



PCYC Auburn Junior Basketball Competition - Summer Competition 2024-2025 Rules & Guidelines

Location: PCYC Auburn

Dates: 18/10/2024 - 11/04/2025

Duration: 20 Weeks (across two terms)

Age Groups: U10, U12, U14, U16, U18

General Information

1. Season Structure

- The competition will run over two terms, starting on 18/10/2024 and concluding on 11/04/2025, covering Term 4 of 2024 and Term 1 of 2025.
- **Term 4 (2024):** Rounds 1-10 will run from 18/10/2024 to 20/12/2024.
- **Term 1 (2025):** Rounds 11-20 will resume from 07/02/2025 and run through to 11/04/2025.
- Each team is scheduled to play a minimum of 20 games over the 20-week season.

2. Game Schedule

- Matches will occur every Friday evening at PCYC Auburn during the school terms.
- The detailed schedule, including game times and opponents, will be provided to teams at the beginning of each week by Wednesday at the latest.

3. Team Participation

- Teams are scheduled to play a minimum of 20 games, ensuring that all teams have equal opportunities to participate over the 20 rounds.
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Finals Format

1. Semi-Finals and Grand Finals (U12, U14, U16)

- **Semi-Finals:** These will take place in **Round 19** for each age group.
- **Grand Finals:** The winners of the semi-finals will proceed to the grand finals in **Round 20**.

2. Consolation and Placement Games

- Teams that do not qualify for the semi-finals or grand finals will still participate in placement games during Rounds 19 and 20. These games will help determine the final standings and provide playing opportunities for all teams.

3. Participation Requirement for Finals Eligibility

- To qualify for participation in the semi-finals and finals, players must satisfy the minimum requirement of participating in **7 regular season games**. This ensures that players who have been consistently involved in the competition are eligible to compete in the finals.

Special Rules for U10 and U12

1. Rim Height for U10

- In the U10 division, the rims will be lowered to **8 feet 6 inches** to accommodate the players' age and ability, ensuring a more suitable playing environment for younger participants.

2. Free Throw Line for U10 and U12

- For free throws in the U10 and U12 divisions, players will shoot from the **Green line**, which is one step closer than the standard free throw line. This adjustment is designed to help younger players develop their shooting skills more effectively.
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Team Responsibilities and Regulations

1. Responsible Adult

- Each team must have an adult over 18 years old who is responsible for the team. This individual could be a coach or a parent. The responsible adult is required to oversee the team's activities and ensure all players adhere to the competition rules.
- Before each game, the responsible adult must report to the bench official to confirm the attendance of players and provide the jersey numbers for the team. This ensures accurate record-keeping and fair play.

2. Player Eligibility and Age Verification

Age Restrictions for Each Age Group

- The following age restrictions apply to ensure that players are placed in the appropriate divisions based on their age:
 - **U10 Boys & Girls:** Born after 11/04/2015.
 - **U12 Boys & Girls:** Born after 11/04/2013.
 - **U14 Boys & Girls:** Born after 11/04/2011.
 - **U16 Boys:** Born after 11/04/2009.
 - **U18 Boys:** Born after 11/04/2007.

3. Proof of Age Requirement

- All players must provide a valid proof of age document that includes the child's legal name and date of birth (DOB). As our junior competitions are age-based, it is essential to verify that all participants meet the age requirements for their respective divisions.
- Players must submit their proof of age during **Week 3 (01/11/2024)** and **Week 4 (08/11/2024)** of the competition. Anyone who hasn't shown their ID by the end of Week 4 will not be allowed to play until they do so.
- **Once we have checked the child's DOB, it will be recorded in the system, and they will not need to provide it again for future competitions.**

4. Accepted Forms of Identification

- We accept the following original documents as proof of age:
 - School ID
 - Birth Certificate
 - Passport
- We also accept the following online services, provided they are shown live (no screenshots):
 - NSW Digital Driver's Licence
 - myGov Account
 - Medicare Records
 - School Apps (e.g., Compass)

5. Submission of Documents

- Only original documents will be accepted; photocopies are not allowed. Please show your proof of age documents to the court supervisor or bench person for verification.
 - 6. Failure to provide the required proof of age within the designated timeframe will result in the player being ineligible to participate in the competition until proper identification is provided.
 - 7. **Fill-In Players**
 - We understand that some teams may occasionally face challenges in having enough players available for certain game days. To accommodate this, we allow teams to bring in fill-in players. However, to ensure fairness and safety:
 - All fill-in players must have a valid PCYC membership.
 - Fill-in players are required to bring their ID to verify their age, ensuring they meet the age group requirements for the competition.
 - If securing a fill-in player is not possible, your team has the option to officially forfeit the game. In this case, the ladder points will be awarded to the opposing team. Despite the forfeit, the game can still proceed as a friendly match, allowing both teams to enjoy the experience without affecting the standings.
 - 8. **Readiness for Tip-Off**
 - The responsible adult must ensure that all players are ready for tip-off at the scheduled time. If the tip-off time has passed and a team does not have at least 4 players on the court to commence the game, the opposing team will be awarded 2 points for every minute of delay. This rule is designed to encourage punctuality and ensure that all participants get the most out of their game time.
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Uniform Policy

Full Uniform Requirement Starting Week 5

1. **Uniform Compliance**
 - All teams must be in full uniform starting from Week 5 of the competition. Uniforms must be consistent across all team members and adhere to the guidelines outlined below.
 2. **Uniform Specifications**
 - **Singlets:** Each player's singlet must be numbered on both the front and back. Teams are required to use numbers ranging from 0, 00, and 1 to 99, with no duplicate numbers permitted in any single game.
 - **Uniform Colours:** All players on a team must wear the same or predominantly the same colour for singlets, tops, and shorts. If a specific team colour (e.g., orange) is difficult to purchase, predominantly black shorts may be substituted.
 - **Shorts:** Players' shorts must have **no pockets** for safety reasons. This rule is strictly enforced to prevent injuries during the game.
 3. **Penalties for Incorrect Uniform**
 - Any player not in the correct uniform will incur a 5-point penalty on the scoreboard per player, credited to the opposing team. These points will be awarded by the court supervisor as soon as possible.
 - Repeated non-compliance with the uniform policy (more than three instances per season) may result in the player being prohibited from participating in future games.
 - Teams that consistently fail to adhere to the uniform policy may face removal from the competition at the discretion of the Competition Manager.
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Rules and Regulations

1. Game Times

- Each game will consist of two 18-minute halves.
- The clock will run continuously except during time-outs in the second half or during the last minute of the second half if the game is within 10 points.

2. Time-Outs

- **One time-out per half:**
 - **First half:** Teams cannot call time-outs in the last 3 minutes of the first half.
 - **Second half:** Time-outs can be called at any time, and the clock will stop during these time-outs.

3. Mercy Rule

- The Mercy Rule applies to U10, U12, and U14 divisions only. If a team leads by 20 points or more, the leading team's players must remain inside the 3-point circle on defence until the opposing team crosses the 3-point line with the ball. If a team is behind by 30 points or more, all jump balls will automatically be awarded to the losing team. **However, it is up to the discretion of the losing team's coach whether or not the Mercy Rule will be enforced.** If the coach opts to continue play without the rule, the game will proceed without the Mercy Rule being applied.

4. Fouls

- **Team Fouls:** Teams are allowed up to 8 fouls per half. On the 8th team foul, the opposing team will be awarded penalty free throws.

5. Unsportsmanlike Foul Criteria

- An unsportsmanlike foul is a severe violation of fair play and is defined by the following criteria:
 - **No Play at the Ball:** When a player makes no attempt to play the ball and instead makes contact with the opponent.
 - **Excessive Contact:** When a player uses excessive force or roughness against an opponent.
 - **Unnecessary Contact to Stop a Fast Break:** When a player deliberately fouls an opponent to prevent a fast break.
 - **Illegal Contact from the Side or Behind as the Last Defender on a Fast Break:** When a player, as the last defender, makes illegal contact with an opponent from the side or behind during a fast break.
- **Penalties for Unsportsmanlike Fouls:**
 - Unsportsmanlike fouls will result in a technical free throw for the opposing team, along with possession of the ball.
 - For fouls that meet criteria 1 and 2 (No Play at the Ball and Excessive Contact), the offending player will also be subject to a 5-minute sin bin, during which they cannot return to the game. Additionally, the player will be reported to the competition organiser for further review, which may result in additional penalties such as suspension or bans, depending on the severity of the incident.

6. 24-Second Shot Clock (Finals Only)

- A 24-second shot clock will be enforced during the last 3 minutes of the semi-final and final matches to prevent teams from stalling and to encourage active play. Teams must attempt a shot within 24 seconds, or possession will be awarded to the opposing team.
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Player Code of Conduct

All players participating in the competition are expected to adhere to the following Code of Conduct. These guidelines are in place to ensure a positive, respectful, and sportsmanlike environment for everyone involved:

1. Respect for Others

- Treat all teammates, opponents, coaches, referees, and officials with respect at all times.
- Avoid using abusive, derogatory, or offensive language or gestures during games and practices.
- Respect the decisions of referees and officials, even if you disagree with them. Arguing with or disrespecting referees will not be tolerated.

2. Fair Play

- Play by the rules of the game and the spirit of fair competition.
- Avoid engaging in any form of cheating, intentionally injuring opponents, or engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Always strive to perform to the best of your ability while maintaining a fair and honest approach to the game.

3. Safety

- Avoid actions that could endanger yourself or others on the court.
- Report any injuries to your coach or team manager immediately.
- Follow all health and safety guidelines provided by the competition organisers.

Failure to adhere to the Player Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including warnings, suspension, or expulsion from the competition.

Spectator Code of Conduct

Spectators play an important role in creating a positive and enjoyable atmosphere at the competition. The following Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for all spectators:

1. Respect for Participants

- Show respect to all players, coaches, referees, and officials. Refrain from using abusive, derogatory, or offensive language or gestures.
- Respect the decisions of referees and officials. Criticising or confronting referees during or after the game is not acceptable.

2. Supportive Behaviour

- Encourage all players positively, regardless of the outcome of the game. Applaud good performance by all participants, not just your own team.
- Avoid any form of behaviour that could be considered intimidating, harassing, or unsportsmanlike.

3. Safety and Responsibility

- Follow the instructions of event staff and officials to ensure the safety and enjoyment of everyone attending.
- Do not enter the playing area or interfere with the game in any way.
- Ensure that any children under your care are supervised at all times and do not disrupt the game or the enjoyment of others.

4. Prohibition of Court Interference

- During any conflict or disagreement on the court, spectators and parents are strictly prohibited from stepping onto the court. It is essential to allow the referees to handle the situation without external interference.

- If any person, whether a spectator or parent, walks onto the court during a conflict, the game will be immediately cancelled. The individual(s) involved will be reported to the Competition Manager and will face disciplinary action, which may include suspensions, bans, or even police involvement depending on the severity of the situation.

5. Communication and Respect

- Parents are not permitted to directly address or abuse players on the opposing team. Any concerns or issues must be communicated through the proper channels: the coach of your team should relay the concern to the referee or court supervisor, who will then pass it on to the other team's coach.
- Parents or spectators caught violating this policy by directly engaging with opposing players will be reported to the Competition Manager. Disciplinary actions may include suspensions, bans from future games, and in severe cases, police involvement.

6. Alcohol and Substances

- The consumption of alcohol and use of illegal substances are strictly prohibited at the competition venue.
- Spectators under the influence of alcohol or substances may be asked to leave the venue and could face further action from the competition organisers.

7. Commitment to the Game

- Demonstrate a love for the game by promoting and encouraging good sportsmanship.
- Remember that this competition is for the enjoyment and development of the players. Keep the focus on their experience and growth.

Any spectator who fails to adhere to this Code of Conduct may be asked to leave the venue and may be banned from attending future games.

Awards and Recognition

1. Trophies and Medals

- Champions in each age group (excluding U10) will receive medals upon their grand final win.

Contact Information

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