OTHER BASKETBALL LEAGUES

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Research completed as of July 10, 2013

AMERICAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (ABA)

Team: Arizona Scorpions

Principal Owner: Ron Tilley
Team Website

Arena: Phoenix College

Team: Atlanta Aliens

Principal Owner: Adrian Provost
Team Website

Arena: Ben Hill Arena

Team: Atlanta Wildcats

Principal Owner: William D. Payton IV
Team Website

Arena: Lynnwood Recreation Center
Team: Bahama All-Pro Show

Principal Owner: Ricardo Smith
Team Website: N/A

Arena: Loyola Hall

UPDATE: The Bahama All-Pro Show is a team of all Bahamian players who play sporadically in the ABA. In 2012 they were placed on the schedule but never played a game.

Team: Bay Area Matrix

Principal Owner: Jim Beresford
Team Website

Arena: Diablo Valley College

Team: Birmingham Blitz

Principal Owner: Ron Steele, Jr.
Team Website

Arena: Bill Harris Arena

Team: Brooklyn Blackout

Principal Owner: Onez Onassis and Neal Booker
Team Website: N/A

Arena: Aviator Sports Center

Update: On May 8, 2013, it was announced that Brooklyn would be an ABA expansion team.
Team: Calgary Crush

Principal Owner: Salman Rashidian
Team Website

Arena: SAIT Polytechnic

Team: Central Valley Titans

Principal Owner: Josh England
Team Website

Arena: Exeter Union High School

Team: Chicago Court Kingz

Principal Owner: Unique Starz Sports & Entertainment
Team Website: N/A

Arena: N/A

UPDATE: The ABA announced on May 18, 2013 that the Chicago Court Kingz would begin play during the 2013–14 season.

Team: Chicago Fury

Principal Owner: Delaney Kendalle
Team Website: N/A

Arena: N/A

Team: Chicago Steam

Principal Owner: Ron Hicks
Team Website

Arena: South Suburban College

Team: Colorado Cougars
**Principal Owner:** Patrick Kelly  
[Team Website](#)  

**Arena:** Loveland High School
Team: Colorado Kings

Principal Owner: Durrell L. Middleton
Team Website

Arena: Green Valley Ranch Campus

Team: Conway Cyclones

Principal Owner: Brandon Kimbrough, Conway Cyclones LLC
Team Website

Arena: Grove Gymnasium on the campus of Hendrix College

Team: Dallas Impact

Principal Owner: David Washington
Team Website

Arena: Lakewest Family YMCA

Team: Delta Storm

Principal Owner: Johnny Lomack
Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA

Team: Denton Destroyers

Principal Owner: Eric Turner
Team Website

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The ABA announced on May 23, 2013 that the Denton franchise was added to the list of authorized travel teams for the 2013–14 season. The team will become a full ABA team in 2014.
Team: Detroit Hoops

Principal Owner: Gerald Watson II
Team Website: N/A

Arena: Ernest T. Fieldhouse

Team: Electric City Lions

Principal Owner: Azure and Marquis Agnew
Team Website

Arena: T.L. Hanna High School

Team: Fayetteville Flight

Principal Owner: Michael Dixon
Team Website

Arena: The Crown Arena
Facility Website

Team: Fort Smith Firebirds

Principal Owner: Jarmar Birdsong and Gerald Nelson
Team Website

Arena: TBA

Team: Fresno Griffins

Principal Owner: Julie Fulcher
Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA
Team: Gainesville Heat

Principal Owner: Rosalind L. Green
Team Website

Arena: TBA

Team: Gem City Hall O’Famers

Principal Owner: Clarence Razor
Team Website

Arena: TBA

Team: Georgia Bearcats

Principal Owner: Terence Coley
Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA

Team: Georgia Gwizzlies

Principal Owner: Embry Malone
Team Website

Arena: TBA

Team: Georgia Roadrunners

Principal Owner: Alton Hicks and Tommy Tante
Team Website

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Georgia Roadrunners will be added to the ABA as an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.
Team: Georgia-Lina Hurricanes

Principal Owner: Elite Sports Group of Augusta
Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Georgia-Lina Hurricanes will be added to the ABA as an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.

Team: Grande Prairie Cowboys

Principal Owner: Giovanni Rogers
Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: On June 21, 2013, it was announced the Oakland County Cowboys decided to move to Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada for the upcoming season. Grande Prairie joins the Calgary Crush as the second team in the Alberta province.

Team: Greenville Galaxy

Principal Owner: Patrick L. Tate
Team Website

Arena: TBA

Team: Gulf Coast Flash

Principal Owner: Jeremi Washington
Team Website

Arena: Gulfport High School
Team: Hampton Roads Stallions

Principal Owner: David Rogers
Team Website
Twitter: @HR_STALLIONS

Arena: Virginia Beach Field House

UPDATE: The Hampton Roads Stallions were previously the Hampton Roads Sharks under a different owner. David Rogers took over and the Hampton Roads Stallions are ready to compete in the Mid-Atlantic conference.

Team: Hattiesburg Hornets

Principal Owner: Jeremi Washington
Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA

Team: Houston Xperience

Principal Owner: Kevin Williams
Team Website

Arena: TBA

Team: Illinois Balldogz

Principal Owner: Mick Howrey
Team Website

Arena: TBA

Team: Indiana State Warriors

Principal Owner: Lisa Garza
Team Website

Arena: Marquette Catholic High School
Team: Inland Empire Invaders

Principal Owner: Christy Lancaster
Team Website

Arena: Moreno Valley Convention and Recreation Center

UPDATE: On June 3, 2013, it was announced that the Inland Empire Invaders were added to the ABA’s Southern California Division.

On June 9, 2013, it was announced that the Inland Empire Invaders will play their home games at the Moreno Valley Convention and Recreation Center.

Team: Jackson Showboats

Principal Owner: Grant Worsley III and Steven Parham
Team Website: N/A
Twitter: @jxnshowboats

Arena: TBA

Team: Jacksonville Giants

Principal Owner: Ron Sholes
Team Website

Arena: Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena

UPDATE: After winning the ABA Championship in 2012, the Giants repeated the feat by winning the 2013 ABA National Championship.

Team: King City Monarchs

Principal Owner: The Playing Field, LLC an Indiana Company
Team Website

Arena: Rend Lake College

Team: Kitsap Admirals

Principal Owner: Erica Robinson
Team Website

Arena: Olympic High School
Team: Lake City Kingdom Riders

Principal Owner: Monessia and Walter Drake
Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Lake City Kingdom Riders will be added to the ABA as an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.

Team: Las Estrellas de Chicago

Principal Owner: Rick Sanchez
Team Website

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Las Estrellas de Chicago will be added to the ABA as an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.

Team: Las Vegas Defenders

Principal Owner: Kent Buckner
Team Website: N/A
Twitter: @lvdefenders

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Las Vegas Defenders were added to the ABA as an expansion team for the 2012–13 season. The Defenders compete in the Southern California Division.

Team: Lima Explosion

Principal Owner: John Bell
Team Website
Twitter: @LimaExplosion

Arena: Lima Central Catholic High School
Team: Los Angeles SLAM

Principal Owner: Don Sanchez
Team Website

Arena: Maps Sports Facility

Team: Louisiana Gators

Principal Owner: Leroy Cain
Team Website: N/A

Arena: N/A

Team: Lynchburg Legends

Principal Owner: Derek Polley
Team Website

Arena: Lynchburg City Amory

Team: Memphis Bluff City Reign

Principal Owner: Reginald Golden
Team Website

Arena: N/A

Team: Midwest Flames

Principal Owner: Barry Anderson
Team Website
Twitter: @midwestflames

Arena: Woodruff High School
Team: Missouri Rhythm

Principal Owner: Bryant Tucker Sr.
Team Website
Twitter: @missourirhythm

Arena: The ROC Fitness and Recreation

Team: Mobile Bay Tornados

Principal Owner: Charlie McCants
Team Website

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Mobile Bay Tornados were added to the ABA as an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.

Team: Monroe Magicians

Principal Owner: Grant Worsley
Team Website: N/A
Twitter: @monroemagicians

Arena: Harvey H. Benoit Community Center

UPDATE: The Monroe Magicians were added to the ABA as an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.

Team: New Jersey Express

Principal Owner: Marsha Blount
Team Website

Arena: Malcolm X Shabazz High School
Team: New Orleans Cougars

Principal Owner: New Orleans Cougars LLC

Team Website

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The New Orleans Cougars were added to the ABA as an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.

Team: New York Jamm

Principal Owner: Howard Jordan and Francis McQuirev

Team Website

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The New York Jamm will be added to the ABA as an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.

Team: New York Lightning

Principal Owner: Willie Negron

Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA

Team: North Carolina Coyotes

Principal Owner: Reinaldo Espinosa

Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Coyotes will be an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.
Team: North Dallas Vandals

Principal Owner: Casey Topletz
Team Website

Arena: Dr. Pepper Arena
Team: North Shore Tides

Principal Owner: Jake Canty
Team Website

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Tides will be an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.

Team: Oklahoma Outlaws

Principal Owner: Jonathan Reed
Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA

Team: Orange County Novastars

Principal Owner: Al Smith
Team Website

Arena: King/Drew Magnet High School

Team: Pontiac Firebirds

Principal Owner: Shelby Johnson
Team Website

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Pontiac Firebirds were added to the ABA as an expansion team for the 2012–13 season. The Firebirds competed in the North Central Division.

Team: Richmond Elite

Principal Owner: Joyce A. Patterson
Team Website
Twitter: @RichmondElite

Arena: Trinity Family Life Center
Team: Sacramento Heatwave

Principal Owner: Reggie Davis
Team Website
Twitter: @SacHeatwave

Arena: Natomas High School Event Center

Team: San Diego Surf

Principal Owner: Ross Kurland
Team Website
Twitter: @sdsurfbasketbal

Arena: HourGlass Arena at Miramar College

Team: Seattle Mountaineers

Principal Owner: Don Sims
Team Website

Arena: Green River Community College

Team: Seven City Knights

Principal Owner: Lawrence J. Taylor, Jr.
Team Website

Arena: Calvary Assembly of God

Team: Shizuoka Gymrats

Principal Owner: T. Okada
Team Website

Arena: Various Locations/ Travel Team
Team: Shreveport-Bosier Mavericks

Principal Owner: Jerry Nelson
Team Website

Arena: Hirsch Memorial Coliseum

UPDATE: The team announced in April 2013 that it would be moving to Shreveport and would change its name from the Southeast Texas Mavericks to the Shreveport-Bosier Mavericks.

Team: South Carolina Warriors

Principal Owner: Leonard R. Watts and James Marshall Biddle
Team Website

Arena: Carolina Forest Recreation Center

Team: Southcoast Fire

Principal Owner: Jason Fry
Team Website

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Fire will be added as an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.

Team: South Florida Gold

Principal Owner: Michale Watson
Team Website
Twitter: @ABAFTLGOLD

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Gold, which will play its games in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, were announced as an expansion team for the 2013–14 season in May 2013.
Team: South Houston Assault

Principal Owner: Cory Tellis
Team Website

Arena: Travel Team

UPDATE: In April 2013, the ABA announced that the Assault would be added as a travel team for the 2013–14 season and will be placed in the southwest division.

Team: Southwest Florida Spartans

Principal Owner: Ben Mireles
Team Website

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The ABA announced in June 2013 that the Spartans will be an expansion team based in Largo, Florida for the 2013–14 season. The team will play in the southeast division.

Team: Southwest Fellowship Warriors

Principal Owner: Ralph Presley
Team Website

Arena: City of Decatur Sports Palace

Team: Staten Island Vipers

Principal Owner: Ayanna Phillip and Kyle Brereton
Team Website
Twitter: @SI_Vipers

Arena: College of Staten Island
Team: Tacoma Rise

Principal Owner: Chris Reynolds
Team Website

Arena: Dalesky-Black Gymnasium-Foss High

UPDATE: The Rise moved north in the offseason, relocating from Olympia to Tacoma for the 2013–14 season.

Team: Texarkana Panthers

Principal Owner: Cory and Toshima Johnson
Team Website: N/A

Arena: TBA

UPDATE: The Texarkana Panthers will be an expansion team for the 2013–14 season.

Team: Texas Fuel

Principal Owner: Aurora Deiri, Marisol Valdez, Juan Valdez, Jesse Pena, Ellen Duke
Team Website

Arena: Alamo Convocation Center

Team: Utah Avalanche

Principal Owner: Casey Hall
Team Website

Arena: Bruin Arena on the campus of Salt Lake Community College
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Avalanche will be an expansion team for the 2013–14 season and will compete in the Rocky Mountain Conference.
Team: Washington Rampage

Principal Owner: Kinshasa Martin
Team Website
Twitter: @RampageHoops

Arena: Marysville Boys and Girls Club

Team: West Texas Whirlwinds

Principal Owner: Cleveland Phelps
Team Website

Arena: Carver Center

Team: West Virginia Blazers

Principal Owner: Bluefield Housing Authority
Team Website

Arena: Beckley-Raleigh County Convention Center
NATIONAL BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE (NBA D-LEAGUE)

Team: Austin Toros

Affiliate: San Antonio Spurs
Principal Owner: San Antonio Spurs
Team Website
Twitter: @austintoros

Arena: Cedar Park Center
Date Built: 2009
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $55
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Toros participated in their sixth year of their single affiliation partnership with the San Antonio Spurs during the 2012–13 season.

Team: Bakersfield Jam

Affiliate: Atlanta Hawks, Los Angeles Clippers, Phoenix Suns, and Toronto Raptors
Principal Owner: Bakersfield Professional Sports, LLC
Team Website
Twitter: @BakersfieldJam

Arena: Dignity Health Event Center
Date Built: 2009
Facility Cost ($/Mil): N/A
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Bakersfield Jam affiliated with the Atlanta Hawks, Los Angeles Clippers, Phoenix Suns, and Toronto Raptors for the 2012–13 season. The Jam entered the fourth year of their affiliation relationship with the Los Angeles Clippers, the second year of their affiliation relationship with the Phoenix Suns and the Toronto Raptors, and the first year of their affiliation relationship with the Atlanta Hawks.

Naming Rights:
The Dignity Health Event Center was formerly named the Jam Events Center. Dignity Health signed a three year deal in 2012. Financial information for the deal was not disclosed.
Team: Canton Charge

Affiliate: Cleveland Cavaliers
Principal Owner: Cleveland Cavaliers
Team Website
Twitter: @CantonCharge

Arena: Canton Memorial Civic Center
Date Built: 1951
Facility Cost ($/Mil): N/A
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Charge entered their second year of their affiliation partnership with the Cleveland Cavaliers during the 2012–13 season.

Team: Delaware 87ers

Affiliate: Philadelphia 76ers
Principal Owner: Philadelphia 76ers
Team Website
Twitter: @Delaware87ers

Arena: Bob Carpenter Center
Date Built: 1992
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $20.5
Facility Website

UPDATE: In April 2013, the Philadelphia 76ers announced that they had purchased the operating rights for an NBA D-League team. The rights were acquired from the Utah Flash, a team that has not been in existence for the past two seasons. The team will be moved to Delaware and begin play in the 2013–14 season. Home games will be played on the University of Delaware’s campus at the Bob Carpenter Center.

The Carpenter Center was completed in 1992 and is part of the David M. Nelson Athletic Complex. The facility seats 5,000 people and is named after the late R.R.M. “Bob” Carpenter Jr., who was a longtime University of Delaware board trustee member, athletic benefactor, and former owner of MLB’s Phillies.
Team: Erie BayHawks

Affiliate: New York Knicks  
Principal Owner: Steve Demetriou  
Team Website  
Twitter: @ErieBayHawks

Arena: Erie Insurance Arena  
Date Built: 1983  
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $9.3 ($42M for renovations in 2012)  
Facility Website

UPDATE: The arena is undergoing a $42 million renovation, expected to be complete in fall 2013. The renovation will add 2,000 seats, thirteen suites, a club level, and many other amenities only found in major market venues. The newly renovated center will reopen under a new name, Erie Insurance Arena.

The BayHawks are entered their second year of their affiliation partnership with the New York Knicks.

NAMING RIGHTS: In May 2012, Erie Insurance secured the arena naming rights to the former Tullio Arena. Erie Insurance is paying $3 million annually for ten years for the naming rights, expiring in 2022.

Team: Fort Wayne Mad Ants

Affiliate: Charlotte Bobcats, Detroit Pistons, Indiana Pacers, and Milwaukee Bucks  
Principal Owner: Jeff Potter and John Zeglis  
Team Website  
Twitter: @TheMadAnts

Arena: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum  
Date Built: 1952  
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $2.6 ($26M for renovations in 1989 and $35M in 2002)  
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Fort Wayne Mad Ants affiliated with the Charlotte Bobcats, Detroit Pistons, Indiana Pacers, and the Milwaukee Bucks for the 2012–13 season. The 2012–13 season marked the first year of the Mad Ant’s affiliation relationship with the Charlotte Bobcats, the fifth with both the Detroit Pistons and the Indiana Pacers, and the fourth with the Milwaukee Bucks.
Team: Idaho Stampede

Affiliate: Portland Trail Blazers
Principal Owner: Bill Ilett
Team Website
Twitter: @IdahoStampede

Arena: CenturyLink Arena Boise
Date Built: 1997
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $50
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Portland Trail Blazers became the Idaho Stampede’s sole NBA affiliate for the 2012–13 season. The Trail Blazers previously shared the Stampede with the Denver Nuggets and the Utah Jazz in the 2011–12 season.

The partnership between the Trail Blazers and the Stampede is a “hybrid affiliation,” a model similar to other minor leagues. Under this type of affiliation, NBA teams secure control over and cover the expenses related to the basketball operations of the NBA D-League team. The NBA team partners with existing ownership, which maintains responsibility for the team’s off-court business operations.

NAMING RIGHTS: Due to the merger of Qwest Communications and CenturyLink, Qwest Arena was renamed CenturyLink Arena Boise in August 2011. CenturyLink will pay for the expensive brand makeover and inherit the current naming rights deal with Idaho Sports Properties/Block 22. CenturyLink (formerly Qwest communications) is paying Idaho Sports Properties/Block 22 $4 million over fifteen years for the naming rights, expiring in 2020.

Team: Iowa Energy

Affiliate: Chicago Bulls, Denver Nuggets, New Orleans Pelicans (formerly the Hornets), and Washington Wizards
Principal Owner: Iowa Basketball, LLC
Team Website
Twitter: @iowaenergy

Arena: Wells Fargo Arena
Date Built: 2005
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $99
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Iowa Energy affiliated with the Chicago Bulls, Denver Nuggets, New Orleans Hornets, and the Washington Wizards for the 2012–13 season. The 2012–13 season marked the first year of the Energy’s affiliation relationship with the Denver Nuggets, the sixth with the Chicago Bulls, and the second with both the New Orleans Hornets and the Washington Wizards.
NAMING RIGHTS: Wells Fargo is paying $11.4 million over twenty years for the naming rights.

Team: Los Angeles D-Fenders

Affiliate: Los Angeles Lakers
Principal Owner: Los Angeles Lakers
Team Website
Twitter: @DFenders

Arena: Toyota Sports Center
Date Built: 2000
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $24
Facility Website

UPDATE: The D-Fenders completed their second year of their affiliation partnership with the Los Angeles Lakers in the 2012–13 season.

NAMING RIGHTS: Toyota signed a multiyear deal in July 2005 for an undisclosed amount.

Team: Maine Red Claws

Affiliate: Boston Celtics
Principal Owner: Maine Basketball, LLC
Team Website
Twitter: @maineredclaws

Arena: Portland Exposition Building
Date Built: 1914
Facility Cost: $80,944
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Boston Celtics became the Maine Red Claws’s sole NBA affiliate for the 2012–13 season. The Celtics previously shared the Red Claws with the Charlotte Bobcats and the Philadelphia 76ers in the 2011–12 season.

The partnership between the Celtics and the Red Claws is a “hybrid affiliation,” a model similar to other minor leagues. Under this type of affiliation, NBA teams secure control over and cover the expenses related to the basketball operations of the NBA D-League team. The NBA team partners with existing ownership, which maintains responsibility for the team’s off-court business operations.
Team: Reno Bighorns

**Affiliate:** Sacramento Kings, Memphis Grizzlies and Utah Jazz  
**Principal Owner:** Herb Santos, Stephen Adams and Jeffrey Adams of local ownership group, Bighorns Basketball, LLC  
[Team Website](#)  
Twitter: @renobighorns

**Arena:** Reno Events Center  
**Date Built:** 2005  
**Facility Cost ($/Mil):** N/A  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Bighorns affiliated with the Sacramento Kings, Memphis Grizzlies, and the Utah Jazz for the 2012–13 season. The 2012–13 season marked the first year of the Bighorns’ affiliation relationship with the Utah Jazz, the second with the Memphis Grizzlies, and the fifth with the Sacramento Kings.

Team: Rio Grande Valley Vipers

**Affiliate:** Houston Rockets  
**Principal Owner:** RGV Basketball, LLC  
[Team Website](#)  
Twitter: @rgvvipers

**Arena:** State Farm Arena  
**Date Built:** 2003  
**Facility Cost ($/Mil):** $23  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Vipers have had an affiliation relationship with the Houston Rockets for six years, and a single affiliation partnership with the Rockets for four years.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** State Farm purchased the naming rights to the former Dodge Arena in 2010 for an undisclosed amount.
Team: Santa Cruz Warriors (formerly Dakota Wizards)

Affiliate:  Golden State Warriors  
Principal Owner:  Golden State Warriors  
[Team Website](#)  
Twitter: @DLeagueWarriors  

**Arena:**  Kaiser Permanente Arena  
**Date Built:**  2012  
**Facility Cost ($/Mil):**  $3.5  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Santa Cruz Warriors were formally known as the Dakota Wizards. The team moved and began play as the Santa Cruz Warriors for the 2012–13 season.

Team: Sioux Falls Skyforce

Affiliate:  Miami Heat, Minnesota Timberwolves, Orlando Magic, and Philadelphia 76ers  
Principal Owner:  D. Greg Heineman  
[Team Website](#)  
Twitter: @SFSkyforce  

**Arena:**  Sioux Falls Arena  
**Date Built:**  1961  
**Facility Cost ($/Mil):**  N/A  
[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** The Sioux Falls Skyforce will affiliate with the Miami Heat, Minnesota Timberwolves, Orlando Magic, and Philadelphia 76ers for the 2012–13 season. The Skyforce enter the seventh year of their affiliation relationship with the Minnesota Timberwolves, the fourth year of their affiliation relationship with the Miami Heat, and the second year of their affiliation relationship with the Orlando Magic. The 2012–13 season marks the first year of the Skyforce’s affiliation relationship with the Philadelphia 76ers.

In June 2013, it was announced that the Skyforce and the Miami Heat had entered into a single affiliation partnership beginning with the 2013–14 season. The partnership is a hybrid affiliation that is the sixth of its kind in the NBA D-League. Under this type of affiliation, NBA teams secure control over and cover the expenses related to the basketball operations of the NBA D-League team. The NBA team partners with existing ownership, which maintains responsibility for the team’s off-court business operations.
Team: Springfield Armor

Affiliate: Brooklyn Nets  
Principal Owner: HWS Basketball, LLC  
Team Website  
Twitter: @ArmorHoops

Arena: MassMutual Center  
Date Built: 1972  
Facility Cost ($/Mil): N/A  
Facility Website

UPDATE: The partnership between the Nets and the Armor is a “hybrid affiliation,” a model similar to other minor leagues. Under this type of affiliation, NBA teams secure control over and cover the expenses related to the basketball operations of the NBA D-League team. The NBA team partners with existing ownership, which maintains responsibility for the team’s off-court business operations. The Armor started their affiliation with the Nets in 2011.


Team: Texas Legends

Affiliate: Dallas Mavericks  
Principal Owner: Texas D-League Management, LLC  
Team Website  
Twitter: @TexasLegends

Arena: Dr Pepper Arena  
Date Built: 2003  
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $27  
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Dallas Mavericks and the Texas Legends have had a single affiliate partnership since 2010.

NAMING RIGHTS: The Dr Pepper Snapple Group has held the naming rights for the Arena since it has opened for an undisclosed amount. The Arena was originally known as the Deja Blue Arena, after the bottled water the company owned.
Team: Tulsa 66ers

Affiliate: Oklahoma City Thunder
Principal Owner: Oklahoma City Thunder
Team Website
Twitter: @Tulsa66ers

Arena: Cox Business Center
Date Built: 1964
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $3.5 ($52 million for renovations in 2010)
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Oklahoma City Thunder and the Tulsa 66ers have had a single affiliate partnership since 2008.

In June 2013, it was announced that the Tulsa Public Facilities Authority unanimously approved a five-year contract with SMG. The new agreement will allow for SMG to continue managing the Tulsa Convention Center, which was renamed Cox Business Center in the deal.
INDEPENDENT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (IBA)

LEAGUE UPDATE: The IBA and the PBL combined in 2013 due to fiscal constraints and in order to provide a stronger, more competitive league. The league consisted of seventeen teams. However, in May 2013, it was determined that PBL officials and the owner of the Rochester RazorSharks were involved in actions detrimental to the league. The IBA removed the RazorSharks from the league, and followed that decision by removing the PBL name and teams from the brand, effectively ending the merger.

Team: Albany Legends

Principal Owner: N/A
Team Website: N/A
Twitter: @NYAlbanyLegends

Arena: Christian Brothers Academy
Facility Website: N/A

Team: Battle Creek Knights

Principal Owner: Scott Niecko
Team Website: N/A
Twitter: @BCKnights

Arena: Kellogg Arena
Date Built: 1980
Facility Website

UPDATE: In June 2013, it was announced that the Battle Creek Knights were rejoining the IBA for the Winter 2013 season.

Team: Buffalo 716er’s

Principal Owner: Tawan Slaughter
Team Website
Twitter: @Buffalo716ers

Arena: Holy Angels Academy
Facility Website: N/A
**UPDATE**: In June 2013, the Buffalo 716er’s were welcomed into the IBA and will begin play in the Winter 2013 season.

**Team: Chicago Redline**

**Principal Owner**: Richard Ashmon  
[Team Website](#)  
**Arena**: Calumet Park Recreation  
[Facility Website](#)

**Team: Gary Splash**

**Principal Owner**: Jay Bradford  
[Team Website](#)  
Twitter: @GarySplashBB  
**Arena**: Embassies of Christ Ministries  
Facility Website: N/A

**Team: Kankakee County Soldiers**

**Principal Owner**: Barry Bradford  
[Team Website](#)  
Twitter: @Soldierville3  
**Arena**: Legends Sportsplex  
[Facility Website](#)

**Team: Kenosha Ballers**

**Principal Owner**: Tony Moore  
[Team Website](#)  
**Arena**: Kenosha YMCA  
Facility Website: N/A
Team: Lake County Stars

Principal Owner: Ken Hasty
Team Website
Twitter: @LakeCountyStars

Arena: Trinity International University
Facility Website: N/A

Team: Lansing Capitals

Principal Owner: Rey Jefferson
Team Website
Twitter: @LansingCapitals

Arena: Aim High Sports
Facility Website

Team: Los Angeles Lightning

Principal Owner: Mark Harwell
Team Website
Twitter: @LA_Lightning

Arena: Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center at Cal Lutheran University
Date Built: 2006
Facility Website

Team: Malibu Pirates

Principal Owner: N/A
Team Website: N/A

Arena: N/A
Facility Website: N/A
Team: New Jersey G-Force

Principal Owner: Tim Butts
Team Website
Twitter: @JerseyGForce

Arena: The Union Dome, Union City High School
Facility Website: N/A

Team: Rockford Riverdawgs

Principal Owner: Melvin Smith
Team Website

Arena: Fusion Fitness Center
Facility Website: N/A

Team: Springfield Xpress

Principal Owner: Jonathan Taylor
Team Website

Arena: Lanphier High School
Facility Website: N/A

Team: St. Louis Trotters

Principal Owner: Milan Pepper
Team Website
Twitter: @StLouisTrotters

Arena: Wohl Center
Date Built: N/A

Team: Windy City Blazers

Principal Owner: N/A
Team Website: N/A

Arena: N/A
Facility Website: N/A
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Team: Bloomington Flex

Principal Owner: Scott Henderson
Team Website

Arena: U.S. Cellular Coliseum
Date Built: 2006
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $37
Facility Website

UPDATE: The Bloomington Flex were formally known as the Central Illinois Drive.

Team: Indiana Diesels

Principal Owner: Rex Volis
Team Website
Twitter: @indianadiesel

Arena: Broad Ripple High School
Facility Website: N/A

Team: Lake Michigan Admirals

Principal Owner: Chris Glisson
Team Website
Twitter: @LMAdmirals

Arena: Lack Michigan Catholic High School and Benton Harbor High School
Facility Website: N/A
Team: Rochester RazorSharks

Principal Owner: Dr. Severko Hrywnak
Team Website
Twitter: @RochRazorSharks

Arena: Blue Cross Arena
Date Built: 1955
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $7.5 ($41 million for renovations in 1998)
Facility Website

Naming Rights: Blue Cross acquired naming rights in 1998. The deal was for 15 years for $3 million.

Team: Sauk Valley Predators

Principal Owner: Brad and Leah Grenoble
Team Website
Twitter: @svpredators

Arena: Sterling High School
Facility Website: N/A

Team: West Virginia Miners

Principal Owner: Stephanie Casey
Team Website
Twitter: @wvminersbball

Arena: St. Albans High School
Facility Website: N/A
CENTRAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE (CBL)

League Update: The CBL is a new league that is set to begin Spring 2013 with five teams. While all five teams started the 2013 season, the league now consists of only four, after the Dayton Airstrikes no longer seem to be a part of the league. In May 2013, an announcement stated that the Airstrikes were still part of the CBL, but the team is no longer listed as an official CBA team on its website.

Team: Bowling Green Hornets

Principal Owner: N/A (Head Coach: Otis Key)
Team Website
Twitter: @BGHornetsCBL

Arena: Russellville High School
Facility Website: N/A

Team: Middle Tennessee Storm

Principal Owner: Camille Franklin
Team Website
Twitter: @MiddleTNStorm

Arena: Fisk University
Facility Website: N/A

Team: River City Panthers

Principal Owner: Sidney Dawsey & Bishop Smith
Team Website
Twitter: @RCityPanthers

Arena: Peoria Academy School
Facility Website: N/A

Team: St. Louis Hawks

Principal Owner: N/A
Team Website

Arena: Harris-Stowe State University
Facility Website: N/A
WOMEN'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (WNBA)

Team: Atlanta Dream

Principal Owner: Dream Too, LLC, composed of Mary Brock and Kelly Loeffler  
Year Established: 2007  
Team Website  
Twitter: @AtlantaDream

Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil): N/A

Arena: Philips Arena  
Date Built: 1999  
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $213.5  
Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed: 91%

Facility Financing: The facility was financed through $149.5 million in government-backed bonds to be paid back at $12.5 million a year for thirty years. A 3% car rental tax was created to pay for $62 million of the public infrastructure costs and Time Warner contributed $20 million for the remaining infrastructure costs.

Facility Website

NAMING RIGHTS: Royal Philips Electronics N.V. is paying $185 million over twenty years, $9.25 million annually, for the naming rights that expire in 2019.

Team: Chicago Sky

Principal Owner: Michael Alter  
Year Established: 2005  
Team Website  
Twitter: @wnbachicagosky

Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil): $10

Arena: Allstate Arena  
Date Built: 1980  
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $19  
Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed: N/A  
Facility Financing: N/A  
Facility Website

NAMING RIGHTS: The Allstate Insurance Company paid $20 million in 1999 for renovations and naming rights to the arena.
Team: Connecticut Sun

Principal Owner: Mohegan Indian Tribe
Year Established: 1998 in Orlando, FL, moved to Connecticut in 2003
Team Website
Twitter: @ConnecticutSun

Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil): N/A

Arena: Mohegan Sun Arena
Date Built: 2001
Facility Cost ($/Mil): N/A
Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed: N/A
Facility Financing: N/A
Facility Website

NAMING RIGHTS: Mohegan Sun, a casino, will pay $2,375,000 for ten years in the naming rights agreement with Luzerne County Convention Center Authority. Mohegan Sun will pay $225,000 annually for the first five years and $250,000 for the remaining five years to reach this total.

Team: Indiana Fever

Affiliate: Indiana Pacers
Principal Owner: Herbert Simon
Year Established: 2000
Team Website
Twitter: @IndianaFever

Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil): N/A

Arena: Bankers Life Fieldhouse (formerly Conseco Fieldhouse 1999–2011)
Date Built: 1999
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $183
Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed: 43%
Facility Financing: Financing for the facility is a public/private partnership. Public contributions totaled $79 million, which included $50 million from a professional sports developmental tax district around the new facility, $4.7 million in infrastructure, $9.3 million from Capital Improvement Board cash reserves and $7 million from the Circle Centre Mall revenues. The Pacers contributed $57 million, while other private sources paid for the rest.
Facility Website

NAMING RIGHTS: Bankers Life, a subsidiary of CNO Financial, took over the original naming rights deal from Conseco Inc., which pays $40 million over twenty years, $2 million
annually, for the naming rights that expire in 2019. CNO Financial also paid the additional cost to change the name.

**Team: Los Angeles Sparks**

**Affiliate:** Los Angeles Lakers  
**Principal Owner:** Williams Group Holdings, LLC  
**Year Established:** 1997  
[Team Website](#)  
Twitter: @LA_Sparks

**Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil):** $10 (2007)

**Arena:** STAPLES Center  
**Date Built:** 1999  
**Facility Cost ($/Mil):** $375  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 19%

**Facility Financing:** Bank of America underwrote a $305 million loan to finance construction. The city provided $38.5 million in bonds and $20 million in Los Angeles Convention Center reserves. This money will eventually be repaid through arena revenues. An additional $12 million in tax incremental financing was also provided by the city's Community Redevelopment Agency.  
[Facility Website](#)

**NAMING RIGHTS:** STAPLES Inc. was paying $116 million over twenty years, $5.8 million annually, for a naming rights deal that was set to expire in 2019. However, in November 2009, the owner of the arena, AEG, agreed to provide STAPLES with perpetual naming rights, for an undisclosed amount. This is the first lifetime naming rights agreement for a stadium in a major metropolitan area.

**Team: Minnesota Lynx**

**Affiliate:** Minnesota Timberwolves  
**Principal Owner:** Glen Taylor  
**Year Established:** 1999  
[Team Website](#)  
Twitter: @minnesotalynx

**Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil):** N/A

**Arena:** Target Center  
**Date Built:** 1990  
**Facility Cost ($/Mil):** $104  
**Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed:** 100%
Facility Financing: Financed through a tax-exempt bond issue.

UPDATE: In May 2011, Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, Minnesota Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor, and Minneapolis City Council President Barbara Johnson announced a proposal seeking $155 million to renovate the Target Center. In May 2012, Rybak said the city’s maximum contribution for the project would be between $60 million and $70 million. This means the Wolves and AEG might have to increase their contribution, as the parties originally pitched the renovation as a $150 million project, with $50 million coming from the Wolves and AEG. But Rybak said the scope of the project and funding plan still needs to be negotiated. Once the development agreement is finalized, it would go back to the City Council for approval. Then the implementation team will put out a request for proposals to hire a lead architect and the general contractor. At this point, it seems that local companies are being favored, as Minneapolis-based AECOM and Mortenson Construction both assisted with early planning for the project.

The planning and design will take between six and nine months, followed by fourteen to eighteen months of construction. The project could be completed by the end of 2014 or early 2015.

The Target Center renovation will completely transform the building. Early schematic plans call for parts of the arena’s concrete exterior to be replaced with glass and for its main lobby to be relocated to the corner of First Avenue and Sixth Street, creating a better connection to Target Field and Target Plaza. Other changes could include new club seating areas, an in-arena public bar, additional retail on the skyway level, and a restaurant overlooking Target Field and the plaza.

As of April 2013, Minneapolis city leaders and Timberwolves representatives have yet to reach a financing agreement for the renovation. Additionally, AEG owner Philip Anschutz pulled AEG, which manages the Target Center, off the market in March 2013. If AEG had been sold, it could have potentially created issues for the Target Center renovation plans, as AEG was to contribute cash to help with the financing. Also, a new legislative proposal could potentially create problems for the renovation, as lawmakers from both Minneapolis and St. Paul back a study to determine the feasibility of establishing joint administration of the Target Center and the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

NAMING RIGHTS: Target Corp. was paying $30 million over twenty years, $1.5 million annually, for the naming rights that expired in 2011. In September 2011, Target Corp. secured a three-year naming rights deal, giving Target Corp. naming rights until 2014. The deal was shorter than what the Timberwolves had hoped for. Originally, the Timberwolves had hoped to land a fourteen-year deal to match the years remaining on the team’s Target Center lease.
Team: New York Liberty

Affiliate: New York Knicks  
Principal Owner: Madison Square Garden  
Year Established: 1996

Team Website  
Twitter: @nyliberty

Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil): N/A

Arena: Madison Square Garden  
Date Built: 1968  
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $123  
Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed: 100%  

Facility Website

UPDATE: The New York Liberty will play at the Prudential Center the next three seasons while Madison Square renovations are underway. The arena projected the cost of the renovation to exceed $800 million. The renovations will include new seats, lighting, sound, and LED video systems in HDTV, wider public concourses and other enhancements. The renovations are scheduled to be completed for the 2013–14 NBA season.

The new 7th Avenue entrance will become Chase Square and two new Chase Bridges will be suspended above the floor offering a unique view of the action. The arena will also feature “The 1879 Club” presented by J.P. Morgan and the 7th and 8th Avenue marquees will feature permanent JPMorgan Chase branding.

NAMING RIGHTS: Madison Square Garden's history is probably the most significant reason the owners have stated that they would never sell the naming rights to the arena. The history began when Madison Square Garden I opened in 1879. The current Madison Square Garden, Madison Square Garden IV, opened in 1968.

Team: Phoenix Mercury

Affiliate: Phoenix Suns  
Principal Owner: Robert Sarver  
Year Established: 1997

Team Website  
Twitter: @PhoenixMercury

Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil): N/A

Arena: US Airways Center  
Date Built: 1992
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $90  
Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed: 39%  
Facility Financing: The City of Phoenix contributed $35 million with $28 million going to construct the arena and $7 million for the land. The Phoenix Suns contributed $55 million. The city has a thirty-year commitment from the Suns to repay a portion of the contribution at $500,000 per year, with an annual 3% increase. The city will also receive 40% of revenue from luxury boxes and advertising.  
Facility Website

NAMING RIGHTS: U.S. Airways currently owns the naming rights to the facility, which the company obtained when it merged with America West Airlines in 2005. The original deal entered into by America West was a thirty-year, $26 million naming rights contract. The contract runs until 2022.

In February 2013, U.S. Airways and American Airlines announced a merger. It is unclear how the planned merger will affect the naming rights of the arena.

Team: San Antonio Silver Stars

Affiliate: San Antonio Spurs  
Principal Owner: Peter Holt  
Year Established: 1997 as the Utah Starzz, moved to San Antonio and changed the name to become the San Antonio Silver Stars in 2003  
Team Website  
Twitter: @SASilversStars

Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil): N/A

Arena: AT&T Center  
Date Built: 2002  
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $186  
Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed: 84%  
Facility Financing: $146.5 million was generated through a county tax increase and an increase in hotel and rental car taxes. The Spurs contributed $28.5 million, which was raised through a $1.00 increase in ticket fees for NBA games and a $1.00 parking surcharge. The bulk of the facility's revenues go to the team.  
Facility Website

NAMING RIGHTS: AT&T Inc. is paying $41 million over twenty years, $2.05 million annually, for the naming rights that expire in 2022.
Team: Seattle Storm

Principal Owner: Force 10 Hoops, LLC  
Year Established: 1999  
Team Website
Twitter: @seattlestorm

Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil): N/A

Arena: KeyArena  
Date Built: 1962 (renovated in 1995)  
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $94  
Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed: N/A  
Facility Financing: The arena cost the city $75 million and the Seattle Supersonics $19 million.  
Facility Website

UPDATE: A proposal for a new arena to be built in order to attract an NBA team was being negotiated. Part of the negotiations included the Seattle Storm working on a more favorable and transferable lease. The Storm’s current agreement has the city paying $300,000 to the Storm as part of the revenue sharing agreement. The concern is that the city of Seattle will not be able to support another team, especially with this payout from the City to the Storm. However, the negotiations eventually broke down after the NBA voted to keep the Sacramento Kings in Sacramento, all but ending Seattle’s bid for an NBA team for next season.

NAMING RIGHTS: In January, Seattle Center announced that KeyCorp will not renew its agreement for naming rights of the Key Arena, after fifteen years of sponsorship. As of July 2012, the venue remains known as KeyArena, and continue this way until a new sponsor is found.

Team: Tulsa Shock

Principal Owner: Tulsa Pro Hoops, LLC  
Year Established: 1998 as Detroit Shock, moved to Tulsa in 2009  
Team Website
Twitter: @tulsashock

Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil): N/A

Arena: BOK Center  
Date Built: 2008  
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $196  
Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed: N/A  
Facility Financing: $178 million in public funds, $18 million from private parties  
Facility Website
NAMING RIGHTS: Bank of Oklahoma will pay $11 million over twenty years for the naming rights.

Team: Washington Mystics

Affiliate: Washington Wizards
Principal Owner: Ted Leonsis of Monumental Sports & Entertainment
Year Established: 1998
Team Website
Twitter: @WashMystics

Most Recent Purchase Price ($/Mil): $10

Arena: Verizon Center
Date Built: 1997
Facility Cost ($/Mil): $260
Percentage of Arena Publicly Financed: 23%
Facility Financing: Private loans financed the building. The District of Columbia provided $60 million in infrastructure costs.
Facility Website

NAMING RIGHTS: The name of the arena changed from the MCI Center to the Verizon Center in March 2006. The change was the result of Verizon's merger with MCI. Verizon is paying $44 million over twenty years, $2.2 million annually, for the naming rights that expire in 2017.