



BASKETBALL
NSW

2026
SCHOOL TOURNAMENT
TEAM ENTRY
INFORMATION GUIDE

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Introduction

Basketball NSW (BNSW) is the governing body for the sport of basketball in New South Wales and as such manages and conducts a number of basketball competitions across the state.

On behalf of BNSW, we take this opportunity to provide you with information relating to the 2026 School Tournaments. Nominations are open to all schools.

We will provide competitions for the following age groups, both boys and girls:

- Primary School
Note: players must be a minimum of eight (8) years of age prior to participating in the Primary Tournament.
- Secondary School –
 - Under 16s
Note: All players must be under the age of the nominated age group as at December 31, in that year i.e., cannot turn 16 in 2026.
 - Opens

The tournaments will be held regionally at various venues across multiple days. Leading to the culminating event, State Championships which will be held at Hills Basketball Stadium (Caterson Dr, Castle Hill NSW 2154).

All regional tournaments will have a maximum number of teams able to participate in the three divisions on offer, as detailed below.

- Division 1 – 8 boys teams & 8 girls teams
- Division 2 – 8 boys teams & 8 girls teams
- Division 3 – 8 boys teams & 8 girls teams

Note dates listed for regional tournaments will see boys play on the first day and girls play on the second. All teams must be prepared to play from 8:00 am with last games concluding no later than 4:30 pm for all regional tournaments. Schools should participate in the regional tournament where they are domiciled.

Note State Championships will require all teams to participate over both days. Only **Division 1 and 2** will progress to State Champs. Teams will need to be available to play from 8:00 am through to 4:30 pm. Basketball NSW will require winners of all regional tournaments to confirm on the day of their respective tournament if they will be accepting their position to attend State Championships. They will then need to confirm their position in writing no later than 5 pm the next business day.

If you require additional information or further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact Kasey Abbott.

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Team Nominations

Please see below nomination dates, link to form and respective venues and dates for each tournament. Schools are encouraged to complete their nomination early to avoid disappointment as nominations will close once capacity is reached for each event.

Under 16s

Nominations open 9th February 2026 and close 2nd April 2026

Nomination Form: <https://forms.gle/ZVAaG36y1ftkfJfN7>

All players must be under the age of the nominated age group as at December 31, in that year i.e., cannot turn 16 in 2026.

Dates and Venues of Tournaments:

U16s

- 5th May 2026
 - Tamworth Sports Dome, Hillvue
- 5th & 6th May 2026
 - PCYC Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga
 - The Snakepit Stadium, Gwynneville (Beaton Park Stadium)
- 6th & 7th May 2026
 - Ballina Indoor Sports Centre, Ballina
- 7th & 8th May 2026
 - Griffith Regional Sports Centre, Griffith
 - Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill
- 12th & 13th May
 - Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium, West Bathurst
 - Maitland Federation Centre
- 14th & 15th May
 - Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, Cambridge Park
 - Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour

- 26th & 27th May 2026 - State Championships Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill

Opens

Nominations open 9th February 2026 and close 2nd April 2026

Nomination Form: <https://forms.gle/PiTnJj6qqPVRJGuc9>

Dates and Venues of Tournaments:

- 2nd June 2026
 - Tamworth Sports Dome, Hillvue
- 2nd & 3rd June 2026
 - PCYC Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga
 - The Snakepit Stadium, Gwynneville (Beaton Park Stadium)
- 4th & 5th June 2026
 - Griffith Regional Sports Centre, Griffith
 - Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill
- 10th and 11th June 2026

- Newcastle Basketball Stadium, Broadmeadow
- 11th and 12th June 2026
 - Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, Cambridge Park
 - PCYC Orange
 - Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour
- 23rd & 24th June 2026 – State Championships at Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill

Primary

Nominations open 3rd August 2026 and close 24th September 2026

Nomination Form:

Players must be a minimum of eight (8) years of age prior to participating in the Primary Tournament.

Dates and Venues of Tournaments:

- 3rd & 4th November 2026
 - PCYC Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga
 - The Snakepit Stadium, Gwynneville (Beaton Park Stadium)
 - Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, Cambridge Park
- 5th November 2026
 - Tamworth Sports Dome, Hillvue
- 5th & 6th November 2026
 - Griffith Regional Sports Centre, Griffith
 - Ballina Indoor Sports Centre, Ballina
- 10th and 11th November 2026
 - Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium, West Bathurst
 - Maitland Federation Centre
- 12th & 13th November 2026
 - Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill
 - Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour
- 24th & 25th November 2026 – State Championships at Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill

Entry Fees

BNSW imposes a fee per team for entry into the tournament. The fee includes referee costs, court hire and administration costs. Note teams are not required to bring any fees with them on the day. BNSW will invoice all participating schools after the close of nominations and teams are confirmed.

2026 Nomination Fees	Fee (per team)
Regional Tournaments	\$235
State Championships	\$260

Note: All nomination fees are ex GST.

Withdrawing a Team

If you need to withdraw a team from the tournament, please note that the following penalties may apply.

2026 Fines	Fines (per team)
Withdrawing a team PRIOR to the nomination deadline	Nil
Withdrawing a team AFTER the nomination deadline and position is confirmed	Loss of Nomination Fee
Withdrawing a team AFTER the draw is released	Loss of Nomination Fee & \$200
Withdrawing a team DURING the competition	Loss of Nomination Fee & \$500
Forfeits (per game)	\$180

All fines are ex GST.

Teams that withdraw will be ineligible to nominate in the 2027 tournaments, as per the BNSW School Tournament's By-laws.

Game Timings & Rules

Primary Schools –

- Twelve (12) minute halves, running clock
- No shot clock
- One (1) one minute time out per half
 - Clock will stop for all timeouts.
- Half time will be two (2) minutes
- Overtime will be two (2) minutes with no time out
- Bonus on the 8th team foul

- Free throw line 60cm in front of normal free throw line. No 3-point line or 24 second shot-clock.

Under 16s –

- Fifteen (15) minute halves, running clock
- No shot clock
- One (1) one minute time out per half
 - Clock will stop for all timeouts.
- Half time will be two (2) minutes
- Overtime will be two (2) minutes with no time out
- Bonus on the 8th team foul

Opens –

- Fifteen (15) minute halves, running clock
- 24 second rule to apply for Division 1 only + State Champs (no 14 second shot clock)
- One (1) one minute time out per half
 - Clock will stop for all timeouts.
- Half time will be two (2) minutes
- Overtime will be two (2) minutes with no time out
- Bonus on the 8th team foul

The last 2 minutes of all games will be fully timed if within 10 points. Please note that all games must have a result i.e., no draws.

Uniform Requirements

Please be reminded that all teams participating must bring both sets of uniforms or reversibles (home and away) to all games.

In the event of a clash, Team B must wear their alternate set of uniforms.

Team Lists

All teams will be required to submit a team list of up to 12 players as well as a coach or staff member. Note only 10 players can take the court for each game.

When submitting team lists, we will require players full names and year of birth.

Trophy Presentation

Winners and Runners up teams will be presented with a maximum of 12 medals each at the conclusion of the Grand Final game.

Venue Details

Ballina Indoor Sports Centre
63 Cherry Street, Ballina NSW 2478

Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium
34 Alexander Street, West Bathurst NSW 2795

Griffith Regional Sports Centre
15 Merrowie Street, Griffith NSW 2680

Hills Basketball Stadium
Caterson Dr, Castle Hill NSW 2154

Maitland Federation Centre
10 Bent Street, Maitland NSW 2320

Newcastle Basketball Stadium
27 Young Rd, Broadmeadow NSW 2292

PCYC Orange
2-10 Seymour St, Orange NSW 2800

PCYC Wagga Wagga
11 Fitzhardinge Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre
30 Herbert Street, Cambridge Park NSW 2747

Sportz Central, Coffs Harbour
74A Bray Street, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450

The Snakepit Stadium (Beaton Park Stadium)
37 Foley Street, Gwynneville NSW 2500

Tamworth Sports Dome
7/9 Jack Smyth Dr, Hillvue NSW 2340