



2026 AUSTRALIA DAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FRIDAY 23rd - MONDAY 26th JANUARY 2026

Administration: Suncoast Clippers Basketball (SCC) will conduct the 2026 Australia Day Basketball Tournament, with the governing body being SCC.
The carnival is also sanctioned by Basketball Queensland.

Venue: Suncoast Clippers Stadium
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Dates: FRIDAY, JANUARY 23rd TO MONDAY, JANUARY 26th 2026

Men's Divisions: A-GRADE MEN B-GRADE MEN C-GRADE MEN

Women's Divisions: A-GRADE WOMEN B-GRADE WOMEN C-GRADE WOMEN

COMPETITION STRUCTURE: *Please note these are subject to change dependent on number of teams nominating*

Nomination Fee: A-Grade Women - \$600.00 per team A-Grade Men - \$600.00 per team
B-Grade Women - \$500.00 per team B-Grade Men - \$500.00 per team
C-Grade Women - \$450.00 per team C-Grade Men - \$450.00 per team

Payment must be made at the time of nomination.

Prizemoney: A-Grade Men & Women - Winner \$1000.00* - Runner Up \$250.00*

B-Grade Men & Women - Winner \$500.00* - Runner Up \$200.00*

C-Grade Men & Women - Winner \$350.00* - Runner Up \$150.00*

Teams: This tournament is open to all teams from throughout Australia.

Age Restrictions: All players must be turning minimum 18 years old in 2025 to play in A-Grade and minimum 16 years old in 2025 to play in B and C-Grades.

**THOSE TEAMS WISHING TO APPLY FOR EXEMPTIONS FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CAN IN WRITING TO THE AUSTRALIA DAY COMMITTEE BY NO LATER THAN SUNDAY THE 5TH OF JANUARY 2025*

Rules: Standard FIBA rules will be used.

Scorers: All scorers are provided by SCC this year.

Referees: SCC will provide a minimum of one (1) and a maximum of three (3) referees for all games.

Uniforms:

All players and teams competing any grade MUST all be in matching singlets - **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Although matching shorts are preferred, they are not a requirement. No uniforms shall have buttons, zippers or pockets in the shorts or attached to them. The SCC Senior Committee or game referee shall not permit any player to wear objects that may cause injury to themselves or to other players. The following are not permitted - headgear, hair accessories and jewellery. Referees will monitor all players' appearance prior to the start of each match. Referees will ask for the removal of rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, and other body piercing objects.

Players:**A-Grade Player Restrictions:**

There are no player restrictions in the A-Grade men & women's competitions; except for the age restrictions of players must be turning minimum 18 years old in 2026 to play in A-Grade. Each team can only have a maximum of twelve (12) players on their roster. At no stage can players be added to a roster once their team's paperwork has been submitted to SCC & the first game of the tournament has commenced. Each player is only allowed to play in one (1) team, in one (1) nominated division only. Players are not allowed to sub across to teams in the same division, or any other division. Once a player plays for one team they cannot change to another team. To be eligible for the Division 1 finals a player must play in a minimum of two (2) preliminary rounds games.

B-Grade & C-Grade Player Restrictions:

B-Grade and C-Grade teams are NOT allowed to have any NBL / WNBL / NBL1 players on their roster. An NBL / WNBL / NBL1 player is defined as anybody who was registered on any above team rosters in 2024 or 2025, this includes development players. Each team can only have a maximum of twelve (12) players on their roster. At no stage can players be added to a roster once their team's paperwork has been submitted to SCC & the first game of the tournament has commenced. Each player is only allowed to play in one (1) team, in one (1) nominated division only. Players are not allowed to sub across to teams in the same division, or any other division. Once a player plays for one team they cannot change to another team. To be eligible for the finals a player must play in a minimum of two (2) preliminary rounds games. All players must be turning minimum 16 years old in 2026 to play in B and C-Grades.

Game Timing: Preliminary round games in all divisions and all finals matches will be timed as:

- 4 x 10-minute quarters – running clock.
- Each team is allowed two (2) time-outs in the 1st half and two (2) in the second half, with the clock stopping for all timeouts in the last two (2) minutes of the 4th quarter. The clock will also stop in the last two-minutes of the fourth quarter on all dead ball situations, including free throws, time-outs and after a successful basket if scores are 20 points or less difference.
- One-minute quarter time / three-quarter time break & a two-minute half time break.
- No overtime will be played in preliminary round games. If overtime is required in a semi-final / grand final game, it will be set at 3-minutes and the clock will stop for all dead ball situations in this time. Each team is allowed one (1) time out each in the overtime period.
- A 24-second shot clock will be utilized for all A-Grade men's & women's Grand Final games only. There will be no shot clock used in B-Grade or C-Grade games.
- Timing for semi & grand final games across all divisions will be timed the same way as timing for all preliminary round games.

Points:

A win will result in 3-points
A draw will result in 2-points
A loss will result in 1-point
A forfeit or disqualification will result in 0-points

All divisions shall be based on above the points system. In the event where teams have equal points at the conclusion of round games, a tie breaker will be decided only by the head-to-head points between those teams. In the event that teams are still tied, total points differential will be used to determine the higher-ranking team.

Late to Game: Referees will begin games on time and run the clock as scheduled in the competition draw.

A team must have a minimum of four (4) players to start a competition game. A team will be penalized 2-points for each minute or part thereof if they do not have four (4) players and are unable to play. These points will be added to the opposition score at the end of the 1st quarter. If a team does not have four (4) players by the end of the first quarter, they will be disqualified and awarded 0-points.

Players must be present in full uniform on the team bench before halftime to take the court. Any players arriving after the halftime break are ineligible to play.

In the case of extreme circumstances / Acts of God and a team is unable to make it to their game on time, the SC Clippers Senior committee will convene to make a governing ruling regarding that game.

Suspension: Two tech fouls for abuse of an official in any game will result in an automatic expulsion from that game and an additional 1 game suspension.

Tribunal: Any player, coach or spectator placed on report by an official throughout the tournament could be subject to face a tribunal hearing in accordance with Basketball Australia Tribunal By-Laws with Basketball Queensland being the Organizing Body. Suncoast Clippers Basketball will appoint a disciplinary panel to hold the Tribunal hearing.

Presentations: Presentations will take place after each Grand Final game.

Bar & Canteen: Bar & canteen facilities will be available on site at Clippers Basketball at nominated times throughout the tournament. Suncoast Clippers Basketball encourages all spectators to drink responsibly and has a zero tolerance for any persons who are drunk or disorderly, or whose conduct is unlawful or offensive, or persons who engage in inappropriate behaviour.

Game Times:

Friday, January 23:	TBC 4pm-8pm
Saturday, January 24:	TBC 8am-8pm
Sunday, January 25:	TBC 8am-8pm
Monday, January 26:	TBC 8am-4pm

COMPETITION STRUCTURE: *Please note these are subject to change dependent on number of teams nominating*

A-GRADE MEN: Based on eight (5-8) competing teams will change otherwise
All teams will be divided into two (2) pools of four (4) teams – Pool A & B
Each team will play all teams in their pool one (1) time each
After all preliminary round games are completed the top two (2) teams overall in each pool will then progress into the semi-finals. Teams not in top 2 of their pool will have relegation play off matches scheduled.
Semi-final crossovers will be played as follows:
1st Pool A vs. 2nd Pool B & 1st Pool B vs. 2nd Pool A
The two winning teams will then progress into the Grand Final

B-GRADE MEN: Based on sixteen (16) competing teams will change otherwise
All teams will be divided into four (4) pools of four (4) teams – Pool A, B, C & D
Each team will play all teams in their pool one (1) time each
After all preliminary round games are completed the top two (2) teams overall in each pool will then progress into the semi-finals. Teams not in top 2 of their pool will have relegation play off matches scheduled.

Prelim-final crossovers will be played as follows:
1st Pool A vs. 2nd Pool B (Prelim 1) 1st Pool C vs. 2nd Pool D (Prelim 3)
1st Pool B vs. 2nd Pool A (Prelim 2) 1st Pool D vs. 2nd Pool C (Prelim 4)

The four winning teams will then progress into the Semi Final:
Winner Prelim 1 vs. Winner Prelim 3
Winner Prelim 2 vs. Winner Prelim 4
The two winning teams will then progress into the Grand Final

C-GRADE MEN: Based on ten (10) competing teams will change otherwise
All teams will be divided into two (2) pools of five (5) teams – Pool A & B
Each team will play all teams in their pool one (1) time each
After all preliminary round games are completed the top two (2) teams overall in each pool will then progress into the semi-finals. Teams not in top 2 of their pool will have relegation play off matches scheduled.

Semi-final crossovers will be played as follows:
1st Pool A vs. 2nd Pool B & 1st Pool B vs. 2nd Pool A
The two winning teams will then progress into the Grand Final

A-GRADE WOMEN: Based on eight (5-8) competing teams will change otherwise:
All teams will be divided into two (2) pools of four (4) teams – Pool A & B
Each team will play all teams in their pool one (1) time each
After all preliminary round games are completed the top two (2) teams overall in each pool will then progress into the semi-finals. Teams not in top 2 of their pool will have relegation play off matches scheduled.

Semi-final crossovers will be played as follows:
1st Pool A vs. 2nd Pool B & 1st Pool B vs. 2nd Pool A
The two winning teams will then progress into the Grand Final

B-GRADE WOMEN: Based on five (4/5) competing teams will change otherwise:
All teams will be in one pool with each team playing all teams in their pool once
After all preliminary round games are completed, all teams will then progress into the semi-finals.

C-GRADE WOMEN: Based on five (4/5) competing teams will change otherwise:
All teams will be in one pool with each team playing all teams in their pool once
After all preliminary round games are completed, all teams will then progress into the semi-finals.