

What are the objectives of Westlake NJB?

- To inspire our youth, regardless of race, color, creed, religion or national origin.
- To practice the ideals of health, citizenship and character.
- To implant the game elements of safety, sanity and intelligent supervision; and to keep the welfare of the player first, foremost, and entirely free of adult lust for glory.
- To emphasize teamwork for all participants.

What is NJB?

The National Junior Basketball program is designed to introduce, teach and develop the fundamentals of basketball to our local youth – as well as to promote good sportsmanship, teamwork and healthy competition. We feel this creates a valuable learning experience for the children of our community. The program also promotes self-esteem through teamwork. National Junior Basketball is a non-profit organization. Our funding is entirely dependent upon the contributions of local businesses and individuals, along with player registration fees.

What is WestlakeNJB?

The Westlake National Junior Basketball League (WNJB) is located in the Conejo Valley covering both areas in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. WNJB operates a youth basketball league that includes both boys and girls from first grade through ninth grade. WNJB is not a recreation district, government agency, or community program with a paid staff and its own gymnasiums. WNJB is a group of parents dedicated to providing a fun, valuable experience for their children. WNJB is a local chapter affiliated with National Junior Basketball headquartered in Santa Ana, California (www.njbl.org).

Westlake NJB local territory consists of the cities of Westlake Village, Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Oak Park and Malibu.

How much does it cost?

There is a registration fee of \$175.00 per player. In addition, parents are expected to contribute at least four hours of time during the season.

What does Westlake NJB provide?

Provide all registration fees have been paid, each player will receive a full uniform consisting of professional-style jersey and shorts, a modest team/individual photo package, participation trophy for all players, use of local gyms for games, paid score keepers (for all grades other than 1st and 2nd) and officiating by trained professional referees.

How does the program work?

The program consists of two groups, Divisional Group and All-Net Group.

Divisional Group program is divided by individual grades. If the number of players per division warrants it, sometimes we combine grades to create larger divisions. Mandatory evaluations for players who haven't played in the preceding season are held in October. A draft is conducted for each division and strict procedures are adhered to in order to assure evenly matched teams. NJB emphasizes teaching basketball skills and sportsmanship through participation. Rather than playing 4 periods as is done in normal basketball, NJB uses 5 period games. This allows each player to play at least two full eight-minute periods in each game. The 5th and final period permits the coach to have free substitution. Each player must also sit out at least one full period in each game (unless the team doesn't have sufficient players). Coaches and players are required to comply with a strict code of conduct or they will be removed from the game and possibly the league if the infraction warrants such action.

All-Net Group consists of highly skilled players that want to play at a higher level of competition. The group will consist of one team for each of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade divisions. Players are selected for the All-Net teams before the draft for the Divisional Group. Mandatory try-outs are held in October. A draft is conducted for each team. All-Net teams play by high school rules with no guarantee of playing time.

When does the league run?

Registration usually begins around the middle of August. Tryouts and evaluations usually happen around the end of September. The draft is completed in October. Practice begins in late October. Each team usually will have a weeknight practice and a weekend practice. Practices will be held at the Dream Courts at Westlake High School and other outdoor courts at local schools and parks. Divisional League games will be played on Sundays in December, January, and February, for a total of ten games for Division Teams and up to fourteen games for All-Net Teams. The league rests during Christmas vacation and President Holiday Weekend although we might hold special tournaments during those periods. The times for practices and games are determined by the coaches of each team.

Can I request a specific team or coach for my player?

No. The purpose of evaluations is to form teams with parity. Granting requests for certain teams or coaches disrupts the process in which the teams are formed.

NJB All-Star Teams. (Divisional Teams Only)

At the end of the regular season, All-Star teams will be selected from each division. Each All-Star team competes with All-Star teams from other communities and they have the opportunity to advance to the NJB National Tournament. Details of All-Star Team selection, additional costs and tournament dates will be communicated to players and parents during the season.

For more information, contact Westlake NJB at info@westlakenjb.org.