



**BASKETBALL QUEENSLAND
INDIGENOUS
PATHWAYS PROGRAM**

15TH - 18TH DECEMBER 2026

CAIRNS BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL QUEENSLAND FIRST NATIONS CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT SCOPE

The 2026 Basketball QLD (BQ) First Nations Championships is an annual celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, sports, and culture, through the engagement of First Nations peoples, collaborating with other Australians to join the sporting showcase held at Cairns Basketball Tuesday the 15th of December to Friday the 18th of December 2026.

TOURNAMENT DIVISIONS

- Open Men's – Divisions 1 & 2
- Open Women's - Division 1
- Women's 35+ • U15 Boys & Girls
- U18 Boys & Girls • U12 Boys & Girls

BQ COACHES WORKSHOP

BQ will deliver a free Coaches Workshop for coaches at Cairns Basketball.

Exact date & registration to be confirmed.

BQ REFEREES WORKSHOP

BQ will deliver a free Referees Workshop for referees at Cairns Basketball

Exact date & registration to be confirmed.

TOURNAMENT GAMES

Games will be played from Tuesday 15th Dec through to Fri 18th Dec, with finals to be played on Fri 18th Dec.

OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE

Throughout the event, Hoop2Hoop will be selling official First Nations Champs Merchandise!

OPENING CEREMONY & SHOWCASE EVENT

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

The Opening Ceremony will be held on the first day of the Championships. Traditional Owners will be invited to perform a Welcome to Country Ceremony. Indigenous dance groups will perform, alongside any teams that wish to do so. A 3-Point Shootout and Dunk Contest will take place following the Opening Ceremony.

JUNIOR 3X3 CHALLENGE

A Junior 3x3 Challenge will be played during the Champs. This is optional and open to all U12, U15 and U18 players. Players will be teamed up with players from other teams to build community and connections amongst young participants.

ELDERS LOUNGE

An Elders Lounge will set up for the duration of the event, tea and coffee making facilities will be available.

COMMUNITY EXPO

Throughout the duration of the event, a designated area will be set up as the 'Community Expo'. This area will be open for service providers to set up information booths.

PRESENTATIONS & CLOSING CEREMONY

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

NEED MORE INFO?

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