



CHRISTCHURCH SECONDARY SCHOOLS BASKETBALL 2024

STRUCTURE OF THE COMPETITIONS - 2024

Basketball administered by School Sport Canterbury is played on Friday nights and possibly Wednesday afternoons as part of the Wednesday interschool sports programme.

THOMPSON & WHELAN TROPHIES

The Thompson and Whelan trophy competitions for School Premier grade teams are administered and run by Canterbury Basketball and played in school gyms on Tuesday nights. Students who play in these competitions are currently not permitted to play in Friday night competition teams.

FRIDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL

Open Grade for Boys and Girls (under 19 as at 1 January 2024) Division 1 games will be 2 x 15minute stop clock halves. Division 2 and below will be 2 x 25 running clock halves. The competition format for each grade will be determined by the number of entries received. Ideally this will involve a full round robin followed by semi-final and finals. Unrestricted defensive patterns are allowed in Open Grade games. Games will usually be scheduled to start at 6pm, 7pm or on some occasions 8pm

Intermediate Grade for boys' and girls' students in Year 9-11 only. Division 1 games will be 2 x 15minute stop clock halves. Division 2 and below will be 2 x 25 running clock halves. Man to man defence only is to be played. The competition format for each grade will be determined by the number of entries received. Ideally this will involve a full round robin followed by semi-final and finals. Games will generally be played at 5pm or 6pm.

Girls Junior Premier (New in 2023)

Students in Years 9 & 10 only

Limited to the top 12 teams, and 1 team per school)

4 x 10 minute stop clock quarters are played. Unrestricted defensive patterns are allowed in this competition.

The format of the competition will be determined by the number of teams entered. Games will generally be played at Pioneer Stadium at 6.15pm or 7.30pm. or be scheduled as the last games at a venue to allow for the unspecified time finish.

Defaults are not permitted in this Grade.

Year 9 Grade (Year 9 students only) for Boys and Girls teams. Division 1 games will be 2 x 15minute stop clock halves. Division 2 and below will be 2 x 25 running clock halves.

The competition format will be determined by the number of entries received. Ideally this will involve a full round robin followed by semi-final and finals. Games in this grade are usually played at 4pm.

Playing Dates

Friday Basketball is scheduled to be played on each of the following dates

May 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21; July 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23

No Basketball will be played on 28 June (Matariki) or on July 5 (last week Term 2)

Entry Fee: An entry fee of **\$190** per team will be charged. This includes an affiliation to Canterbury & NZ Basketball, Student referee training and payments, and School Gym use refund, This fee will be charged to the School account with SSC. No refund will be provided for teams that are subsequently withdrawn from the competition.

WEDNESDAY BASKETBALL

There are two grades offered on a Wednesday for both Boys and Girls for players and teams who do not play in Friday competitions

Junior: For students who are in Year 9 or 10

Senior: For students of any age and year level who are Under 19 on 1 January 2024

Ideally separate competitions will be held for both Boys and Girls teams. All games are of 2 x 20minute running clock halves, commencing at 3.15pm or 4.00pm, and are played in school gyms. In the last three minutes of running clock games, there are no time outs.

Games will be played May 15, 22, 29; June 5, 12, 19, 26; July 3, 24, 31; August 7, 14, 21

There is no entry fee for Wednesday Basketball

REFEREEING

The standard of refereeing has been identified as the single most important factor in raising the quality of secondary school basketball. The following arrangements apply:

Girls Junior Premier

If available, referees will be appointed to these games. It may be necessary for teams to each provide one suitably qualified referee if appointed referees are not available on any given week.

Each team must provide two bench officials competent to run the stop clock, shot clock format.

Training is available from Canterbury Basketball Association.

Open, Intermediate, and Year 9 Boys & Girls

For games played in school gyms, the home school will provide **all officials**: two referees, (at least one of whom must have completed the CBA level 1 referee course), and the score bench.

For games played in neutral venues e.g. Cowles, Graham Condon, Celebration or non- premier games at Pioneer stadium, **each team will be required to provide one referee and one person for bench duty** for the game they are playing. Failure to supply officials in any venue will result in an automatic default, with the imposition of an automatic \$20 default fee.

At some venues there may occasionally be a referee available to control a game on behalf of a team that does not have a referee. The fee for 'buying' a referee is \$10 which must be paid in cash to the referee prior to the game. No payment, no referee and a default loss applied.

Current school students who have completed an approved referee training course will be eligible for payment of \$6 per game that they referee for their school.

It will be the responsibility of each school to provide the Sports Director with a summary of payments due to school referees. This must be provided before the end of September.

Wednesday Grades: Each team supplies a referee and a scorer.

DRAWS & RESULTS

Draws are published weekly, usually by 1pm each Wednesday, and are available on the SSC Website homepage via the Draws & Results tab and the SSC App. A copy of the draw will also be sent to each participating school.

All schools are responsible for entering the results directly on-line into Sports Runner before 1pm on the Monday following each Friday game and the Thursday following each Wednesday grade game.

Heads of Sport have unique school passwords to access this facility.

Passwords must be kept secure.

UNIFORM

All teams are to have numbered playing singlets with matching or complimentary playing shorts. Visible items of clothing worn underneath the singlets/shorts of any player must be of the same colour as the playing uniform item. Player numbers on singlets are required: 00 - 99 are allowed.

Complaints regarding the standard of uniform in any opposition team should be made in the first instance to the venue controller who will have the right to default offending teams.

MOUTHGUARDS

BBNZ has mandated that all players involved in competition grades U20 and below **MUST** wear a mouthguard. This will apply to all SSC competition grades. Mouthguards can be purchased through Canterbury Basketball.

Contact James Lissaman at james@canterburybasketball.co.nz

Any players not wearing a mouthguard will not be allowed onto the court. Players/teams should **not** be given the option of playing at their "own risk" Mouthguards must not be swapped between players.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Schools are responsible for the health and safety of their students in transit to and from and at the venue.

Comply with venue evacuation & risk management plans.

Game officials are responsible for the safety of students during play.

Covid-19 all Schools must adhere to the Covid-19 Protection framework [traffic lights] requirements in place at each venue used.

For further details please refer to the SSC Covid-19 and Risk Management plans, available on the documents page of the SSC website.

<https://www.canterbury.schoolsport.org.nz/risk-management-plans/>

CONDITION OF ENTRY

The Canterbury Basketball Teachers' association has stipulated that as condition of entry all teams must, for all games, have an adult with them who will assume responsibility for the team both on and off the court.

All Coaches, Managers and Officials are expected to be familiar with and abide by the Code of Conduct as published on the SSC website (documents page) and in the annual Directory and Calendar of events.

Each venue will also display a set of written codes.

Incidents of inappropriate conduct should be reported to the Regional Sports Director.

DEFAULTS

Schools unable to field a team on any given day must make every effort to contact their drawn opponents no later than 12 noon on the day of the scheduled game. Teams that 'fail to show' for any given game without prior notification to their opponents will be charged \$50 and liable to withdrawal from the competition.

Failure to supply a referee or score bench official when required, constitutes a default and the default fee will be applied automatically.

RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY

In line with School Sport Canterbury Policy for all sports, students are expected to play for only one team per week. Players in Whelan & Thompson Trophy or School CBA competition teams (Boys & Girls) are not permitted to play in Friday grade teams.

However, in the interest of player development exceptions to this ruling above may be made for students who are **bench players only (with minimal game time) in a higher grade, to play (age eligible) in two of the following girls grades;** Year 9 Girls, Junior Premier, Intermediate Div. 1 Girls, Whelan Trophy (Tuesdays).

Boys who play for their school in the Tuesday or Saturday CBA competition may not also play in Friday night competitions, except for year 9 Boys who may play in the Year 9 Friday competition and Saturday U17 competition.

In both exceptions above no players should be in the starting line-up in two grades.

Dispensations to the above may be granted in exceptional circumstances. Written application should be made to the Sports Director's Office who will refer the application to the Basketball Advisory Committee if necessary.

GYMNASIUM AVAILABILITY

Having sufficient venues for all games each week is only possible using school gyms.

Schools are asked to consider making their gyms available on some or all of Friday competition nights. This will include:

- specifying a "floor controller" who will assume responsibility for the management of games (games commence at 4.00pm and conclude at 9.00pm)
- Schools will be refunded \$6.00 per game played in their school gyms.
- Only schools that have completed a signed SSC Health and Safety attestation form (Check with SSC if unsure) will be eligible to host games in their gym.
- In 2024 Schools offering the use of their facilities will be required to have appropriate systems in place to meet the requirements of any Covid-19 Traffic -Light settings in place.
- It is not necessary that a gym is available every Friday night nor through until 9pm. Gym availability information should be included with online entries.

TEAM AVAILABILITY

Schools are required to indicate with on-line entries any days that teams will not be available to play due to other school commitments e.g. camps, trips etc. such teams will then be listed as n/a on the draw for that week and if possible given bye games in that round.