

SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE - BASKETBALL

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REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED FOR NEW TEAMS

1 Competition Dates

1.1 Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 October 2009

2 Venue Details

Men and Women	Venue	Courts
30+, 35+ 40+, 45+, 50+	Sutherland Basketball Stadium, Sutherland Approximate distance from Sydney City is 31 kilometres.	4 Courts
30+, 35+ 40+, 45+, 50+	Menai Indoor Sports Centre, Menai Approximate distance from Sydney City is 36 kilometres.	4 Courts
30+, 35+ 40+, 45+, 50+	Bankstown Basketball Stadium, Condell Park Approximate distance from Sydney City is 31 kilometres.	4 Courts
55+, 60+, 65+, 70+	Hills Sports Stadium, Castle Hill Approximate distance from Sydney City is 35 kilometres.	4 Courts

Finals will be held at all venues subject to change.

3 Age Categories

3.1 **Men:** 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+

3.2 **Women:** 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+

3.3 Age determined at 31 December 2009.

3.4 The age of the youngest player on the team will determine the team's age category.

3.5 There will be no mixed competition.

3.6 Players can only participate in one team in an age category; however players can participate in two teams in the Basketball competition provided they meet the age requirements and are registered with each team.

4 Competition Details

4.1 **Hours of Competition**

It is anticipated that competition will start at 0900 hours and continue to approximately 2100 hours each day. Competition will finish early on the days of the opening and closing ceremonies and any social events.

4.2 **Competition Format**

The competition will cater for athletes of all ability, dividing competition into grades. The competition will consist of a minimum five game round robin play (during the preliminary rounds) followed by classification rounds / finals.

4.3 **Grade Definitions**

a) **A Grade - Premier:** This grade is for teams consisting of players with international or national experience. At least two players should have international experience (played for their country). The other team members are expected to be at a state/ province/ elite Club player level.

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- b) **B Grade - Competitive:** This grade is for those players who compete in a high standard of domestic level basketball, such as A Grade in their local competition, and players who have represented their club or town in state/province competition.
- c) **C Grade - Recreational:** This grade is for those players who participate in non-competitive and/or lower grade leagues and for social and casual players.
- d) The Basketball Organising Committee reserves the right to move teams between grades.

Note: there will be only one grade for the 70+ age category.

4.4 Registrations and Medals

Where there are insufficient entries in an age category or grade, the categories may be combined in order to conduct a viable competition. The awarding of medals will not be affected, that is, teams will still be awarded medals in the age category and grade in which they originally entered.

4.5 Statistics

Statistics will not be collected as part of the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games basketball competition. Therefore, no live statistics will be available.

4.6 Technical Meetings

One person is expected to attend the basketball technical meeting scheduled for Friday 10 October at 1900hrs (7pm). Further information will be confirmed closer to the start of competition.

5 Competition Standards

5.1 Basketball NSW will conduct the competition under the auspices, rules and regulations of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) and Basketball Australia and or as outlined in this guide.

5.2 Player Arrivals Prior to the Game

Teams are required to be at the venue at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game time. A five minute (minimum) warm up period will be allowed prior to the advertised commencement of each game. There will be four 10 minute quarters.

5.3 Clock Stop

- a) A Grade: All whistles
- b) B & C Grades: Time outs, substitutions, fouls and all whistles in the last three minutes of the fourth quarter.

5.4 24 Second Clock

- a) A Grade: 24 second clock will be used;
- b) B & C Grades: There will be no 24 second clock, however where teams are using stalling tactics the referees have the power to give a 10 second countdown.

5.5 Half Time / Quarter Time Breaks

- a) A Grade: Ten minute half time break; two minute break between first/second quarters and third/fourth quarters.
- b) B & C Grades: Five minute half time break; two minute break between first/second quarters and third/fourth quarters.

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5.6 Time Outs (All Grades)

There will be two time outs per team per half and one time out per team per extra time period. In the event of a tie, a three minute overtime period will be played. Overtime periods will continue until a winner is determined. The clock will stop for all whistles in the overtime period.

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5.7 Player Qualifications

Teams must register a minimum of seven players. Teams are permitted to have a maximum of 12 players registered. Players must play in at least one game to qualify for the semi finals/ finals. A maximum of four non-playing team support staff may register with a team.

5.8 Referees / Score Bench Officials

The Basketball Organising Committee will provide two referees for each game. Independent score bench officials will be provided for all games.

5.9 Disciplinary Committee / Protest Procedures

Basketball NSW will administer all disciplinary matters under the rules and disciplinary regulations of FIBA. The Disciplinary Committee will be appointed by Basketball NSW and will be responsible for all matters relating to misconduct during competition.

5.10 Player Waiver

In the case of an injured or sick player or in other special circumstances, a participating team has the option of requesting a waiver for the player from the Games Basketball Technical Director. This opportunity only occurs when a team that is participating in the competition is reduced to less than seven (7) players. A registered team can only request a maximum of two waivers during the competition.

The following conditions must be observed:

- If a player is not registered with a basketball team but is registered in another Games Sport, a second sport fee of AUD55 is payable to the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games Organising Committee. Payment is only payable at the Games Centre located within the Sydney Olympic Park Precinct. Payment must be made for the replacement player is eligible to play.
- If a player is a registered member of a team in the basketball competition, the player cannot be a player in another team in that age category of the competition e.g. 40+ Premier Grade to another 40+ Premier Grade or 40+ Premier Grade to 40+ Recreation.
- If the replacement player is a registered member of a team in the basketball competition they are restricted to only playing in two (2) teams, that is, their current team plus the team the waiver is sought for.
- Replacement player(s) must play in at least one round game to be eligible for Semi Finals/Finals. No player will be given a waiver during the Semi Finals/Finals.
- The waiver player(s) may return to the team but the replacement player(s) can no longer play for that team.
- The original players may only return to Semi Finals/Finals if they have played in the required number of games to qualify (at least one round game).

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6 Equipment

- 6.1 Game balls will be provided. The men's competition will use a Molten size seven ball and the women's competition will use a Molten size six ball.
- 6.2 Teams are advised to bring their own balls for training.
- 6.3 Teams are advised to bring their own water bottles and strapping tape.
- 6.4 Individuals are responsible for the safekeeping and storage of their own equipment.

7 Uniforms

- 7.1 All teams are required to wear appropriate uniforms, with legal numbers being 0 - 99. All competitors on the same team must wear team uniforms of the same bold colour.
- 7.2 The size of the numbers shall be at least 2cms wide; on the back 20cm high and on the front 10cm high.
- 7.3 All teams should have two sets of competition uniforms (dark and light). The first team listed on the schedule will be designated as the home team and will wear the light coloured uniforms. The second team listed on the schedule will be designated the visiting team and will wear the dark uniforms. However, if the two teams involved agree, they may interchange the colours of the shirt.

8 Social Event

A basketball social event will be held at the Bankstown Sports Club on Wednesday 14 October. Details will be provided at a later date.

For information regarding the basketball technical meeting please refer to Competition Format, item 4.6.

9 Bulletin Board

A bulletin board has been established on the website to help competitors find a team and to help teams find players. The bulletin board can also be used to locate equipment and supplies.

10 Games Registration Fee

- 10.1 The Sydney 2009 World Masters Games competitor registration fee is AUD220 for which you receive the following benefits:
 - Entry into one Sydney 2009 World Masters Games sports competition
 - A Sydney 2009 World Masters Games accreditation pass and Games backpack
 - Free transport on Sydney's extensive network of trains, buses and ferries*
 - An allocated seat at the Games Opening Ceremony
 - Entry into the Games Closing Ceremony and other events
 - Access to Games Social Hubs located across the city
 - Entry into Games Health and Lifestyle Expo
 - A discount booklet for use at selected Sydney restaurants and tourist attractions
 - Access to sports injury services at Games venues
 - A certificate of competitor participation

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- A guide for each sport competition entered

** This includes standard services only. Excludes train travel to and from the domestic and international airport rail stations.*

10.2 Accompanying people and team personnel can register for the Games for a fee of AUD110. Details and benefits are available on the Games website.

11 Personal Accident Insurance

11.1 Participants have a responsibility to organise their own personal accident insurance as detailed in the Games registration terms and conditions. The competitor registration fee does not cover personal accident insurance.

11.2 Personal accident insurance is available to purchase through JLT Sports for registered competitors. Personal accident insurance covers competitors for non-Medicare medical expenses and ambulance transport whilst travelling directly to and from nominated events within Australia.

11.3 To purchase personal accident insurance go to the Games website <http://www.2009worldmasters.com/Personal-Accident-Insurance/default.aspx>.

12 How to Register for the Games

12.1 **Online Entry**

a) Create a myGames account

Log onto www.2009worldmasters.com and click on the green box to express your interest in competing. Complete the personal details form to receive your myGames user ID and password to your nominated email account.

b) Log on to myGames

Input your user ID and password into the orange myGames login box and follow the on-screen prompts to register.

12.2 **Manual Entry**

Competitors can register and pay online or contact SWMGOC on registrations@2009worldmasters.com or +61 2 8116 2045 for a manual entry form.

13 Links

- 13.1 Basketball NSW www.nswbasketball.net.au
- 13.2 Basketball Australia www.basketball.net.au
- 13.3 International Basketball Federation (FIBA) www.fiba.com
- 13.4 Bankstown Basketball Stadium www.bankstown.basketball.net.au
- 13.5 Hills Sports Stadium www.hillshornets.com.au
- 13.6 Menai Indoor Sports Centre www.sutherland.nsw.gov.au
- 13.7 Sutherland Basketball Stadium www.sutherlandbasketball.com.au
- 13.8 Sydney 2009 World Masters Games www.2009worldmasters.com

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14 Further Information

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15 Terms & Conditions

Please find below an excerpt from the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games Organising Committee. To read the complete Terms & Conditions please visit our website:
<http://www.2009worldmasters.com/Registration/default.aspx>

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

I acknowledge and agree that for my application to participate in the Games to be accepted by SWMGOC, I must agree to the following terms and conditions of entry. I acknowledge and agree that these terms and conditions can not be amended. I acknowledge and agree that if my application to participate in the Games is successful, I shall participate in the Games and Games Activities at my own risk and that SWMGOC reserves the right to vary any aspect of the Games or Games Activities at any time and for any purpose. Such variation may include, but is not limited to, varying the sports, events or applicable age groups that comprise the Games Activities and/or rescheduling or cancelling any of the Games Activities. I acknowledge and agree that I shall have no Claim against SWMGOC, IMGA or NSW Government for any loss suffered by me due to such variation.