

LITTLE DRIBBLERS' BASKETBALL, INC.

REGULATIONS

ADMINISTRATION:

The National Headquarters for Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. is located at 911 Houston St., Levelland, Texas 79336. Contact the National Office at <mailto:ldb@littledribblers.org>

REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A LITTLE DRIBBLER LEAGUE:

To register with Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. leagues must complete the online registration at www.littledribblers.org. Once registration is completed and all fees paid, the league will become a Chartered Little Dribbler league. Becoming a Chartered league enables the league to claim their boundary area (as determined by their local school district boundary area) solely for their league. No other Little Dribbler league may cross their boundary lines to claim a player. Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. will not allow any other Little Dribbler league to register for that boundary area. If a Chartered league remains in good standing, registers each year, and pays all fees, that boundary area is protected for the sole use of the league.

- 1)** Registration must be completed online. By submitting the Registration Application, leagues are agreeing to abide by all Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. Rules, and Regulations. Annual Registration and Fees are for membership in Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. Fees are not Tournament entrance fees.
- 2)** Fees- Leagues pay Annual Membership Registration Fees. Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. does not charge a tournament fee.
 - A separate Annual Membership Registration fee is required for boys and girls.
 - Fees can be paid online using a credit card or mail-in check.
 - Annual Membership Registration fees are non-refundable.
 - Annual Membership for Boys Leagues \$500
 - Annual Membership for Girls Leagues \$500
 - The registration fees entitle leagues to enter one team in each age group.
 - Rookie-8 and under
 - Junior-10 and under
 - Major-12 and under
 - Senior-14 and under
 - The fee is \$500 whether a league enters all four divisions or less than four.

INSURANCE:

All Teams must be covered by group accident and liability insurance before the team will be permitted to compete in any Little Dribblers' competition.

- 1) Approved accident and liability insurance coverage by a licensed insurance carrier will be available through Little Dribblers' Basketball Headquarters
- 2) Insurance information will be available on the website and available for purchase during the registration process online.
- 3) Leagues must have a current Certificate of Insurance on file with Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. before any tournament play.
- 4) If leagues purchase insurance other than through Little Dribblers, their insurance must be comparable to the coverage provided by the Little Dribbler policy

PROGRAMS, DIVISIONS, LEAGUES, TEAMS, AND PLAYERS

- 1) **Programs:** The Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. provides separate but identical programs for both boys and girls. Little Dribblers' does not allow co-ed teams.
- 2) **Divisions:** The programs are classified into three divisions. Divisions are divided using the UIL school alignment. The three divisions are:
 - a. **Continental**
 - b. **American**
 - c. **National**
- 3) **Leagues:** Local Little Dribbler leagues are governed by their local Board of Directors. The local league has complete jurisdiction over the administration of the local league, selection of players, selection of coaches, and disputes regarding local league play. The National Headquarters will only correspond with the local league president of each league. All questions, rules interpretations, and changes to teams in the Regional or National Tournaments, must come from the local league president. If the local president wishes to authorize someone else to be the correspondent for their league, the president must notify the National Headquarters in writing. All changes must be in writing and emailed to ldb@littledribblers.org.
- 4) **Teams:**
 - a. Each team, in local league play, shall consist of a minimum of six (6) players, and a maximum of (10) players.
 - b. Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. provides All-Star Tournaments for four age divisions.
 - i. Rookie-8 years and under
 - ii. Junior- 10 years and under
 - iii. Major-12 years and under
 - iv. Senior-14 years and under
- 5) **Players:**
 - a. The age eligibility of a player is determined as of August 1st of the tournament year involved. A player's grade in school is not used to

determine the correct playing age of a player. Only players who meet the age eligibility based on their date of birth can participate on the Tournament All-Star team in each age division.

- b. Exception: Senior division players must be 14 or under or can be 15 if enrolled in the 8th grade.
- c. To be eligible to compete on an All-Star Team, players must play at least 50% of local league games in the age division for that All-Star Team.
- d. Players must live in or attend school within the league's local school district boundary area.
- e. A player shall only play on one Little Dribblers' All-Star team.
- f. A player is only eligible to play in one Division. A player cannot compete in a Continental or American Tournament, and then compete in the National Tournament for a different league.
- g. Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. highly recommends that Little Dribblers leagues support and follow their local school district's policy regarding No Pass No Play.

Coaches/Board Members/Volunteers:

1. Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. strives to provide a community-based youth basketball league that provides a safe, positive, and nurturing environment for all players. Leagues are responsible for ensuring that all adults involved in their league have completed and passed a comprehensive criminal background check.
2. Leagues must certify in writing that all adults with direct access to players have passed their criminal background check. This requirement is for both local league and tournament coaches.
3. Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. will provide a resource for Criminal Background Checks. Access to this resource will be available at www.littledribblers.org
4. The League Board of Directors should review the LDB Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy with all coaches and volunteers before they work with children.

JURISDICTION:

All competitions, local, district, state, regional, national, or international, shall be played under the jurisdiction of Little Dribblers' Basketball Inc. Headquarters.

PROOF OF AGE DOCUMENTATION

Players must provide proof of age. The following documents are accepted as proof of age:

- 1)** Original Birth Certificate
- 2)** Certified Birth Certificate-this can be purchased from your County Clerk or other designated official in charge of vital records.
- 3)** Original Passport
- 4)** For children born outside of the United States who do not have an original birth certificate, contact the National Office for acceptable forms of proof of age eligibility.

PLAYER INFORMATION:

Leagues that purchase insurance through Little Dribblers' Basketball must maintain a list of all local league players and coaches that will be covered by the policy. The player's information must be provided to Little Dribblers' Headquarters upon request.

LEAGUE MASTER SCHEDULE:

- 1)** All leagues are required to have a schedule of all league games.
- 2)** The schedules should be kept on file with the league president.

SCOREBOOKS:

- 1)** Each league must maintain official scorebooks for all local league games.
- 2)** The National Office may request documentation of local league participation in the case of a dispute regarding player eligibility.
- 3)** The official scorebooks shall be kept by the league president until the National Tournament is completed for that season.

PROTESTS AND RULE INTERPRETATIONS:

- 1) **Protests:**** To be considered, protests must be in writing and signed by the league president. Emails from the league president will be accepted as a formal protest.
- 2)** The protesting team must pay the protest fee to the tournament director.
- 3) **Local league play:**** The league president shall resolve any disputes or protests using the guidelines established by that local league.
- 4) **Regional Tournament:**** The Regional Tournament Director shall resolve any disputes or protests that arise during the Regional Tournament. If a protest involves a team from the host league, the tournament director shall consult with the Executive Director of Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. before ruling on the protest.
- 5) **National Tournament:**** Disputes and protests submitted during a National Tournament shall be decided by the National Tournament Director.

- 6) If the protest or dispute involves a team from the host league, the tournament director shall consult with the Executive Director of Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. before ruling on the protest or dispute.
- 7) **Protest Fee:** There will be a \$150.00 fee for each protest submitted during a Regional or National Tournament.
- 8) The fee shall be submitted to the Tournament Director before a ruling can be made on the protest.
- 9) If the protest is found to have merit and the ruling is in favor of the team filing the official protest, the fee will be returned to the league president after the tournament.
- 10) If the protest is denied, the Tournament Director will send the Protest Fee to Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc.
- 11) Protest timing: Protests must be made promptly so that the dispute can be resolved with little or no scheduling delays.
- 12) Protests that could result in the outcome of a game being changed must be submitted to the tournament director before the next scheduled game of each of the teams involved
- 13) Clarifications and Interpretations: Formal rule clarifications and interpretations must be requested in writing (email or mail). Clarifications requested over the phone are not binding and will not be considered in protest rulings.
- 14) Forfeits: During Regional and National Tournaments, all forfeits must be approved by the Executive Director of Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc.
- 15) Clarifications and Interpretations: Formal rule clarifications and interpretations must be requested in writing (mail, fax, or email) by the league president. Once a written request for Clarification or Interpretation is received, the National Office will respond in writing

