

LITTLE DRIBBLERS' BASKETBALL, INC.

REGULATIONS

(Revised October, 2008)

I. ADMINISTRATION:

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

II. PROGRAMS, DIVISIONS, LEAGUES, TEAMS AND PLAYERS

A. **Programs:** The organization provides separate, but identical programs for boys and girls

B. **Divisions:** The programs are classified into divisions based upon the population of the community holding a Little Dribblers' charter as follows:

DIVISION	TOTAL POPULATION
Continental	Under 2,500
American	Under 10,000
National	Under 35,000 or a single high school district

Note: The National Senior Division will be considered "OPEN." Therefore, in the National Senior Division the population requirements will not be enforced. However, teams may not get players from other league boundaries without prior written permission from the league president and written approval from Little Dribblers' Headquarters.

C. **Leagues:** Each division is divided into separate leagues based upon the age of the player as follows:

LEAGUE	AGE (determined as of August 1 of the tournament year)
Junior	10 years and under
Major	12 years and under
Senior	14 years and under

Note: In the Continental Division, it is permissible to combine all leagues for local play. Other exceptions may be granted by the Board of Directors upon written request.

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

E. Players:

- 1) The league age of a player is determined as of August 1 of the tournament year involved;
- 2) A player who has not participated in more that 50% of the regularly scheduled local league games shall not be eligible for tournament competition.
- 3) A player shall only play on one Little Dribblers' All-Star team in a specific tournament.
- 4) It is recommended that a child not be allowed to play if he/she is failing.

III. JURISDICTION:

- A. All competition, local, district, state, regional, national or international, shall be played under the jurisdiction of Little Dribblers' Basketball Headquarters.
- B. 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. An insurance brochure will be provided to all leagues at the beginning of the season.

IV. ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE, LETTER OF WAIVER, ROSTERS, SCHEDULE, SCOREBOOKS:

- A. **Record of Birth:** Each player enrolled on a Little Dribblers' Basketball roster must file with his respective League President before his first regularly scheduled game, an **original or certified** record of birth. *Photocopies of any document will not be accepted.* A database listing the method for obtaining a birth record from any U.S. state or territory is available at the following internet address: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>. For children born in Texas, you can obtain a Certified Birth Certificate at any County Clerks Office in the State.
- B. **Team Roster:** A team roster shall be filed with Headquarters, on or before the league's first regularly scheduled game. ***There must be one team roster for each local league team.***
- C. **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.
- D. **Scorebooks:** Each league will maintain an official scorebook or books to be completed in detail covering all league games.

V. REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTER:

- A. **Charter Applications:** Charter Applications must be completed and submitted online or mailed to the National Office. A separate Charter Application is required for boys and girls. The league president must sign the Charter Application. To submit your Charter Application and pay your Charter Fee online go to: www.littledribblers.org.

B. **Charter Fees:** Annual Charter Fees are as follows:

Note: Teams using the Orbit Online Services detailed on the website will receive a \$100 discount on their Charter Fees which will cover the cost of the Orbit Online Services.

DIVISION	FEES	
	BOYS	GIRLS
Continental	\$300	\$300
American	\$400	\$400
National	\$400	\$400

Late fee: A \$50.00 late fee will be required for all Charter Applications received after the designated Charter Application Deadline. See Calendar for Deadlines

Note: The single charter fee entitles the charter recipient to sponsor one Junior, one Major and one Senior league team. You may enter additional tournament teams in any or all age groups. Each additional team will be \$100.00 per team.

Example: An American Boys league wants to enter two junior teams, two major teams and one senior team. Their total Charter fees will be \$600.00.

\$400	Charter Fee (entitled to 1 junior, 1 major, 1 senior)
\$100	2 nd junior team
\$100	2 nd major team
\$600	Total Charter Fee

C. **Fees for New Online League Services:** Little Dribblers'

Basketball, Inc. has teamed up with Youth Leagues USA to offer our leagues the Orbit Online League Management Tools. This system will allow leagues to accept online player registrations, build team rosters and submit all required forms to the National Office with the click of a button. You can visit our website for a more detailed explanation of these services. The table below explains the fees involved in this service.

DIVISION	FEES			
	Charter Fees	Orbit Fee	LDB Discount	Total Fees
Continental	\$300	\$100	-\$100	\$300
American	\$400	\$100	-\$100	\$400
National	\$400	\$100	-\$100	\$400

As you can see, you pay the same amount whether you opt to use the online league management system or not. However, by using the online tools for your league management, you will enhance the services that your league can offer to your players while saving you valuable time and resources.

PROTESTS AND RULE INTERPRETATIONS:

- A. **Protests:** During local league play, the league president shall resolve any disputes or protests. During tournament play, all disputes and protests shall be decided by the tournament director.

- B. **Clarifications and Interpretations:** Clarifications and interpretations of rules by Headquarters will be given only in writing to be official, and then only upon written requests by the League President or the Tournament Director. Faxes and email requests will be accepted.

- C. **Protest Fee:** There will be a \$50.00 fee for each protest payable to the National Headquarters.

- D. **Protest timing:** Protests must be made in a timely manner so that the dispute can be resolved with no scheduling delays.

- E. **Forfeits:** Forfeits must be approved by LDB headquarters unless the problem involves an ineligible player due to age.

Little Dribblers' Basketball

Special Playing Rules

(Revised September 2007)

The Official Basketball Rules as adopted by the National Federation of State High School Associations has been adopted as the official Little Dribbler Playing Rules except as changed by the following special rules:

1. QUALIFICATION:

Each player on the team roster who is present (10) minutes before the scheduled starting time of the game shall be required to play one complete quarter of play. In the event one team has one player less than its opponent, the team having the greater number of players shall draw at random from the opponent's players. The player drawn shall be required to play two quarters of play.

Note: It is the duty of the official scorer to enforce this rule on his own or upon notification by one of the team coaches. The official scorer must notify the team in violation of this rule prior to the fourth quarter.

Penalty: Forfeit

Clarification: One complete quarter is defined as playing one full, uninterrupted quarter. If a player is injured during the quarter and is unable to return for the remainder of the game, the player is considered qualified due to injury. However, if the player is able to return to play, the player must play one full, uninterrupted quarter in order to be qualified.

Additionally: If a player fouls out of the game prior to completing one full, uninterrupted quarter, the player is considered qualified.

2. ZONE DEFENSE:

(The following rule is not applicable in the Major or Senior Divisions)

Junior Division: 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.

3. DEFENSE IN THE BACKCOURT

(This rule is not applicable in the Major or Senior Divisions)

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 inbound 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

4. ISOLATION OFFENSE

(This rule is not applicable in the Major or Senior Divisions)

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

5. ALL-STAR ROSTERS

American and National Leagues:

Tournament rosters must consist of a minimum of ten (10) players and a maximum of twelve (12) players. Teams must play their first tournament game with a minimum of ten (10) players. After the first game, the team may consist of less than ten players in the case of player (s) injury, illness or school related conflict. Tournament teams may never consist of less than eight (8) players.

Continental Leagues:

Tournament rosters must consist of a minimum of nine (9) players and a maximum of twelve (12) players. Teams must play their first tournament game with a minimum of nine (9) players. After the first game, the team may consist of less than nine players in the case of player (s) injury, illness or school related conflict. Tournament teams may never consist of less than eight (8) players.

All leagues:

It is recommended that tournament teams select up to twelve players to prevent forfeiture for inadequate number of players. Once a team plays their first tournament game, additions to the team roster are prohibited.

Prior to each game, teams must designate which players will be alternates in the official score book. Alternates may play, but do not have to qualify. Teams may alternate which players will be designated as alternates at the beginning of each game.

6. LANE VIOLATION:

In the Junior division, the 3-second lane violation rule will be changed to a 5-second lane violation rule. ***In the Major and Senior divisions the rule will remain as 3-seconds.***

7. FREE THROW LINE:

In the Junior division only, the free throw line shall be 13'6" from the plane of the face of the backboard.

8. BASKET:

(Applicable to the Junior Division only) The basket shall be 8'6" from the floor. The basket for the major and senior divisions will be 10' from the floor.

9. BALL:

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.***

10. UNIFORMS:

The federation rule regarding uniforms will not be enforced. It is suggested that you have a light and dark uniform for your tournament teams. Shirts must have numbers on the back. Player' name, team name or sponsors name is allowed on the uniform. It is recommended that numbers on the jerseys consist of numbers 1-5. *Numbers 6,7,8 & 9 should be avoided.*

11. 3-POINT RULE:

There will be no 3-point rule in the Junior division. ***The 3-point shot is allowed and will be counted in the Major and Senior divisions.***



TOURNAMENT RULES

- A. **Facilities:** Each host league must provide adequate basketball facilities, at the dates and times scheduled for the tournament. In order to host a Junior League tournament you must provide the 8½ ft. goals.
- B. **Officials:** The host league for such tournament games will provide two qualified officials currently in good standing with the official state organization for the area. Each official must be familiar with all special Little Dribblers playing rules including the official comment on Zone Defense. Tournament directors should meet with all officials to go over the Special Little Dribbler rules prior to starting the tournament. Hometown officials are discouraged from officiating games involving the host team.
- 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 are applicable to tournament competition.
- E. **Housing and Meals:** Team coaches both in state and out of state must make their own housing arrangements. Meals for the players are the responsibility of the team.
- F. **Trophies:** Individual trophies will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams at each level of tournament play. Trophies will be given to ten players and two alternates only. *Medals or other awards cannot be substituted for trophies.*
- G. **Awards:** Individual awards such as “most valuable player” and “all-tournament player” are not selected.
- H. **Protests:** The Official Tournament Director of each tournament shall decide any protests regarding tournament competition. Judgment calls of the official cannot be protested.
- I. **Appeals:** Appeals of the Tournament Directors decision may be made with a \$50.00 protest fee payable to the National Headquarters.
- J. **Age documentation:** Proof of age documents must accompany all players to each tournament. (See Regulation IV, A. for acceptable age documentation) The tournament director shall insure that age documentation for all players is checked prior to their first game.
- K. **Hosting:** Priority in hosting tournaments is given to the leagues who have been in Little Dribblers the longest and who have not recently hosted a tournament. Past experience in hosting tournaments (good or bad) is strongly considered in awarding the tournaments.

- L. **Playing Rules:** Playing Rules for tournament competition are the same as for local league play. These rules are set out in Special Little Dribblers Playing Rules 1-11, inclusive.
- M. **Host League:** The host league must agree in writing to abide by these tournament rules.
- N. **Playing Periods:** Quarters will be six (6) minutes in length.
- O. **Overtime:** Each overtime period shall be two (2) minutes in length.
- P. **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.
- Q. **Time Outs:** Each team shall be allowed three (3) full time outs only. One time out will be added for each overtime. Any unused time outs from regulation play may be used during overtime play.
- R. **Admission:** LDB National Headquarters must approve Admission prices for Little Dribblers Regional and National tournaments. The tournament host shall notify headquarters in writing of their proposed admission fees. Tournament prices will also be announced in tournament letters sent to each league and posted on the website.



INSURANCE

Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. requires that all chartered leagues be covered by accident and liability insurance. As a courtesy, we have included an inexpensive policy for both accident and liability coverage. Leagues may use the policy included in the packet or may seek coverage for other insurance carriers as long as both accident and liability coverage is provided. We must have proof of coverage from your insurance carrier before your teams will be allowed to participate in Little Dribbler Tournaments.

Note: *Teams purchasing coverage other than the one provided in the packet must have coverage that is at least comparable to the policy offered in the packet*

INSURANCE PROVIDER:

The insurance included in this packet is provided through Bene-Marc Insurance

Company, 6301 Southwest Blvd. Suite 101, Fort Worth, Texas 76132.

Phone: 817-738-6899 Fax: 817-738-1811, email: jwilson@bene-marc.com. All questions regarding type of coverage and claims must be directed to Bene-Marc.

COST:

An insurance brochure/application from the insurance carrier is provided in the league packet. The cost per team and a summary of coverage is detailed in the brochure.

HOW TO PURCHASE:

In order to purchase insurance you must be a current chartered or member league.

Insurance applications received from leagues that have not paid their charter fee will be returned or placed on "hold".

- Insurance can be purchased online. Go to www.littledribblers.org. or
- Complete the enclosed insurance brochure/application. **Make your check payable to Little Dribblers' Basketball**. Send application and payment to Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc., 911 Houston, Levelland, Texas 79336. Once your insurance application has been processed, your league will receive a certificate of insurance from the insurance company.

TEAM ROSTERS:

In order for players and coaches to be covered by this policy, players and coaches must be listed on a Team Roster Form. This form should be submitted to Little Dribblers' Basketball before league play begins.

SUMMARY:

We must have proof of insurance on file before your teams will be allowed to participate in Little Dribbler Tournaments. In order to fully protect your players and your league, we highly recommend that you obtain proof of insurance **before** beginning any type of play (tryouts, practice or games.) ***It takes a while for applications to be received, processed, and a certificate issued. We recommend sending in your application at least two weeks prior to the date you will need coverage.***

LEAGUE BOUNDARIES AND MAPS

The total population of the area you select for your league will determine your division. Divisions are broken down as follows:

DIVISION	TOTAL POPULATION
Continental	Under 2,500
American	Under 10,000
National	Under 35,000 or a single high school district

You may select your league boundaries in several different ways. Many leagues choose to make their league boundaries the same as their school district boundaries. Using your school district boundaries allows anyone who attends your school district to play in your local league. The area you select as your league boundaries determines who can participate in your league. Only players who reside in your league boundaries and play in your local league are eligible for tournament play. Exception: If a child resides outside of your league boundaries but attends school in your boundaries, that player is eligible to play either in the league where he/she resides or in the league where he/she attends school.

Once you select your league boundaries, you must submit a boundary map. This map must clearly define your boundary area. You can obtain a school district map from your school administration office. If you are using boundaries other than the school district, you may obtain a map from your city or county officials. Another source for obtaining maps is the Internet. Some mapping sites will allow you to specify the area you need mapped.

The boundary lines of your boundary map must be contiguous. *Definition: touching or connected throughout in an unbroken sequence.* The total population of your boundary area means every person living in that area not just the number of students in that area or school district.

As long as your league continues to charter with Little Dribblers' Basketball, your league boundaries cannot be crossed by another league. Neighboring leagues may not recruit players from within your league boundaries.

League boundary maps must be submitted each year along with your Charter Application.

NOTE: It is important that you make sure that all tournament team players live within your league boundaries. Allowing a player who resides outside league boundaries to play on your tournament team may result in forfeiture.

Any questions regarding boundary issues should be cleared up at the time your charter is submitted to prevent protest of your league boundaries at tournament time.

HOSTING A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

In order to be considered to host a Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. (LDB) regional tournament, your local league must submit a completed "Regional Tournament Request Form" (provided below) signed by the league president. CONSIDERATION WILL ONLY BE GIVEN TO REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY THE CHARTERING DEADLINE.

*Please obtain permission from your school district **prior** to submitting your request to host a tournament.*

The following are guidelines to help you prepare for a LDB Regional Tournament.

Steering Committee

A Steering Committee is paramount to the success of any tournament event. This committee has the responsibility for the administration, planning and coordination of the tournament. The Steering Committee should take direct responsibility for the following areas.

1. Selection and overseeing of all sub-committees
2. Budgeting
3. Raising funds to meet your financial responsibilities
4. Selection of venues
5. Liaison with local sports committee and Chamber of Commerce in our city.

Sample Financial Responsibilities

The Regional tournament Host is responsible for providing adequate facilities, concessions and awards. An example of some expenses is listed below:

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| 1. Concessions | 2. Gym Rental |
| 3. Gym Maintenance | 4. Security |
| 5. Referees | 6. Trophies (12 trophies for the champion and runners-up in each division) |

Officials

The Regional Tournament Host is responsible for providing SBOA officials who are knowledgeable of the LDB special rules and regulations. The officials should not be from your league area. A clinic for officials prior to the tournament is beneficial but not required.

Completion of the Tournament

The tournament host shall report the results of the regional tournament to National Headquarters no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Monday immediately following the regional tournament. Results may be called in, faxed or emailed to the National office. A weekend number will be provided so that results can be reported on Sunday if needed.

Complete the application below and mail to **Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc., 911 Houston, Levelland, Texas 79336** by the Chartering Deadline.



REQUEST TO HOST A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT				
League Information	Have you obtained permission from your school to use their gyms for the dates listed in the season calendar for this regional tournament?			
League Name:	Address:	City	State	Zip
League President:	Home Phone:	Cell Phone:	Fax:	Email:
Tournament Request Information	Gender		Division	
	Boys <input type="checkbox"/>	Girls <input type="checkbox"/>	Continental <input type="checkbox"/>	American <input type="checkbox"/>
	National <input type="checkbox"/>			
Do you have a preference between the two dates available for this tournament? If so, please list the dates you prefer.				
Gym Information	Number of Gyms available for this tournament		How many of the available gyms are air conditioned?	
How many are equipped with a concession stand?		Do you have at least one gym equipped adjustable goals which can be lowered to 8 ½ ft?		
As president of the league stated above, I agree to abide by all Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. Rules and Regulations if we are selected as the host of a Regional Tournament.				
Signature of league President:			Date:	

HOSTING A NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

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In order to submit a request to host a LDB National Tournament, you must submit a letter from your league president along with the completed National Tournament Request Form. You may submit additional documentation to support your request.

STEERING COMMITTEE

A Steering Committee is paramount to the success of any tournament event. This committee has the responsibility for the administration, planning and coordination of the tournament. The Steering committee should take direct responsibility for the following areas:

1. Selection of committee heads
2. Budgeting
3. Ticket pricing
4. Raising funds as required to meet your financial responsibilities
5. Selection of venues
6. Liaison with local sports committee and Chamber of Commerce

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Conducting a LDB tournament requires an organizational structure with defined duties. A successful tournament requires the involvement of many people. We have put together a list of recommended committees, which although not required, are highly recommended in order to host a tournament within the standards required.

RECOMMENDED COMMITTEES

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| 1. Venues | 8. Public Relations/Publicity |
| 2. Finance | 9. Sale of Merchandise |
| 3. Participant Services | 10. Security |
| 4. Tournament Program | 11. Transportation |
| 5. Team Registration | 12. Tournament Passes |
| 6. Opening Ceremonies (optional) | 13. Trainer/Medical Facilities |
| 7. Concessions | |

SAMPLE BUDGET ITEMS

INCOME

Concessions
Corporate Sponsors
Program Sales
Souvenir Sales
Ticket Sales

EXPENSE

Advertising	Decorations
Equipment	Telephone
Venue Rental	Opening Ceremonies
Printing	Medical Services
Security	Insurance (Liability)
Referees	Trophies*

*The tournament host is required to provide twelve (12) trophies for champions and runners-up for each division. (Note: trophies must be given; you may not substitute medals or other awards for trophies)

BIDDING CHECKLIST

1. Obtain Charter Membership in Little Dribblers' Basketball.
2. Submit National Tournament Host Request Form.
3. Acquire permission from your schools to use gyms and facilities.
4. Notify your local sports organization and/or the Chamber of Commerce.

TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

The host league is required to pay to Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc., \$5000.00 payable within 10 days of the completion of the tournament.

The host league is required to send to the National Headquarters the following items within 30 days from the end of the tournament: 1) twelve (12) souvenir programs, which will be placed in the Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. archives; 2) all official scorebooks which have been labeled on the outside cover with the city and gym name. Each game must be labeled with the game number, (Example:NM-3).

INSURANCE

As a Little Dribbler league, you are required to have both accident and liability insurance coverage. Proof of coverage must be on file at the National Headquarters.

OFFICIALS

The host league will provide SBOA officials who are knowledgeable of LDB special rules and regulations. The officials should not be from your league area. The host league is responsible for providing a clinic prior to the tournament for officials to review the LDB special rules and regulations as well as covering any questions they have concerning this tournament. Officials from the host league area are highly discouraged from officiating games involving the host league.

WEBSITE

The host league will provide tournament updates at least once a day to the website manager so that the National Tournament brackets on the website can remain current throughout the tournament. These updates can be faxed or emailed to the website manager.

It is recommended that the publicity committee assign a person or person (s) to be in charge of this duty.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF LITTLE DRIBBLERS' BASKETBALL HEADQUARTERS

Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. National Headquarters (LDB) will provide all tournament brackets and the tournament schedule. The LDB will make all revisions to the brackets and schedule. LDB will mail tournament brackets and schedule to each participating league president as well as being posted on the Little Dribblers' website.

LDB Headquarters will be available by phone or in person at the tournament to handle any protest not settled by the tournament director. All contact numbers will be provided to the tournament director prior to the tournament.

Procedures:

The Tuesday following the end of all regional tournaments, LDB Headquarters will forward to the host the following items:

1. Brackets and Schedule
2. Team Rosters and Photos that have been submitted for the tournament program.
3. Former Champions and Tournament Records to be printed in the tournament program. (In addition to the hard copy, a disk in Word format will be provided)
4. Printed labels of league addresses to be used for any mailings done by the host.
5. Rules and Regulation pamphlets to be given to participants and referees.
6. Contact Numbers for the Executive Director.

National Tournament Host Request Form

Instructions: Complete this form and submit it to Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc. along with a letter from your school superintendent stating that your league has obtained permission to use the gyms for the dates of the National Tournament you are requesting to host. You may submit additional documentation in order to inform our Board of Directors about your community and the support you have to host this tournament. All information will be taken into consideration during the process of awarding the National Tournament.

LEAGUE INFORMATION			
League Name:		League President:	
City:	State:	Zip:	
Home phone:		Cell Phone:	
Fax:		Email Address:	
TOURNAMENT INFORMATION			
Prior tournament hosting experience:	Has your league hosting a Little Dribblers' National Tournament in the past?	If yes, when?	
Check the tournament you are requesting to host		Year:	
Boys & Girls Continental <input type="checkbox"/>	Boys American & National <input type="checkbox"/>	Girls American & National <input type="checkbox"/>	
FACILITIES:	Maximum number of gyms available for this tournament:	How many of these gyms are air condition?	
How many have concession stands?	How many gyms are equipped with adjustable goals to meet the 8 ½ ft. goal requirement for the junior division games		
LODGING			
How many hotels are in your community?		Approximate number of hotel rooms?	
Approximate number of hotels within 50 miles of your community		Approximate number of rooms within 50 miles	
SIGNATURE AND DATE			
Signature of League President:			Date:

Send this completed form along with a letter from the school superintendent to:
Little Dribblers' Basketball, Inc.
911 Houston
Levelland, Texas 79336
Fax: 806-894-8509
Email: ldb@littledribblers.org

Code of Conduct

The following Codes of Conduct are provided as a tool you can use in your local league to help provide a fun, safe and positive environment for your players, coaches and fans.

We recommend that leagues use some form of Code of Conduct for their players, coaches and parents. Feel free to alter the forms to fit your league requirements.

It is our hope that the Codes of Conduct will prove to be a benefit to your league. These forms are for your league use only and should not be returned to our office.



(The following Codes of Conduct have been adapted from the Plainview Little Dribblers Codes of Conduct)

LITTLE DRIBBLERS' BASKETBALL

Coaches Code of Conduct

In order to ensure that the principals of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials and spectators are the primary consideration governing competition in the Little Dribblers' association, the following Code of Conduct has been established:

Please acknowledge your understanding and willingness to abide by the Code of Conduct by reading and signing this form.

1. I acknowledge that my primary responsibility is to foster the stated purpose Little Dribblers' Basketball, which is to promote a healthy, pleasant and safe environment for youth to participate in basketball. In order to fulfill my obligation I will:
 - A. Fully abide by the policies, rules and guidelines set forth by the league;
 - B. Respect the game officials and refrain from communicating with them in an abusive manner;
 - C. Encourage the team and fans to conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while attending Little Dribbler games and practices.
 - D. Assist the game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
 - E. Be a positive role model for players by never:
 - 1) Using or tolerating obscene language and gestures;
 - 2) Physically or verbally intimidating a player;
 - 3) Making discriminating remarks based on race, religion, gender or national origin;
 - 4) Consuming or allowing the consumption of alcohol or be inebriated state during practices, games or whenever in the presence of players;
 - 5) Encouraging, tolerating or indulging in substance abuse;
 - 6) Smoking or using tobacco products during team activities (practice, games, travel time, etc.);
2. I will not knowingly allow a player to play in a game if that player does not meet the guidelines for eligibility.
3. I fully understand that basketball should be a fun rewarding and positive experience for all participants.
4. I will insure that all assistant coaches under my authority will abide by the Code of Conduct;
5. I will inform parents of all practice and game times and will inform both players and parents of my expectations.

I understand and acknowledge the terms and conditions of the Code of Conduct and understand that any violations will result in disciplinary action from the Board of Directors.

I have read and fully understand the above Code of Conduct and agree to abide by all the provisions set forth.

Coaches Signature

Date

LITTLE DRIBBLERS' BASKETBALL Players Code of Conduct

Please acknowledge your understanding and willingness to abide by the Code of Conduct by reading then signing this form.

I hereby pledge to have a positive attitude and to be responsible for my participation in Little Dribblers' Basketball by following this Code of Conduct:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice.
2. I will attend every practice and game that is reasonably possible and notify my coach if I cannot.
3. I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches. I will treat my coaches with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities and will expect to be treated accordingly.
4. I will never use obscene language or gestures.
5. I will never be physically or verbally intimidating, abuse or assault the other players.
6. I deserve to play in an alcohol, tobacco, and drug free environment and I will conduct myself in a way that all of my teammates will have this opportunity as well.
7. I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some way because it is important to me.
8. I will do my best in school. I understand that my grades may be checked to determine eligibility.
9. I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.
10. I agree that as a member of a Little Dribbler team, I will respect other people's property, authority, and laws governing my actions.

I understand and am willing to comply with the Code of Conduct set forth above. I understand that failure to do so will result in reprimands by my coach, or the Board of Directors. Reprimands may include, but are not restricted to: verbal reprimand, suspension from play, and expulsion from current and future Little Dribbler activities.

I have read and fully understand the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by all the provisions set forth above.

Player Signature

Parent Signature

Date

LITTLE DRIBBLERS' BASKETBALL

Parents Code of Conduct

Please acknowledge your understanding and willingness to abide by the Code of Conduct by reading then signing this form.

I hereby pledge to provide positive care and encouragement for any child during Little Dribblers' Basketball by following this Code of Conduct:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will provide support for all coaches and official working with my child to provide a positive enjoyable experience for all.
5. I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events, while transporting youth for Little Dribblers, and while serving as a room parent during out of town games.
6. I will remember that the game is for the players and not for the adults.
7. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
8. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
9. I will promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.
10. I will support my child's coach by having my child on time to practices and games.

I have read and fully understand all components of this Code of Conduct and agree to abide by all the provisions set forth above. I understand that failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may prevent my child from participating in Little Dribblers' Basketball. I understand that I may be asked to leave such activities if my behavior is having a negative impact on the players or other fans.

Parent's Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

Date