

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How much does NJB cost?

A. Divisional players are \$210, All Net \$225 and High School \$225.

Q. What is included with my registration?

A. Uniform for the player to keep, practice time, photo package, trophies or medals for divisional teams. Other fees go to gym costs, insurance, referees, scorekeepers, league fees to corporate, and database, website, and other administrative fees.

Q. Do I get a discount if I register more than one player?

A. Yes, parents registering multiple children will receive a \$10 discount for the second child and \$20 for the third.

Q. What is the refund policy?

A. There are no refunds per NJB guidelines. However, instances will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

Q. What happens if I do not have a credit card during registration?

A. You can still sign up using a checking account through our website

Q. When does registration end?

A. Registration ends Mid October or until each division is filled.

Q. How long is the season?

A. The season goes from December to March- For a total of 10 regular season games and a minimum of 2 tournament games.

Q. Where are NJB games played?

A. Games last approximately 1 hour and are played: Home games can be scheduled at Silliman Center, Kennedy High, Mission High, or Ohlone College. Away games are played at local gyms in Castro Valley, Hayward, or North Fremont (American High or Centerville Junior High for North Fremont).

Q. When are NJB's games played?

A. NJB divisional regular season games (not including the end of season tournament) are played only on Sundays, between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00pm. Later games are usually for the older kids, with the younger kids scheduled earlier.

Q. What and when is the NJB Winter League?

A. **September – October** -Player sign-ups.

Early October- Player Evaluations (date to be determined) and usually held at Kennedy High in Fremont, Mission High in Fremont, Silliman Center in Newark, or City Beach in Fremont.

Late October- Player evaluations are tabulated and players are drafted onto teams. Players are contacted by the coach and a meet the coach day will be designated.

Beginning of November- Practice starts. 1-2 days a week, usually held one time during Monday thru Saturday. The league provides 1 hour of practice time per week. The coach may elect to hold 1 additional hour of practice per week for his/her team. Practice times during the week are usually from 6-7pm, from 7-8pm, or 8-9 pm, (8-9pm is usually for the older kids), with Saturdays at the coaches' discretion. So, your team will practice one to two evenings per week, or one evening only, or one evening and one Saturday per week, for approximately 1 hour each practice.

First Week of December to End of February- 10 weekly games are played each Sunday with a break during the Christmas/New Year holidays.

End of February to Beginning of March- Season End Tournament, consisting of a minimum of 2 games. These games can be scheduled for either Saturday or Sunday, or both, and will be held at any of the gym sites previously mentioned.

Q. Why do I have to pay registration fees before I know if my child will make a team?

A. NJB is open to all players at all levels. By registering your child and paying your registration fees, your child will be placed on a team. There are not tryouts for Divisional play; only evaluations (the exception is if you are interested in playing all net. You must tryout and be chosen for all net). Your child is required to attend evaluations solely to

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assess their level of playing ability, so as to maintain parity among all teams.

Q. When and where are weekly practices?

A. Practice is a minimum of 1 day a week and up to a maximum of 2 days per week for regular divisional play. (Excluding All Net and/or High School divisions). Practices are usually held one time during Monday thru Saturday. The league provides 1 hour of practice time per week during that Monday thru Saturday period. The coach may elect to hold 1 additional hour of practice per week for his/her team. Practice times during the week are usually from 6-7pm, from 7-8pm, or 8-9 pm, (later times are usually for the older kids), with Saturdays at the coaches' discretion. So, your team will practice one to two evenings per week or, one evening only or, one evening and one Saturday per week, for approximately 1 hour each practice.

Practice locations are *usually* at any of the following and are subject to availability: Walters Junior High-Fremont, Horner Junior High- Fremont, Brier Elementary- Fremont, City Beach – Fremont, Irvington Community Center – Fremont, CA School for the Blind- Fremont.

Q. What if I am not available for divisional evaluations?

A. We hold two evaluations, and encourage players to attend both. We do require the player to attend at least one of the two dates. The South Fremont/Newark NJB Board does reserve the right to demote any player to the wait list who does not attend at least one evaluation.

Q. I am on the waiting list, what should I do

A. If you are on a waiting list, it means that that division is full. If a position becomes available, you will be contacted only if you have signed up for the wait list. If your child is on the wait list at the time of evaluations, we do ask that you have your child participate in the evaluation weekends in order to have as much information as possible to place your child appropriately should a spot open up.

Q. Do we play during the holidays?

A. We will have a two week break from the last Sunday before Christmas until the first Sunday after New Years.

Q. What size basketball is used for each division?

A. **27.5"** for division 3 (3rd & 4th grade), **28.5"** for girls division 1 (7th & 8th grade) & division 2 (5th & 6th grade) and **29.5"** for division 1 (7th grade-high school).

Q. How do I make a request for my child to play on the same team as a friend?

A. That can not be guaranteed. Evaluations lead to drafts, and there is a possibility they will be separated.

Q. Can I request a coach?

A. You can, of course, request a coach but there are no guarantees that you will get that coach

Q. Can I coach a team?

A. Yes, NJB is an all volunteer organization and your help as a coach would be most welcome! Without coaches, the kids do not play! Contact coach_robert@comcast.net for more information.

Q. Does NJB need my help?

A. Yes! We are an all volunteer organization. Much help is needed! Contact Robert Ludwig at coach_robert@comcast.net to get more information
Volunteering Time- South Fremont NJB is a volunteer organization, which means Board Members, Coaches, etc. are not paid and volunteer many, many hours to the organization. We completely encourage all parents to become active within NJB's organization! When signing up your child/children, there is a **4+ hour** commitment needed from you to ensure that we continue to have a successful program and environment for your children. This can be fulfilled in many ways such as; becoming a board member, coach, assistant coach, team parent, jamboree help, merchandise sales, or help with evaluations & game days.

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Q. What are the differences between the team sponsorship and the fundraiser?

A. The Fundraiser Donation- In an effort to earn revenue to support South Fremont's many related expenses, each players' parents are responsible for the Player's Fundraiser.

A bit later, when we start the season, there is a different type of fundraising which is for the team (once formed) to do in getting sponsors (from local businesses) for their own team. The \$75 does not have anything to do with this team requirement. However, we are in the process of working on ways that will help teams raise \$ for their team sponsorship requirement.

A. Team Sponsorship – We're a volunteering community based organization dependent upon community support. In an effort to gain community support and earn revenue; each divisional team is required to meet a \$425 "**TEAM**" sponsorship. All Net and High School is \$450. This sponsorship is designed to come from community businesses. The team sponsorship is tax deductible. Based on the level of the donation from the business, they'll be advertised via various methods.