



**CANADA  
REGIONAL FINALS**

**June 15-17, 2018  
St. Catharines, Ontario**



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# OVERVIEW

**The NBA and Canada Basketball are proud to announce the inaugural Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals.**

This annual event will bring U14 male and female club teams from provincial championship cups across Canada to a single location to compete. The gold medal boys' and girls' teams at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals will earn the right to represent the Canada region at the Jr. NBA World Championship from August 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Florida.

The Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals will take place June 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> in St. Catharines, Ontario, with teams arriving on June 14<sup>th</sup> and games commencing at Brock University the following day. The Meridian Centre will host games on Sunday, including the gold medal games. Teams competing at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals will have their travel and accommodations financially covered by the NBA.

The transportation and accommodation expenses for both the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals will be provided for the winning teams of the respective provincial cups and the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals at the conclusion of such competitions.



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# QUALIFICATION PATHWAY



Basketball BC Provincial Club Championships Basketball AB Youth Provincials	West Regional	June 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> St. Catharines, Ontario	August 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Orlando, Florida, USA
Basketball SK Inc. Provincial Club Championships Basketball Manitoba Club Championships	Prairies Regional		
Basketball NS Provincial Championships Basketball PEI Provincial Championships NLBA Minor Provincial Club Championships	Atlantic Regional		
Basketball QC Provincial Championships Basketball NB Provincial Championships	East Regional		
Ontario Cup	-		

The qualification pathway for teams will begin at their respective provincial cup, hosted by each basketball provincial sports organization (PSO). Contact your respective PSO below for more information on each provincial cup.

Basketball British Columbia  
Basketball Alberta  
Basketball Saskatchewan

Basketball Manitoba  
Ontario Basketball Association  
Basketball Quebec

Basketball New Brunswick  
Basketball Prince Edward Island  
Basketball Nova Scotia  
Newfoundland and Labrador  
Basketball Association

Club teams from any of the territories: Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, or Nunavut Territory, may enter any of the provincial cups. The team must be a member of their territorial basketball federation and could have two players that are 15 years of age as of December 31, 2018. However, should a team from a territory win the provincial cup with overage players, the team won't qualify to advance at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals or Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals.



The winning teams of each provincial cup will then play in a Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional. Each Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional will be played in a different location across the country. The overview of each 2018 Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional is below.

	<b>FORMAT</b>	<b>PROVINCIAL CUP WINNING TEAMS FROM...</b>	<b>LOCATION AND DATES</b>
CANADA WEST REGIONAL	SINGLE ELIMINATION	BASKETBALL BRITISH COLUMBIA VS BASKETBALL ALBERTA	JUNE 2 <sup>ND</sup> EDMONTON
CANADA PRAIRIES REGIONAL	SINGLE ELIMINATION	BASKETBALL SASKATCHEWAN VS BASKETBALL MANITOBA	JUNE 2 <sup>ND</sup> WINNIPEG
CANADA EAST REGIONAL	SINGLE ELIMINATION	BASKETBALL QUEBEC VS BASKETBALL NEW BRUNSWICK	APRIL 28 <sup>TH</sup> FREDERICTON
CANADA ATLANTIC REGIONAL	ROUND ROBIN	BASKETBALL NOVA SCOTIA BASKETBALL PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND NEWFOUNDLAND BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	MAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> -6 <sup>TH</sup> HALIFAX
ONTARIO REGION	-	ONTARIO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION	-

The winner of the provincial cup, in Division 1, from Ontario will be automatically granted a place in the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals, since Ontario is the host province.

The four winning male and female teams from the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional, and the winning teams from the Ontario Cup, will then compete at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals in St. Catharines from June 15th-17th. The preliminary schedule for the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals is provided on the next page.

The male and female winning teams at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals, will earn the right to move on and represent the Canada region at the Jr. NBA World Championship.





# Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals - DRAFT

Teams					
1	Atlantic Region				
2	East Region				
3	Ontario Region				
4	Prairies Region				
5	West Region				
Round Robin					
Boys			Girls		
Day 1 Friday	1-x 5-x 3-4 1-4 2-5 2-3		Day 1 Friday	1-x 5-x 3-4 1-4 2-5 2-3	
Day 2 Saturday	4-x 3-x 5-1 5-3 4-2 1-2		Day 2 Saturday	4-x 3-x 5-1 5-3 4-2 1-2	
Day 3 Sunday	2-x 3-1 4-5	<b>Final</b> – Top two teams play for championship.	Day 3 Sunday	2-x 3-1 4-5	<b>Final</b> – Top two teams play for championship.
Friday			Friday		
<b>10:00</b>	3 vs 4	Ontario vs Prairies	<b>10:00</b>	3 vs 4	Ontario vs Prairies
<b>12:00</b>	2 vs 5	East vs West	<b>12:00</b>	2 vs 5	East vs West
<b>3:00</b>	1 vs 4	Atlantic vs Prairies	<b>3:00</b>	1 vs 4	Atlantic vs Prairies
<b>5:00</b>	2 vs 3	East vs Ontario	<b>5:00</b>	2 vs 3	East vs Ontario
Saturday			Saturday		
<b>9:00</b>	5 vs 1	West vs Atlantic	<b>9:00</b>	5 vs 1	West vs Atlantic
<b>11:00</b>	4 vs 2	Prairies vs East	<b>11:00</b>	4 vs 2	Prairies vs East
<b>2:00</b>	5 vs 3	West vs Ontario	<b>2:00</b>	5 vs 3	West vs Ontario
<b>4:00</b>	1 vs 2	Atlantic vs East	<b>4:00</b>	1 vs 2	Atlantic vs East
Sunday			Sunday		
<b>12:00</b>	3 vs 1	Ontario vs Atlantic	<b>10:00</b>	3 vs 1	Ontario vs Atlantic
<b>12:00</b>	4 vs 5	Prairies vs West	<b>10:00</b>	4 vs 5	Prairies vs West
Gold Medal Games					
<b>2:00</b>	Girls Gold Medal Game				
<b>4:00</b>	Boys Gold Medal Game				

## Gyms:

Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium Court 1
Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium Court 4
Bob Davis Gymnasium
Meridian Center

Please note that this schedule is tentative and changes may occur.

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## ELIGIBILITY

For the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional and the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals, each team will be allowed to have a maximum of 12\* players and 2 coaches on the roster.

**Each players on the roster must be 13 or 14 years of age as of December 31, 2018.**

All participating players will be required to sign a waiver, which must be submitted to Canada Basketball and NBA Canada at least one week prior to competition. A draft copy of this waiver can be found on the final page of the document.

Please note that any other team members will not be covered in travel or accommodations, and will not be allowed to sit on the bench during competition.

The 12 players and 2 coaches on the roster for both the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional and the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals must have been on the roster for their respective provincial cup. If one or more of the players or coaches on the roster of the winning team at the provincial cup is unable to travel to or play at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional and/or the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals, no additional players or coaches may be added to the roster. **No exceptions will be made.**

**\* Please note that the number of players permitted per team at the Jr. NBA World Championship may be 10, not 12. Information regarding this will be distributed once finalized by the NBA.**

# COACH ELIGIBILITY DETAILS

Coaches, please note that the coaches of teams that qualify for the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional are required to be National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) trained and/or certified. For the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals in 2018, it is **required that Head Coaches** are Learn to Train trained and it is **recommended that Assistant Coaches** are also Learn to Train trained.

The NCCP certification requirement will progress as shown below, to align with the correct age and stage of development of the athletes:

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coach
2018	L2T trained	L2T trained (recommended)
2019	L2T certified	L2T trained
2020	T2T trained	L2T certified
2021 and beyond	T2T certified	L2T certified

These courses are regularly offered by Canada Basketball and PTSOs. Coaches can register for the appropriate course at: <https://gameplanbasketball.ca/>. To register, coaches must create a free account or sign into their existing account.

Once an account has been created, the schedules for upcoming courses are available under the "Workshops" tab, where coaches can view and register for the necessary coaching courses offered in their region. For courses in British Columbia and Quebec, please contact the PTSO and reference the PTSO website.



Coaches may also purchase a paid GAMEPLAN account, which costs \$49.95 for a 5-year subscription, and includes numerous coaching resources, such as a drill and video library, practice planner, and more.





In alignment with the Coaching Association of Canada's Responsible Coaching Movement, coaches are required to provide a Background Check in the form of a Vulnerable Sector Screening before the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals. Coaches can provide their own valid copy from the past 3 years or obtain one from their local RCMP office. Coaches can also apply for one online for \$25 at [www.mybackcheck.com](http://www.mybackcheck.com). For information on the Responsible Coaching Movement click [here](#).



Please note if a coach does not meet these requirements they will be unable to participate in the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals. The safety of our athletes is our top priority, therefore **no exceptions will be made.**

The commitment to creating a safe and ideal learning environment for the basketball athletes is a priority for every PTSO, Canada Basketball and NBA Canada. Several of the PTSOs and Provincial Cups have already or will soon be mandating background checks and NCCP certification to align to Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals and Canada Basketball's requirements.



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## RULES OF PLAY

### for Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals and Regionals

The Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals will be played according to FIBA Rules, with the following modifications, in accordance to Long Term Athlete Development principles, considering the age and skill level of the participants.

1. The ball will be size 6 for both boys and girls.
2. Quarters will be 8 minutes in length. The first 3 quarters will be separated into two shifts of 4 minutes. The 4th quarter of 8 minutes will be open substitution.
3. A backcourt violation will be 8 seconds in length.
4. The 14 second shot clock reset rules will apply.
5. The FIBA 3-point line will be used.
6. The charge circle will be used.
7. Teams must play half-court defence if they lead by 15 points or more.
8. Equal Participation Rules will apply. Therefore, each player on the roster, provided they are not fouled out, ejected, or injured, must participate under the Equal Participation Rule. In the 4th quarter, coaches can substitute players as they determine best for their team.
9. Substitutions will be at the 4-minute mark of the first three quarters, unless a player is in foul trouble (i.e. 3 fouls in the first half). If this occurs, the shift will count for the player that played the majority of the shift. If the substitution occurs exactly at the 2-minute mark then the shift will be counted for the player who started the shift.
10. The overtime period will be 4 minutes in length. Time-outs do not carry over to the overtime period, but each team will be granted 1 time-out per overtime period. Each overtime period begins in the direction of the possession arrow.

For more information regarding the half-court defence rule (#7 above) and Equal Participation Rule (#8 above) refer to the following pages.



## Half-Court Defence Rule

When a team leads by 15 points or more, its players must immediately 'drop back' into their backcourt behind the half-court line once the losing team secures player control of the ball (dribbling or holding the ball) in its backcourt. The losing team shall be allowed to dribble the ball unimpeded across half court and establish frontcourt status. Violation of the rule stated above will result in the ball being awarded out-of-bounds to the losing team, at the frontcourt sideline, at the extended free throw line. Repeated violations of this rule may result in a delay of game penalty and technical foul.

## Equal Participation Rule

Every participant who is registered on the team roster must participate in competition, provided they are not injured, fouled out or ejected. Coaches are required to provide playing time for all players who have been registered on the roster. It is considered unethical and having a lack of respect for the intent and spirit of the game for a coach to instruct or have an athlete fake an injury or intentionally foul out/become ejected, or not allow them to dress for competition for no reason. At no time shall a player be intentionally excused from a Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional or Regional Finals game by a coach.

The Equal Participation Rule states that:

- a. **No player is permitted to have played any more than one shift more than any other player at the conclusion of the third quarter.**
- b. Each player must play no less than the minimum number of shifts and no more than the maximum number of shifts.
- c. Each player must play a minimum of one shift in the first half.
- d. The sequence of shifting is not relevant as long as the above are fulfilled.
- e. In the case of fouling out, injuries or ejections, the Equal Participation Rule still applies. The above must still be fulfilled, with an exception being made for the ineligible player.
- f. In the event of a participant fouling out or being injured, the athlete who plays the majority of the shift will be assigned as having played that shift. If the substitution occurs exactly at the 2-minute mark, the player who started the shift will be assigned as having played that shift.
- g. If the Equal Participation Rules are not being followed, coaches will be issued a warning and the player participation will be corrected. The second violation will result in a technical foul.

## Maximum and Minimum Number of Shifts for the First 3 Quarters

Number of Players	Minimum Shifts Per Player	Maximum Shifts Per Player
12	2	3
11	2	3
10	3	3

The scorer is required to track all of the players' shifts, including substitutions due to injuries, medical reasons, fouling out and ejections.

If a violation of the Equal Participation Rule has been alleged, teams are permitted to finish playing the game and any decisions regarding further penalties will be handled by the Canada Basketball and/or NBA representatives upon completion of the game. Should a violation of the Equal Participation Rule occur, it is the responsibility of the coach to raise this issue with a Canada Basketball or NBA representative on-site. If a team is found in violation of the Equal Participation Rule, the game will be considered a forfeit with the score being recorded as 2-0.

The final judgment on any rule is at the discretion of the NBA and/or Canada Basketball representatives on-site.

**Please note the rules for competition are still being finalized, and changes may be made. In particular, rules regarding zone defence may or may not be implemented. Information regarding updated rules will be distributed once finalized by the NBA.**

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# FACILITIES



## **Brock University**

The Bob Davis Gymnasium and the Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium of the Walker Complex at Brock University will serve as the main competition courts for the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals. The facility is equipped with all of the necessary equipment needed to host high level competition, including a number of team rooms within the facility that will be available to teams during the event.







## Meridian Centre

The Meridian Centre will host the gold medal games on the final day of the U14 Canada Club Nationals. Home to the Ontario Hockey League's (OHL) Niagara IceDogs and the National Basketball League's (NBL) Niagara River Lions, the Meridian Centre was constructed in 2014 to serve as a venue for sports and entertainment events. Unique aspects of the venue include street-level access directly to the concourse level through two bridges connecting St. Paul Street to the Meridian Centre.

The Meridian Centre is the competition site for the FIBA U18 Americas Championship and where Canada Basketball's U18 Men's National Team will compete.

Playing on the competition floor of the FIBA U18 Americas Championship will provide a unique experience for the participants of the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals.



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# ACCOMMODATIONS



## **Brock University Residence**

The residence at Brock University provides an excellent opportunity to create an athletes' village experience for the participating teams with each room only steps from the venue.

Brock University Residence offer housekeeping and linen services, abundant and fully dedicated parking and immediate access to public rapid transit and highways. In addition, this accommodation site is in close proximity to existing major tourist attractions, shopping and commercial services, as well as hundreds of restaurants.

In addition, there will be free high speed internet, dedicated meeting rooms and team lounges.

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## FOOD SERVICES



### Food Services

Teams are financially responsible for arranging and planning their own accommodations for food during the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals and the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals.

If the teams competing in the Jr. NBA World Championships Canada Regional Finals in St. Catharines want to participate in the innovative services of Brock University Food Services, they are available for \$54 per person, per day. This would include a variety of dining experiences for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Meal times will be as flexible as possible, allowing for food services to be primarily provided during the regular meal hours, but also as required to accommodate the tournament schedule. Special dietary requirements will also be taken into consideration. Please contact **Sonya Forsey at (905) 688-5550 before June 5th** for more details and to book.



## Sample Meal Plan

<b>Meal</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>Beverages</b>
<b>Breakfast</b>	scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, fresh fruit, yogurt, and oatmeal	milk, orange juice, water, apple juice, coffee and tea
<b>Lunch</b>	tomato soup, garden salad, beef and chicken stir fry with fresh vegetables, roasted potatoes and dessert	milk, orange juice, water, apple juice
<b>Early Dinner</b>	turkey and ham sandwiches, garden salad, chicken noodle soup, dinner rolls, fresh vegetables, and dessert	milk, orange juice, water, apple juice
<b>Late Dinner</b>	spaghetti and meatballs, dinner rolls, Caesar salad, baked potatoes, grilled chicken, steamed vegetables and dessert	milk, orange juice, water, apple juice



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## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

### FIBA U18 Americas Championship

Teams that attend the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals will have the chance to attend and watch the FIBA U18 Americas Championship also held in St. Catharines. The FIBA U18 Americas Championship is from June 10th-16th, where Team Canada plays to qualify for the 2019 FIBA U19 World Cup and defend their gold medal.

Teams will be attending the bronze and gold medal games on June 16th at the Meridian Centre to watch the national teams compete.

The national teams that have qualified for the FIBA U18 Americas Championship are:



Argentina



Canada

HOST



Chile



Dominican Republic



Ecuador



Panama



Puerto Rico

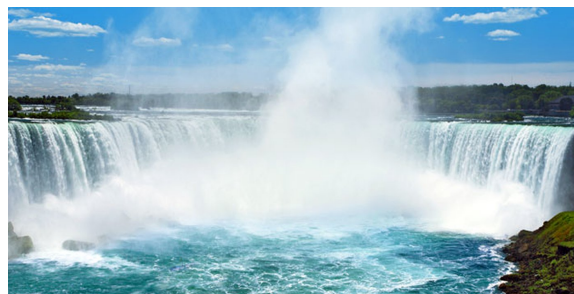


USA

You can find more information about the FIBA U18 Americas Championship [here](#).

### Niagara Falls

Niagara Falls is a breathtaking natural wonder, and is located less than 30 minutes away from Brock University. Teams can make arrangements on their own to experience Niagara Falls during a break in the tournament schedule.





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## FAQ

### Qualification Pathway

#### Where does the pathway to the Jr. NBA World Championship begin?

Club teams from each province must be a member of their respective Provincial or Territorial Sport Organization (PTSO) and enter their respective U14 Provincial Cup, in Division 1. The winning team of the top division of each Provincial Cup will advance to the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals. The winning team of each Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals will advance to the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals. Ontario, as the host province receives a bye to the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals from their Provincial Cup.

#### My child is 13 or 14 years old as of December 31st, 2018. How can they be involved in the Jr. NBA World Championship pathway?

A child must be registered on the roster of a club basketball team in their region that is a member of their respective PTSO. The team must then register for and participate in the Division 1 of the U14 Provincial Cup for your province, where the winning team will advance to the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals. To find a team in your area, contact your PTSO.

#### How does the team selection process work? Is it for club teams?

The teams that will compete in the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and Regional Finals will be club teams that are a member of their respective PTSO. The teams are not "selected" to compete at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and Regional Finals, teams earn their spot by winning Division 1 of their respective U14 Provincial Cup.

#### My team is not part of our PTSO, but can we still participate?

Teams that are not members of their respective PTSO are unable to participate in the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and Regional Finals. Only teams that enter their respective Provincial Cups are entering the qualification process. Register with you PTSO to be eligible to compete in entering the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals.



## **How do teams from Ontario qualify for the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals?**

The winning (boys and girls) team of the Ontario Cup for U14 Division 1 are automatically granted a position in the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals.

## **My team is from the Territories, how do we qualify?**

Club teams from the Territories must be a member of their Territorial Basketball Federation and can enter any of the Provincial Cups. Club teams from a Territory are allowed to enter Provincial Cups with two players that are 15 years old as of December 31st, 2018. However, please note, should a team from a Territory win the Provincial Cup with overage players, the team won't qualify to advance at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals or Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals. Club teams from the Territories with no overage players could win the Provincial Cup and move on to the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals.

## **Where and when do the 2018 Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals take place?**

West Regional: Edmonton, June 2nd  
Prairie Regional: Winnipeg, June 2nd  
East Regional: Fredericton, April 28th  
Atlantic Regional: Halifax, May 4th-6th

## **Where and when are the 2018 Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals being held?**

St. Catharines, Ontario, June 15th-17th  
Teams to arrive June 14th, and depart June 17th.

## **Where and when are the Jr. NBA World Championships being held?**

Orlando, Florida USA from Aug 7th-12th

## **Eligibility**

### **What is the age restriction for Canadian players?**

Players must be 13 or 14 years of age as of December 31st, 2018.

### **How many players and coaches are allowed per team?**

A maximum of 12 players and 2 coaches are permitted per team for Regionals and Regional Finals. However, please note that the number of players permitted per team at the Jr. NBA World Championship may be 10, not 12. Information regarding this will be distributed once finalized by the NBA.

### **Can changes be made to the team after winning the Provincial Cup?**

No. No additional players or coaches may be added to the roster. No exceptions will be made. The 12 players attending the next round must have been on the Provincial Cup roster.



## **What are the eligibility requirements for head coaches and assistant coaches for 2018?**

Head Coach: L2T trained

Assistant Coach: L2T trained (recommended, not required)

**Each coach must also provide a valid Background Check.** More information here.

## **As a coach, how do I take NCCP courses?**

NCCP Coaching Certification courses are offered by Canada Basketball and PTSOs. Coaches can register for the appropriate course at: <https://gameplanbasketball.ca/>. To register, coaches must create a free account or sign into their existing account. Once an account has been created, then the schedules for upcoming courses are available under the "Workshops" tab, where coaches can view and register for the desired course in their region. For courses in British Columbia and Quebec, please contact the PTSO and reference the PTSO website.

## **Rules of Play**

### **What rules will be used for play at each Provincial Cup?**

The rules used at each respective Provincial Cup will be the set of FIBA rules previously determined by each respective PTSO.

### **What rules will be used at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and Finals?**

The rules used at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and Regional Finals will be FIBA rules with modifications in accordance to the Long Term Athlete Development principles. These include 4 minute quarter shift rule, Equal Participation and Half Court Defence Rule.

### **What is the Equal Participation Rule?**

The Equal Participation Rule states that every participant who is registered on the team roster must participate in competition, provided they are not injured, fouled out, or ejected. No player is permitted to have played anymore than one shift more than any other player at the conclusion of the third quarter.

## **General Information**

### **How does this competition pathway comply with and support the Canadian Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) plan?**

The Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and Regional Finals support the Canadian LTAD due to the structure of competition, as well as the rules of play.

Half Court Defence: keeps the games meaningful in competition.

Equal Participation: With U14 being the age where the highest dropout occurs and the largest changes in development, this Championship is operating so that all participating athletes will play in each competition match.

Play Down Format: At this stage of development, athletes should be involved in multisport (MS) training. As the Play Down format was built, it kept in mind minimal travel distances (Regionals) and minimal teams travelling to the Regional Finals. This allows more Train to Train athletes to be involved in multisport training.

Information: Coaches will receive additional information regarding training train to train athletes to optimize the athlete experience. Coaches are also required to have NCCP Learn to Train training to create a playing environment for the athletes where all coaches will be educated in the adaptations, age and stage athlete.

### **What is the format for the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Finals?**

The format for the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals is round robin, with a gold medal game following round robin play.

### **What are the facilities being used for the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals?**

The Bob Davis Gymnasium and Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium at Brock University will serve as the main competition courts. Also, the Meridian Centre will host some games and the gold medal games on the final day of competition.

### **Will accommodations and travel be provided at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals?**

Yes, teams competing at the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and Regional Finals will have their registration fee, travel and accommodations financially covered, thanks to the support the NBA.



## **Where will teams be staying during the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regional Finals?**

Teams will be staying at a residence at Brock University during the competition.

## **Will food be provided for the duration of the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and Regional Finals?**

No, teams are financially responsible for arranging and planning their own accommodations for food. However, for the Regional Finals, Brock University Food Services have meal plans available for \$54 per day, per person, which would include a variety of dining experiences for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. A sample meal plan can be seen [here](#).





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## WAIVER

A sample draft of the participant waiver can be found on the following page. This waiver must be signed by each participant of a team who has advanced to the Jr. NBA World Championship Canada Regionals and submitted to the PTSO, Canada Basketball and NBA Canada at least 2 weeks prior to competition. For the deadline for the team representing each province, refer to below.

Winning Team of Provincial Cup in...	Regional	Date of Regional	Deadline for Waiver Submission
British Columbia	Canada West Regional	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Alberta			
Saskatchewan	Canada Prairies Regional	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	May 18 <sup>th</sup>
Manitoba			
Ontario	-	-	April 30 <sup>th</sup>
Quebec	Canada East Regional	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	April 13 <sup>th</sup>
New Brunswick			
Nova Scotia	Canada Atlantic Regional	May 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	April 19 <sup>th</sup>
Prince Edward Island			
Newfoundland			

Additionally, all athletes and coaches will need to have a valid passport in order to compete in the Jr. NBA World Championship in Orlando, Florida.

Send completed waivers to the following emails, along with your PTSO, at the appropriate time.

Canada Basketball:  
Dawn Smyth: [dsmyth@basketball.ca](mailto:dsmyth@basketball.ca)  
Alex Petropolis: [coaching@basketball.ca](mailto:coaching@basketball.ca)

NBA Canada:  
Jonathan Chang: [jchang@nba.com](mailto:jchang@nba.com)  
Christian Alicpala: [calicpala@nba.com](mailto:calicpala@nba.com)



## JR. NBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

**PARTICIPANT: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS DOCUMENT HAS LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AND WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND ABILITY TO BRING FUTURE LEGAL ACTIONS.**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in the basketball game(s), event(s), contest(s) (each, a "Contest") and other activities scheduled to take place at the event known as the "Jr. NBA World Championship Tournament" scheduled to take place in [CITY, STATE] on [DATE] (collectively, the "Event"), the undersigned, on behalf of myself, my participant child or ward (if applicable) (the "Participant"), and Participant's personal representatives, heirs, assigns, and next of kin, hereby:

1. (a) agrees that prior to participating, Participant will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if Participant believes anything is unsafe, Participant will immediately advise an official of such conditions(s) and refuse to participate until such condition(s) is corrected; and (b) acknowledges and fully understands that Participant will be engaging in physical activities that involve the inherent risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death which might result not only from Participant's own actions, inactions or negligence, but from the actions, inactions or negligence of NBA Properties, Inc. ("NBAP"), the National Basketball Association and its member teams, NBA Canada, Inc., (and each of their respective affiliates, administrators, designees, licensees, agents, coaches, officers, directors and employees), Zero Gravity Basketball and its agents and employees, [TOURNAMENT AGENCY] and its agents and employees, [VENUE] and its agents and employees, other participants, operators, vendors, agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and owners and lessees of premises used in connection with the Event (collectively, the "Released Entities"), the rules of play of the Event, the condition of the premises or of any equipment used and other risks not known to Participant or not reasonably foreseeable at this time, and Participant understands and voluntarily assumes all risks and responsibilities of participating;

2. **AGREES TO AND DOES HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE THE RELEASED ENTITIES FROM ALL LIABILITY AND CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES FOR DEATH, PERSONAL INJURY OR LOSS OR PROPERTY DAMAGE WHICH PARTICIPANT OR PARTICIPANT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND NEXT OF KIN MAY HAVE OR WHICH MAY HEREAFTER ACCRUE TO PARTICIPANT OR PARTICIPANT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, HEIRS, ASSIGNS, AND NEXT OF KIN, AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT, AND WHICH MAY BE ASSERTED AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASED ENTITIES;**

3. **AGREES TO HOLD HARMLESS, DEFEND, AND INDEMNIFY EACH OF THE RELEASED ENTITIES FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, CLAIM, DAMAGE, JUDGMENT, LEGAL FEES, OR COSTS ARISING FROM OR INCURRED DUE TO PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN OR OTHERWISE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EVENT, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY RELEASED ENTITY OR OTHERWISE;**

4. agrees that Participant's acts, poses, words and performances at the Event will be in good taste and will not reflect negatively on the image, reputation or business of the Released Entities, and grants full permission to each of the Released Entities (and each of their designees, agents and licensees), with no obligation to compensate Participant, to utilize Participant's name, voice, statements, image, likeness, biographical data and/or actions in any live or recorded audio, video, film, or photographic display or other transmission, exhibition, publication or reproduction (or any derivative works thereof) made of, prior to, at, or after the Event in any medium, whether now known or hereafter created, or context, without further authorization or compensation, and represents that Participant has the right to grant such permission;

5. understands and agrees that (a) Participant's refusal to accept any prize from any Contest or other activity shall constitute a forfeiture of that prize and shall release the Released Entities from any and all obligations in connection with such prize; (b) Participant is responsible for and shall pay all state, federal, provincial or other taxes on any and all cash and/or prizes Participant wins; (c) Participant will indemnify and hold the Released Entities harmless against any liability for any such taxes and agrees that any of the Released Entities may deduct or require payment of any such tax before delivery of a prize; and (d) any travel undertaken by Participant in connection with Participant's acceptance or use of any prize shall be taken at Participant's sole risk. FURTHERMORE, PARTICIPANT FULLY ACKNOWLEDGES, APPRECIATES AND UNDERSTANDS THE RISK THAT PARTICIPANT'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY CONTEST, ACCEPTANCE OF ANY PRIZES AND/OR NBAP'S USE OF THE MATERIALS COULD AFFECT ANY HIGH SCHOOL OR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY THAT PARTICIPANT MAY HAVE, AND PARTICIPANT FULLY ASSUMES SUCH RISK AND RELEASES THE RELEASED ENTITIES FROM ANY LIABILITY IN CONNECTION WITH ANY SUCH FAILURE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL OR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC COMPETITION; and

6. expressly agrees that (a) this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT is governed by the laws of the State of New York, USA, and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by New York law, and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall nonetheless continue in full legal force and effect; and (b) for the purposes of any action or proceeding arising out of or related to this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, Participant expressly submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of all federal and state courts located in the State of New York.

PARTICIPANT HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, understands its terms, including that Participant is hereby giving up substantial legal rights, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements or inducement contrary to anything contained herein have been made by NBAP or any of its employees or agents or any of the other Released Entities. **If not signed by a parent or legal guardian below, Participant represents that Participant is eighteen (18) years of age or older, and Participant acknowledges that NBAP and each of the Released Entities is relying on the grant of rights contained herein. If signed by a parent or legal guardian, the parent or legal guardian has explained the risk of participating in the activity and safety rules to the Participant and Participant understands the inherent risks and agrees to follow all rules of participating.** This RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT may be executed and delivered by electronic means.

**AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED:**

Name of Participant (please print):	Signature of Participant (or guardian if Participant is under 18):	Home Address:	Age of Participant:	Date:

Name of Event City (for NBAP use only): \_\_\_\_\_