



# SOUTH ISLAND PRIMARY TOURNAMENT



**PIONEER BASKETBALL CLUB**  
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## **Trial now to represent Pioneer in the South Island Primary Tournament! (SIPT)**

The SIPT is a year 7/8 basketball tournament run by North Canterbury Basketball Association (NCBA). Teams enter from clubs and schools all around the south Island in various grades and age groups.

Pioneer uses the tournament to help develop players, referees and coaches. It's a fantastic opportunity to introduce players to a world of 'competitive' basketball. For many, it's their first time trialling for a team, first time on a tournament either playing, reffing or coaching. And it's always lots of fun!

The following information in this document is for parents, players, referees and coaches to help guide you all through the process of the tournament.



# SIPT DETAILS



## Trials

Players must register prior to trials and be able to attend trials. By registering they agree to attend the trainings and the whole tournament. They also agree to follow the Pioneer Code of Conduct and display Pioneer values throughout the tournament.

SIPT is a development and participation based event for Pioneer Basketball Club. However, due to restrictions in team registrations selections to teams will be limited.

**NOT EVERY CHILD WHO TRIALS WILL BE SELECTED**

### Teams Selected

- Y7/8 Boys Competitive
- Y7/8 Boys Development
- Y7/8 Girls (entered into Development grade but grading may change this)

In 2026, the hosts are not running the Y5/6 3x3 tournament due to a lack of court space. But it will return in 2027!!

## Training

Players who are selected for a team must attend both training sessions.

The trainings prior to tournament are a vital part of the tournament process. Coaches and players need time to get to know each other and build a team connection.

The teams will be at the training camp for the full time.

The off court sessions include team bonding and injury prevention/wellbeing session.

Players will need to bring a snack for the off court session.

## Pioneer Basketball Club SIPT Key dates

Event	Date	Location	Boys	Girls	Notes
Open Trial	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Hillmorton High School	6 - 7.30pm	6-7.30pm	Boys in New Gym, Girls in Old gym
Team announcement	By Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Acceptance of selection due by 8am Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March. Failure to accept position in team will result in athletes passing on selection. Reserves will be called.			
Training 1	Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Pioneer Stadium	2 - 4pm	4 - 6pm	Key training, including introduction of on point warm ups
Training 2	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Pioneer Stadium	4 - 5.15 pm	5.15 - 6.30pm	Final training prior to games.
Practise game	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	We are working with local teams to organise a scrimmage prior to tournament
Tournament	Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> - Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Mainpower Stadium, Rangiora			Games will be assigned in 'sessions' so your team may play morning or afternoon games.



# SIPT DETAILS



## Tournament

If selected for the tournament, players must be available for the WHOLE tournament

**Date:** Friday 10th April - Sunday 12th April

**Times:** Games will be played between 7am-8pm. (Draw depending)

*The draw is created and sent out by NCBA, Pioneer will share with families when it arrives. Often the draw isn't finalised until the week of tournament.*

**Location:** 289 Coldstream Road, Mainpower Stadium, Rangiora.

*Alternate venues around Rangiora may be added depending on the draw.*

**Cost:** \$220 per player (Includes tournament entry, Trial and training court hire, administration and uniform hire)

*Note: an increase in cost in 2026 due to higher registration fees and administration costs. If you require financial assistance please speak with Alice or Sandra - [finance@pioneer.nz.basketball](mailto:finance@pioneer.nz.basketball)*

- Reserves will train with the team, only charged if called on to play in the tournament. They are welcome to attend tournament but will not be playing unless called on PRIOR to tournament beginning.
- We will provide uniforms for the tournament but they must be returned. Teams may be required to wear their own black shorts.
- Mouthguards are required for the tournament.
- Whānau/ caregivers are responsible for transport to and from the venues, accommodation is not provided. Carpooling can be an option - but must be managed by caregivers.
- Each team is required to have a volunteer manager, we ask that any parent who is available to assist please indicate in their child's form.

*Managers are required to communicate with the teams whānau (draws and meeting times etc), assign uniforms and collect at the end of tournament, fill up water bottles. Managers may sit at the end of team benches IF required by the coaches to support with water bottles, scoresheets or injuries.*

Pioneer Basketball Club staff, Community Champions and Committee will be at the tournament to support the teams. It's vital that Pioneer staff are told of any concerns as they arise.

The SIPT tournament is a development opportunity for our players and coaches. It's important to note that the clubs values and expectations are different to many other clubs and schools.

There may be some teams that don't play equal minutes during games, who use screens, play full court pressure defence for an entire game. The expectation from Pioneer is that players and coaches play with Pioneer values and club policy despite the pressure from other teams to do otherwise.



# SIPT PIONEER EXPECTATIONS

## Code of Conduct

Pioneer Basketball Clubs Code of Conduct (see next page) is a vital part of our clubs culture. The COC is based on Pioneers 4 key values of Whanaungatanga, Manaakitanga, Pono and Hiranga.

Every player who registers for our club agrees to read, understand and follow our COC.

## Equal Opportunities

At SIPT, ALL players will receive equal minutes on the court within injury and foul restraints. We understand that our players are all growing, developing and moving at different rates. Therefore, it's important that all players get the chance to play and enjoy their time in a team. Our role is to foster a love for the game, and no one loves to spend a whole tournament sitting on a bench. Players learn best by DOING and playing as much as possible. During the last quarter of a close game, equal minutes will not apply. Coaches are able to use discretion.

## Screens

No Pioneer team will be allowed to use screens on offence. Screens are ineffective tools on offense unless they are fully understood and performed correctly. It's also important that our players can create play off basic but effective tools first (e.g. cuts, isolation play, transition). Screens are also dangerous when not performed correctly. Because other teams will likely use screens, our teams will be instructed on how to spot a screen, defend against it and stay safe in game during their training.

## Social Media

Players will not be permitted to use their phones during 'team time' at tournament. Coaches, managers and staff will not 'befriend' or message a player under the age of 16. The club will post photos and share moments from tournament as we receive permission from families first. Parents, you are welcome to share photos of your child but if you have other children in those photos you must ask their parents for permission before posting.  
NO FILMING GAMES OR LIVE STREAMING

## Pioneer Support

The first person you should contact if you have an 'issue' or concern at any stage during the tournament is Alice  
clubmanager@pioneer.nz.basketball  
Alice is the administrator and will be at all of the tournament.  
Her number will be given to coaches and managers to use if needed.



Alice - Club Manager

Please approach Alice with your concerns - NOT coaches, managers, players, referees or NCBA



# PIONEER BASKETBALL CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT



The Pioneer Basketball Club Code of Conduct applies to all members of our community. The Code of Conduct is a reflection of Pioneer's values and is a condition of participation for all.

## PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play by the rules
- Play in the spirit of sportsmanship, accepting referee decisions with grace
- Cooperate fully with your coach and teammates
- Treat teammates and opponents with respect. Without them you wouldn't have a game
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat - be prepared to lose sometimes
- Thank the opposing team and officials after each game

## COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember that children participate for pleasure, winning is only part of the fun
- Treat all players with dignity and respect
- Teach your players to follow the rules and respect opponents and officials. Lead by example
- Give every player an equal opportunity to develop their game
- Accept refereeing decisions with good grace
- Thank the opposing coach and officials after each game

## PARENT/SUPPORTER CODE OF CONDUCT

- Cheer for your child's team
- Allow the coach to do their job - support without interfering
- Be in control of your emotions at all times during a game
- Positive comments only to coaches, players and officials
- Show interest, enthusiasm and support for your child
- Allow your child the space to play the game- save constructive feedback for later
- Thank coaches, officials and other volunteers when they do a good job

# >>> PLAYERS

## Team Culture

One of the greatest parts of SIPT is the relationships and friendships that are built. There will be plenty of downtime and team time throughout the buildup to and during the tournament. It's important that players embrace the chance to engage with their team mates. As per the Pioneer COC, all players must treat team mates, coaches, officials and opposition with respect at all times. We have a zero tolerance policy for engaging negatively with referees. This includes comments about calls, foul language and poor body language.

Remember, the best teammates lift up their team mates - encourage, support and include. Let's have fun and enjoy the experience!



# >>> COACHES

## What is Success?

SIPT is the perfect opportunity for you to develop your coaching skills. There's so much to be learnt as a coach and SIPT will cover it all! You'll get to help run and select a trial, plan and deliver effective training sessions and team bonding sessions. And then at the very end you'll get to experience the highs and lows of coaching a tournament!

It's incredibly important that you consider what success means for you and your team. At Pioneer, we focus on the success of developing PEOPLE and knowing that if we can develop people, success will follow.

Coaches, the most important part of success is fostering a love for the game. You will be a successful coach if your players want to come back and play again! Regardless of how their scores ended up, if you can facilitate a quality team environment your players will enjoy playing.

A few key reminders:

- EVERY game, ALL players receive equal minutes
- Keep it simple
- Positive language = positive teams
- We do NOT make comments on calls or argue with referees EVER. If you have an issue in your game, send a manager to get the referee trainer or a Pioneer Staff member. Focus on your players.

If you need support managing fair subs, working on your language, tone or body language please see Alice!

## Supporting our Players

We hope you all enjoy SIPT, it's a fantastic tournament for all and we know that watching your child develop over the course of the weekend will be amazing!

Please remember that we are developing children and that everyone on the courts are learning. We use SIPT to develop our coaches, players and referees and it's important that you support all our members.

- The language you use matters!

Please support and encourage only. Words like 'foul!', 'travel!', 'No!' aren't needed and can be very harmful for a junior referee or a player. Especially if 10 people are all saying similar things.

- Spectators Spectate

Please enjoy your chance to watch your children, allow your coaches to coach and referees to ref. There are referee supervisors and trainers who can support referees and Pioneer staff will be as available as possible to support coaches when needed.

- Give the teams space

Please let your child spend as much time with their team as possible. When you arrive at a venue, your child can go hang out with their team. Please watch games from the baselines and don't approach the benches during play.

***If you have a concern during tournament please reach out to a Pioneer staff or volunteer. If you'd like some clarification on a rule or want someone to watch a game with you we would be happy to do so.***

## Resources for Parents

Whether your a first time basketball parent or a seasoned veteran, parenting a tournament can be difficult!

-Sport NZ have some great resources - <https://sportnz.org.nz/parents-and-caregivers/parents-and-caregivers/>

-Supporting players with failure - <https://balanceisbetter.org.nz/how-to-help-athletes-with-failure/>

-Sports Waikato Parent video - <https://youtu.be/k4BrOJ1-MuQ>

# REFEREES

Pioneer has a long history of quality, successful referees. And most, if not all of our National/international referees have refereed at SIPT in the past.

Pioneer staff will put you in contact with NCBA and their referee coordinator and you will mostly deal with them for the weekend and they will supply training and supervision. BUT, Pioneer will also be following your journey and will have support available whenever you feel you need it. Just let us know if you have any issues.

We ask that all our referees wear their Pioneer shirts and do so with pride... congratulations on being selected to represent our club!

# GOOD SPORTS<sup>®</sup>

*“Hey Mum and Dad, this is how you can help me make this season a great one!”*

- 1 Keep it FUN**
- 2 Remember MY MISTAKES ARE FOR LEARNING**
- 3 Focus on MY EFFORT & IMPROVEMENT**
- 4 Please SUPPORT EVERYONE, INCLUDING THE OPPONENTS**
- 5 After every game say to me “I LOVE WATCHING YOU PLAY”**



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## WHĀNAU AND SUPPORTERS

### GRAB A SEAT



#### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR TAMARIKI AT THE GAME

- **S**how them that you support the coach by encouraging your child to stay with the team and listen during time outs and when they are on the bench
- **E**ncourage all the children
- **A**plaud effort over outcome
- **T**ry not yell out directions - let the coach be the coach and let the children play

#### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR TAMARIKI AFTER THE GAME

- **S**peak positively of the coach, team, and referees in front of your child
- **E**ncourage your child to try a variety of sports and activities
- **A**llow your child to be a problem solver- failure is part of learning
- **T**ell your child that you loved watching them play. Wait for them to ask you questions about the game

#### THINGS TO SAY AND DO FROM THE STANDS

- Great pass- even if someone drops the ball
- Nice shot- even if the shot doesn't go in
- Great hustle!
- Cheer
- Clap
- Smile

#### THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUTH SPORT

- Children are not mini adults- physically, emotionally or mentally
- Less than 7% of children playing sport will become high performance adults, and those that do are most often not identified as "talented" when they are young
- Check in with your club or school to find out more about their approach to youth sport
- For more information on youth sport go to [www.balanceisbetter.org.nz](http://www.balanceisbetter.org.nz)

