

# **SOUTH** BASKETBALL

## JUNIOR POLICY MANUAL

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## 1 Junior Policies

### 1.1 Introduction

Welcome to the South Adelaide Basketball Club [here on referred to as SABC]. We seek to provide a junior development environment that improves playing skills together with helping to provide personal, team and club achievements that makes the most out of this exciting sport.

This junior policy booklet has been developed for the purpose of providing coaches and players, together with parents and supporters, useful information about the club's rules and guidelines. It is designed to assist with your understanding of the club's procedures and practices, provide a default position on club processes and decisions, whilst also coordinating our efforts towards a positive direction

SABC adheres to all Basketball SA [here on referred to as BSA] policies by association.

<http://www.basketballsa.com.au/about/policies-by-laws>

And follows the guidelines of the South Australian Government Office for Recreation and Sport

<http://www.ors.sa.gov.au>

### 1.2 To the Players

For SABC, basketball is important! but, it is also important to keep a balance in your life. We seek not only for you to be the best player that you can be, but to also be the best student and the best person you can be.

When playing or training, we want players to play hard, play smart and play fair. Respect is to be given to our opponents by competing at all times. It's the old adage of "*When it is easy, do not belittle them, when it is hard, keep trying.*"

Within SABC we not only have a focus on basic basketball fundamentals, team offensive systems and defensive systems but also on a communication system. It is vital that all players communicate with others. If you have issues (or positives) work them out with your teammates. If that cannot resolve issues, talk to your coach. If they still have not been resolved, talk to the Team Manager or the Junior Program Manager.

### 1.3 To the coaches

Yours is a most important and indeed privileged job in SABC.

Please be a positive role model for your players. Your players' actions will generally mirror the leadership you provide. The expectations for our players are no less the expectations for you (and more).

Be firm but fair when dealing with players. Player actions that are contrary to the interests of others, the team or the club must not be tolerated. Think through a variety of approaches with players. Not all players learn and respond the same way. Ensure that there is balance between criticism and praise, where appropriate. Players need to learn in how to deal with constructive criticism, and also learn to not get carried away with success. Constructive criticism means dealing with criticising "behaviour" not criticising or belittling the individual.

Enjoy the experience. It is one of the most rewarding aspects of being involved with a team. To be able to work closely with a committed group of players, parents and supporters and to see the development that unfolds. The club thanks you for your contribution.

## **1 Junior Policies [Cont'd]**

### **1.4 To Parents and Supporters**

We are privileged to be able to work with your son or daughter. We acknowledge and appreciate the enormous personal sacrifices that you make, in supporting your child in their pursuit. Our success would not be possible without your support.

SABC is developing its junior program and has many fine junior coaches. The time, personal and financial sacrifices they make is balanced by the rewards of success, personal friendship, and the opportunity to work with some fine young people.

Please help support them in this undertaking. They have to make many every day decisions concerning the welfare of the club, the team and the individual players. This at times is not always easy. Effective communication is the key between yourself and the coaches, preferably through the Team Manager.

### **1.5 To all Members & Volunteers**

Please take time to read the various junior policies contained within this booklet and to understand the club's culture and practices.

We trust that this assists you in your enjoyment of being a SABC member.

Free [and paid] on line and on location training courses are available;

Play by the Rules

<https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses>

Office for Recreation & Sport

[http://ors.sa.gov.au/upcoming\\_courses\\_and\\_events?](http://ors.sa.gov.au/upcoming_courses_and_events?)

## 2 Child Safe Guidelines

SABC operates under the following guidelines & policies;

In order to keep children safe when they are accessing services in the community, the **Children's Protection Act 1993** requires that SABC creates and maintains a child safe environment. In this context, a child safe environment is one, which protects children from abuse and harm.

A club appointed **Member Protection Officer [MPO]** within the club to develop procedures specific to the club, to assist with minimising risk to children, provide education to coaches, administrators and club members, promote child safe policies and procedures, and provide advice as required.

**BSA District Competition Coach Registration Policy** requires that all coaches and assistant coaches obtain and have assessed a National Police Record, regardless of whether they are exempt from requiring one under state or national legislation.

### 2.1 Play by the Rules

The following "Play by the Rules" boundaries are guidelines for coaches and any other personnel, used to protect them from risk, and to keep children safe.

**Maintain appropriate boundaries.**

**Coaches and other personnel in positions of authority should maintain clear:**

- **Physical boundaries**
  - Use drills to develop fitness, not as a punishment.
  - Only use physical contact that is appropriate for the development of a particular skill and has the permission of the athlete.
  - Work within sight of others at all times.
- **Emotional boundaries**
  - Use positive feedback on performance, not negative feedback about the person.
  - Be encouraging and avoid put-downs.
- **Social boundaries**
  - Attend sport related events such as sponsorship and fundraising events, celebrations and annual meetings but do not socialise with athletes outside sporting functions.
  - Do not socialise with athletes via social media.
- **Sexual boundaries**
  - Do not have sexual relationships with athletes you are coaching.
  - Do not touch athletes in ways likely to make them feel uncomfortable.
- **Minimise physical contact**
  - Generally, physical contact with players or participants should be to:
    - Develop sport skills.
    - Give sports massage.
    - Treat an injury.
  - Permission from the player or participant should always be sought.
  - Players or participants should be congratulated or comforted in public, not in an isolated setting.
- **Avoid being alone with a child**
  - To protect yourself and the child from risk:
    - Do not isolate yourself and a child, and avoid being alone with any particular child.
    - Have at least one adult with you in a change room with children.
    - If a child approaches you and wants to talk to you privately about a matter, do so in an open area and in sight of other adults (e.g. other coaches, officials or parents)
    - Before going into change rooms, knock or announce that you will be coming in.

## 3 Coaches

### 3.1 Policy Statement

SABC actively encourages people to pursue their pastime in playing and coaching basketball. The Club's mission is "to provide an environment in which athletes enjoy the sport of basketball and strive for excellence". Coaches who are appointed to the Division 1 coaching position within each age program undertake developmental and some administrative roles across their age program that support this vision.

Division 1 coaches will be appointed on an annual basis; prospective coaches have an opportunity to apply for positions - nominations are sought well prior to the summer season. The appointment process for Division 1 coaches is managed by the operations sub committee with all appointments ratified by the General committee and assessed as suitable by the MPO

Each age program every year will have a variety of teams and playing numbers. The Division 1 coach is accountable for planning, developing, coordinating and ensuring that the basketball training programs being delivered within that age program, addresses improvement in the basic sound fundamentals and skills of the club's players and coaches.

The Division 1 coach has an obligation to develop their program beyond an individual season or a particular team/group of players. As such the Division 1 coach shall be structuring their program around the on-going development of ALL players within that age group.

The on-going role of a Division 1 coach requires the understanding of coaching players within a program rather than coaching an individual team. As such, in training sessions, the Division 1 coach generally has sixteen players within their direct training program. Within these sessions, the Division 2 coach acts as the Assistant or may assume the Head Coaching role under delegation by the Division 1 coach. The Division 2 coach retains their team coaching responsibilities on game day.

### 3.2 The Division 1 Coach will:

1. Attend training sessions, games, state championships and provide opportunity for players to attend and play in tournaments (*where appropriate*);
2. Attend training sessions, games etc for the other teams within their program (*where appropriate*).
3. Assist other coaches within their program through providing opportunity, resource material and advice (*where appropriate*) to aid the development of individual and team coaching skills.
4. Facilitate SABC selection process, for that age program.
5. Carry out administrative duties for that age program (as required).
6. Attend meeting requirements of the SABC.
7. Will assist in the appointment of other Divisions coaches within their age group, following those of the Division 1 positions.
8. Will provide adequate communication to all division coaches within their age group.

SABC seeks its coaches to be positive role models for their players, as player actions will generally mirror the leadership provided.

The expectations for players are also the expectations for coaches (and more).

SABC expects coaches to be firm but fair when dealing with players. Player actions which are contrary to the interests of the team or SABC will not be tolerated.

Coaches are supported to use a variety of approaches in communicating with and managing their players/team. They should balance criticism with praise, where appropriate. Players must learn to deal with constructive criticism and also learn to not get carried away with success. Constructive criticism means dealing with criticising player behaviour, not criticising the individual.

### 3.3 Coach behaviour

Always model mature behaviour consistent with that of SABC's expectations.

1. Guidelines for behaviour are:
  - Be a leader, a positive influence and role model.
  - Reward effort, fair play and commitment.
  - Recognise and respect the differences in your athletes.
  - Demonstrate respect for all individuals involved in the game.
  - Always consider the physical and emotional well-being of the athletes.
  - Communicate in a positive and rational manner.
  - Respect and coach within the spirit of the game.
  - Always attempt to contribute to the betterment of the game.
  - Adhere to Child Safe Policies
2. The following guidelines are mandatory for Member Protection:
  - Coaches should not to provide lifts to and from training/games for players unless under an emergency situation and then this should only be a one off incident.
  - When attending interstate or country tournaments;
    - If a coach wishes to assist in transporting players to the tournaments a parent/chaperone must be present.
    - If the players are female then the Chaperone must be a female.
    - The relevant coach must contact the Member Protection Officer and have the chaperone approved by the Member Protection Officer.
    - If a coach stays in the same accommodation as the players then a parent/chaperone must be present.
    - The chaperone does not have to be a parent but may include a club official or club volunteer.
    - The chaperone must have the appropriate DCSI clearance prior to departing for the tournament to receive approval.



## 4 Team Managers

Team Managers undertake an important role within the team and SABC.

Junior Team Managers facilitate communication and team unity between the coach, players, and parents.

### 4.1 Team Managers are responsible for the following:

1. To manage and provide information to your team, and to be liaison between SABC, Coach, Parents and Players in the following areas;
  - Team lists, Game schedules & Scoring rosters.
  - Coach requirements.
  - Special events.
  - Tournament planning.
  - SABC Events & Fundraising.
  - Team photos.
2. To fill out a team sheet & collect player tickets before every game.
3. To attend games and assist the coach and players on the bench.
4. To make sure every player has a drink bottle and towel at the bench at game commencement.
5. Assist with injuries and issues during the game, to relieve coach of distractions from coaching.
6. To retain a copy of the score sheet and pass on to your coach after the game.
7. Maintain the team First Aid kit [Club policy is for parents to fund replacements]
8. To supply an updated team sheet to the Basketball Operations Manager, upon any changes within the team.

## 5 Junior Team Numbers

### 5.1 Policy Statement

All SABC Junior Teams shall be shaped around eight players per team.

### 5.2 Background

SABC strives to provide an environment to develop fundamental offensive, defensive and communication systems for children to become complete players.

In order to ensure that we have a consistent and practical approach in the management of our junior program and that ALL coaches are operating consistently within the junior program, it is necessary for SABC to have a Junior Team number policy. As such the following policy is provided to ALL coaches to provide clear direction in the allocation of team numbers and the management of players throughout our junior program.

### 5.3 Procedure

1. All coaches may shape their squads and players within a program dependent upon available player numbers and the assessment of abilities based on merit.
2. All SABC Division 1 Junior teams should run with a minimum of 8 players per game every game.
3. Teams in lower Divisions may need to play with less numbers in order to support the higher grades through injury, sickness or other absentee reason.
4. In lower divisions should good reasons exist, team numbers may range between 7 to 10 players, dependent upon the availability of playing numbers and coaches.
5. Where numbers fall below 6 to 7 players for a team, that team shall only be maintained on the assurance of the team's coach that player's attendance to games can be sustained without incurring a forfeit until player numbers can be return to 8 or more.
6. Where forfeits do occur, and playing numbers cannot be brought up to negate that risk, the team will need to be withdrawn from the competition.
7. Should teams play in local or interstate tournaments, they may be structured up to ten players per team, in order to accommodate development, injury, sickness or other reason for that specific tournament.

## **6 Junior Player Selections**

### **6.1 Statement of Purpose**

The SABC Committee is committed to ensuring maximum opportunities for its junior players to play at the highest level to which they aspire, and that team selection is governed in a consistent, fair and equitable manner.

### **6.2 Registrations**

Registrations for new and existing players are held each year.

Division 1 coaches in each age group are responsible for coordinating the sessions and selecting the teams, in conjunction with the Junior Program Manager and other coaches in the age group. For existing players, selection will be based upon performance during the previous season, as well as performance at these sessions.

Cleared new players may join a team part way through the season. In these cases, the Division 1 coach, in conjunction with the Junior Program Manager, determines in which team the player will be placed.

Coaches must ensure that new players have attended training sessions prior to playing in any competition.

Players who do not meet payment deadlines as outlined in the Schedule of Fees, or who have not made alternative payment arrangements with SABC, will not be allowed to register, or participate in competition games, until financial with SABC

Coaches will be provided a list of non-financial members, and are obligated to enforce the no-pay, no-play rule

### **6.3 Team Selection**

All coaches in conjunction with Team managers must ascertain all continuing [or leaving] players for the following season, and submit a list to the Junior Program Manager at least 4 weeks before the end of each season.

All Parents must respond to the information request truthfully, and without deception.

Division trials held before each Summer season, will be the process by which coaches will make squad & team selections. All attempts must be made by players to attend these sessions

SABC will make all efforts to hold trial sessions so as to avoid school holidays, to increase the likelihood of all potential players being able to attend.

## 6 Junior Player Selections [Cont'd]

### 6.4 Selection Criteria

The following criteria are to be considered when selecting players in teams:

1. Individual Skill level;
  - Dribbling
  - Footwork
  - Passing
  - Shooting
  - Rebounding
  - Defense
2. Team Skill Level;
  - Take part in team offensive screens, cuts & leads, to enable team to score.
  - Being able to operate in a team defensive setting, using Split line, Help and Denial.
3. Work ethic;
  - Fitness
  - Intensity level & Hustle at training and games.
  - Willingness to push ones self
  - Work practice & training outside designated club trainings.
4. Commitment;
  - Training attendance
  - Tournament attendance
  - Full year commitment i.e. Summer & Winter seasons
5. Ability to work within a team environment;
  - Getting along with team mates
  - Behaving in a manner that is not detrimental to others
6. Coachability;
  - Ability to follow directions
  - Willingness to listen to feedback given by the coaching staff
  - Take on board any constructive criticism.
7. Physical attributes;
  - Height
  - Strength
  - Fitness
  - Speed
  - Agility
  - Vertical jump
  - Wing span
8. Team fit;
  - How a player might fit within a particular team
  - Guards, forwards & centers demand different skills sets and physical attributes.
9. Future potential as deemed by coaches
  - 1st Vs 2nd year, succession planning.
10. Where 2 or more children are considered equal then all of the above is taken into consideration and the coach in consultation with the Junior Program Manager will make a final decision.
11. When comparing an existing player to a new player, with all other things being equal, coaches are required to place the existing player in a higher division to reward commitment to SABC.

## 7 Training Guidelines

Following are some general guidelines which must be followed for all SABC training sessions:

1. **Plan sessions.** Head coaches should arrive at the stadium with a plan of the training session, including times, drills and points of emphasis.
2. **Manage practice time.** Ensure a variety of topics are covered. Don't dwell on one concept for a full practice trying to get it perfect. Come back and visit it another day.
3. **Attire.** Players must wear only SABC reversible tops to all trainings. This creates an atmosphere of professionalism.
4. **Be punctual.** Players and coaches must arrive at trainings 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
5. **Warm up and stretch.** The 15 minutes prior to the start of training should be used for a warm up and stretch, in that order.
6. **Attendance.** Head coaches should keep a record of player's training attendance throughout the season. All players are required to attend every programmed training session. If there is a valid reason for missing a training session, the player, parent or guardian must contact the coach personally in advance.  
If a player misses a training session and does not give a valid reason, court time in the next game may be limited. If this happens regularly, then further action may be taken, possibly involving the player being moved to a lower division.  
This must be discussed with the Division 1 coach and Junior Program Manager prior to changes occurring. The purpose of this policy is to reward players who are committed and willing to work ahead of those who are not.
7. **Coach involvement.** Ensure coaches of all divisions and assistants are engaged and involved in training sessions. In some drills, it may be useful to specify roles for coaches, i.e. each coach can focus on a particular point of emphasis. Demonstrate skills or have someone properly demonstrate the skill under discussion.
8. **Be Concise.** Most young players have a limited attention span. Minds can wander, especially if there is some other activity visible. If there is a lot to say, break it into segments.
9. **Explain Everything.** Do not assume the players understand what you just said because no one asked a question. Do not assume that if you use a common term like "frontcourt" or "baseline" that the players know what that means. Explain, and then ask. Keep conversations interactive.
10. **Use of equipment.** SABC has access to agility ladders, blocking bags, medicine balls, dribbling aids, witches hats, bibs and a video camera.
11. **Feedback.** Players must be given as much individual feedback as possible. This should happen as a matter of course at trainings and games, but coaches should also set aside time to speak to players individually outside these times, as this kind of personal feedback is more likely to be taken on board.
12. **Player involvement.** Plan drills to use as many players as possible at a time.
13. **Equipment.** Players are expected to bring a basketball to every training,
14. **Movement between drills.** Players should start drills quickly and not waste time shooting or chatting.
15. **Intensity.** Players should work at a consistently high work rate at trainings, in order to simulate game situations. This has the added benefit of improving general fitness without the need for too many specific fitness drills.
16. **Drinks.** Players must bring a drink to every training and should be given regular drinks breaks.

## 8 Game Guidelines

Following are some general guidelines which must be followed for all SABC games:

1. **Punctuality.** Players and coaches must arrive at games ~30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time, for warm up, stretching and pre game meeting.
2. **Attire.** When arriving at the stadium and warming up, players must wear appropriate SABC clothing, i.e. playing uniform, warm-up top and tracksuit or hooded top. Coaches and Team Managers must also wear appropriate SABC clothing.
3. **Court time.** In all grades below Division 1 and all under 10 divisions, players should receive approximately even court time across the season, although issues such as training attendance, punctuality and attitude may affect this.
4. **Feedback.** Give constant feedback to players, both on the court and on the bench.
5. **Team spirit.** – Encourage players to support their team mates, both on the court and off, in a positive manner.
6. **Discipline** – Players, managers or spectators are not to talk to officials about umpiring decisions. Players receiving a technical or un-sportsman like foul should be substituted out of the game at the discretion of the coach.

## 9 Player Movement

### 9.1 Between District Divisions

When a player is to be moved between teams, it is important that this is handled consistently across the club following guidelines outlined in section 6.4.

The following procedure must be followed when a change is proposed:

1. The coaches of the two teams involved and the Division 1 coach discuss the proposed change.
2. The division 1 coach discusses the proposed change with the Junior Program Manager.
3. The player's current coach informs the player in the presence of their Parent or Guardian, of the decision, and the reason it was made.
4. The player's new coach informs the player and their Parent or Guardian, of when the next training/game is for the new team.

### 9.2 Between District and Domestic [SDJBL]

When a player is to be moved between District and Domestic competitions, coaches must refer to selection criteria in section 6.4, and follow the process as outlined in 9.1 above.

Parental consultation is crucial, considering the considerable changes in player commitment, registration fees, training schedules and game day/nights, between the 2 competitions.

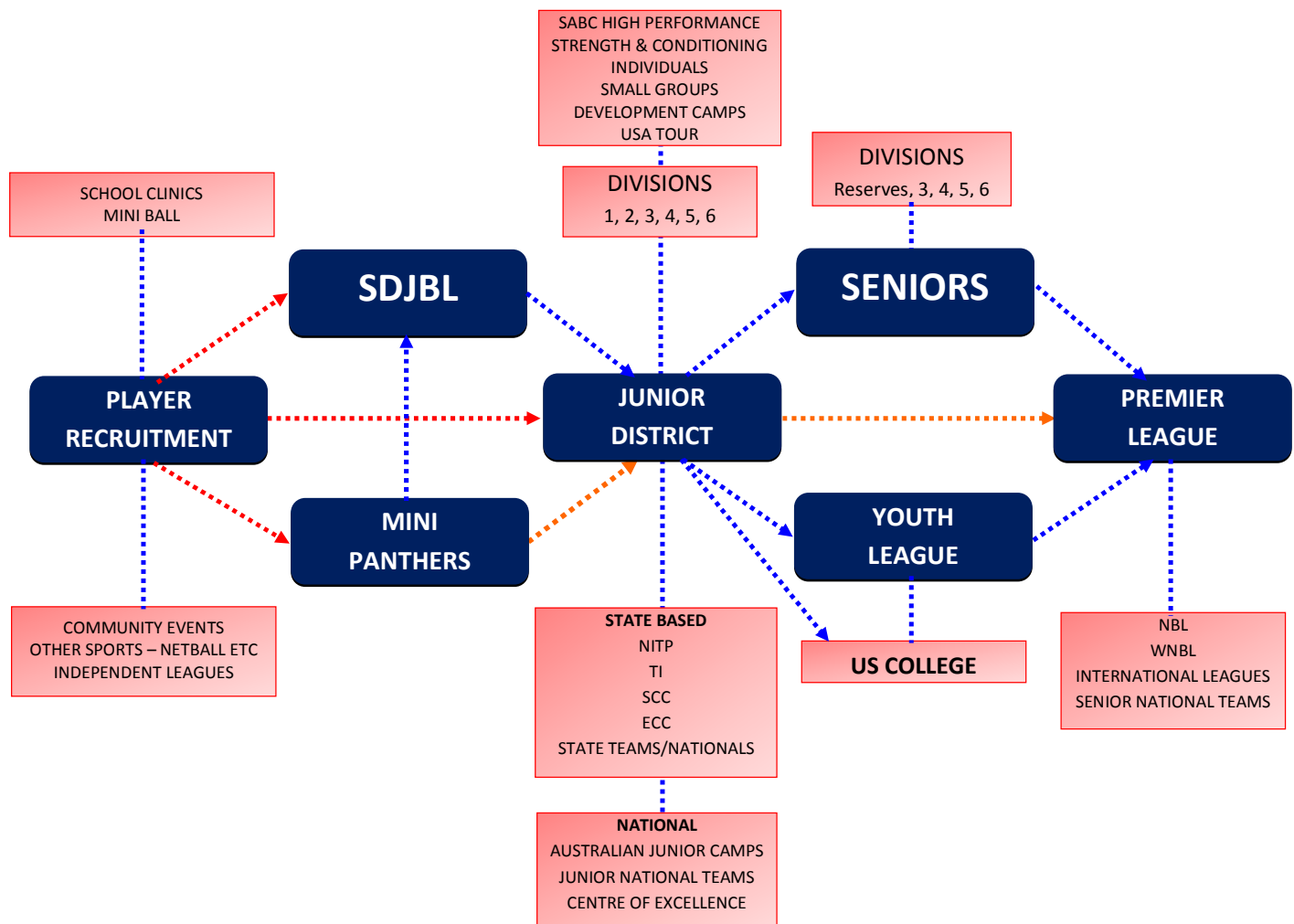
## 10 Basketball Pathways

SABC encourages players of all ages and abilities to aspire to play at the highest possible level, and our program revolves around equipping players with the fundamentals to do so.

SABC provides guidance, training, & support throughout all levels, which focuses on the development and growth of players from juniors to seniors, supporting them in reaching their full potential, and promoting opportunities for state representation and beyond.

The BSA district competition is South Australia's elite representative basketball competition, involving both male and female Junior (Under 10-Under 18), Youth League (Under 23) and Senior (open age) teams. This competition includes a Summer and Winter Season.

The top division of the senior competition is the Winter Premier League.



## 10 Basketball Pathways [Cont'd]

### 10.1 NITP

The National Intensive Training Program (NITP) is South Australia's premier junior development program, and is closely aligned to Basketball Australia's Centre of Excellence. The program applies national coaching concepts, and focuses on improving fitness, health, skills and knowledge. Players are required to be self-motivated, dedicated, and train at high intensity to improve their basketball performance. Players who demonstrate the greatest potential to become elite basketball players at state and national level are selected in emerging and elite squads.

The program is run in partnership with the University of South Australia (School of Health Sciences) from February to October, and is based at the Magill Campus, the home of elite basketball in South Australia.

BSA runs the NITP in which players participate in weekly trainings sessions throughout the year.

In this program, players receive detailed individual feedback on fundamentals and are provided with the opportunity to train with some of the best players of their age in the state.

They also attend informational sessions on topics such as diet, nutrition, fitness and psychology, and are provided with a weights program and free access to the SASI gym.

<http://www.basketballsa.com.au/high-performance/teams>

<http://www.basketballsa.com.au/assets/docs/general/BSA-High-Performance-pathways.pdf>

### 10.2 U16 and U18

At Under 16 level and Under 18 level, teams are selected to represent SA Metro and SA Country at National Championships.

Trials for these teams may vary from year to year, notices are distributed to players prior to trial dates. At Under 20 level SA is represented by a single men's and women's team at the National Championships. Trials for these teams are generally held in December.

SABC Supports state players financially - refer Fee Policy

### 10.3 SAPSASA [12 and under]

Players are eligible to try out for the SAPSASA "state" team.

Trials for this team vary from year to year, and information is distributed via schools.



## 10 Basketball Pathways [Cont'd]

### 10.4 Southern District Junior Basketball League [Domestic]

The Southern Districts Junior Basketball League (SDJBL) is a local competition for junior basketballers in the southern suburbs and country areas south of Adelaide. The league is run in partnership between SABC and the Southern Tigers Basketball Club. The purpose is to provide a competition that is accessible without overburdening families with the time and financial commitments of the District basketball system.

The objectives of the SDJBL are:

1. Provide the opportunity for children to play and enjoy basketball with a workable balance between time commitment, cost and player development.
2. Promote skill development and provide a pathway to enable them to progress to the district competition if so desired.
3. Fill the gap identified between District and School Mini-ball.
4. Provide a stable team competition option, for any players unable to be placed within the District competition

Our aim is to provide the opportunity for players to be involved in basketball with the SABC and assist them to develop individual and team skills which will enable them to make the most of their potential and enjoyment in this exciting sport. SABC will ensure that coaching, refereeing and management of the league is of a level expected and required towards the development of junior players

#### **Player Pathway**

The SDJBL will provide a pathway for continued development, improvement and will ensure all club members receive a high standard of coaching which will be relevant to their level.

1. Under 8 basketball is introduced. In this competition coaching will focus solely on skill development of individuals and some team concepts. It will be a good introduction for the very young into basketball.
2. Under 10 basketball will be provided for at a level specific to the skill and development of each player and numbers will be unlimited.
3. Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 basketball has previously been limited to District basketball. The domestic competition is targeted at those players who wish to further their development and provides a pathway through to the district competition, should they wish to move in that direction.

An SDJBL coordinator is appointed by the SABC General Committee, and employed by the club to manage the league and the pathway to the district competition.

## 11 Tournaments

Some teams may register in various carnivals and championships throughout the year at an additional cost. Tournaments can provide valuable development for players, bonding amongst team mates, and provide a social outlet for parents. Your individual coach or team managers will communicate with you if your team is intending to register in such events.

In some cases, participation in particular tournaments is compulsory. In other cases, the decision to enter a tournament is made by the coach, in consultation with parents, players, and the Junior Program Manager.

For tournaments away from Adelaide, the decision to nominate must be made early, to allow team members time for booking travel & accommodation.

Travelling teams require a minimum of 8 players and must be accompanied by a club appointed coach. [Refer Coach Behaviour 3.3.2](#)

Players must be in full club uniform with an alternative top.

Tournament fees are to be paid by the team. This may include a coach assistance fee to help our coaches cover their travel costs.

### 11.1 Club Compulsory Tournaments (where appropriate) are:

#### 11.1.1 State Championships

Early May - Weekend Tournament

Compulsory for all district Division 1 and Division 2 teams - Under 12s to Under 18s.

#### 11.1.2 National Junior Classics [Victoria]

The National Junior Classics are held in Victoria, and is one of the most prestigious club based tournaments in Australia. Invitations are given to SA teams based on their performance at State Championships. Generally the top 4 teams are invited to The Classics.

For U12 to U18 age groups only.

If an invitation is granted it is compulsory for Division 1 teams to be available for this tournament.

#### 11.1.3 Under 14 National Club Championships – Boys & Girls

Held in September/October School Holidays and by invitation only. Qualification for this tournament is based on results during the State Championships

For State grade Under 14 teams only.

If an invitation is granted, it is compulsory for a team to be available for this tournament.

#### 11.1.4 The Eltham-Dandenong Junior Tournament [Victoria]

Runs in late January – Days vary depending on timing of Australia Day public holiday.

For Division 1 – Under 12 to under 18

SABC strongly encourages teams to participate in this event if only making one interstate trip in the year.

## **11 Tournaments [Cont'd]**

### **11.2 Club Preferred Tournaments (where appropriate) are:**

#### **11.2.1 Eltham Dandenong Junior Tournament (Div 2 & Below)**

Runs in late January – Days vary depending on timing of Australia Day public holiday.

Located in Melbourne, Victoria.

SABC highly recommend this tournament for all divisions U12 to U18.

There is a competition suitable for all ages and abilities.

#### **11.2.2 June Long Week End**

Teams are encouraged to enter a tournament over the June long weekend.

- Nunawading [Melbourne - Victoria] is appropriate for all teams.
- Mildura is appropriate for teams Division 3 and below only.

#### **11.2.3 Other Tournaments**

Other Adelaide tournaments that are held throughout the year.

For example;

- BSA runs the St. Clair tournament before Christmas.
- West Adelaide runs a tournament over the middle weekend of the July school holidays.
- Norwood runs a tournament over the Easter long weekend.

## 12 Code of Conduct

### 12.1 Players

1. Play by the rules.
2. Never argue with an official.
3. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of official or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted.
4. Violence in any form is not acceptable.
5. Work equally hard for yourself and/or for the team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
6. Be a good sport.
7. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
8. Cooperate with your coach and team mates.
9. Do not use of derogatory language.
10. In the event of a player being reported for an incident at a match, the player will be required to attend a tribunal hearing set down by BSA. Should the player be found guilty of an offence, a fine is imposed by BSA and the amount of the fine will be invoiced and **payable by the player involved**.

Please remember that undue and/or unnecessary recklessness on the court may result in a technical foul against a player or alternatively may result in a report on a player.

SABC does not condone any misdemeanours The SABC Committee will investigate any matter that is presented in writing before it, and take whatever disciplinary action it deems necessary.

### 12.2 Coaches

1. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
2. Teach your players to play by the rules.
3. Violence in any form is not acceptable.
4. Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
5. Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
6. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
7. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
8. Follow the advice of a medical professional when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence training and competition.
9. Keep up to date with the latest coaching practices.

## 12 Code of Conduct [Cont'd]

### 12.3 Parents

1. Encourage children to participate, if they are interested. If a child is not willing, do not force them.
  2. Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event.
  3. Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
  4. Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
  5. Never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake or losing a game.
  6. Violence in any form is not acceptable.
  7. Remember children are involved in an organised sport for their enjoyment.
  8. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good play by all teams.
  9. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
  10. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
  11. Do not use derogatory language
- Please remember that as parents, you play a huge role in supporting your children playing at SABC. Should you have any queries or issues to raise at all, please refer to SABC Complaints Mgmt & Member protection Policy available on the website.

In the event that a parent or spectator is reported by a referee, that person will be expected to appear at a tribunal set down by BSA. If found guilty of any offence, a fine is invoiced by BSA directly to the club, which will be **passed on to the parent or spectator concerned for payment.**

BSA Code of conduct Policy

[http://www.basketballsa.com.au/assets/docs/general/Code\\_of\\_Conduct.pdf](http://www.basketballsa.com.au/assets/docs/general/Code_of_Conduct.pdf)

## 12 Code of Conduct [Cont'd]

### 12.4 Spectators

1. Remember that children play organised sport for fun.
2. Applaud good performance and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the game outcome.
3. Respect the official's decision.
4. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational.
5. Violence in any form is not acceptable.
6. Show respect for your team's opponents.
7. Encourage players to follow the rules and the official's decisions.
8. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches, officials or other spectators.
9. Do not use derogatory language based on gender, sexual orientation, age, race or religion.

In the event that a spectator is reported by a referee, that person will be expected to appear at a tribunal set down by BSA. If found guilty of any offence, a fine is invoiced by BSA directly to the club, which will be **passed on to the spectator concerned for payment**.

### 12.5 Drugs and Alcohol

SABC does not condone the use or taking of any banned drugs as defined under the Association bylaws nor those banned as illegal under State or Federal legislation.

This policy extends to the consumption of alcohol.

SABC will not tolerate any player, or SABC Official attending a club designated training session or match under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Any player reported by a coach, team manager, or official as being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be requested to appear before a Club Disciplinary Panel to discuss their actions.

If a player is found to be in breach of the Club's policy an appropriate penalty will be determined by the committee and where this involves a junior player the parents will be consulted accordingly.

## 13 Abuse of Umpires

SABC implements a zero tolerance policy towards abuse of umpires. This policy severely limits any opportunity for spectators, coaches and players to communicate with officials.

We realise that it is important for officials to develop good communication skills, however we believe it is more important to adopt a policy which will help improve the quality and number of umpires. The purpose of this zero abuse policy is to create an environment which is conducive to recruiting, developing and retaining umpiring talent, for the long term benefit of everyone.

Abuse is a reportable matter and shall be managed as per the sections below.

### 13.1 Spectators

Spectators are not permitted to discuss, criticise, query, or ask for an interpretation of, umpiring decisions, at any time. Any breaches will be reported to the SABC Committee.

A first breach will result in a warning.

A second breach, or any major breach, may result in the spectator being suspended from attending games.

### 13.2 Players

Players are not permitted to discuss, criticise, query, or ask for an interpretation of, umpiring decisions at any time. Any breaches will be reported to the SABC Committee.

A first breach will result in a warning.

A second breach, or any major breach, will result in further action by SABC.

### 13.3 Coaches

Coaches are permitted to query issues with umpires or court supervisors, provided it happens in a calm and courteous manner. Any argumentative, critical, sarcastic, repetitive or frivolous communication will not be tolerated, regardless of any justification.

All breaches will be reported to the Junior Program Manager.

A first breach will result in a warning.

A second breach, or any major breach, may result in the coach being suspended from games, at the discretion of the Junior Program Manager.