

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

Boys and Girls 12 Years & Under and 16 Years & Under Combined Basketball Championships

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Section A – Championship Overview

- A - 1.** These Rules and Guidelines should be read in conjunction with School Sport Australia Policies, Championship Protocols and the Sport Championship Organisational Manual.
- A - 2.** The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA) rules as issued by Basketball Australia and FIBA Mini-Basketball rules unless otherwise stated.
- A - 3.** The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with a current Memorandum of Understanding between School Sport Australia and Basketball Australia.

A - 4. Championship Length

The length of the Championship is not to exceed the maximum duration specified in the School Sport Australia Championship Protocols document.

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A - 5. Eligibility

Unless age dispensation has been granted as per rule A - 6,

- A - 5.1** 12 Years and Under - All players will be under thirteen (13) years of age as at 31 December in the year of competition. Students must be at least 10 years old when attending the championship.
- A - 5.2** 16 Years and Under - All players will be under 17 years of age as 31 December in the year of competition.

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A - 6. Age Dispensation

Age Dispensation may be granted to a State or Territory for these Championships as allowed through the School Sport Australia Sport Participation Policy.

A - 7. Team Size

Each team is limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players.

A - 8. Attendance at Championships

All students who participate in the School Sport Australia Basketball Championships must remain at the Championship location throughout the duration of the Championships and be bound by all Championship arrangements, except in exceptional circumstances as per School Sport Australia policy.

Section B – Competition Structure

B - 1. Program / Schedule

The School Sport Australia Basketball Championship will be held as a Combined Championship with 12 Years and Under and 16 Years and Under age groups. Any changes to this format must be negotiated with the National Basketball Advisor.

B - 2. Draw

B - 2.1 12 Years and Under

B - 2.1.1 12 Years and Under A minimum of seven (7) games must be played during the championship, where possible 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.

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B - 2.1.2 A Six (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 5 th and 6 th	5 v 6

B - 2.1.3 A Seven (7) team Competition

Draw is a single Round Robin and then placement into 2 pools (Pool A 1-4 and Pool B 5-7)

Pool A plays crossover games 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. Winners and Losers play off for final placings. Pool B play a second round robin with accumulated points being carried through and final points determining placings.

B - 2.2 16 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.

B - 2.2.1 A Six (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 5 th and 6 th	5 v 6

B - 2.2.2 A Five (5) Team Competition

(Teams are seeded on the results of the previous year's Championships)

Day One	3 v 4	
	1 v 2	
	3 v 5	
Day Two	4 v 5	
	2 v 3	
	1 v 4	
Day Three	2 v 5	
	1 v 3	
	4 v 2	
	1 v 5	
Day Four	1 st v 5 th	Game A
	3 rd v 4 th	Game B
	Bye 2 nd	
	Loser A v Loser B	Game C
	Winner B v 2 nd	Game D
Day Five	Winner A v Winner D	Gold
	Loser D v Winner C	Bronze

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B - 2.3 Competition games must be scheduled for the last day of the championship.

B - 2.4 All teams will be rostered to play on all days of competition.

B - 2.5 Where possible, games should be programmed to allow states to support each other's teams.

B - 2.6 The championship organisers have the flexibility to reschedule court allocation if required because of player safety or spectator interests.

B - 3. Match Times / Breaks / Timekeeping

B - 3.1 12 Years & Under

B - 3.1.1 Games shall be 4 x 8 minute quarters fully timed. The twenty-four second shot clock must be used and will be applied as per the guidelines by Basketball Australia for Under 14 National Club Championships.

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B - 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.

B - 3.1.3 Overtime periods will be of three (3) minutes duration.

B - 3.1.4 The host member body will allow one hour and forty-five (45) minutes per game.

B - 3.2 16 Years and Under

B - 3.2.1 Games shall be of four ten minute quarters fully timed. The 24 second clock must be used.

B - 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.

B - 3.2.3 The host member body will allow two (2) hours per game.

B - 4. Game Protocols / Specific Rules / Results

B - 4.1 Match Rules

The host member body is to ensure that the latest edition of these rules is available to each score bench.

B - 4.1.1 12 Years and Under –All players have to play in each half.

B - 4.1.2 16 Years and Under - All players have to play in each match.

B - 4.2 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.

B - 4.3 12 Years & Under

B - 4.3.1 Only 'man to man' defence can be played in the back third (1/3) of the court. The National Basketball Advisor or Championship Competition Manager can enforce the following three step rule to assure man to man defence is played:

B - 4.3.1.1 Instruct coach of the offending player to tell them to stop playing 'zone' defence.

B - 4.3.1.2 Repeat step B - 4.3.1.1 and warn coach that this is the second offence and that one more offence will result in a bench technical foul.

B - 4.3.1.3 At the next stop ball instruct the lead referee to enforce a bench technical foul on the offending team.

B - 4.3.2 In the spirit of the games, any team leading by twenty (20) points must play back court defence, during which time there will be no traps or presses. This will be defined at the Pre-Championship meeting.

B - 5. Points Allocation

Win - 3 points
Draw - 2 points
Loss - 1 point

For the 12 Years & Under Championships, points are accumulated for all games throughout the Championships.

For the 16 Years & Under Championships, points are accumulated for the Round Robin phase only and not carried through to the Play Off phase.

B - 6. Method of Determining a Winner

B - 6.1 Determination of a winner – refer to the official FIBA rules of basketball as issued by Basketball Australia.

Section C – Facilities / Equipment

C - 1. Match ball

C - 1.1 12 Years and Under

The match ball will be a size 6 of leather or synthetic composition as approved by Basketball Australia for tournament play. Match balls are to be provided by the host SSA member body. The cost of the balls is to be included in the Championship budget.

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C - 1.2 16 Years and Under

The match ball will be a size 7 for men and size 6 for women of leather or synthetic composition as approved by Basketball Australia for tournament play. Match balls are to be provided by the host SSA member body. The cost of the balls is to be included in the Championship budget.

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C - 2. The FIBA score sheet to be used or Electronic Scoring System.

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C - 3. Each court requires a 24 second shot clock, a possession arrow and foul paddles.

Section D – Uniform

D - 1. Players shall compete in member body team uniforms.

Section E – Injury Management

- E - 1.** Refer to School Sport Australia Championship Protocols and Policy for the management of injuries. This policy will override any sport specific injury management Protocols. [School-Sport-Australia-Injury-Management-Policy.pdf](https://schoolsportaustralia.edu.au/School-Sport-Australia-Injury-Management-Policy.pdf) (schoolsportaustralia.edu.au)

New Policy Dec 2023

Section F – Officials

- F - 1.** The host member body is responsible for appointing:

F - 1.1 Championship Competition Manager

F - 1.2 Referees Coordinator or Commissioner

F - 1.3 Qualified referee coaches to provide critiques for the visiting referees

F - 1.4 A bench officials coordinator.

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- F - 2.** Referees / Student Officials

F - 2.1 The organising member body is responsible for appointing suitably qualified referees approved by the state association.

F - 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 16 years and under competition.

Section G – Protests

- G - 1.** Protests will be considered by the Technical Committee as per item H - 1 below.

Section H – Tribunal / Judiciary

- H - 1. Technical Committee**

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

Section I – Trophies / Awards / Medals

- I - 1. 16 Years and Under**

The 16 years and under competition chooses an All Australian Team and Most Valuable Players at each Championship.

I - 1.1 All Australian Team

I - 1.1.1 An All Australian Team consisting of ten (10) players for both the boys and girls competition will be selected from the Championship. All members of the All Australian team will receive an SSA All Australian Team Plaque supplied by the SSA Office. The cost of the plaques is to be included in the Championship budget.

I - 1.1.2 The host member body together with the National Basketball Advisor will be responsible for the organisation and selection of the All Australian Teams.

I - 1.2 Most Valuable Player

I - 1.2.1 A Championship Most Valuable Player award in both the boys and girls competition will be presented at the Championship. The awards are supplied by the SSA Office. The cost is to be included in the Championship budget.

I - 1.2.2 The host member body together with the National Basketball Advisor will be responsible for the organisation and selection of a male and female Most Valuable Player for the 16 Years and Under championship competition.

I - 2. Referees

The Finals Referees or referees of the final games are to be presented with a medal supplied by the SSA Office. The cost is to be included in the Championship budget.

I - 3. Darryl Bell Memorial Trophy

The Darryl Bell Memorial Trophy is to be presented at each Championship. The cost of the trophy is to be included in the Championship budget. The selection process for the Trophy is as follows:

I - 3.1 The Technical Committee will be responsible for this selection.

I - 3.2 The winning official will contribute significantly to the Championship by demonstrating qualities such as:

I - 3.2.1 Outstanding sportsmanship

I - 3.2.2 Exceptional organisational skills

I - 3.2.3 Adherence to all championship rules and guidelines

I - 3.2.4 Striving for personal excellence

I - 3.2.5 Encouraging and creating opportunities for players and other officials

I - 3.2.6 Being an excellent role model

I - 3.3 Each State/Territory will nominate one official from any State/Territory on the nomination form provided at the pre championship meeting.

I - 3.4 The trophy will be presented by a member of Darryl Bell's family or by the previous year's recipient if a family member is not in attendance.