

PLAYING TIME POLICY

At Sporting Albany, we recognize that families invest in our program with the expectation of skill development and meaningful participation. While the primary focus of player development occurs during practices, tournament participation is also an important part of each athlete's experience.

Playing time at tournaments is determined at the discretion of the coaching staff and may vary based on a range of factors, including effort, performance, team needs, and game situations. While equal playing time cannot be guaranteed, it is a core value of our club that all athletes receive beneficial court time during tournaments.

No athlete should sit out an entire day at a tournament. Coaches are expected to manage rosters and rotations to ensure all participating players contribute on the court in a meaningful way.

Please note that playoff or elimination rounds may involve more strategic lineup decisions with less variation, as these games typically carry higher competitive stakes. However, the expectation for inclusive and developmental play remains a guiding principle throughout the tournament weekend.

This policy supports our commitment to both competitive integrity and the holistic development of every athlete in our program.

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