



**BASKETBALL QUEENSLAND  
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# **BASKETBALL QUEENSLAND FIRST NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **Official Draw V3**

**Coomera Indoor Sports Centre**

**35 Beattie Road, Coomera QLD 4209**

**16 – 18 December 2026**



# 2025 Basketball Queensland First Nations Championship Overview

*Basketball Queensland respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the many lands on which we gather, meet, operate, and play on throughout Queensland. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and future leaders and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.*

## **Event Scope:**

The Basketball Queensland First Nations Championship is an annual tournament celebrating Indigenous culture and talent, featuring teams from various communities competing in multiple divisions for different age groups and skill levels. Teams from across Australia can register, promoting inclusivity, highlighting Indigenous athletes, and fostering connections within the basketball community.

## **Championships Divisions:**

Open Men's – Divisions 1 & 2

U18 Boys (17 yrs old & younger)

U15 Boys & Girls (14 yrs old & younger)

U12 Boys & Girls (11 yrs old & younger)

***\*Each team are allowed 2 x non-First Nations players per team. Max 12 players per team.***

## **Blue Card/WWC Check**

All Junior Team Coaches will need to hold a Blue Card/WWC Check and must complete the below registration prior to the tournament. Please email [simon.taylor@basketballqld.net.au](mailto:simon.taylor@basketballqld.net.au) for further details.

<https://registration.basketballconnect.com/userRegistration?organisationId=cd4a4dcf-c99d-4f18-81c8-aa6b2adbbe22&competitionId=cd96bf75-7ac8-494c-9c5d-1903a8e4f0ef>

## **Opening Ceremony – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10am. Traditional Owners will be invited to perform a Welcome to Country ceremony. Local Indigenous dance groups will also perform alongside any teams that wish to perform. All teams are expected to attend the Opening Ceremony (all teams must be in team uniforms or polos as they will be introduced during the ceremony), please arrive by 9:30am.

If your team would like to dance at the opening ceremony, please let me know via email ([simon.taylor@basketballqld.net.au](mailto:simon.taylor@basketballqld.net.au)) **before** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Games**

Games for all age groups/divisions will be played from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December through to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December with finals to be played on Thursday.

### **Deadly Ballers**

A free Deadly Ballers session will be set up for ages 5-8, these sessions will be of skills, drills, and mini games.

### **Showcase Event – Family Challenge – Parents v Kids**

A Family Challenge – Parents v Kids will take place during the Championships; this will be a showcase event following the Opening Ceremony on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Presentations & Closing Ceremony**

Official medal presentations will take place after the grand finals and Closing Ceremony will take place after the final tournament game.

**The Basketball Queensland First Nations Championships is a community event and is free entry for all spectators and families.**

## **COMPETITION FORMAT**

**Open Men's Division 1 & 2** – 8 teams (2 x D1 & 6 x D2) will compete in round robin format. After these matches, teams will play split off into Division 1 and 2. Teams will then compete in a finals series of quarter final, semi-final, medal and play off matches within their nominated division.

**U18 Boys** – 6 teams will compete in a round robin format. After these matches, teams will play off in a series of medal matches.

**U15 Boys** – 6 teams will compete in a double round robin format. After these matches, teams will play off in a series of medal matches.

**U15 Girls** – 3 teams will compete in a double round robin format. After these matches, teams will play off in a series of medal matches.

**U12 Boys** – 2 teams will compete in a triple round robin format as well as a round robin 3x3 format. After these matches, teams will play off in a series of medal matches.

**U12 Girls** – 3 teams will compete in a double round robin format. After these matches, teams will play off in a series of medal matches.

## **TIMING RULES**

All games will be played as per the current FIBA Rules with game timing as follows:

- 4 x 10 min quarters with running clock. Fully-timed in the last 2 mins of regulation time (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter) and any overtime period. Clock stops on all time outs.
- Warm up time – 3 mins, Quarter time – 1 min, Half time – 3 mins
- Overtime will be played in finals games only in which OT will be periods of 3 mins until a result is obtained.
- 2 timeouts per team in 1<sup>st</sup> half, 3 timeouts in 2nd half, 1 timeout for each OT period
- A 24-second shot clock will be utilised where possible (Open Div 1 only)

## **TEAM CLASSIFICATION**

All pool placings shall be determined according to the number of competition points earned.

Point Scores:

Win 3 Points

Loss 1 Point (includes default)

Forfeit 0 Points

In the event of two teams being equal for a position, preference will be given to the team winning the game played between the two equal teams.

If more than two teams are equal for a position, preference will be given to the team with the best goal average between the equal teams. This is decided by:

$\frac{\text{Points for}}{\text{Points against}} = \text{Points percentage}$

Only the games played between teams equal on points are counted towards determining the points percentage.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

- Each team competing in the Championships must supply TWO (2) scoretable officials for each of their games.
- Team A is responsible for Game Clock; Team B is responsible for Basketball Connect
- Basketball Queensland will be supplying Molten BG4000 as the official game ball.

The 2025 BQ First Nations Championships will operate under the 2026 State Championships Rules and the current FIBA Rules.

Please note for any rules that slightly differ between these documents the State Championships Rules takes precedence.

If either set of rules are silent on a matter arising in relation to the State Championships, the BQ Competition Manager may decide about how the matter is to be dealt with.

As part of nominating for the Championship teams accept the chosen format of Basketball Queensland and acknowledge that they must play under this format with no option to challenge it.

## **No Zone Rule – U12 & U15 Only**

Coaches are reminded the "no zone" rules apply for the U12 & U15 First Nations Championships. In the interest of better player development, coaches should ensure defences are only those which incorporate man to man principles.

### **Definition of Zone Defence**

- Any defence in the half court which does not incorporate normal man to man defensive principles
- Trapping defences which rotate back to man-to-man defensive principles are acceptable

### **Violations of Man-to-Man Defence**

Violation of the "no zone" rule will generally fall within one of the following categories:

- One or more players are not in an acceptable man to man defensive position in relation to the player they are guarding and the player with the ball;
- A cutter moved all the way through the key and was not defended using acceptable man to man defensive techniques (e.g. bumped, switched, followed)
- Following a trapping or help and recover situation the team make no attempt to re-establish man to man defensive positioning
- Teams Zone press and did not assume man to man defensive positioning once the ball was into the quarter court.

### **Penalties for use of Zone Defence**

Zone Busters will be monitoring all games and enforcing the "no zone" rule at all U12 and U15 games. The penalties for the use of a zone defence are as follows:

1. First offence – warning – speak to coach
2. Second offence – Technical Foul
3. Third offence – Second Technical Foul – disqualification of head coach
4. Fourth offence – Third Technical Foul – disqualification of assistant coach

Violations throughout the Championship – If a team has been penalized for playing "zone defence" in two or more games during the Championship, the Championship Technical Committee may take further disciplinary action including, but not limited to, disqualification and loss of points.

For further information on how the "No Zone" Rule will be implemented at this Tournament please refer to the Zone Buster Manual produced by Basketball Australia.

## GAME RULES

<b>Match Ball</b>	U12 Boys & U12 Girls – Size 5
<b>Match balls provided by BQ – Molten BG4000</b>	U15 Boys, U15 Girls & U18 Girls & Open Women's – Size 6 U18 Boys & Open Men's – Size 7
<b>Max no. of Players</b>	Maximum 12 players to be registered to a team.
<b>Playing numbers</b>	0,00 and any number between 1 - 99
<b>Scoretable</b>	Each team supplies 2 competent bench officials. Duties may be decided amongst officials, however if there is no agreement: - Team A will be responsible for game clock & shot clock* *(U18 and Open) - Team B will be responsible for Basketball Connect & chairperson
<b>Warm up</b>	3 minutes
<b>Game time</b>	4 x 10-minute quarters running clock. Clock will only stop in the last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter, and for timeouts.
<b>Interval Timing</b>	3-minute Half Time 1 minute quarter times
<b>Overtime</b>	Periods of 3 minutes until a result is obtained.
<b>Time outs per team</b>	Two (2) time outs can be requested by either team during the first half (1st and 2nd periods). Three (3) time outs during the second half (3rd and 4th periods) with a maximum of 2 of these time-outs when the game clock shows 2:00 minutes or less in the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter.  Unused time outs may not be carried over to any extra period, but each team may be granted one time out for each extra period.
<b>Time out duration</b>	50 seconds with a 10 second warning. Both teams ready to play after 1 minute
<b>24 second shot clock</b>  <b>OPENS &amp; U18 ONLY</b>	If the game is stopped because of a foul or a violation or for any valid reason committed by the team not in control of the ball, possession shall be retained by the same team that previously had control of the ball.  If the resulting throw in is to be administered in the back court the shot clock shall be reset to 24 seconds.  If the resulting throw in is to be administered in the front court and 14 seconds or more was displayed on the clock at the time the game stopped then the shot clock will not be reset but remain the same.  If the resulting throw in is to be administered in the front court and 13 seconds or less is displayed on the shot clock at the time the game was stopped then the shot clock will be reset to 14 seconds.  The clock is not reset if the same team retains possession for the following: - Ball having gone out of bounds - Player of the offensive team being injured - Jump Ball Situation - Double Foul - Cancellation of equal penalties against both teams (e.g., tech foul for each team) As per the current FIBA Rules - following an offensive rebound after a field goal attempt or after a last/only free throw, the shot clock shall be set to 14 seconds.
<b>Automatic Suspension for any ejection during a match.</b>	Any player, coach, assistant coach, or team manager is ejected from any game in the First Nations Championship, will receive an automatic suspension for their next scheduled game. If the suspended player, coach, assistant coach, or team manager is found to be a part of the next scheduled game, the team will be awarded a forfeit.
<b>Disputes &amp; Decisions</b>	Game Protests are not permitted at BQ First Nations Champs due to the tournament fixture format being used, which does not allow for time to replay games. The referee's decision is final.

## OPEN MENS DIVISION 1 & 2

POOL A
Dja Dja Belbendi
Gomeroi Dhinawans Bulluy (D2)
Hoops 4 Health Myokines (D2)
Wunya Academy (D2)

POOL B
North
Coastal Pythons (D2)
Gomeroi Dhinawans Gidrgr Gidqr (D2)
Hoops 4 Health Myokines 2 (D2)

### U18 BOYS

TEAM
First Nation Warriors 1
Southern Aboriginal Lightning Victoria
Wolves
Baller Brutherz
Dirawong Warriors
Hoops 4 Health Myokines

### U15 BOYS

TEAM
Bunyarra Boys
Coastal
Giabal Geckos
Ngurra Boys
Wolves
Deadly Dingoes

### U15 GIRLS

TEAM
Jindas
Dolphins
Suncoast Sisters

### U12 BOYS

TEAM
Warriors
Wolves

### U12 GIRLS

TEAM
Boomerang Ballers
Dreaming Stars
Southern Lightning Vic

## 2025 Basketball Queensland First Nations Championships

Day 1 – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Day 1	Coomera Indoor Sports Centre				
	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 8
10:00am	OPENING CEREMONY (Court 2)				
11:30am		Family Challenge	Family Challenge		
12:00pm	U18 Boys First Nation Warriors 1 v Dirawong Warriors	U18 Boys Hoops 4 Health Myokines v Baller Brutherz	U18 Boys Southern Aboriginal Lightning v Wolves	U15 Girls Suncoast Sisters v Jindas	U12 Boys Warriors v Wolves
1:00pm	U15 Boys Bunyarra Boys v Deadly Dingoes	U15 Boys Coastal v Wolves	U15 Boys Giabal Geckos v Ngurra Boys	Div 1 Men A Gomeroi Dhinawans Bulluy (D2) v Hoops 4 Health Myokines (D2)	U12 Girls Boomerang Ballers v Southern Lightning Vic
2:00pm	U15 Girls Dolphins v Suncoast Sisters	Div 1 Men A Dja Dja Belbendi v Wunya Academy (D2)	Div 1 Men B North v Hoops 4 Health Myokines 2 (D2)	Div 1 Men B Coastal Pythons (D2) v Gomeroi Dhinawans Gidgr (D2)	
3:00pm	U18 Boys First Nation Warriors 1 v Baller Brutherz	U18 Boys Dirawong Warriors v Wolves	U18 Boys Hoops 4 Health Myokines v Southern Aboriginal Lightning	U12 Girls Boomerang Ballers v Dreaming Stars	U12 Boys (3x3) Refer to 3x3 draw
4:00pm	U15 Boys Bunyarra Boys v Wolves	U15 Boys Deadly Dingoes v Ngurra Boys	U15 Boys Coastal v Giabal Geckos	U15 Girls Jindas v Dolphins	Deadly Ballers
5:00pm	Div 1 Men B Coastal Pythons (D2) v Hoops 4 Health Myokines 2 (D2)	Div 1 Men A Dja Dja Belbendi v Hoops 4 Health Myokines (D2)	Div 1 Men A Wunya Academy (D2) v Gomeroi Dhinawans Bulluy (D2)	Div 1 Men B North v Gomeroi Dhinawans Gidgr (D2)	U12 Girls Dreaming Stars v Southern Lightning Vic

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Day 1 – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025

U12 3x3

Day 1	Court 8A	Court 8B
3:00pm	U12 Boys (3x3) Warriors (A) v Warriors (B)	U12 Boys (3x3) Wolves (A) v Wolves (B)
3:15pm	U12 Boys (3x3) Warriors (A) v Wolves (A)	U12 Boys (3x3) Warriors (B) v Wolves (B)

## 2025 Basketball Queensland First Nations Championships

Day 2 – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Day 2	Coomera Indoor Sports Centre				
	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 8
10:00am	U12 Girls Southern Lightning Vic v Boomerang Ballers	U15 Boys Deadly Dingoes v Coastal	U15 Boys Bunyarra Boys v Ngurra Boys	U15 Boys Wolves v Giabal Geckos	
11:00am	U18 Boys First Nation Warriors 1 v Wolves	U18 Boys Baller Brutherz v Southern Aboriginal Lightning	U18 Boys Dirawong Warriors v Hoops 4 Health Myokines	U12 Boys Warriors v Wolves	U15 Girls Jindas v Suncoast Sisters
12:00pm	Div 1 Men B North v Coastal Pythons (D2)	Div 1 Men A Wunya Academy (D2) v Hoops 4 Health Myokines (D2)	Div 1 Men A Dja Dja Belbendi v Gomeroi Dhinawans Bulluy (D2)	Div 1 Men B Gomeroi Dhinawans Gidgr (D2) v Hoops 4 Health Myokines 2 (D2)	
1:00pm	U15 Boys Bunyarra Boys v Giabal Geckos	U15 Boys Ngurra Boys v Coastal	U15 Boys Wolves v Deadly Dingoes	U12 Girls Southern Lightning Vic v Dreaming Stars	Deadly Ballers
2:00pm	U18 Boys First Nation Warriors 1 v Southern Aboriginal Lightning	U18 Boys Wolves v Hoops 4 Health Myokines	U18 Boys Baller Brutherz v Dirawong Warriors	U12 Boys (3x3) Refer to 3x3 draw	U15 Girls Dolphins v Jindas
3:00pm	U12 Boys Warriors v Wolves	U12 Girls Dreaming Stars v Boomerang Ballers	Div 2 Men QF1 3rd Pool A in D1 v 4th Pool B in D1	Div 2 Men QF2 3rd Pool B in D1 v 4th Pool A in D1	
4:00pm	U15 Boys Bunyarra Boys v Coastal	U15 Boys Giabal Geckos v Deadly Dingoes	U15 Boys Ngurra Boys v Wolves	FRIENDLY Div 1 Men Dja Dja Belbendi v North	FRIENDLY Div 2 Men 2nd Pool A in D1 v 2nd Pool B in D1
5:00pm	U18 Boys First Nation Warriors 1 v Hoops 4 Health Myokines	U18 Boys Southern Aboriginal Lightning v Dirawong Warriors	U18 Boys Wolves v Baller Brutherz	U15 Girls Suncoast Sisters v Dolphins	

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**Day 2 – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**U12 3x3**

<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Court 4A</b>	<b>Court 4B</b>
2:00pm	U12 Boys (3x3) Warriors (A) v Warriors (B)	U12 Boys (3x3) Wolves (A) v Wolves (B)
2:15pm	U12 Boys (3x3) Warriors (A) v Wolves (A)	U12 Boys (3x3) Warriors (B) v Wolves (B)

## 2025 Basketball Queensland First Nations Championships

Day 3 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Day 3	Coomera Indoor Sports Centre				
	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	Court 4	Court 8
10:00am	U12 Girls (SF1) 2nd v 3rd	U15 Boys (SF1) 1st v 4th	U15 Boys (SF2) 2nd v 3rd	U12 Boys (3x3) Refer to 3x3 draw	U15 Girls (SF1) 2nd v 3rd
11:15am	U18 Boys (SF1) 1st v 4th	U18 Boys (SF2) 2nd v 3rd	U18 Boys (PO5/6) 5th v 6th	U15 Boys (PO5/6) 5th v 6th	
12:30pm	Div 2 Men (PO5/6) LQF1 v LQF2	U12 Boys (GOLD) 1st v 2nd	Div 2 Men SF1 2nd Pool A in D1 v WQF2	Div 2 Men SF2 2nd Pool B in D1 v WQF1	
1:45pm	U15 Girls (GOLD) 1st v 2nd	U12 Girls (GOLD) 1st v Winner SF1	U15 Boys (PO3/4) Loser SF1 v Loser SF2		
3:00pm	U18 Boys (PO3/4) Loser SF1 v Loser SF2	U18 Boys (GOLD) Winner SF1 v Winner SF2	U15 Boys (GOLD) Winner SF1 v Winner SF2		U12 & U15 Girls Medal Presentations
4:15pm	Div 2 Men (PO3/4) LSF1 v LSF2	Div 2 Men (GOLD) WSF1 v WSF2			U18 & U15 Boys Medal Presentations
5:30pm		Div 1 Men (GOLD) 1st v 2nd			
6:45pm			Men's Medal Presentations		

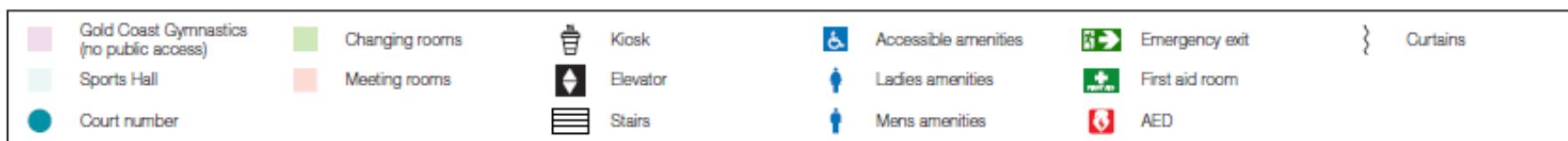
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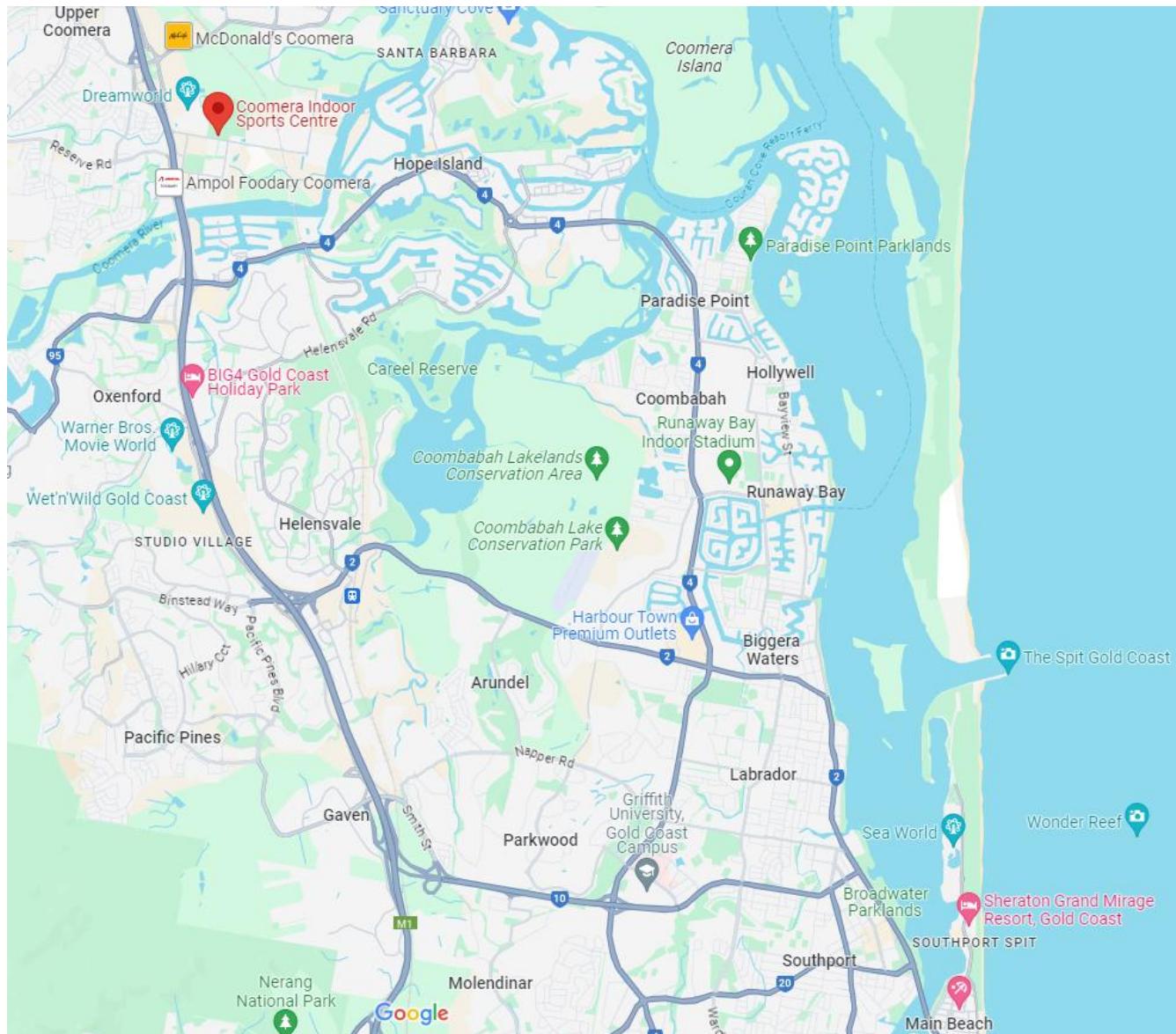
**Day 3 – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**U12 3x3**

<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Court 4A</b>	<b>Court 4B</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	U12 Boys (3x3) SF1 1st v 4th	U12 Boys (3x3) SF2 2nd v 3rd
<b>10:15am</b>	U12 Boys (3x3) GOLD Winner SF1 v Winner SF2	U12 Boys (3x3) PO3/4 Loser SF1 v Loser SF2

## Coomera Indoor Sports Centre (CISC) - Building map







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