



INFORMATION BOOK

2025/2026 SEASON

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1. WELCOME TO SOUTHERN TIGERS

Please take a moment to read through this welcome pack, it is your guide on what to expect, how to find important information and all the general details you need to know about joining our amazing club!

1.1 FUN FACT!

Did you know that Southern Tigers Basketball Association has produced the highest number of elite Australian professional basketball players to have competed in the NBA and Olympics of any club in South Australia, and the most NBA players to come from one single club; Luke Schenscher (Chicago Bulls), Joe Ingles (Utah Jazz, Orlando Magic), and Lachlan Olbrich (Chicago Bulls).

It all starts with interest, determination, great coaching, strong mentors, hard work—and of course, lots of FUN!

1.2 WHO WE ARE

Southern Tigers Basketball Association, located at Wilford Taylor Reserve, off States Road, Morphett Vale. www.southerntigers.com.au

WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?

At Southern Tigers we are committed to developing the skills and potential of all our members, by providing a safe, fun, hardworking, respectful environment for all to enjoy and grow within.

CLUB. TEAM. PLAYER

1.3 CONTACTS

Office Administration:

Email admin@southerntigers.com.au
Phone 8326 7717

Contact for general enquiries and to be directed as appropriate.

[This is currently managed by volunteers including; Secretary, Treasurer, President]

Seniors District League

This portfolio is currently managed by the Committee Member, Director, Seniors Program, Mr John Spooner. John.spooner@southerntigers.com.au

Juniors District League

This portfolio (U10 – U21) is currently managed by the **Head of Operations and On-Court Pathways (HOOP)**, Mr Robert West-McInnes, via hoop@southerntigers.com.au, and supported by the Committee Member, Director, Juniors Program, Mr Nathan Fisher. Nathan.fisher@southerntigers.com.au

Domestic League | Southern Districts Junior Basketball League (SDJBL)

This portfolio is currently managed by Mr Aaron Perry; domestic@southerntigers.com.au

Member Protection Officer

The STBA Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) in basketball, is a confidential, impartial resource for individuals with concerns about harassment, abuse, or other inappropriate behaviours. MPIOs provide information about policies, procedures, and available options for addressing concerns, but they do not investigate complaints or mediate disputes. They are the first point of contact for members seeking information or guidance on member protection matters. All related policies are available for review on our website. This portfolio is currently managed by Mr Dan Myers.

Member Protection Officer memberprotection@southerntigers.com.au

2. LEAGUE INTRODUCTION

2.1 SOUTHERN DISTRICTS JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE (SDJBL) DOMESTIC LEAGUE PLAYER PATHWAY

SDJBL offers a competitive entry point within the local southern suburbs and regional areas, focussing on skill development, game experience and fun in a community environment. SDJBL is co-managed by Southern Tigers and was developed for those new to the game, or not quite ready for the financial or time commitment required of District League. The Head of Operations and On-Court Pathways (HOOP) will work in collaboration with the Domestic Coordinator to enable;

- Development aligned to the Southern Tigers Skills Matrix
- Consistent language and use of terminology throughout the programs
- Opportunities for training with District Squads
- Pathway to District League

The Domestic Program offers a training session once per week that combines individual skill development and team drills. These sessions will be supported by the Domestic Coordinator and selected District Coaches, noting each team will require a game-day volunteer coach to operate.

2.2 BASKETBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA (BSA) JUNIOR DISTRICT LEAGUE COMPETITION DISTRICT PLAYER PATHWAY

District basketball isn't just the next step it's a leap forward. It's more competitive, more demanding, and it's not for everyone.

Not every athlete who trials will be selected, and that's okay because District is about earning your place through commitment, skill, and attitude. It's a level of basketball that rewards hard work and potential, not just participation.

If you've been invited to trial, or have attended a trial, you're already showing the drive it takes to be part of this pathway. But it's important to know that selection is *not guaranteed*—District teams are formed with a focus on performance, coachability, and team dynamics.

This is the pathway to high performance basketball, with many of our past athletes going on to play NBL1, NBL, WNBL, and even on the world stage like **Joe Ingles – NBA & Olympics**. But none of that comes without next-level dedication.

District athletes are expected to:

- Train **twice a week**
 - once with the Squad, with a focus on player skill development,
 - the other session focusing on team drills and specific plays relevant to that player cohort
- Be self-motivated to improve outside of training
- Take feedback and work hard to apply it
- Show leadership, discipline, sportsmanship, and resilience
- Maintain high standards on and off the court

You'll learn team systems, build endurance, develop game IQ, and push your limits—all while having fun, being challenged, and growing into a next-level athlete.

2.3 AGE GROUP DESIGNATION

Age Groups 2025/26 Season	
Year of Birth	Designated Age Group
Junior League	
2017 - 2019	Under 10s
2015 – 2016	Under 12s
2013 – 2014	Under 14s
2011 – 2012	Under 16s
2009 – 2010	Under 18s
Youth League	
2006 - 2008	Under 21 Boys
2004 - 2008	Under 23 Girls

2.4 SEASON DATES

- **District**
 - Grading/Pre-Season: October to December
 - Championship: January to September
- **Domestic**
 - Term 4, 2025 + Term 1, 2026 (Summer season)
 - Term 2 + 3, 2026 (Winter season)

2.5 WHEN ARE GAMES PLAYED

DISTRICT LEAGUE SCHEDULE [BSA]		
Age Group	Division	Game Day
Under 10s	All Divisions	Saturday AM
Under 12s	Division 1 and 2	Friday PM
Under 12s	Division 3 and below	Saturday AM
Under 14s	Division 1 and 2	Friday PM
Under 14s	Division 3 and below	Saturday AM
Under 16s	Division 1 and 2	Friday PM
Under 16s	Division 3 and below	Thursday PM
Under 18s	Division 1, 2 and 3	Friday PM
Under 18s	Division 4 and below	Thursday PM
Under 21s / 23s	All Divisions	Mon, Tues, Wed PM Depending on Division

Roughly half of games are played at Morphett Vale, the other half around metropolitan Adelaide.

2.6 GAME VENUES

DISTRICT LEAGUE VENUES		
Central Lions	Eastern Mavericks	Forestville Eagles
Alexander Drive EVANSTON	8 Dutton Rd, MOUNT BARKER	142 Rose Terrace WAYVILLE
Norwood Flames	North Adelaide Rockets	South Panthers
531 Lower North East Road CAMPBELLTOWN	244 East Pkwy LIGHTSVIEW	30 Norfolk Road MARION
Sturt Sabres	West Adelaide Bearcats	Woodville Warriors
267 Daws Road PASADENA	50 St Vincent Street PORT ADELAIDE	109 Woodville Road WOODVILLE SOUTH

DOMESTIC LEAGUE VENUES:

Saturday afternoons from 1200 pm, with most venues located in the Southern area between the Oaklands Park area and Seaford.

- Morphett Vale Stadium
- Reynella East College
- McCauley Primary School
- Marion Stadium
- Marion YMCA Courts
- Mitchell Park Stadium

Training:

District:

Training is compulsory twice a week, consisting of 1 x midweek team focussed training, 1 x skills/ player development focussed training on Sunday morning/midday (younger age groups) or night (older age groups).

**In some cases, the skills/ player development session may be offered midweek*

Domestic:

Skills session - 1 x Session (across the week)

Players are expected to attend training ready to participate; appropriate dress (playing shorts / reversible light/dark singlet), appropriate footwear, correct size ball, drink bottle and any supports/tapes required, with a ready-to-go attitude.

Coaches should be advised of any injuries prior to training so that a modified session, or specific drills can be provided where appropriate.

Basketball Sizes	
All Under 12s and below	Size five (5)
All Under 14s	Size six (6)
Female Under 16 and above	Size six (6)
Male Under 16 and above	Size seven (7)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS

The club loves to keep the children involved in their basketball over the school holidays. Sessions will be coordinated to compliment regular training, with a focus on particular skill sets. Your Age Group Coordinator, or coach may recommend attendance to assist your development.

These clinics/skills sessions are great fun and a great way to stay connected during the holidays!

3. 2026 FEE STRUCTURE

Southern Tigers Basketball Association player fees are reviewed in line with the budget process and set accordingly. Fees contribute to operational costs including but not limited to; BSA Team Nomination fees, court hire (noting Morphett Vale stadium is a BSA venue that generates court hire costs), coach development, and associated equipment.

3.1 BASKETBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA | BASKETBALL AUSTRALIA AFFILIATION FEES

The State's Basketball governing body, BSA set an annual compulsory affiliation fee, required as part of participating in any affiliated basketball competition in South Australia. (Please see as listed below under The National Basketball governing body, Basketball Australia, has mandated a \$5.00 fee, all of which are payable at the time of registering through the Basketball Connect game day app.

Age Group	2025 total	FPS Levy
District U10 - U16	\$36.49	\$5.00
District U18	\$48.05	\$5.00
District Senior	\$59.56	\$5.00
SA Church	\$28.97	\$5.00
Domestic/Social	\$28.97	\$5.00

3.2 GAME DAY FEE

A game fee is charged for each District game you play. The current rate for JDL 2025 is between \$14.33 and \$17.00 per game for District, per junior player (increases per age group), and is subject to change by the governing body. This is paid via Basketball Connect app and is collected by Basketball South Australia. Your coach or team manager will be able to get you set up ready for this.

Club fees are charged separately and do not cover game day fees.

Domestic Game day fees are paid up front for the season at \$130 through *Game Day App* on registration. This is in addition to Club fee of \$225.

Registration Age Group 2025/2026	Grading/Pre-Season (Summer) 2025/2026	Championship Season (Winter) season 2026
Under 10s	\$250	\$440
District Under 12 – 18 Div 1 & 2	\$385	\$640
District under 12 – 18 Div 3 à	\$325	\$540
Youth (U21/23)**	\$290	\$340
Seniors - training**	\$290	\$370
Seniors - non training	\$250	\$320
Domestic	\$225	\$225
Affiliated with training *	\$130 total game day fee	\$130 total game day fee

**Lower fees apply due to singular training session per week.

In 2025 STBA introduced a Volunteer Levy, \$60 per player. This will be an add on to fees and can be exempt through active volunteering in a range of activities to support the Association moving forward.

3.3 Payment Options

Southern Tigers 'Teaming' player database does allow for a time limited payment plan option, which can be selected on registration. It is the responsibility of the player/caregiver to contact the club in advance of the October season commencement where a negotiated payment plan is required. Failure to meet fee obligations will result in a 'no pay, no play' status, until resolved. No refunds will be granted for fees paid. Medical exemption is at the discretion of the committee and requires a medical certificate from Doctor.

4. TRIALS & SQUAD SELECTION

If your child is selected for our District Program for 2026/2027, a notification email will be sent to families with information on process.

Registration will need to be completed to be eligible for District Squad Selections, via Southern Tigers Website. Basketball Connect registration will cover Insurance and is mandatory. This is for a calendar year and will be required before taking the court. Fees are non-refundable once paid for acceptance of a District position.

5. UNIFORM & TIGERS APPAREL

All players must be allocated a playing number approved by the Association to avoid duplication of playing numbers within the same age groups. Please contact admin@southerntigers.com.au clearly defining request;

- Player's name (full), Age Group, Date of Birth

A number will be assigned to the player profile and you will be informed. Please do not order a uniform until the player number has been officially allocated. Second Hand uniform options should be treated in the same manner – please ensure the jersey number is available before purchasing.

Players are required to present to game days in a Southern Tigers reversible playing singlet, and official Southern Tigers playing shorts. Southern Tigers reversible singlet is required for training also.

Please advise your Team Manager / Coach, or reach out to hoop@southerntigers.com.au if you are waiting on uniform arrival as the season starts. A loan uniform will be sought out pending availability.

APELLE – Apparel Provider

Uniforms and Southern Tigers apparel can be purchased from our online store - www.southerntigers.com.au, follow the link to Merch Store.



A uniform size run is available at the stadium for player's to try on, with designated fitting days scheduled throughout the season. Apelle will attend the stadium for 'Pop Up' shop days which will be advertised in advance.

6. TOURNAMENTS / CARNIVALS

Eltham-Dandenong Junior Basketball Tournament

January 2026

An Australia Day long weekend competition held in Melbourne and one of the largest Junior events nationally

Basketball SA Junior State Championships

May 2026

This is a premier stat-level tournament for affiliated District Club teams held in Adelaide

National Junior Classic

June 2026

Kings Birthday June long weekend tournament held in Melbourne and is an invitation only event, based on results of the State Championships, (typically the top 4 Division 1 teams). If selected, attendance is compulsory for all players of the invited team.

Nunawading, Victoria: all District Divisions

Mildura, Victoria: Division 3 and below

June 2026

6.1 Adelaide Based Carnivals:

- St Clair Christmas Carnival – December 2025
- Norwood Easter Classic – April 2026
- Bearcats Carnival – July 2026
- South City Carnival – July 2026

Interest in participation in non-compulsory tournaments/carnivals should be discussed with relevant Age Group Coordinators / HOOP and registered via the online form;

<https://www.southerntigers.com.au/tournament-form>

7. AS A PARENT OR CAREGIVER OF A JUNIOR PLAYER, YOU SHOULD EXPECT:

Well guardians, mums, dads, nans, pops, family, and friends, we want you to love the game as much as we do, and your child will!

Our club provides reliable, safe care, understanding and commitment to our junior players. Our coaches, mentors, team managers and club volunteers are all here to help each player reach their potential, whether your child has been selected for Team 1 or Team 6, everyone is given the best opportunities to learn and grow within their basketball capabilities.

This might sometimes mean moving up or down a division to suit your child's needs and skill levels. Please trust our coaches and mentors with these decisions because they are doing their best to support your child's development.

We are all role models to your children when we are teaching them to play a game that we all love. Not only are they learning about basketball, but there are also many life lessons that are learnt along the way as well, such as discipline, sportsmanship, respect, work ethic and communication skills. With this in mind, we ask as parents you also help us teach these important aspects to our upcoming juniors, by being **respectful** towards umpires, coaches, fellow team members, opposition teams and volunteers.

We are all human and no one benefits from anger, disrespectful behaviour, or bad sportsmanship. So please bring your child to each training and each game and come ready to cheer and support as loud as you can! You will be required to sign a parent/guardian and player code of conduct that outlines the importance of the expectations surrounding respectful behaviour.

We also cannot run games without the help of volunteers. The club volunteers are integral to the functioning of the sporting environment and cannot be done without you. Our current preferred model requires Assistant Coaches to support trainings and game day, along with Team Manager's for each District Team. These roles are traditionally filled by parent/caregiver volunteers.

Domestic team Coaching and Team Management roles are also filled by parent/caregiver volunteers. We ask that all of our player's caregivers are ready for some game day scoring. Training sessions will be available prior to season commencement.

8. EVENT INFORMATION, IMPORTANT DETAILS AND CLUB COMMUNICATION

The Southern Tigers website has an account login section, once you decide to be a Tiger player, you can set up your online account. Here you can keep track of your registration playing fees, uniform allocation numbers, register for special events and much more!

<https://southerntigers.teaming.com.au/>

<https://registration.basketballconnect.com/1>

Once you are on the email database, you will automatically receive emails from the club about important dates, information, and updates, you will also have a "WhatsApp" group chat for your age group / team in which communication from your coach and team manager will be shared. There is also great Facebook / Instagram pages that is updated frequently. Head across and 'like' and 'follow' the pages now to stay up to date!

9. NBL1 HOME GAMES

Our club has a male and female team of highly skilled players that compete in the NBL1 Central league. It is a great family atmosphere to come and watch with canteen and bar facilities available. Keep an eye out for details on our Facebook page for tickets to our next game. The season runs from April to August (finals September). It is a great community event, a great way to get to know the club and its members and support our athletes.

10. OTHER PROGRAMS WE RUN IN ADDITION TO DISTRICT & DOMESTIC BASKETBALL:

Tiger Cubs Program

- Skills development program for 5 - 9-year-olds who are new to the game
- Held each school term across 3 locations: Seaford (Tuesday), Morphett Vale (Thursday), Reynella East College (Saturday AM) *please check details on registration
- Current cost is \$80 for 6 x 1 hour sessions
- Register: <https://southerntigers.teaming.com.au/tiger-cubs>

Skill Development Programs

- Elite Level Academy – Invite Only
- Development Academy (Division 3 & Below District Players)
- Domestic Pathway Program (Extra Skills Session for progress into district)

Programs per school term are dependent on coach and court availability and are subject to change

11. CLEARANCE FROM SOUTHERN TIGERS

To clear from Southern Tigers and play for another club, you are required to provide evidence of 'acceptance' whereby the club being transferred to have provided written correspondence indicating the player has a place within their District squad. This acceptance correspondence is to be forwarded to Southern Tigers to request a clearance via clearance@southerntigers.com.au & Basketball South Australia districtleagues@basketballsa.com.au

A Clearance fee of \$85 will be invoiced, and all outstanding fees are required to be finalised, along with the return of any equipment, or assets (including loan uniform) before clearance is granted.

The Clearance fee may be reduced or waived entirely through the following options;

1. Provision of feedback and learning opportunities to assist Southern Tigers to improve their services, via an electronic form. The Clearance Fee is reduced to \$40 on receipt of feedback form.
2. Donation of playing uniform to the Club within 7 days of Clearance request, along with the provision of feedback, removes the Clearance fee entirely.

12. HELPING AS A VOLUNTEER OR BECOMING A CLUB SPONSOR

We love extra hands! If you would like to help out at the club, we would love to have you!

Any sporting club cannot operate without the amazing help from its volunteers, whether it's helping set up and pack for our NBL 1 games, social and fundraising events, BBQ support on a Friday night, helping clean up, providing fresh ideas or becoming a sponsor, we want you!!

Contact the office or one of our committee members for more information.