

Etowah Baptist Association

2021-2022 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 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 their season is over!**
9. Every team member must play in each half unless he/she has an illness.

Uniforms

1. You 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 the EBA on November 1st 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, 2021)

All teams are Co-Ed.

8 and under (Players should not reach age 9 before September 1, 2021)

All teams are Co-Ed.

11 and under (Players should not reach age 12 before September 1, 2021)

There will be girls teams and boys teams.

14 and under (Players should not reach age 15 before September 1, 2021)

There will be girls teams and boys teams.

18 and under (Players should not reach age 19 before September 1, 2021)

There will be girls teams and boys teams.

- Score keeping is optional in 6U league games
- 6U, 8U, and 11U 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 11U will shoot free throws from 2 feet ahead of the line unless both teams agree otherwise before the start of the game.
- 6U, 8U, and 11U Leagues may not use full court press.
- 6U, 8U, and 11U Leagues will have 6 minute quarters. 14U and 18U will use 8 minute quarters.
- 6U, 8U, and 11U Leagues will use 28.5" (girls) basketballs.
- All girls teams will use 28.5" basketballs.
- 14U and 18U boys will use 29.5" 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 2021 – 2022 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

Your team roster and full payment are due on **Thursday, October 28**. All checks are to be made to Etowah Baptist Association. Schedules will be made based on who has paid on Oct. 28.

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

Rosters and payment due: Thursday, October 28

Schedules Available: Monday, November 22

Games begin: Week of November 29

THE COACH

All coaches need a signed copy of this form turned in with their roster.

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. 2Corinthians 8:21

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

The church is responsible for this form. Coaches should keep a signed copy from each player.

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: _____