



2026 Tasmanian Junior Basketball State Championship By-Laws

Dates:

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September - Launceston

U16

Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 October - Hobart

U12

Saturday 17 & Sunday 18 October - Launceston

U14

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October – Launceston

U18

Entry cost - \$495

All Referees will be supplied by Basketball Tasmania.

1. Each team is required to provide two individuals to fulfil the positions of score table officials for each match in which they play. Failure to provide appropriate

individuals to fulfill these positions will result in the deduction of one premiership point per offending person. It is the responsibility of the Match Manager to make an assessment if the conditions are not met and to apply the penalty as appropriate.

- a. The individual with the highest accreditation (or most experience) will assume the position of bench chair. Bench Chair must have some knowledge of all positions.
- b. Team A listed on the Electronic Scoring Device will perform Shot Clock and Electronic Scoring Device/paddles, Team B listed on the Electronic Scoring Device will perform Game Clock and Bench Chair.

2. Players may only participate with one team per age group, per division. Players not listed as Championship Core-6 may participate in both Championship and Shield divisions as required and where the schedule permits - as long as they have qualified in the TJBL season for both teams. Players qualified in shield automatically qualify to paly in the championship team.

3. Players may be granted an exemption to participate in competitions more than one age group higher by submitting an exemption to the BTCM care of competitions@basketballtas.com.au.

4. GAME SCALE - BALL SIZE & FREE THROW LINE

Ball sizes will be as follows:

BOYS

U12: Molten BG4000 size 5
U14: Molten BG4000 size 6
U16: Molten BG4000 size 7
U18: Molten BG4000 size 7

GIRLS

U12: Molten BG4000 size 5
U14: Molten BG4000 size 6
U16: Molten BG4000 size 6
U19: Molten BG4000 size 6

5. Match balls will be Molten as above. No other brand of match ball is to be used. Teams must supply their own warm up balls. Private basketballs will not be allowed at the venue. Only match balls and team warm-up balls are permitted.

6. U12s may adopt a closer FT line which is 1 foot (30cm) closer than regulation FT line.
7. In conjunction with TJBL, teams are only able to enter in their current grade – Championship teams can only enter in the Championship division & Shield teams can only enter in the Shield division.
8. All players, coaches, and team managers MUST be registered by the Thursday before the competition – Team organisers are able to see who has registered through their PlayHQ profile.
9. Games will consist of four x 10-minute quarters. Clock will stop for timeouts, foul shots, substitutions and full FIBA rules in the last two minutes - both for Championship and Shield Divisions.
10. Five minutes warm-up will be allowed, time permitting.
11. Two-minute half time break, One-minute quarter time break.
12. Two (2) timeouts will be permitted in the first half, and 3 timeouts will be permitted in the second half, with a maximum of 2 in the last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter.
13. The shot clock will operate in the U12 division and above. The shot clock will not start in the Under 12 and Under 14 tournaments until the ball has gained frontcourt status.
14. The alternating possession arrow will operate.
15. Games cannot commence unless both teams have a minimum of five players present, on-court and ready to play.
 - a. In the event that one team is not ready to play at the commencement of the game, the game clock will start, and the

offending team will be penalised two match points every minute until that team is ready to commence play. If the offending team is not ready to play by the commencement of the second quarter, the offending team will be assigned a forfeit and the opposing team awarded a 20-0 win.

16. Players must be uniformly dressed, including shorts. Players may wear the numbers '0', '00' and any number from 1 to 99.
17. T-shirts, regardless of style, may not be worn under a playing singlet, even if a medical certificate is provided.
18. Headbands and armbands may only be worn if their colour is a major colour contained in the playing uniform.
19. Coaches/team managers must be dressed appropriately – e.g. club polo, dress pants/skirt and enclosed shoes. (No beanies, caps, thongs)
20. Appropriate sponsorship only may be displayed on the playing gear.
21. Draws must be played out – an extra three (3) minutes will be played. Teams are permitted 1 timeout in each overtime period.
22. Three-point shots will only count as 2 points in the Under 12 tournament.
23. Twelve players may be nominated and all 12 may play in any one game. Players must play 2 pool games to qualify for finals. Players must be uniformly attired and ready to play sitting on the player's bench. The match manager will remove from the iPad any player not present during the game immediately following the completion of the game.
24. Where a CAM has teams in both the Championship and Shield division of any age group at the State Championships, One Non-Core 6 Player may play for both teams (Championship and Shield) in one age group for the

BTAS State Championships – where the schedule permits (no matches will be re-scheduled to accommodate players playing in 2 teams). Shield players can play in both Shield and Championship teams where the schedule permits.

25. A player who commences a game must complete that game before participating in any subsequent game. For the avoidance of doubt, a player must not move between overlapping games on different courts and participate in both games simultaneously.

26. Where a CAM only has a Shield team competing at State Champs, they can access a maximum of 1 (one) Non Core 6 Championship player to supplement their playing numbers, up to a squad of 8. Championship players cannot be used to extend a squad to 9 or more players.

No clearances or permits will be allowed for players to switch teams before State Championships. The Competitions Committee will deliberate on any appeals to the rules.

Players eligible for the State Championships must be –

- a. First registered with the club entering
- b. A player's age group is determined by the age of the player on 31st December in the year of that season.
 - U12: 9, 10 & 11 y.o
 - U14: 12 & 13 y.o
 - U16: 14 & 15 y.o
 - U18: 16 & 17 y.o
- c. The exception to this rule is for players who have played out of age during the 2026 TJBL roster and have played 50% plus 1 game for that team. (i.e.

A player plays U16 but also plays U18 and has played 50% +1 games in U16 is eligible to play both U16 & U18 State Champs).

27. In the event of teams finishing with the same number of wins at the end of the round robin series, the method of determining positions will be that contained in the Official Basketball Rules i.e. only the game(s) between the teams concerned will be taken into account.
28. All players and officials are to be registered members of Basketball Tasmania in 2026. Coaches and managers MUST be registered to Basketball Tasmania.
29. In submitting their entry, associations have certified that all requirements of Basketball Tasmania have been met, including those relating to Basketball Tasmania's Working with Vulnerable Persons Policy and Basketball Australia National Integrity Framework.
30. In the event of a clash of colours, any team in unofficial colours will be required to change. If both teams are in official colours the first named team (team A) is required to change their uniforms.
31. Zone defence is prohibited in the U12 and U14 age groups. Players must adhere to the principles of man-to-man defence and avoid guarding an area. Where necessary, the Match Manager may be asked to assess the style of defence. If a team is found to be playing a zone, the Match Manager will issue the offending coach with a warning. Where it is determined that an offending team is continuing to run a zone, the Match Manager will instruct the referee to impose a Technical Foul on the offending team.
 - a. SPECIFIC TO U12's U12s – double teaming and crowding is not allowed.
Definition: Two or more defensive players guarding a single offensive player.
 - U12s – only player to player defence is allowed (not set defence).
Definition: Each player is responsible for guarding and moving with one offensive player. This requires the defensive player to move according to

the offensive player's movements with or without the ball. The defensive player cannot be stationary in the keyway unless their offensive player is in the keyway. If an offensive player with the ball advances past their defensive player, another defender may rotate to guard that offensive player.

U12s – player-to-player defence can be extended full court, however, once a team has a lead of 10 or greater, they are not able to steal the ball in the backcourt.

32. Presentations will be held after each Grand Final.

We encourage teams to stay and support the Grand Finals in each division.

33. In conjunction with TJBL, teams must now qualify for the State Championships.

The top 3 teams at the conclusion of the TJBL regular season will earn automatic entry based on their ladder position at the end of the regular season – not their final finishing position. Should any team not wish to take up their invitation, the next placed team in their respective TJBL division will be offered the opportunity, and so on until 8 teams have been allocated.

Teams will be allocated to pools on the following basis:

Championship Division

Pool A

North Conference 1

South Conference 2

NW Conference 3

Pool B

South Conference 1

NW Conference 2

North Conference 3

Pool C

NW Conference 1

North Conference 2

South Conference 3

Shield Division

Pool A

NW Conference 1

Southern Conference 2

NW Conference 3

Pool B

NW Conference 2

Southern Conference 1

Southern Conference 3

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34. Basketball Tasmania's standard insurance cover automatically extends to include all players and officials who are currently registered with a club or association (including travelling to and from). Any unregistered players will not be allowed to take the court. Any player found unregistered during a random audit of matches will cause their team to forfeit any match they have taken part in.

35. DECISIONS WHEN THESE RULES ARE SILENT OR UNCLEAR

If these rules are silent on a matter arising in relation to any competition Basketball Tasmania may decide how the matter is to be dealt with.

If these rules are uncertain, then Basketball Tasmania may decide about how the uncertainty is to be resolved.

Those decisions are binding on everyone who is bound by these rules. The binding decision made is final and specific to the unique circumstances that were presented at the time of the decision being made. These decisions do not set a precedent for future decisions.

36. PENALTIES

The By-Laws for the TJBL are intended to provide clarity for CAMs regarding the formation, entering and participation of their teams across the course of the season. BTAS does not have or invest the resources required to monitor compliance with every By-Law contained herein. It is the responsibility of CAMs to ensure their teams are entered in compliance with these By-Laws.

Additionally, as per the BTAS Constitution, one condition of affiliation with BTAS is the ongoing responsibility of CAMs to act "in good faith". Any efforts to deliberately pursue an agenda of non-compliance, efforts to undermine or disregard these By-Laws, will be considered NOT "in good faith" and could risk the CAMs ongoing affiliation with BTAS, and therefore access to BTAS competitions and programs.

Outside of this overarching responsibility, the BTAS Tribunal has the following authority as per the BTAS Model Tribunal By-Laws:

"The Tribunal shall have power to suspend, disqualify, reprimand, fine, bond, ban or otherwise deal with any person involved with basketball and / or the Organising Body (including, but not limited to players, coaches, teams, clubs,

officials, or spectators) in accordance with this By-law, regarding any incident arising from an activity conducted by an Organising Body. The incident may have occurred before, during or after the conduct of the activity, within the confines of the stadium, activity venue or its immediate surrounds, or elsewhere, including online and within social media networks, if directly related to a basketball activity of any sort.”