

Lizella Baptist Church
Men's Basketball 2011
League Rules and Guidelines

League Rules

1. Lizella Baptist Church uses NCAA certified referees.
2. Minimum age is 16.
3. Drinks are available in the mezzanine drink machines. Please do not leave bottles or trash on the floor.
4. Players/coaches/spectators must show respect for the referees and the calls they make. The referee's decisions are final. Players may ask referees for clarification; however, player must not show an unsatisfactory attitude.
5. If a player/coach becomes unruly that player/coach may be asked to be removed from the court at the discretion of League Directors. This will be the 1st offense. If a player/coach is ejected for a 2nd offense, that player/coach will automatically be barred from returning to any subsequent games. If that player/coach does attend a game, that team will forfeit that game and any other game that the offender attends. LBC will not refund any portion of team fees due to an ejection. It is strongly advised that coaches and teammates remove any unruly player quickly from the court or sidelines before League Directors are forced to eject that player.
6. Children must stay on the spectator seating area on either side of the court or on the mezzanine. Please do not let them linger in at the court end lines near the goals as this is an area of collision with players and possible injuries could occur.
7. At no time will children be allowed to play in the Recreation Office.
8. Spectators and/or players may not dribble or bounce a ball on the sidelines while a game is in progress.
9. All players must turn in a waiver form to the score table prior to the first game. Waivers are available on www.Lizellabaptist.com/recreation. Waiver forms will be available at the first game also.
10. Trophies are awarded as follows:
 - 1st and 2nd place for League play
 - 1st and 2nd in Tournament A (top 5 teams from League)
 - 1st and 2nd in Tournament B (bottom 5 teams from League)
11. Home team will open in prayer. Visiting team will close in prayer at center court. Teams leaving and/or entering the gym please be respectful of this prayer time by keeping noise to a minimum.

12. Final rosters due by your teams' 2nd game.
13. Rosters will be available at the score table at all games.
14. No team can pick up players from another team unless your team has 6 players or less (Max 2 player pickup). If a team has 7 players or more from their own roster, that team will not be allowed to pick up additional players.
15. If a player is not on a roster and plays in any one game, that player will be added to the team roster for which he played. This prevents any one player from playing for multiple teams and bypassing rule No. 14.
16. Both Tournament A and B will be double elimination format. Tournament A will include teams finishing in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place during League play. Tournament B will include teams finishing 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th place during League play. Both tournaments will be seeded with the 1st place team playing the winner of the 4th vs 5th place game.
17. Game balls will be provided by Lizella Baptist Church only. We will not use any basketballs belonging to any team or player. LBC uses NCAA wide channel basketballs.
18. In the event of a 3 team or more tie at the end of the regular season, we will look at the head to head records of the tied teams. If the teams remain tied then we will use the Margin of Victory format to determine the final seeding order for the Post Season Tournament.
19. Jersey numbers should be assigned to one player only and remain with that player during the entire season. Player stats are kept based upon players jersey number not by player name. Jersey numbers should be easily visible. Example: If your jerseys are gray, please do not use black numbers.
20. **Players must wait for referees to blow the whistle to be substituted in; the horn does not signify substitution.** Players entering the game must kneel on the floor in front of the score table, please do not stand in front of the scorekeepers as it blocks the scorekeepers view of the game. It is the responsibility of the referee to stop game play and allow the subs to enter the game. Scorekeepers cannot and will not stop game play for substitutions. It is not necessary for subs to communicate to the scorekeeper of his jersey number, we do not record playing time in the books.
21. Please be mindful that the scorekeepers are intensively concentrating on the game and cannot engage in conversations with players or spectators during game play.
22. Scores and standings will be updated after each night of games and be available at www.Lizellabaptist.com/recreation.

Game play

1. No dunking on goals at any time.
2. Games will consist of two 20-minute halves.
3. Halftime will be 5 minutes.
4. The clock will run until 2 minutes remain. When a game reaches the 2 minutes remaining mark in each half, the clock will stop on all official's whistles. The clock will stop on all time outs regardless of time remaining.
5. We will be using the NCAA foul shot rules.
6. Players can enter the lane area on the release of a foul shot. Players do not have wait for the ball to touch the rim.
7. All fouls count towards the team fouls.
8. Teams will have five (5) 60 second time outs.

Overtime

1. Each overtime segment will be 3 minutes.
2. Clock stops on all whistles.
3. Each team is given one (1) additional 60 second time out.

Post Season Tournament Player Qualification

A player must have appeared in 3 regular season games minimum to be eligible to play in the post season tournament.