



REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE SPURS 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.
3. Free Kids Sports Network (KSN) certification for all volunteer coaches.
4. Reimbursement for fees associated with conducting required criminal background checks on SYBL volunteer coaches.
5. SYBL banners for each gym.
6. ID cards for all players and coaches.
7. Handbooks for all head coaches on what to say to players about making positive choices, showing respect and staying in school.
8. League operations manual. (Combined with the above handbook.)
9. A brochure for parents that explains league policies & procedures.

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 positive choices and follow weekly lesson plans for a minimum of 5 minutes at a each practice.
3. Conduct criminal background checks on all volunteer coaches.
4. Issue ID cards to players and coaches.
5. Ensure that players and coaches wear their SYBL tee shirts during games.
6. Require that players and coaches sign the SYBL pledge and recite it prior to each game.
7. Ensure that parents of all participants sign a Spurs League Release of Liability Form when they register. (Copies of forms will be provided to you.)
8. Display SYBL banners in gyms where games are being played.
9. Attend pre or post season SYBL meeting if asked to do so by KSN.
10. Assist KSN with program evaluation if asked to do so.
11. Use **Spurs Youth Basketball League** terminology when identifying your league.

APPLYING OR REAPPLYING FOR SYBL MEMBERSHIP

1. Before you apply or reapply, please be aware that:
 - a. We will not approve applications from competitive leagues or leagues conducted by public or private schools.
 - b. All programs are encouraged to begin their season after the second week in January.
 - c. 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.
 - d. In general we 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 SYBL will be asked in August or early September if they would like to continue their affiliation with the Spurs 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:

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.