



2022 Junior Country Championships Operations Manual

Event Dates:

Under 16 & Under 18 Division 1 & 2

19th & 20th February 2022 - Bendigo

Under 16 & Under 18 Division 3 & 4

19th & 20th March 2022 - Ballarat

Under 14

9th, 10th & 11th April 2022 - Traralgon

Under 12

22nd, 23rd & 24th April 2022 - Ballarat

Team Nomination Closure Dates:

Under 16 & Under 18 Division 1 & 2

17th October 2021

Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 & Under 18 Division 3 & 4

8th December 2021

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Event Information

Entry into the Competition

To be eligible to enter the Basketball Victoria Junior Country Championships the team must represent an affiliated Basketball Victoria association located within the "Country" area as defined by the Basketball Victoria High Performance Boundary.

Entry Fees

The fees charged for our 2022 events are:

Under 16 & Under 18 events - \$455.00 (Inc GST)

Under 12 & Under 14 events - \$522.50 (Inc GST)

Each team nomination requires a \$110.00 non-refundable deposit to be paid to be accepted.

Competition Points System

Each game played at the Championships will have a result.

If scores are tied at the end of regulation, an extra period/s of 3 minutes will be used to determine a winner.

Points for Pool/Round games will be awarded as follows;

Win = 3 points Loss = 1-point Forfeit = 0 points

Ties for position will be decided as follows;

- 3 Way Tie = percentage on matches between teams who are equal on points.
- 2 Way Tie = result/s of matches between the two teams concerned.

General Rules

1. For each minute a team is late for their scheduled match, their opponents will be awarded 2 points up to ten (10) minutes when the match will be forfeited. Result to read 20-0.
2. A team which forfeits a match for any reason will be fined at \$150 per game once the fixture has been published. It is \$300 per game once the competition has commenced.
3. A player will not be allowed on to the court unless wearing their teams' correct uniform.
 - Correct Uniform: exactly the same design and coloured tops and shorts as the remainder of the team
 - (Tops to display "permitted numbers" as per FIBA & BA regulations).
4. All teams must bring with them an 'alternative colour' set of uniforms to every match. Failure to do so will result in a \$150 fine.
5. The Court Supervisor will determine whether a clash of uniform colours exists in conjunction with the Referees/Referee Coaches. In the case of a clash of playing colours;
 - If both teams have an alternative set, a toss of a coin by the Court Supervisor will decide which team wears the alternative set.
 - If only one team has an alternative set, then that team will wear the alternative set and the other team will be fined \$150
 - If both teams fail to bring an alternative set and an alternative set is not available, then both teams forfeit and incur a \$150 fine each.
6. A team is not permitted to commence a match with less than five (5) eligible players.
7. A team may use as many different eligible players as they desire during the course of the event, but a maximum of ten (10) players can be used in any one match.
8. Any team which plays an ineligible player will be subject to a penalty which will include forfeiting all matches in which that player participated based on whether that players name appeared on the electronic scoring system.
9. There is not a minimum number of games a player must play to be eligible to play in a finals match.

Player Equipment

Players shall not wear equipment (objects) that may cause injury to other players.

The following are not permitted;

- Finger, hand, wrist, elbow or forearm guards, casts or braces made of leather, plastic, pliable (soft) plastic, metal or any other hard substance, even if covered with soft padding.
- Objects that could cut or cause abrasions (fingernails must be closely cut).
- Headgear, hair accessories and jewellery.

The following are permitted;

- Shoulder, upper arm, thigh or lower leg protective equipment if the material is sufficiently padded.
- Compression sleeves of the same dominant colour as the shirts, black, white or beige.
- Compression stockings of the same dominant colour as the shorts, black, white or beige.
- Knee braces if they are properly covered.
- Protector for an injured nose, even if made of a hard material.
- Mouth guard of any colour
- Spectacles, if they do not pose a danger to other players.
- Headbands, maximum five (5) cm in width, made of non-abrasive, unicolour cloth, pliable plastic or rubber.
- Non-coloured taping of arms, shoulder, legs etc.

Appendices

Zero Tolerance Policy

The following policy and procedure will be in effect at all games which form part of the Victoria Junior Country Championships. There will be a zero-tolerance policy towards any inappropriate or abusive behaviour from team officials, parents or spectators towards game referees, players, score bench personnel or members of the public

Any person who feels the necessity to:

- Persistently or willfully question or challenge the rulings of the referees
- Berate or abuse referees
- Berate or abuse players
- Berate or abuse parents or spectators
- Display conduct which is inappropriate in a junior sporting environment;

should expect to be disqualified from the game and be required to leave the court area. This disqualification notification may be issued by the Referee Supervisor or Event Staff.

Any spectator observing instances of the above behavior should immediately report this behavior to the Court Supervisor or an official representing Basketball Victoria.

Whether or not technical fouls have been called against any team official or not during the game will have no bearing on the decision to disqualify any team official under this policy. Warnings are not required to be given in the event of the above action becoming necessary and failure to heed the disqualification will result in the team of the disqualified official forfeiting the game in question.

Any appeals against disqualification under this policy should immediately be directed to Basketball Victoria.

The Game officials appointed by BV also have the power under rules in operation to utilize all available powers to control the game and the surrounding court area.

Please note that any action taken under this new policy and procedure is entirely separate to any action that may be necessitated by law under Child Protection Legislation or Basketball Victoria Member Protection policy.

This action has become necessary due to the reported instances of inappropriate and abusive behaviour in sanctioned events thus far and our desire to nurture a safe competitive environment for all participants.

I would implore any team official who feels that they cannot refrain from the above behaviour not to participate in the Championships henceforth.

Team officials who would like to offer feedback or request clarification on officiating issues should either speak to a Referee Supervisor at an appropriate time or direct their correspondence to Basketball Victoria.

The health of our game depends on the nurture and development of game officials. The realistic barometer of the health of any Basketball Association is their capacity to provide well organised and officiated competitions for the communities they service. It is the aim of Basketball Victoria Country to help associations increase this capacity.

Team Staff Dress Code

Overall Standards;

All team staff shall be required to dress in a way that clearly distinguishes them as part of the team.

The practical implications of this are:

Coaches, Assistant Coaches & Team Managers

- Coaches & Managers must wear a club branded shirt.
- It is acceptable that coaches wear shorts, however, these must follow the description of neat casual.
- Shoes must be clean and tidy.
- Open toed footwear is not acceptable.
- No hats are to be worn on the team bench.

Age Group Guide

For 2022 the age groups are as listed;

Age Group	Top Age		Bottom Age
Under 12	1st January 2011	to	31st December 2012
Under 14	1st January 2009	to	31st December 2010
Under 16	1st January 2007	to	31st December 2008
Under 18	1st January 2005	to	31st December 2006

*Players can play up an age group

Player Eligibility

For an Athlete to be eligible to represent an Association at the Country Championships they must satisfy the following criteria;

1. The Athlete must reside at a "Country" residential address as defined by the Basketball Victoria High Performance Boundary.
2. The Athlete must be a registered, financial and regularly competing member of the Associations current domestic competition.

Regularly competing means qualified for domestic finals.

If an athlete is eligible to represent two or more associations, the athlete will determine which representative program they wish to play for.

Related Documents

[Team Nomination Link](#)

[BV High Performance Boundary](#)