



MEMORANDUM

ATT: School Sports Coordinators
FROM: Jessica Appleford, Basketball Development Officer
DATE: 21st June, 2010
SUBJECT: The 27th McDonald's® Champion School of Victoria Basketball Tournament

The McDonald's® Champion School of Victoria Basketball Tournament is the Victorian qualifying tournament for the National Schools Basketball Tournament and is in its 27th year. It has been and continues to be Basketball Victoria's official All Schools State Championship which is aimed towards the best teams in Victoria from all of the School Sporting Associations.

We have kept a similar format to that which has proven successful over the last 2 years. Teams that win their School Sporting Association will gain direct entry into the tournament; other schools are asked to nominate and will be selected based on performance in recent matches, location (State Wide tournament) and the standard of players within the team.

- The Intermediate and Senior Boy's will be a two phase tournament consisting of the preliminary rounds and then for the successful teams; the Finals Day. Girls divisions are planned under similar lines, but should entries not justify a preliminary round day, then teams will advance straight to the 'Elite 8'.
- The current format allows any school in Victoria who has a high quality team to nominate their team at the state level. All winners of the individual school sporting associations will automatically qualify for the McDonald's Champion School of Victoria Tournament.
- The fee structure this year has changed. All teams competing will be invoiced for \$110 (Inc GST) per team once their position in the tournament is confirmed. This will cover the cost for the preliminary rounds. There will be a smaller fee for teams who qualify for the Elite Eight finals.
- All games for each division will be held at the one central venue for the day.

Nomination:

All schools who wish to compete must complete and return the nomination form enclosed by Friday 30th July. Schools will be notified as to whether they have been awarded a position in the tournament soon after this date. Fixtures etc will follow shortly after. Please remember winners of School Sporting Associations at this point of the year will be awarded direct entry to the tournament. Please make note of this on your nomination form.

INTERMEDIATE COMPETITION

The preliminary rounds will be conducted at **Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre** on **Monday 23rd August**, with the first games commencing at 8.30am and final preliminary games planned to start at 2.30pm.

SENIOR COMPETITION

The preliminary rounds will be conducted at **Dandenong Basketball Stadium** on **Wednesday 8th September** with the first game commencing at 8.30am and final preliminary games planned to start at 2.30pm.

'Elite 8' Finals

This year's 'Elite 8' finals day will be a round robin event with the top8 teams from each competition participating. It will be conducted at **Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre** on **Monday 13th September**, with the first game commencing at 8.30am and each team playing at least 3 games. Semi Final Games will also be held on this day.

STATE FINALS NIGHT

Introduced a couple of years ago, the atmosphere was electric and brought a new dimension to the tournament. The State Finals Night is planned for a Friday night early 4th term. The venue is TBC.

DETAILS

Please find attached a nomination form for this year's tournament. Please return this to me as soon as possible, or by **Friday 30th July** at the latest. By nominating, you are expected to participate once invited.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further details, via email: Jessica.appleford@basketballvictoria.com.au or phone 9927 6666