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2006 COUNTRY TOURNAMENT



The 26th annual Country Basketball Tournament saw over two hundred teams competing across twenty two divisions at seven venues around the state, including Berkeley, Beaton Park, Shellharbour, Niagara Park, Maitland, Newcastle and Bathurst. Illawarra moved even further ahead of their Steel City rivals Newcastle on the all-time title winners list, dating back to 1981. Illawarra added a further five titles this year to their collection moving them to a total of 93 titles, with Newcastle in second on 81. Amongst their bag of titles Illawarra Under 18 Men (Division 1) secured their third consecutive title. Also continuing their winning streak at the Country Tournament were the Moruya Swans Under 14 Women (Division 2) and the Illawarra Hawks Under 14 Men (Division 1) who both recorded their second consecutive title. The Illawarra Hawks Under 14 Men (Division 1) and the Albury Cougars Under 14 Women (Division 1) both qualify for the National Championships, with seedings for the Nationals to be determined in a qualifying series on Saturday 29th July.

To view all 2006 Country Tournament Results and Final Standings go to the link below:

<http://www.nswbasketball.net.au/events/Results/CountryTourn/CountryResults.htm>

DIVISION 1 CHAMPIONS

Under 12 Men - **Canberra**
Under 12 Women – **Illawarra Hawks**
Under 14 Men – **Illawarra Hawks**
Under 14 Women - **Albury Cougars**
Under 16 Men – **Newcastle Hunters**
Under 16 Women – **Coffs Harbour Suns**
Under 18 Men – **Illawarra Hawks**
Under 18 Women – **Illawarra Hawks**

DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS

Under 12 Men - **Canberra**
Under 12 Women – **Maitland Mustangs**
Under 14 Men – **Canberra**
Under 14 Women – **Moruya Swans**
Under 16 Men – **Albury Cougars**
Under 16 Women – **Wagga Wagga Blaze**
Under 18 Men – **Illawarra Hawks**
Under 18 Women – **CCYC Waves**

DIVISION 3 CHAMPIONS

Under 12 Men – **The Entrance Lakers**
Under 14 Men – **Cessnock Cobras**
Under 14 Women - **Albury Cougars**
Under 16 Men – **Tamworth Thunderbolts**
Under 16 Women – **Moruya Swans**
Under 18 Men – **Port Macquarie Dolphins**

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