



OTHER BASKETBALL LEAGUES

{Appendix 2.1, to *Sports Facility Reports, Volume 14*}
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-Bossier 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-Bossier 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.

NAMING RIGHTS: In 2005, MassMutual Financial Group signed a naming rights deal for the Springfield Civic Center for an undisclosed amount.

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 Riverdawks

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

PREMIER BASKETBALL LEAGUE (PBL)

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 17 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: 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.

[Facility Website](#)

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 Financing: \$200 million in renovations completed in 1991.

[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: @SASilverStars

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.