

**VISSA ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS
RULES AND REGULATIONS
SR GIRLS BASKETBALL
A-AAAA
Updated Feb 2021**

1. BCSS REGISTRATION:

- Athletes must be registered on-line with BCSS (STARS) by the Team Registration Deadline.
- Player Eligibility
 - All student athletes must meet the applicable eligibility requirements of BCSS and applicable Sport Commission Rules and Regulations.
 - All BCSS rules on student-athlete eligibility will be followed (BCSS Handbook – Competitive Rules and Regulations), this includes movement between teams, such as bringing a junior team player up to the senior team.
 - All players must be properly registered with BCSS.

2. TEAM ROSTER:

- Team Eligibility
 - All BCSS rules on team eligibility and tiering classifications will be followed (BCSS Handbook – Competitive Rules and Regulations).
 - 'AAAA' - 263 or more girls in grades 11 and 12
 - 'AAA' – 163-262 girls in grades 11 and 12
 - 'AA' – 79-162 girls in grades 11 and 12
 - 'A' – 7-78 girls in grades 11 and 12
 - Schools that qualify under a particular tier will not be allowed to register second teams in a different tier.
 - Teams will only be allowed to compete in an Island Championship corresponding to the tier for which they are registered.
- Schools must declare their team as 'A', 'AA', 'AAA' or 'AAAA' in early October of the current playing year with BCSS on the Sport Declaration Page (exact date is released by BCSS at the start of each school year).

3. GEOGRAPHIC REGION:

- The Vancouver Island zone is divided into two regions:
 - The north zone for SG Basketball is that area north of Ladysmith (including Ladysmith) and including Powell River.
 - The south zone is that area south of Malahat including the Gulf Islands.
- Each region is responsible for determining which teams shall compete in the Island Championship.
- Each region is to appoint a Coordinator/Commissioner to organize league schedules and assist the Island Zone Rep.

4. GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE ISLAND MEMBERSHIP:

- A Coaches Meeting is held at the Island Championship in February. This meeting is at 1:00 pm at the school hosting the tournament and is open to all member coaches.
- Every school on Vancouver Island in good standing (properly registered with BCSS) is entitled to have a representative attend a general meeting.
- The Island Zone Rep or a designate shall chair all general meetings held by the membership.

5. RULES AND REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS:

- Any motions or amendments brought forward at the coaches meeting will be presented at the VISSAA AGM in June. Any additional motions or amendments to the constitution must have a mover and a seconder who shall be members in good standing with BCSS. All amendments shall be circulated to the membership at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting
- It is the responsibility of the Island Zone Rep to provide any new motion or amendments to the VISSAA Executive 30 days prior to the VISSAA AGM.

6. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

- Island Zone Rep
 - There is an Island Zone Rep for each tier 'A', 'AA', 'AAA', 'AAAA'. Each Island Zone Rep is responsible for coordinating the schools in their respective tiers.
 - To strongly encourage all teams in their zone to register properly with BCSS.
 - To ensure that only BCSS member schools and registered players participate in the zone playoffs.
 - To ensure that your zone conducts its zone playoffs to declare zone representative teams, at least ten calendar days prior to the first day of the BC Championship.
 - To attend and chair all meetings held by the zone.
 - To act as a liaison for the Island Championship.
- Area (North/South) League Commissioner
 - To complete a league schedule for all participating teams in that geographic area.
 - To advise the Island Zone Rep of the standings of teams in their area.
 - To assist the Island Zone Rep or Island Championship Committee with the gathering of information.
 - As a general rule, all league games should be played. Coaches should work together with the Commissioner to work out schedule revisions due to lack of gym availability or extreme weather conditions.
- Vancouver Island zone executive membership
 - At any time the Island zone could have a B.C. executive member. This person would serve BCSSGBA in their official capacity and would also report at general meetings.

7. TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

- Tournament Structure
 - The tournament is an eight-team competition over three days (Thursday, Friday and Saturday).
 - The start times for games on Thursday and Friday are 2:00 pm, 3:45 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:15 pm.
 - Each game is to be given a minimum warm up of ten minutes with a ten-minute interval at half time.
 - The home team in any tournament game will be the team with the higher area standing. When two teams meet with equal standing then the home team will be the team from the area where the tournament is being played.
 - The home team is to wear light uniforms with the visitors wearing dark uniforms.
 - In consideration of fan support, or travelling distance, the Island Championship Committee has the power to arrange the order of games on Thursday.
- See draw templates on the VISSA website under the [Resource page](#)

8. BERTHING:

- The allocation of berths to a region is weighted by dividing the number of teams in that region by the quotient. The quotient is figured out by dividing the total number of participating teams by the total number of available berths, which in A Girls Basketball is eight. The number of berths for each region will then be rounded using standard rounding procedures
 - Example: North has 10 teams, South has 8 teams
 - $\text{Quotient} = (\text{total teams}) / (\text{available berths}) = 18/8 = 2.25$
 - North berthing = $10/\text{quotient} = 10/2.25 = 4.44$, rounds to 4
 - South berthing = $8/\text{quotient} = 8/2.25 = 3.56$, rounds to 4
 - Example: North has 4 teams, South has 12 teams
 - $\text{Quotient} = (\text{total teams}) / (\text{available berths}) = 16/8 = 2.0$
 - North berthing = $4/\text{quotient} = 4/2 = 2.00$
 - South berthing = $12/\text{quotient} = 12/2 = 6.00$
- Challenge Game:
 - A challenge game is permitted in any instance where the berthing is not 4:4.
 - Example: North 2 berths : South 6 berths
 - North 3 can challenge South 6 for the final berth to Islands
 - Example: South 3 berths : North 5 berths
 - South 4 can challenge North 5 for the final berth to Islands
 - If played, a challenge game should be at a neutral site within a fair geographical distance to both schools.
 - The challenge game needs be played no later than the Monday of the week of the Island Championships.
 - The challenge must be issued immediately following the area zone playoffs.

9. THE GIRLS ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP:

- Host
 - The discussion about hosting the Island Championship is an agenda item at the Coaches Meeting at the Island Championship (in preparation for hosting the following year).
 - The tournament rotates from north to south “areas” each year.
 - If a host school was not declared at the Coaches Meeting at the Island Championship, then the issue will be addressed at the VISSAA AGM in June.
 - “Areas” may put in a rotation of sites at their discretion.
- Facility:
 - The size of the playing surface must be a minimum of 84 feet by 45 feet.
 - The backboards are to be glass and must extend four feet from the baseline.
 - There should be adequate seating for spectators.
- Protest:
 - A protest committee should be put together and made known to all coaches prior to the start of the tournament. It is recommended that a committee of 3 people be named and be made known prior to the start of the tournament. It may include, for example, the tournament chair, a North area coach and a South area coach and an official.
 - Notice of protest of tournament games must be made with the tournament director before one hour has elapsed from the completion of the game which is to be protested. This notice is to be in writing.

- Referees:
 - The tournament chair should submit the dates of the tournament and the number of games to the referee allocator in the area at the start of the basketball season.
 - Where a shortage of referees appears likely the allocator will contact other associations for additional referees. Only qualified (BCBOA) referees should be contacted.
 - Accommodation, food and transportation allowances will be paid to officials by the host school.
- Tournament Chair's Responsibilities:
 - The tournament chair will book the facility and contact the referees association early in the season.
 - A committee will be organized to arrange for scorekeepers.
 - To obtain the perpetual trophy from the previous winner.
 - Submit a Final Report to VISSAA and to the Island Zone Rep within two weeks of the conclusion of the tournament.
- Finances:
 - The entry fee should only be used to cover expenses for referees, awards, refreshments for a Coaches Room and food for the Coaches Meeting.
 - Programs are optional and at a cost to the host school. T-shirts can be made, but are optional for teams and should not be included in the entry fee.
 - The main sources of revenue from this tournament are a gate, concession and perhaps some program advertising.
- Awards:
 - 1st Place championship trophy should be presented
 - The following awards could be included in the entry fee:
 - Keeper trophies/plaques for 1st-3rd place
 - 1st all-star team
 - Tournament MVP

10. QUALIFICATION FOR THE BC CHAMPIONSHIPS:

- The BCHSGBA sets the berthing to the BC Championships based on the total number of registered schools.
- At present, Vancouver Island typically receives two berths to the BC Championships.
- A BCHSGBA executive committee allocates wildcard berths (0.5 berth) to the BC Championship based on overall zone strength and team performance. Therefore, the next finishing team could earn their spot at the BC Championship.
- When only two berths to the BC Championship exist and when under the existing tournament format, the third place team has the right to challenge the second place team if the third place team has not played the second place team in the tournament.
- The decision to challenge must be made at the conclusion of the tournament and will be played on the Monday following the Island Championship and will be played at the home of the second place team.
- When 2.5 berths to the B.C. tournament exist, the third place team can not challenge the second place finisher. Instead, they must play in a wildcard game

11. BC CHAMPIONSHIP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

- On the Saturday morning of the BC Championship is the BC Championship AGM open to all coaches.

- Each school is entitled to vote on issues discussed and may nominate and vote for executive positions for the upcoming year.