

Age Definitions for BBNZ Masters Competitions

Previous to 2020 Basketball New Zealand (BBNZ) had reviewed the rules and regulations around our national and regional competitions. BBNZ advised all on the tournament structure for the next three years and completed a series of additional recommendations for the BBNZ Board to consider.

This document relates to the age definitions to be used for masters age group tournaments, events, and teams. BBNZ adjusted its age definitions to fall in line with FIBA and with almost all other sporting codes in New Zealand. This means that players in, for example, an 40-44 years old team will be able to turn 40 in the year of the event.

Outlined below are the updated age eligibility criteria to take effect in 2021:

1. For 40-44, players must be aged either 40, 41, 42, 43, or 44 years as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held;
2. For 45-49, players must be aged either 45, 46, 47, 48, or 49 years as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held;
3. For 50-54, players must be aged either 50, 51, 52, 53, or 54 years as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held.
4. For 55-59, players must be aged either 55, 56, 57, 58, or 59 years as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held.
5. For 60+, players must be aged either 60 years or older as at 31 December in the year in which the competition is held.
6. Walking Basketball has no age restrictions

Below we have specified the calendar year, and the birth years that players may compete in each age group:

Age Groups	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60+
2022 Players may compete if born in	1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982	1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977	1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972	1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967	1962 and later. Must be 60 years old
2023 Players may compete if born in	1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983	1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978	1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973	1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968	1963 and later. Must be 60 years old
2024 Players may compete if born in	1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984	1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979	1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974	1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969	1964 and later. Must be 60 years old