

## **B. C. Junior Girls Provincial Championship Tournament**

### **Rules and Guidelines for the 2015-2016 Season**

#### **I. General Information:**

1. The B. C. Junior Girls Basketball Association was established to oversee the operation of the B. C. Junior Girls Basketball Tournament and to assist in the growth and the publicizing of junior girls basketball throughout the province. This association has now amalgamated with the B. C. Secondary Schools Girls Basketball Association which will now be responsible for enforcing eligibility rules, berth allocations, tournament rules, awarding of the tournament host role and publicizing junior girls basketball on a provincial level.
2. The dates for the 2016 B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament are March 2-5, 2016, at the Langley Events Centre.
3. The junior coaches meeting will be held Saturday, March 5, 2016, at the Langley Events Centre. Coaches interested in attending this meeting should contact the tournament director Jason Winslade or the association president for specific details. All junior girls basketball coaches in B. C. are invited to attend the coaches meeting. The meeting will begin at a time to be determined. This meeting is a required annual event held in conjunction with the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament.
4. The election of the association junior rep to the BCSSGBA executive and zone representatives for the following season will take place annually during the B. C. junior coaches meeting held during the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament.
5. The B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament is intended as a showcase for junior girls basketball throughout the province. The tournament will also be used to help promote player development throughout the province.
6. All teams qualifying for the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament will be guaranteed to play four games – one game Wednesday, one game Thursday, one game Friday and one game Saturday. Game times Wednesday will be set at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30 2:00, 3:30, 5:00, 6:30 and 8:00 p. m.
7. Provincial Top 10 rankings will be compiled regularly throughout each season. The junior girls rep will be responsible for compiling these rankings and posting them on the association website. The president and the junior rep will be responsible for releasing these rankings to the various media representatives throughout the province. Zone reps will be asked once before Christmas and every two weeks after Christmas to rank the teams in their zone and to include as many zone game results as they have gathered. Teams which do not submit nor post their game results on the association webpage will NOT be included in the provincial rankings.

8. Schools wishing to host the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament should present their hosting proposal at the junior girls coaching meeting. The successful bidder will host the tournament for ONE season. The host may bid to host the tournament for a second season at the AGM. The host school receives an automatic berth into the provincial tournament. The association will provide a \$400 grant to assist the tournament host with covering organization and administration costs. The LEC will be the host site for the next five years beginning in 2014.

9. The game directors for every game played during the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament will keep a second backup scoresheet with a record of fouls and the running game score. This second scoresheet will NOT be used to overrule the official scoresheet, but only to act as a form of verification.

10. The teams losing their first game during the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament will play for NINTH to 16<sup>TH</sup> place.

11. The two wildcard berths will be allocated during a conference call with the BSSGBA executive and informed zone reps prior to the start of zone playoffs. Challenge games will NOT be used to determine wildcard berths due to costs and the amount of missed class time. These wildcard berths will be allocated to a zone and not a specific team and will be based upon performance and merit.

## **II. B. C. Junior Girls Basketball Executive (2015-2016 season):**

BCSSGBA Junior Rep: Don Hildebrand

Tournament Director: Jason Winslade and Jared Harman, LEC

### **Zone Representatives:**

Northwest: Anna Ashley, Prince Rupert Secondary School

North Central: Louise Holmes, Duchess Park Secondary School

Kootenays: Kirsten Mullen

Okanagan : Kristen Mullen, Kelowna Secondary School

Fraser Valley: Chris Veale, Brookwood Secondary School

Lower Mainland: Brent Jackson, York House Secondary School

Vancouver Island: Grant Ashlee, Mark Isfeld Secondary School

The role of the zone representatives is to fulfill the following duties:

1. to disperse information regarding eligibility and berthing to all schools in their zone prior to the start of the season in November
2. to collect team registration fees and registration forms from teams in their zone and forward this material to the association
3. to try to ensure players on teams seeking to qualify for the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament are eligible to play in the tournament
4. to contribute regularly the provincial rankings by forwarding scores from as many games which take place in their zone as possible

5. to mediate any disputes within their zone relating to the B. C. tournament and to seek clarification if needed from the association president and executive
6. to act as a contact person for the tournament host and the association during the season
7. to be prepared to assist in the seeding of teams for the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament

### **III. Player Eligibility:**

1. All players must be under 17 years of age as of December 31; if the player has her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday December 31 or earlier then she is NOT eligible; if her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday falls January 1 or later then she is eligible.
2. All players must be registered in grade 8, 9 or 10 during that school year to be eligible to play in the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament.
3. All other B. C. School Sports player eligibility rules will apply when determining player eligibility for the B. C. Junior Girls Tournament.
4. A student can participate in up to four (4) playing days at a higher age level than the team for which the student is registered. Only two (2) of the four (4) playing dates may involve restricted or league competition. On the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) playing day overall or the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) playing day involving restricted or league competition, the player becomes ineligible to play in the B. C. Junior Girls Basketball Invitational Provincial Championship Tournament. Teams using ineligible players will become ineligible to seek qualification or an invitation for their team to play in this tournament.

### **IV. Team Registration:**

1. In order to be eligible for the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament, teams must register with the B. C. Junior Girls Basketball Association. Teams must forward a \$15 registration fee and a team registration form to the proper zone representative by JANUARY 15, 2016.
2. A late registration deadline will be FEBRUARY 1, 2016. Teams which register with the association between JANUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 1 must pay a \$75 late registration fee.
3. Teams which do not register with the association by FEBRUARY 1, 2016, will be subject to a \$5,000 fine and registration fee in order to be eligible to participate in the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament. Registrations will not be accepted

after the start of the applicable zone playoffs or within one week of the opening day of that season's B. C. junior girls provincial tournament, whichever comes first. Registration is considered complete when the zone rep receives all the required registration materials (registration form and registration fee) postmarked by the appropriate deadline date.

4. Teams using ineligible players at anytime during the season will become ineligible to seek qualification or an invitation for their team to play in the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament that season.

5. Any zone or school wishing to appeal any decision made by the association must make their initial presentation to the association president for a preliminary ruling. If the president's decision is appealed, a conference call with the association executive may then be held as an avenue of formal appeal. The party initiating the appeal will be responsible for covering any and all costs related to the appeal.

6. All zone tournaments and playoffs leading toward qualification for the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament must be completed at least the weekend prior to the first day of the provincial tournament.

#### **V. B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament Playing Rules:**

1. A size 6 women's basketball will be used in all games.
2. The home team, as determined by the tournament draw, will wear light coloured uniforms in each game. The visiting team will wear dark coloured uniforms.
3. Teams are allowed to use full court zone presses.
4. Teams are allowed to use half court zone defences.
5. The B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament will use modified FIBA rules in all games as used in the senior girls association games. All rule changes used in the BCSSGBA will also be used in the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament.

#### **VI. B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament Berthing and Seeding:**

1. The maximum number of berths which any zone may receive for the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament is FIVE (5). The host berth does not count for any zone in this total. With the LEC as the current long-term host site, the host berth has been reallocated as a wildcard berth. If a new host is assigned, this host berth will come from the wildcard berths.
2. The allocation of zone berths will be as follows:

Kootenays – 1

North Central - 2

Fraser Valley – 3	Northwest – 1
Vancouver Island - 2	Okanagan – 2
Lower Mainland – 2	Wildcards - 2
Host Berth - 1	

TOTAL = 16 berths

3. The strength of teams within a zone will be the only criteria used for determining the allocation of the wildcard berths. The wildcard berths will be allocated following a conference call between the BCSSGBA executive and the zone reps prior to the start of the zone playoffs. Wildcard berths are NOT allocated to a specific team; they are allocated to a zone based upon the allocation criteria and the related discussion. Both the wildcard berths may be awarded to the same zone if the strength of the zone merits such a decision.

4. Once the 16 qualifying teams are determined, all the teams will be seeded one to 16 in a seeded draw. This seeding will be done through a conference call between the BCSSGBA executive and the zone reps. Zone reps who have a team participating in the event will NOT be permitted to vote on the acceptance of the final tournament draw.

The first-round contests will be:

1 vs. 16	2 vs. 15
8 vs. 9	7 vs. 10
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4 vs. 13	3 vs. 14
5 vs. 12	6 vs. 11

The seeding recommendations are teams from the same zone WILL NOT play in the first round of the tournament and preferably not until the third round, although this second recommendation cannot be guaranteed. It is not necessary automatically to seed a non-qualifying host school as the 16<sup>th</sup> seed if their season performance indicates a closer examination of the tournament seeding. The seeding of the B. C. Tournament will also honour the zone placements meaning a team cannot be seeded higher than another team which places higher in its zone qualifying tournament.

5. A conference call between the BCSSGBA executive and zone reps will do the seeding for the draw. All teams participating in the B. C. Junior Girls Championship Tournament will be notified by email of their opening game opponent, tipoff time and game location.

If coaches have any questions or problems relating to any of these rules and guidelines, they should contact their zone rep or the association president to seek an official interpretation or information.