

Etowah Baptist Association

2017 -2018 Basketball

Mission Statement

The Etowah Baptist Association Basketball League exists to provide a Christ-centered basketball league for the churches in Etowah County. Believing that our purpose is to bring honor and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we feel the responsibility to ensure that all players and coaches exhibit a **“Christ-like behavior at all times and a genuine concern for all people”**.

Purpose Statement

Our only purpose is to reach boys, girls and parents with the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ; we will be teaching them throughout the season by sharing with and showing them how to live a Christ-Centered life. We will teach them how to play the game of basketball in a Christ-like way. **Our goal, therefore, is not winning at all cost, but playing the game well and showing good sportsmanship.**

EBA BASKETBALL RULES

1. Players **must** attend 75% of the meetings of the sponsoring church or organization, or be actively involved at another church that does not have a basketball team or organization (AWANA, Team Kid, R.A., Challengers, youth services, etc.) Practices do not count as meetings.
2. There will be no protest concerning a game. Remember this is for fun and the kids should have fun as well.
3. The use of profanity or any other abusive language by players, coaches, referees or spectators will not be tolerated. If a player uses profanity he/she will be ejected from the game and possibly the season. If a spectator, fan or parent violates this rule they will be asked to leave the building. A coach or referee will be suspended for the season. ***Violations must be turned in to the EBA Basketball Coordinator and signed by a coach, referee and scorekeeper.***
4. Use of alcoholic beverages or drugs by any person in attendance is strictly prohibited and will result in the automatic suspension of that person for the remainder of the season.
5. Where avoidable, a referee will not officiate games for a church where he/she is a member. If a referee is a coach, he will NOT referee games in the division he coaches.

In the event of an unavoidable conflict, all coaches and spectators should apply patience and understanding.

6. Players and coaches must abide by the rules of the building where the game is played. The person in charge of the gym will have complete authority to enforce such rules. Violations of building rules or acts of destruction will result in an individual or team from future participation in that building. **In the case of any destruction, it will be the responsibility of whichever church the individual(s) represent.** Any violations should be reported to the director.
7. Good sportsmanship should be practiced at all times by the player and their leaders. A desire to win should be kept before the players; however, accepting defeat is also character building. It is imperative that coaches and leaders display this attitude and refrain from placing blame of a loss on referees, or players of the opposing team. **Coaches must accept the decisions of the referees.** At times there may be a need to question the application of a rule with the official (s), this should be done in a Christ-like manner. Coaches who do not exhibit good sportsmanship are subject to removal from the league. SEE ATTACHED COPY OF RULES FOR THE COACH.
8. Any team not having four (4) players at game time must forfeit the game to the opposing team. A team having only four players will start the game with a technical foul.
9. No player may be added to the roster after the season begins without approval from the EBA Basketball Coordinator.
10. **A player who plays for a school team or in another league will not be allowed to play on a team in the EBA Basketball League even if their season is over!**
11. Game time is forfeit time. Each team will be given a 5 minute warm up period [not including the devotion].
12. **The host church will be responsible for providing competent people to operate the clock and maintain the official book. Each team must also provide a bookkeeper for back-up, and they should both sit at the official scorer's table with the clock keeper. They must be 18 or over to keep the clock or score book.** Clock operators will be given \$10.00 per game to be calculated and reimbursed to the church at the end of the season.
13. Teams must have matching jerseys with appropriate numbers. Team colors will be determined at the mandatory coaches meeting.

14. No full court press when a team is leading by: 20 points – 18 & under
 15 points – 14 & under
- No full court press in the 11u, 8u or 6u game.
 - No full court press or scorekeeping [optional] in the 6 & under.
Also officials will be instructed to be lenient with kids in this age division.
 - 6 minute quarters for 6u, 8u, 11u.
 - 6u, 8u, and 11u boys will use the girl size (28.5”) basketball
 - 6u & 8u will utilize an 8’ goal
 - 11u and under may shoot from the 2 foot line in front of standard (8 foot free throw)
 - 14u and up boys will use standard basketball size
 - 18u and 14u will play 8 minute quarters

15. Age divisions are as follows:

6 & under (co-ed)	Players may not reach 7 before November 15, 2017
8 & under (co-ed)	Players may not reach 9 before November 15, 2017
11 & under	Players may not reach 12 before November 15, 2017
14 & under	Players may not reach 15 before November 15, 2017
18 & under	Players may not reach 19 before November 15, 2017

16. Each coach must agree to and sign a copy of the Coaches Rules Sheet that is attached. Also, **roster must be signed by the Senior Pastor**. Team will be disqualified if sheet is not signed.
17. Each player and parent must agree to and sign a copy of the Players Rules Sheet that is attached. Player(s) will not be allowed to participate if a signed copy is not on file.
18. Any player or coach who receives 2 direct technical foul [in the same game] will result in an ejection from that game and suspended for the next game. **Any player or coach ejected from a 2nd game will not be allowed to participate in the remainder of the season.**
19. Every team member must play in each half unless he/she has an illness.
20. You must provide the EBA with the current contact information of the church representative and coaches.

ENTRY FEES FOR THE 2017 – 2018 SEASON

	<u>EBA Churches</u>	<u>Non EBA Teams</u>
6 & UNDER (CO-ED)	\$200.00	\$250.00
8 & UNDER (CO-ED)	\$225.00	\$275.00
11 & UNDER	\$225.00	\$275.00
14 & UNDER	\$300.00	\$350.00
18 & UNDER	\$300.00	\$350.00

Entry fee must be paid by Thursday, **November 16**. All checks are to be made to the Etowah Baptist Association. After entry fee due date schedules will be made (according to paid entry fees) and sent to each church/representative. Make copies for your players. Remember these are just examples of division breakdowns. If there is not enough interest in any one division they may have to combine with the next higher age group. **Players are not allowed to play down in age groups!**

IT IS REQUIRED THAT AN ORGANIZED DEVOTION/TESTIMONY AND PRAYER BE HELD BEFORE EACH GAME DURING THE WARM-UP TIME OF EACH GAME.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PRAYER AND DEVOTION TIME WILL BE THAT OF THE TEAM LISTED FIRST ON THE SCHEDULE AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH GAME.

POST GAME PRAYER WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OTHER TEAM.

Important Dates for 2017

Mandatory Coaches Meeting Monday, October 30, 2017

Rosters due: November 2, 2017

League fees due & schedules available after Thursday, November 16, 2017

Schedules will be posted on-line & available at the EBA office

League games begin the week of November 27th

THE COACH

All coaches who are working with sports teams should have knowledge of the overall church program. They should be individuals with high ethical standards and committed to seeing that the total churches' program is projected. Qualifications for a coach:

1. They are to have a personal and active relationship with Christ and their church.
Matthew 5:27
2. An assurance that they are in the center of God's will in working with a team.
3. Enthusiasm for life, good sense of humor and a consistent Christian character.
4. A readiness to accept and benefit from training, supervision, suggestions and positive criticism.
5. A willingness to accept and promote the churches methods, procedures and policies.
6. Have priorities in perspective in relationship to winning.
Jeremiah 9:23 & 24
7. Have a positive relationship with those that they are coaching. Matthew 5:14 – 16.
8. Every player will be allowed to play in each half. James 2:1 – 4
9. No recruiting. 2 Corinthians 8:21

On a personal note,

This is an amazing outreach for our churches. We have the opportunity to change lives for an eternity through our basketball programs. The purpose of our existence is to reach people and disciple them through our programs in our churches. Therefore, it is my prayer that we move ourselves out of the way and let the LORD work in us and through us this season to make an eternal difference for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Hebrews 12:2

I understand and agree to abide by these rules.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Cell#: _____

E-mail: _____

Church: _____

THE PLAYER AND PARENT

You are a very important key to the overall success to each church outreach. This basketball program is offered to you in the efforts to help and disciple you in the things of God. But, of course, there are some rules that will need to be mentioned and adhered to.

1. Will show a Christ-like spirit before, during and after the game.
1 Corinthians 10:31
2. Will not cause any destruction to the facility in which I am present.
3. Players should attend the church that they represent.
2 Corinthians 8:21
4. Players should show good sportsmanship before, during and after the game. Even in a win or loss.
5. No player(s) will be allowed to argue or use abusive language at any time.
Colossians 4:6
6. Players and parents/fans will treat officials, coaches and other fans with respect.
John 15:12
7. Always remember the Golden Rule, "do unto others, AS YOU WOULD HAVE them do unto you". Matthew 7:12

On a personal note,

It is my prayer for you young people to fix your eyes on Jesus and not on the things of this earth. It is with this statement that I say it is not about winning or losing. It is how we present ourselves before a Holy God who blesses each of those who seek His riches in heaven. So, together with our coaches, churches, officials and fans let's bring Matthew 6:33 to life not only in our basketball but our everyday lives.

I understand and agree to abide by these rules.

Player Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____