

In this document you will find key regulations regarding to players and teams that enter Basketball New Zealand Secondary Schools tournaments, as sanctioned by School Sport New Zealand (formally SSNZ).

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## 1. ENTRY FEES & WITHDRAWALS

### All Premiership tournaments (Junior/ AA / A & Cups)

- \$750.00+GST

### A & AA Nationals Championships

- \$1,300.00+GST

### Withdrawals

We have introduced the following process to discourage Schools from withdrawing from Junior, 'A' and 'AA' or non-attendance at a National Championship:

- Schools that withdraw their team(s) after the first due date or after qualifying for the national championship won't be guaranteed a place in a tournament the following year. This includes already outlined financial penalties in the BBNZ privacy and returns policy.
- Regardless if the registration has been completed by the due date and payment is made in full in the following year, the registration will be placed on the waiting list.

This process is to help Schools ensure that you are organised and have registered in the correct tournament. If your intentions are not to attend the National Championships, your School needs to register into the non-qualifying tournament. The only exception is where a non-qualifying tournament does not go ahead or the attempt to fit you into another non-qualifying tournament was not successful.

## 2. MAXIMUM TEAM REGISTRATIONS

Following the growth in team registrations over the past two years, BBNZ has identified maximum numbers for teams entering the following competitions:

- AA Premierships (4 days)

The maximum number of teams that can enter ALL AA tournaments (qualifiers for Nationals) per gender are:

- 24 Teams

- A Premierships (3/4 days)

The Maximum number of teams that can enter ALL A tournaments (qualifiers for Nationals) per gender are:

- 3 days - 16 teams
- 4 days - 20 teams

- Cup Non-Qualifiers (3/4 days)

The Maximum number of teams that can enter ALL Cup tournaments per gender are:

- 3 days - 16 teams
- 4 days - 20 teams

- Junior Premierships (4 days)

The Maximum number of teams that can enter ALL Junior tournaments per grade and gender are:

- 16 teams

The maximum numbers outlined above are based on the following factors; the number of courts secured, venue open and closing times, dates available and a draw structure that will suit these factors. A waiting list for each competition will be used to gather registrations after the cut-off date or once the team entries have reached the maximum. Where the number of entries received exceeds the maximum number of teams allowed for any tournament, BBNZ reserves the right to determine which teams will be permitted to participate in the tournament. In deciding on which teams will be accepted into any tournament (where entries exceed the maximum number allowed)

BBNZ may take into account any of the following criteria;

- Entries received and payments made by the advertised due dates
- Prior history of the school in both participation and performance at the particular tournament
- Relative performance of schools in regional competitions in the same year as the particular tournament
- The total number of teams entered into the particular tournament by one school (if there is more than one school team entered into a competition, the lower graded teams may be moved to a different grade within that particular tournament if space is available)
- Teams that are excluded through the above process will, where possible and numbers permit, be offered an opportunity to participate in an alternative tournament.

To ensure we all understand what is expected when entering a Non/Qualifying Tournament and to help with prior logistics and administration, the following need to be factored into your plans. Where possible we will attempt to finish this tournament early so teams that are able to, have the option to travel home on the last day:

1. Coaches and managers are expected to attend the technical meeting usually held the night before the first day of competition
2. Only the 12 players submitted and confirmed at the technical meeting can participate in the tournament
3. Teams can expect to play 1 or 2 games a day – this includes the final day of the tournament
4. Teams can expect to play between the hours of 8am and 10pm (hours are subject to many logistical factors)

### **3. SCHOOL SPORT NEW ZEALAND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

*All of the following School Sport NZ Rules and Regulations and more can be found at the link below  
[Please use the web link HERE to obtain School Sport NZ rules and regulations.](#)*

#### **Player Eligibility**

##### Basketball New to School Student Quota

- Basketball 3X3 Championships: **2**
- Basketball Premierships / Nationals: **3**

*Non-Domestic students must be included in your NTS quota, this is a maximum of 2.*

1. A student enrolled at the school within 2 years of the first day of the event is considered NEW TO SCHOOL. The student's most recent enrolment date must be used and must match MoE ENROL records. The "event" includes all qualifiers. Students who begin at the school in Year 9 are exempt

2. Please indicate 'Yes' if a student started classes on or after the above dates. Indicate any who are exempt the SSNZ 'new to school' quota because

a. s/he is in Year 9 or in the first 12 months above the entry level at a restricted entry school (e.g. girls only from Year 12) and has not competed at this event for his/her previous school or

b. the student has been granted a Primary Caregiver Relocation Exemption. (See SSNZ website for details. Copy of exemption must be attached).

3. Domestic students are defined a NZ Citizen, the holder of a residence permit, an Australian citizen, a NZ passport holder (e.g. Cook Islands), a dependent of a work permit holder, refugee, diplomat or whatever definition the Ministry of Education currently applies.

#### Primary Caregiver Relocation Exemption (PCRE)

PCREs were introduced to allow students that relocated with their primary caregiver and could not have reasonably been expected to remain at their previous school to be exempted from the New to School (NTS) quota for teams.

A MAXIMUM of 2 PCRE's issued in any calendar year may be included in any team that has a SSNZ NTS quota. (includes 3X3 and Premierships/Nationals)

#### Age

Be under 19 years of age at the first of January in the year of the competition (unless specified otherwise for a particular competition).

#### Juniors

- Only Year 9 and 10 students are eligibility to play – *no Year 7 and 8 players.*

#### Team Eligibility

For any information regarding the following bullet points please see the full outlined regulations on [School Sport NZ website](#)

- Composite Teams
- Host School Agreements

For any extra information or questions, email Mike Summerell at [events@schoolsportnz.org.nz](mailto:events@schoolsportnz.org.nz)

#### Clarification on School Roll

For BBNZ purposes, a schools roll will be set as the March 1st MoE Schools Roll Return of the competition year. We understand that numbers constantly change throughout the year therefore using this date ensures that School understand the competition with which they are able to compete and BBNZ/SSNZ can advise accordingly.

As MoE do not release confirmed March 1st rolls until June, BBNZ may require a signed letter from the School Principal advising the schools roll number as submitted in the March 1st MoE return to certify inclusion into a tournament.

Where there is a discrepancy between the signed letter and the MoE published document in June, BBNZ will consult with SSNZ to determine an outcome.

### Team Roster

- 3x3 Champs: MAX 5 players per team
- Premierships and Nationals: MAX 12 players per team

### Roster Changes

A reminder that no players can be added to the first scoresheet of the tournament. If there are any roster changes, these must be submitted to the BBNZ office by the due date.

If there are last minute changes to your roster due to injuries, these changes must be submitted at the technical meeting, accompanied by an updated and signed SSNZ roster form. Failing to submit new changes could result in those players being ineligible to participate in the tournament.

### 'A' & 'AA' School Rolls

BBNZ, in conjunction with our member Associations host junior (Year 9 to 10) Premierships only and senior (A & AA) Premierships and National Championship Tournaments. Junior Secondary Schools Tournaments are open to all schools. The senior tournaments are split into 'AA' Tournaments for co-ed schools with enrolments over 600 and 300 for single-sex and 'A' Tournaments which caters for smaller schools under the enrolment thresholds:

### Single Sex Schools

- If the school has 300 + pupils; can enter a team into the 'AA' only
- If the school has less than 300 pupils; can enter a team either into the 'A' or 'AA'; must choose.

### Co-Ed Schools

- If the school has 600 + pupils; can enter a team into the 'AA' only
- If the school has less than 600 pupils; can enter teams either into the 'A' or 'AA'; must choose.

## **4. SEEDING & QUALIFYING SPOTS**

### Qualifiers and Cups

- The first seeded Team (for each gender) shall be the team representing the School (as applicable) that had the highest placing at the National Championship in the previous year.
- The second seeded team shall be the team representing the School (as applicable) with the next highest placing at the National Championship the previous year.
- The third and subsequent seeded Teams shall be those teams representing the School (as applicable) with the next highest placing at the National Championship the previous year.
- Once seeding can no longer be done on results from the previous year's National Championship, the highest placed team from the Qualifying Competitions from the previous year's event shall be considered the next highest seed.
- If a Team (as applicable) did not compete at the previous year's Qualifying Competitions then they will be given the lowest seeding.
- If there is more than one Team that did not compete at the Qualifying Competitions in the previous year, BBNZ will seed the teams at their discretion.

### Senior (A & AA) Nationals

- The first seeded Team (for each gender) shall be the Team that is the highest qualifier from the Qualifying Competition of the Zone in which the national champion Team at the previous year's National Championships came from.
- The second seeded Team (for each gender) shall be the Team that is the highest qualifier from the Qualifying Competition of the Zone in which the runner up Team at the previous year's National

Championships came from. If the first and second seeded Teams competed in the same Qualifying Competition, then the second seeded Team, will be the Team which was the second highest qualifier from the Zone Qualifying Competition.

- The third and subsequent seeds will be found using the same principles as above.
- If a Team from a Zone did not compete at the previous year's National Championships then they will be given the lowest seeding.

#### 'A' and 'AA' Qualifying Spots

In the 'AA' Competitions, 24 teams per gender will compete at the National Championships. Below are the current (as of 2018) qualifying spots per zone.

#### Qualification Spots for 'AA' National Championships - BOYS

- AA Zone 1 – 7 spots
- AA Zone 2 – 5 spots
- AA Zone 3 – 6 spots
- AA Zone 4 – 6 spots

#### Qualification Spots for 'AA' National Championships - GIRLS

- AA Zone 1 – 6 spots
- AA Zone 2 – 6 spots
- AA Zone 3 – 6 spots
- AA Zone 4 – 6 spots

In the 'A' Competitions, 12 teams per gender will compete at the National Championships. Below are the current (as of 2018) qualifying spots per zone.

#### Qualification Spots for 'A' National Championships

- A North Island – 7 spots
- A South Island – 5 spots

*If the allocation of a spot is not filled due to a team withdrawal, BBNZ will fill the spot at their discretion.*

## **5. REFEREES**

A reminder that at all junior, A and AA premierships (qualifying and non-qualifying) tournaments Schools must supply a student referee as a condition of registering a team. 'No ref, no play'. This has, during the past two years, been advertised and communicated as a 'Student Referee'. Please note that the referee must be a Secondary School Student.

The referee must be suitably experienced and fully committed to attending the tournament for the entire duration. All costs associated with taking the referee to the tournament will be the Schools responsibility. No game fees will be paid.

Where Schools require assistance to train students they should, in the first instance, contact their local basketball association. Given the growth of basketball in schools, the increasing number of teams and tournaments at school level this is beginning to pose a real challenge in terms of referee numbers.

The student referee initiative is designed to support this ongoing growth in the school sector and is considered an appropriate opportunity for both the sport and the school sector to work together in supporting increased opportunity for students.

Any questions, contact Melony at [referees@nz.basketball](mailto:referees@nz.basketball)

[FIBA Official rules here](#)

Mouthguards

Mouthguards are compulsory for all players. Mouthguard policy [HERE](#)

If you require any assistance with these regulations contact your local association or email  
[tournaments@nz.basketball](mailto:tournaments@nz.basketball)