



Associations wishing to compete at the State Championships are to nominate their teams by the specified due date.

Teams can no longer nominate to a preferred division for the State Championships. If a team wishes to move either up or down a division to which they are seeded to, they must complete a Request for Division Exemption form and return to Basketball Queensland before the due date for entering teams into the State Championships.

The final league standings of each regional competition (BQJBC, CQJBC and QNJBC) excluding of finals will ultimately determine which Division a team will be seeded to.

Twelve (12) and ten (10) team scenarios have been outlined in this document. Wherever possible 12 teams will be allocated to Divisions 1 and 2, while any number of teams can participate in Division 3 and/or 4 if it is conducted. Whilst 12-team draws are preferred for Divisions 1 and 2, Basketball Queensland reserves the right to alter the format of each Division depending on numbers of all team nominations.

Only teams who have competed in the BQJBC, CQJBC and QNJBC competitions for the respective age group, may nominate to the State Championships.

A condition of nominating to the State Championships is that all teams accept the format chosen by Basketball Queensland and acknowledge that they must play under this with no option to challenge it.

1. Qualification

Division 1

Twelve (12) teams can contest Division 1 with ten (10) automatic seedings to be given as follows:

- TOP 6 in BQJBC Premier League
- TOP 3 in QNJBC (Combined Girls Div 1&2, seedings based off QNJBC nominations)
- 1st in CQJBC

The last two positions in Division 1 will be allocated to 7th and 8th placed BQJBC Premier League teams unless contested in the Wildcard Challenge by the 1st and 2nd placed teams in BQJBC Southern Cup.

Division 2

This division can be conducted in two different formats depending on the number of teams nominated for the State Championships. Basketball Queensland reserves the right to alter the below formats in Division 2 and any lower Divisions.

If 20 or more teams in total are seeded to Divisions 2 and lower:

Twelve (12) teams will contest Division 2 with 10 (ten) automatic seedings to be given as follows:

- TOP 6 in BQJBC Southern Cup
- 4th, 5th & 6th in QNJBC
- 2nd in CQJBC

The last two positions in Division 2 will be allocated to 7th and 8th placed BQJBC Southern Cup teams unless contested in the Wildcard Challenge by the 1st and 2nd placed teams in BQJBC Challenge Cup.



If 19 or less teams in total are seeded to Divisions 2 and lower:

All nominated teams will contest Division 2 and there will be no Division 3 conducted for this age group. The format and seedings for Division 2 under this scenario will be at the discretion of Basketball Queensland.

Division 3

A minimum of eight (8) teams are required to conduct a Division 3 in an age group, meaning at least twenty (20) teams in total must be entered for Divisions 2 and 3 to be held. Insufficient numbers (i.e. 19 teams or less) will result in an expanded Division 2-only competition being conducted.

If conducted, Division 3 will generally be made up of teams from:

- BQJBC Challenge Cup & Development Cup
- QNJBC 7th place and onward
- CQJBC 3rd place and onward

2. Exemptions to Division's seeding

Any team who wishes to move either up or down a division to which they are seeded to, must complete a Request for Division Exemption form and return to Basketball Queensland before the due date.

All requests for an exemption will be evaluated on a case by case basis, however, the request for a divisional change **will only be considered if the number of nominations and subsequent draw formats allow for a change.**

If a team wishes to drop down a division, in order to evaluate each request, the following requirements **must** be met:

Under 12 & 14

The team has been beaten by an average of 30 points in **every** game of a representative competition against the same standard of teams.

Under 16 & 18

The team has been beaten by approximately 40 points in **every** game of a representative competition against the same standard of teams.

Any team who wishes to move up a division will be evaluated on a case by case basis, provided there is room in the above division.

Teams must acknowledge that they may only be able to play in the Division that they are seeded to.

3. Pool Allocations & Team Rankings

In **Division 1** under a 12-team scenario the pool allocations will be as follows:

POOL A	Team No	POOL B	Team No
2 nd South	1	1 st South	7
4 th South	2	3 rd South	8
1 st North	3	2 nd North	9
3 rd North	4	1 st Central	10
6 th South	5	5 th South	11
8 th South or Wildcard 2	6	7 th South or Wildcard 1	12



In **Division 2** under a 12-team scenario the pool allocations will be as follows:

POOL A	Team No	POOL B	Team No
2 nd South (Southern Cup)	1	1 st South (Southern Cup)	7
4 th South	2	3 rd South	8
4 th North	3	2 nd Central	9
6 th North	4	5 th North	10
6 th South	5	5 th South	11
8 th South or Wildcard 2	6	7 th South or Wildcard 1	12

The above principles will continue to be used if either Division is reduced to 10 or 11 teams, however teams may be required to change pools if the reduction causes an imbalance. Teams may also be promoted in the absence of teams that were ranked higher than them.

Pool Allocations may be altered if two teams from the same Association are in the same Division and are seeded in the same pool. Any alterations will be at the discretion of Basketball Queensland.

Seedings for **Division 3 and/or Division 4** will be at the discretion of Basketball Queensland and will take into consideration the results of all regional competitions (i.e. BQJBC, CQJBC and QNJBC).

4. Competition Format

Division 1 and **Division 2** competitions consisting of 12 teams will play a round robin competition of 5 games and then cross over with the opposite pool to play off for either 1st – 4th, 5th – 8th, 9th – 12th.

Competitions consisting of 11 teams will play to a format similar to the 12-team version. The only difference is due to the odd number of teams, the bottom two in one pool (5th & 6th) and bottom in the other (5th) after the round robin phase will contest either a secondary pool or a modified semi-final format to determine places 9th – 11th.

Competitions consisting of 10 teams will play a round robin competition of 4 games and will then play either a top 4 or 5th – 10th. The top 4 will play a cross over semi-final then a medal game. Remaining teams will be put in new pools of 3 to play a round robin competition before crossing over and playing for positions 5th – 10th.

Division 3 and/or Division 4 competitions will also begin play in a round robin competition, however the format for the Division will only be decided after the number of teams participating is known.

Championship Draw Format 12 team scenario

Pool A	Pool B
1.	7.
2.	8.
3.	9.
4.	10.
5.	11.
6.	12.

**Round Games**

1v2	1v3	1v4	5v1	6v1
3v6	4v6	2v3	3v4	3v5
4v5	2v5	5v6	6v2	4v2

7v8	7v9	7v10	11v7	12v7
9v12	10v12	8v9	9v10	9v11
10v11	8v11	11v12	12v8	10v8

Crossover GamesSemi Final 1 - 1st Pool A v 2nd Pool BSemi Final 2 - 1st Pool B v 2nd Pool ASemi Final 3 - 3rd Pool A v 4th Pool BSemi Final 4 - 3rd Pool B v 4th Pool ASemi Final 5 - 5th Pool A v 6th Pool BSemi Final 6 - 5th Pool B v 6th Pool A**Finals**Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 (1st v 2nd)Loser SF1 v Loser SF2 (3rd v 4th)Winner SF3 v Winner SF4 (5th v 6th)Loser SF3 v Loser SF4 (7th v 8th)Winner SF5 v Winner SF6 (9th v 10th)Loser SF5 v Loser SF6 (11th v 12th)**Championship Draw Format 10 team scenario**

Pool A	Pool B
1.	6.
2.	7.
3.	8.
4.	9.
5.	10.

Round Games

1v2	1v3	4v1	5v1	3v2
2v4	2v5	3v4	5v3	4v5

6v7	6v8	9v6	10v6	8v7
7v9	7v10	8v9	10v8	9v10

Division Restructured Based on Results

Pool AA	Pool BB	Pool CC
1 - 1st Pool A	5 - 3rd Pool A	8 - 3rd Pool B
2 - 1st Pool B	6 - 4th Pool B	9 - 4th Pool A
3 - 2nd Pool A	7 - 5th Pool A	10 - 5th Pool B
4 - 2nd Pool B		

Round Games

Pool AA	Semi Final 1	Semi Final 2		
	1 v 4	2 v 3		

Pool BB	5v6	7v5	6v7	
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Pool CC	8v9	10v8	9v10	
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Finals

Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 (1st v 2nd)

Loser SF1 v Loser SF2 (3rd v 4th)

1st Pool BB v 1st Pool CC (5th v 6th)

2nd Pool BB v 2nd Pool CC (7th v 8th)

3rd Pool BB v 3rd Pool CC (9th v 10th)

Basketball Queensland reserves the right to determine the re-structure of a Division's competition format.

5. Wildcard Challenge

Wildcard Challenges can only be conducted in the same regional areas, i.e. BQJBC v BQJBC and QNJBC v QNJBC.

BQJBC

The 7th and 8th placed teams in BQJBC Premier League can be challenged by the 1st and 2nd placed teams in BQJBC Southern Cup for the final positions in Division 1.

The 7th and 8th placed teams in BQJBC Southern Cup can be challenged by the 1st and 2nd placed teams in BQJBC Challenge Cup for the final positions in Division 2.

There is no BQJBC Wildcard Challenge to be held for positions in Division 3 and/or 4.

Please note if more than two teams nominate to challenge for positions in either Wildcard Challenge, only the two highest ranked teams at the time of the Wildcard Challenge can contest.

CQJBC

There is no Wildcard Challenge in the CQJBC as the winner of Division 2 (if conducted) will most likely be seeded into the same Division as the last placed team in Division 1.

QNJBC

The team that finishes first in Division 2 may challenge the third placed team in Division 1 if there are three teams in Division 1. This challenge will take place on the last round of the QNJBC season.

Wildcard Challenges may not be conducted if teams relinquish their position in a Division.

U18 Nomination Dates – Wildcard Challenge

BQJBC: Nomination Due Date – Thursday 14 November

QNJBC: Nomination Due Date – Friday 29 November