

2026 Australian Schools Championships Timelines and Information

Date	Milestone	Owner	Notes
25-Mar	Team Entries Open	Basketball Australia	Participation Division entries open. Championship Division information released.
30-Jul	Entry Invoices Issued	Basketball Australia	Invoices sent to all registered schools.
30-Sep	Team Entries Close	Basketball Australia	All team entries close. Championship Division teams confirmed following State qualification events.
30-Sep	Championship Qualification	Basketball Australia	All Championship division teams decided and application for wildcard released.
October	Player Registrations	Schools	Schools need to register athletes to their team via GameDay
1-Oct	Wildcard Applications Open	Schools	Schools seeking consideration for a Championship Division wildcard must submit a formal application to Basketball Australia
15-Oct	Wildcard Application Close	Schools	
19-Oct	Draft Draw Released	Basketball Australia	
19-23 October	Stakeholder Feedback Period	Schools	Review draft draw and submit any requests or identified issues.
30-Oct	Final Draw Released	Basketball Australia	Final fixtures published to all participating schools.
1-Nov	Team Lists/Program	Schools	Team managers submit preliminary team lists.
Mid November	Team Manager Information Pack	Basketball Australia	Event handbook, venue information and operational updates distributed.
28-Nov	Team Check-in & Opening Ceremony	Basketball Australia	Accreditation collection and Opening Ceremony.
29 November – 4 December	Foot Locker Australian School Championships	All	Competition week.
4-Dec	Finals	Basketball Australia	Championship Finals and event conclusion.

2026 Basketball Australia Entry Fees

Championship Division	\$1000
All Other Divisions	\$1300
Team Withdrawal – Prior to 30 Sept	Refund minus \$100
Team Withdrawal – 1 Oct to 30 Oct	Refund of 50%
Team Withdrawal - 1 Nov or after	No Refund
Match Forfeit (please don't)	\$200/game

Division Selection

- Only paid teams at time of grading (30 September) will be considered
- Division Allocation Priority Order
 - Appropriate grade selection based on information provided, in conjunction with feedback from State/Territory
 - To be clear, entries are not first in best dressed
 - Championship Division must be earned through qualification
 - U20 teams that do not qualify for Championship division will be placed in other divisions as relevant
 - If you are unsure which division your team should be placed in (or you are flexible) – please advise us so that it can be taken into consideration

Championship Division - Wildcard Application Process

Schools seeking consideration for the Championship Division wildcard must submit a formal application to Basketball Australia by the advertised closing date.

Applications must be submitted via **email** as a **Word document** and should include, at a minimum:

- School name
- Background on the school's basketball program and history.
- Results from the relevant State or Territory qualification event.
- History performances at Australian Schools Championships (if applicable).
- Performance at other recognised school or representative basketball competitions.
- Details of the current team's playing roster, including any representative or high-performance athletes (where relevant).
- Reasons why the school believes it should be considered for a Championship Division wildcard.
- Any exceptional circumstances that may have impacted qualification.

- Any additional information the school believes is relevant to assist the Selection Panel.

Basketball Australia may seek further information from the school or the relevant State or Territory Sporting Organisation during the assessment process.

Note: Submission of a wildcard application does not guarantee selection. All applications will be assessed by Basketball Australia, in consultation with the relevant State and Territory Sporting Organisations, against the published selection criteria.

Competition Structures

As the Australian Schools Championships continues to grow – Basketball Australia has mapped available maximum team entries and divisions for 2026 balancing available court space/time, adequate number of games and competition structures for each division.

Below is available team entries / division for 2026

Competition/Division	Teams
U20 Div 1 Men	12
U20 Div 2 Men	12
U20 Div 3 Men	12
U20 Div 4 Men	12
U20 Div 5 Men	10
U20 Div 1 Women	10
U20 Div 2 Women	10
U20 Div 3 Women	10

Competition/Division	Teams
U17 Div 1 Men	10
U17 Div 2 Men	10
U17 Div 3 Men	10
U17 Div 4 Men	10
U17 Div 5 Men	10
U17 Div 1 Women	10
U17 Div 2 Women	10

Competition/Division	Teams
U15 Div 1 Men	10
U15 Div 2 Men	10
U15 Div 3 Men	10
U15 Div 4 Men	10
U15 Div 1 Women	10
U15 Div 2 Women	10

Championship Division - 8 Team Division

- 2 x pools of 4 (3 games)
 - One double header
- Quarter Finals
- Semi Finals
- Medal Matches

Participation – 12 Team Division

- 2x pools of 6 (5 games)
 - One double-header in this stage
- SF (Top 4) or Classification (5 – 12)
- Medal Matches
- Minimum 6 games played

Participation – 10 Team Division

- 2x pools of 5 (4 games)
 - One double-header in this stage
- Classification / Medal Matches (1 game)
- Minimum 6 games played