



INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE, INC. (LIBA)
By Laws

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Article I Name:

The organization shall be known as **INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE, INC. (LIBA)** and referred to by its Spanish Acronym “LIBA”

Article II Objective and Purpose:

2-1. LIBA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promote goodwill around the world using the sport of basketball as a common language for friendship, global peace, learning and sportsmanship.

2-2. The positive message of working together, developing leadership skills, and living a healthy, drug-and alcohol-free lifestyle has been infused into the basketball instruction.

2-3. LIBA provides players with the tools necessary to succeed both on and off the court, with all participants learning the importance of hard work, dedication, teamwork, and fair play.

Article III Meetings:

3-1. The meetings shall be held according to the needs of the league. Meeting dates shall be set by the President (PRES).

3-2. Special meetings will be called by the PRES or any five LIBA Member Organization Representatives may, upon written request to the Secretary (SECRE) submitted five days in advance, have the right to call a special meeting. The SECRE shall notify in writing the designated person of each LIBA Member Organization of the date, time and place of the special meeting giving as much advance notice as possible.

3-3. The final meeting of the month of November shall be called the annual meeting, at which time Officers shall present their respective reports and Member Organizations will reconfirm or name their new Representatives for the following year.

3-4. At the meetings, Representatives from a majority of LIBA Member Organizations shall constitute a quorum.

3-5. Each LIBA Member Organization shall submit the name of one individual as the Representative for their following year by the November meeting. The Representative, for each LIBA Member Organization, must attend all regular and special meetings.

3-6. Failure of a LIBA Member Organization Representative to attend three consecutive meetings will result in their Organization to be placed on probation. The LIBA Membership decides at the annual meeting to reinstate any team or teams on probation or to expel them from the membership.

Article IV Rules of Order:

4-1. When two or more members rise at the same time, the President shall name the person to speak.

4-2. No motion shall be debated until duly put to the President.

4-3. While the presiding officer is addressing the League or putting a question, or a member is speaking, silence shall be preserved in the meeting room.

Article V Officers:

5-1. The Board of Directors (BOD) and Administrators of LIBA shall be a PRES, Vice-President (VP), SECRE, Treasurer (TREA), Director of Safety and Security (DSS), Director of Public Affairs (DOPA), Director of Internal Audit (DIA), the League Commissioner (LC) the Director of Personnel (DOP) and the Director of Logistics (DOL). Each officer who is unable to attend

any regular or special meeting shall communicate the reason to the PRES prior to the meeting (Except in case of emergency).

5-2. The PRES shall act as LIBA's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and also be in charge of the day to day operations of the League and shall preside at all meetings. The PRES shall have the power to enforce the terms and provisions of these By-laws and all other rules and regulations passed by the majority of the representatives in attendance at the annual meetings and the Board of Directors. The PRES may appoint additional League Commissioners deemed necessary.

5-3. The VP shall assist the PRES in the performance of the PRES' duties and perform the duties of the PRES in the absence of the PRES or upon the PRES' resignation.

5-4. Should both, the PRES and VP, be absent, The SECRE will preside.

5-5. Should the PRES, VP and SECRE be absent, The TREA will preside.

5-6. Should the PRES, VP, SECRE and TREA be absent. The meeting will be cancelled.

5-7. The SECRE shall keep accurate notes of the proceedings of all the meetings. Notes of each meeting shall be typewritten in a Minutes book and a copy sent to each Officer and the designated LIBA Member Organization Representatives not later than seven days prior to the next regular meeting.

5-8. The TREA shall act as LIBA's Chief Financial Officer. The TREA shall give a written financial report at each regular meeting. A bank account in the name of LIBA shall be maintained for depositing all of LIBA's monies. The TREA shall sign all checks of LIBA's disbursements.

5-9. The DSS will ensure the security and safety of all LIBA's Officers, Member Organization Representatives, Players and the General Public at all of LIBA's events.

5-10. The DOPA shall be the voice and conscience of LIBA. All official statements, public appearances, web pages and publicity shall be cleared by the DOPA. At meetings, the DOPA shall advise the PRES and the Board on the impact each decision made will have on LIBA, its Membership, the Players, Our Supporters and the General Public.

5-11. The DIA shall audit, on a regular basis, all activities, financial decisions, events, meetings and procedures. The DIA shall report to the PRES and the BOD any and all violations to LIBA's Constitution, By Laws, Procedures and Board decisions. The DIA shall also audit the TREASURY and present a written report to the PRES and the BOD on an annual basis. This report will be presented at the November meeting.

5-12. All Officers, except the LC, shall be elected by a majority of the League Representatives present at an annual meeting and will serve for a period of four years. In the event that an Officer resigns or is no longer able to serve, the PRES will appoint a replacement that will serve until the next annual meeting.

5-13. The LC shall be appointed by the President for one year and is responsible for keeping an accurate and up-to-date file on all team rosters and making the game schedule. The LC shall also make the preliminary investigation on any complaints and assist the BOD in any fashion they deem necessary. The BOD makes a final ruling on any complaints by majority vote.

5-14. The LC also assigns the Officials for each scheduled basketball game.

5-15. The LC can NOT be a Coach, Team Captain or Team Player of a LIBA Member Organization Team.

5-16. The DOP shall be responsible for all human resource activities and shall ensure LIBA complies with all legal and regulatory requirements as set by law and the Department Of Labor.

5-17. The DOL shall be responsible for the acquisition, delivery and transportation of LIBA Assets. This includes but is not limited to: Game Balls, Office Equipment, Score Books, Medals, Trophies, etc.

Article VI Committees:

6-1 Special committees may be appointed for any purpose and may consist of as many members as the PRES and or The BOD may direct.

6-2. Since a special committee is created for a specific purpose, it automatically goes out of existence when its work is done and its final report has been presented.

Article VII Membership:

7-1. Membership in LIBA, shall be confined to the Member Organizations sponsoring teams in the League, and elected and/or appointed Officers. As a token of gratitude for forging the foundation of this organization, LIBA's Incorporators are Lifetime Members and are not required to pay annual dues.

7-2. The annual dues each LIBA Member Organization shall pay for each basketball season is one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per Team Registered by said Organization in LIBA. The annual dues must be paid no later than the regular monthly meeting in February.

7-3. Game fees will be determined annually, before the start of the tournament. Currently Game fees are \$50.00 per game per Team.

7-4. All fees must be paid before a Team is allowed to play.

7-5. Late payment may be made under special circumstances, with approval of the PRES and TREA on a case-by-case basis.

Article VIII Franchise:

8-1. Application by an organization for entrance in LIBA must be made in writing by way of a letter of intent and received no later than the February meeting, accompanied by the entrance fee, which shall be refunded if the application is not accepted. Any new applications must be approved by a majority vote of all LIBA Member Organizations. All new organizations will be accepted on a 1 year trial period.

8-2. Application by individuals for entrance in LIBA must be made in writing by way of a letter of intent and received no later than the February meeting, accompanied by an entrance fee of twenty (\$20.00) dollars per person, which shall be refunded if the application is not accepted. Any new applications must be approved by a majority vote of all LIBA Members. All new members will be accepted on a 1 year trial period.

8-3. LIBA's Operations will run from the first Monday in February to seven days after the Annual Meeting in November each year.

8-4. Application Letter must be sent to the following address:

LIBA, 350 Chase Woods Cir., Jonesboro, GA 30236.

Article IX Representation and Voting:

9-1. Each LIBA Member Organization must have a representative at each regular meeting or special meeting or otherwise it will be fined in accordance with the terms of Article III, Item 6.

9-2. Each LIBA Member Organization shall be entitled to one vote per Team entered by that Organization in the League.

9-3. For any motion to pass will require a simple majority present, unless otherwise stated elsewhere in these By-Laws.

9-4. LIBA Officers shall be allowed a single vote, unless they are voting as Member Organization Representative. If Officer is voting as a Member Organization Representative, then he/she can't vote as Officer.

Article X Amendments:

10-1. Any amendments to these By-laws or LIBA's Constitution, shall be brought before a meeting, read and left tabled until the following meeting to be acted upon.

10-2. For the motion that calls for changes to any Article of these By-laws to pass will require 60% majority of LIBA Member Organizations present. For any motion that calls for changes to LIBA's Articles of Incorporation to pass, will require 90% majority Membership vote.

Article XI Referees:

11-1. Officials for all LIBA games shall be assigned by the LC.

11-2. Financial Compensation of the Officials, per game officiated, will be set by the Administrative Board.

11-3. In the event both Officials fail to appear for a scheduled game, it is not to be played unless, replacement officials are located and present in a timely manner. However, as long as one of the assigned Officials appears, the game is to be played as scheduled, that Official receiving 1 ½ his normal pay.

11-4. An Official has the power to order a Player or Coach form the game for fighting, swearing or any un-sportsman like conduct.

11-5. Fighting is not allowed. Penalty, 1st offense: Suspension for one game. 2nd offense: Removed from LIBA and forfeit any monies deposited with LIBA.

11-6. If more than one player from one Team fights against any number of players from another Team. Penalty, Team will be fined \$150.00

11-7. Referee must officiate in uniform: Black and white striped shirt, black pants or shorts.

Article XII Qualifications of Players:

12-1. March 1st shall be the control date for the age of all players used in all divisions. A player must have obtained the minimum age of 18 to be eligible to play for the Adult Division and 10 to 15 for the Youth Division, prior to March 1st.

12-2. The designated representative of each LIBA Member Organization must present a roster of the players on each team or teams entered into the League at a time so designated by the League Officers.

12-3. Players may change Teams up to the roster deadline, provided the player has met all obligations to his/her parent Organization. Deadline date is to be set by LIBA Officers.

12-4. Players may change or be added to Teams after roster deadline provided the Player has met all obligations to his/her parent Team, upon signed release by representatives of the parent Organization plus approval of the LC upon investigation.

12-5. All teams must be uniformed with numbered shirts and equipped with sneaker shoes.

12-6. Swearing or any un-sportsman like conduct on the part of the Coaches, Players or Referees, rough house tactics or displays of temper, will not be permitted and flagrant violations will be considered by the League and will result in suspension or dismissal or fine upon the team involved.

Article XIII Penalties:

13-1. If in their opinion, there has been a violation of any of the terms or provisions of these By-Laws, LIBA Officers or the Member Organization Representatives together with the Officers as the case may be, can impose against the individuals or individual Organization, Sponsor or Representative of the Team or Teams, a fine or suspension or both. The amount of the fine is to be set by a majority vote.

13-2. Any team withdrawing from the league will forfeit any monies deposited with the league.

Article XIV Roster:

14-1. All Teams may have a **maximum** of **ten** Players per Team registered.

14-2. All Teams must have a **minimum** of **five** Players per Team registered.

Article XV Game:

15-1. The bonus begins with the 7th team foul in each half. On the 10th team foul, all fouls are automatic 2 shot fouls. Technical fouls count towards player disqualification and team total fouls.

15-2. The 3-point shot will be allowed on courts that have the 3-point arc. The official must signal to the scorekeeper to acknowledge the 3-point shot. Three free throws are allowed to a player fouled in the act of shooting an unsuccessful 3-point shot.

15-3. LENGTH OF GAME – TIME FACTORS

A. Play time – 40 minutes; 2 – 20 minute halves with a 5-minute halftime.

B. The clock will run continuously during the first 18 minutes of each half, stopping only for time outs. During the final two minutes of each half, the clock will stop for dead ball situations.

C. Time Outs – Each team will be allowed 4 time outs that may be used at any time during the game. All time outs used will be 45 seconds in length. All time outs during overtime will be 30 seconds in length.

D. Ties – In the event of a tie, up to two three-minute overtime periods will be played. If additional overtime periods are needed, they will be one minute in length. During each extra period, each team is entitled to one additional 30-second time out. Unused time-outs do not accumulate.

Article XVI PLAYER EQUIPMENT:

16-1. No player will be permitted to wear anything that might endanger another player or himself. This includes all jewelry (rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings, watches, etc.). Players must also make sure eyewear is secure.

16-2. Teams without matching colored shirts with numbers will be fined \$10.00 per game. LIBA rules mandate that teams must have matching colored shirts with numbers on front & back. Uniforms may be as elaborate as you wish or you may use plain T-shirts numbered using magic marker.

16-3. Players must have individual jersey numbers different from other members of their team. Penalty: technical foul.

16-4. The game ball will be supplied by the LC. Team Managers will be expected to furnish their own basketball for practice.

16-5. Playoffs will determine LIBA's champion and a team trophy and individual medals will be awarded to the winning team in the league. The second place Team will receive a trophy and the

third place Team (if there are more than 10 Teams) will received individual medals. There will also be a Trophy for the Most Valuable Player (MVP).

16-6. LIBA will Select from the best Players amongst the various Teams to form the LIBA Team that will represent LIBA abroad.

Article XVII Forfeits/Protest:

17-1. The team responsible for a non-played forfeit will pay all official's fees for the games forfeited.

17-2. Rescheduled instead of a non-played forfeit shall require approval of the LC.

17-3. Forfeits may occur due to a violation of the league By-Laws or Rules.

17-4. Try to resolve any protest at the time of occurrence, without any unduly delay to the game. It will be the Referee's decision as to adjusting game time because of delays caused by discussion relating to rule infractions.

17-5. FORFEITS

A. Teams which do not have five eligible players ready to play at game time spot their opponent 2 points. The game clock will be started at this time. If the fifth player is ready to play within the first ten minutes, the game will begin with the amount of time left on the clock. If the ten-minute period has expired, the game would be declared a forfeit.

B. If both teams are not ready to start at the scheduled time, both will receive the same ten-minute period to field a team. If both teams are ready to play during that period, the game will begin with the amount of time remaining on the clock with the score 0-0. If one of the teams is not ready to play at the end of the ten-minute period, that team will forfeit the game. If both teams are not ready to play at the end of the ten-minute period, a double forfeit will occur with both teams receiving a loss.

C. A team must have five eligible players to start the game. When, during the course of the game, there are only three players participating for a team, the team shall forfeit the game unless the referee believes that team has an opportunity to win the game.

Article XVIII GENERAL RULES:

18-1. If any player gets 2 technical fouls during the play, they will be required to leave the facility and premises. The player will be suspended for at least one game and may be subject to other disciplinary actions based on an overall evaluation of the player infractions.

18-2. NO SMOKING OR DRINKING OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES will be allowed on the court or bench area! Any individual or team discovered using drugs or alcohol would face possible termination/forfeiture from all LIBA programs and activities.

18-3. Chewing gum will not be permitted in the gym.

18-4. Before each game, consult with the LC on local ground rules. It is expected that all participants be familiar with the rules that govern the league. Only the Coach or Team captain will be allowed to question the decision of the officials.

18-5. Team Roster listing the first and last names and numbers of players should be presented to the scorer in writing five minutes before game time. Any player listed on the Team Roster will be on record as having participated in that game.

18-6. A player must be registered on the Scorekeepers roster before entering the game. Penalty: technical foul.

18-7. LIBA retains the right to reclassify any teams or individuals as needed to maintain league balance.

- 18-8.** Other than the exceptions stated here, LIBA will be governed by the existing FIBA rules.
- 18-9.** Each Member Organization is responsible for its own Teams Medical and Liability Insurance needs.

Article XVII Playoffs:

- 19-1.** Playoffs will be single elimination.
- 19-2.** There will be Eighth, Fourth, Semi-Finals and Finals.

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By Laws Addendum #1

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- 1-1. One month before the tournament there will be a meeting with Coaches, LC, Referees and Team Captains with the purpose of emphasizing the rules.
- 1-2. This meeting is mandatory for any participating Team.
- 1-3. Any team that does not show up to play will be financially responsible for game fees.
- 1-4. Team Representative must be present at the quarterly meetings.
- 1-5. In order to play in the Playoffs, a player must have played at least one game in the regular season.
- 1-6. Any team that wins the final and becomes Champions two consecutive tournaments will not have to pay the registration fee for the next season.