

# Michigan Lutheran Basketball Association



We are looking forward to the 2026 MLBA MI District State Basketball Tournament that will take place on February 28th and March 1st on the campus of Lutheran High School Westland. Below are several details you will want to keep in mind as we head into that exciting weekend. Please read the entire document and make sure your principal, AD, and coaches all have a copy.

**Registration** is from 9:30am – 12:30pm on Saturday morning in the far corner of the Main Gym. You are required to register during this time. At check in, a coach will be required to prove his or her player's birthdates with a copy of their certified birth certificate. If a player cannot prove his/her identity and his/her age, they will not be allowed to play. Be sure your players are prepared and that you review the tournament rules before you leave home. Don't take a chance with ineligibility.

The official score sheet must be verified 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled game time (not apparent times, if the tournament is behind). If the score sheet is not verified on time, a technical foul will be assessed against the coach as stated in rule 9.07. Alternating possession and bench decorum rules are in effect, and the higher seed should wear their light uniforms. (#1 seed would wear their light uniforms the whole tournament, should they advance.) Make sure your team complies with the Uniform Requirements as listed in rule 7.02.

Additional Reminders...

- Sunday morning worship opportunities at area congregations. St. Matthew, Westland / St. Michael, Wayne / Guardian, Dearborn / Emmanuel, Dearborn / Christ our Savior, Livonia. All these congregations are in close proximity to Lutheran Westland.
- Remember that the gyms will open about 30 minutes prior to the start of games on both Saturday and Sunday. Please don't arrive an hour early and expect to be able to warm up and get on the floor.
- We compete as a way to praise God! If there is a concern from the officials about spectators in the crowd, the school representative will be asked to help us fix it. If they cannot, we will seek to solve it as a committee.
- A **school administrator** is responsible for the behavior of his/her team and spectators at all times. We need to be sure that the non-tournament guests in the hotels are not disturbed. You are responsible for seeing that everyone in your group knows the hotel's behavior rules.
- Practice basketballs will be provided at both sites. Please leave your basketballs at home. **Do not bring basketballs into either gym.**
- Please be safe with your valuables! We suggest that your team members do not leave anything in the locker room areas. Collect it all, and designate a spectator to be in charge of watching them during the game. We cannot be responsible for any losses.

- No spectators will be allowed on the courts at any time.
- Hotels are to be booked on your own if needed. There are several hotels off of Ford Rd. and 275 exchange.
- **Brackets and other info can be found on our website.**  
<https://michigandistrict.org/schools/athletics/basketball/>
- Before each game, a prayer will be offered prior to the introductions of the starting lineups. The prayer will be led by the home team. Lineups will then be introduced in the same alternating manner as used in the NCAA tournament.
- No pre-game music, halftime music, or music at any other time during the game will be permitted by individual teams. Any music will be provided by the host committee.
- Trophies will be presented at the awards ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Please find the information on awards as listed in rules 8.01, 8.01, 8.03, 8.04, and 9.09 of the MLBA Rules and Regulations.
- A maximum of 5 (5) rostered team staff members, all rostered players, uniformed cheerleaders, volunteer workers, and children under 10 will be admitted FREE to all activities in the gym. **All other persons must purchase admission each day: \$5**
- Coaches are invited to the Hospitality Room where there are refreshments and an opportunity to meet other coaches and referees.
- The cafeteria is available for teams to bring food. (Do NOT bring crockpots or any other items that need to be plugged in.)
- Remind your group that personalized t-shirts/apparel are being made in the Fine Designs.
- You will need to upload your roster information at the following link as well as your school logo and other information. Failure to do so by February 18th will result in your team information not being in the printed tournament program.
- Registration Fee (Payable to Michigan District, LCMS) \$175 must be paid prior to February 27<sup>th</sup> in order for your team to compete in the tournament.