



## OTHER BASKETBALL LEAGUES

*{Appendix 2.1, to Sports Facility Reports, [Volume 15](#)}*  
*Research completed as of August 1, 2014*

### AMERICAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (ABA)

#### **Team: Arizona Scorpions**

**Principal Owner:** Tris Tilley

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Glendale Community College

#### **Team: Atlanta Aliens**

**Principal Owner:** Adrian Provost

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Jefferson Basketball Stadium

#### **Team: Atlanta Wildcats**

**Principal Owner:** William D. Payton IV

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Henry County High School

#### **Team: Austin Boom**

**Principal Owner:** C&J Elite Sports LLC

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Bay Area Matrix**

**Principal Owner:** Jim Beresford

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Diablo Valley College

## **Team: Birmingham Blitz**

**Principal Owner:** Birmingham Blitz LLC

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** Bill Harris Arena

## **Team: Bowling Green Bandits**

**Principal Owner:** Matt Morris

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Calgary Crush**

**Principal Owner:** Salman Rashidian

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** SAIT Polytechnic

## **Team: Central Texas Swarm**

**Principal Owner:** Swarm Investment Group/ Shooting Stars Sports & Entertainment

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Central Valley Titans**

**Principal Owner:** Josh England

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** Exeter Union High School

## **Team: Chicago Court Kingz**

**Principal Owner:** Unique Starz Sports & Entertainment

[Team Website](#)

**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 Middleton

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Overland High School

## **Team: Columbus Life Bearcats**

**Principal Owner:** Terence Coley

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** Carver High School

**Update:** In June 2013, Columbus Life Tigers and Georgia Bearcats merged to make the Columbus Life Bearcats.

## **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: Detroit Hoops**

**Principal Owner:** Gerald Watson II

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** Ernest T. Fieldhouse

## **Team: Charleston City Lions**

**Principal Owner:** Azure and Marquis Agnew

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Cathedral Academy Arena

## **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

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Fresno Griffins**

**Principal Owner:** Julie Fulcher

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** California and Elm Street Gym

## **Team: Gainesville Heat**

**Principal Owner:** Rosalind L. Green

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Gem City Hall O'Famers**

**Principal Owner:** Clarence Razor

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Georgia Gwizzlies**

**Principal Owner:** Embry Malone

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Dutchtown High School

## **Team: Georgia Roadrunners**

**Principal Owner:** Quinton Miles

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Northside Recreation Center

## **Team: Georgia-Lina Hurricanes**

**Principal Owner:** Bryan Beaver

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Paine College Heal Complex Center

## **Team: Grande Prairie Cowboys**

**Principal Owner:** Giovanni Rogers

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Greenville Galaxy**

**Principal Owner:** Patrick L. Tate

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Gulf Coast Flash**

**Principal Owner:** Charlie McCants

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Hampton Roads Stallions**

**Principal Owner:** David Rogers

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @HR\_STALLIONS

**Arena:** Virginia Beach Field House

## **Team: Hattiesburg Hornets**

**Principal Owner:** Jeremi Washington

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Houston Red Storm**

**Principal Owner:** Larry Leonard

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Illinois Balldogz**

**Principal Owner:** Mick Howrey

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Indiana State Warriors**

**Principal Owner:** Lisa Garza

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Jackson Showboats**

**Principal Owner:** Grant Worsley III and Steven Parham

**Team Website:** N/A

**Twitter:** @jxnshowboats

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Jacksonville Giants**

**Principal Owner:** Ron Sholes

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena

## **Team: King City Monarchs**

**Principal Owner:** The Playing Field, LLC an Indiana Company

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Kitsap Admirals**

**Principal Owner:** Ashley and Erica Robinson

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Las Vegas Defenders**

**Principal Owner:** Kent Buckner

**Team Website:** N/A

**Twitter:** @lvdefenders

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Los Angeles SLAM**

**Principal Owner:** Don Sanchez

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Memphis Lions**

**Principal Owner:** DePaula Ross and Marcelina Glover

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Missouri Rhythm**

**Principal Owner:** Bryant Tucker Sr.

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @missourirhythm

**Arena:** Grandview Christian School

## **Team: Mobile Bay Tornados**

**Principal Owner:** Charlie McCants

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Monroe Magicians**

**Principal Owner:** Grant Worsley

**Team Website:** N/A

**Twitter:** @monroemagicians

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: New Jersey Express**

**Principal Owner:** Marsha Blount

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Weequahic High School



## **Team: New Orleans Cougars**

**Principal Owner:** New Orleans Cougars LLC

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: North Carolina Coyotes**

**Principal Owner:** Barbara Espinosa

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** Neal Middle School

## **Team: North Dallas Vandals**

**Principal Owner:** Casey Topletz

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Dr Pepper Arena

## **Team: Oakland County Firebirds**

**Principal Owner:** Shelby D. Johnson

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Orange County Novastars**

**Principal Owner:** Al Smith

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Fullerton Community College

## **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:** West Campus High School

## **Team: Salem Storm**

**Principal Owner:** Adrian Plunkett

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** Salem Civic Center

## **Team: San Diego Surf**

**Principal Owner:** Ross Kurland

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @sdsurfbasketbal

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Seattle Mountaineers**

**Principal Owner:** Don Sims

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Renton High School

## **Team: Seven City Knights**

**Principal Owner:** Lawrence J. Taylor, Jr.

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** Calvary Assembly of God

## **Team: Shizuoka Gymrats**

**Principal Owner:** Takuya Okada

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Various Locations/ Travel Team

## **Team: Shreveport-Bossier Mavericks**

**Principal Owner:** Jerry Nelson

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Hirsch Memorial Coliseum

## **Team: South Coast Fire**

**Principal Owner:** Jason Fry

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: South Florida Gold**

**Principal Owner:** Michale Watson

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @ABAFTLGOLD

**Arena:** Boynton Beach High School

## **Team: South Houston Assault**

**Principal Owner:** Cory Tellis

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** Gerry and Greta's Art Camp

## **Team: Southwest Warriors**

**Principal Owner:** Ralph Presley

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Action Sports Academy

## **Team: Staten Island Vipers**

**Principal Owner:** Ayanna Phillip and Kyle Brereton

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @SI\_Vipers

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Tacoma Rise**

**Principal Owner:** Chris Reynolds

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Dalesky-Black Gymnasium-Foss High School

## **Team: Texarkana Panthers**

**Principal Owner:** Torrell Johnson

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Texas Cagerz**

**Principal Owner:** Adam Taylor

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Texas Fuel**

**Principal Owner:** Aurora Gross Deiri

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: Washington Rampage**

**Principal Owner:** Martin Kinshasa

**Team Website:** N/A

**Twitter:** @RampageHoops

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: West Texas Whirlwinds**

**Principal Owner:** Cleveland Phelps

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** N/A

## **Team: West Virginia Blazers**

**Principal Owner:** Cindy Preast

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** N/A

# 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](#)

## **Team: Bakersfield Jam**

**Affiliate:** Phoenix Suns

**Principal Owner:** Bakersfield Professional Sports, LLC (Stan Ellis, David Higdon, Steve Chase)

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @BakersfieldJam

**Arena:** Dignity Health Event Center

**Date Built:** 2009

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In May 2014, the Phoenix Suns and Bakersfield Jam announced a single-affiliation partnership starting during the 2014-2015 season between the NBA team and the Development League team. The hybrid partnership will allow the Suns to oversee and fund all aspects of the Jam's basketball operations, while the local ownership of the Jam will manage the team's business operations and community outreach.

**Naming Rights:** The Dignity Health Event Center, formerly named the Jam Events Center, 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](#)

## **Team: Delaware 87ers**

**Affiliate:** Philadelphia 76ers  
**Principal Owner:** Philadelphia 76ers  
[Team Website](#)  
**Twitter:** @Sevens

**Arena:** Bob Carpenter Center  
**Date Built:** 1992  
**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$20.5  
[Facility Website](#)

## **Team: Erie BayHawks**

**Affiliate:** Orlando Magic  
**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:** In May 2014, Erie Bayhawks announced a three-year hybrid single-affiliation partnership with the Orlando Magic. The hybrid partnership will allow the Magic to control the Bayhawks basketball operations while the existing local ownership maintains primary responsibility for the team's off the court business operations and community initiatives.

**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:** Indiana Pacers, Charlotte Hornets, and Milwaukee Bucks  
**Principal Owner:** Jeff Potter  
[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](#)

## **Team: Idaho Stampede**

**Affiliate:** Utah Jazz

**Principal Owner:** Bill Ilett

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @IdahoStampede

**Arena:** Century Link Arena

**Date Built:** 1997

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$50

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In May 2014, Century Link Arena announced that it would be installing a new, four sided center-hang scoreboard inside the arena. The scoreboard is projected to be ready before the 2014-2015 East Coast Hockey League (ECHL) hockey season.

In June 2014, the Idaho Stampede and Utah Jazz announced a hybrid affiliation. The hybrid partnership will allow the Jazz to control the Stampede basketball operations while the existing local ownership maintains primary responsibility for the team's off the court business operations and community initiatives.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Due to the merger of Qwest Communications and Century Link, Qwest Arena was renamed Century Link Arena Boise in August 2011. Century Link will pay for the expensive brand makeover and inherit the current naming rights deal with Idaho Sports Properties/Block 22. Century Link (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:** Memphis Grizzlies

**Principal Owner:** Jed Kaplan

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @iowaenergy

**Arena:** Wells Fargo Arena

**Date Built:** 2005

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$99

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In May 2014, Iowa Energy announced a single-affiliation partnership with the Memphis Grizzlies. The hybrid partnership will allow the Grizzlies to control the Energy



basketball operations while the existing local ownership maintains primary responsibility for the team's off the court business operations and community initiatives.

In June 2014, the Iowa Event Center announced that Wells Fargo Arena would host the NBA preseason game between the Denver Nuggets and Golden State Warriors on Thursday, October 16, 2014.

**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](#)

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

## **Team: Maine Red Claws**

**Affiliate:** Boston Celtics

**Principal Owner:** William J. Ryan, Jr.

[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 2012–2013 season. The Celtics shared the Red Claws with the Charlotte Bobcats and the Philadelphia 76ers in the 2011–2012 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

**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:** In May 2014, Reno Bighorns announced a single-affiliation partnership with the Sacramento Kings. The hybrid partnership will allow the Kings to control the Bighorns basketball operations while the existing local ownership maintains primary responsibility for the team's off the court business operations and community initiatives.

## **Team: Rio Grande Valley Vipers**

**Affiliate:** Houston Rockets

**Principal Owner:** Alonzo Cantu, David Deanda, Kenny Hausenfluck, Hector Ramos, and Larry Safir of local ownership group, 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 2012–2013 season.

## **Team: Sioux Falls Skyforce**

**Affiliate:** Miami Heat

**Principal Owner:** Greg Heineman

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @SFSkyforce

**Arena:** Sanford Pentagon

**Date Built:** 2013

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$19

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In June 2013, it was announced that the Skyforce and the Miami Heat had entered into a single-affiliation partnership beginning with the 2013–2014 season. 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: Grand Rapids Drive (Formerly Springfield Armor)**

**Affiliate:** Detroit Pistons

**Principal Owner:** SSJ Group (Steve Jbara, Primary Owner)

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @grdleague

**Arena:** DeltaPlex Arena

**Date Built:** 1952

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** N/A

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In April 2014, it was announced that NBA D-League team Springfield Armor, which was formerly located in Springfield, Massachusetts, would be relocating to Grand Rapids, Michigan to become the Grand Rapids Drive. The newly formed Grand Rapids Drive team is in a single affiliate partnership with the Detroit Pistons. The Drive will start its inaugural season in November, playing at the 5,000-seat DeltaPlex Arena.

In effort to have a strong presence in Grand Rapids, the team will soon occupy a shop at MoDiv in downtown Grand Rapids. The shop will be the Drive's retail storefront and ticket window.

## **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](#)

**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:** Professional Basketball Club LLC

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @Tulsa66ers

**Arena:** SpiritBank Event Center

**Date Built:** 2008

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$50 million

[Facility Website](#)

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

## **Team: Westchester Knicks**

**Affiliate:** New York Knicks

**Principal Owner:** The Madison Square Garden Company

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @wcknicks

**Arena:** Westchester County Center

**Date Built:** 1924

**Facility Cost (\$/Mil):** \$785,000 (\$16-million upgrade was completed in 1988)

[Facility Website](#)

**UPDATE:** In May 2014, the New York Knicks announced that the team's new affiliate NBA Development team would be named the Westchester Knicks. The Westchester Knicks will debut

in the 2014-2015 season and play their home games at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, New York.

## 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: Schenectady Legends (Formerly Albany Legends)**

**Principal Owner:** Steve Miller

[Team Website:](#)

**Arena:** Duaneburg Area Community Center

[Facility Website:](#)

**UPDATE:** In 2014, the Schenectady Legends made their debut when the team, formerly known as the Albany Legends, relocated to Duaneburg and changed their name to Schenectady Legends.

### **Team: Battle Creek Flight**

**Principal Owner:** Scott Niecko

**Team Website:** N/A

**Twitter:** @BCFlight

**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 and the team was renamed Battle Creek Flight.

### **Team: Chicago Redline**

**Principal Owner:** Richard Ashmon

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Calumet Park Recreation

[Facility Website](#)

## **Team: Gary Splash**

**Principal Owner:** Jay Bradford

Team Website: N/A

**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 Sports Complex

[Facility Website](#)

## **Team: Kenosha Ballers**

**Principal Owner:** Tony Moore

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha

**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:** N/A

**Twitter:** @JerseyGForce

**Arena:** Bergen Community College

**Facility Website:** N/A

## **Team: Rockford Riverdawks**

**Principal Owner:** Melvin Smith

[Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Multiple Locations. Patriot's Gateway Community Center primary location.

**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:** Mathews-Dickey Boys & Girls Club

**Date Built:** N/A



## **Team: Windy City Blazers**

**Principal Owner:** Kimrossi Taylor

**Team Website:** [Team Website](#)

**Arena:** Prisco Community Center

**Facility Website:** N/A

## **PREMIER BASKETBALL LEAGUE (PBL)**

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### **Team: Buffalo 716ers**

**Principal Owner:** Tawan Slaughter

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @Buffalo716ers

**Arena:** Tapestry Charter School

**Facility Website:** N/A

### **Team: Carolina Pee Dee Vipers**

**Principal Owner:** Sharone Wright

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @PeeDeeVipers

**Arena:** Florence Civic Center

[Facility Website](#)

### **Team: Chicago Tide**

**Principal Owner:** Ashmon Richard

**Team Website:** N/A

**Twitter:** @ChicagoTide

**Arena:** Harper College

**Facility Website:** N/A

### **Team: Erie Hurricane**

**Principal Owner:** Tawan Slaughter

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @ErieHurricane

**Arena:** East High School

**Facility Website:** N/A

## **Team: Indianapolis Diesels**

**Principal Owner:** Rex Volis

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @indiana\_diesel

**Arena:** Indy South Sports Academy

[Facility Website](#)

## **Team: Lake Michigan Admirals**

**Principal Owner:** Chris Glisson

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @lmaadmirals

**Arena:** Lack Michigan Catholic High School

**Facility Website:** N/A

## **Team: Lima Express**

**Principal Owner:** Lewis Shine

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @TheLimaExpress

**Arena:** Lima Central Catholic High School

**Facility Website:** N/A

## **Team: Lynchburg Titans**

**Principal Owner:** Derek Polley

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @LynchburgTitans

**Arena:** Lynchburg City Armory

**Facility Website:** N/A

## **Team: Rochester RazorSharks**

**Principal Owner:** Dr. Severko Hrywnak

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @RoCRazorSharks

**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 and \$3 million.

## CENTRAL BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE (CBDL)

**League Update:** The CBL is a new league that began in 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 the website.

### **Team: South Florida Spartans**

**Principal Owner:** Benjamin Mireles

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @proballcoach14

**Arena:** Downtown Recreation Complex

[Facility Website](#)

### **Team: Fort Pierce Finest**

**Principal Owner:** Chris Alba

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** N/A

**Facility Website:** N/A

### **Team: MicroGuard Dobermans**

**Principal Owner:** N/A

**Team Website:** N/A

**Arena:** N/A

**Facility Website:** N/A

### **Team: Tampa Bay Saints**

**Principal Owner:** Alex Stern

[Team Website](#)

**Twitter:** @TBSaints

**Arena:** Dream Center of Tampa

**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 \$130.75 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 \$62.5 million of the public infrastructure costs, and Time Warner contributed \$20 million for the remaining infrastructure costs.

[Facility Website](#)

**Twitter:** @PhilipsArena

**UPDATE:** In November 2013, the WNBA's Atlanta Dream announced that they reached an agreement with Philips Arena to keep the club playing its home games at the venue through the 2015 season.

In January 2014, Pollstar magazine ranked Philips Arena fourth in the country on its annual top venues list. This marks the seventh time in eight years that the Philips Arena has received a top-five honor. The award is predominantly based on annual ticket sales across the spectrum of entertainment offerings at a given venue. Philips Arena sold in excess of 500,000 tickets in 2013.

Furthermore, in February 2014, Constellation Brands brought Corona Light on tap to Philips Arena. Afterwards, Philips Arena became the first venue in the metropolitan Atlanta region to carry the brand on draft. The launch also occurred before the product was launched nationally, which took place in early March.

**NAMING RIGHTS:** Royal Philips Electronics N.V. of the Netherlands 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](#)

**UPDATE:** In June 2014, Allstate Arena announced the grand opening of the Jake Daniels Lounge, located across from the arena stage in the upper level. The new lounge is part of a three-year marketing contract Allstate Arena signed last year with Jack Daniels. The lounge is open from the time the arena opens until the end of an event and offers food and beverages to patrons of legal drinking age.

**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.

## **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](#)

### **UPDATE:**

In March 2014, the Indiana High School Athletic Association announced a one-year agreement stating that the 2015 Girls Basketball State Finals will be held at Banker Life Fieldhouse. The Indiana Fever and Indiana Pacers will be the presenting sponsors for the tournament.

In April 2014, it was announced that First Financial Bank will become the exclusive naming rights partner for the lower level of Banker Life Fieldhouse. Details of the naming rights deal were not disclosed.

In June 2014, it was announced that the Big Ten Men's Basketball tournament would return to the Fieldhouse in 2020 and 2022, in addition to the already scheduled 2016 tournament. The press conference revealed that the Big Ten Women's Tournament will also be played at the Fieldhouse on an annual basis from 2017 through 2022, in addition to the already scheduled 2016 tournament.

**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](#)

**UPDATE:** On February 18, 2013, Dr. Buss, the long-time owner of the Lakers and basketball visionary passed away due to liver failure. The Buss family, with a 65% ownership stake in the Lakers, will continue to own and run the franchise, and the family has no intention to sell. Dr. Buss's son, Jim Buss, will continue to oversee the basketball operations of the team, while Dr. Buss's daughter, Jeanie Buss, will continue business operations of the team, as she has done for the past fifteen years.

In October 2013, Staples Center representatives announced the completion of various capital improvement projects. During which, 1,400 televisions throughout the arena were upgraded to high definition, all cushioned arena seats were refurbished, and the wireless internet system was improved to provide faster and more reliable access. The arena also added numerous dining options in the form of restaurants and concessions.

Moreover, in October 2013, AEG, the company that owns the Staples Center, signed a 5-year year, multi-million dollar deal with San Manuel Indian Bingo & Casino to improve the arena's hospitality services. The deal is a renewal and expansion of a previous relationship. The new deal includes increased San Manuel Signage throughout the arena and the introduction of San Manuel-sponsored Native American Heritage nights for the MLS's LA Galaxy and the NHL's LA Kings.

Another aspect of the agreement was the introduction of premier lounges and tables at the already existing San Manuel Club. The Premier tables, seven of which are offered at the arena, are semiprivate spaces with comfortable furniture in a first class environment. The Premier lounges, of which eighteen are offered, are private mini-suites replete with a buffet and beverages, premium parking, personal television, and a phone charging station.

In January 2014, the Staples Center was named number five on the list of the top 100 arenas worldwide in Pollstar Magazine's 2013 year-end rankings. Pollstar Magazine is a well-respected concert and venues industry publication.

In April 2014, Levy Restaurants and celebrity Chef, Malcom Mitchell, partnered to create Legendary Eats Sandwich House. Legendary Eats Sandwich House menu items are named after many actresses, musicians, and former NBA star athletes. The menu and its offerings are available at the Outtakes location on the main concourse of the arena as well as Cooke's Corner Carvery Bar on the suite level.

**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 October 2013, the Timberwolves, Lynx, and the City of Minneapolis announced that a preliminary agreement had been reached for the \$97 million renovation of the Target Center. Minneapolis City Council later unanimously passed the agreement. The team and the City will finance the renovation. The City will contribute \$48.5 million, the NBA's Timberwolves and WNBA's Minnesota Lynx (the arena's two anchor tenants) will contribute \$43 million, and AEG (the arena operator) will contribute \$5 million.

The renovations are expected to start in the spring of 2014. The Target Center will remain open throughout the construction, and the renovation will be executed in various phases over a period of eighteen to twenty-four months. The design process will begin in late 2013; however, early plans entail a relocation of the arena's main entrance to the corner of First Avenue and Sixth Street and replacing parts of the concrete exterior with glass for a more modern look. Other changes will

include, but are not limited to, upgrades to the scoreboard, restrooms, premium seating, and other fan amenities, as well as the creation of an indoor plaza.

The city also agreed to maintain a \$50 million capital expenditure fund for future facility upgrades. As part of the deal, the Timberwolves and Lynx extended their leases through 2032. The agreement also extended AEG's management for the same period.

In February 2014, the Timberwolves and Lynx finalized a plan to build a new, \$20 million practice facility. The facility will be privately financed and will be located across the street from the Target Center. The teams currently practice in the basement of the Target Center and the new facility will provide the teams with a state-of-the-art practice area by the start of the 2014-2015 season. The construction of the facility is part of a larger \$50 million plan to revitalize what is known as Block E after a 2001 entertainment complex failed on the property.

The Timberwolves and Lynx also announced a partnership with the Mayo Clinic that will bring a sports medicine clinic onto Block E, next to the practice facility. The property will also be renamed Mayo Clinic Square. It is estimated that the Mayo Clinic will invest \$5-\$7 million in the project.

Furthermore, as of May 2014, there has been some progress made on the Target Center Renovation project. Mortenson Construction was recommended by the design group as a construction manager, Architectural Alliance and Sinks Combs Dethlefs were recommend as the project architects, and the new initial rendering of the redesigned Target Center was released.

In June 2014, the Target Center announced a partnership with online parking industry leader, Parking Panda. Parking Panda is the nationwide leader in online parking reservations. The partnership between the Target Center and Parking Panda allows guest to pre-purchase electronic parking passes for nearby parking lots and garages in advance to guarantee parking for games and events.

Additionally, in June 2014, the Chief Marketing Officer of the Timberwolves and Lynx, Ted Johnson, confirmed that that Target Center will bid for the Women's Final Four as well as WNBA and NBA All-Star Games once the \$97 million renovation is complete in the fall of 2016.

**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 it 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:** In December 2013, the New York City Council voted in favor of the extending the MSG lease for a period of only ten years. City officials cite an interest in renovating Pennsylvania Station as the reason for not granting a longer lease extension. Madison Square Garden sits atop the transit hub and the desire to improve the station could be problematic for the venue.

In October 2013, after three years of construction, the Madison Square Garden renovations have officially been completed. The arena projected the cost to be \$1 billion. The renovations include new seats, lighting, sound, LED video systems in HDTV, wider public concourses, and other enhancements. Phase I of the renovation included construction of fifty-eight new suites and their own concourse. The second phase of renovation involved mostly the suites in the mid and upper bowls, the latter of which had been rebuilt from scratch. Phase three of the renovation included the construction of two bridges, named Chase bridges, which span the length of the arena to provide a unique view, a rebuilt lobby and entryway to be named the Chase Square, and a new state-of-the-art scoreboard. The arena will also feature The 1879 Club, presented by J.P. Morgan, and 7th and 8th Avenue marquees that will feature permanent J.P. Morgan 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.

## **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:** In July 2014, Samsung launched the Galaxy Owner's Hub experience in collaboration with AEG. Galaxy owner's who wish to participate by downloading the app will receive exclusive rewards and incentives, such as VIP luxury suite and club access, seat upgrades, concession and merchandise discounts, and other complimentary services.

**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 2014, 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](#)

**UPDATE:** In June 2014, BOK center was honored at the 2014 SMG Marketing Summit for its 2013 trade publication advertising campaign. The ad was voted 2014 Best Trade Advertisement and was published in Pollstar and Venues Today.

In July 2014, the BOK Center received top honors by Oklahoma Magazine in its annual “Best of the Best rankings.” The BOK Center was named “Best Concert Venue.”

**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](#)

**Update:** In October 2013, Monumental Sports and Entertainment (MSE) announced the launch of the second phase of its Monumental Network digital platform expansion. The network now includes fifteen additional websites and blogs, in addition to announcing new third-party affiliates. In total, the network consists of twenty-plus in-house, sports related, and regional websites that offer original and existing content, videos, podcasts, and radio shows that comprehensively cover the sports scene on a sports specific, local, and national level.

In November 2013, it was announced that the 2016 Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) tournament will be held at the Verizon Center.

Furthermore, in November 2013, MSE revealed an upgrade in the venue’s Wi-Fi capabilities. Interestingly, it is AT&T that provides Wi-Fi service to the Verizon Center and not the company whose name is on the building. In AT&T’s press release to announce the improvements, the company used euphemisms and nicknames to refer to the Verizon Center rather than directly naming and giving credit to the venue named after its main competitor.

In May 2014, the Big Ten Conference announced that the Big Ten Men’s Basketball Tournament will make its first appearance on the East Coast when the 2017 event is held at the Verizon Center.

**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.