



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

How do we pick High School Tournaments?

We look for the 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. Afterall, the only way to become your best and get recruited is to play against the best.

In the summer of 2022 our HS players competed in front of coaches from over 250 college programs. Yes we could go to local HS tournaments, play in the lowest bracket against local high school teams 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 in prior years and rolled the competition by 12+ goals every game.
2. National recruiting tournaments that sound “cool” but are meaningless to 5-8th grade players and cost \$500+ 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 6th 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 – Amped, Annapolis Hawks, Big 4 HHH, Blue Chip Nationals, Blue Star, Carolina 24/7, Crabs, DC Express, Denver Elite, Edge (Canada), Evolve (Canada), Express North, FCA, Iron Horse, Koopers, Laxachusetts, LB3, Leading Edge, Looneys, Mesa Fresh, Primetime, Team 91, Team MD, Team Oregon, 3d, Seattle Starz, West Coast Starz, 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 5 years.*
3. All games are videotaped so the players can make highlight tapes
4. We provide individual counseling on college recruitment
5. We proactively contact college coaches to help get you recruited.



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What Tournaments Will We Attend With Burning River?

Tournament directors tend to finalize tournament dates, locations and cost in November / December. Our 2023 Schedule is listed below.

Maroon High School Teams (2023 Schedule) - All AA level tournaments

- **Baltimore Summer Kickoff (Baltimore)** - Saturday, June 10 - Sun, June 11
- **NXT PA Invitational (Philly, PA)** - Sat, June 17 - Sunday, June 18
- **Inside Lacrosse Session 1 (DE Turf)** - Mon, June 26 - Wed, June 28

White High School Teams (2023 Schedule) - All A level tournaments

- **Midwest Prime Showcase (Cinn, OH)** – Friday, June 9
- **Liberty Summer Cup (NE, MD)** - Saturday, June 24 - Sun, June 25
- **Pipe City (Chicago, IL)** - Sat, July 8 - Sunday, July 9

Middle School / Youth Teams (2023 Schedule) All AA or A level tournaments

- **Liberty Summer Cup (NE, MD)** - Saturday, June 24 - Sun, June 25
- **Pipe City (Chicago, IL)** - Sat, July 8 - Sunday, July 9
- **NXT Grand Prix (Westfield, IN)** – Sat, July 15 - Sun, July 16