

A North Island Premierships

Hosted by Rotorua Basketball – August 29th-1st September 2026

Draw

Boys 24 Teams

- 1 round robin – 4 pools of 6
- 1st and 2nd in each pool qualify automatically for the 1-8 QF's, SF's & F
- 3rd and 4th in each pool qualify for the 9-16 QF's, SF's & F
- 5th and 6th in each pool qualify for the 17-24 QF's, SF's & F

Girls 9 Teams

- 1 round robin – 1 pool of 4, 1 pool of 5
- 1st in each pool qualify for the 1-4 SF's
- 2nd & 3rd in each pool qualify for the PL SF's
- Winner of Preliminary SF's play in the 1-4 SF's
- Losers of PLSFs play for 5th & 6th
- 4th in both pools, plus 5th in Pool B play in the bottom 3 round robin

Seeding/Pools

Seeding of teams is taken from the 2025 A Secondary School National Championships, then 2025 A North Island Premierships final team placing. The result from external (non BBNZ) competitions and/or tournaments is not used in the seeding process.

Rules and Regulations

The playing rules shall consist of the rules of FIBA, BBNZ's Internal Regulations, School Sport New Zealand, Sport Integrity Commission (formerly DFSNZ) Policies, BBNZ's Match Fixing Policy and unless specifically changed in these rules.

Times

- Warm Up – Minimum of 10 minutes
- Playing Time – 4 x 10 minute stop clock quarters
- Half Time – 5 minutes
- Quarter Time Intervals – 2 minutes
- Extra Periods – 5 minutes
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Tournament Officials

- Tournament Director – Sue Pene: admin@rotorua.basketball
- Venue Controller (Unison Arena) – Tania Ambrose, Buffy Soloman
- Venue Controller (Sportsdrome): Roana Paterson
- Technical Commissioner – Devina Banks
- BBNZ Tournament Lead (offsite) – Libby Peckham: libby@nz.basketball | 022 373 2634

Technical Meeting/Team Rosters

There will be no technical meeting the A North Island Premierships. Current team rosters will be sent out to schools in the week leading up to the tournament start date for review, with the final team rosters confirmed no later than 48 hours prior to the tournament start date. After this point, no further roster additions can be made.

As per BBNZ Regulations in Book 4 2.7(k) "For BBNZ Competitions (excluding BBNZ Leagues), once a Team's first game commences, only the playing roster confirmed 48 hours prior to the tournament tipping off for that team may participate in the remainder of that competition as players."

Please note that by providing your roster to BBNZ, your school has undertaken player eligibility checks to ensure each player listed in your roster is eligible to participate for your school. The school is responsible for the eligibility of its players at all times and will bear the consequences of any infractions of the Regulations governing Eligibility and Age of Players.

Awards Ceremony

There are no awards for the A North Island Premierships.

Score Bench Duty

Your team will be rostered to complete scorebench duty. Please provide four competent score bench personnel for your duty. Every effort will be made to assist teams when able. As Host, Rotorua Basketball will cover the opening and closing games each day plus the semi-finals and finals.

In addition to this, the tournament will be using the GLORY LEAGUE Scoring app to score games. If your team is not familiar with the app, please have a look at the following resources.

Remember to upskill team management and parents on the latest scorebench rules. We suggest a minimum of 4 bench personnel when covering a scorebench duty. Adult supervision of players on a scorebench is required.

Scorebench Guide available [here](#).

Glory League – scoring a game? [GL-Scoring-Poster](#)

Referees

Every team must supply a referee for the tournament. This is a condition of entry and there will be penalties for those who fail to supply a referee. A referee's roster will be completed for the first day of the tournament, after which the Technical Commissioner (Devina Banks) will assess the referees on their confidence and capability and assign them to games for the rest of the tournament. When your referee first arrives at the venue, we request they introduce themselves to the Technical Commissioner.

Your referee will not be assigned a game while your team is playing but should be available for the rest of the tournament and may be required to do the game directly before or after when your team plays.

Uniforms

- Each team must bring two alternate uniforms to the tournament. Teams shall use numbers 0 and 00 and from 1 to 99.
- In the event of a uniform clash Team A is to wear their light-coloured uniforms and Team B is to wear their dark-coloured uniforms, unless both teams come to a mutual agreement.

Important Details

- Forfeit of Game - \$500 fine.
- Mouthguards are compulsory for all players, The No Mouthguard, No Play Policy is to be firmly enforced.
- Mouthguard Policy: [BBNZ-Mouthguard-Policy-as-at-22-Dec-2021.pdf](#)
- Mouthguards – available for sale for \$8 (Eftpos & Paywave available).
- Team Benches – Sitting at the scorebench; Team A **MUST** sit to the left and Team B **MUST** sit to the right. Please ensure all games start correctly with this procedure. Only the rostered players and team management are allowed to sit on the team bench. All supporters must sit in the stands.
- Scorebench - If there is a problem with the scorebench, only the coach may approach on a dead ball and then ask the referee to check the enquiry. Other management may approach the bench during the quarter times and at half time break. They **MUST NOT** approach the bench any other time to check the score sheet or query the scorebench.

Behaviour at BBNZ Tournaments

At Basketball New Zealand, our values guide everything we do:

- MANA | Respect – We treat others with fairness, kindness and care. This creates a safe, supportive and inclusive space for everyone.
- TIKA | Integrity – We act with honesty and fairness. We take responsibility for our actions and always aim to do the right thing in our work and decisions.
- HONO | Connected – We stay connected by communicating clearly, working together, and backing each other to succeed. We're stronger when we support each other.

These values shape how we behave, and help us create a safe, inclusive and positive environment. This Code of Conduct sets out the standards of behaviour expected from everyone in basketball – players, coaches, referees, volunteers, staff and supporters.

By living our values and following our Code we can make sure basketball stays a sport where everyone feels welcome, respected, and safe. It also helps us protect the reputation of BBNZ and our wider basketball community.

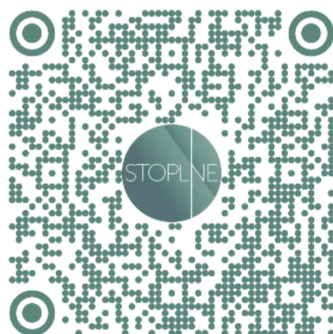
Please ensure that you read the [Basketball New Zealand Code of Conduct](#) & the [BBNZ Safeguarding Policy](#)

STOPline Reporting

Everyone involved in basketball has a role to play in keeping our game safe. If you have information that a child or young person has been harmed or is at risk of harm or abuse it's important to take action.

There are several ways you can do this:

- If you can, raise it internally at your club or association – a Child Safeguarding Officer or Member Protection Officer, a committee member or your president.
- Contact Basketball New Zealand through our [website](#).
- Report to Basketball New Zealand's Integrity Unit via email integrity@australia.basketball
- Report via [STOPline](#), Basketball New Zealand's independent reporting hotline which at the discretion of the reporter may be made anonymously.
- Scan the QR code below for more information or to make a report:



Judicial

For any Judicial Matters, please reach out to the Technical Commissioner and Tournament Director, who will escalate it further if need be.

On-line Draw and Results

The results can be viewed on the BBNZ website using the following link:

[Competitions at NZ National Schools Tournament - GameDay](#)

Live Streaming

Games on Unison Arena courts 1, 2 and 3 will be live streamed for the duration of the tournament.

Venue

Energy Events Centre – Queens Drive, Government Gardens, Rotorua 3010

- Unison Arena courts 1-4
- Southern Trust Sportsdrome court 1

Tournament office – Unison Arena

Door Charge

No door charge.

Parking

Free parking onsite.

Toilets/Changing Rooms

Toilets and changing rooms are available at Energy Events Centre.

Video Taping

Please stay clear of spectator seating, access ways and off courts when setting up for any videotaping.

Evacuation

Assembly points are noted on signage by the emergency exit points. Evacuation points will vary depending on where you are in the arena.

Food and Drink

- No food or hot drinks, high heeled shoes are allowed on the courts.
- Only water and sports drinks are permitted onto the court.

First Aid

- Venue Controller, Court Controllers & Control Centre are the first point of contact for first aid.
- Injury reporting – Contracted Physio document all injuries and teams to complete the appropriate injury report form. Injury reports will be available at the venue control desk
- A blood kit is available at Floor Controllers table.
- Ice can be found in the Control Centre.
- Paramedic on duty 10am-8pm each day.

Important Contacts

- Medical Centre: Lakes Primecare, corner Arawa & Tutanekai Street
- Rotorua Hospital: Arawa Street
- Dentist: Emergency Dentist Rotorua – 07 808 1490

Good luck at the tournament from BBNZ and Rotorua Basketball