



Sporting Schools and your Aussie Hoops Centre

WHAT IS SPORTING SCHOOLS?

Sporting Schools is an Australian Sports Commission initiative funding over 5,700 in-school sports programs, with an aim to engage more than 850,000 children across Australia in what will be the country's largest school-based participation programme. The program will replace the previous Active After-School Communities (AASC) program.

For accredited Aussie Hoops centres, Sporting Schools will:

- Allow centres to deliver a 4-7 week school-based [Aussie Hoops themed program](#) at multiple schools in their region, all year round;
- Form a great opportunity for basketball associations to build stronger links with their local school network, and develop better school engagement strategies;
- Have a much greater link with Basketball Australia and Basketball Victoria, compared with the AASC program; and
- Offer at least the same level of funding for associations to deliver high quality in-school programs, coupled with curriculum and resources provided by Basketball Australia.

HOW DOES BASKETBALL FIT INTO SPORTING SCHOOLS?

Basketball was the more popular sport selected by schools in the AASC program, and we are keen to see that trend continue through the Sporting Schools program. To assist this, Basketball Australia and Basketball Victoria will be providing resources for associations to deliver a school-based Aussie Hoops program before, during or after school as a feeder into their weekly Aussie Hoops program and/or junior competitions.

WHEN DOES SPORTING SCHOOLS START?

Sporting Schools programs will commence nationally in Term 3, with a small number of programs being run in Term 2 to schools previously affiliated with the AASC program. Associations wishing to be involved are therefore asked to register prior to **Tuesday 31 March** in order to be considered for Term 2 programs.

HOW TO REGISTER

Associations and coaches can each start registering to be a part of Sporting Schools online at www.sportingschools.gov.au. Basketball Australia and Basketball Victoria have set some guidelines for associations and coaches to follow when registering for Sporting Schools, these are outlined on the following pages. More information on the Sporting Schools program is available on the [Sporting Schools website](#), or contact your Victoria Sporting Schools contact:

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