

Foothill-SLAM NJB

Sunnyvale - Los Altos - Los Altos Hills - Mountain View

Foothill-SLAM NJB All-Net Program Parent/Player Information

Coaches

The coaches for the Foothill-SLAM NJB All-Net season are seasoned and will provide a good experience for the players. In general, the Foothill-SLAM NJB teams are coached by independent non-parent coaches. In most cases, the Head Coach will welcome the help of a parent to be the Assistant Coach to cover practices or games where the Head Coach has a conflict. Each team needs a parent to be the Team parent to help with the administration of the team.

5th Grade Boys: **Victor Ragni:** Victor is beginning his 5th year as head coach of SLAM's 5th grade boys all net team. His 2007-2008 team made it to the All Net National Tournament in Southern California. He also coached 17 years for the Sunnyvale Youth Basketball League, which stresses fundamentals and team play. While attending college in Southern California he coached the 7th grade boys' varsity and 8th grade boys' junior varsity basketball teams for local middle schools. He is a firm believer in the teachings of the Positive Coaching Alliance and can be reached at vragni@The-Private-Bank.com.

Mark Resnick: Mark is entering his 3rd year coaching in the Foothill Chapter of NJB. He has taken his teams to the end of season in-house championship game, winning the 2008 D3 in-house tournament championship. That same year Mark coached the 4th Grade All Star team that went on to win the Silicon Valley NJB All Star Tournament and the 4th Grade NJB All Star National Championship. Mark played Rugby at the University of California, Berkeley and was a leading scorer on the 1988 National Championship team. In addition to coaching basketball, Mark coaches baseball in LAMV and LALL, hockey at Sharks Ice San Jose and flag football at Huff Elementary. Mark can be reached at mark.resnick@yahoo.com.

John Denzel: John has played, coached or refereed basketball for most of his life. Most recently, John helped lead the Foothill NJB 4th Grade All-Star boys' basketball team to a National Championship. This is his 3rd year coaching in the Foothill-SLAM NJB league. John also coaches basketball teams locally at St. Simon School and the Mid-Peninsula YMCA. As a player, John was awarded a college scholarship to play basketball and was voted an All Conference player in his second year. John can be reached at denzel@flowvision.com.

6th Grade Boys: **Jeremy Heitz, Ben Packer, and Gary Chern:** Jeremy Ben and Gary each played basketball in high school and Gary spent a summer training with a semi-professional team in Taiwan. Jeremy coached 5-6 grade girls for 2 years in Princeton Youth Basketball and coached a 7th-8th grade division team for the Palo Alto NJB Chapter in 2003-2004. Jeremy and Gary have three years of coaching All-Net, including taking two 6th grade Foothill boys teams to the national tournament (2004-05 and 2006-07 seasons). Gary Chern can be reached at gchern@gmail.com.

7th Grade Boys: **Ramon Meacham** Ramon also excelled on the basketball court, earning a starting position for the two-time defending Eastside College Prep CCS champions his freshman year. During his four seasons at Eastside, the Panthers won two-CCS championships and four league titles. Ramon was a first team all-league selection his junior and senior season. Wanting to focus academic opportunities, Ramon chose to attend Santa Clara University, where he is in his junior year pursuing a degree in accounting.

Especially adept at working with younger players, Ramon has already proven himself a valuable team manager for the SCU Mens basketball team and looks forward to coaching All Net. Ramon can be reached at rmeacham@scu.edu.

8th Grade Boys: **Matt Atwater** Matt has spent most of his adult life coaching youth sports and has been a yearly coach and referee for the San Jose Diocese Catholic School league with most of his time at St. Simon School in Los Altos. He has NJB coaching experience with Palo Alto NJB including taking the 2002-2003 5th Grade Boys All-Net team to the National title. Last year he took our 8th grade All Net boys team to the National Tournament. Matt can be reached at atwatermatthew@yahoo.com.

5th Grade Girls **Alan Wada:** Alan has been coaching girl's youth basketball for over nine years at Tri-City, Blach Middle School, and NJB/All Net. His coaching experience includes coaching our D1 Girls All-Star team two years ago and coaching our 5th grade All-Net team last year. He has two daughters who played at MVHS and his youngest started Varsity as a sophomore last year. Alan can be reached at alanwada@yahoo.com.

6th Grade Girls: **Leonard Meyers:** Leonard honed his game in NY playing street ball and played at George Washington University and in the European 3 on 3 Nike divisions. He continues to play recreational basketball and has coached 5th, 6th and 7th grade teams in the Sunnyvale Youth Basketball League. His son is currently playing college basketball. Leonard can be reached at lenny.meyers@gmail.com.

7th Grade Girls: Dan Hing: Dan has been involved in NJB coaching for 3 years, including assistant and head coaching positions (D3, 5th Grade Girls All Net, D1 Boys, 6th Grade Girls). He coached the D3 girls team that ultimately won the Silicon Valley championships and placed 4th in the National Tournament in Anaheim. For the last 2 years as assistant coach, the 5th and 6th grade girls All Net team won the Silicon Valley championships and became All Net National Champions. He is excited to begin working with this talented group of girls. Dan can be reached at dan_hing@yahoo.com.

8th Grade Girls: Ed Basa Ed began coaching career coaching adult men's basketball league ages 18-24. He has 5 years experience coaching youth girls and boys basketball teams including an AAU traveling team, Club teams, NJB All-Net team in Palo Alto, Sunnyvale Youth Basketball teams and continues to coach in the San Jose Diocese Catholic School league. Currently, he is coaching a year round 8th Grade Girls AAU and Club teams. Ed can be reached at edba2406@gmail.com.

Foothill-SLAM NJB Contacts

The All-Net Coordinator (Tom Malgesini zini60@gmail.com) should be the primary contact for the parents of All-Net players regarding the program.