

REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE SPURS DRUG-FREE YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Presented by Pizza Hut and Valero

WHAT YOU RECEIVE:

1. Numbered basketball jerseys (tee shirts) for all participants.
(Eight colors, packaged in teams of 10).
2. Shirts for certified coaches & staff.
3. Free Kids Sports Network (KSN) certification for all volunteer coaches.
4. Reimbursement for fees associated with conducting required criminal background checks on DFL volunteer coaches.
5. DFL banners for each gym.
6. ID cards for all players and coaches.
7. Handbooks for all head coaches on what to say to kids about drugs, tobacco and alcohol.
8. League operations manual.
9. A brochure for parents that explains the league.
10. Affiliate membership in the Jr. NBA/ Jr. WNBA program that includes a variety of materials (posters, pamphlets, booklets, etc) for players, coaches, administrators, parents and referees.

WHAT YOU MUST AGREE TO DO:

1. Train and certify all coaches using the KSN "Coach Ed" Certification Program (Anyone regularly sitting on the bench at games or assisting with practices must be certified annually.)
2. Require that coaches talk to their players about drugs, alcohol and tobacco for a minimum of 5 minutes each week at a practice.
3. Conduct criminal background checks on all volunteer coaches.
4. Issue ID cards to players and coaches.
5. Require that players and coaches sign the DFL pledge and recite it prior to each game.
6. Ensure that parents of all participants sign a Drug-Free League Release of Liability Form when they register. (Copies of forms will be provided to you.)
7. Display DFL banners in gyms where games are being played.
8. Attend pre or post season DFL meeting if asked to do so by KSN.
9. Assist KSN with program evaluation if asked to do so.
10. Use **Spurs Drug-Free Youth Basketball League** terminology when identifying your league.

APPLYING OR REAPPLYING FOR DFL MEMBERSHIP

1. Before you apply or reapply, please be aware that:
 - a. Newly accepted DFL organizations are required to pay \$2.50 for each jersey the first season. After the first year, in most cases the jerseys will be free.
 - b. We will not approve applications from competitive leagues or leagues conducted by public or private schools.
 - c. We will not approve applications for programs that are conducted in the summer or fall or that begin their season before the second week in January.
 - d. We will not approve applications from new basketball programs. Your basketball program must have existed for at least one year before we will consider it for admission.
 - e. In general will not approve basketball programs with fewer than 12 teams. And even with programs that small you must show us that each age division has a minimum of four teams of at least seven players on each roster.
2. Organizations participating in the DFL will be asked in August or early September if they would like to continue their affiliation with the Drug-Free League. While continued affiliation in past years has been relatively automatic, circumstances may change from year to year that could necessitate the reduction in league size. In addition, violations of the league requirements or chronically late responses to inquiries are grounds for not renewing organizational memberships.

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. At your expense, you may identify your organization on the jerseys, banners, etc. Any such printing must take place after jerseys have been issued to your organization. Identification of sponsors or businesses on your jerseys must be approved in advance by KSN to ensure there is no conflict with Spurs sponsors.
2. Throughout the season teams will be offered opportunities to participate in special Spurs and KSN promotions. (Mini games, 2ball competitions, etc)
3. Spurs coaches, players and/or former players will conduct 3-4 kid's clinics in the metro-San Antonio area during the DFL season.