

Teams wishing to compete at the State Championships are to nominate into their preferred division (1, 2 or 3) by the specified due date. After reviewing the nominations received Basketball Queensland will determine the makeup of divisions. The final league standings and results of any Wildcard Challenge will ultimately determine which Division a team will be entered into.

Twelve (12) and ten (10) team draw 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 if it is conducted. Whilst 12-team draws are preferred for Divisions 1 and 2, BQ reserves the right to alter the format depending on numbers of team nominations received per age group and gender.

Seedings for the State Championships are determined at the conclusion of each regional competition's regular season. The only exception to this is for Under 18 where ladder positions as of Round 7 for BQJBC, and as of Monday 5th December 2016 for QNJBC & CDC, shall be used.

1. Qualification

Division 1

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

TOP 6 in BQJBC Premier League

TOP 3 in QNJBC

TOP 1 in CDC

The last two positions for Division 1 will be allocated to the 7th & 8th placed BQJBC Premier League teams unless contested in the Wildcard Challenge. Due to the timing of the U18 State Championships, the BQJBC Swap-over Challenge will also serve as the Wildcard Challenge for that age group. Please note that if there is no challenge, the 7th and 8th placed teams in Premier League for all age groups must nominate to Division 1.

If there are insufficient nominations received in an age group for a 12 team competition in Division 1, BQ reserves the right to determine the re-structure of the Division. Depending on the restructure a Wildcard may or may not be required in that age group.

Teams who have gained an automatic seeding but do not wish to take up their Division 1 position are to inform Basketball Queensland in writing and they must meet the following requirement:

Under 12 & 14

The team has been beaten by approximately 20 points in every game of a representative competition against the same standard of teams (i.e. BQJBC Premier League, QNJBC Division 1)

Under 16 & 18

The team has been beaten by approximately 30 points in every game of a representative competition against the same standard of teams (i.e. BQJBC Premier League, QNJBC Division 1)

Whilst these minimum requirements have been put in place, in the first instance the request for a divisional change **will only be considered if the number of nominations and subsequent draw formats allow for a change**

Division 2

This division can be conducted in two different formats depending on the amount of nominations received.

If 20 or more teams total nominate to Divisions 2 and 3:

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

TOP 6 in BQJBC Southern Cup

4th, 5th & 6th in QNJBC

2nd CDC

The last two positions for Division 2 will be allocated to the 7th & 8th placed BQJBC Southern Cup teams unless contested in the Wildcard Challenge. Due to the timing of the U18 State Championships, the BQJBC Swap-over Challenge will also serve as the Wildcard Challenge for that age group. Please note that if there is no challenge, the 7th and 8th placed teams in Southern Cup for all age groups must nominate to Division 2.

If there are insufficient nominations received in an age group for a 12 team competition in Division 2, BQ reserves the right to determine the restructure of the Division. Depending on the restructure a Wildcard may or may not be required in that age group.

If 19 or less teams total nominate to Divisions 2 and 3:

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 Championship in an age group, meaning at least 20 teams total must nominate for Divisions 2 or 3 for it to be held. Insufficient nominations (i.e. 19 teams or less) will result in an expanded Division 2-only competition being conducted.

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

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

Please note that any team not currently participating in an affiliated league (BQJBC, QNJBC, CDC) can only nominate to Division 3, however they may be permitted to contest the Wildcard Challenge for Division 2.

2. 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 unbalance. Teams may also be promoted in the absence of teams that were ranked higher than them.

Seedings for **Division 3** will be at the discretion of the BQ and will take into consideration the results of all regional competitions (i.e. BQJBC, CDC and QNJBC).

3. 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 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	1v5	1v6
3v6	4v6	2v3	3v4	3v5
4v5	2v5	5v6	2v6	2v4
7 v 8	7 v 9	7 v 10	7 v 11	7 v 12
9 v 12	10 v 12	8 v 9	9 v 10	9 v 11
10 v 11	8 v 11	11 v 12	8 v 12	8 v 10

Crossover Games

Semi Final 1 - 1st Pool A v 2nd Pool B
Semi Final 2 - 1st Pool B v 2nd Pool A
Semi Final 3 - 3rd Pool A v 4th Pool B
Semi Final 4 - 3rd Pool B v 4th Pool A
Semi Final 5 - 5th Pool A v 6th Pool B
Semi Final 6 - 5th Pool B v 6th Pool A

Finals

Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 (1st & 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	1v4	1v5	2v3
2v4	2v5	3v4	3v5	4v5
6v7	6v8	6v9	6v10	7v8
7v9	7v10	8v9	8v10	9v10

Division Restructured Based On Results

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

Round Games

Pool AA	Semi Final 1	Semi Final 2		
	1 v 4	2 v 3		
Pool BB	5v6	5v7	6v7	
Pool CC	8v9	8v10	9v10	

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)

4. Wildcard Challenge

Division 1

All teams in the BQJBC Premier League must nominate to Division 1 of the State Championships unless challenged in the Wildcard Challenge. The only teams that can be challenged are the teams placed 7th and 8th at the time of the Wildcard Challenge.

Other teams will have the chance to play for two Wildcard positions into Division 1 at the State Championships. The Wildcard Challenge is played on Sunday immediately following Round 14 of the BQJBC (26 February 2017) for the U12, U14 and U16 age groups. For the U18 age group the Swap-over Challenge held on 19 November 2016 will act as the Wildcard Challenge.

Wildcard Challenge for the U12, U14 and U16 age groups would consist of:

- 7th & 8th placed teams from BQJBC Premier League
- any teams from the BQJBC Southern Cup competition that wish to challenge
- any teams from other regional competitions who have not gained an automatic seeding and are prepared to travel to the South.

Please note that if more than two Southern Cup teams nominate to challenge, only the two highest ranked teams at the time of the Wildcard can contest.

Division 2

All teams in the BQJBC Southern Cup must nominate to Division 2 of the State Championships unless challenged in the Wildcard Challenge. The only teams that can be challenged are the teams placed 7th and 8th at the time of the Wildcard Challenge.

Other teams will have the chance to play for two Wildcard positions into Division 2 at the State Championships. The Wildcard Challenge is played on Sunday immediately following Round 14 of the BQJBC (26 February 2017) for the U12, U14 and U16 age groups. For the U18 age group the Swap-over Challenge held on 19 November 2016 will act as the Wildcard Challenge.

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- any teams from the BQJBC Challenge Cup competition that wish to challenge
- any teams from other Regional Competitions who have not gained an automatic seeding and are prepared to travel to the South.
- any association team who has not competed in a regional competition but who wish to compete for a position in Division 2.

Please note that if more than two Challenge Cup teams nominate to challenge, only the two highest ranked teams at the time of the Wildcard can contest.

Basketball Queensland will determine the Wildcard Challenge format for an age group based on the amount of nominations received and foregoing of positions.