

Alberta Basketball Association 2026 Youth Provincials



Technical Package

Division 1, 2, 3 & 4 Championships

1. **Dates:** 11U and 13U will start Friday and finish Saturday, 15U will start Saturday and finish Sunday. 18U will run on all 3 days (Division dependant)

a. **March 6-7, 2026 – 11U Div 1, Div 2, Div 3 & Div 4 (Boys & Girls)**

b. **March 6-7, 2026 – 13U Div 1, Div 2, Div 3 & Div 4 (Boys & Girls)**

c. **March 7-8, 2026 – 15U Div 1, Div 2, Div 3 & Div 4 (Boys & Girls)**

d. **March 7-8, 2026 – 18U Div 1, Div 2 (Boys)**

e. **March 7-8, 2026 – 18U Girls - 3X3**

2. **Locations:** [YP26 Google Map](#)

a. Surge Court @ Calgary Central Sportsplex - 401 33 St NE Calgary, AB - (1 Court)

b. Prolific Sports House North - 292230 Wagon Wheel Blvd, Calgary, AB - (4 courts)

c. Prolific Sports House South - 8489 40 St SE, Calgary, AB - (2 courts)

d. Rise Sports Complex - 401- 33rd St. NE, Calgary AB - (3 courts)

e. Seton YMCA - 4995 Market St SE, Calgary, AB - (3 courts)

f. 7 Chiefs Sportsplex - 19 Bullhead Rd, Priddis, AB - (4 courts)

**** Facility confirmations, adjustments, and accommodations may change prior to the start of Youth Provincials. Please check YP 2026 update bulletins, and the published schedule for any changes to these locations listing.**

3. **Teams:**

a. 11U Boys & Girls: 8 Team Divisions (Divisions of 6 or 4 will be considered)

b. 13U Boys & Girls: 8 Team Divisions (Divisions of 6 or 4 will be considered)

c. 15U Boys & Girls: 8 Team Divisions (Divisions of 6 or 4 will be considered)

d. 18U Boys & Girls: 8 Team Divisions (Divisions of 6 or 4 will be considered)

4. **Age Categories:**

a. 11U - Born in 2015 and younger

b. 13U - Born in 2014, 2013

c. 15U - Born in 2012, 2011

d. 18U - Born in 2010, 2009, 2008

5. **Technical Meetings (via video conferencing)**

a. **Attendance at these meetings is MANDATORY for one registered coach from each attending team (preferably the Head Coach).**

i. 11U - March 3, 2026 - 6pm - meet.google.com/hhd-ztjt-jwi

ii. 13U - March 3, 2026 - 7pm - meet.google.com/gvy-xfyc-ufm

iii. 15U - March 4, 2026 - 6pm - meet.google.com/pux-aosc-nuq

iv. 18U Boys - March 4, 2026 - 6pm - meet.google.com/pux-aosc-nuq

v. 18U Girls 3x3 - March 4, 2026 - 7pm - meet.google.com/ybd-dqad-izk

6. **Eligibility Criteria:**

a. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is the intent of this technical package to encourage interest and participation for youth basketball teams from across the province in a safe, fair, competitive, and inclusive environment.

- b. All teams/community programs who wish to participate in the 2026 Youth Provincials Division 1, 2, 3 and 4. Championships must adhere to the following:
 - i. To be considered eligible for Youth Provincials teams must be members in good standing with ABA. Teams that represent a member zone of CMBA/EYBA must be from a zone that is a member in good standing of ABA.
 - ii. For Divisions 1, 2 and 3 all CMBA/EYBA teams participating in Youth Provincials must successfully qualify by fully participating (all rounds) in their respective playoffs. Successful completion of the respective league playoffs will determine seeding into the Youth Provincial tournament.
 - iii. At Youth Provincials, teams must compete at a level equal to or higher than the level played during their season of play. (For example, a Division 1 team can enter only Division 1 provincials; a Division 2 team may enter Division 2 or 1 provincials). Teams wishing to play “up” will be at the discretion of their host organization and ABA.
- c. A qualifying team may be deemed ineligible for one of the two reasons:
 - i. Forfeiture in league playoffs
 - ii. Significant discipline (suspension) administered by their respective league.
 - iii. Any team deemed ineligible may avail themselves of an appeal opportunity if sufficient evidence is provided. A \$500 appeal fee to ABA via e-transfer to info@basketballalberta.ca with basketball as the password. This must be paid before the appeal process begins. This is a refundable bond that will be refunded upon appeal being successful.
- d. All participating athletes and coaches at the 2026 Youth Provincials are required to have an ABA membership for the 2025/2026 ABA Membership Year. Please contact the ABA office if you have any questions regarding individual membership.
- e. All players must meet the age criteria outlined in this package; all rosters are required to be verified prior to competition.
- f. First preference to be given to registrations submitted from Community/Zone organizations and fall/winter leagues such as, but not limited to, the Calgary Minor Basketball Association (CMBA), Edmonton Youth Basketball Association (EYBA), Red Deer Minor Basketball Association (RDMBA), Lethbridge Minor Basketball Association (LMBA).
- g. CMBA and EYBA will each be allotted 3 qualification spots in Division 1, 2, and 3 draws for each gender for a total of 6 spots per division.
- h. The top 4 teams in CMBA/EYBA divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be asked to confirm their intention to participate in YP if they qualify by registering via a [Google Form](#). Confirmation is required by **February 15, 2026 at 11:59pm**.
- i. If a division has remaining open spots available, and the next eligible qualifying team is unavailable, the next consideration will go to available grassroots teams that participate outside of the Community/Zone Fall and Winter League Seasons (EYBA/CMBA) at the discretion of ABA.
- j. Alberta Basketball will confirm teams for Youth Provincials once divisions are full or by [February XX, 2026](#), whichever comes first. Qualifying teams will be contacted by phone or by email to confirm.

- k. At-large teams will be eligible to register through our Youth Provincials Website via a **Google Form** for the 2025 Youth Provincials until **February 15, 2026 at 11:59pm**.
 - i. Teams that registered as an At-Large or Open team but could not be accommodated in the tournament will receive a full refund of any registration fees received prior to the 2025 Youth Provincials start date.
- l. If there is only one at-large team in a respective division; then the host organization's league will be contacted regarding the opportunity to submit a 4th team. If the host organization is unable to provide a team, then the non-host organization will be contacted regarding the opportunity to submit a 4th team. If a 4th team is unable to be added by either the host or non-host organization then the At-large team's application will be refunded and they will not be accepted to the tournament.
- m. If two teams declare at-large in a respective division, then the draw will be set to 8 team Oregon Draw format.
- n. If no at-large teams are available for a division; then the draw will be set at 6 teams total with the top three teams representing CMBA and the top three teams representing EYBA within their designated division of play. This division will play in **2 pools of three round-robin with a crossover playoff** format.
- o. All final team rosters are to be confirmed and validated by the administrator(s) of the team's league of play prior to being submitted to Alberta Basketball. Players to be listed on and participate for only **one roster** for the duration of the 2026 Youth Provincials.
- p. High school players that have played for a SSA Sr. Varsity team during the 2025-2026 season **will not be eligible** to participate.

7. Division Participation:

- a. Division 2 - must be non-Division 1 teams during their season of play, including playoffs. Division 2 teams must qualify for the competition as outlined in this package.
- b. Division 3 - must be non-Division 1 or 2 teams during their season of play, including playoffs. Division 3 teams must qualify for the competition as outlined in this package.
- c. Division 4 - must be non-Division 1, 2 or 3 teams during their season of play, including playoffs.
- d. The 18U Girls 3X3 Division is open to teams that may have participated during the Fall or Winter seasons of league play. CMBA and EYBA will each be allotted 3 qualification spots. All applications will be considered on a first-in basis; registration will be closed once the division is full. Once closed, all new applications will be added to a waitlist for available spots.

8. Registration Fee:

- a. **Boys and Girls 11U through 18U - \$575.00**
- b. **Girls 18U 3X3 - \$275.00**
- c. Full payment for teams and/or organizations will be required prior to participation at the 2025 Youth Provincials. ABA will follow up with each confirmed team prior to **March XX, 2026**. Any team that cannot be confirmed for participation will receive a full refund for any payments made.

9. Competitions Format:

- a. Guarantee a minimum of 3 games. Schedules posted with seeding information by **March 3, 2026** or asap after CMBA Playoffs.
- b. Tournament draw formats will be dependent upon the number of participating teams.
 - i. Eight team divisions will be built out as an Oregon draw.
 - ii. Six team draws will be round robin built out as a round robin and then a 1st v 1st, 2nd v 2nd and 3rd v 3rd playoff.
- c. Division 1 Championship
 - i. All teams must qualify for the competition as outlined in this package.
 - ii. Teams must be of a TRUE Division 1 caliber level to participate as per Alberta Basketball's discretion

(1)	CMBA 1	1st place team from CMBA after playoffs
(2)	EYBA 1	1st place team from EYBA after playoffs
(3)	CMBA 2	2nd place team from CMBA after playoffs
(4)	EYBA 2	2nd place team from EYBA after playoffs
(5)	CMBA 3	2nd place team from EYBA after playoffs
(6)	EYBA 3	3rd place team from EYBA after playoffs
(7)	At-Large 1*	*If required
(8)	At-Large 2*	*If required

d. Division 2 Championship

- i. All teams must qualify for the competition as outlined in this package, open to non-Division 1 level teams.

(1)	CMBA 1	1st place team from CBMA after playoffs
(2)	EYBA 1	1st place team from EYBA after playoffs
(3)	CMBA 2	2nd place team from CMBA after playoffs
(4)	EYBA 2	2nd place team from EYBA after playoffs
(5)	CMBA 3	3rd place team from CMBA after playoffs
(6)	EYBA 3	3rd place team from EYBA after playoffs
(7)	At-Large 1*	*If required
(8)	At-Large 2*	*If required

e. Division 3 Championship

- i. All teams must qualify for the competition as outlined in this package, open to non-Division 1/ Division 2 level teams.

(1)	CMBA 1	1st place team from CMBA after playoffs
(2)	EYBA 1	1st place team from EYBA after playoffs
(3)	CMBA 2	2nd place team from CMBA after playoffs
(4)	EYBA 2	2nd place team from EYBA after playoffs
(5)	CMBA 3	3rd place team from CMBA after playoffs
(6)	EYBA 3	3rd place team from EYBA after playoffs
(7)	At-Large 1*	*If required
(8)	At-Large 2*	*If required

f. Division 4 Championship

- i. All teams must qualify for the competition as outlined in this package, open to non-Division 1/ Division 2 /Division 3 level teams.

(1)	CMBA 1	1st place team from CMBA after playoffs
(2)	EYBA 1	1st place team from EYBA after playoffs
(3)	CMBA 2	2nd place team from CMBA after playoffs
(4)	EYBA 2	2nd place team from EYBA after playoffs
(5)	CMBA 3	3rd place team from CMBA after playoffs
(6)	EYBA 3	3rd place team from EYBA after playoffs
(7)	At-Large 1*	*If required
(8)	At-Large 2*	*If required

10. Coaching Requirements:

- a. 2026 Youth Provincials - NCCP FUNdamentals is the minimum RECOMMENDED requirement.
 - i. ***Please note**, coaching requirements will be reviewed for the 2027 Youth Provincial Championships.
- b. Safe Sport Training – For the 2026 Youth Provincials, all participating coaches will be REQUIRED to have completed the free Safe Sport Training module that is available online through the Coach Association of Canada (CAC). Coaches should complete this step as early in their season as possible to be aware of and apply concepts to their respective preparations. Please use the link provided to access this free module online at CAC:
<https://thelocker.coach.ca/account/login?mode=login>
 - i. Log in/Create account
 - ii. Click on E-Learning
 - iii. Under MultiSport - see "Available" column of courses
 - iv. Scroll down to "Safe Sport Training"
 - v. Click and follow steps to complete the course
- c. **Understanding the Rule of Two Module in the Locker is also recommended**

11. Registration Deadline:

- a. **February XX, 2026, at 11:59pm**
 - i. For all teams wishing to participate, Qualified (CMBA/EYBA) and at-large teams
- b. The following must be submitted to Alberta Basketball by the Registration Deadline:
 - i. For EYBA/CMBA Qualified teams spreadsheet completed 2026 Alberta Basketball Youth Provincial Championships Team/Association Confirmation Online Forms:
 - ii. **At-large Online Registration for Divisions 1, 2, 3 on Youth Provincials Site**
 - iii. **Division 4 Open [Online Registration Youth Provincials Site](#)**
- c. Registration fee of \$575 per team at time of registration.
 - i. *18U Girls 3X3 Division registration fee is \$275.00 per team

12. Rosters

- a. **Deadline: March XX, 2025 at 4:00 pm**
- b. All final team rosters are to be confirmed and validated by the administrator(s) of the team's league of play prior to being submitted to Alberta Basketball. ABA may contact the administrator of the league of play for confirmation and validity prior to participation at the Championships. Requests for roster modification must be presented to Alberta Basketball to be reviewed with their league of play for consideration.
- c. **No** Division 1 players may be added to Division 2, Division 3 or Division 4 teams.
- d. Division 2 and Division 3 players will be permitted to participate on Division 1 teams,
- e. Division 3 players will be permitted to participate on Division 2 teams.

- f. Division 4 players will be permitted to participate on Division 3 teams.
- g. A player may be **registered on only one roster** for participation at the 2026 Youth Provincials. **Please note: Roster misrepresentation may result in disqualification.**
- h. The following must be submitted to Alberta Basketball by the Roster Deadline:
 - i. Completed 2026 Youth Provincial Roster Form, one per team. Roster forms will be emailed to the Head Coaches once their team has been confirmed.
 - ii. Full payment of registration fees
- i. Teams/organizations may also be required to provide:
 - i. Photocopies of Alberta Health Care Cards or Birth Certificates of all players

13. Roster Changes/Player Additions after the Roster Deadline

- a. A team may be declared to have up to 15 players to its roster
- b. Rosters must coincide with registered rosters as per league of play (pending league availability). All final team rosters are to be confirmed and validated by the administrator(s) of the team's league of play prior to being submitted to Alberta Basketball.
- c. Players may be listed on and participate for **only one** roster for the duration of the ABA Youth Provincials.
- d. A team may request to add a maximum of three players to its roster if they have registered a team made up of eight or fewer players.
- e. These players can be added to take a team roster up to a maximum of ten players. Therefore, a team that has registered eight players can add two, and a team that has registered seven or less can add three.
- f. Players being added must be from either:
 - i. A younger age category or;
 - ii. A lower division level within the same age category (i.e A Div 1 team could add any Div 2 player, while a 'Div 2' team could add any player from Div 3 or lower). Players from a higher division **are not** eligible to be added to a lower Division team.
- g. Players being added must reside in the same community or amalgamated communities as the team which has declared for provincials.
- h. If teams are registered from the CMBA/EYBA leagues the players must be approved by your league as all final team rosters are to be confirmed and validated by the administrator(s) of the team's league of play prior to being submitted to Alberta Basketball.
- i. If teams are registering from outside of the CMBA/EYBA leagues, please send your request to Alberta Basketball. Rosters will be verified and confirmed with the appropriate league in which you played your season.
- j. A team must submit all roster additions to Alberta Basketball. Requests must clearly demonstrate why the team needs additional players. All requests must be received in writing via e-mail by **March XX., 2025 at 4:00 pm.**
- k. **** Please note that failure to submit any of the above by the deadline will be considered an incomplete registration and may result in teams being replaced in the tournament with teams on the waitlist.**

14. Schedules:

- a. Schedules will be posted on the Alberta Basketball Association Youth Provincials Site by **February 24, 2026** as a general draw. Once final team confirmation has been determined, the schedules will be updated accordingly with team names prior to the tournament (by **March 3, 2026**).

Technical Committee Representatives

Alberta Basketball Association (ABA) – Reagan Wood
Alberta Basketball Association (ABA) – Dave Drabiuk
Calgary Minor Basketball Association (CMBA) – Ken King
Edmonton Youth Basketball Association (EYBA) – Jay Ouellette

****Please note YP 2026 discipline will be dealt with by the Technical Committee**

Organizing Committee Representatives

Alberta Basketball Association (ABA) – Dave Drabiuk
Alberta Basketball Association (ABA) – Natalie Hoy
Alberta Basketball Association (ABA) – Reagan Wood
Alberta Basketball Association (ABA) - Amber Cleasby
Calgary Minor Basketball Association (CMBA) – Ken King
Edmonton Youth Basketball Association (EYBA) – Jay Ouellette
Edmonton Basketball Officials Association (EBOA) – Noel Metrunec
Calgary Minor Basketball Association Officials Rep. – Jordan Wright (Assignor)

Contact Info

Questions regarding the technical package and rule modifications should be directed to a zone and/or league representative(s) directly for follow up.

General questions about the tournament can be directed to:

Alberta Basketball
780-427-9044
coordinator@albertabasketball.ca

Good luck to Everyone at the 2026

