

Foothill-SLAM NJB

Sunnyvale - Los Altos - Los Altos Hills - Mountain View

High School Program

Parent/Player Information

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What is NJB's High School Program?

The NJB High School Program is for those players in high school who **DO NOT** play for their high school team. CCS (stands for Central Coast Section, organization that manages HS sports) rules do not allow a player to participate in a non-high school basketball program during high school CCS season. Our program has two levels of play, Junior Varsity for players in the 9th and 10th grades and Varsity for players in the 11th and 12th grades. These teams practice one to two times a week and play games on Sundays. The Foothill-SLAM NJB Chapter has one of the most active high school programs with as many as six teams in a season.

The High School Program games are played with normal high school rules. There are four quarters and open substitution. The Junior Varsity teams play four seven (7) minute quarters, and the Varsity plays four eight (8) minute quarters. The one exception from high school rules is that there is no shot clock.

Evaluations Schedule & Location

Players must complete the online registration **PRIOR** to attending evaluations that can be accessed from our web site at www.njb-slam.org. The evaluations normally take place on the week after Thanksgiving. The final evaluation schedule will be posted on the Chapter's web site in November after we finalize gym availability. These evaluations are mandatory for those players who want to participate in our High School Program. The coaches will be at the evaluations along with Board Member representatives to help manage the evaluations and team selection process. 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 evaluation begins.

Description of Evaluation Process

It is important that each player register in the lobby of the gym before proceeding to their respective evaluation. This 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 evaluation session will last approximately ninety minutes. Players will be asked to do drills and some scrimmaging for the independent evaluators to determine how best to divide up the teams. At the end of the evaluations, the evaluators and coaches will compare their independent results and draft the teams. The players will either be told that night which team they are on or it will be posted within two days on our chapter's web site. Each team will get to practice at least once before the games start on the second Sunday in December.

All players new to our chapter and assigned to teams must submit to their coach (if they have not already submitted these materials to the league) 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), and a check made out to NJB-SLAM for the registration and other fees. These materials are required before a player can participate in a game. If you don't submit these materials, the chapter will not allow your child to play in any games.

Uniforms

The uniforms for the high school players will be distributed at Picture Day, which is the first Sunday in December (same day as the first game). The jersey (top part of the uniform) is to be returned at the end of the season. The player keeps the trunks and the blue t-shirt.

Boundaries

Unlike the Division and All-Net programs, the High School Program does not have any boundaries. The players are able to select the Chapter that has room for them or is most convenient due to its location. It is important to get the online registration done early even if you don't know the results of the high school try-outs. The online registration provides an indication of how many players are interested in the NJB high school program giving the Chapter notice on how many teams need to be formed.

Important Roles

Each team will have a head coach and an assistant coach. There may be more than one assistant coach, but NJB rules only allow two coaches and a scorekeeper to sit with the team during games. We go to great lengths to try to select coaches that have previous coaching experience and have a positive record of working with youths. We offer our own coaching clinic and the NJB Section offers additional coaching clinics for our coaches. Please give them your support.

Each team needs a 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.