



Nunawading Spectres Elite Potential Development Pathway

The intention of this guideline is to establish clarity on an 'elite potential' player development pathway that harnesses the crossover between the Nunawading Spectres Junior & Senior Programs.

The collaborative aim is to accelerate elite potential player development opportunities by introducing identified athletes into a Senior Program environment whilst adopting a greater focus on load management and a reduced impact on Junior Program commitment and team / individual performance.

What is an 'Elite Potential' Player?

A player that has achieved State and/or National squad selection including but not limited to Australian Development Camps.

For the purpose of these guidelines, State selection does not include Basketball Victoria's NITP / NPP programs. It does include either Vic Metro or Vic Country team selection and emergency / reserve positions.

Athletes may be identified beyond the above criteria by a selection committee consisting of;

- Senior Spectres Chair
- Junior Spectres Chair
- Junior Spectres Director of Coaching
- NBL1 Men's / Women's Head Coach (or in the event of an overlap, another member of senior coaching staff).

The Pathway Criteria

The Elite Potential Player Pathway is not designed to be rigid. As the basketball landscape continues to evolve and the demands on junior athletes seemingly increase, this collaborative pathway must allow a minimum level of flexibility for each individual athlete and their existing commitments - without causing unnecessary or significant disruption to the Nunawading Spectres Junior and / or Senior Programs.

It is important to note that the Elite Potential Player Pathway is in place for athletes in the Nunawading Spectres U18 Programs (bottom & top age eligible). A player who represents at State or National level in U16's is eligible only once they move into the U18 age group.

Team Definitions

For the purpose of these guidelines, the following team definitions will apply.

Junior Team; Any team under the Nunawading Spectres Junior Program umbrella.

Development Team; The Nunawading Spectres Big V - Victorian Youth Championship team.

Senior Team; The Nunawading Spectres NBL1 team.

The Pathway

An Elite Potential Player identified by State selection or by selection committee may be accelerated into



the Nunawading Spectres Development Team. All Junior Team commitments must be maintained, plus a minimum of one Development Team session per week.

The player will be available for (but not guaranteed) game selection for regular season home and Melbourne metro away games only. Should the Development Team be required to travel to regional Victoria during the Finals, the player may be made available for selection following consultation and agreement between;

- Senior Spectres Chair
- Junior Spectres Director of Coaching
- Development Team Head Coach
- Junior Team Head Coach
- The Player

An Elite Potential Player identified by National squad selection may be accelerated into the Nunawading Spectres Senior Team. All Junior Team commitments must be maintained, plus a minimum of one Senior Team session per week.

The player will be available for (but not guaranteed) game selection for regular season home and Melbourne metro away games only. Should the Senior Team be required to travel to regional Victoria at any stage during the regular season and/or Finals, the player may be made available for selection following consultation and agreement between;

- Senior Spectres Chair
- Junior Spectres Director of Coaching
- Senior Team Head Coach
- Junior Team Head Coach
- The Player

The player will not be available for selection for any game's that are played interstate.

Note; that for the duration of the State team preparation (usually January - April), the player will not be available / required for Development Team sessions. The player will resume Development Team duties following the Australian Junior Championships and a minimum of one full week's rest has been afforded. The player must maintain all Junior Team commitments.

Player Eligibility

An Elite Potential Player must maintain all Junior Team commitments and the minimum commitment to their Development / Senior Team. Inability to maintain these without sufficient communication and agreement will see the player removed from the Senior Spectres Program for the remainder of the season.



Program Communication

It is expected to achieve optimal benefit that an open and regular line of communication is established between the Head Coaches of the Junior Team and Development / Senior Team (whichever applicable).

Both the Senior Spectres Chair and Junior Spectres Chair will collaboratively report progress / challenges as required via monthly MEBA Board reports.

The purpose of these communication lines is to ensure the player is receiving beneficial development across all levels of their basketball, that in-game performances are meeting desired levels and commitments are being met as required.