





YOUR KIDS WILL JUMP AT THE CHANCE TO BE CROWNED THE GOLD COAST BLAZE 'BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM!

The Battle of the Schools Championship gives students the opportunity to compete against others schools from around the Gold Coast for a chance to **play exclusively on-court** in front of a Blaze home crowd in Season 2011-12!

Registered schools will compete in **two** qualifier games which will determine which teams advance to the finals series with the Grand Final to be played on centre court at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre. Schools can nominate any number of teams – mens or womens – with a maximum of twelve players per team aged 18 years and under. Students must be enrolled in Grade 12 and below to participate.

The entire Gold Coast Blaze roster will be in attendance, including Head Coach Joey Wright, checking out all the talent on display.

Who knows, we might even discover the next Blaze star!

Nominations:

- The competition is strictly limited to the first 16 mens and 8 womens teams that nominate
- Schools must submit their team nomination by **July 29, 5:00pm** to be eligible to participate
- All schools who nominate will be contacted by the Gold Coast Blaze upon successful entry

Nomination Requirements:

- Schools have no restriction on number of teams nominated
- A nomination fee of \$250, inclusive, per team paid prior to nominations closing on 29th July
- Teams can consist of a maximum of twelve (12) players
- Players must be 18 yrs and under
- Players must be enrolled in Grade 12 and below to be eligible to participate
- Uniform requirements
 - All teams are to be correctly attired in identical uniforms (subject to Gold Coast Blaze approval)
 - Alternate uniforms must be on hand if required and colors must be distinctly light and dark. The same playing numbers are allocated to players in both strips. The second team on the draw is to change should there be a color clash. However, if the two teams involved agree, the first team named can change color.
 - Each team is required to carry at least 1 spare playing singlet and shorts in case a uniform is spoilt by blood. The spare uniform is to be of a different number to those already listed on the score sheet.
 - Each non-approved garment will incur a five (5) point penalty.
 - All coaching staff must be dressed in a collared shirt and closed in shoes.
- Each team member must complete a 'Battle of the Schools 2011' registration form, which is to be attached to the team registration when submitted to the Gold Coast Blaze by **July 29, 5:00pm**.
- Nominations are accepted on a first in, first serve basis.

Key Dates:

Date(2011)	Event	Venue	Time
29 th July	Final Date for Registration	-	By 5pm
7 th and 14 th August	Round 1	The Southport School	9am – 6pm
21 st August	Quarter Final (boys)	The Southport School	9am – 3pm
28 th August	Semi Final (boys and girls)	Tallebudgera Leisure Centre	9am – 3pm
7 th October	Grand Final (girls) NBL Curtain Raiser	Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre	4pm
12 th November	Grand Final (boys) NBL Curtain Raiser	Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre	4pm

Competition Format:

- Draw Format (Men)
 - Round 1 – Pools of 8 with the top 4 advancing to quarter-final
 - Each team Plays 2 teams in their pool
 - Quarter final – 1st vs 4th in opposite pools, 2nd vs 3rd in opposite pools
 - Semi Final – SF1 – Winner G1 vs Winner G2, SF 2- Winner G3 vs Winner G4
 - Grand Final – Winner SF 1 vs Winner SF 2
- Draw Format (Women)
 - Round 1 – 2 pools of 4 with top 2 advancing to semi-final
 - Semi Final – SF1 – 1st pool A vs 2nd pool B, SF2- 2nd pool A vs 1st pool B
 - Grand Final – Winner SF 1 vs Winner SF 2
- Tied games will advance to an overtime scenario until a winner is decided. Each overtime period will be five (5) minutes
- Tied records in round 1 will result in for/against record to decide placing
- Team placement is chosen by order of registration and will be made public once draw is finalized



Rules and Regulations:

- Official FIBA game rules apply for the competition
- Quarters will be 10 minutes fully timed (clock stops on all whistles)
- All games will be fully refereed (Referees will be supplied by the Gold Coast Blaze)
- A technical foul will result in the player substituted for five (5) minutes of game time.
- Regulation size 6 basketballs will be used for girls games, size 7 for boys (Supplied by the Gold Coast Blaze)
- Any complaints or queries relating to the competition are to be addressed with the Competition Manager. A referee may request a resolution during half time if time permits. The Competition Manager's decision is final.

Competition Prizes:

- **GRAND PRIZE:**
 - **Grand final teams to gain exclusive access to play on the Gold Coast Blaze home court**
 - Grand Final participants will receive 'Battle of the Schools' medallions presented at half-time of the NBL game
 - Men's and women's MVP trophies will be presented at half-time of the NBL game
- **SCHOOLS PRIZE:**
 - Winning Schools will receive the Battle of the Schools Perpetual Shield
 - Winning Schools will be able to keep the Shield until the following season's competition
 - **All four school teams who make the Grand Final will win for their school 20 free Courtside Orange tickets. (It is up to the school's discretion as to how they wish to distribute the free tickets)**
 - All four schools whose teams make it to the grand finals will be given discounted group booking rates to encourage as much school support and involvement at the game as possible. We want each school to have the best atmosphere possible at their final game.

Contact:

- Event Manager – Mitch Wilson
 - Email – Mitchell.wilson@blazegc.com.au
 - Phone - 0422577652

Safety:

- In case of injury, the competition will be covered by the Gold Coast Blaze Public Liability Insurance
- Each team member/participant must sign a release form prior to playing in the competition
- Each venue will have a first aid officer present throughout the competition at all times

School Terms and Conditions:

- 1- Once schools have registered they must be present on each required day*
*Teams who withdraw up until 2 weeks prior from the tournament will receive a full refund. Teams who withdraw after this time will forfeit the nomination fee.
- 2- Schools must complete and submit team registration and individual player registration forms to the Gold Coast Blaze prior to final registration date
- 3- All team members must sign the release form prior to playing the competition
- 4- Schools must ensure all team members are correctly attired. I.e. Non-marking, closed in shoes, no jewelry or piercings
- 5- All disputes or protests on game outcomes must be lodged with the competition manager on site within twenty (20) minutes following the end of the game. To make the protest valid, the team manager must give confirmation of the protest in writing. Any protest shall be heard and decided upon by the Tournament Technical Committee of three (3) comprising the Event Manager, Referee Supervisor and a school representative. Their decision will be final.
- 6- All rules are accurate with the FIBA official game rules except as otherwise stated.