

2017 CBSQ Team Nomination Overview

2017 is the beginning of a new nomination format for CBSQ. Change has been required due to the popularity of CBSQ and the processes below have been devised by Basketball Queensland to reward prior involvement in CBSQ while also providing opportunity for new schools to enter via a wildcard pathway. The change to this new format began in 2016 when nominations were pre-allocated based on previous participation. Please be aware of the process for 2017 as outlined below. This process was presented to all schools in 2016.

1. Competition Format

Each division will be set at the following team numbers:

BOYS

Boys Championship Division – 16 teams
Boys Second Division – 20 teams
Boys Third Division – 20 teams
Boys Fourth Division – 24 teams
Total Boys – 80 teams

GIRLS

Girls Championship/Second Division – 20 teams
Girls Third Division – 24 teams
Total Girls – 44 teams

A school may only enter one team per gender.

Schools cannot combine to enter a team. Schools with separate senior campuses may not combine.

1.1 Timing

Fully timed game rules will remain in place for Championship & Second Divisions. Please see CBSQ Rules & Regulations for further information.

Boys 3rd, Boys 4th & Girls 3rd Divisions will now operate to **running clock rules**. Please see CBSQ Rules & Regulations for further information.

2. Qualification

There are 2 methods of qualification for CBSQ: Automatic Qualification and Wildcard Qualification.

2.1 Automatic Qualification

All teams that participated in the previous CBSQ tournament will receive automatic qualification for the next tournament, **except** the following teams who will be demoted from the competition entirely:

- The bottom 6 teams of Boys Division 4 (19th - 24th)
- The bottom 6 teams of Girls Division 3 (19th - 24th)

Finals school placings from 2016 are listed in the 2016 CBSQ Final Placing document.

NB: Schools that are demoted from the competition are eligible to nominate for **Wildcard Qualification**.

2.2 Wildcard Qualification

The vacant positions in CBSQ made available from schools being demoted out of the competition will be open in the following year to any school that does not have Automatic Qualification and who expresses a formal interest to compete. **Please note:** this also includes any school who has been demoted the previous year.

The 6 positions available in each of the Boys & Girls competitions will be allocated as follows

- 2 teams from Southern school zones via **Wildcard Draw** (Darling Downs, Metro East, Metro West, Metro North, South Coast, Sunshine Coast)
- 2 teams from Central/Northern school zones via **Wildcard Draw** (Capricornia, North West, Northern, Peninsula, South West, Wide Bay)
- 2 teams via **BQ Wildcard**

Schools must submit a specific nomination to be considered for any wildcard qualification into CBSQ. Any school that has not automatically qualified for CBSQ, but wishes to be considered for entry, must submit a **CBSQ Wildcard Entry** form by a specified due date. Teams that have submitted this form will then be in consideration for a position in CBSQ via the **Wildcard Draw** or as a **BQ Wildcard** - see **section 4.2 CBSQ Wildcard Entry**.

2.2a Entry into CBSQ via Wildcard Draw

Teams that have nominated for entry into CBSQ via Wildcard Entry will be selected via a random draw. The teams selected will then be offered a position in CBSQ for that year. Two schools in each gender will be chosen from Southern School zones, and two schools in each gender will be chosen from Central/Northern school zones.

2.2b Entry into CBSQ via BQ Wildcard

BQ at their sole discretion will select two schools per year in each gender to compete in CBSQ. All schools that apply through the Wildcard process will be considered for a BQ Wildcard.

Additional BQ Wildcards may be granted if there are vacancies created due to automatic qualification schools forfeiting their position in the event.

3. Division Allocation

From 2017 CBSQ will contain a grading, promotion and relegation system based on the team's performance in the previous year.

3.1 Grading, Promotion & Relegation of teams

Schools that have automatically qualified for the CBSQ tournament will generally be graded into the same division in which they previously competed. **However**, there shall also be a compulsory promotion/relegation system enforced between divisions:

- The bottom 3 teams of a division (Champ Boys, Second Boys, Third Boys, Second Girls) will be relegated to the lower division for the next tournament.
- The top 3 teams of a division (Second Boys, Third Boys, Fourth Boys, Third Girls) will be promoted to the higher division for the next tournament.

Please note: BQ reserves the right to promote further schools into a higher division if vacancies are created by teams not accepting their position in the tournament.

3.2 Division allocation for Wildcard schools:

A Wildcard school may indicate a preferred division they wish to compete in. BQ will determine if such a preference can be accommodated after working through all automatic qualifying school nominations.

However, schools that receive a wildcard entry into CBSQ must acknowledge that they may only be able to enter the competition in their gender's lowest division.

3.3 Regional Schools in Boys Championship Division

Four (4) positions in the Boys Championship Division will be reserved for schools located in Central/Northern school zones (these zones are indicated in **section 2.2**). Basketball Queensland reserves the right to alter the division allocation guidelines if required to ensure this quota is met.

More than four regional schools may still compete in the Boys Championship Division if they qualify to do so via the division allocation process.

If there are less than four regional schools nominated to the Boys Championship Division, the normal division allocation process will apply to fill any vacancy.

3.4 Discretionary allocation to divisions

Basketball Queensland reserves the right to allocate teams into divisions outside the above guidelines if they deem it to be in the best interests of the competition.

4. Nominations

In 2017 there will be two types of entry forms for the upcoming CBSQ tournament. They will be released at the same time:

- CBSQ Direct Nomination (for schools with Automatic Qualification only)
- CBSQ Wildcard Entry (for all other schools wanting to compete in CBSQ)

4.1 CBSQ Direct Nomination

Schools that have achieved **Automatic Qualification** will receive a direct nomination form. This form must be completed and submitted by a specified due date for the school to confirm their position.

Schools cannot choose which division they wish to compete in as this shall be determined via the process outlined in **section 3 - Division Allocation**. A school however may indicate on their nomination form whether they wish to be considered for promotion or relegation from the division in which they are qualified to compete. BQ will use this information to complete any division swaps between schools where possible.

4.1a Forfeiture of Direct Nomination

There will be a strict deadline for when a CBSQ Direct Nomination can be submitted and the nomination fee paid. Any school that does not submit their nomination form or fee by the deadline, or indicates they will not be participating, will forfeit their position in the tournament.

An automatic qualifying school that has forfeited their position in the tournament will be required to undergo the **Wildcard Qualification** process should they wish to be considered for re-entry to the event in future years.

Whenever an automatic qualifying school declines/forfeits their position it shall then become an additional **BQ Wildcard** (see section 2.2b).

4.2 CBSQ Wildcard Entry

Any school that has not automatically qualified for CBSQ, but wishes to be considered for entry, must submit a **CBSQ Wildcard Entry** form by the specified due date. Teams that have submitted this form will then be in consideration for a position in CBSQ via the **Wildcard Draw** or a **BQ Wildcard** (see 2.2).

Should a school be successful in being allocated a Wildcard position they will be sent a team nomination document. On this form a school can indicate a preferred division to compete in, **however**, they acknowledge that a condition of their nomination is that they may have no choice but to play in their gender's lowest division.

4.3 Refusal of Nomination/Wildcard Entry

BQ will not accept any form of nomination from a school that has breached the CBSQ Rules & Regulations for reasons including, but not limited to:

- Forfeiture of games at a previous event
- Late withdrawal of team nomination from a previous event
- Disciplinary action as a result of actions at a previous event