World School Basketball Championships

6th - 8th November 2026

EVENT HANDBOOK



#WSGBASKETBALL

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A. Schedule & Welcome

Date	Time	Events
Friday 6th November	17:30	Teams depart for Alquería del Basket
	18:00	Opening Ceremony
	18:30	All-Star Matches
	19:30	Teams depart for hotels
	20:00	Evening meal at hotel
Saturday 7th November	07:30 onwards	Breakfast at hotel
	09:00	Teams depart for Alquería del Basket
	10:00	WSG Basketball Matches
		Lunch available to collect
	17:15	Teams depart for hotels
	18:00 onwards	Evening meal at hotel
Sunday 8th November	07:30 onwards	Breakfast at hotel
	09:00	Teams depart for Alquería del Basket
	10:00	WSG Basketball Matches
		Lunch available to collect
	16:30	Awards Presentations
	17:00	Teams depart
	18:00 onwards	Evening meal at hotel

Welcome to Alquería del Basket and the World School Basketball Championships 2026, a three-day international basketball extravaganza staged at the one of the finest basketball facilities in Europe. The following guide contains everything you'll need to know about the weekend's events.

The WSG Events Series Organising Committee and delegates wish all the competing teams the very best of luck. We must also offer a huge thank you to the coaches and parents for ensuring the players are fully prepared for an action-packed three days of basketball and to our terrific sponsors and partners, all of which have contributed immensely to the all-round tournament experience.

Finally, a word for the players involved this weekend: take time to appreciate the facilities, introduce yourself to fellow players, make friends and create lifelong memories at the same time.

Good luck!

B. Key Contact Information

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C. Arrival and Check in

Arrival: Airport Transfers

Buses will collect groups from outside the main airport terminal and transfer you to your allocated hotel or excursion. When your group come through arrivals, please head straight out the main terminal building to the coach park. Buses will be marked with the tournament logo. Driver numbers will be provided to the group lead in advance of travelling.

Hotel: Collection of Keys and Check-in Times

Check-in time:	15:00hrs	Check-out time:	11:00hrs

Please note check-in will open at 15.00 hrs local time and it is unlikely that schools will be able to access rooms before this time. There should however be space available in the hotel to store any luggage if you are unable to check in. When rooms are ready, keys will be given to the group leader or a nominated person to distribute to the team members once they have arrived. On arrival at the hotel, it is important that you have your rooming list with you, so you know who is staying in each room and avoid delays.

Please also have your squad's passports to hand so that reception can photocopy these upon arrival.

D. Format, rules and court set up

Tournament Format
Each category will be split into one or more pools to play a round robin league followed by a knock-out/placing matches.

Match schedules & information

All schedules and results will be posted on the Official Tournament App. Please search '**WSG Basketball**' in your app store to download this. This will show the most up to date schedule should be your first point of call for any fixture information, particularly once the tournament progresses to the playoff stages.

Notes on Tournament Rules/Format

General

- All matches will follow FIBA rules, however, below are some notes that should prove helpful when organising your teams & tactics.

Match Duration

- 2 x 12-minute halves.
    - 3-minute halftime break.
    - Running clock will be employed throughout.
    - Stop clock employed in final 3 minutes of each half.

Time Outs

- Each team has 1 x 1-minute timeouts per half.

Shot Clock

- There will be **a 24 second shot clock** applied.

Court Rules

- Half-court rule will apply – when a team gains possession of the ball, they need to progress the ball into the opposing team's half of the court within 8 seconds.
- Full-court press **is permitted.**

Points Scoring

- Baskets scored from inside the 3-point line will be awarded with 2 points.
- Baskets scored from behind the 3-point line will be awarded 3 points.
- Each penalty free throw successfully scored will be awarded 1 point.

Fouls

- Each player will be limited to **3 personal fouls per match**. Following the third personal foul, players will be disqualified from participating in the remainder of the game. The disqualified player can be replaced by another member of the squad.
- Non-shooting fouls will result in an inbound possession for the fouled team.
- Shooting fouls will result in a free throw for the attacking team. If the in-play shot is scored, an additional single free throw will be awarded. If the in-play shot is missed, 2 or 3 free throws will be awarded at the referee's discretion based on the shooting position.
- Each team will be limited to **6 team fouls per half**. Following the sixth team foul, the opposition will receive 2 free throws. This will be repeated with every additional foul for the half. Team fouls will not overrule shooting fouls (i.e. 3 point shooting foul = 3 free throws regardless of team fouls).
- Flagrant Fouls – Unnecessary (Flagrant 1) or excessive and dangerous (Flagrant 2) physical contact fouls will result in free throws plus team possession and an automatic ejection from the game. All flagrant fouls are subject to review by the tournament organising committee and match officials and additional match suspensions may be issues at the committee's discretion. This includes but not limited to; swearing/verbal abuse, physical abuse/fighting & spitting.

Results Scoring

- 3 points awarded for a win
- 1 point awarded for a defeat

Overtime

In the event that teams are tied at the end of a match, a period of 2-minutes overtime will be played. If the game remains tied, an additional period will be played with golden basket rule applied. Teams will receive an additional 1x 1-minute timeout each. Personal and team fouls will roll over with no additional fouls. Stop clock will be applied. The game will restart from tip-off/jump ball each new period.

Tie-Breakers

In the event that two or more teams are tied on points at the end of the group stages, final positions shall be decided by:

- Points in head-to-head matches among tied teams
- 'Goal' difference in head-to-head matches among tied teams
- 'Goals' scored in head-to-head matches among tied teams
- 'Goal' difference in all group matches

Referees

- The referee's decision is final, and abuse of match officials will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- 1 referee will be allocated to each match with an additional scoring official operating the scoreboard, match clock and recording personal fouls. Additional match officials will be provided for playoff rounds where possible.

Courts

- Timings on the schedule are only to be used as a guideline. Please ensure teams are ready for their match at the allocated court at least five minutes before the scheduled start time.
- Supporters must remain seated in the bleachers/balcony at all times.
- Suitable indoor footwear is required at all times.

Equipment

- U16 Boys & U19 Boys will use a size 7 match ball. U16 Girls & U19 Girls will use a size 6 match ball.
- The referees will be responsible for the match ball.
- There will be limited warm up equipment and additional basketball provision. All teams are kindly reminded to bring their own warm up equipment where possible.

Kit and match preparation

- There is limited use of changing rooms and players should arrive ready to play each day.

- Water fountains will be provided at the Tournament venue - players should bring their own (clearly marked) reusable water bottle.
- Teams should be ready and waiting (and warmed up) two minutes before the final whistle of the previous match on their court. If a team is late, the referee will wait for a maximum of three minutes for the starting line up to enter the court, after which time the opposition team will be awarded a 10-point victory.

E. Codes of Conduct & Safeguarding

By attending the WSG Basketball Championships, individuals agree to abide by the Codes of Conduct as outlined below. There are codes for players, spectators, parents, team members and team officials. Participating teams must ensure that all players, coaches, spectators, and parents have read and acknowledged the relevant codes.

Should spectators, coaches, team members break these codes of conduct, there may be consequences, including but not limited to the individuals involved not being able to attend in future years.

General Code of Conduct

- The organisers reserve the right to ask anyone who is considered to be behaving in an inappropriate way to leave the tournament venue and/or hotel.
- Unreasonable and offensive behaviour which includes fighting or acts of malicious damage by any individual or group will not be tolerated under any circumstances and may result in the entire group being asked to leave the resort or tournament venue without entitlement to a refund.
- In the event of damage to property, the hotel or event management will have the right to demand appropriate compensation from the entire group.
- Each school or club has a duty of care for the children at the event and should have their own Welfare Officer who is recognised by their school or local county and will have undergone the relevant training.
- Any abusive behaviour, including but not limited to racist, sexist, ableist, homophobic and xenophobic abuse to players, officials, referees or event staff, will be treated with the utmost seriousness by tournament officials. Abusive behaviour may result in **suspension of individuals from the tournament**, **sporting sanctions** placed on offending schools and **expulsion from the tournament** if necessary.

Team Officials' Code of Behaviour

- Ensure that your behaviour at all times does not bring the name of "School Sport" into disrepute.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as the judgment of officials and opposing coaches.
- Compliment participants on their efforts.
- Ensure that your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sporting behaviour and condemn unsporting behaviour.
- Refrain from criticism of, or reaction to, the umpire's/referee's judgments and decisions.
- Maintain a standard of dress appropriate to the presentation of the team.
- Refrain from over-zealous coaching from the side-line.
- Refrain from smoking and consuming alcohol at any time while in the supervision of students.

Players' Code of Behaviour

- Be a good sport.
- Play for enjoyment.
- Strive for personal excellence.
- Work hard for your team as well as for yourself. Treat all team-mates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself.
- Play by the rules.
- Cooperate with team and game officials.
- Control your behaviour on and off the field.
- Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance and improvement.
- Do not show any dissent.
- Respect the hotel and venues.
- Do not disturb others after lights out.

Parents & Spectators' Code of Behaviour

- Encourage participation of your (and all) children.

- Display good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials, sport administrators and other parents.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Make all other parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- Respect the officials and team leaders; if they ask you to do something, please do so.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour - remember children play for enjoyment.
- Do not let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause. Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.
- Respect the officials and team leaders; if they ask you to do something, please do so.

Breach of the Codes

Players
A breach of this code of behaviour in the opinion of team officials – on or off the court – may result in the player being banned from the remainder of the tournament and may also result in the player being sent home by the first available transport. Parents will be notified, and any additional expense incurred will be the responsibility of the parents. Further disciplinary action may be considered depending on the seriousness of the breach.

Parents and Spectators
A breach of this code of behaviour, in the opinion of Tournament Organising Committee, may result in the individual being banned from the remainder of the tournament and future events. Any additional expense incurred will be the responsibility of the individual concerned. Further action may be taken against the school or club depending on the nature of the breach.

Safeguarding

The World School Games Event Series takes its role within the community seriously and has a duty of care to actively promote the safeguarding of young people.

You can find a copy of our safeguarding policy here: **https://wsgevents.com/safeguarding/**

F. Other Information

a. Permissions to Photograph & Video

All teams and participants in the tournament consent to being photographed and videotaped by The World School Basketball Championships and their media partners unless they have sought prior dispensation. All WSBC officials and their media partners will be clearly identifiable. Photographs or videotaping of individuals and teams by anyone not previously stated including spectators, coaches and players are only permitted with the consent of the group/individuals themselves – any individuals should seek prior permission with the team coach/group lead.

b. Ceremonies & Presentations

Opening Ceremony
The Opening Ceremony will take place on the show court at Alquería del Basket at around 6pm on Friday evening prior to the All-Star matches to official commence the tournament and welcome all teams.

Awards Ceremony
The Awards Ceremonies will take place on the show court at Alquería del Basket at around 5pm on Sunday following the completion of all matches.

c. Food & Drink

- Food/drink cannot be consumed on or around the court (excluding player hydration). All food should be consumed in the bleachers area, outside or at onsite F&B outlets.
- There will not be a break in matches for lunches however an announcement will be made when lunches are available to collect, and teams can do so during a rest period between games.

d. Alcohol Policy

- Adults should not purchase or supply alcohol to children. Any adults found to have broken this rule will be asked to leave the venue/resort and will be reported to the relevant authorities. The person(s) involved may be reported to the police.
- Any young person who attempts to purchase or consume alcohol will be asked to leave the resort or tournament venue.
- Alcohol abuse is unacceptable and will result in the removal of persons/group from the resort or venue without entitlement to a refund.
- No alcohol is to be consumed pitch side under any circumstances. Anybody caught doing so will be asked to leave the tournament venue.
- Adults consuming alcohol elsewhere on the premises are reminded to do so responsibly.

e. Security

Please do not leave personal belongings unattended as The World School Basketball Championships & Alquería del Basket cannot accept responsibility for any lost or damaged items.

f. Changes to the Programme or Rules

The World School Basketball Championships committee has the right to make changes to the programme, rules or any other aspect of the competition as it deems fit and or necessary for clarity or safety. Any changes will be communicated to all participating teams in writing at the same time.

G. Safety, First Aid and Player Welfare

a. Safety

Safety of all participants is of paramount importance, and The World School Basketball Championships organisers will do all they can to ensure participant safety at all times. Comprehensive risk assessments of hotels, transport, activities, as well as each facility used in the tournament have been conducted and will be available upon request.

- Please note that the safety and wellbeing of all participants ultimately lies with the accompanying coaches & parents.

b. First Aid

- There will be paramedics onsite throughout the event.

H. Closing Remarks

The 2027 World School Basketball Championships will take place in November 2027, with details confirmed in due course.

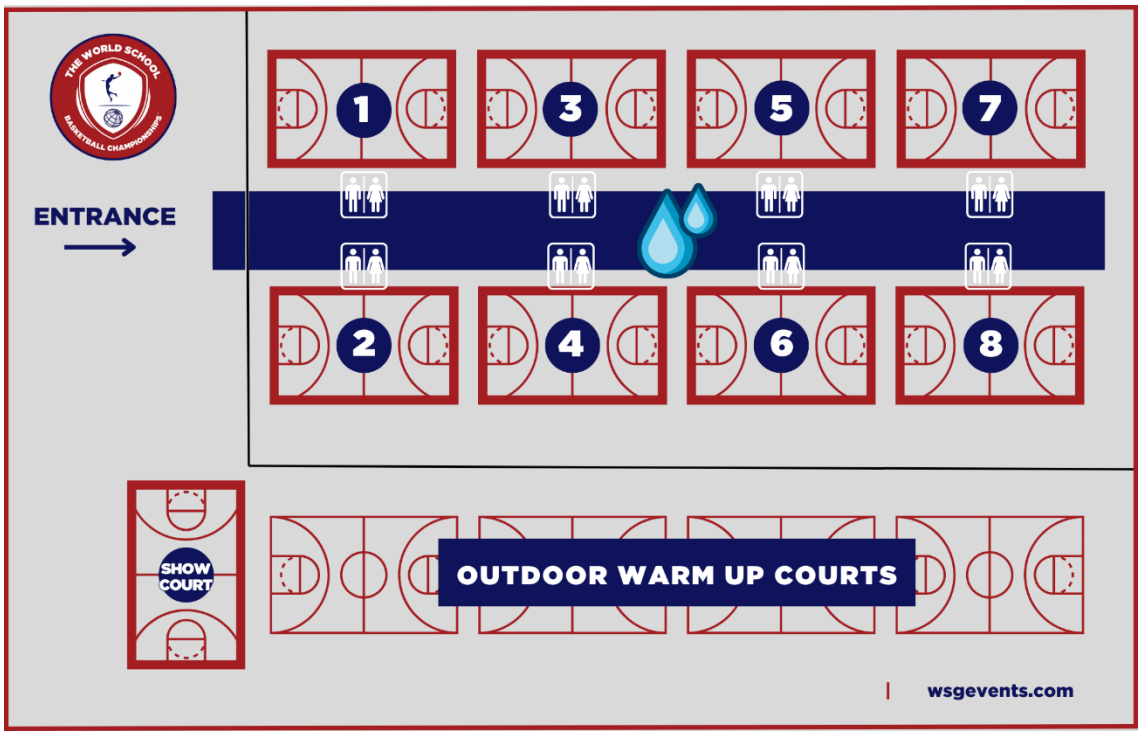
To pre-register for one of the 2027 events please email your team name and age category to register@wsgevents.com as soon as possible to guarantee your place.

Have a great weekend.

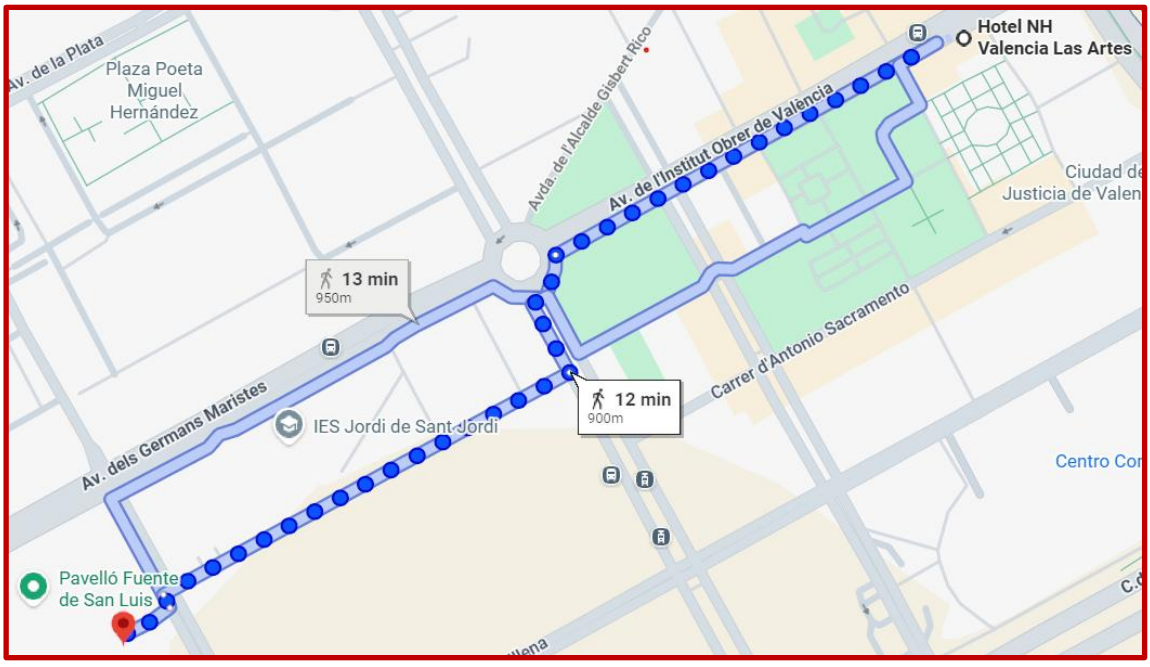
World School Basketball Championships Organising Committee

I. Appendix

A: Site Map – Alquería del Basket



B: Walking Route – Hotel NH Las Artes & Las Ciencias to Alquería del Basket



C: Walking Route – Hotel Malcom & Barret to Alquería del Basket

