

North Shore



MARCH MADNESS

9th ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT REGIONAL QUALIFIER – REGIONS 3, 4, & 5 ONLY

DATE:

Saturday & Sunday, March 23rd & 24th, 2024 (8:00am start Saturday and 9am start on Sunday with ending time to be determined by number of teams registering)

LOCATION:

Sutherland Secondary - 1860 Sutherland Avenue, North Vancouver

EVENTS:

- 5 X 5 Team Competition following Special Olympics Canada modified FIBA rules
- Individual Skills Competition (ISC) – ISC is a development event for athletes who are not yet ready to participate in team competition.

Athlete may enter either Team Competition or ISC, but not both.

This competition is the designated Qualifier for Regions 3, 4, & 5.

Basketball teams in other regions are invited to attend but **must also attend** the designated Qualifier in their region to be eligible to qualify for the 2025 Provincial Games. Questions on this can be directed to Ailey Jarvis competition@specialolympics.bc.ca.

SANCTIONING:

Special Olympics BC

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Our registration deadline is MARCH 1, 2024. This date is MANDATORY and there will be NO EXCEPTIONS. Priority registration will be given to Regions 3, 4, & 5 with remaining capacity allocated to teams who wish to participate from other regions.

FIRST AID:

Be Prepared – Trainers in First Aid, Inc. will assist with any emergencies and/or injuries.

MEALS:

COACHES ARE ASKED TO BRING WATER FOR THEIR TEAMS!

Healthy choices are being promoted.

ATHLETES...Lunches will be provided including a hamburger, hot dog, OR veggie dog, veggies, fruit, a juice box and a granola bar. **PLEASE make us aware of any specific dietary requirements and allergies in advance.**

COACHES & OFFICIALS...A coaches' and officials' area will be set up so that coaches can snack, talk, get a breather when needed. We ask that coaches take turns using this area making sure that there is ALWAYS someone from your local supervising your teams.

SPECTATORS...For purchase will be a pancake breakfast and scrumptious lunch items. Please make your athletes, families and volunteers aware that ample will be available.

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FEES:

Fees - \$300/team (10 athletes and 3 coaches). 10 athletes is the maximum number of players allowed on a team and 8 the minimum. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

The fee for each athlete competing in the **INDIVIDUAL SKILLS COMPETITION** is \$15 per.

Fees are due at time of registration or can be submitted in advance via mail. Please mail c/o Kelly Klein to 1379 Chuckart Place, North Vancouver, BC V7J 1R8. Cheques should be made payable to SOBC - North Shore.

FOR PURCHASE SEPARATELY: Concession, T-shirts and souvenir items will be available. Locals may not purchase merchandise for their athletes using locally raised funds. If an athlete/coach would like to purchase these items, it must be purchased by themselves, friends, or family.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

- Coaches must have a complete set of medical forms for their athletes with them at all times and present to medical if requested.
- Coaches must sign in on each day of the tournament and provide their NCCP#. It is mandatory for coaches to attend both days of the tournament

INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION FEE:

- Facility Rental
- Lunches
- Award Ribbons (1st, 2nd, 3rd and Participant for each division)
- Winning team name on cup trophy (one cup for each division)
- Coaches vote on Best Offensive Player and Best Defensive Player in their divisions (trophies awarded...1 Offensive and 1 Defensive in each division).
- Unified Game (with selected coaches and A & B All Stars playing together on two opposing teams ... coaches' names will be drawn)
- B/C Division Game (with selected all stars)
- Coaches' Area (see note above)
- A Fair Play Award will be given to the team that shows the most sportsmanship.
- All Star T-shirts
- Player of the Game T-shirts

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DIVISIONING:

1. The Head Coach submits the scores from the two Basketball Skills Assessment test (BSAT) e.g. dribbling and perimeter shooting for each player on his team roster prior to competition.
2. The Head Coach identifies his/her five best players by placing a star next to their names on the roster. Teams CANNOT be all-star teams with amalgamations from various locals – they must be local teams.
3. Adding the top seven players' BSAT scores and then dividing that total by seven shall determine the "team score".
4. Teams are initially grouped in divisions according to their BSAT team score conducted prior to divisioning rounds.
5. A divisioning round of games may be conducted as a means of finalizing the divisioning process.
 - In the classification round, teams shall play one game of four minutes starting with their top five players. *Every player on the team roster must play in each divisioning game, however equal playing time is not enforced.*If the ability of a team can be determined by the score of a prior competition, a preliminary seeding round is not required. If the ability level of a team is in question, a preliminary seeding round or event is required.

RULES:

Due to time constraints, warmups will be 3-5 minutes dependent on schedule.

Each game will consist of four 6-minute quarters, running time (except in the last minute if the score differential is 10 points or fewer). Substitutions and time-outs occur only on dead balls.

Winning teams receive 2 points per victory. Losing teams receive 0 points. Games can be tied, whereby both teams receive one point (only during round robin play). In the case of teams finishing with the same number of points at the end of round robin play, the first tiebreaker is head-to-head; the second is the team that has the fewest points against; the third is record against common opponents; and the fourth is the team who performed better against the highest placing team within their division.

There will be a two-minute break at halftime and one minute between quarters.

Each team is entitled to one 30-second time-out per half.

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Teams must have at least 8 players and maximum of 10. Each player **MUST** see time, although amounts will vary. With injuries/sickness, individuals may be excused prior to a game.

Jump balls begin the game. Possession arrow will be used for the rest of the game.

Basketball uniforms are mandatory.

There will be an emphasis to call double dribbling.

Use of modified FIBA international rules e.g. 10 seconds to get the ball over half-court.

At the C level, it is preferred that a half-court defense be used and no full court presses. This helps encourage a better flow of the game and ensures more athlete involvement.

Teams may be called for offensive three-second violations. The three-second-rule restriction is in force when team control exists in the opponent's frontcourt. There is no rule against defensive three-second violations.

If someone is fouled in the act of shooting, shooting fouls will be awarded. The free throw shooter shall release the ball within 10 seconds from the time it is placed at the shooter's disposal by one of the officials. The clock will be stopped for free throw situations.

There shall be 2-3 referees and 2-4 scorekeepers per game.

If a player is ejected from the game, they will automatically miss the next game (and possibly the rest of the tournament depending on the referees' discretion).

Tournament rules will be as per those posted on the SOBC website, which can be found at the following link

<https://www.specialolympics.ca/british-columbia/basketball-coach-resources>

PLEASE MAKE YOUR COACHES & ATHLETES AWARE:

- Wear sports apparel and proper footwear: NO jeans!
- Bring water bottles.
- We are using both the large and small gyms throughout the tournament. There is limited space in the small gym so it is asked that *if it is crowded*, unless your team is playing, that you remain in the large gym.

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- We will have the bleachers pulled out so this is where all teams should sit while awaiting games and cheering for teams. Please remember not to stand in front of the fans during game play.
- Please respect our fantastic venue by cleaning up after yourselves.
- Our referees are volunteering their time. We ask that all coaches, athletes and spectators show them respect.