



Greater Auckland Basketball Championships 2024

Playoff Competition Information

Junior A, U17 A, Open A



College Sport Auckland Greater Auckland Basketball Championships

Welcome to the 2024 College Sport Auckland Basketball Championships. College Sport Auckland would like to thank Auckland Basketball Services, referees, and venue controllers for making this event possible.

This tournament is for the top teams of Junior A, Under 17 A and Open A to compete to find the outright top team of 2024 in these respective grades. The two top Open teams will qualify for promotion/relegation against the bottom two teams from this year's Senior A season. These games will take place at the end of Term One 2025. Based on entries the 2024 grades will consist of the following:

Greater Auckland Basketball Tournament					
Teams per grade/zone 2024					
	Grade	North Harbour	Central West	Central East	Counties Manukau
Boys	Jnr A	2	2	2	2
	U17A	2	2	2	2
	Open A	2	2	2	2
Girls	Jnr A	2	2	2	2
	U17A	2	4 teams from the CEW Girls competition		2 <i>*Top 2 U17A teams playing in the CM Girls Open/U17 competition</i>
	Open A	2	2 teams from the CEW Girls competition*		2 <i>*Top 2 Open A teams playing in the CM Girls Open/U17 competition</i>

Please note:

**Due to a smaller competition in 2024 for the Girls Open A CEW zone, only 6 teams will participate in the Girls Open A Champs. Open A Girls will have their round games and finals on Thursday 15th August.*

**2024 Premier and Senior A boys and girls will be playing Semi Finals home and away (Friday 16th August) and 1v2 of each of these grades are to play Finals at AUT Stadium on Friday 23rd August. They therefore will not appear at the GABT*

Greater Auckland Basketball Championships Schedule – Junior A, U17A and Open A only.

Date: Thursday 15 August – Girls (including final for Open A)

Date: Friday 16 August – Boys

Date: Tuesday 27th August - Semis & Finals (Top 4 of Jnr A, U17A and Open A Boys; Junior Girls & U17A only) – **Please note date change of the semis & finals**

Playoffs Structure

**Formats are subject to change*

Each category/grade follow the same structure (except Open A girls). Round robin within two pools of four teams per grade. The top 2 teams from each pool qualifies for Semi-Finals and Finals day.

Open A girls: Two pools of three teams. Each team plays the other two teams in their pool followed by 1st in each pool playing each other (Final 1st v 2nd), 2nd in each pool (3rd v 4th) and 3rd in each pool (5th vs 6th).

Girls Playoffs

Thursday 15th August 2024, Pulman Park Arena

*Please note: due to back to back games for some U17 & Open A teams the start times have been adjusted to allow for a short rest time.

Time	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6
8.30 am	JR Pool A A1 v A4	JR Pool A A2 v A3	U17 Pool A A1 v A4	U17 Pool A A1 v A3	Open Pool A A1 v A3	
9.00 am						OA Pool B B1 v B3
9.30 am	JR Pool B B1 v B4	JR Pool B B2 v B3	U17 Pool B B2 v B3	U17 Pool B B1 v B4	*Gap for back to back game	
10.00 am					Open Pool A A2 v A3	
10.30 am	JR Pool A A1 v A3	JR Pool A A2 v A4	U17 Pool A A1 v A3	U17 Pool A A2 v A4		
11.00 am					Open Pool B B2 v B3	
11.30 am	JR Pool B B1 v B3	JR Pool B B2 v B4	U17 Pool B B1 v B3	U17 Pool B B2 v B4		
12.00 pm					Open Pool A A1 v A2	
12.30 pm	JR Pool A A1 v A2	JR Pool A A3 v A4	U17 Pool A A1 v A2	OA Pool B B1 v B2		
1.00 pm					U17 Pool A A3 v A4	
1.30 pm	JR Pool B B1 v B2	JR Pool B B3 v B4	U17 Pool B B1 v B2	U17 Pool B B3 v B4		
2.00 pm					Open (3v3) 3A v 3B	
2.30 pm	Open (1v2) 1A v 1B	Open (2v2) 2A v 2B				
3.00 pm						

*Please note due to court availability on court 6 that the schedule varies from the usual GABT schedule.

Boys Playoffs

Friday 16th August 2024, Pulman Park Arena

Please check in at tournament control 30 minutes before your first round game.

Time	Pool	U17		Open		Junior	
		Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 5	Court 6
9:00am	Pool A	A2 v A3	A1 v A4	A2 v A3	A1 v A4	A2 v A3	A1 v A4
10:00am	Pool B	B2 v B3	B1 v B4	B2 v B3	B1 v B4	B2 v B3	B1 v B4
11:00am	Pool A	A1 v A3	A2 v A4	A1 v A3	A2 v A4	A1 v A3	A2 v A4
12:00pm	Pool B	B1 v B3	B2 v B4	B1 v B3	B2 v B4	B1 v B3	B2 v B4
1:00pm	Pool A	A1 v A2	A3 v A4	A1 v A2	A3 v A4	A1 v A2	A3 v A4
2:00pm	Pool B	B1 v B2	B3 v B4	B1 v B2	B3 v B4	B1 v B2	B3 v B4

*Please see the Semi Finals and Finals information at the bottom of this document – in particular date change (now Tuesday 27th August).

Venue Information

1. Location

Pulman Park Arena, 90 Walters Road, Takanini, Auckland 2112

2. Registration

College Sport Auckland will be setup in the Control Room of the Pulman Park Arena.

Please ensure all coaches/manager/school representatives check in with College Sport to sign off their team IDs

Venue Rules

1. Only athletes, staff, coaches and managers are allowed on the courts/courtside before and during the event
All other spectators are to be upstairs.
2. No food on the court floors at any time. Closed water bottles/sports drinks ONLY allowed on court floors. Please take all rubbish with you after each game.
3. Non-marking shoes only on court. No high heels, outdoor shoes, slip-ons, or socks allowed on the courts. No exceptions
4. No rubbish to be left in the stands. Please place in correct bins that are provided.
5. No bouncing Basketball Balls in the Foyer

Tournament Rules

1. FIBA Rules:

Apply to all games except if stated otherwise in these rules.

2. Player Eligibility:

Each team will be limited to a maximum of 12 players.

2.1 Age requirements:

Junior – Year 9 and 10 only

U17: For U17 competitions, players must be aged either 15,16 or 17 years as at 31 December in the year in which the completion is held.

Open Grade - Under 19 years on 1st January in the year of competition.

2.2 A player may only be registered for one team for the playoffs, semi-finals, and finals.

2.3 Verification of team membership and age may be required prior to the first game played.

3. Game Length (amended 30/6/2024):

- Game length for U17 & Junior grades shall be 4 x 6-minute quarters
- Game length for Open A grades shall be 4 x 7-minute quarters
- 2 time outs per half.
- Overtime: 2 mins and if it is still a draw then a sudden death shoot out at end of match will happen. The possession arrow has the first shot.

4. Match Ball:

Each school is to provide a leather match ball.

Boys = size 7, Girls = size 6

5. Referees: Schools must provide a referee for U17 and Junior grades. Auckland Basketball will allocate referees for the Open A grade. For assistance, please contact school.sport@collegesport.co.nz

6. Duty Score Bench:

Each team must provide 1 competent score bench personnel for each game who are required to keep the score and operate the game clock. Failure to provide a duty score bench from the start of the match will result in the loss of 2 result points for your team.

7. Protest:

Each team must have an adult accompanying them who acts as a representative for the team on the day. The team captain should sign the score sheet in the space marked "captain's signature in case of protest" immediately at the conclusion of the game. A protest must be lodged within 20 minutes of each game concluding. This protest must be in writing and handed to the floor controller.

The Tournament protest committee shall be the Chief referee, College Sport, and one other independent person will be included in the decision-making process.

8. Uniforms:

All teams are to wear the correct playing uniform of their school. All shorts are to be the same colour. Uniform tops must be clearly numbered front and back with legal numbers which are as follows: 00 to 99.

No jewellery is to be worn, including earrings, bangles, and necklace. In case of a clash of colour, the coaches or floor controller will toss a coin to decide which team wears an alternative strip.

9. Defence:

Please see 8.2 below regarding Junior Grade Defence, all other grades can play zone defence or man-to-man.

8.1 Mercy Rule:

Applies to ALL age groups. Once a team is leading by a 20-point margin they must pull back to halfway on defence.

8.2 Junior Deference: Man to Man

Junior teams must actively pick up and mark one player prior to entering the 3-point line. The penalty for failing to do this in the game will be against the coach.

1st Offence: Warning by the referee.

2nd Offence: Tech foul on coach (penalty – 1 free throw to be administered immediately. After the free throw, the throw-in shall be administered by the team which had control of the ball or was entitled to the ball when the technical foul was called, from the place nearest to where the ball was located when the game was stopped).

3rd Offence: Forfeit game to opposing team loss of game 0 – 20, no competition points

There will be no zone defence. The New Zealand Junior and Secondary School Basketball Commission have made it compulsory for Junior teams to play man-to-man defence. Penalty for infringement is a technical foul on the coach for first and second offences in a game. Third offence in one game is a forfeit.

Zone Defence shall not be played in the defensive quarter when the ball is in that area. The defensive quarter shall be defined as the rectangular area from the centre of the three-point line out to each side-line and down to the baseline.

It is in the best interests of player development in that the skills required in man-to-man defence provide for a more open and attractive game and creates greater opportunity for teams to show their skills. In the past, too many coaches have chosen to play a zone defence as it nullifies much of the offensive skill of the opposition. Teams who focus on zone defence often neglect to learn the skills and footwork of man-to-man defence. A team of tall players who play a lazy sagging zone defence focus on a negative aspect of the game whereas they would be better players in the future if their man-to-man defensive skills were concentrated on and properly developed.

To identify if a team is playing zone and not help defence, a referee should observe the defensive players to see if they are reacting to the movements of the player they are marking. A referee may ask a player who they are marking to clarify the situation. Obvious signs of a zone defence are:

- Stationary players inside the keyhole
- Players who remain in an area without responding to the movements of their associated offensive player.

10. Player Conduct:

All players, coaches and supporters are to follow the College Sport Auckland Code of Conduct

- 12.1 If a player or coach uses bad language, insults or man handles a referee or tournament official, the tournament controller can impose a one game penalty on the player or coach or ask that player or coach to leave the venue, depending on the severity of the misconduct.
- 12.2 Players are not to chew gum on court.
- 12.3 If any player breaks or damages the scoring ring or backboard as a result of “hanging or grabbing on the ring” during warm up or throughout the game, to the point that game cannot continue, will result in that school forfeiting the match. Forfeiture is a 20 - 0 win to the opposing school

11. Disqualifying Fouls:

That player who receives a disqualifying foul will stand down for the next game to be played in addition to the remainder of the game in which the offence occurred.

12. Finances:

All teams that qualify for the College Sport Auckland Championships must have paid all fees required for the zonal competition prior to the playoffs. If this has not occurred, the next eligible team in the zone will be invited.

13. The Venue:

The College Sport is in complete charge. Any player, team, coach or team supporter, who fails to follow the rules as set out (including host stadium rules), will be asked to leave the venue and that team may forfeit their place in the tournament without refund.

14. First Aid:

Each school is to bring their own first aid kit. Ice will be provided (at most venues) and a First Responder.

Semi-Final & Finals Information/Draw Structure – DATE CHANGE

Jnr A, U17 A and Open A boys; and Jnr A and U17A girls, semis and finals, to be played on **TUESDAY 27th AUGUST** at Pulman Arena (*not Wednesday 21st August as originally scheduled*).

Information regarding the finals will be sent out on Monday 19 August to those involved.

Date: Tuesday 27th August

Venue: Pulman Arena

Time: 10.30am to 2.30pm (registration at 10am)



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