

SVNJB Referee FAQ's

How do I join?

- You go to web site www.siliconvalleyjnjb.com
- Click on the Referee Home Page
- On the left side tabs, click the Arbiter Sports page to register

Do I need prior experience as a basketball official?

Prior experience is recommended but it is NOT required.
We conduct training sessions for new officials.

What kind of training do we offer?

We offer clinics, training sessions, scrimmages, and on-court game experiences.
At meetings and clinics you can ask questions about rules, mechanics and positioning.
You will work some games with experienced officials.

When are games played and how much time do I have to put in?

The schedules for games are on weekends, usually Sunday's from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm.

No one is required to work games all day.

You can work as much or as little, depending on your availability and skill level.

How far do I have to travel to my games?

Most games are played in gymnasiums throughout the South Bay, Peninsula and Hollister/Salinas. However, you can travel as far as your limits to travel allow.

What are the costs involved?

Referee fees are \$60 for Student Ref's and \$100 for Regular Ref's.

We offer payment plans for those who want their fees deducted weekly.

There is an approximate cost of \$90 for referee gear and equipment.

How do I receive my game assignments?

You will receive your game assignments through Arbiter Sports.

An online assigning tool used to track your games.

A calendar is used to accept/decline or block dates based on your availability.

Additional Info

You will be required to:

- Run short distances many times
- Be constantly moving and on your feet
- Attend meetings, clinics and training sessions
- A one-time fingerprint process through L1 Services
- Expect lectures and demonstration basic rules at meetings
- Communicate hand signals while making quick decisions

REQUIRED Referee Gear & Equipment:

- Black athletic shoes and black socks
- Black slacks with belt-less pants
- NJB striped referee shirt
- Black whistle (Fox 40) and a lanyard
- Black jacket or Black long sleeve t-shirt

Where to find and purchase referee gear:

- Local stores, e.g. "BIG 5 Sporting Goods"
- Officials Choice - www.theofficialschoice.com
- SOS Sports - www.sosofficials.com
- NJB Referee Gear - <http://store.njbl.org/static/index.php>
- Local clothing stores and outlets for black pants

Arbiter Sports registration:

www.arbitersports.com/official/registration.aspx?groupID=106248

Training exercise for new and 1st year officials:

http://www.asep.com/courses/ASEP_Previews/asep_662_preview/u06_02.cfm

Interested in becoming a new basketball official?

Please email your contact information to the SVNJB Sectional Referee

Trainer/Observer, Michael Fields referee-train-observe@siliconvalleynjb.com.