**Dear School Principals,**

**Subject: Schools Olympic Program 2019-2020 – 13th edition**

**Basketball competitions for girls (Primary, Preparatory, Secondary): rules and regulations**

The Organizing Committee of the Schools Olympic Program (SOPOC) and Qatar Sports School Association extend their warm greetings and best wishes for continued success to all the schools participating in the program.

We are pleased to announce the dates of the girls’ basketball competitions for all the educational stages in the 13th edition of the Schools Olympic Program (see file attached). In order to help PE Teachers & SOP Coordinators manage participating students’ school attendance on the days of the competitions SOPOC kindly asks you to check the above-mentioned schedules beforehand to avoid any possible inconvenience or misunderstanding.

**All the participants must follow the rules & regulations set out by the SOPOC in 2019-2020:**

* Comply with the Schools Olympic Program’s registration procedure & age categories requirements and all the instructions including the rule of a minimum and maximum number of players in each competition;
* Abide by a Fair Play code of conduct: principles of fair competition, friendship, team spirit, equality, tolerance must be respected;
* Supervisors and participating students must wear full sports uniform;
* All players must have a visible number on the front & back sides of the T-Shirts;
* Before the competition make sure medical examination for all the competing students is done, sealed, stamped and approved by the SOPOC;
* Start time of the competitions is 8:00 AM; teams compete in order of their arrival at the venue;
* Basketball competitions are based on a single-elimination (knockout) system;
* Length of periods. The length of a game varies depending on the age of the players:
1. Primary: the competition will be played in two eight (8) minute halves (fifteen (15) minutes in total) with a three-minute (3) interval between periods.
2. Preparatory & Secondary: the competition will be played in two ten (10) minute halves (twenty (20) minutes in total) with a five-minute (5) interval between periods.
* Teams have the right to request a one-minute (1) interval in each half of the game;
* If the score is tied, the game shall continue with three (3) goals to break the tie;
* The winning team will be informed about the next match’s venue later.

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**Best wishes to all the participating teams!**

**Sincerely yours,**