



Silicon Valley Basketball Club (SVBC)

Tryout Information

<http://www.svbasketball.org>

I. Club History:

Founded in 1987, the Silicon Valley Basketball Club (SVBC) aims to promote and encourage youth to participate in competitive basketball and to develop their skills in leadership, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Our objective is to provide support for organized amateur basketball sporting events, to reserve training sites, and to provide athletic, recreational, and social activities for its members.

SVBC teams practice weekly in the gyms of the Los Altos School District. We have players coming from mid-Peninsula to South Bay area. SVBC starts to form teams as early as 3rd grade. We believe in developing players from a young age by providing them with solid fundamental skills. Most of our players stay with SVBC all the way until they graduate from high school. Over the years, they form strong bonds among themselves and among the players' families. SVBC is a community for both players and parents. Most of our players are selected and played for their respective middle and high school teams.

SVBC has a strong culture in developing holistic student-athletes, many of our players have gone to top universities in the country. Some of them would continue to play basketball and most of them focus on academics in their universities and colleges.

SVBC is a member of the Nor-Cal Asian Youth Basketball Association (NAYBA). Teams are invited to compete in various Asian League Tournaments throughout California. SVBC organizes its annual tournament at the third weekend of September every year.

II. Why SVBC?

Our philosophy:

- Competitive team that pursues the highest potential for teams and players from youth to high school
- Balance both athletic and academic workloads throughout the grades at team's control
- Coached by dedicated professional coaching staff
- Focus on fundamental and technical skills for long term player development
- Emphasize on teamwork, sportsmanship, leadership and responsibility
- Promote positive attitude and good work ethic
- Fun and supportive environment for players and families to grow together
- Extension to personalized 1-on-1 or small group training possible

III. SVBC Teams: (As of 2019 Fall Season)

Boy's Team	Girls Team	Grade
SVBC B2019 Phoenix		Graduated
SVBC B2020 Shockers		12th
SVBC B2021 Thunders		11th
SVBC B2022 Eagles and Hornets		10th
SVBC B2023 Assassins		9th
SVBC B2024 Lightnings	SVBC G2024	8th
SVBC B2025 Wolfpack	SVBC G2025	7th

SVBC B2026 Bobcats	SVBC G2026	6th
SVBC B2027 Legends	SVBC G2027_Develop Team	5th
SVBC B2028		4th

III. Tryout Policies:

- Every tryout child's parent or guardian must sign **SVBC Tryout Liability Waiver** - see Waiver Form below
- Be on time, preferred to come in early to stretch and warm up
- Things to bring and wear to the tryout:
 - Tryout fee to cover gym and coach costs
 - Basketball shoes or athletic sneakers
 - T-shirts and shorts, no long pants or jeans
 - (Optional) knee pads, mouth guard
 - Bottled water or sports drink
 - Good attitude, high energy, and ready to listen and work
 - Basketball - see Grade/Age Proper Basketball Size Chart below

Boys 3rd and 4th Grade	Girls 3rd and 4th Grade	Size 27.5"
Boys 5th and 6th Grade	Girls 5th - WNBA	Size 28.5"
Boys 7th - NBA		Size 29.5"

- SVBC teams are competitive teams, so every child must go through at least one tryout, and receive an offer from Coach and Team Manager in order to join a team
- Tryout is for a potential player to showcase his/her love of the sport, skills, athleticism, potential, attitude, behaviour, teamwork, leadership, communication, etc.
- Besides player's individual skills, coaches are also looking for coachability, teamwork, effort, energy, aggressiveness, hustle, defence, rebound, passing, etc. Coaches may also look for practice players who have potential
- Tryout can be held at a designated time before, during or after the season, or at a practice time, and at the advice of Coach and Team Manager, or SVBC suggestion
- Once a player is on a team, play time or position is neither guaranteed nor equal, it is earned through commitment, dedication, work ethic, teamwork, positive attitude, skills, and understanding of the game - see detail **Team Policies** below
- Player plays at his/her grade level, but not down. Exceptionally skilled, athletic, and physically talented players may request to play up one grade level up at his/her own risk of injury, readiness and competitiveness

III. Team Policies:

- SVBC teams are competitive teams. In competitive teams, play time is neither guaranteed nor equal, it is earned through commitment, dedication, work ethic, teamwork, positive attitude, skills, understanding of the game, and position. It will also depend on players' skill level, practice and game performance, and game situation. Play time is solely decided by Coach during the game. Coach may make adjustment to give more equal play time during scrimmage, blowout game. If parents have different viewpoints, they should schedule 1-on-1 conversations with Coach 24-hours after all games of a tournament have completed
- SVBC prefers to develop its own players and aims to grow them over time. SVBC wishes to balance competitiveness vs development. For younger teams, SVBC tends to focus more on development, i.e. try to give players equal game opportunities. For grade 6 or above, SVBC will place more emphasis on winning, especially among the Asian League Tournaments/Jamborees. This will enhance SVBC reputation in the league. For any team sport, it is important for everyone to put team's benefit on higher priority. Before any player or parent raise any issue with Coach or Team Manager, please kindly consider for team's benefit.

- We continue to retain existing players who show consistent participation, commitment, dedication, teamwork, improving skill level, high work ethic and positive attitude. Per team's decision, we continue to improve upon each position by recruiting more skillful or athletic players that fit will with the team. Recruiting will be organized on "invitation only". Decision will jointly be made by Coach and Team Management.
- Roster decisions - including position, play time and player evaluation - are solely Coach's jobs and responsibilities. If parents have different opinions, they should schedule 1-on-1 conversation with Coach 24-hours after all games of a tournament have completed. There should be absolutely no player criticism or evaluation by parents during the game. Parents should also refrain from making judgements on other players.
- Practice and game coaching are solely Coach's jobs and responsibilities. Parents should encourage players to listen to Coach, give 100% effort and perform the best. Parents should always give encouragement, praise, positive advice and suggestions. Parents should refrain from coaching during practice and game unless he/she is invited by Coach. If parents have different opinions, they should schedule 1-on-1 conversation with Coach 24-hours after all games of a tournament have completed or after practice is finished.
- Any player/parent who has any issue should schedule 1-on-1 discussion with Coach and/or Team Manager 24-hours after all games of a tournament or practice have completed. Everyone should have players' interest in heart and try to resolve issue.
- If issue still cannot be resolved, then
 - Parent should teach your player to learn or change to adapt to the situation; OR
 - Accept the situation in short team, give it a try, bring up the issue to discuss with Coach and/or Team Manager after 3 months
- Any player/parent has any issue with another player/parent should first have 1-on-1 discussion with that parent, not with any player, to resolve issue and reach agreement. Coach and Team Manager can help to mediate if needed and requested. There should be absolutely no parent discussing issue with another player without his/her parent's permission and presence.
- It is SVBC's goal to foster positive, respectful and open communication among parents, players, Coach and Team Manager. Players' needs will be the most important consideration.
- Anyone, including Coach, parents, players should never bring any issue onto any public forum. We are all ambassadors of SVBC. Absolutely NO personal attack in open or in public, especially no personal attack towards any player who is still a minor. If such an incident occurs, SVBC President, Coach and Team Manager will have the authority to ask the parent and his/her player to leave the club immediately
- Player can play basketball or any other sport outside SVBC. However, we strongly encourage parent put SVBC basketball in higher priority over other sports or other clubs and other non-academic activities

IV. Schedule:

- SVBC's official seasons are Spring (from early March to early June) and Fall (from early August to late November), when mandatory practices and games are required
- Team usually organizes practices once or twice a week. The practices are usually on Saturdays or Sundays at either Blach or Egan Middle School in Los Altos. Team Manager will inform team about practice schedule during summer time for Fall Schedule and around winter time for Spring schedule. Practice schedule will not be modified or cancelled based on any individual player's request.
- Every third weekend in September is the official SVBC Tournament (for Grade 5 and above). Unless with approval of Coach and Team Manager, it is mandatory for all SVBC players and their families to attend the event and contribute to help. Please discuss with your Team Manager for the work involved. SVBC Tournament is the most important tournament among all SVBC activities, Coach and players should try their best effort to host and win.
- During SVBC's official seasons of Spring and Fall, team of Grade 6 or above will usually be invited to participate in 3-8 Asian League Tournaments/Jamborees, each tournament typically consists of 3 games over a weekend - 2 games on Saturday and 1 game on Sunday (Jamboree is probably 2 games on one day). Last game on Sunday should finish no later than 2:00 PM. Team Manager will inform the team of tournament date at least 1-2 months ahead. Player should keep both Saturday and Sunday available for the Tournament as the schedule will not be certain until later. Unless the player is not invited by the Coach or are practice players, all SVBC players should be prepared to participate in the Asian League Tournaments/Jamborees. Unless player suffers illness or physical injury, it is mandatory for players to attend the Tournament despite the amount of

play time. Any absence without pre-approval by Coach and Team Manager, may result in less play time or no play time at the Tournament

- During non-tournament weekends, teams sometimes register to play in local AAU tournament/game, CHoops, NJB etc., to gain more game experience and improve team play. They are highly recommended, but optional for players. When SVBC players entering 9th Grade High School, the SVBC's official Seasons of Spring and Fall may become shorter. High School team practice and game will take higher priority than SVBC's practice and game.
- Most SVBC teams uses TeamSnap to indicate schedules and WeChat to communicate within the teams. Please install the software. It is the responsibility of the individual player or players' parents to review, response and mark availability regularly. Failure to communicate promptly will result in penalty from the team which includes potential expulsion from the team
- Before the start of the Fall and Spring Seasons, players need to indicate commitment and pay full fees to the team. Failure to do so will not guarantee a spot in the team. If player must skip a season, player needs to ask for permission from Coach and Team Manager. When player wishes to return, player may need to go through the tryout and get approval from Coach and Team Manager again
- Once the player is committed to a season, player will not be permitted to miss practice or tournament for more than 3 times in a season, unless he/she is sick or injured. All absence will require the permission of Coach and Team Management.
 - If a player misses a practice before the tournament, he/she may not be placed in the starting lineup. He/she may also have less play time
 - If a player missed 3 or more practices without the permission of Coach and Team Manager, he/she will consider to be "voluntarily resignation" from the Club. No paid fee will be refunded
 - If a player is late for practice for more than 3 times, it will be considered as 1 absence without permission

V. Fee Policy:

- Practice fees, including coaching and gym fees, are equally shared among all players in the team
- Tournament fee is equally shared among all participating players, it is not calculated per game, per day or play time basis
- There is no refund for fee once the player has committed to a season. No refund applies to in-season vacation, schedule conflict, or absence
- If the player quits during the season on his/her own, there will be no refund of fee because all the game and coach fees are budgeted already
- Prorate refund applies if SVBC decides to ask the player to leave the team permanently during the season
- No refund due to injury or illness occurred outside SVBC basketball activities. Prorated refund applies if player suffers SVBC basketball related injury of more than 1 month
- Tryout fee will be \$30-\$40 per player or decided by individual team, or depending on number of participants and coaches
- Any other special occasion will be approved by Team Manager and the Coach

VI. Number of Players

- In general, each team comprises of 8-12 players for the most efficient use of time. Younger teams may have upto 16 players, or even divided into to top and development teams
- For certain teams, there will be more players for development purpose. These are practice players. Practice players are not official SVBC players and they need to demonstrate improvement in a certain period. Practice players will need to be invited to game/tournament by the Coach and Team Manager