



The Lutheran Basketball Association of America  
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## **ATHLETIC DIRECTORS & COACHES:**

The Lutheran Basketball Association of America's Board of Directors would like to congratulate your team on an outstanding season. Please read through this document as it contains important information regarding the following topics:

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### **ROSTERS**

A request for additional information will be coming to the head coach's email that was entered on the team registration. Please respond as soon as possible as this is critical for printing in our program. You may edit your rosters prior to check-in at Turnstone, but if it's done via email to us after March 1<sup>st</sup>, it will not be printed in the program.

### **HOTELS**

All teams must stay at official hotels unless commuting. The hotel request that you received will help our partner Visit Ft Wayne (VFW) choose the best hotel for your team, however, this cannot be guaranteed, but they will do their best to accommodate your team(s).

### **THURSDAY CHECK-IN**

Only coaches are required to check-in their teams and to verify their official roster is accurate on Thursday from 12:30pm-3:30pm EST at Turnstone Plassman Athletic Center (3320 N Clinton St, Ft Wayne, IN 46805). We do not require any identification for the players. We hold the principal/Pastor/AD responsible to abide by the rules and therefore any issues that arise will be dealt with and may result in disqualification and/or a ban on attending the National Tournament for a period of at least 5 years.

If you cannot attend the check-in, you must contact the president before Thursday to make alternative arrangements prior to your first game. Failure to verify your official roster prior to the first game will result in a technical foul to start the game.

3-day tournament passes will be issued upon check-in for players, coaches, cheerleaders, and other personnel who are on the official roster.

### **COACHES MEETING**

There will be a mandatory coach meeting on Thursday at 2pm EST at Turnstone Plassman Athletic Center (3320 N Clinton St, Ft Wayne, IN 46805).

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

New this year, we will have a professional photographer providing team photos in front of a digital "white" screen and offering pre-paid packages for your athletes. Emails will be sent out when we have the process worked out and links will be posted on our website and social media.



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## WEBCAST

Also new this year, the live webcast will be produced by BallerTV ([www.ballertv.com](http://www.ballertv.com)). The opening ceremony will also be streamed live. We will still have volunteer broadcasters to provide play by play commentary. Please make sure to return the WEBCAST info sheet. The live webcast is provided at NO COST to view live games. The link will be posted on [www.lbaa.org](http://www.lbaa.org) and you will be directed to their site at no charge. All games will be available for purchase as a downloaded MP4 file a week after the tournament. Watch our website for details of how to purchase the videos. No videos are available on-site.

## OPENING CEREMONY

Please make every effort to attend the opening ceremony on Thursday at 5pm EST at the Wambsganss Gymnasium on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary (6600 N Clinton St., Ft Wayne, IN 46825). Doors open at 4pm and the service begins at 5pm EST. This is an important part of our tournament where everybody is present and we will have speakers, Pastors, a banner procession, introduction of our board members, and new this year, a Hall of Fame induction.

Regarding the banner procession, each team, not school, will present a banner when announced during the processional. The banner should be 3 feet wide by 5 feet long and without poles. It will be carried by two athletes from your team. It should include the name of the school or church, city, state, mascot/logo and a Bible passage.

Two banner carriers with their banner should report to the rear of the gym (from the outside) at 4:30pm. Banners will be left at the Seminary with the Board who will transport and display at Turnstone for the tournament. You will retrieve the banner when you leave the tournament.

Photos can be taken after the ceremony, not before. The building closes at 7pm, thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## AWARDS

There won't be an end of the tournament awards ceremony this year, instead, it will be online within two weeks following the tournament. This will include the individual awards only, including all-tournament, sportsmanship, team spirit and coaching. Details will be posted on our website and social media.

Trophies will be presented to teams on the court by a Tournament Director until the final Championship games, where both teams will get their awards following their games along with the net cutting ceremony.

## ADMISSION & MERCHANDISE

Only cash and cards are accepted for payment. Pre-orders of tickets/programs/pins will be available online at [www.lbaa.org](http://www.lbaa.org). Watch social media for the announcement of when this is available. You can pick up your prepaid orders on Thursday during check-in or Friday starting at 7:00am.

Fine Designs will be on-site for all your custom-made apparel starting Thursday through the end of the tournament. They will be inside the gym.

Ticket Prices/Programs:

3 Day Adult Pass: \$30.00	3 Day Student Pass: \$15.00	Tournament Program: \$10.00
2 Day Adult Pass: \$25.00	2 Day Student Pass: \$10.00	75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin: \$2.00
1 Day Adult Pass: \$20.00	1 Day Student Pass: \$5.00	

Free admission for children 10 and under. Students: grades 5-12 and currently enrolled college students with ID.

## HOSPITALITY ROOM

The hospitality room is available for adult registered team personnel. Please take the opportunity to meet and have fellowship with other tournament staff and coaches. The hospitality room is located on the 2nd floor to the right side when entering the arena. To continue to offer this service, please do not bring any additional guests into the hospitality area and do not take food back to the gym for players.



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### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**The bottom team on the brackets are the home team and should wear their white uniforms.**

An athletic trainer is available Fri-Sun and situated in the center of the 4 gym floors. Ankle taping is available for a nominal cost.

Locker rooms are men's and women's and are shared by the entire facility (not just our tournament). Please bring a lock if you need to secure any valuables. The LBAA will not be responsible for any lost items.

One minute prior to the start of each game, a prayer will be offered by the home team at center court. Teams are not required to participate and if you choose not to, please remain quiet at your bench.

No air horns of any type (blown or canned) are allowed. If your fans use noise makers, please remind them to show respect for the other team.

The entire facility of Turnstone is handicap accessible. The seminary is also handicap accessible. Please see an usher for assistance.

A concession stand is available at Turnstone to purchase food/drinks and they may be taken into the gym. Please dispose of all garbage in the provided containers.

Coaches/Team personnel are responsible for the behavior of their spectators at all times. This includes time spent in the hotels, Turnstone Plassman Athletic Center and the Seminary. Make sure that the non-tournament hotel guests are not disturbed and are respected. Please make sure everyone in your group knows and follows the hotel's behavior rules. No students should be left unattended. Failure to comply could result in charges from the hotel, forfeiture from the current and possibly future tournaments.

### **BRACKET REVEAL SHOW**

We will have an online bracket reveal show online a week before the tournament begins. Please watch [www.lbaa.org](http://www.lbaa.org) and social media for exact details. Invited teams will be asked to provide some specific information to be included in that broadcast.

### **GOODY BAGS**

Please provide a set of "goody bags" from your "home town" with items that are unique to your area (some examples: cups/pens/swag with your school logo or food/items specific to your town). These bags would be given to the players of your first opponent as a token of camaraderie and Christian Sportsmanship.

### **SUGGESTIONS**

We listen to your suggestions. We continue to make changes as we believe it will improve your overall experience. A survey will be available at the completion of the tournament, and it will help us make this even better in the future!

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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