

**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA**  
**BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**RULES AND GUIDELINES**

**Note:** The Championship follows F.I.B.A. rules as issued by Basketball Australia, F.I.B.A. Mini-Basketball rules and the School Sport Australia Primary General Rules and Secondary Management Procedures and Policies except where stated below:

**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.

Age Dispensation may be granted to competing States or Territories for these Championships as allowed through the SSA Sport Participation Policy.

Amended June 2019

Former rule 2 removed October 2017

**2. MATCH RULES/CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

**2.1. Match Rules**

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

- 2.1.1. 12 Years and Under** – Each team is limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players. All players have to play in each half.

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- 2.1.2. 18 Years and Under** - Each team is limited to a maximum of twelve (12) players. All players have to play in each match.

- 2.1.3.** All players must participate in all of the programmed events unless:

- 2.1.3.1.** A medical certificate is provided which confirms their inability to participate, or
- 2.1.3.2.** The judiciary approves their non-participation.

**2.2. Draws/Program of Events/Competition Format**

**2.2.1. 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.

**2.2.1.1. 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.

**2.2.1.2. A 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.

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### 2.2.2. 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.

#### 2.2.2.1. 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 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup>	5 v 6

#### 2.2.2.2. A 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 <sup>st</sup> v 5 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> v 4 <sup>th</sup> Bye 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Game A Game B
	Loser A v Loser B Winner B v 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Game C Game D
Day Five	Winner A v Winner D Loser D v Winner C	Gold Bronze

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### 2.3. Match Times/Breaks/Timekeeping etc

#### 2.3.1. 12 Years and Under

2.3.1.1. 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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2.3.1.2. 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.

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

**2.3.1.4.** 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:

**2.3.1.4.1.** Instruct coach of the offending player to tell them to stop playing ‘zone’ defence.

**2.3.1.4.2.** Repeat step 2.3.1.4.1 and warn coach that this is the second offence and that one more offence will result in a bench technical foul.

**2.3.1.4.3.** At the next stop ball instruct the lead referee to enforce a bench technical foul on the offending team.

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

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

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

**2.3.1.8.** 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.

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

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

#### **2.3.2. 18 Years and Under**

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

**2.3.2.2.** 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.

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

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

**2.3.2.5.** The host state should allow two (2) hours per game.

#### **2.4. Scoring/Points Allocation**

Determination of a winner – refer to the official F.I.B.A. rules of basketball as issued by Basketball Australia.

#### **2.5. Equipment - balls, footwear, special equipment**

##### **2.5.1. 12 Years and Under**

**2.5.1.1.** 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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**2.5.1.2.** The FIBA score sheet to be used or Electronic Scoring System.

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**2.5.1.3.** 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.

### **2.5.2. 18 Years and Under**

**2.5.2.1.** 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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## **2.6. Judiciary/Reports**

### **2.6.1. 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.

## **SECTION B - Guidelines for Organisation**

### **1. Meetings**

- 1.1. A pre and post championship meeting will be held.
- 1.2. 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. Trophies/Awards/Medals etc**

#### **4.1. 18 Years and Under**

##### **4.1.1. 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. 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.

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#### **4.1.2. Most Valuable Player**

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.

Rule number 4.1.2.1 renumbered to 4.1.2 and former rules 4.1.2.2 and 4.1.2.3 removed October 2017

#### **4.2. 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. Excursions/Social Activities**

The host state/territory will include a 12 years and under "mix and match activity" and an 18 years and under educational forum.

**5.1.** The format of the "mix and match activity" for the 12 years and under players is at the discretion of the host state/territory.

**5.2.** The format for the educational forum for the 18 years and under players is at the discretion of the host state/territory

#### **6. 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.

##### **6.1. All Australian Team**

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

##### **6.2. 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.

##### **6.3. 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.

Previous rule 6.4, 6.4.1 and 6.4.2 removed June 2018

##### **6.4. Darryl Bell Memorial Trophy**

Selection process for the Darryl Bell Memorial Trophy is as follows:

**6.4.1.** The technical committee will be responsible for this selection.

**6.4.2.** The winning official will contribute significantly to the Championship by demonstrating qualities such as;

6.4.2.1. Outstanding sportsmanship

6.4.2.2. Exceptional organisational skills

- 6.4.2.3. Adherence to all championship rules and guidelines
- 6.4.2.4. Striving for personal excellence
- 6.4.2.5. Encouraging and creating opportunities for players and other officials
- 6.4.2.6. Being an excellent role model

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

**6.4.4.** 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.

## **7. Contingencies**

### **7.1. Schedule of Championship**

The School Sport Australia Basketball Championship will be held in the 2nd 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.

### **7.2. Format of Championship**

The School Sport Australia Basketball Championship will be held as a Combined Championship with 12 Years and Under and 18 Years and Under age groups. Any changes to this format must be negotiated with the National Secretary.

Added January 2017

**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA  
SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

NAME	STATE	YEAR
Lance Regnier	VIC	2000
Len Bedier	VIC	2001
Michael Curwood	VIC	2001
Peter Grant	QLD	2001
Stephen Knight	SA	2002
Tony Goodwin	VIC	2003
Jim Ringin	VIC	2003
John Ward	SA	2003
Marilyn Benson	VIC	2004
Brett Sue See	QLD	2004
Jillian Anderson	VIC	2006
Darryl Bell	WA	2006
Eric Kivi	NSW	2006
Joanne Café	NSW	2007
Kerren Melrose	QLD	2007
Len Solman	NSW	2007
Robyn Boyle	VIC	2009
Steve Buttsworth	QLD	2009
Jason Iverson	NT	2009
Sue Knight	ACT	2010
Bil Newman	NT	2010
Brad Spicer	WA	2011
Steve McGugan	NT	2011
Rick Dallas	QLD	2011
Phillip 'Budgie' Preece	NT	2012
Rob Cormack	NSW	2013
Peter Banks	NSW	2013
Sharon Foweraker	SA	2014
Darren Roberts	SA	2014
Robyn Brierley	WA	2015
Wayne Kaye	ACT	2015
Paul Martin	QLD	2015
Rex Nottage	NSW	2015
Jesamine Wheeler	ACT	2018
Christopher Davies	VIC	2019
Jeanette Bell	WA	2019
Janelle Bressow	QLD	2019

**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA  
ECLECTIC SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

NAME	STATE	YEAR	SPORTS
Paul Arney	VIC	2016	Basketball & Swimming
Kelvin Browner	WA	2017	Basketball & Swimming
Graeme Waight	VIC	2018	Basketball & Tennis

**SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA  
'DARRYL BELL' MEMORIAL TROPHY RECIPIENTS**

NAME	STATE	YEAR
Robyn Boyle	VIC	2011
Brett Sue See	QLD	2012
Robyn Brierley	WA	2013
Steve Buttsworth	QLD	2014
William Newman	NT	2015
Stephen Knight	SA	2016
Mick Hanley	ACT	2017

Jeanette Bell	WA	2018
Justin Brown	VIC	2019