SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

RULES AND GUIDELINES


SECTION A - Rules of Competition

1 ELIGIBILITY

1.1 12 Years and Under - All players will be under thirteen (13) years of age as at the 31st December in the year of competition.

1.2 18 Years and Under - All players will be under nineteen (19) years of age as at the 31st December in the year of competition.

1.3 Students representing state teams must attend schools affiliated to the School Sport Australia recognised School Sports Association in that state.

1.4 Refer SMC Policy C8.

2 TEAM DOCUMENTATION

Refer School Sport Australia Policy 6.

3 MATCH RULES/CONDITIONS OF PLAY

3.1 Laws in relation to NSO

This Championship is played under the official rules of basketball as issued by Basketball Australia with the following exceptions: (The host state is to ensure that the latest edition of these rules is available to each score bench.)

3.1.1 12 Years and Under – Each team is limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players. All players have to play in each match.

3.1.2 18 Years and Under - Each team is limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players. All players have to play in each match.

3.1.3 As each player enters the court for the first time, the time shall be noted on the score sheet.

3.1.4 All players must participate in all of the programmed events unless:

3.1.4.1 A medical certificate is provided which confirms their inability to participate, or

3.1.4.2 The judiciary approves their non-participation.

3.2 Draws/Program of Events/Competition Format

3.2.1 12 Years and Under

A minimum of seven (7) games must be played during the championship with a maximum of two (2) games per day. The minimum break between back-to-back games should be the equivalent of a scheduled game.

3.2.1.1 A 6 Team Competition

Teams will play a single round robin. At the completion of the round robin, the teams will be seeded into two (2) pools of three (3) teams. They will then play another round robin. The gold, silver and bronze medal places will be decided from Pool A. Points will be accumulated for all games during the championship.
3.2.1.2 **A 7 team Competition**

Teams will play a single round robin. At the completion of the round robin, the teams will be seeded into two (2) pools. The top three (3) teams go into Pool A and the teams placed 4th to 7th go into Pool B. The Pool A teams will then play another round robin and the Pool B teams will play a crossover format and playoff format to get two (2) more games and decided 4th to 7th. The gold, silver and bronze medal placing will be decided from Pool A. Points will be accumulated for all games during the championship.

3.2.2 **18 Years and Under**

A minimum of six (6) games must be played during the championship with a maximum of two (2) games per day. The minimum break between back-to-back games should be the equivalent of a scheduled game.

3.2.2.1 **A 6 Team Competition**

Teams will play a single round robin followed by semi-finals and finals.

- Semi-finals: semi-final A - 1 v 4 and semi-final B - 2 v 3
- 5 & 6 have a BYE
- Finals: Gold medal game: Winner of A v winner of B
- Bronze medal game: Loser of A v loser of B
- Playoff for 5th and 6th: 5 v 6

3.3 **Match Times/Breaks/Timekeeping etc**

3.3.1 **12 Years and Under**

3.3.1.1 Games shall be 4 x 8 minute quarters fully timed. The twenty-four second must be used. The shot clock commences once the ball has crossed the centre line.

3.3.1.2 Games will start at the directed time, after a minimum warm up time of five (5) minutes. There will be a two (2) minute interval between quarters and a five (5) minute interval at half time for each game.

3.3.1.3 Overtime periods will be of three (3) minutes duration.

3.3.1.4 Only “man to man” defence can be played in the back third (1/3) of the court. The National Secretary or Competition Manager can enforce the following three step rule to assure man to man defence is played:

1. Instruct coach of the offending player to tell them to stop playing ‘zone’ defence.
2. Repeat step 1 and warn coach that this is the second offence and that one more offence will result in a bench technical foul.
3. At the next stop ball instruct the lead referee to enforce a bench technical foul on the offending team.

3.3.1.5 Competition games must be scheduled for the last day of the championship.

3.3.1.6 All teams will be rostered to play on all days of competition.

3.3.1.7 Where possible, games should be programmed to allow states to support each other’s teams.

3.3.1.8 In the spirit of the games, any team leading by 20 points must play back court defence, during which time there will be no traps or presses. This will be defined at the championship meeting.

3.3.1.9 The championship organisers have the flexibility to reschedule court allocation if required because of player safety, or spectator interests.

3.3.1.10 The host state will allow one hour and forty-five (45) minutes per game.

3.3.2 **18 Years and Under**

3.3.2.1 Games shall be of four ten minute quarters fully timed. The 24 second clock must be used.

3.3.2.2 Games will start at the directed time, after minimum warm up time of ten (10) minutes. There will be a two (2) minute interval between quarters and a ten (10) minute interval at half time for each game.

3.3.2.3 Where possible, games should be programmed to allow states to support each other’s teams.

3.3.2.4 The championship organisers have the flexibility to reschedule court allocation if required because of player safety, or spectator interests.

3.3.2.5 The host state should allow two (2) hours per game.
3.4 **Scoring/Points Allocation**
Determination of a winner – refer to the official rules of basketball as issued by Basketball Australia.

3.4.1 **12 Years and Under**
During the rounds teams will score two (2) points for a win, one point (1) for a loss and 0 for a forfeit. In the event of two or more teams finishing on the same points after the round robin then there finishing positions will be determined by percentage calculated from the games played between the tied teams only.

I.e. scores of games not played between tied teams will not be indicated.

3.4.2 **18 Years and Under**
During the rounds teams will score two (2) points for a win, one (1) for a loss and 0 for a forfeit. In the event of two or more teams finishing on the same points after the round robin then there finishing positions will be determined by percentage calculated from the games played between the tied teams only.

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3.5 **Equipment - balls, footwear, special equipment**

3.5.1 **12 Years and Under**
3.5.1.1 The match ball will be a size 6 of leather or synthetic composition.
3.5.1.2 The FIBA score sheet to be used.
3.5.1.3 Team managers must check the official score sheet fifteen (15) minutes prior to starting time. Check all players’ names, their corresponding numbers and the coach’s name. Indicate the team captain, any player with contact lenses etc and the starting five.

3.5.2 **18 Years and Under**
3.5.2.1 The match ball will be a size 7 for men and size 6 for women of leather or synthetic composition.
3.5.2.2 The FIBA score sheet to be used.
3.5.2.3 Team managers must check the official score sheet fifteen (15) minutes prior to starting time. Check all players’ names, their corresponding numbers and the coach’s name. Indicate the team captain, any player with contact lenses etc and the starting five.

3.6 **Playing Area/Field/Course etc** - refer to the official rules of basketball as issued by BA.

3.7 **Interchange/Substitutions** - refer to the official rules of basketball as issued by BA.

3.8 **Judiciary/Reports/Send offs/Sin Bin etc**

3.8.1 **12 Years and Under and 18 Years and Under**

3.8.1.1 Technical Committee
This will consist of the Championship Competition Manager, Referees Coordinator and National Secretary. This committee will rule on all problems relating to the championship including judiciary matters and protests.

3.8.2 **Judiciary**
At the championship meeting, a judiciary of three (3), chaired by the National Secretary shall be appointed. The Judiciary shall have the power to approve the non-participation of a player in the programmed events. Reports shall be dealt with by the Judiciary as soon as possible, in the presence of the umpire and referee who made the report. The Judiciary shall have the power to impose a suspension of one or more games on any player reported.

3.8.3 **Protests**
Protests must be lodged, in writing, with the National Secretary within one hour of the completion of the match concerned. The Technical Committee will adjudicate on protests.

3.9 **Uniforms**
Each player must wear a uniform per the FIBA rules. Players not correctly attired will not be allowed on the court except as approved by School Sport Australia.
SECTION B - Guidelines for Organisation

1. Meetings

1.1 A pre championship meeting of all coaches and managers shall be held prior to the championship commencement. Opportunity should be given to discuss particular 12 years and under and 18 years and under conditions.

1.2 A post championship meeting of all coaches and managers shall be held at the conclusion of the championship. Opportunity should be given to discuss particular 12 years and under and 18 years and under conditions. Recommendations from this meeting shall be referred to School Sport Australia for endorsement.

1.3 The referee’s coordinator and the bench officials/statisticians coordinator must attend pre and post championship meetings.

2. Umpires/Referees/Student Officials

The organising state is responsible for appointing suitably qualified referees approved by the state association.

2.1 The host state is responsible for appointing:

2.1.1 A referees coordinator or commissioner.

2.1.2 A bench officials and statisticians coordinator.

2.2 Each state/territory is encouraged to include a suitably qualified student referee as part of each team participating in the championship. Student referees are required to be of level 1A standard for the 12 years and under competition and 2A standard for the 18 years and under competition.

2.3 The host state/territory will organize qualified referee coaches to provide critiques for the visiting referees.

3. Special Equipment

Each court requires a 24 second shot clock, a possession arrow and foul paddles.

4. Ceremonies

An Opening Ceremony and a Closing Ceremony will be held at the championship.

5. Trophies/Awards/Medals etc

Trophies and medals will be presented as per the School Sport Australia Primary General Rules and Secondary Management Procedures and Policies.

5.1 Commemorative pins will be presented by all states and territories. Players will present the pins to the opposition players at the completion of each game in the round robin section of the championship.

5.2 18 Years and Under

5.2.1 All Australian Team

An All Australian Team consisting of ten (10) players for both the boys and girls competition will be selected from the Championship. The host state/territory is to supply trophies (cost to be included in budget) to each member of the Australian Team.

5.2.2 Most Valuable Player

5.1.2.1 A Championship Most Valuable Player award in both the boys and girls competition will be presented at the Championship. The host state/territory is to supply the trophies (cost to be included in budget) to each MVP.

5.1.2.2 A Most Valuable Player award for each team in the boys and girls competition will be presented at the Championship. The host state/territory is to supply the trophies (cost to be included in budget) to each MVP.

5.1.2.3 Each team’s coach will be responsible for the selection of their Most Valuable Team Player.

5.3 Referees

The Finals Referees or referees of the final games are to be presented with a trophy. The host state/territory is to supply trophies (cost to be included in budget) to each referee.
5.4 **Officials**
The "Darryl Bell" Memorial trophy will be presented to the best official of the championship. This trophy is a perpetual trophy and will be kept for a year by the winner and returned prior to the start of the next championship.

5.4.1 **Selection process for the "Darryl Bell" Memorial trophy:**
- A/ The Technical Committee will be responsible for this selection.
- B/ The winning official will contribute significantly to the development of the integrity of the Championship.
- C/ The trophy will be presented by a member of Darryl Bell's family or by the previous year's recipient.

6. **Excursions/Social Activities**

Refer to School Sport Australia policies. The host state/territory will include a "Lightning Carnival" where possible.

6.1 **Lightning Carnival**

6.1.1 The Excursion Day, where possible, should comprise a half day combined (12 years and under and 18 years and under) educational excursion and 12 years and under Lightning Carnival with the 18 years and under players assisting as coaches, referees, managers and bench officials.

6.1.2 All teams in Lightning Carnival will have at least six players at all times and no more than eight players. (This overcomes the situation where teams may be short of players due to illness/injury etc). All players will have equal court time.

6.1.3 All players attending the Championship should be placed in a composite team for the Lightning Carnival. Each team must consist of at least one player from each State or Territory. Separate girls and boys competitions will still be played. 18 years and under players will be allocated one composite team to coach, referee, manage and score. Each composite team shall be re-elected by separate ballots for guards, forwards and centre player positions.

6.1.3 A lunch period should be allocated before or after the Lightning Carnival.

6.1.4 Lightning Carnival to be conducted on a Round Robin basis. Teams should be rotated as evenly as possible on all courts at the venue. The length of each game is left to the discretion of the host state/territory.

6.1.5 A 3 point "Shoot Out" and a "dunk" competition can be conducted in between the round robins for the 18 years and under players.

6.2 That an option be provided for the host state or territory to auction an item at the officials dinner to raise money for a charity of the host state's choice.

7. **Honour Teams/Touring Teams/"Darryl Bell" memorial trophy Selection Procedures**

The 18 years and under competition chooses an All Star team, MVP's and a recipient of the Darryl Bell memorial trophy at each championship.

7.1 **All Star Team**
The host state/territory together with the National Secretary will be responsible for the organisation and selection of the All Star Teams. The All Star Teams will consist of ten (10) boys and ten (10) girls. Where a touring team is selected then that team will be the All Star Team.

7.2 **Touring Teams**
A touring team of ten (10) boys and ten (10) girls will be selected by the touring officials. If each state/territory is not represented in the tour official party then that state/territory shall be given the chance to nominate a selector. A separate selection panel shall be formed for boys and girls and be coordinated by the tour leader/manager. A shadow squad of ten (10) boys and ten (10) girls will be selected and announced, but not acknowledged at the closing ceremony.

7.3 **Most Valuable Player**
The host state/territory, together with the National Secretary, will be responsible for the organisation and selection of a male and female Most Valuable Player for the 18 years and under championship competition.

7.4 **Most Valuable Player for each State/Territory Team**
7.4.1 A Most Valuable Player award for each team will be presented to the 18 years and under section of the championship for both boys and girls.

7.4.2 Each team's coach will be responsible for the selection of their own Most Valuable Team Player.

7.5 **Darryl Bell memorial Trophy**
The host state/territory, together with the National Secretary, will be responsible for the organisation and selection of the best official to receive the “Darryl Bell” memorial trophy.

8. **Medical – FIRST AID**

Refer to School Sport Australia policy and procedures.

9. **Contingencies**

9.1 **Schedule of Championship**

The School Sport Australia Basketball Championship will be held in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} week of August (or as close as possible to this date) taking into account the ASAT tests in Queensland, ACT equivalent exams and NSW HSC exams.

9.2 **Scheduling Games**

9.2.1 Game durations are 2 hours for 18 years and under games and 1 hour 45 minutes for 12 years and under games.

9.2.2 That all games for both 18 years and under and 12 years and under be scheduled on all courts at some stage in the Championship.

10. **Billeting**

Refer School Sport Australia Policy 7

11. **Sponsorship**

Refer School Sport Australia General Policy A9 and School Sport Australia Constitution - Section A By-Laws Sections 7.1.4 and 7.7.4

12. **Finances**

Refer School Sport Australia Constitution - Section A By-Laws Sections 7.5.2.2 and 7.6.1 and 7.7

13. **Coach’s Clinic**

The Championship Host will try to organise a coach’s clinic for the participating coaches.

14. **Awards**

Refer to School Sport Australia Awards Policy
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