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## BYLAWS

The Bylaws which follow summarizes the structure of the (LEAGUE NAME), the rules by which it shall be governed, and the requirements for association membership. All association meetings and activities shall follow the procedures contained in the most current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order."

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

## PRESIDENT:

VICE PRESIDENT:
SECRETARY:
TREASURER:

## COMMISSIONERS

JUNIOR DIVISION COMMISSIONER:
MAJOR DIVISION COMMISSIONER:
SENIOR DIVISION COMMISSIONER:

## ARTICLE 1

## NAME

The name of this League shall be the (NAME OF LEAGUE). For the remainder of this document; the league will be noted as (INITALS OF LEAGUE).

## ARTICLE 2

## OBJECTIVE

The objective of the (LEAGUE INITALS) shall be to teach the fundamentals of basketball, the principles of good sportsmanship, and the benefits of team play. The (LEAGUE INITALS) shall seek to instill in the youth of our community the ideals of courage, honesty, loyalty, and persistence through the sport of basketball.

## ARTICLE 3

## STRUCTURE

Section A | The association shall be governed by the executive board and one commissioner from each Age |
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| Division. Executive board members and commissioners shall be residents of (NAME OF COMMUNITY |
| OR SCHOOL DISTRICT) or have a child that lives in or attends school within our school district |
| boundary. This can include kids that attend private school within the boundary of the independent |
| school district. The executive board shall have general oversight regarding the responsibilities for the |
| business of the association. |

Section B

| The executive officers of the (LEAGUE INITALS) shall be a president, a vice president, a |
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| secretary, and a treasurer. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws and by the |
| parliamentary authority adopted by the league. |

## ARTICLE 4

Section A The term of office for (LEAGUE INITALS) Executive Board Members shall run from (SET DATES) Executive board members shall be voted into each position on a yearly basis.

| Section B | The (LEAGUE INITALS) fiscal year shall run from (SET DATES) of the following year. |
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| Section C | Regular (LEAGUE INITALS) <br> DIRECTOR WILL MEET) |
| Section D | The regular season will begin (FILL IN THE BEGINNING AND END DATES OF YOUR (FILL IN HOW OFTEN YOUR BOARD OF <br> LEAGUE) |
| Section E | The (LEAGUE INITALS) tournament will begin after regular season play has ended. |

## ARTICLE 5

## EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

| Section A | To be an eligible candidate for the (LEAGUE INITALS) executive board, all nominees shall be <br> residents of the (NAME OF INDEPENDDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT) or pay tuition to any private <br> School WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT and be present at the meeting <br> when nominations are made. Eligible candidates must not have felony convictions of any type or <br> child related criminal convictions of any kind from a court of law in any state in the United States or <br> from any other country in the world. |
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| Section B | Nominations and elections for executive board positions shall take place during the final meeting of <br> the season. |
| Section C | Election of new executive officers shall be conducted by the current executive board and voted on by <br> all persons present at the officer election meeting. |
| Section D | The executive officers shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of <br> office shall (FILL IN DATES OF TERM). |
| Section E | No Board Officer shall hold more than one executive office at a time. |
| Section F | Upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the league, any executive officer may be removed, either <br> with or without cause, and his or her successor may be appointed at any regular or special meeting <br> of the league called for such purpose. An executive officer may resign at any time by giving written <br> notice to the president or the secretary. Said resignation shall take effect on the date such notice is <br> received or at any later time specified therein. Unless otherwise specified, the acceptance of such <br> resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. |
| Section G | A vacancy in any executive office due to the death, resignation, removal, or other disqualification of <br> the executive officer previously filling said office may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining <br> Executive Board Officers. The Board Member appointed to such vacancy shall serve for the <br> remainder of the term of the executive officer he or she replaces. |

## ARTICLE 6

## COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners shall be selected at the first meeting of the season. Nominations will be accepted from anyone in attendance at this meeting. Everyone in attendance shall vote on the nominees. The nominee(s) with the majority of the vote will fill the position of Commissioner.

## ARTICLE 7

## RESPONSIBILITIES

## Section A

## Section B

## Executive Board

The executive board shall have general oversight regarding the responsibilities for the business of the association.

Specific responsibilities of the executive board include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Conduct elections of officers.
2. Monitor disbursement and/or transfer of all (LEAGUE INITALS) funds.
3. Develop an association budget for each fiscal year.
4. Oversee regular season and tournament meetings.
5. Ensure that all matters which could be a detriment to the league are addressed and resolved in a timely manner.
6. Enforce all league policies.
7. Promote goodwill and harmony.

## Commissioners

(LEAGUE INITALS) commissioners shall be residents (NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT) or pay tuition to any private school within the school district boundary. The term of each commissioner shall be from (FILL IN TERM). The secretary shall keep a complete list of active commissioners. (LEAGUE INITALS) commissioners shall abide by the governing rules and regulations of the association. The (LEAGUE INITALS) will recognize only one commissioner from each age division and each commissioner will have only one vote in all league matters requiring a vote.

Specific responsibilities of the commissioners include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Establish policy and oversee the programs of the (LEAGUE INITALS).
2. Act in accordance with the (LEAGUE INITALS) guidelines set forth in these bylaws.
3. Assume complete responsibility for all internal matters within their respective Age Division, including, but not limited to, organizing and governing players, parents, volunteers, coaches, referees, concessions, and gymnasiums.
4. Participate in all scheduled meetings or arrange to have a representative from their Age Division participate during their absence.
5. Maintain a good relationship with their respective school community and provide a gymnasium for regular season games and tournament play.

## Section C

## Section D

## President

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the league. He/she shall have all of the general powers and duties which are usually vested in the office of president of a league.

Specific responsibilities of the president include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Act as chief executive officer of the association.
2. Preside at all executive board and/or league commissioner meetings. Upon board approval, attend civil, government, or other outside activities for the purpose of representing the league.
3. Ensure that all orders and resolutions of the executive board and/or the association are implemented correctly.
4. Direct overall operations of the league and appoint special committees as required.
5. Maintain authority to co-sign all checks for payment of bills and other expenditures approved by the association.
6. Break any tie vote resulting from any issue voted on by the executive board or the commissioners.
7. Chair the rules committee.
8. Promote goodwill and harmony.

## Vice President

The vice president shall assist the league president in all duties defined above for the league. If for any reason the president is not able to complete his or her term of office, the vice president shall assume all responsibilities delegated to the president.

Specific responsibilities of the vice president include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Act as primary aide to the president.
2. Perform the duties of the president in his or her absence or in case of president's inability to perform such duties.
3. Maintain authority to co-sign all checks with the president or treasurer.
4. If needed, assist commissioners with handling of their programs and activities.
5. Serve as chairman of the protest committee in all matters except those involving his or her own community.
Promote goodwill and harmony.

## Section E

## Section F

## Secretary

Specific responsibilities of the secretary include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Record and preserve minutes of all meetings. Present minutes of the previous meeting at the beginning of all league meetings.
2. Serve all special notices of the league.
3. Maintain a file of all correspondence and documents.
4. At the conclusion of their term, pass all league documents on to the next secretary.
5. Assume responsibility for all publicity related to the league, including, but not limited to, newspaper articles, bulletin boards, school announcements, and signs.
6. Attend all meetings of the executive board and/or the league commissioners and record results of all matters requiring a vote.
7. Maintain the original copy of the association bylaws, along with all bylaw amendments, alterations, and revisions.
8. Promote goodwill and harmony.

## Treasurer

Specific responsibilities of the treasurer include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Oversee all association funds. Receive moneys of the league and maintain accurate records of all receipts, expenditures, and deposits. Manage all vouchers for disbursement of funds of the association and render an account of all transactions.
2. Present a written financial report at each (LEAGUE INITALS) meeting and provide a copy of the report to the secretary for recordkeeping. Ensure that the association checkbook is available during all meetings. Pay all expenses by check for accounting purposes.
3. Provide tax data for completion of tax forms required for operation of the league.
4. Reimburse any expenses incurred which are substantiated by the proper receipt(s) and approved by the executive board or by the appropriate commissioner with authority to authorize such expenditures.
5. Disburse the funds of the association as set forth in these bylaws or as ordered by the executive board if not in direct conflict with these bylaws.
6. Promote goodwill and harmony.

NOTE: Every member of the association shall have the right to examine at any reasonable time the membership roster, records of accounting, and records of the proceedings of the executive board or the association.

## ARTICLE 8

## MEETINGS

| Section A | Regular season meetings shall be held monthly beginning (FILL IN DATE THAT SEASON WILL <br> BEGIN AND END). If deemed appropriate by the executive board, some meetings may be conducted <br> via email. The league president shall determine the time and place of each meeting. |
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| Section B | During the first meeting of the season, new executive board members shall be elected for the <br> upcoming season. Upcoming commissioners shall also be identified during the September meeting. |
| Section C | Special meetings may be called by the president or the executive board upon request of the league <br> commissioners. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days' notice shall be given. |
| Section D | League meetings are open to everyone except in special instances where the president shall declare a <br> "closed" meeting. A meeting shall be designated "closed" only when an open meeting would be detrimental <br> to the league, executive board, or commissioners. |
| Section E | Two-thirds or more of the Board present at any meeting shall constitute a <br> quorum. |

## ARTICLE 9

## COMMITTEES

Section A
A three person auditing committee shall be appointed by the president at the (SPECIFY MEETING) meeting. Said committee's duty shall be to audit the treasurer's accounts at the close of the fiscal year. Section B When deemed necessary, other committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the president or executive board to carry out the work of the league. The president shall oversee all committees.

## ARTICLE 10

## INDEMNIFICATION

The league shall indemnify, to the extent provided by law, any person who is or was an officer, commissioner, agent or employee of the league.

## ARTICLE 11

## CONTRACTS

Neither executive board members nor commissioners of the (LEAGUE INITALS) shall enter into contracts or other commitments as agents for the league without approval by the league. Upon league approval, neither executive board members nor commissioners shall have personal liability for said contracts or commitments.

ARTICLE 12

## PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

The rules contained in the most current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern the league in all cases which are applicable and which are not inconsistent with these bylaws or any special rules of order the league adopts.

## ARTICLE 13

## AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at any league meeting, provided the amendment was submitted in writing at the previous meeting or earlier. All changes pertaining to these bylaws must be approved by two-thirds major vote of the league.

## ARTICLE 14

## ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The (LEAGUE INITALS) has a zero tolerance policy regarding physical violence and/or threatening behavior. Physical or verbal attacks or threats against(LEAGUE INITALS) executive board members, commissioners, coaches, referees, volunteers, parents, participants, or fans shall be considered violations of the (LEAGUE INITALS) zero tolerance policy and shall subject the offender to suspension from the association for a time period of at least one year. Said offender shall also be subject to further disciplinary action set forth by a two-thirds majority vote of the league commissioners which could include permanent removal from all (LEAGUE INITALS) activities. Other actions expressly prohibited by the (LEAGUE INITALS) and which subject the offender to suspension or permanent removal include, but are not limited to, using profanity, alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products during league activities, interrupting game play, and committing violence against children.

## ARTICLE 15

## INSUANCE

The (LEAGUE INITALS) shall offer a medical insurance policy each year which provides coverage to all players and coaches. The cost of the policy shall be included in the Annual Player Registration Fee. The insurance which is provided will be Excess Medical Coverage and General Liability. The Excess Medical Coverage will cover expenses not already covered by the players or coaches primary insurance carrier.

## ARTICLE 16

## BACKGROUND CHECKS

All (LEAGUE INITALS) participants including, but not limited to, volunteers, coaches, and referees shall be screened and successfully pass a criminal background check each year. The league shall ensure that no volunteers, coaches, or referees have felony convictions of any type or child related criminal convictions of any kind from a court of law in any state in the United States or from any other country in the world. Each commissioner shall be responsible for making sure all coaches submit to the online background checks in a timely manner. All negative or pending results must be presented to the league and voted on for participant eligibility.

## ARTICLE 17

## DUES

All Players shall pay an annual Registration Fee which will be set by the Board of Directors. Coaches must pay for the cost of their Background Check and a nominal fee to cover their insurance.

## ARTICLE 18

## TOURNAMENTS

The (LEAGUE INITALS) shall conduct double elimination tournaments after the conclusion of the regular season. Teams will be seeded in the tournament based on the final standings in their division. In case of a tie, these tiebreakers shall be used in the following order: head-to-head record, points against, and coin toss. Tournament locations, dates, and times shall be determined during designated (LEAGUE INITALS) board meetings.

## ARTICLE 19

## REFEREES

The league is responsible for assigning, training and paying referees for all scheduled league games. Commissioners are required to ensure that all referees working games in their age division are properly trained, are familiar with (LEAGUE INITALS) rules, and have clean background checks for the current year. All referees must be familiar with the Special Rules and must agree to enforce those special rules.

## ARTICLE 20

## SCORERS TABLE

Each team is required to provide one adult at the scorer table during all games to maintain order with the clock and the scorebook. Only adults that are familiar with how to keep score or run the clock should be allowed to work at the score table.

## ARTICLE 21

## PARTICIPANTS

Participants shall be residents of or students in their (NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT) independent school district or pay tuition to any private school WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT in order to participate in (LEAGUE INITALS).

## ARTICLE 22

## CONFLICT RESOLUTION

When situations arise which include conflict between coaches, parents, players and/or referees, the expectation is that we should be able to discuss in an adult manner the issue at hand and resolve it through effective listening and discussion of the facts. These discussions and the resolutions they create should be in the best interest of the children in the (LEAGUE INITALS). If a resolution cannot be reached through civilized discussion, then the following complaint process shall be followed:

Step 1 The complaint shall be presented to the commissioner of offended team.
Step 2 Said commissioner must then present the complaint in writing to the (LEAGUE INITALS) executive board and the remaining league commissioners for review.

## ARTICLE 23

## JUNIOR DIVISION RULES

1. National Federation rules apply with the following exceptions.
2. Games will consist of four, Six minute quarters. The game clock will run continuously for the first three quarters. During the Fourth Quarter the clock will stop on all dead balls or official whistles. Games will have one minute between quarters and three minutes for halftime. There shall be 15 minutes between games.
3. The (LEAGUE INITALS) shall support a minimum playing time policy for all regular season games and end of season tournament. During all regular season games, each player must play at least ONE COMPLETE, UNINTERRUPTED QUARTER.
4. Each team shall have 3 one-minute timeouts per game to be used anytime.
5. A game will be considered a Forfeit if a team does not take the court at the scheduled game time. Exceptions can be given if the coach notifies the Commission prior to the scheduled game time. Referee fees for a forfeited game shall be the responsibility of the forfeiting team if the league is not notified in a timely manner so that the game can be cancelled. The referees on duty will be released at the time of the forfeit and are not obligated to officiate the forfeited game. If a forfeit is declared because the forfeiting team was late and the coaches still choose to play the game, they will be required to supply their own referees. This game must not delay the next game.
6. A team may start and continue playing a game with four players. The opposing team may still play with five players.
7. Overtime play will be 2 minutes. Each team will be awarded one additional timeout for each overtime. Games will continue with additional overtimes until there is a winner.
8. The Special Little Dribbler Rules are in effect for the Junior Division.

ZONE DEFENSE:
A zone defense shall not be permitted at any time during the game.
Penalty: Technical Foul. Repeated violations may result in forfeiture of the game.

Comment: A zone defense penalty should be called when:
a.) A defensive player plays the ball as opposed to guarding an offensive player ("chasing the ball"), or
b.) A defensive player guards an area of the court as opposed to guarding an offensive player.
Additionally: Whether or not a defensive player is "zoning" will be a judgment call of the official. Officials are cautioned that the zone defense rule does not prohibit a defensive team from "double teaming," "trapping," "switching," or "sagging." The rule does not require the defensive player to remain within a certain distance of his offensive player, unless required by the National Federation Rules. (This rule does not require a team to guard the person throwing in the ball on an inbounds play.) The intent of the rule is to prevent the "chaser" defense, where one or more players chases the offensive player having the ball; and the traditional zone defense, where one or more defensive players' primary responsibility is protecting an area of the court. Each of these situations is easily detected by anyone knowledgeable of basketball and should be strictly enforced. This rule is applicable in the frontcourt and backcourt.
Coaches and players should not expect complete uniformity in the enforcement of this rule. No two officials will judge a situation exactly the same. A good team will be one that is coached to adapt its offense and defense according to how the officials are calling the game. This is true regarding how the officials call fouls, lane violations and traveling violations. It should be the same with the zone defense rule.

## DEFENSE IN THE BACKCOURT

Junior Division: Defense in the backcourt is prohibited except during the fourth quarter of the game and any overtimes.
This rule shall not be interpreted to allow a "free" outlet pass starting a fast break, or to allow rolling the ball during the inbounds of the ball.
Note: Defense in the backcourt is prohibited when the winning team is at least 20 points ahead of the other team. This rule applies to all local league games in all divisions. This rule will also be enforced in the junior division during all regional and national tournaments.
Penalty: Technical Foul

## ISOLATION OFFENSE

No isolation type offense involving one or two players will be permitted. Clearing the floor to one side for a one-on-one or two-on-two offense is prohibited. Teams must involve all of its players in the offensive pattern. This will be a judgment call of the official.
Junior Division: This rule is applicable during the entire game including overtime play.
Penalty: Technical Foul
LANE VIOLATION:
In the Junior Division, the 3 -second lane violation rule will be changed to a 5 -second lane violation rule. FREE THROW LINE:
In the Junior Division only, the free throw line shall be $13^{\prime} 6$ " from the plane of the face of the backboard.

## BASKET:

(Applicable to the Junior Division only) The basket shall be $8^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ from the floor. The basket for the major and senior divisions will be $10^{\prime}$ from the floor.

## BALL:

The official Women's ball shall be used in the following divisions: Girls Junior, Girls Major, Girls Senior and Junior Boys.

## 3-POINT RULE:

There will be no 3-point rule in the Junior Division.
9. Each player is allowed five fouls per game. After a fifth foul, the offending player will be removed from play for the remainder of the game.
10. A player may be allowed to play with his school grade group even it his/her age is too old for that age group. However, players on the tournament teams must fall within the age eligibility guidelines set forth by Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. Parents who choose to have their child play down need to be aware that their child is too old for tournament play. A player may play for only one team. Teams will be chosen based on an open draft.
11. The commissioner will handle all protests on the spot. His or her decision will be final. There shall be no protesting of any judgment call by a referee.
12. Only two coaches per team are allowed on the bench during games. One coach is permitted to roam in the designated coach's box only. The second coach must remain seated at all times. Any violation of the above rules shall result in a technical foul for the offending team.
13. All teams must furnish their own warm-up balls. The League will furnish game balls.
14. Team player jerseys must be tucked in at all times.
15. Uniform numbers can only consist of numbers $0-5$. Numbers $6-9$ cannot be used. No duplicate numbers are permitted on the same team.
16. Each team must provide an adult to work at the score table either keeping the official books or running the score clock. Score table volunteers must be knowledgeable of the duties they are to perform. Commissioners are responsible for collecting the Official Scorebook at the end of each game day and having it ready for the next game day.
17. Games must have two qualified officials. Junior Division Officials must be familiar with the Junior Division Special Playing Rules.
18. A Master Schedule will be provided to each team prior to the start of the local league games. Game changes but be approved by both teams and must go through the Division Commission. Any changes to the master schedule must be made by the commission in a timely manner so that the scheduled officials can be notified of the change.
19. Coaches must furnish a written lineup with player names and numbers to the official scorekeeper prior to game time.
20. Daily game admission fee shall be (AMOUNT) adult. Adults attending multiple games in different gyms will be admitted free provided they have been stamped upon paid admission. Students 18 years and under will be admitted free.

## ARTICLE 24

## MAJOR AND SENIOR DIVISION RULES

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6. A 20-point mercy rule will be used in the backcourt for all grades and genders. Once a lead of 20 or more points has been established, the team with the lead may not press or trap in the backcourt. Pressing and trapping in the backcourt may return if the lead drops below 20 points. The head coach will be warned after the first violation of this rule. For each violation during the remainder of the game, the head coach will be given a technical foul.
7. The official Women's ball shall be used in the following divisions: Girls Junior, Girls Major, Girls Senior and Junior Boys. The official Men's ball will be used in the Boys Major and Senior divisions.
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## ARTICLE 25

## CODES OF CONDUCT

The league will provide Codes of Conduct for Players, Coaches and Parents. During the player registration, parents and players are required to read and sign the Codes of Conduct. Each Division Commissioner is to insure that all players, parents and coaches have submitted a signed Code of Conduct prior to the first scheduled game. Any violation of the Code of Conduct by any Coach, Player or Parent will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE 26

## Selection of All-Stars for Post League Tournament Play

After the local league games and tournament are completed, Junior, Major and Senior Divisions for both boys and girls will select a tournament team to participate in the Regional and National Little Dribblers' Basketball Tournaments. The team selection will follow these guidelines:

1. All players that completed at least $50 \%$ of local league games, including the end of season tournament, are eligible for consideration for the All-Star team.
2. Only players whose age fits within the eligibility guidelines for their particular age group will be considered.
3. All-Star players must live or attend school within the boundary of the local independent school district.
4. All-Star players must be passing all classes.
5. The coaches of each age division will meet to select the All-Team for their age group. The head coach of each team will nominate players from their team who they feel have earned a position on the All-Star Team. Other coaches may then nominate players from other teams that they feel should be considered.
6. Once all nominations have been made, a secret ballot vote will be held to select the team. Each team will vote for their top twelve players.
7. A Commissioner from another age division or an Executive Board Member should tally the votes and announce the results.
8. In the case of a tie, another secret ballot vote will be held to break the tie.
9. The Executive Board and Commissioners will select the Head Coaches for each All-Star Team. The Head Coach may then select the Assistant Coach and Bookkeeper.
