

Tournament Regulations

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1 Events and Competitions

1.1 Events

- 1.1.1 The Australian Junior Championships will consist of following four (4) annual events.
- 1.1.2 The Under-20 & Ivor Burge Championships.
- 1.1.3 The Under-18 Championships & Kevin Coombs Cup.
- 1.1.4 The Under-16 Championships
- 1.1.5 The Under-14 Club Championships

1.2 Competitions

- 1.2.1 The tournament will offer six (6) competitions:
- 1.2.2 Under-20: Athletes must be under 20 years of age as of 31 December in the year of competition.
- 1.2.3 Under-18: Athletes must be under 18 years of age as of 31 December in the year of competition.
- 1.2.4 Under-16: Athletes must be under 16 years of age as of 31 December in the year of competition.
- 1.2.5 Under-14: Athletes must be under 14 years of age as of 31 December in the year of competition
- 1.2.6 Ivor Burge: is for athletes with an intellectual disability and has no age limit imposed.
- 1.2.7 Kevin Coombs Cup: is for athletes with a physical disability to compete in wheelchair basketball. Male athletes must be under 23 years of age and female athletes must be under 25 years of age as of 31 December in the year of competition.
- 1.2.8 All competitions will have an offering for male and female except for the Kevin Coombs Cup which will play as a mixed competition.
- 1.2.9 Only females may play in the girls/women competitions. Only males may play in the boys/mens competitions.

2 Eligibility

2.1 Teams

- 2.1.1 The under-20, under-18, under-16, Ivor Burge and Kevin Coombs Cup competitions are open to state or territory representative teams.
- 2.1.2 New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, and Western Australia are permitted to enter two teams into the above competitions. Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory and Tasmania are permitted to enter one team into each above competition.
- 2.1.3 States entering two teams into the under-18 and under-16 competitions must be geographically split according the determination of each state.
- 2.1.4 States entering two teams into other competitions may split the teams as they deem appropriate.
- 2.1.5 International teams may be invited to compete as determined by Basketball Australia.
- 2.1.6 International teams are eligible to qualify and compete in the finals. If they finish in the top three they will receive a participation medal, with the official Bronze, Silver, Gold and perpetual trophy being awarded to the top three (3) placed Australian teams.
- 2.1.7 The under-14 championships are open to association or club representative teams.
- 2.1.8 The under-14 championships will have a maximum of 24 teams allocated as follows:
 - Australian Capital Territory: One (1) team
 - New South Wales: Four (4) teams
 - Northern Territory: Two (2) teams
 - Queensland: Three (3) teams
 - South Australia: Three (3) teams
 - Tasmania: Two (2) teams
 - Victoria: Four (4) teams
 - Western Australia: Three (3) teams
- 2.1.9 The host association is awarded one (1) entry which does not reduce their state allocation.
- 2.1.10 The final team position will be awarded to the state or territory that won the previous year.
- 2.1.11 Any vacancies caused by non-acceptance will be allocated to States and Territories in the finishing order of the previous year. No State or Territory will be awarded a second additional team until all States and Territories have declined an additional team.
- 2.1.12 Teams are permitted to have a maximum of ten (10) players for all competition except the under-14 championships.
- 2.1.13 Teams in the under-14 championships are permitted to have a maximum of twelve (12) players.
- 2.1.14 Teams are required to have a minimum of two (2) team staff and a maximum of six (6) registered.

2.1.15 No changes can be made to the playing roster after the technical meeting.

2.2 Players

2.2.1 A player will be eligible to participate in an Australian Junior Championship if they:

2.2.2 Are under the specified age in their division as at 31 December in the year of the Championship

2.2.3 Are an Australian citizen or hold a permanent or temporary resident visa for Australia or have refugee status. Basketball Australia may request proof for those born outside Australia.

2.2.4 A player may not be under any sanctions or be banned from participating in basketball from any affiliated association.

2.2.5 Have not competed in another other Australian Junior Championship event in the same calendar year.

2.2.6 For the under-20, under-18, under-16, Ivor Burge, and Kevin Coombs Cup a player must have resided in the State or Territory they wish to represent for at least three (3) months immediately prior to the commencement of the championship

2.2.7 Residents of Broken Hill, NSW are eligible for selection in South Australian teams

2.2.8 Residents of Queanbeyan, NSW are eligible for selection in ACT

2.2.9 Athletes who are residing interstate at a boarding facility are eligible to play for their home State or Territory as determined by the location of their parents.

2.2.10 Athletes who have been living overseas and returned to reside in Australia may participate without fulfilling the three (3) month residence requirement.

2.2.11 Athletes who have relocated for the purpose of NBL or WNBL and have not completed the three (3) month residence requirement are permitted to play for their previous State/Territory.

2.2.12 For the under-14 championships a player must have been a member of the club they wish to represent at the time of qualification and for at least three (3) months prior to the commencement of the championship.

2.2.13 If an athlete does not meet the three (3) month eligibility requirement they are permitted to play for their previous team provided they were eligible at the time of qualification.

2.2.14 Basketball Australia will enforce any further eligibility requirements imposed by State and Territory Associations on the teams representing them at the under-14 championships.

2.3 Centre of Excellence and NBA Global Academy Players

- 2.3.1 Athletes on scholarship to the Centre of Excellence or NBA Global Academy are eligible to play for their home State or Territory without completed the residency requirement.
- 2.3.2 Athletes that decline to play for their home state/territory are not permitted to play for ACT or NBA Global Academy.
- 2.3.3 Centre of Excellence and NBA Global Academy athletes that are not selected to represent their home state are eligible for selection in ACT or NBA Global Academy teams.
- 2.3.4 An Australian NBA Global Academy athlete chosen to play for NBA Global Academy in the Under-20 Championships is also permitted to represent their home state in the Under-18 or Under-16 Championships if they are of relevant age,.

2.4 Coaches and Team Staff

- 2.4.1 It is desired that coaches at all Australian Junior Championships are a minimum of 'Club' Level coaches.
- 2.4.2 All coaching and team staff must hold the relevant working with children checks from their home state.

2.5 Exceptions

- 2.5.1 Any request for exemptions to the above rules must be made in writing to the AJC Manager for review *with competitions commission. Determinations will be made in line with these rules and the objectives of the AJC program.

3 Entry Process

3.1 Expression of Interest

- 3.1.1 All team nominations must submit an expression of interest for their nominated number of teams via the form supplied
- 3.1.2 Team Expression of Interests must be submitted by five (5) months prior to the championships.
- 3.1.3
- 3.1.4 Expression of Interests are not considered confirmation of entry and do not form a binding agreement to send the expressed number of teams.
- 3.1.5 Teams may withdraw their expression of interest at any point up until the team nominations are due.
- 3.1.6 Only teams with a formal team nomination will be carried forward into the scheduling process.

3.2 Team Nominations

- 3.2.1 All team nominations must be completed online via the Sports TG registration form.
- 3.2.2 Teams will receive confirmation of registration through an automated system containing their team code and password once the process is complete.
- 3.2.3 Team nominations are considered final confirmation of attendance.
- 3.2.4 A State/Territory may only nominate teams that they have provided an expression of interest for. Any team nominations above this will not be accepted.
- 3.2.5 Nominations will close 12 weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
- 3.2.6 Nominations received after the closing date will be subject to acceptance by the AJCOC. The AJCOC reserve the right to refuse entry to teams if the planning has proceeded to such an extent that the inclusion of additional teams is impractical.
- 3.2.7 Nominations received after the closing date will incur a \$100 late fee per team.

3.3 Payment of Fees

- 3.3.1 All team nominations carry a fee.
- 3.3.2 All fees must be paid in full two (2) weeks prior to start of the ASC. Non-payment of fees may result in withdrawal from the competition.

3.4 Individual Registrations

- 3.4.1 All participants (including players, coaches and support staff) are required to complete the online individual registration form.
- 3.4.2 Individual registrations are due four (4) weeks prior to the start of the championships.
- 3.4.3 In the case of injury changes may be made to individual registrations up until the Technical Meeting subject to acceptance by AJCOC.
- 3.4.4 No further individual registration will be accepted after the Technical Meeting.
- 3.4.5 In completing the registration form, all participants agree to comply with the tournament policies and codes of conduct.

3.5 Confirmation of Entries

- 3.5.1 Following the closing of the individual registration period, Basketball Australia will send each team a confirmation of their entry and all registered participants.
- 3.5.2 Teams are required to respond to confirm all details are correct.

3.6 Technical Meeting

- 3.6.1 All teams must attend the Technical Meeting and confirm their team registrations.
- 3.6.2 Any changes to individual registrations on the day of the technical meeting are subject to acceptance by the Championship Technical Committee.

3.7 Withdrawal of Teams

- 3.7.1 Any team withdrawing after the closing date of team registrations will be subject to a \$100 administration fee being taken from their refund of entry fee.
- 3.7.2 Any team withdrawing after the draw has been set will forfeit half of their entry fee.
- 3.7.3 Any team withdrawing within two (2) weeks of the beginning of the tournament will forfeit their entire entry fee.
- 3.7.4 Any team who withdraws during the tournament or fails to show to scheduled match will incur a forfeit fee of \$200 per game. Where teams can provide evidence that they have been prevented from playing due to circumstances beyond their control, no fine will be applied. Flight bookings are not considered circumstances beyond control – all efforts should be made to follow advice from the ASCOC on flight time bookings.
- 3.7.5 Any team forfeiting their final game will be subject to the above forfeit fee as well as face possible disqualification from the following years championships.

4 Competition Rules

4.1 Except where explicitly stated or limited by the venue playing conditions, the current FIBA Official Basketball Rules shall apply.

4.2 Timing

4.2.1 Under-20, under-18, under-16, Ivor Burge & Kevin Coombs Cup

Warm up – 15 minutes

Playing Time - 4 x 10 minute quarters fully timed

Half time – 10 minutes

Quarter & 3-quarter time – 2 minutes

Extra Time – 5 minutes (all games must have a result – no ties will be permitted)

Time outs – As per FIBA rules

Shot clock – As per FIBA rules

4.2.2 Championship Division

Warm Up – 15 minutes

Playing Time – 4 x 10 minute quarters fully timed

Half Time Break – 10 minutes

Quarter & Three Quarter Time Break – 2 minutes

Extra Time – 5 minutes (all games must have a result – no ties will be permitted)

Extra Time Break – 2 minutes

Time outs – 2 in first half, 3 in second half, 1 only in extra time

4.3 Draw

4.3.1 The draw will be set by Basketball Australia and released no later than eight (8) weeks out from the start of any Australian Junior Championships.

4.3.2 The draw will be based on the number of teams in a competition. Seven (7) or less teams will play in a round robin series. Eight (8) or more teams will be split into pools as equal standard as possible.

4.3.3 Pools will be determined by seeding teams based on previous standings and other available information.

4.3.4 Where possible, teams from the same state should not be allocated to the same pool.

4.3.5 Teams will have a minimum of one (1) game per day except where finals dictate.

4.3.6 Teams will have a maximum of two (2) games in any 24-hour period.

4.3.7 A team that has two (2) games scheduled on the same day will have a minimum of eight (8) hours between the two scheduled start times.

4.3.8 Games will be scheduled to start no earlier than 8:00am and no later than 8:00pm. If in the event of delays the Technical Committee may determine to start a game after 8:00pm.

4.4 Classification & Countbacks

- 4.4.1 Teams will receive two (2) championships points for a win and one (1) championship point for a loss.
- 4.4.2 In the event of a tie, it will be resolved in accordance with FIBA rules in following order:
 - 4.4.2.1 Head to Head – the winner of the game between the two tied teams will determine the higher placing
 - 4.4.2.2 Higher Goal Difference in games between tied teams only – the teams will be ranked according to their goal difference taking into account only the games between the tied teams
 - 4.4.2.3 Higher number of goals scored in game between tied teams only – the teams will be ranked according to the number of goals scored taking into account only the games between the tied teams
 - 4.4.2.4 Higher Goal Difference of all games in the group – the teams will be ranked according to their goal difference of all games in the group
 - 4.4.2.5 Higher number of goals scored in all games in the group – the teams will be ranked according to the number of goals scored in all games in the group
 - 4.4.2.6 If at any level a team is classified, the procedure starts from the beginning

5 Match Conduct

- 5.1 Teams are required to be present at the venue a minimum of 20 minutes prior to the fixtured start time of their game.
- 5.2 Teams not present at the scheduled game time are considered to have forfeited the game.
- 5.3 The ASC Technical Committee may approve the delay to a start time due to exceptional circumstances and this decision shall be final.

5.4 Uniforms

- 5.4.1 All on-court uniforms need to be approved by Basketball Australia prior to the commencement of the championships.
- 5.4.2 Team uniform designs should be submitted to Basketball Australia at the time of team nominations for approval.
- 5.4.3 Uniforms not approved may not be permitted to be worn at the championships.
- 5.4.4 A sample of team uniforms should be brought to the Technical Meeting for review and clashes.
- 5.4.5 Uniform requirements of team members are in accordance with FIBA Rules:
- 5.4.6 Shirts are to be the same dominant colour front and back and shall be numbered front and back in a contrasting colour. The numbers must be clearly visible, on the back the number must be at least 20cm high, on the front it must be at least 10cm high.
- 5.4.7 Uniforms may be numbered 0-99, 00 is also permitted.
- 5.4.8 Shirts/Singlet's must be tucked in at all times.
- 5.4.9 Shorts/Bodysuit (lower body) of the same solid colour shall be worn by all players.
- 5.4.10 An alternate set of uniforms in a different colour is essential, the preference is that one is distinctly light and one distinctly a dark colour. The same playing numbers are allocated to players in both strips.
- 5.4.11 Each team is required to carry at least 2 spare playing shirts and shorts/bodysuits in case a uniform is spoilt by blood. These spare playing shirts and short/bodysuits are to be of different numbers to those already listed on the scoresheet.
- 5.4.12 Contrasting trim is permitted. An alternate coloured stripe is allowed along the side of the shirt and shorts. It must not exceed 3 cm in width on each side of the seam (6 cm in total)
- 5.4.13 There may be a maximum 2 cm trim around the bottom of the leg.
- 5.4.14 Compression sleeves and stockings are permitted in the same dominant colour as the uniform under which they are worn, or black, or white however all members of the team must wear the same.
- 5.4.15 Ankle or Knee braces may be work but must be transparent (skin) colour, or black, or white however all members of the team must wear the same.
- 5.4.16 Strapping tape may be the same colour as the dominant colour of the uniform, or black, or white however all members of the team must wear the same.
- 5.4.17 No T-Shirts to be worn under singlet's.
- 5.4.18 Exceptions – Medical certificate or other extenuating circumstances presented to the Championship Technical Committee and approved. If permission is given, T Shirt must be of the same single colour as the playing singlet. This decision is final and not subject to appeal.
- 5.4.19 Team A (first listed in draw) has the right to wear their main colour, if there is a clash Team B must change.

5.4.20 All teams will receive a hand out list of uniform colours at the Technical Meeting, teams should check their colours and arrange with oppositions in case of clashes.

5.5 Team Staff Dress Code

5.5.1 The dress code for coaching and support staff including managers of teams at the Australian School Championships at a minimum is team track suit/polo tops with neat casual pants. Athletic shorts and tracksuit pants are not acceptable.

5.6 Team Benches

5.6.1 Team A (first listed in program) will sit on the left hand side of the bench when facing the court, team B on the right.

5.6.2 Teams will warm up at the opposite end of the court to their bench and will score at that end for the first half.

5.7 Change Rooms

5.7.1 All teams will have allocated change rooms for use for each game.

5.7.2 Teams will have access to their change room prior to each game and at half time.

5.7.3 Following half time teams are to remove all belongings from change rooms to make way for the teams in the next game.

5.8 Basketballs

5.8.1 All warm up and game balls will be provided.

5.8.2 The Referees on each match will bring the game basketballs.

5.8.3 Teams are required to collect their warm up basketballs from the championship office.

5.8.4 Teams are permitted to use their own basketballs for warm up provided they match the brand and style of the provided basketballs.

5.8.5 Teams must supply their own training basketballs.

5.9 Finals

5.9.1 All teams participating in medal games must attend the medal presentation ceremony at the appointed times. Any team not present will forfeit their right to receive their medal.

6 Officiating

6.1 Referees

- 6.1.1 Each State association is asked to provide a set number of referees to both the Championship and Participation Division.
- 6.1.2 For the Championship Division, State associations are to provide one (1) referee per team nominated.
- 6.1.3 For the Participation Division, states are asked to provide a set number based on previous year's attendance ratios. This will be based on approximately one (1) referee for every three (3) teams.

6.2 Referee Coaches

- 6.2.1 A Referee Coach will be allocated to each game and will act as the referee commissioner for that game.
- 6.2.2 Referee Coaches will provide support and feedback to the referees under the control of the Technical Commissioner and Referee Commissioner.
- 6.2.3 Basketball Australia will appoint the Referee Coaches for the Championship Division.
- 6.2.4 State Associations are required to appoint a set number of Referee Coaches to accompany referees for the Participation Division.

6.3 Scoretable

- 6.3.1 All Australian Junior Championships will be run with a minimum of four (4) scoretable officials but ideally five (5): Chair, Time Keeper, Shot Clock Operator, Scorer, Visuals Operator.
- 6.3.2 In competitions where full statistics are kept this may be reduced to three (3) persons, eliminating the scorer.
- 6.3.3 The scoretable officials will be appointed by the host association with approval from Basketball Australia.
- 6.3.4 All scorebench officials are required to have a minimum ?? level qualification.

6.4 Statisticians

- 6.4.1 Statistics will be recorded and provided for the under-20, under-18, under-16, Ivor Burge and Kevin Coombs Cup Competitions.
- 6.4.2 Statistics will not be recorded for under-14.
- 6.4.3 The statisticians will be appointed by the host association with approval from Basketball Australia.
- 6.4.4 All statisticians are required to have a minimum ?? level qualification.

7 General Policies

7.1 Technical Committee

- 7.1.1 The Technical Committee will consist of at least three (3) members from the following: the Australian Junior Championship Manager, BA's General Manager – Competitions, BV representative, the Technical Commissioner and/or the Referee Commissioner.
- 7.1.2 If any of these are unavailable for the duration of the championship the respective organisation will appoint a suitable replacement.
- 7.1.3 The Technical Committee may invite other knowledgeable parties to advise where required.
- 7.1.4 The Australian Junior Championship Manager (or Basketball Australia Representative) will chair the Technical Committee.
- 7.1.5 The Technical Committee shall be authorised to deal with any matter, including disciplinary action relating to the participants and their decision shall be final.
- 7.1.6 All appeals and protests will be heard by the Technical Committee.

7.2 Opening Ceremony

- 7.2.1 The Opening Ceremony will be held on the evening prior to the first game.
- 7.2.2 All teams are required to attend and participate in the Opening Ceremony.

7.3 Long Service Awards

- 7.3.1 Basketball Australia shall acknowledge long service to the Australian School Championships by recognising those who have accumulated ten (10), fifteen (15), twenty (20) and every subsequent five (5) years of involvement.
- 7.3.2 Nomination procedures for a long service award will be outlined in communications each year.
- 7.3.3 Nominations must be received no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the start of the championship.
- 7.3.4 Long Service Awards will be presented at the Opening Ceremony.

7.4 Training

- 7.4.1 Training sessions will be limited and based on court availability.
- 7.4.2 Teams must request training sessions through their assigned competition manager at will come at a cost per hour per court.
- 7.4.3 Championship Division teams will be granted priority on training session times.

7.5 Team Photos

- 7.5.1 All teams will have the opportunity to have their official team photo taken on the day of the registrations and opening ceremony. These will be taken by a Basketball Australia appointed photographer and available for purchase.
- 7.5.2 All Championship Division teams are required to have their team and individual photos taken on the day of the registrations and opening ceremony.

7.6 Code of Conduct

- 7.6.1 In completing the registration forms all participants agree to be bound by the Basketball Australia Code of Conduct found on the Basketball Australia Website

7.7 Appeals and Tribunals

- 7.7.1 All appeals and tribunals will be managed in accordance with the Basketball Australia policy found on the Basketball Australia Website.

7.8 Photo policy

- 7.8.1 In completing the registration forms all participants agree to have their photograph taken by Basketball Australia and affiliated media sources and understand these photos may be used for promotional purposes.