

REGULATIONS

ADMINISTRATION:

Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. is administered by a Board of Directors through its National Headquarters located at 911 Houston, Levelland, Texas 79336.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BECOMING A CHARTERED 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 have been 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 for purposes of claiming 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 their league.

- 1) Registration-all 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 an 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 by a mail in check. Annual Membership Registration fees are non-refundable.

Annual Membership for Boys Leagues \$400

Annual Membership for Girls Leagues \$400

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.

Approved accident and liability insurance coverage will be available through Little Dribblers' Basketball Headquarters by a licensed insurance carrier.

Insurance information will be available on the web site. Leagues must have a current Certificate of Insurance on file with Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. prior to any tournament play.

PROGRAMS, DIVISIONS, LEAGUES, TEAMS AND PLAYERS

Programs: The organization provides separate, but identical programs for both boys and girls. Boys are to play in the boys league and girls are to play in the girls league.

Divisions: The programs are classified into three divisions based the size of the school district based on the UIL of Texas District Classification.

CONTINENTAL

AMERICAN

NATIONAL

Leagues: Local Little Dribbler leagues are governed by their local Board of Directors. The local league has complete jurisdiction of 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.

Teams: Each team, in local league play, shall consist of a minimum of six (6) players, and a maximum of (10) players.

Players:

- 1)** The league age 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. Exception: Senior division players must be 14 or under or be enrolled in the 8th grade.
- 2)** 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.
- 3)** Players must live in or attend school within the league's local school district boundary area.
- 4)** A player shall only play on one Little Dribblers' All-Star team in a specific tournament.
- 5)** Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. highly recommends that Little Dribblers leagues support and follow their local school districts policy of *No Pass No Play.*

Coaches/Board Members/Volunteers:

Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. strives to ensure that all adults that have direct access to children, do not have a history of behavior that can prove to be detrimental to children. Each individual league is responsible for selecting coaches and board members that will provide a safe, positive and nurturing environment for children. Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. requires all leagues to certify in writing that they have completed a criminal background check on all coaches and volunteers. Little Dribblers' Basketball will provide leagues with the resources which they can use to obtain the background checks. League Board of Directors should review the LDB Sexual Abuse Prevention Policy with all coaches and volunteers prior to them working with children.

JURISDICTION:

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

PROOF OF AGE DOCUMENTATION

Every player enrolled on a Little Dribblers' Basketball roster must provide proof of age to his/her local league administrators prior to their first scheduled game. 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 that 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 provide a list of all local league players and coaches that will be covered under the policy. The player information must be submitted via email. We will accept the player information in any digital format. (Excel, Word, etc.)

LEAGUE MASTER SCHEDULE:

All leagues are required to have a schedule of all league games. The schedules should be kept on file with the league president. The National office may request a copy of the schedule if a conflict or protest arises.

SCOREBOOKS:

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

PROTESTS AND RULE INTERPRETATIONS:

Protests: In order 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. The team that is protesting must pay the protest fee to the tournament director.

Local league play: The league president shall resolve any disputes or protests using the guidelines established by that local league.

Regional Tournament: The Regional Tournament Director shall resolve any dispute 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.

National Tournament: Disputes and protests submitted during a National Tournament shall be decided by the National Tournament Director. 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.

Protest Fee: There will be a \$100.00 fee for each protest submitted during a Regional or National Tournament. The fee shall be submitted to the Tournament Director before a ruling can be made on the protest.

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. If the protest is denied, the Tournament Director will send the Protest Fee to Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc.

Protest timing: Protests must be made in a timely manner so that the dispute can be resolved with little or no scheduling delays. Protests that could possibly 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.

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.

Forfeits: During Regional and National tournaments, all forfeits must be approved by the Executive Directors of Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc.