

2026 SECONDARY SCHOOL NATIONALS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

28 September – 3 October
Hosted by Basketball Manawātū

Opening Ceremony

Fly Palmy Arena – 61 Pascal Street, Palmerston North Central
Sunday 27th September at 6.30pm

Technical Meeting

Arena 3, CET Arena, 61 Pascal Street – enter via Fly Palmy Arena
Sunday 27th September at 6.30pm – this is **compulsory** for all teams

Players and coaches can attend the Opening Ceremony while the team manager attends the Technical Meeting

'A' DRAW – 28th September – 1st October

Boys – 12 Teams

- 1 round robin, 2 pools of 6
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in each pool qualify to the 1-8 QF-SF-F
- 5th & 6th in each pool qualify to the 9-12 SF-F

Girls – 8 Teams

- 1 round robin, 2 pools of 4
- All teams qualify to QF-SF-F

'AA' DRAW – 28th September – 3rd October

Boys – 24 Teams

- 1 round robin; 4 pools of 6
- 1st in each pool qualify automatically for the 1-8 QF's
- 2nd and 3rd in each pool play a Preliminary Quarter Final
 - Winners advance to the 1-8 QF's
 - Losers advance to the 9-16 QF's
- 4th in each pool play in the 9-16 Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals
- 5th and 6th in each pool play in the 17-24 Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals

Girls – 24 Teams

- 1 round robin; 4 pools of 6
- 1st in each pool qualify automatically for the 1-8 QF's
- 2nd and 3rd in each pool play a Preliminary Quarter Final
 - Winners advance to the 1-8 QF's
 - Losers advance to the 9-16 QF's
- 4th in each pool play in the 9-16 Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals
- 5th and 6th in each pool play in the 17-24 Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals

Seeding/ Pools

Seeding of teams is initially taken from the final team placing of the 2025 A/AA Secondary School National Championship and the Qualifiers from the 2025 A/AA Premierships.

Information on how seeding works can be found [HERE](#) under 2.13d – Qualification, Seedings & Draw Arrangements.

Please note that as per these BBNZ regulations there have been some slight changes of pools to ensure there are no more than 2 teams from each zone in each pool.

It is also listed in our regulations that BBNZ has complete discretion when it comes to the draw.

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viii. BBNZ has the right, in its complete discretion, to decide the structure, seedings and draw as required to meet the practical needs of any BBNZ Competition.

Awards Ceremony

- The 'A' Awards Ceremony will be held straight after the A Finals on **Thursday 1st October**
- The 'AA' Awards Ceremony will be held straight after the 'AA' Finals on **Saturday 3rd October**

Draw

BBNZ cannot guarantee that team requests will be catered for in the draw. Please be aware of your game times, as there are many teams making similar requests, not all could be fulfilled.

Stadium

- Central Energy Trusts Arena Pascal Street, Palmerston North
- **Entrance – Fly Palmy Arena** Pascal Street, Palmerston North

The stadium will be open 30 minutes prior to the first round.

Tournament Officials

Basketball New Zealand

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| • BBNZ Tournament Director | Jay Macdonald | 027 279 2204 |
| • BBNZ Representative | Tori Williams | 027 269 3339 |
| • BBNZ Representative | Libby Peckham | 022 373 2634 |
| • BBNZ Representative | Kieran Thomas | 022 035 0542 |
| • Technical Commissioner | Marchy Pang | |
| • Judicial Officer | Clive Beaumont | |

Host Association

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| • LOC Lead | Tess Petley | 027 229 9622 |
| • Asst. LOC Lead | Mike Ryan | 027 215 2210 |

Technical Meeting

- The technical meeting will be held on Sunday 27th September at 6.30pm
- Final roster checks need to be completed before the meeting commences. If you have changes to your team roster, please ensure all the correct documentation is provided, which must include sign off by the principal.
- Failing to attend the technical meeting may result in your team not receiving important information or possible changes to the tournament. It is the Head Coach or manager's responsibility to ensure the team is updated with information that was provided at the technical meeting.

Tournament Controls and Information Desks

The two main control desks are located at:

- Central Energy Trusts Arena in front of court 4 in Arena 4 (& a third smaller one beside Court 7 in Arena 3).
- Fly Palmy Arena

BBNZ Tournament Office

The BBNZ Tournament Office is located on the corporate lounge level in Fly Palmy Arena for the duration of the tournament. Please approach the tournament control before making your way up to the tournament office.

Scorebench Duty

Please check the score bench duty closely – your team will be assigned to a scorebench directly after your game on the same court.

You need to provide 4 people for duty – iPad, Score board, Shot Clock, Caller

As Host, Basketball Manawatu will cover the opening and closing games each day plus the semi-finals and finals.

If your team has any spectators who would be interested in score benching, please contact Basketball Manawatu.

Basketball Manawātū are once again offering to cover teams scorebench duty at Secondary School Nationals this year.

Please reach out to Tess Petley – tess@manawatu.basketball to take this opportunity up.

Playing Uniform

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

Coaches are NOT permitted to wear hats/caps/beanies, or any BBNZ gear while coaching. If requests to remove these items are ignored, or there is a continual need to speak to a coach about this, then a fine may be issued.

Players will be permitted to wear both compressions tops and leggings. They must however be compressed (i.e., no loose T-shirts), and the same base colour for all team members who choose to wear them (i.e., tops and pants should all be black, not some black and some white)

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
- **Extra Period Intervals** - 2 minutes

Important Details

- **Forfeit of Game** - \$500 fine.
- **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 management are allowed to sit on the team bench. All supporters must sit in the stands. There will be a maximum of 11 chairs per team bench.
- **Scorebench** - If there is a problem with the scorebench, only the coach may approach during a dead ball and then ask the referee to check the enquiry. Other management may approach the bench during the 2-minute

break at quarter time and at half time. They **MUST NOT** approach the bench any other time to check the score sheet or query the scorebench.

- **Glory League** - the tournament will use the Glory League scoring app throughout the tournament, this replaces the hard copy scoresheet, but scoresheets are able to be emailed to team management after the game
- **Rules** - The tournament will use BBNZ Internal Regulations, FIBA Rules, SSNZ (NZSSSC) Regulations and Eligibility rules and BBNZ match fixing regulations.
- **Mouthguards**
 - Mouthguards are compulsory for all players.
 - Mouthguards are available to purchase at the Control Desk at a cost of \$10.00 each.

Team Roster

Please ensure that all your players are registered with the BBNZ office and are eligible to compete in the tournament and that all players comply with SSNZ Rules and Regulations. A reminder that only a maximum of 12 players can participate in the tournament, the final 12 players must be confirmed at the technical meeting. This is your last chance to change your playing roster, no changes may be made after this. Any changes must be accompanied by a signed SSNZ Roster Form.

Glory League (Score Sheets)

The Glory League iPad's will be pre-loaded with games, players and numbers, the players will be locked and will not be able to be changed apart from the players numbers.

Once a team's first game commences, only those players listed before or submitted at the technical meeting may participate in the remainder of that Tournament.

Even though all iPad's will be pre-loaded with players etc, coaches and managers are required to check pre-game to ensure players and their shirt numbers are correct and listed (especially for colour changes).

Any issues, please find a tournament official as soon as you can.

Behaviour at National Championships

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.

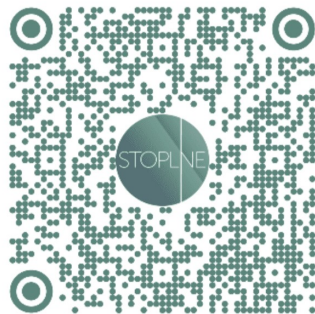
Please ensure that you read the [Basketball New Zealand Code of Conduct](#) & the [BBNZ Safeguarding Policy](#)

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:



Basketball Manawātū Zero Tolerance Policy

Basketball Manawatu strictly enforce their Zero Tolerance Policy and any unruly spectators, players or team management will be removed from the venue. A copy of this document will be given to all Team Managers at the Tech meeting.

Drug, Smoke and Alcohol-Free Tournament

This is a drug, smoke, and alcohol-free tournament. Please respect this regulation, you will be evicted from the premises if you are found with or are believed to be under the influence of any of these substances (drug or alcohol).

Evacuation & Health and Safety

If the building needs to be evacuated, please leave through the closest exit doors and assemble at the allocated assemble points. This will be explained at the technical meeting in detail.

Security will be onsite during the tournament. If you need assistance, please notify tournament staff.

All Health & Safety information can be found on the BBNZ website [HERE](#)

First Aid

- Injury reporting – Basketball Manawātū/Physios will document all injuries using the BBNZ injury report form.
- Pro-Med will be onsite throughout the tournament providing first aid to all teams
 - If you notify a floor controller, first aid staff will attend to your need
- A blood kit is available under the Scorebench of every Court.
- A basic first aid kit is available the tournament office/control desk.
- Ice can be found the tournament office/control desk.

Physio

Kia Toa Wellness are the physios for the tournament. They provide their strapping services for the players. If players provide their own strapping equipment, this is free. They will have strapping tape available for purchase as well.

They will be onsite 30 minutes before the first round of games & 30 minutes after the last round of games has started.

They will be able to also load ACC claims at the courts depending on injuries.

They are also offering an air compression chair services:

- \$20 for 20 Minutes
- \$30 for 30 Minutes
- \$50 for Tournament Pass (Unlimited Use)

They are also offering massage services:

- \$35 for 20 minutes
- \$45 for 30 minutes
- \$55 for 40 minutes
- \$75 for 60 minutes
- \$15 Needles/Cupping

Those under the age of 16 will need to have an adult present (i.e parent or manager) while the massaging treatment is being provided.

Door Charge and Entry

All Entry will be through Fly Palmy Arena. Each team will receive a maximum of 16 passes per team (12 x players and 4 x team management). Please ensure that the correct pass is worn on arrival and departure of the stadium. Any extra tickets for travelling spectators and extra team management can be purchased at the door on arrival. Team passes will be available for pick up at the Technical Meeting.

List below are the door charges for the tournament:

- **DAILY PASSES**
 - \$7 per day
 - FREE 10 and under
- **WEEK PASSES**
 - \$25 weekly pass

These can be purchased prior to turning up on Eventfinda – the link will be distributed when these are live or can be purchased on the door. [Tickets can be purchased here](#)

Information sharing during the competition

TV Screens spread throughout the venue will display important information, as well as the Noticeboards in corridor along hallways.

Livestreaming

Every day select games in Fly Palmy Arena will be broadcast on the Māori + YouTube channel. These games are highlighted on the draw.

Venue

- **Rubbish** - please be considerate and ensure your team removes any rubbish from the bench at the end of your game. Please do not leave rubbish in the changing rooms and leave in a tidy state for other teams.
- **Changing Rooms** – available throughout the stadium
- **Toilets and Showers** - available throughout the stadium, (Teams needing showers should book in advance).
- **Video Taping** - Please stay clear of spectator seating when setting up for any videotaping. No livestreaming allowed.
- **Cafe** – the Café times TBC.

Shoot Arouds

Teams can book through Basketball Manawatu: Tess Petley tess@basketball.manawatu or 027 229 9622.

Important Contacts

- **Supermarket** – New World, Main and Bryant Street (within walking distance from the Arena) & Countdown, Featherston and Rangitikei Sts
- **Doctor** - City Doctors, 22 Victoria Ave, Phone 06 3553300 or Radius Medical Centre, 445 Ferguson St, 06 354 7737
- **Dentist** – The Palm Medical Centre, Suite 1, 445 Ferguson Street, Palmerston North 4410 (06) 356 9020
- **Medical Centre** – City Doctors, 22 Victoria Ave, Phone 06 3553300 or Radius Medical The Palms, 445 Ferguson Street, Phone 06 3547737
- **Hospital** - 50 Ruahine Street, Roslyn, Phone 06 3569169

Online Draw and Results

The results can be viewed on the BBNZ website and through our online draw and results page or on the Game Day app you can download.

Links:

[Basketball New Zealand Secondary School Nationals Website](#)

and [GameDay Results](#)

LiveStats

LiveStats will be available only for the Semi-Finals and Finals of both the 'A' and 'AA' events. We'll post the links on the day for those games on the [Basketball New Zealand Secondary School Nationals Website](#)

Glory League

If your school has opted in to Glory League then players participating in the 2026 Secondary Schools Event will receive Glory League game video, highlights of player, game and team, leader boards and shot charts. We encourage all players to utilise the fantastic tool and to input their stats. Email Glory League: support@gloryleague.com

Public Leagues will also be set up, which means that all games featuring schools who have opted in to Glory League will be available to watch online after each game has been played. The links will be uploaded to our website [here](#).

Free Wireless Internet

InspireNet have kindly sponsored the tournament with free wireless internet.

Social Media

Along with access through Whakaata Māori, the public can also follow the event on www.NZ.basketball and through Basketball New Zealand Facebook and Instagram social media channels. Don't forget to support your national teams on social media. @TallBlacks ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [X](#)) and @TallFerns ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)).

**Good luck at the tournament from Basketball New Zealand and
Basketball Manawātū**