

Foothill-SLAM NJB

Sunnyvale - Los Altos - Los Altos Hills - Mountain View

All-Net Program

Parent/Player Information

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What is All-Net?

The All-Net Program is a division of NJB created to provide a more competitive level of youth basketball. It is designed to prepare boys and girls in 5th through 8th grade for high school level competition. The Foothill-SLAM NJB chapter fields eight All-Net teams: 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys, as well as 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls (assuming we have enough girls, interest, and talent in the division to support All-Net teams). These teams play All-Net teams from other NJB chapters. The games are played according to high school rules with ***no guaranteed playing time***. The Foothill-SLAM Chapter strongly encourages its coaches to play each of its players at least one quarter per game, but it is not required.

All-Net Try-Out Schedule & Location

The try-outs always take place on the first weekend in October. The final schedule will be posted on our Chapter web site as soon as the gym locations and times are finalized. There will be a try-out registration desk located in the lobby of the gym. Each player will check in, be measured for height, and get their assigned number. Arrival time is at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time in order to ensure registration can be completed by the time the try-outs begin.

At each of the try-outs there are independent evaluators present who will decide which players will be invited to the final try-outs. These independent evaluators are experienced coaches from our program and/or Board members. The final team is selected by the All-Net Head Coach after the independent evaluators narrowed down the players to attend the final cut session. The players invited back for the final selection will be posted on the Chapter's web page. Those players who do not make the cut must attend the Division Evaluations held later in October. The reason these players have to come back for the evaluations is because the Division Coaches do the evaluations and need to see each of the Division players.

For those players who have a conflict on Saturday and are unable to attend the Saturday try-out, we will have another try-out session on Sunday. If at all possible, players should plan to attend the main try-out on Saturday. Those players who are invited to the final cut session with the Head Coach are encouraged to come back on Sunday to use it as practice and preparation for the final try-out. Just as on Saturday we will have independent evaluators present at this Sunday try-out. It is mandatory for all players trying out for an All-Net team to attend at least one try-out.

The final cut (i.e. team selection) is conducted by each All-Net Head Coach. These final cuts are typically done on Mondays for the four boy teams and on Wednesdays for the four girl teams. Again, it is mandatory that All-Net players attend at least one try-out to be considered for a spot on a team. By striving to have non-parent coaches, we are trying to keep politics out of the selection process and focus on what is best for the players. We want to also remind parents that these try-outs are very stressful for the players. Encourage them to do their best and to have fun. Please remember that each coach has their own style for selecting players. The players need to listen carefully to the instructions and do their best.

Description of All-Net Tryout Process

It is important that each player register in the lobby of the gym before proceeding to their respective try-out. This registration allows us to provide a list of attendees to the evaluators. Each player has a unique number assigned to them in the NJB database. This number is written on sticky labels for the players to place on the front pant leg of their basketball trunks.

The initial try-out session on Saturday will last approximately one and one half hours. Players will be asked to do drills and some scrimmaging for the independent evaluators to determine who is best qualified to be on the team. At the end of the try-out, the evaluators will compare their independent results and create a short list of approximately 14 to 16 players that will be invited to the final cut try-out. This list will be provided to the All-Net head coach. The head coach may or may not attend the Saturday or Sunday try-outs. The final team selection will be made by the head coach during the team's respective weeknight final cut try-out. The players attending the Saturday try-out and who have been invited to the final cut try-out are encouraged to attend the Sunday try-out. It is optional for those players who attend the Saturday try-out, but the players are encouraged to use it to get more exposure to the coach and/or get more practice time in preparation for the final cut try-out.

Before the start of the season, all selected players need to submit a copy of their birth certificate or passport, a full copy (front & back) of the last report card from the previous school year, a copy of a current utility bill (gas, electric, or water), a player photograph (head and shoulders like a school picture) and a check made out to NJB-SLAM for \$150.00. These materials are required by our Section to certify each All-Net player. If you don't submit these materials, the Section will not allow your child to play All-Net.

All players who have not been selected to play All-Net must attend the division evaluations in order to be drafted onto a division team. Please check the web site for the division evaluation schedule and location.

Coaches & Volunteers

Foothill-SLAM NJB works hard to find non-parent coaches for our All-Net teams. If you know of an AAU coach or experience youth basketball coach who is interested in community service and coaching very talented basketball players, please refer them to a member of our Board. When we cannot find any independent non-parent coaches for the All-Net teams, we use the best available parent coach. In most cases, the independent head coach may welcome the help of a parent to be assistant coach to cover practices or games where the head coach has a conflict.

Each team needs a parent to be the Team Coordinator. This important position/role off-loads coaches from the administrative tasks of running the team. The Team Coordinator is the communicator and coordinator for the team, so if you have good organization skills then please consider signing up for this job.

Gym monitors are critical to the success of our program. Gym monitors supervise the gym during games and may include setting up or cleaning up for one of our game day gyms. Parents who are not board members, coaches, or team coordinators will be assigned a gym monitor volunteer slot. The league provides instructions on how to complete these tasks. Each weekend our Chapter will be hosting 28 to 30 home games in one of our gyms. It takes a large number of volunteers to provide a good environment for our children to play basketball.

Thanks for volunteering and supporting the children in our community.