



**ONTARIO
BASKETBALL**

2026-2027 & 2027-2028

ONTARIO BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS BID PACKAGE

Ontario Basketball Association (OBA) Championships 2026-27 and 2027-28

The Ontario Basketball Association (OBA) is currently accepting applications for potential hosts for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 OBA Championships. Hosting this season-culminating event is an opportunity for clubs to connect with their community and be part of one of the largest basketball events in North America.

Introduction

About Ontario Basketball

Recognized by the Ministry of Sport, Ontario Basketball (OBA) is the provincial sport governing body for basketball in Ontario. A member of Canada Basketball, OBA is the largest provincial basketball organization in the country, incorporated in 1977 with a history spanning more than 80 years.

OBA is led by a Board of Directors who set the strategic direction. Professional staff and volunteer committees support 185 member clubs and nearly 20,000 athletes, coaches, and administrators across the province.

Facts and Figures

- The OBA Championships showcase more than 1,400 teams competing across the province.
- More than 20,000 athletes and coaches participate in the event annually.
- More than 500 basketball officials and site volunteers are involved each weekend.
- The OBA Championships take place over nine weekends from March until June.
- Participants and their families generally visit the host municipality for a minimum of two days each weekend.
- A previous study suggests the economic impact of the provincial championships exceeds \$23 million annually.

Definition of OBA Championships

Ontario Basketball annually organizes a culminating event open to all registered member clubs. The Provincial Championship represents the highest level of competition, comprising the top teams from OBLX and OBL. The Ontario Cup Championship format remains the marquee event for the majority of teams participating under the OBA governance structure.

Objectives of OBA Championships

- To provide opportunities for Ontario youth to participate in age-appropriate, organized basketball tournament play.
- To provide training and development opportunities for athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, and volunteers.
- To encourage and stimulate positive public awareness of the sport of basketball.
- To assist in the growth of sport tourism throughout Ontario.
- To provide revenue-generating opportunities for local member clubs through a hosting subsidy as well as concession and other point of sales.

Application Details

Organizations will have the opportunity to apply for a two-year bid (2026-27 and 2027-28) and may apply to host more than one age group. The hosting package outlines the bidding process, Championship dates, and technical requirements. In your application, please emphasize the following:

- The number of facilities that are available and accessible in your region.
- A letter of support from your local game officials confirming that the supply is proportional to the number of gyms that can operate.
- The pool of volunteers from your club and/or how you will procure volunteers.
- Letter of support from your local tourism board stating they will provide assistance or funding for the Championship.

Important Deadlines

- **Letter of Intent:** A letter of intent to submit an application is required no later than Wednesday, July 15, 2026.
- **Application Submission:** All applications to host must be submitted electronically no later than Friday, July 31, 2026.

Following a review of all submissions, successful applicants will be contacted prior to a public announcement.

Thank you for your interest in hosting the OBA Championships and best of luck with your application submissions.

Sincerely,



Mike Barbin
VP, Basketball Operations

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Hosting

Important Notes for Championships

Ontario Cup Draw Formats

- Eight-team draw formats will be used exclusively for all divisions except the lowest division when a full draw is not possible.
- Different scheduling requirements will be applied for 7, 6, 5, and 4 team draws.

Provincial Championship Draw Format

- Eight-team draw will be used exclusively for Provincial Championships, comprising the Top 7 teams from OBLX and the winner of Pool B of OBL.

Intent to Apply Deadline

All member clubs intending to submit an application must include the following information in their letter of intent:

- Age group: U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, or U19
- Gender: Boys or Girls
- Multiple age groups/genders can be selected.

Application Procedure

Successful hosts for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 OBA Championships will be announced publicly at the start of the new year, with successful applicants being notified in advance.

The OBA Championships will be awarded to member clubs in good standing, considering:

- Geographical balance
- Overall quality of the formal application package
- Venue requirements including capacity, quality, and FIBA regulations
- Financial implications for all parties involved
- Past hosting record
- Local stakeholder collaboration (e.g., Government officials, tourism groups, etc.)

Submit your application to Mike Barbin, mbarbin@basketball.on.ca

Required Application Package Contents

- Letter indicating why the organization would be an optimal OBA Championship host.
- Location of proposed competition(s).
- Overview of host member club (year established, number of members, etc.).
- Letter of endorsement by Club executive and/or Tourism Commission.
- List of proposed facilities and confirmation of technical requirements.
- Preliminary budget (cost of facilities, officials' fees, site supervisors, table officials, etc.).
- Region highlights and map (showing potential game sites, hotels, and attractions).
- Local board of officials' agreement on rates and services.

- Full volunteer list with names of proposed site supervisors and event managers.

If no applications are received for any category, Ontario Basketball will determine the event site(s).

Final Bid Application

Review the entire bid package to ensure all required information is included. If any information cannot be included at the time of submission, please indicate when it will be provided.

2027 and 2028 Championship Dates

Age Group	2027	2028
U10 Girls	March 5-7	March 24-26
U10 Boys	April 2-4	March 31-April 2
U11 Girls	March 5-7	March 24-26
U11 Boys	April 2-4	March 31-April 2
U12 Girls	April 9-11	April 7-9
U12 Boys	April 9-11	April 7-9
U13 Girls	April 16-18	April 21-23
U13 Boys	April 16-18	April 21-23
U14 Girls	April 23-25	April 28-30
U14 Boys	April 23-25	April 28-30
U15 Girls	April 30-May 2	May 5-7
U16 Girls	April 30-May 2	May 5-7
U17 Girls	May 7-9	May 12-14
U19 Womens	May 7-9	May 12-14
U15 Boys	May 14-16	May 26-28
U16 Boys	May 14-16	May 26-28
U17 Boys	May 28-30	June 2-4
U19 Men	May 28-30	June 2-4

Below is the number of divisions from the 2026 OBA Championships

- U10 Girls: 4
- U11 Girls: 4
- U10 Boys: 11
- U11 Boys: 12
- U12 Girls: 7
- U12 Boys: 18
- U13 Girls: 7
- U13 Boys: 18
- U14 Girls: 8
- U14 Boys: 22
- U15 Girls: 5
- U16 Girls: 5
- U17 Girls: 3
- U19 Girls: 5
- U15 Boys: 17
- U16 Boys: 18
- U17 Boys: 9
- U19 Boys: 6

Terms and Conditions of Hosting

- **Host Compensation:** \$25 per team (e.g., for a U14 Boys category with 112 teams, the host would receive \$2,800 to cover the cost of site conveners).
- **Convener Requirement:** 1 Convener per gym.
- **Table Officials Compensation:**

Table Officials (U10 to U14): \$50 per game (ex. U13 Girls, 160 games; the host will receive \$4,800 to cover the two table officials required per game). Requirement: 2 Table Officials per gym.

Table Officials (U15 to U19): \$75 per game (ex. U19 Men, 160 games; the host will receive \$7,200 to cover the three table officials). Requirement: 3 Table Officials per gym.

- **Facilities:** OBA will cover all approved facility expenses. These costs must be clearly outlined in the host application budget. No transactions will be completed without an accompanying invoice.
- **Game Officials:** Ontario Basketball will cover all officials' costs; however, the host is responsible for securing and communicating with the officials board regarding games. The host is responsible for securing a letter of agreement from the local officials' board to confirm the availability of the officials and to secure a rate of pay. The letter of agreement must be included in the host application.
- **Other Materials and Equipment:** OBA will produce and cover the cost of all awards, results boards, basketballs, banners, scorebooks, and other signage. Any additional signage to be displayed at the gyms must be approved by OBA.

Game Operations

Technical Requirements

1. **Minimum Court Dimensions**
 - U10 to U14: 44' x 74' (Minimum), 50' x 84' (Maximum)
 - U15 to U19: 50' x 84' (Minimum), 50' x 94' (Maximum)
2. **Ball Dimensions**
 - U10 to U12: Size 5 (27.5")
 - U13 to U14: Size 6 (28.5")
 - U15G to U19W: Size 6 (28.5")
 - U15B to U19M: Size 7 (29.5")
3. **Foul Line**
 - U10: 13' (Measured from the center of the rim)
 - U11 to U19: 15' (Standard)
4. **End Walls**
 - Must be padded with a minimum height of 8' and minimum width of 10'.
5. **Ceiling**
 - Minimum unobstructed ceiling height must be 20'.
6. **Out of Bounds**
 - Minimum unobstructed out-of-bounds area is 3'.
7. **Court Markings**
 - Must include all markings outlined in the National Federation rules as a minimum, with a preference for FIBA markings where possible.
 - Lines to be taped down if not present.
 - Must include four-lane spacing on both sides of the key and a three-point line (except U10).
8. **Score Clocks**
 - All courts must have visible electronic score clocks and access to a portable electronic score clock as a backup. Flip-cards may be used as a last resort.
 - Courts for U15–U19 championships must have visible electronic shot clocks. Ontario Basketball will assist in providing shot clocks for facilities in need, to be communicated at least 60 days prior to the tournament.

Change Rooms

Must have separate change rooms for teams in the vicinity of the gymnasium, as well as separate change rooms for game officials.

9. **Venue Time Requirements**
 - Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (3 pm starts, if applicable)
 - Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Convener

- The host must provide a minimum of one convener per facility, visible and present in the gym at all times.
- Conveners must be familiar with the rules and regulations of the game (especially at the U10 to U12 levels).
- No participating coach or athlete is permitted to act as a convener or table official. Conveners must also be familiar with OBA's Fair Play Policy.

Table Officials

- The host organization must provide trained scorekeepers and timers for every game.
- Table officials should have a clear understanding of their duties at the scorers' table. Ontario Basketball will provide a breakdown of the responsibilities. Each local host must have an official training session prior to the start of the championships.
- It is highly recommended that all table officials participate in at least one sanctioned tournament and/or Ontario Basketball League games prior to any Ontario Basketball Championships.

For any questions about or during this application process, please contact Mike Barbin,
mbarbin@basketball.on.ca

Sponsorship and Marketing

Sponsorship Obligations

Ontario Basketball has various corporate sponsors. In order to fulfill sponsorship requirements, OBA and the host organization must abide by all of Ontario Basketball's signed agreements. All potential local sponsors must be approved by OBA at least 30 days in advance of the event.

Host Revenue Initiatives

Food Concessions: It is strongly recommended that every local host sets up a concession stand at each facility throughout the weekend. Recommended items include water, fruit, coffee, sport drinks, and soft drinks. All concession sales go directly to the local host, who is responsible for purchasing materials, setting prices, and providing volunteers.

Local Municipality Support

The host member club should meet with the municipality, local school boards, and officials' board prior to preparing an application. The bid should proceed in the following ways:

- Enlist the commitment of member club sponsors and volunteers for planning, organization, and site management.
- Solicit the support of the local tourism board or sports council and request their participation in planning and organization.
- Contact local schools for use of facilities and as a source of organizational and site volunteers.
- Contact the local economic development group and parks and recreation department as the first avenue of financial support.
- Notify local media about the event and community involvement efforts.

Additional Items

Additional Centralized Gym

In addition to the gyms required to support championship participants, a minimum of one additional gym must be provided by the host. This gym will be used for community events and also serves as an emergency backup facility (and must therefore meet all technical requirements). Possible uses include Mega Hoops clinics, skills competitions, coaching clinics, and 3-on-3 tournaments.

Community Involvement

In collaboration with OBA staff, the host is responsible for creating a community festival around the championships. The bid application should explain how the host will assist OBA in engaging community members through volunteer recruitment, securing additional gyms, and local promotion.

Local Media Involvement

The host organization will work closely with OBA to create awareness and provide event information to local media. The bid should detail a strategy for media engagement, including TV, print, radio, and social media channels. All media relations activities must be fulfilled in collaboration with Ontario Basketball's Communications team.

First Aid and Medical Services

First aid supplies, including ice, must be available at all gyms throughout the weekend. Hosts are also expected to reach out to local athletic therapy programs to recruit volunteer therapists and to connect with St. John Ambulance for first responder coverage. Contact St. John Ambulance at www.sja.ca/on or 1-800-268-7581.

Securing a Back-Up Facility

As the event nears, unforeseen problems such as broken lights, floor issues, or construction can prevent a facility from being used. A confirmed back-up facility ensures all games can be played regardless of last-minute complications.

Scheduling Table Officials

The best hosts maintain a deep pool of table officials available all weekend and rotate them regularly. Schedule your most experienced officials for the most important games.

Working with Schools and Local Clubs

Local schools can provide both volunteers and gym permits. Assigning the operations of each gym to one team within a member club is highly effective — a single team commitment provides at least 10 table officials, coaches as site conveners, and parents for concessions and setup.