

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 a minimum of 8 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). At the discretion of the Foothill Board and the All Net coordinator, if the talent present at a tryout is sufficient to warrant such a decision, more than one All Net team per grade may be fielded. 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.

We encourage any player who is looking for a more competitive basketball experience to try out for All- Net specifically we encourage all previous years Division All Stars and returning All Net players to come to tryouts. Skill level can change very much year over year. The All-Net tryout can be a very good life lesson for many players, whether they make the team or not. If your child is at all interested, please have them show up.

All-Net teams get more practice time, more games, and have more qualified referees for their games. All of these benefits make it more expensive for our Chapter to operate All-Net teams. All-Net players are therefore asked to cover these additional costs by paying an All-Net fee in addition to the normal registration fee.

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 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.

The final cut (i.e. team selection) is conducted by each All-Net Head Coach or independent evaluator (see below description under coaches and volunteers. These final cuts are typically done on Mondays for the boy's teams and on Wednesdays for the girl's 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 any favoritism 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 quarter 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 posted to our website by Sunday night at 10PM. 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 or surrogate during the team's respective weeknight 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, cable or water), a player photograph (head and shoulders like a school picture) and an All-Net fee (check to be made out to NJB-SLAM). 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. The All Net Coordinator leads this recruiting effort. All All Net coaches must be approved by the officers of the Foothill Slam NJB Board. If you know of an AAU coach or experienced youth basketball

coach who is interested in community service and coaching very talented basketball players, please refer them to a member of our Board. 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. When we cannot find an independent non-parent coach for the All-Net team, we search for a qualified parent coach. In this situation, a non parent independent evaluator/coach will be present at the final team selection process and make the final cuts to select the team.

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.