



Livonia Junior Athletic League LJAL Basketball Club Charter September 2019

- I. Statement of Purpose:** The purpose of this organization shall be to:
- A. Promote the game of basketball for youths in Livonia, Michigan.
 - B. Educate the youths of our community about the opportunities for a higher level of competitive basketball.
 - C. Acquire and retain the best teachers of basketball possible for Livonia basketball.
 - D. Create an environment that emphasizes the life skills learned through the game of basketball.
 - E. Establish Livonia youth basketball as one of the most competitive in the state.
- II. Purpose of this Charter:** This document is intended to provide the general operating principles of the LJAL Basketball Club, according to the following guidelines:
- A. The Charter shall be subject to approval by the LJAL Basketball Committee.
 - B. This Charter may be modified by the LJAL Board of Directors (only) as allowed by current LJAL bylaws.
 - C. Additional guidelines outside of this Charter may be developed by the LJAL Basketball Committee and/or the Officers/Directors of the LJAL Basketball Club.
- III. Affiliation:** The Livonia Junior Athletic League (LJAL) Basketball Club is affiliated and operates under the direction of the LJAL rules and bylaws.
- A. Through this affiliation Hawks Basketball Club is entitled to all rights and benefits conferred upon them by the Livonia Junior Athletic League as an official LJAL Basketball Club, including but not limited to:
 1. Recognition by the LJAL as an officially affiliated LJAL Basketball Club.
 2. Legal rights to use the name "Livonia Junior Athletic League" and "LJAL".
 3. Permission to use materials copyrighted by the LJAL and / or provided by the LJAL at LJAL Basketball Club functions.
 4. The right to promote the LJAL and other LJAL Basketball Club teams at their functions.
 5. Entitlement to funding from the LJAL Basketball Club as proper need arises and resources are available, at the discretion of the LJAL Board of Directors and the Basketball Committee.
 6. Advice and assistance in running the LJAL Basketball Club.
 7. As an affiliate of the LJAL, the Basketball Club may be provided the use of resources or individuals to assist in the operation of the Club, including registration, online payments, scheduling, officials, etc.. Any use of these resources shall be under guidelines provided by the Basketball Committee.
 - B. As a condition of this affiliation, the LJAL Basketball Club shall also have certain responsibilities, including but not limited to:
 1. Adherence to the LJAL Basketball Code of Conduct, including players, parents, coaches, spectators, and officials.
 2. Adherence to all Livonia School District rules and regulations while using school facilities for any function.



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3. Compliance with the LJAL Bylaws, except as indicated within this Charter or as decided by the LJAL Board of Directors.
4. Adherence to the LJAL Basketball rules and regulations, reviewed and revised annually, except as specifically indicated within this Charter or as decided by the LJAL Basketball Committee.
5. The LJAL Basketball Club shall operate in a manner consistent with maintaining a positive reputation for the LJAL, including promoting positive and ethical programs for its members, and maintaining proper conduct at all times. Club members and teams shall not setup events, programs, tournaments, or leagues to compete with LJAL Basketball programs, or conduct activities or present printed or online communications that reflect negatively on the LJAL.
6. Basketball Club participants shall be subject to the direction and discipline of the LJAL Board of Directors and Basketball Committee.
7. Any tournaments or other events sponsored by the Basketball Club shall be reviewed by the Basketball Committee,
8. As an affiliate of the LJAL, the Basketball Club shall not compete, directly or indirectly, with the LJAL, except as approved or scheduled through the LJAL Basketball Committee.

IV. Membership

- A. Membership requirements for the LJAL Basketball Club shall be consistent with the membership guidelines presented in the current LJAL bylaws, with the exception that Club Teams are allowed to have a maximum of 30% of players on team roster from outside LJAL residency requirements, the Basketball Committee reserves the right and approval to adjust requirements as needed.
- B. Any participant ruled as ineligible for participation in the LJAL shall be ineligible for participation in the LJAL Basketball Club, including players and coaches.
- C. LJAL Basketball Club coaches are responsible for selecting/retaining players using their own discretion. LJAL rules concerning minimum playing times are not applicable, and playing time is awarded at the coach's decision.
- D. Basketball Club teams shall be required to submit documentation as required for all LJAL teams, including rosters (with addresses), background check forms for coaches, and all required accounting paperwork. Teams must have player and coaches' paperwork submitted to the LJAL before practicing or competing.

V. Costs: In recognition of the need to practice and play at a higher level, the equipment, facilities, and financial commitment are typically higher than for a "recreational" league, specifically:

- A. The club uniforms should be at a higher level and will carry a higher cost than the "house" league jerseys. This does not preclude a team from obtaining additional apparel through the club, but all apparel must be purchased through the LJAL approved channels in accordance with LJAL bylaws and accounting guidelines.



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- B. Club teams will require full size courts as to best prepare the teams for competition. This carries a higher cost than some of the available smaller courts in Livonia that carry a smaller cost.
- C. Due to teams traveling to venues outside of Livonia approved facilities, it is required that LJAL Basketball Club teams each have insurance. Insurance will be provided via the LJAL to cover accidents during LJAL approved contests. The insurance will be acquired via LJAL Basketball Club direction. The insurance provider may change based on market demand.
- D. The LJAL Basketball Club will play both in larger competitive leagues and tournaments; these costs vary from league to league and tournament to tournament, but will generally be significantly higher than the typical LJAL Basketball season.
- E. Due to these increased costs, the player fees for the Club teams will generally be higher than a typical LJAL Basketball season. No fees collected from regular LJAL Basketball teams shall be used to cover Basketball Club costs

VI. Funding: In recognition of the higher cost, there may be a need to offset costs of individuals and their families.

- A. Funding may be provided through sponsorship, and via marketing for a local business or organization. Teams may not wear any LJAL Basketball Club apparel that promotes a business or cause, or includes a logo other than LJAL and team logos. The sponsor can be represented on any printed media indicating their support of the LJAL Basketball Club, including forms, flyers, programs, advertisements, banners, websites, and equipment.
- B. Funding may also be provided through approved LJAL fundraising channels; each team may generate their own monies to pay for all costs involved in the LJAL Basketball Club.

VII. Officers: The LJAL Basketball Club will be under the direction of the LJAL Board of Directors.

- A. Any LJAL Basketball Director shall be eligible to direct the LJAL Basketball Club as approved by the Basketball Committee. Any disputes or issues regarding the operation of the Club shall first be presented to this Director, then to the Basketball Committee if not successfully resolved.
- B. If still not successfully resolved by the Basketball Committee, issues or disputes may be addressed to the LJAL Board of Directors. The Board shall have sole discretion whether to consider the matter or refer back to the Basketball Committee for final resolution.