, but are unlikely to play all club games	Tier Three players will likely be available for most Premier League games

Assigning players into tiers gives a bit more flexibility to Clubs/players (without needing to check minutes played each week), and will also help give clubs a better idea of how much availability a player in each tier could have for their premier team (so their full team squad is made with availability in mind). The Canterbury Rams will also provide some feedback about likely availability of players at each tier (or further individualised) – recovery form injury, NBL expected minutes in a game could be factors that go into this.

CBA Men's U23 League

- No Tier One players may compete in the U23 League
- Up to Two "Tier Two" players may compete in any game for a U23 team (assuming age eligibility is met). (Once the committee has assigned Tier ratings to each player, this could potentially be adjusted to three players per U23 team, depending on the number of total players in this Tier).

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