

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** exclusive of finals.

1. Qualification

Division 1

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

TOP 6 in BQJBC Premier League

TOP 3 in QNJBC

1st 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. 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 BQ 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**. Teams must acknowledge that they may only be able to play in the Division that they are seeded to.

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 (10) 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. 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 in 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 BQ.

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 in 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.

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 imbalance. 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 BQ and will take into consideration the results of all regional competitions (i.e. BQJBC, CDC and QNJBC).

Teams from the same Association cannot be drawn into the same pool for State Championships. If two teams from the same Association are seeded in the same pool, the team with the lower ranked seeding will swap positions with the team on the same line from the opposite pool as outlined below:

Original Pools

Pool A	Pool B
1.Brisbane Capitals Gold (2 nd South)	7.Southern Districts Spartans (1 st South)
2.Ipswich Force (4 th South)	8.Logan Thunder (3 rd South)
3.Townsville Heat (1 st North)	9.Mackay Meteors (2 nd North)
4.Cairns Marlins (3 rd North)	10.Rockhampton Rockets (1 st Central)
5.SWM Pirates Gold (6 th South)	11.North Gold Coast Seahawks (5 th South)
6.Brisbane Capitals Silver (8 th South)	12.Gold Coast Waves (7 th South)

In this scenario two Brisbane teams have been seeded in the same pool. The lower ranked Brisbane team (Brisbane Capitals Silver) will swap positions with Gold Coast Waves who are on the same line in Pool B. This is outlined below in the Revised Pools.

Revised Pools

Pool A	Pool B
1.Brisbane Capitals Gold (2 nd South)	7.Southern Districts Spartans (1 st South)
2.Ipswich Force (4 th South)	8.Logan Thunder (3 rd South)
3.Townsville Heat (1 st North)	9.Mackay Meteors (2 nd North)
4.Cairns Marlins (3 rd North)	10.Rockhampton Rockets (1 st Central)
5.SWM Pirates Gold (6 th South)	11.North Gold Coast Seahawks (5 th South)
6.Gold Coast Waves (7 th South)	12.Brisbane Capitals Silver (8 th South)

If this process forces a pool to have two teams from the same Association the higher ranked team from Association A will be paired with the lower ranked team from Association B. The reverse formula will be in place for the opposite pool.

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	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 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 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	
Pool CC	8v9	10v8	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)

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

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 (2) Wildcard positions into Division 1 at the State Championships.

Wildcard Challenges would consist of:

- 7th & 8th placed teams from BQJBC Premier League
- teams from the BQJBC Southern Cup competition that wish to challenge
- CDC teams ranked 2nd in their representative division that wish to challenge

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.

Wildcard Challenges would consist of:

- 7th & 8th placed teams from BQJBC Southern Cup
- teams from the BQJBC Challenge Cup competition that wish to challenge
- CDC teams ranked 3rd in their representative division that wish to challenge

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.

QNJBC teams are not eligible to compete in the Wildcard Challenge given their qualification process. Please also note that associate members are also not permitted to nominate a team to the Wildcard Challenge.

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