

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

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1. ENTRY FEES & WITHDRAWALS

EVENT	ENTRY FEE
3X3 Secondary School Nationals	\$350+GST
All Premiership tournaments (Junior/ AA / A & Cups)	\$750.00+GST
A & AA Nationals	\$1,300.00+GST

Withdrawals & Reminders when entering

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 of whether 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.

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 (may be on Zoom two nights before the first day)
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).

Refunds

Refund Policy Schedule Team withdrawals prior to the tournament

Tasks	Refund Percentage of Tournament Entry Fee
Prior to payment due date	100%
Between payment due date and draw completion date	50%
After draw completion date	0%
In case of event cancellation	100%

Find the returns policy [HERE](#)

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.

3. SCHOOL SPORT NEW ZEALAND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

All of the following School Sport NZ Rules and Regulations and more can be found [here](#).

Basketball New to School Student Quota

Basketball	2
Basketball 3x3	2

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.*

Cups, A & AA – Year 9 and above

Team Eligibility

Composite Teams & Host School Agreements – see School Sport NZ Website for more information

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

Junior Premierships & Cups

As there is no National & Qualifying Competition, seedings shall be based on the standing of Teams from the previous year's competition.

A & AA Qualifiers

- The first seeded Team (for each gender) shall be the team representing the Affiliated Association or School (as applicable) that had the highest placing at the Nationals in the previous year.
- The second seeded team shall be the team representing the Affiliated Association or School (as applicable) with the next highest placing at the Nationals the previous year.
- The third and subsequent seeded Teams shall be those teams representing the Affiliated Association or School (as applicable) with the next highest placing at the Nationals the previous year.
- Once seedings can no longer be done on results from the previous year's Nationals, the highest placed team from the Qualifying Competitions from the previous year's competition shall be considered the next highest seed.
- If an Affiliated Association or School (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.

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 from which the national champion Team at the previous year's Nationals 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 from which the runner up Team at the previous year's Nationals came from. If the first and second seeded Teams competed in the same Qualifying Competition, then the second seeded Team, will be the Team that 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 Nationals, then they will be given the lowest seeding.
- If there is more than one Team that did not compete at the Nationals in the previous year BBNZ will seed the teams.

'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. OFFICIALS

As you will be aware, it is a condition of entry to our Premiership tournaments, that each team provides a referee. This has been a requirement for many years and is designed to ensure an adequate supply of referees for the events as well as provide an opportunity for student referees to represent their school.

To make the rostering of referees to games more efficient, teams must provide their referee details at the time of entry. Your team entry is subject to providing all the required details including your referee. Please note that on the first day of the tournament each team's referee will be rostered to officiate the game immediately before or after your schools game. The Technical Commissioner will then roster referees to games for the remainder of the tournament based on merit.

Please note:

- Failure to provide a referee at the tournament, may result in your school being excluded from the following years Premiership.
- Referees must be available for the entire duration of the tournament and are there solely for the purpose of refereeing – i.e. they are not playing or coaching. This reduces the demands on them mentally and physically.
- It is recommended that referees are students from the school. This has proved the most successful means to ensure schools can provide referees for tournaments.
- Student referees, as is the case with players, are representatives of their school. It is hoped that this is the incentive for student referees to attend.
- Each referee will be required to officiate at least two games per day.
- Referees should have completed, as a minimum, the Level 1 Refereeing Course, but more importantly be up to the level of game.
- It is the responsibility of each team to make arrangements (eg. accommodation, transport, meals) for your referee to attend the tournament. No game fees will be paid to referees at the tournament.
- Tournament information for referees will be sent to school contacts and the provided referee email.
- For development of referees please speak to your local Association or refer to our website [here](#).

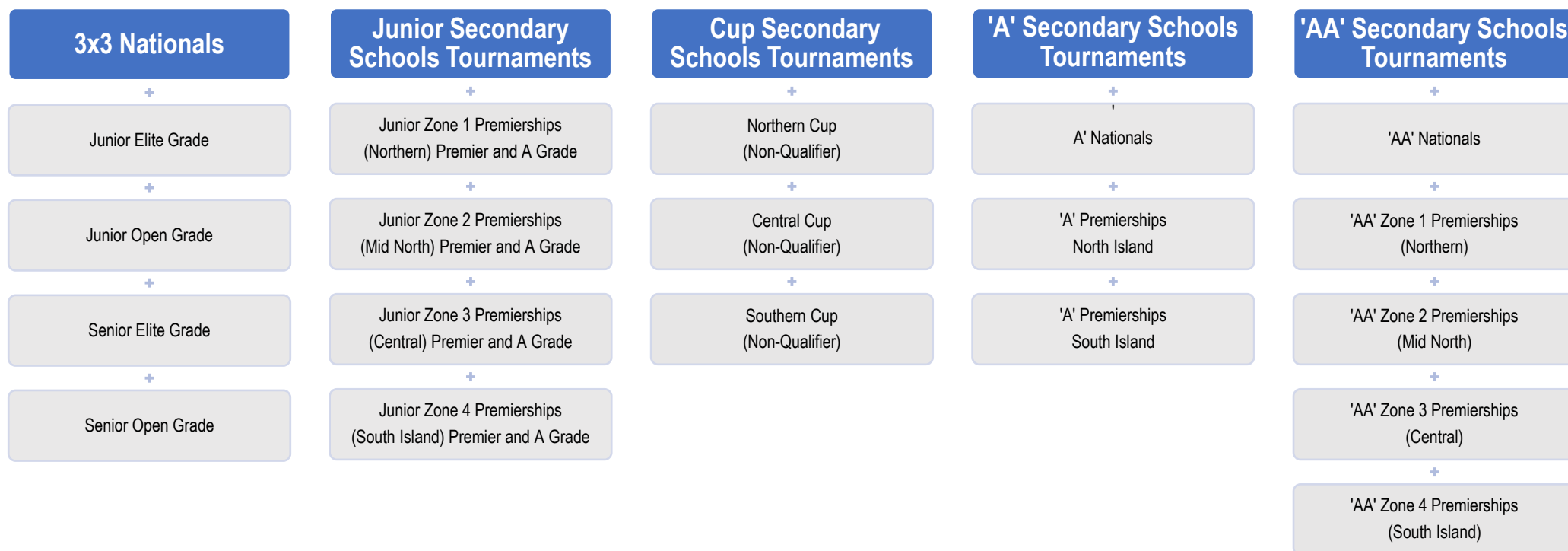
Should you require any further information regarding this please contact our Officials Lead, Melony O'Connor – referees@nz.basketball.

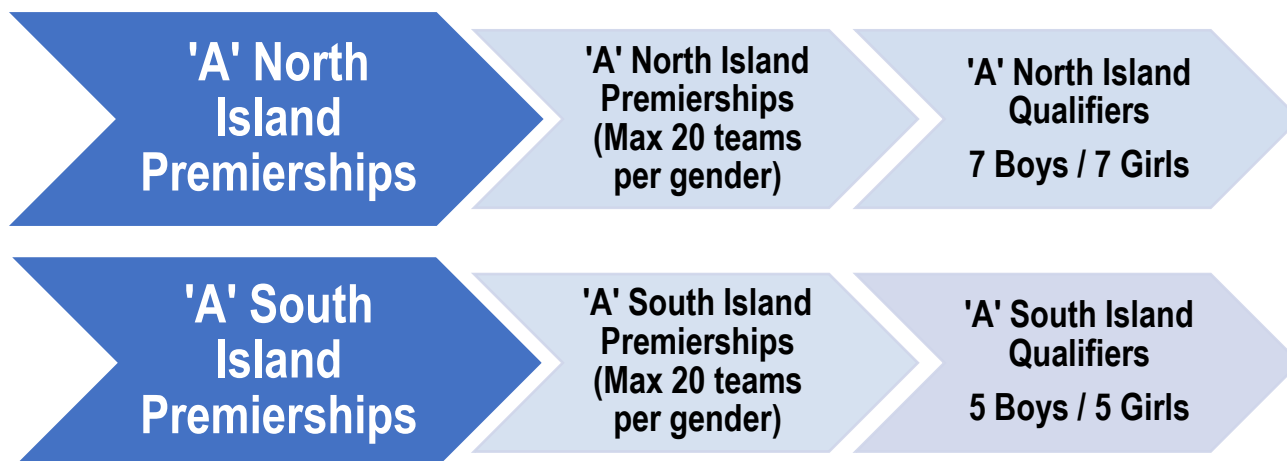
Mouthguards

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

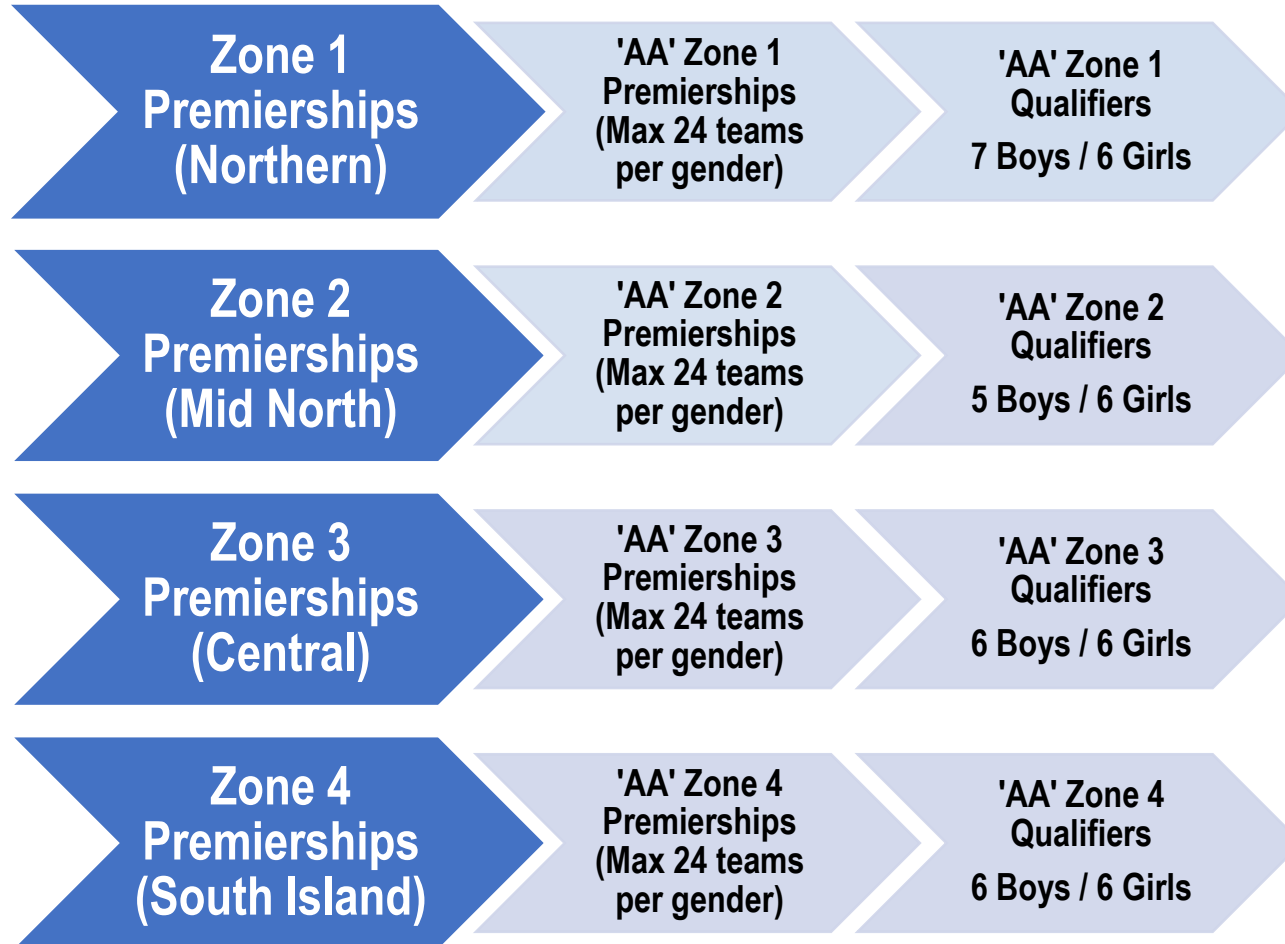
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Nationals
12 Boys Teams
12 Girls Teams





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