

2026 Australian Schools Championships Timelines

Date	Milestone	Owner	Notes
25-Mar	Team Entries Open	Basketball Australia	Participation Division entries open. Championship Division information released.
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 wildcard released.
October	Player Registrations	Schools	Schools to register athletes and team staff on Game Day
1-9 October	Competition Review & Division Finalisation	BA Competition Team	Review entries, confirm divisions, resolve any outstanding matters.
15 October	Wildcard Applications Close	Schools	Schools seeking consideration for a Championship Division wildcard must submit a formal application to Basketball Australia
19-23 October	Draft Draw Release	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 November	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	Venue Bump In	Operations Team	Venue set-up, branding, courts, accreditation, technology and event operations.
29-Nov	Team Check-in & Opening Ceremony	Basketball Australia	Accreditation collection and Opening Ceremony.
30 November – 4 December	Foot Locker Australian School Championships	All	Competition week.
4-Dec	Finals	Basketball Australia	Championship Finals and event conclusion.

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.

More information can be found here: [CLICK HERE](#)

2026 Basketball Australia Entry Fees

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| • 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 |