Etowah Baptist Association

2022-2023 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”.**

***General League Rules***

1. It is your responsibility to ensure all players on your teams are attending church and having opportunities to come to faith in Christ and grow in their faith.
2. The use of Profanity, or degrading and foul language by a player, coach or spectator will result in immediate removal from the gym. The second offense will result in a ban for the rest of the season. These calls are made by the referees and/or the gym host.
3. 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.
4. Violations of building rules or acts of destruction will result in an individual or team from future participation in that building. The person in charge of the gym will have complete authority to enforce such rules. **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.
5. Referees and their decisions are final. Respect should be shown to our brothers and sisters in Christ, including those in decision making roles. No game can be contested and all decisions are final. Coaches may call 1 time-out per game to kindly discuss a call with the referee, but their final decision will be upheld.
6. You must have 4 players present at start time to play. Having only 4 players will result in starting the game with a technical foul. Less than 4 players will be considered a forfeit.
7. Players can only be added to the roster after the start of the season with a letter, on letterhead, from the Pastor of the church. The letter must include players full name, birthdate, and the reason for late addition. No team can add more than 3 players after the start of the season.
8. **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 the season is over**.
9. Every team member must play in each half unless he/she has an illness.

***Uniforms***

1. Your uniforms must be the same color and have appropriate basketball numbers.
2. If you are not using reversible jerseys (i.e. printed t-shirts) you must contact Steven Dial to be assigned a color for your team to ensure you do not have the same color as another team.

***Age Divisions***

The age divisions are as follows:

*The age cutoff is September 1*.

**6 and under** (Players should not reach age 7 before September 1, 2022)

 All teams are Co-Ed

**8 and under** (Players should not reach age 9 before September 1, 2022)

 All teams are Co-Ed

**12 and under** (Players should not reach age 13 before September 1, 2022)

 There will be girls teams and boys teams.

* Score keeping is optional in 6U league games.
* 6U, 8U, and 12U will use 8 ft. goals unless both teams agree otherwise before the start of the game and the gym is able to accommodate.
* 6U, 8U, and 12U will shoot free throws from the 2 feet ahead of the line unless both teams agree otherwise before the start of the game
* 6U, 8U, and 12U Leagues may not use full court press.
* 6U, 8U, and 12U Leagues will have 6 minute quarters.
* 6U, 8U, and 12U Leagues will use 28.5” (girls) basketballs.
* All girls’ teams will use 28.5” basketballs

***Scorekeeping***

* The host church will provide a clock operator
* Each team will provide a book keeper and a score book (these can be purchased at Academy). The team listed as “home” will be the official book and the other team’s books will serve as backup.

ENTRY FEES FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON

 EBA Churches Non EBA Teams

6 & UNDER (CO-ED) $200.00 $250.00

8 & UNDER (CO-ED) $225.00 $275.00

12 & UNDER $225.00 $275.00

Entry fee must be paid by Thursday**, November 10th**. All checks are to be made to the Etowah Baptist Association. Schedules will be made based on who has paid by due date.

***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! We will communicate with you directly if your league does not make.***

DATES
Interest Meeting for Coaches only: Thursday, Oct. 20th

Rosters and payment due: Thursday Nov. 10th

Schedules Available: Monday, Nov. 28th

Games begin: Week of November 28th

For Questions, Please call Steven Dial at (256)393-2643

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