



How Do You Pick Your Tournaments? / Which Tournaments Do You Attend?

How do we pick High School Tournaments?

We look for AA level (highest level) tournaments with top competition and college coaches in attendance. We want you to play the top players in the country in front of the college coaches. Yes it means that it is harder to win a championship (it also means more when we do) and we have more 1 goal games that go against us. This is especially true at the younger ages where the players aren't used to playing at that speed and intensity. As players get older we tend to win those games / tournaments. This shows in our championship at Trilogy 24 and the Inside Lacrosse results (Semifinals - wins over Booth 8+ D1 commits, Evolve - 10+ D1 commits and a 1 goal lost to Nation United 14+ D1 commits. The only way to become your best and get recruited is to play against the best.

This summer our players competed in front of coaches from over 180 college programs. Yes we could go to local HS tournaments, play in the lowest bracket against local high school teams (Mason's JV won a local tournament over a competitor) and win a ton of trophies. But is that what you are paying all that money for? We don't think so, and we will continue to look to play against the best, help our players achieve their potential and succeed in high school and college.

How do we select middle school tournaments?

We look for the following:

1. super regional events (attract teams from multiple states)
2. within 5-6 hours of travel (we can get there without spending 2 days on travel)
3. Have a history of strong competition, responsive administrators, and good logistics
 1. We want the 8th graders to compete at 1 or 2 AA tournaments (in the AA bracket) and 1 A tournament (in the top division)
 2. We want the 7th graders to compete at 1 AA tournaments (in the AA or A bracket) and 2 A tournament (in the top division)
 3. We want the 4-6 graders to compete at 1 AA tournaments (in the A or B bracket) and 2 A tournament (in the top division)
4. cost effective for parents.

With that in mind we do not attend

1. local events where we can win the championship and destroy everyone (10+ goal victories . For example roller coaster rumble where a group of our players attended last year and rolled the competition by 12+ goals every game.
2. National recruiting tournaments that sound "cool" but are meaningless to 5-8 th grade players and cost \$350+ per player to attend. Our thought is that we would be foolish to pay that kind of money so that they can get college coaches to attend if they will not be recruiting our kids in 6 th grade.

What changes once we reach high school?

1. We go to National Recruiting events not super regional events.
2. We play against the top 20 national teams – Koopers, Amped, Nation United, Evolve, Booth, Primetime, Trilogy ICE national, C2C National, Mesa Fresh, T2, etc.
 1. *In fact, one website published a list of their top 25 high school club teams and we had beaten 19 of them in the past 4 years.*
3. Food and lodging is included for our tournaments. The kids stay in the dorms and each in the dining hall. Parents are free to relax and enjoy.
4. All games are videotaped so the players can make highlight tapes
5. We provide individual counseling on college recruitment
6. We proactively contact college coaches to help get you recruited.

What Tournaments Will We Attend With Burning River? - Tentative 2019 Calendar

Tournament directors tend to finalize tournament dates, locations and cost in November / December. This means that our plans for the summer of 2019 will not be finalized until then. Our 2018 Schedule is listed below, we expect a similar schedule for 2019.

High School Teams (2018 Schedule) - All AA level tournaments

- **Baltimore Summer Kickoff (Baltimore)** - Saturday, June 9 - Sun, June 10 - [Click For Last Year's Tournie Info](#)
- **MVP (Philadelphia)** - Fri, June 15 - Sun, June 17 - [Click For Last Year's Tournie Info](#)
- **Trilogy 24 (Baltimore)** - Thur, June 28 - Fri, June 29 - [Click For Last Year's Tournie Info](#)
- **Additional High School Tournament For All Star Teams** (Selected from all high school players)
 - **Inside Lax (Baltimore)** - Mon, July 9 - Wed, July 11 - [Click For Last Year's Tournie Info](#)

Middle School / Youth Teams (2018 Schedule)

- **Bluegrass (Louisville) - A Level** - Saturday, June 23 - Sun, June 24 - [Click For Last Year's Tournie Info](#)
- **Capital Classic (Washington, DC) - AA Level** - Sat June 30 - Sun July 1 - [Click For Last Year's Tournie Info](#)
 - 8th grade team only
- **NXT Cup (Philadelphia) - AA Level** - Saturday July 7 - Sunday July 8 - [Click For Last Year's Tournie Info](#)
- **Niagara Lax Classic - A Level** - (July 15-16) - [Click For Last Year's Tournie Info](#)
 - 4th to 7th grade teams only

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