

School B teams at Secondary Schools tournaments.

All schools may only enter one team in each age group, however BBNZ reserve the right to include additional teams on their terms.

From time to time BBNZ will advise if there is/are non-qualifying tournament(s) for teams who do/can not qualify for the National Championships; this include B teams. These teams must register into these non-qualifying tournament(s).

BBNZ may accept a submission from a School Principal requesting to play in a qualifying tournament if a non-qualifying tournament is available. In this instance the B Team will be added to the tournament but any A Team will receive precedence over a B team. For example, in a situation where the competition is full and an A team is on the waiting list, the A team will replace the B team in that tournament.

Where a B team has been permitted into a premiership tournament, the team is not eligible to progress through to the National Championships.

As such B teams will not be permitted to place in the top eight therefore qualifying for the National Championships.

To allow the opportunity for A teams to make the top eight, B teams will not be permitted into the top eight places in the tournament and can therefore finish no higher than third place in their pool.

If a B team finishes first or second in their pool they will be reseeded as third and the team and the first second and third teams will be reseeded accordingly for quarter finals.

BBNZ recognise the opportunity for participation and development for B teams through the playing in premiership tournaments but also recognise that the Secondary School National Championships are to showcase the top teams from each school present and that B teams will not be permitted to play.

In the future a rule change could be considered to allow this to happen, however for now the rule stands that second teams from schools are only allowed to enter on terms allowed by BBNZ. This has been approved by the BBNZ board and the NZSSC.