

# LITTLE DRIBBLERS' BASKETBALL, INC.

## TOURNAMENT RULES

- A. **Facilities:** Each host league must provide adequate basketball facilities, at the dates and times scheduled for the tournament.
1. To host a Rookie (8 & under) or a Junior (10 & under) League tournament, you must provide 8½ ft. goals. All goals must be adjustable to the correct height. No hangover or attachable goals are allowed.
  2. All gyms must have a working game clock and scoreboard.
- B. **Officials:**
1. The Tournament Host will provide two qualified officials currently in good standing with the official state organization for the area (THSBOA).
  2. The host league must require the head tournament official to put on a Rules Clinic before the tournament for all officials assigned to call Rookie or Junior Division games.
  3. The host president and the head official must certify in writing that these requirements have been met. This certification must be provided to Little Dribblers' Headquarters before the start of the tournament.
  4. Only officials that completed the Rules Clinic and were certified to call Little Dribblers Special Playing Rules, can be assigned to call Rookie and Junior Division games.
  5. Officials calling the Rookie and Junior Division games must agree to call all Special Little Dribblers Playing Rules.
  6. Officials who reside in the host city shall not call games involving the host teams.
- C. **Double Elimination:** All tournaments shall be double elimination until the championship game unless stated otherwise.
- D. **Special Playing Rules:** All Special Little Dribblers Playing Rules apply to tournament competitions.
- E. **Housing and Meals:**
1. Teams are responsible for housing and meals.
  2. Each team must arrange and pay for all accommodations.
- F. **Awards:** Tournament Hosts are responsible for providing individual player awards. It is up to the Tournament Host to decide what type of award will be given. Awards can be trophies, rings, plaques, etc.
1. Regional Tournament- Individual player awards must be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place teams in each bracket.
  2. National Tournament- Individual Player awards must be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each bracket.
  3. Awards such as "most valuable player" and "all-tournament player" are not permitted.

- G. **Protests:** The Official Tournament Director of each tournament shall decide on any protests regarding tournament competition. A Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. National Office Representative will be available to consult on protests.
1. Protests that involve the host team will be decided by the National Office Representative.
  2. *Judgment calls of the official cannot be protested.*
  3. Appeals: To appeal the decision made by the Tournament Director, teams must pay a protest fee of \$150 to the Tournament Director. Once the fee has been paid, the appeal will be given to the Little Dribblers' Basketball National Office Representative. The decision of the National Office Representative is final.
  4. The Tournament Director cannot forfeit a team without the consent of the Little Dribblers' Basketball Director or Executive Director.
- H. **Player documentation:** Proof of age documents must accompany all players to each tournament. The Tournament Director must check team documentation before the team is allowed to play their first game.
1. Proof of Age: Teams must provide Original Birth Certificates or Certified Birth Certificates for all players. Photocopied or scanned documents of any kind will not be accepted. Original Passports can be presented instead of Birth Certificates. The tournament director shall check all birth certificates before the teams' first game. Teams will not be allowed to take the court until birth certificates have been checked.
  2. Proof of Residence: All-Star players must provide proof that they live in or attend school in the league's school district boundary.
- I. **Hosting:** Priority in hosting tournaments is given to the leagues that have been in Little Dribblers the longest and have not recently hosted a tournament. Experience in hosting tournaments (good or bad) is strongly considered in awarding the tournaments
1. The host league must provide written verification from their school district permitting the use of gyms during the tournament.
  2. The host league must agree in writing to abide by all tournament rules.
- J. **Playing Rules:**
1. Playing Rules for tournament competitions are the same as for local league play.
  2. The Special Little Dribblers Playing Rules must be followed in local league play and tournament play. (See Special Little Dribblers' Playing Rules)
- K. **Host League:** The host league must agree in writing to abide by these tournament rules.
- L. **Playing Periods:** Quarters will be six (6) minutes.
- M. **Overtime:** Each overtime period shall be two (2) minutes.
- N. **Technical Fouls:** Technical Fouls for Special Little Dribbler Playing Rules will not

count as a player foul. It shall count as a team foul. All technical fouls shall be two shots.

**O. EJECTIONS:**

1. If a player is ejected from a game, the player will receive a one-game suspension.
2. If a player is ejected a second time, the player is out of the tournament.
3. If a coach is ejected from a game, the coach will receive a one-game suspension.
4. If a coach is ejected a second time, the coach is out of the tournament.
5. If a parent or fan is ejected from a game, the parent or fan cannot return to the tournament. (This is at the Tournament Director's discretion.)

**P. TIME-OUTS:**

1. Each team shall only be allowed three (3) full-time outs.
2. One time-out will be added for each overtime period.
3. Any unused time-outs from regulation play may be used during overtime play.

**Q. Admission:**

1. LDB National Headquarters must approve Admission prices for Little Dribblers Regional and National tournaments.
2. The tournament host shall notify headquarters of their proposed admission fees in writing.
3. Tournament prices will be posted on the Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. website.