
MEMORANDUM

TO: ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, BASKETBALL COACHES, ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

FROM: ED SOMERS, BCSS BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR AND
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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION ON GRADE 8 BOYS BASKETBALL SIZE

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2024

CC:

BC School Sports has received numerous questions and has noted the confusion currently surrounding the appropriate basketball to be used in Grade 8 play. As there is no provincial events, ultimately the decision is one made by local associations or invitational tournament organizers.

With that said, when considering appropriate development, and trying to create a consistent environment for play, the Basketball Advisory Committee recommends using the 28.5" basketball for Grade 8 Boys. The transition to the 29.5 basketball starts in grade 9/Junior play.

This approach aligns with best practices for player development and skill progression considering the age and size of the athletes. Please feel free to reach out to the BCSS office if you have any further questions or for additional guidance.