

# Marrickville Spirit Winter Cup

## Tournament Overview

- The tournament is run by MSBA and hosted at Sydney Boys High School
- All teams will play **4 games**, regardless of their results, to ensure a full and enjoyable tournament experience.
- There will be no shot clock
- Games will consist of **two 14-minute halves** with a **running clock**.
- Each team is allowed **one timeout per game** (clock continues to run during timeouts, except when game is within 6 points with under 1 minute remaining).
- The tournament fosters values of **teamwork, respect, fairness,** and **sportsmanship** for all participants, coaches, parents, and spectators.

## General Participation Guidelines

### Eligibility and Registration

- All players must have a **current BNSW registration**. Secondary registration is required for players with a primary membership at another association.
- Players are **not permitted to participate** without a valid BNSW registration.
- Teams will be assigned to age groups based on **Basketball NSW** and **Basketball Australia** age eligibility guidelines.
- Requests for special consideration must be submitted in writing to: [development@spiritbasketball.com.au](mailto:development@spiritbasketball.com.au).

### Team Formation

- Players will pay an individual registration fee of \$70.
- There are a minimum of 6 players per team
- Teams need to wear matching singlets with numbers

## Game Rules

### Timing & Format

- Each game consists of **two 14-minute halves**.
- The **clock runs continuously**, including during timeouts, except when the game is within 6 points with 1 minute remaining.
- There is a **1-minute halftime break**.
- Each team is permitted **1 timeout per game**, with the clock continuing to run.
- Draws are allowed during pool games, but during knockout rounds overtime will take place on a first basket wins basis.

### Fouls

- **Bonus free throws** are awarded on and after the 6th team foul (excluding offensive fouls).

## Gameplay Rules by Age Group

- **U14s:** Size 6 basketball.
- **U16s & U18s:** Size 7 basketball (boys); size 6 for girls.
- **Zone defence** is not allowed in U14s. Only man-to-man defence is permitted.
- Trapping defences that revert to man-to-man are allowed.

## Uniform & Equipment

- All players on a team must wear **matching uniforms** with **unique visible numbers**. You cannot share singlets with teammates.
- **No jewellery** may be worn during games.
- **Nails must be short or taped** to avoid injury.
- Players out of uniform may be deemed ineligible to play.

## Conduct & Discipline

### Codes of Behaviour

- All players, coaches, and spectators must follow **Basketball NSW Codes of Conduct**.
- Zero tolerance applies to verbal abuse, intimidation, or unsportsmanlike behaviour.

## Tournament Structure

- Each team will play **4 games** during the tournament.
- At least two pool games
- Semi and grand final
- Consolation bracket for losers

## Other Regulations

- Players may not play for more than one team in the same age group.
- Only active players, coaches, and officials are allowed on court during games

## Complaints and Appeals

All complaints or disputes must be submitted in writing to:  
**development@spiritbasketball.com.au**  
within **7 days** of the incident and signed by a Team Representative.