

Scheduling Away Tournaments

As part of each traveling team's player registration a portion goes to funding away tournaments. When factoring in the costs up front of those tournaments, we plan for each traveling team to have one driving tournament (within an hour of Mankato) and two stay over tournaments. This gives parents and players a chance to see different areas of the state and play against programs we don't always get the chance to play down in Southern Minnesota. In some instances, when we anticipate a highly talented team out of Mankato, we might send them to a tournament that is traditionally very difficult....but at the same time we try not to send teams to tournaments they cannot compete in if possible. Ultimately, however, attempting to predict how competitive an away tournament is can be next to impossible....as we find on many occasions. It is at these times we attempt to utilize a history with a certain tournament that has worked for us as a final determination factor.