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THOUGHTS ON...

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DECODING THE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
PLANS, SO YOU KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT

The “Thoughts on” series is a series of papers designed to supply Epic family members (and potential Epic family members) with our thoughts on various topics. There are exceptions to many rules, so if Epic is “for” or “against” a topic, that does not mean that it’s members cannot or must participate or that there is not an exception for a specific player. These are general guidelines and are a reflection of the opinions of the Epic Administration in most scenarios. Generally speaking Epic United refers to the entire Epic family (Epic, Altitude, and Diamond Elite)

I. What is an OVERNIGHT?

a. Roughly anything further than 90 minutes from our center. We do understand that

If you are on our East side, going 90 minutes West of center may be over 2 hours for your (and visa versa), so you are welcome to stay overnight for non-overnight events, but this is our definitions.

i. Crystal lake, Marengo are not overnights, but Rockford is.

ii. Kankakee is not an overnight, but Peoria is.

iii. Elkhart is not an overnight, but Fort Wayne is.

iv. Lafayette is not an overnight, but Indianapolis is.

b. Rough targets for number of overnight events, not counting nationals are:

| | | Team Type | | | |
|-----|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| | | Travel lite | Travel | Travel Plus | Travel National |
| AGE | 17-18 | 0-1 | ~2 | 2-3 | 2-4 |
| | 15-16 | 0 | 2-3 | 2-3 | 2-4 |
| | 13-14 | 0 | ~2 | 2-3 | 2-4 |
| | 11-12 | 0 | 0 | 0-1 | 1-2 |
| | 9-10 | 0 | 0 | NA | NA |

II. Qualifier or Other 3-day event:

a. There are some mega-tournaments (200-1000 teams and even more) that often occur in convention centers. These are often 3-day events and may require players to miss a day of school. These are normally national qualifiers, though there are some others as well. If you are on a team that has this possibility, you are expected to miss school if there is a conflict. If this is not acceptable, request another team during the team placement process.

b. Below is an example of expectations, though it may change from year to year:

| AGE | Team Type | | | |
|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Travel lite | Travel | Travel Plus | Travel National |
| 17-18 | 0 | 0 | 1-2 | 1-3 |
| 15-16 | 0 | 0 | 0-1 | 1-3 |
| 13-14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-3 |
| 11-12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1-2 |
| 9-10 | 0 | 0 | NA | NA |

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III. Nationals / Season Ending Events:

- a. Epic tries to balance playing in high level national events with the expense of attending them. At some ages, players need the college exposure and high level of competition. At other ages, it is still beneficial, but not necessary. Epic often lets teams “upgrade” to these events if they are not included.
- b. USAV vs AAU: See “thoughts on nationals” for more information
- c. Below is a list of what should generally be expected:

| AGE | Team Type | | | |
|-------|--------------------|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Spring Travel lite | Travel | Travel Plus | Travel National |
| 17-18 | TBD | MWCF | Asics 3day | AAU/USAV |
| 15-16 | MWCF | MWCF | Asics 3day | AAU/USAV |
| 13-14 | MWCF | MWCF | Asics 2 Day | AAU/USAV |
| 11-12 | MWCF | MWCF | Asics 2 Day | TBD |
| 9-10 | TBD | MWCF | NA | NA |

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