SOUTH WEST SLAMMERS REGIONAL CARNIVAL 2026

2026 Regional Carnival Rules

Current as at 31 August 2026 - All rules subject to change

South West Slammers Regional Carnival 2026 is an opportunity for basketball teams from different associations to come together in a friendly and competitive environment. The Regional Carnival encourages growth and development of basketball in the South West Region.

We are offering Championship Division and Development Divisions in all age groups. This allows smaller associations to compete at a more appropriate level and enables larger associations to field additional sides, giving more South West basketballers the opportunity to play this great sport at the next level.

The South West Slammers will be responsible for court hire, grand final referee payments, and referee coaches, as well as Grand Final awards and collection of nomination fees.

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1.0 Organising Authority

The Regional Carnivals are under the control of the South West Slammers.

2.0 Purpose

The Carnivals, for both boys and girls, are held each year in October/November for the purpose of establishing the leading Association teams throughout the region for each age division. They also aim to create more interest, fun, participation, and competition in junior basketball, bringing the South West community together and improving the standard of basketball across the region.

3.0 Dates and Venues

Weekend 1

Saturday October 17 - U16 Girls (Collie)

Sunday October 18 - U18 Boys (Eaton)

Weekend 2

Saturday October 24 - U15 Boys & U15 Girls (Harvey)

Sunday October 25 - U16 Boys (Eaton)

Weekend 3

Saturday October 31 - U13 Boys (Bridgetown)

Sunday November 1 - U12 Boys & U12 Girls (Margaret River)

Weekend 4

Saturday November 7 - U13 Girls & U18 Girls (Manjimup)

Sunday November 8 - U14 Boys & U14 Girls (Busselton)

4.0 Age Groupings

The 2026 Regional Carnivals will have the following age groupings:

- Under 12: Players born 2016/2017
- Under 13: Players born 2015
- Under 14: Players born 2014
- Under 15: Players born 2013
- Under 16: Players born 2012
- Under 18: Players born 2011 or 2010

Players may only participate in one age group per weekend.

5.0 Eligibility to Participate

Any Basketball WA affiliated basketball association is eligible to enter a team in any of the age groupings in the Carnivals.

6.0 Nominations

Associations can nominate as many teams in each division as they would like. Any Slammers “Feeder Clubs” are required to nominate in Championship Division and then may nominate in Development.

Feeder Clubs include Australind BA, Bunbury BA, Busselton ABA and Eaton BA. South West Slammers will inform associations of how many of those teams have been accepted after nominations have closed.

Any team nominated with more than 3 WABL players must nominate that team into Championship Division.

South West Slammers decision on acceptances and placement in pools is final.

The South West Slammers Regional Committee reserves the right to adjust the nominated team division to create efficient and fair fixtures.

7.0 Cost of Nominations

The 2026 nomination fee is $395.00 per team (GST Included). This fee covers all players, court hire, grand final referees, and door entry. The nomination fee is non-refundable if a team withdraws after the nomination deadline, COB 29th September 2026.

8.0 Player Registration

Each team may only select maximum of ten (10) players for each game. Players must be registered into teams via PlayHQ by 5pm on the Tuesday prior to the competition. Playing unregistered players will incur penalties.

If an unregistered player participates in a game, the team will forfeit that game (10–0) and the win will be awarded to the opposition. Repeated or deliberate breaches may result in disqualification from the carnival.

9.0 Format of Pools

Pools will be determined by the number of teams nominating and the available court time each weekend.

Semi finals or Crossovers may be played prior to the Grand Finals if time and court space permits.

10.0 Team Control

As this is a Junior Carnival, each team must nominate a coach and a manager who are responsible for their players on and off the court. Nominations without these details will not be accepted. Coaches and managers must meet current WWC compliance requirements.

11.0 Referees

In 2026, the responsibility for referee supply, rostering, and payment for all Regional Carnival weekends will return to individual associations. The nominated referee is required to “follow” that team throughout the carnival. Associations are asked to liaise with other associations to help cover if they are short.

Referees are to be supplied and paid by the nominating Association for the Regional Carnival. Failure to supply a referee will result in a $250.00 fine imposed per game for any association that fails to provide a referee for their scheduled fixtures. Referees must be a qualified BWA Level 0/1.

South West Slammers will select and appoint referees on the day to cover Grand Finals. Finals referees will be paid by South West Slammers.

12.0 Scoretable Officials

Each team must provide a competent Scoretable Official for each of its games, including finals.

13.0 Fixtures

Fixtures will be compiled by South West Slammers. Play will generally commence at 7:30am each day.

Fixtures will be released on PlayHQ and it is the team manager's responsibility to check for updates.

14.0 Equipment

iPads and timeclocks will be supplied by the host associations or South West Slammers. Teams must supply their own warmup basketballs and game balls.

15.0 Door Charges

All player entry charges, and spectator entry fees are included in the nomination fee.

16.0 Playing Rules

The Carnivals will be conducted under the FIBA Rulebook with the following modifications:

16.1 Game Timing

Game timing will vary depending on final team nominations and the need to complete all games within the one day. Final confirmation will be provided prior to the competition.

- Warm-up: 1 - 3 minutes
- Halves: 2 × 15, 18, or 20 minutes (set after nominations)
- Half time: 1 - 3 minutes

16.2 Team Fouls

- 4 per half in 2 × 15/18 minute halves (free throws on 5th foul)
- 7 per half in 2 × 20 minute halves (free throws on 8th foul)

16.3 Timeouts

- 1 per half (in 2 × 15/18 halves)
- 2 per half (in 2 × 20 halves)
- No timeouts permitted in the last 3 minutes of the game.

16.4 Possession Arrow (Jump Ball)

As per FIBA Rulebook.

16.5 Premiership Points

Win: 2, Points Draw: 1, Point Loss: 0, Points Bye: 2 Points.

16.6 Drawn Games

In qualifying games, the result of a drawn game is to stand. Each team will receive one (1) point.

16.7 Ball Size

- Under 12: Size 5
- Under 13 & 14, and Under 15–18 Girls: Size 6
- Under 15–18 Boys: Size 7

16.8 No Zone Rule

All U12, U13, and U14 teams must play man to man defense. Coaches are responsible for ensuring their team does not play a zone defense in accordance with the Basketball Australia Zone Busters manual (available on www.wabl.asn.au).

16.9 Backboard Height

Lowered backboards are not used in any age group.

16.10 Forfeit Points

If a team is not ready to play 5 minutes after the scheduled start, they will forfeit the game (10–0 loss).

16.11 24 Second Device

No shot clock will be used during the Regional Championships.

17.0 Finals

Finals format will be determined by the number of nominations and pools.

Grand Finals will follow the same timing format as carnival games, with the final 3 minutes fully timed (stop clock). Timeouts are permitted in the final 3 minutes of the Grand Final only.

Drawn Games, in Finals games, teams will play extra periods of two (2) minutes, all fully timed. One (1) Time-out per team each extra period. There will be one (1) minute intervals between each extra period.

Ladders will be based on win/loss record. In case of a tie, the following applies:

- Should two (2) teams be level on competition points at the conclusion of the qualifying games, eligibility to compete in Finals shall be based on previous results between the tied teams (Head to Head).
- Should three (3) or more teams be level on competition points at the conclusion of the qualifying games, eligibility to compete in Finals shall be determined by a mini ladder, only considering the results between the tied teams.
- If the teams are still tied, the ladder order shall be decided by:
  - Overall percentage for/against of all round robin games
  - Largest win margin percentage for all round robin games
  - If these criteria still cannot decide, a draw shall decide the classification
- In the event of two (2) teams finishing equal on points due to a draw against each other in the qualifying games, the overall percentage shall determine the higher position.

18.0 Code of Conduct

All players, coaches, and spectators must abide by the Basketball WA Code of Conduct and Zero Tolerance Policy.

Players or team officials receiving two technical or unsportsmanlike fouls in a game will miss the following game.

Associations are responsible for the behaviour of their teams and supporters.

Players, team officials and spectators not abiding by the Code or Policy will be asked to leave the stadium.

19.0 Mouthguards

All players must wear a mouthguard to participate.

20.0 Hair Braids, Jewellery & Fingernails

Headgear, hair accessories, and jewellery are not permitted. Fingernails must be closely cut.

21.0 Tribunals

The normal tribunal rules of Basketball WA apply.

22.0 Items Not Provided For

Any matter not covered by these rules will be determined by the South West Slammers Regional Committee or Board. Their decision will be final.