

# ***Foothill-SLAM NJB***

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## **Foothill-SLAM NJB Financial Assistance Program (FAP)**

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As part of Foothill-SLAM NJB's charter to reach the entire community, we have adopted a Financial Assistance Program (FAP) to make NJB more affordable for lower income families.

To qualify a family must show need. This is achieved by providing evidence of Financial Assistance from a reputable social agency or government. As Foothill-SLAM NJB is not a social agency we rely and accept the judgment of School Districts, City Governments, Housing Agencies, and even other groups such as the YMCA. We do not interview or pass any judgment on our own, but accept the investigation of others.

Amongst the items we accept for showing need are copies of:

- a. Letter from School/District giving child reduced price or free lunch (or other meal)
- b. Letter from City approving discounted services for family (i.e., class or sports program voucher)
- c. Letter from YMCA or other reputable group approval of reduced fees for programs
- d. Letter of approval from any government agency for financial assistance with Food or Housing

We want to see a copy of one of the above valid sometime in the past 12 months.

Qualified FAP recipients are subject to reduced payment schedule for NJB as follows below:

- Registration: 50% of regular rate (\$125 instead of \$250 for 2007-08 season)
- All-Net fee: 0% fee is waived

This program does not extend to merchandise ordered, or off-season clinics, only applies to Winter Season Basketball.

While your request of FAP benefits for your child is being processed you must still complete registration as normal, and include the FAP payment rate to keep your registration priority. If the initial payment is still out of reach, a minimum of \$75 must be made with the registration process (online payment or a check mailed to our P.O. Box). The balance of the payment (\$50) will be due before Division Evaluations (October 18, 2008). In rare instances of extreme financial hardship even this payment may be waived. But to date we have not formally approved any such complete fee waivers. We feel the reduced rate is fair. It brings the cost of NJB down to the same level as YMCA and SYBL recreation leagues. The purpose of the program is to make it affordable while requiring a commitment to the program.

FAP has no impact upon the priority of your child, and the information is strictly confidential, not even your child's coach will be aware. Only the Chapter Director and Chapter Treasurer will be involved in the FAP processing for Foothill-SLAM-SLAM. Do know however that the number of FAP positions is limited. However to date we have been safely below that number in applications.

If you would like to make a monetary donation for our FAP please contact the Chapter Director.

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