



# Southern Districts Basketball Association

## Junior Representative Player Travel Policy



### **1.0 Purpose:**

The aim of this policy is to ensure that all parents and players are aware of the minimum standards required regarding travel to and from the Queensland State Championships for all players selected into a SDBAL Junior Representative team.

It is important to remember that players, coaches, managers, and those associated with the team are representing SDBAL. At no stage should the name or reputation of SDBAL, BQ, or their sponsors be brought into disrepute.

### **2.0 Travel Policy:**

In accepting a position in a SDBAL Junior Representative team, parents agree to the following conditions:

#### **2.1 Team management costs:**

- a. Teams are required to cover the standard travel costs (airfare, accommodation, team meals) of the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, and Manager (“the team management”) during the Tournament (regardless of whether they are related to a player).
- b. Wherever possible, the team management should share a room to reduce costs to the team.
- c. In the event of a dispute between the team management and a parent in relation to team management costs, the ultimate decision will rest with the SDBAL General Manager or an appointed staff member.

#### **2.2 Travel to the Tournament:**

- a. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure that their child is available at the Tournament location at the time and date agreed by the team management.
- b. Teams who elect to travel together are required to wear approved SDBAL apparel while travelling.
- c. Any vehicles hired by a team must only be driven in accordance with the rental agreement.
- d. Drivers must maintain a zero-drug and zero-alcohol limit while driving a team vehicle or with team members in the vehicle.
- e. When traveling, any damage to the transportation must be paid for by the team concerned as no costs will be accepted by SDBAL.
- f. In the event of a dispute between the team management and a parent in relation to travel, the ultimate decision will rest with the SDBAL General Manager or an appointed staff member.

### **2.3 Accommodation while travelling:**

- a. Any accommodation booked by the SDBAL travel agent will be with the criteria of one athlete per bed. Adults are at no stage to be in accommodation areas alone with individual junior players (excluding 'parent & own child' and social spaces, lounge, kitchen or in a medical emergency).
- b. Any damage to accommodation establishments must be paid for by the team concerned; no costs will be accepted by SDBAL.
- c. In the event of a dispute between the team management and a parent in relation to accommodation, the ultimate decision will rest with the SDBAL General Manager or an appointed staff member.

### **2.4 SDBAL Travel Policy Information**

#### **Tournaments within 500km of Southern Districts Basketball Association**

- All players to stay with parents/guardian in their own accommodation and find their own transport to and from games.

#### **Tournaments further than 500km from Southern Districts Basketball Association**

- Athletes will travel privately and will need to arrive by the time prescribed by SDBAL.
- Teams travelling to North Queensland can choose whether to stay together. In the event a team elects to stay together, the arrangements will be organised by the coaching staff and team manager. The SDBAL travel agent will be available to assist if needed, but there is no obligation to use them. SDBAL takes no responsibility for travel or accommodation arrangements.

#### **Additional Information for ALL Representative Age Groups:**

- **Team Management Costs:** All Teams are required to cover the standard travel costs (accommodation, transport, meals) of the Head Coach, Assistant Coach, and Manager ("the team management") during the Tournament (regardless of whether they are related to a player, and regardless of whether the team has decided to stay together or not).
- **Team Travel/Accommodation:** It is optional for U14-U18 teams to stay together. If they choose to do so, this will be organised by the coaching staff and team manager. The SDBAL travel agent can assist if required but there is no obligation to use them.
- **Player Choice:** If a player chooses not to stay with the team, they will not be discriminated against in any way.
- **Responsibility:** Travel and accommodation remain the responsibility of the parent/guardian.