



TOURNAMENT POLICY

1. Purpose

This Tournament Policy outlines the tournaments that each age group and team enters over and above their standard District season.

Regarding tournaments throughout the year, there are now far more options for our teams to play intrastate and interstate tournaments than in previous years. This necessitates us as a Club to provide guidance on which tournaments our teams can enter.

2. Key Considerations

The key considerations of this policy are:

- Ensure we meet the objectives of our teams (display Club values, play our Style of Play, develop together)
- Manage the physical load of our players both during the season and upcoming seasons.
- Acknowledge the financial and time burden on families both during the season and upcoming seasons.

3. Values

The Club values are:

PRIDE – we are proud to represent the Club, and as such present ourselves in a professional manner.

LEADERSHIP – as club members, players, volunteers, and supporters, we are all role models and will lead in a way that enhances the Club's reputation.

ACCOUNTABILITY – we take ownership of the actions and performance of the Club, both on and off the court.

RESPECT – we treat everyone with respect, displaying the highest level of sportsmanship and responsibility.

COMMITMENT – we are committed to ensuring the success of the Club, and that all members, players, volunteers, and supporters abide by the Club values.



4. Tournament Categories

Explanation of tournament categories:

- **Compulsory** – a requirement for a team to participate. For any player of that team that cannot participate in these tournaments, it is likely they will not be selected in that Division for that year.
- **Recommended** – preference for the teams to compete in that tournament, however, if a family has financial hardship or a major event at the same time, they can opt out. If a player cannot participate, they can still be selected in that Division for that year.
- **Optional** – completely up to the team if they participate. The Club is supportive of families not participating for any reason – rest, finances, study etc. If a player cannot participate, they can still be selected in that Division for that year.

5. Guidance Per Age Group

U10s (ALL Divisions)

Two LOCAL (intrastate) tournaments per year.

No other tournaments

U12s, U16s and U18s (Division 1)

Compulsory

- State Championships (May)
- National Junior Classics (June) if qualified

Recommended:

- One interstate tournament NOT including National Junior Classics. **Our preferred option is the Eltham-Dandenong Tournament on the January long weekend.**
- Norwood Easter Carnival

No other tournaments

U14s Division 1

Compulsory

- State Championships (May)
- National Junior Classics (June) if qualified
- Australian U14 Club Nationals (September/October) if qualified



Recommended:

- One interstate tournament NOT including National Junior Classics. **Our preferred option is the Eltham-Dandenong Tournament on the January long weekend.**
- Norwood Easter Carnival

No other tournaments

Div 2s (U12s, U14s, U16s, U18s)

Compulsory

- State Championships (May)

Recommended:

- One interstate tournament. **Our preferred option is the Eltham-Dandenong Tournament on the January Long weekend**

Optional:

- Norwood Easter Carnival
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Div 3s and below

Recommended:

- One interstate tournament. **Our preferred option is the Eltham-Dandenong Tournament on the January Long weekend**

Optional:

- Norwood Easter Carnival
- One other LOCAL tournament (e.g., Starplex Carnival – January Long weekend, Bearcats Carnival – June, Mildura Tournament – June which is classed as a LOCAL tournament)

No other tournaments

6. Exception to Policy

Should a team wish to participate in an extra tournament beyond the established policy framework, and if a substantial majority of team members agree regarding the added expenses and logistical arrangements, the Management Committee will carefully consider the request on a case-by-case basis.



This policy applies to all Club members, players, volunteers, and supporters of the Sturt Sabres Basketball Club. This policy shall be displayed on the Sturt Sabres website and is endorsed by the Committee.

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