



**2025 SPRING SEASON
PARENT MEETING
SUNDAY MARCH 2ND**

AAU BASKETBALL: PURPOSE - RESOURCES



GENO AURIEMMA (Legendary Coach)

24 National Coach of the Year awards
15 Conference Coach of the Year awards.
11 National Championships
8 Naismith National Coach of the Year
9 AP National Coach of the Year
7 WBCA National Coach of the Year



STAN VAN GUNDY (Legendary Coach)

2006 NBA Championship
979 Wins in NBA
20 Seasons coaching in the NBA

**ALL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PROGRAM AND THE SPRING 2025
SEASON CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE**

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

<http://www.luketothbasketball.com/>

2025 SPRING SEASON INFORMATION:

http://www.luketothbasketball.com/travel_basketball_club



**2025 AAU SPRING BASKETBALL SEASON
PROGRAM HANDBOOK**



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PROGRAM HANDBOOK

All information on our program and our philosophies can be found in the 2025 AAU Spring Basketball Season Handbook.

THE LTB PROGRAM & PURPOSE

Player Development

Skill Development

Personal Development

Life Development

Preparing Players For High School

We strive to be a player development program where players can develop their basketball & athletic skill set, and develop as people.

HISTORY

2018 - (3 Teams)

2019 - (11 Teams)

2020 - (20 Teams, Season Canceled)

2021 - (21 Teams)

2022 - (23 Teams)

2023 (31 Teams)

2024 - (32 Teams)

2025 - (33 Teams)

LTB DIRECTORS - SPRING 2025



LTB DIRECTORS SPRING 2025



RAKAYLA IWAIIS



BRIAN KLYPCHAK



JAMES COOPER



LARRY BRAZIL



DAVE SANFORD

The purpose of LTB Directors will be to oversee the teams in their program, and make sure all players and coaches are following the LTB model and philosophies.

LTB ANNOUNCES DIRECTORS FOR 2025 SPRING SEASON

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RAKAYLA IWAIS

Rakayla Iwais will return as the LTB Girls Director for her second year. In Rakayla's first season as director of the girls program, she oversaw a total of ten (10) girls teams and over 100 female players. Her passion and dedication to supporting girls in sports is unmatched. Rakayla is looking forward to growing the girls side of the program and taking the girls to new heights this spring.



BRIAN KLYPCHAK

Brian Klypchak has been named LTB Director of the Boys Youth Program. Brian will oversee all teams in grades 3rd through 5th on the boys side. Brian has been with the program for almost three years, and he has done an incredible job building relationships and rapport with his players and families. Brian was named the Jr. NBA Coach of the Year in 2024. The award honors influential youth basketball coaches and the impactful work that they do for the game.



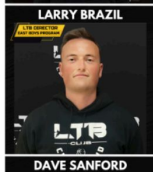
JAMES COOPER

James Cooper has been named LTB Director of the Boys Middle School Program. James will oversee all teams in grades 6th through 8th on the boys side. Coach Coop has been with LTB for the past four seasons. His dedication and work ethic to help our players improve and develop their game is second to none. James was also named a Jr. NBA Coach of the Year in 2023.



LARRY BRAZIL

Larry Brazil has been named LTB Director of the Boys High School Program. Larry will oversee all teams in grades 9th through 12th on the boys side. Larry has been with the LTB program for the past two seasons. Larry really stood out this past fall season, as he didn't miss one skill session or practice for his 9th grade team. Larry wants to give the high school boys program more opportunities to develop their game through player development sessions and weekly scrimmages / open runs. Larry's strongest asset is how much he cares for his players in the program.



DAVE SANFORD

Dave Sanford has been named LTB Director of the East Boys Program. Dave will oversee all teams in grades 4th through 12th on the East boys side. Dave has been with the program for over three seasons, and he has become widely known as a player's coach. Our players on the East side love playing for Coach Dave, as he creates a positive atmosphere in his practices and games where players feel they can truly develop. Dave will look to grow the East side program and take it new heights this spring.

THE LTB GUARANTEE

Organized

Communication

Player Development

MENTORSHIP

Work Ethic

Consistency

Competitiveness



PREPARING PLAYERS FOR
HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL SINCE 2018



OVER 100 VARSITY PLAYERS



AT 30 AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

GIRLS VARSITY

Maddie Kandrach - Lutheran West
Paula Szabo - Lutheran West
Aliciana Medina - Lutheran West
Addyson Esposito - Lutheran West
Taylor Petrime - Lutheran West
Sunny Meyer - Lutheran West
Ella Heisner - Lutheran West
Sophie Stehlik - St. Joseph
Bridget Young - Holy Name
Sarah Abraham - Holy Name
Layla Rudolph - Holy Name
Nalani Simon - Holy Name
Bri Barker - Holy Name
Ava Bunnell - Holy Name
Jordan Cremona - Holy Name
Grace Hering - Walsh Jesuit
Emily Larkin - Fairview
Annie Green - Clearview

Payton Revilock - Valley Forge
Jada Plum - Valley Forge
Gracie Kercher - Valley Forge
Delaney Kercher - Valley Forge
Hailey Mann - Valley Forge
Mikayla Hoang - Valley Forge
Mary Cesa - North Royalton
Natalie Wilson - North Royalton
Camryn Supelak - North Royalton
Liana Ostrowski - Westlake
Lina Ghanem - Westlake
Lindsay Meriwether - Normandy
Allison Pollock - Normandy
Sofia Szymczak - Normandy
Leah Neace - Padua
Ella Figliano - Padua
D'AireVaughn - John Marshall
Alyssa Rhinehart - Garrett Morgan



BOYS VARSITY

Jack Boswell - Padua
Gio Roman - Padua
Dominic Harb - Padua
Logan Guadalupe - Normandy
Aaden Guadalupe - Normandy
Jacob Chuba - Normandy
Anthony Schaefer - Normandy
Tyler Jones - Normandy
Brady Kennedy - Rocky River
Danny Berg - Rocky River
Colin Hunt - Rocky River
Jack Westerfield - Rocky River
Turner Strickland - Rocky River
Will Blough - Rocky River
CJ Reef - Western Reserve
Brandon Colosimo - Medina
Landon Future - Shaker Heights
Lyric Bryant - Shaker Heights
Luke Bonvissuto - Lakewood
Rory Chanter - Lakewood
Jackson Comer - Lakewood
Riley Verderber - Lakewood
Dylan Zeigler - Lutheran East

JT Kelsheimer - St. Edward
Anthony Noar - St. Edward
Dylan Maddox - Berea-Midpark
Vincent Weaver - Berea-Midpark
Cal Maloney - Berea-Midpark
Aidan Spraggins - Berea-Midpark
Ronnie Arpajian - North Royalton
Hunter Franklin - Walsh Jesuit
Eddie Steiner - Gilmour
Marco Zheng - Andrews Osborne
Dillon Mathur - Orange
Luke Oblaczynski - Orange
Cooper Hughes - Trinity
Noah Terrano - Independence
Mark George - Independence
Rocco Ressler - Independence
Sujay Nalla - University
Aditya Nalla - University
Mohammad Al-Rousan - Willoughby South
Trent Douglass - WCA
Calvin Cottenden - WCA
Jude Putnam - WCA
Taylor Blanton - Elyria





**JACK BOSWELL
PADUA**



**SUJAY NALLA
UNIVERSITY**



**DYLAN MADDUX
BEREA-MIDPARK**



**SOFIA SYZMCZACK
NORMANDY**



PREPARING PLAYERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

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**ALICINA MEDINA
LUTHERAN WEST**



**GIO ROMAN
PADUA**



**LUKE OBLACZYNSKI
ORANGE**



**ANTHONY NOAR
ST. EDWARD**



PREPARING PLAYERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

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COOPER HUGHES
TRINITY



DYLAN ZEIGLER
LUTHERAN EAST



We don't take credit for player's successes - all success is due to the player's hard work. But we do like to believe we our a big piece of their journey as basketball players and and as people, as we want to prepare them for high school basketball and life.

PREPARING PLAYERS FOR HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

PRACTICES & SKILL SESSIONS

Each team we will have one (1) mandatory team practice per week. In addition to one practice per week, players can attend as many skill development sessions as they want.

Please communicate with your coach about practice attendance.

MARCH 2025 - LTB CLUB MASTER SCHEDULE

Date & Time	Location	Capacity	Teams	Coaches
Mondays (6:00pm)	St. Anthony (Parma)	2 Teams	6th Girls	
Mondays (7:00pm)	St. Anthony (Parma)	2 Teams	4th Girls	
Mondays (8:00pm)	St. Anthony (Parma)	2 Teams	6th Boys	
Mondays (6:00pm)	St. Pat's (Westpark)	2 Teams	3rd Boys	
Mondays (7:00pm)	St. Pat's (Westpark)	2 Teams	4th Boys	
Mondays (8:00pm)	St. Pat's (Westpark)	2 Teams	8th girls	
Mondays (7:45pm)	Messiah Lutheran (Fairview Park)	2 Teams	5th Boys	
Tuesdays (7:00pm)	Valley Forge (Parma)	2 Teams	HS Girls	
Tuesdays (8:00pm)	Valley Forge (Parma)	2 Teams	HS Girls	
Tuesdays (7:30pm)	Lutheran West (Rocky River)	4 Teams	7th Boys, 8th Boys	
Tuesdays (8:30pm)	Lutheran West (Rocky River)	4 Teams	HS Boys	
Wednesdays (7:00pm)	Valley Forge (Parma)	2 Teams	HS Girls	
Wednesdays (8:00pm)	Valley Forge (Parma)	2 Teams	HS Girls	
Wednesdays (7:00pm)	St. Anthony (Parma)	2 Teams	6th Girls, 6th Girls NR	
Wednesdays (8:00pm)	St. Anthony (Parma)	2 Teams	7th Girls	
Wednesdays (6:00pm)	St. Pat's (Westpark)	2 Teams	3rd Boys	
Wednesdays (7:00pm)	St. Pat's (Westpark)	2 Teams	5th Boys	
Wednesdays (8:00pm)	St. Pat's (Westpark)	2 Teams	OPEN	
Thursdays (7:30pm)	Lutheran West (Rocky River)	4 Teams	6th Boys	
Thursdays (8:30pm)	Lutheran West (Rocky River)	4 Teams	7th Boys, 8th Boys	
Thursdays (6:00pm)	Westlake Rec (Westlake)	2 Teams	8th Girls	
Thursdays (7:00pm)	Westlake Rec (Westlake)	2 Teams	7th Girls	
Thursdays (7:00pm)	Brunswick Rec (Brunswick)	3 Teams	HS Boys	
Fridays (6:00pm)	St. Anthony (Parma)	2 Teams	4th Boys	
Fridays (7:00pm)	St. Anthony (Parma)	2 Teams	5th Girls	
Fridays (8:00pm)	St. Anthony (Parma)	2 Teams	OPEN	



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

**6800 State Rd
Parma, OH 44134**



VALLEY FORGE HIGH SCHOOL

**9999 Independence Blvd
Parma Heights, OH 44130**



BLOSSOM HILL FIELDHOUSE

**3500 Oakes Rd
Brecksville, OH 44141**



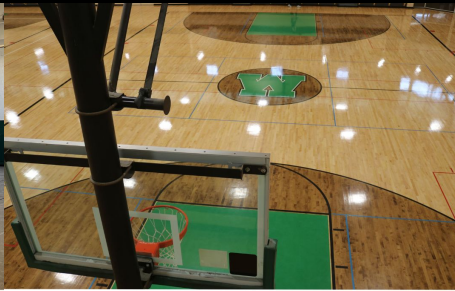
DAVID E. ANDERSON SENIOR CENTER

**36939 Ridge Rd
Willoughby, OH 44094**



ST. PATRICK WESTPARK

**4427 Rocky River Dr
Cleveland, OH 44135**



WESTLAKE REC CENTER

**28955 Hilliard Blvd
Westlake, OH 44145**



BRUNSWICK REC CENTER

**3637 Center Rd
Brunswick, OH 44212**



LAKELAND CC

**7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, OH 44094**

ROSTERS

All information for each team, including practice days, times, tournament weekends, coaches, etc. will be listed on the team rosters. The rosters will be updated each week all the way up until the first tournament.

LTB 5TH GRADE BLACK

Coach / Coaches: Luke Toth & Brent Stehlik

#	Name	City of Residence
19	TyShon Swanson	Cleveland
26	Max Gauntner	Westlake
27	Griffin Stehlik	Westlake
33	Charlie MacDonald	Lakewood
10	Nash Sorensen	Westlake
22	Colson Paez	Rocky River
20	Henry Norman	Rocky River
23	Robert Glagola	Cleveland
21	Gabe Stefanski	Rocky River

TOURNAMENT DATES

March 10th - 12th	Ohio Basketball Midwest Hoopfest	Brecksville, OH
March 25th & 26th	NorthCoast Showtime Joe Biggs Memorial Tournament	Fremont, OH
April 15th	Ohio Basketball Battle of the Land	Cleveland, OH
April 23rd	Rocky River Westside Classic	Rocky River, OH
April 29th & 30th	TNBA All-American Cage Classic	Cleveland, OH

MARCH PRACTICE DAYS

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00pm @ Lutheran West

This is what the eventual roster for every team will look like.

ROSTER SELECTION PHILOSOPHY FROM HANDBOOK

ROSTER & TEAM SELECTION

This season, rosters and teams will not be created / selected until two weeks of practices and skill sessions have occurred. This will allow all coaches to observe and evaluate all players skills and abilities for a two week period. All players will be placed on a team. Players will be assigned to certain teams based on skill level, experience, etc. We want all families to buy-in to the LTB philosophies and trust the coaching staff on which team their child should be placed on.

COACHING STAFF

All coaches will follow our coaching guidelines and philosophies. Bios and information will be updated on our website. All coaches in the LTB program this spring season, and moving forward, will be USA Basketball Certified. Being certified by USA Basketball will enable our coaches to establish credibility by joining the national standard in coach education and safety. USA Basketball is the the national governing body for the sport in the United States. LTB coaches will benefit from annual resources, coaching and safety education, and a background screening.





ASSISTANT COACHES

It is beneficial to have one volunteer coach per team to help out during the games.

TOURNAMENTS

Following a European player development style, our teams will participate in the following amount of tournaments:

3rd Grade - 5th Grade (FOUR (4) Tournaments)

6th Grade - High School (FIVE (5) Tournaments)

Teams will play in challenging tournaments. Game times and days will be posted on the mobile apps the week of the tournament.

TOURNAMENT PHILOSOPHY FROM HANDBOOK

The players need a healthy combination of practices and games for proper development. We are strongly against exhausting players in excessive tournaments. We like to space out tournaments as much as possible to hone in on where players are struggling, and work with them weekly in practice to help them develop their skills and game.

TOURNAMENT WEEKENDS - SCHEDULE



2025 SPRING SEASON TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MARCH 21ST
APRIL 4TH
APRIL 25TH
MAY 2ND
MAY 9TH

The majority of our teams will play on these weekends. Some teams will play on different weekends if necessary. All teams will have their tournament schedule listed on their roster by mid March.



TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATIONS



ADMISSIONS AT EVENTS

There will be admission at almost every event we attend this spring. Admission at events can range anywhere from \$5 per person to sometimes \$25 per person. All events and organizations vary.

GOLD CHAMPIONS



Easter Classic



8TH GRADE BLACK



**8TH GRADE BOYS | BLACK
8TH BOYS CHAMPIONS**



**LTB 9TH
GRADE GIRLS**



LTB 4TH GRADE



**WESTSIDE CLASSIC
GOLD DIVISION RUNNER-UP**



**WAR
AT THE
SHORE**



RUNNER-UPS



8TH GRADE GIRLS WHITE

GOLD RUNNER-UP



Easter Classic



6TH GRADE BLACK



HIO BASKETBALL

TAKE IT RAIN JAMFEST

D DIVISION RUNNER-UP



**WESTSIDE CLASSIC
SILVER DIVISION CHAMPIONS**

PLAYS VS HOW TO PLAY

We teach our kids how to play, and not how to run a play, or run a pattern. We teach players skills and concepts that will benefit them in the long run. MEMORIZING A PLAY HAS ZERO LONG TERM BENEFIT.



HOW TO PLAY

Teaching players how to play is what youth basketball is all about. This includes teaching players proper spacing, how to cut, how to get past a defender, how to defend, how to run the lanes, etc. Our program teaches players universal skills and concepts that can be applied to any team or program they play on in the future. We will also teach players concepts and skills to beat a press, and handle pressure. Some teams, based on numbers of players and skill level, will be taught how to press. Pressing players at the youth level teaches aggressiveness.

PRESSURE / HANDLING THE PRESS

Handling pressure is a process. The biggest thing we teach is universal press-breaker concepts, that will work for any press-breaker. (Beating the press takes time)

PLAYING TIME

Playing Time: This season, all teams will have eight to ten players. This will allow for coaches to establish a good playing rotation. The LTB program believes that no player should be sitting on the bench for an entire game or tournament. We stress to all our coaches, our program is all about development. Yes we want to win, but winning is not the main goal of our program. Each kid needs a fair chance at developing his or her game. This season, we are implementing our “Player Development Playing Time Philosophy”. Players will be guaranteed 50% of playing time at each game, if they meet the following criteria:

- Attends the ONE (1) mandatory team practice throughout the season.
- Attends player development skill sessions throughout the season.
- Displays a good attitude in practices and games.
- Shows effort and hustle in games and practices.
- Displays good sportsmanship and respect during all games and practices.

If players meet these criteria, they will be guaranteed 50% of playing time throughout the season in order to truly develop. If players do not meet some of these criteria, the coach has the ability to limit playing time until the player improves on the aspect the coach is asking from them. We want to challenge our players and help them grow as players and as people. We do not want to reward players who do not work for playing time, regardless of their skill level. Our philosophy on playing time will be discussed more at our annual parent meeting in February. If a parent or player wants to discuss their playing time situation, parents are to contact the coach or director via email or cell phone to set up a time to discuss. Parents and players will follow the 24 hour rule in regards to playing time, which is listed below in parent and player expectations.

24 HOUR RULE

If any issue arises, such as playing time, please be sure to wait 24 hours before talking to any coach. The best way to communicate any issue or concern is by emailing us.

UNIFORMS / WARM-UPS

Make sure players follow the uniform and warm-up policies. Uniform pass-out dates are TBA (please keep an eye on emails)



LTB UNIFORM POLICY



Uniforms/ Practice Jerseys: Each player will receive a pair of LTB shorts, which will be worn for practices and games, and a LTB practice jersey, which can be worn at practices. We order new, customized uniforms every season. Our game jerseys last for multiple years, and most players wear the same jersey for a few seasons. Players will need to buy a game jersey if needed. Players will have the option to order a LTB shooting shirt or a LTB warm-up hoodie. Shooting shirts and hoodies are not included in the fee and need to be ordered separately. Players are not required to order a shooting shirt or hoodie, but they are not permitted to wear any other hoodie or shirt for warm-ups.

Warm-Ups: Players are not allowed to wear any other gear besides LTB apparel during warm-ups. For example, players are not allowed to wear Cavs gear or gear from another AAU club. All players have a few options for warm-up apparel:

LTB Hoodie
LTB Shooting Shirt
LTB Uniform



LTB UNIFORM POLICY (CONTD.)

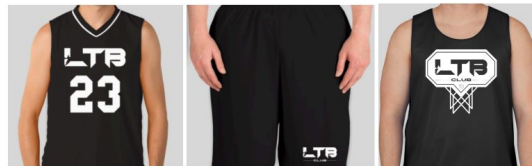
Game Uniform Policy

- LTB Game Jersey
- LTB Club Shorts
- White or Black Shirt Underneath
 - (players can choose not to wear an undershirt if desired)



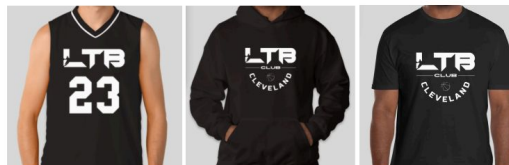
Practice Uniform Policy

- LTB Practice Jersey OR LTB Game Jersey
- LTB Club Shorts
- White or Black Shirt Underneath
 - (players can choose not to wear an undershirt if desired)



Warm-Ups Policy

- LTB Game Jersey
- LTB Hoodie
- LTB Shirt



DROPPING PLAYERS OFF / SPECTATORS

Please make sure a coach is present when you drop your child off. Spectators are allowed at all facilities.

PLAYING FOR OTHER TEAMS

Make sure you let the coaching staff know if you are playing for another club.

PLAYER, PARENT, AND COACH EXPECTATIONS

Please make sure the expectations are being followed. These will be sent out in the following weeks, but they are very clear:

Players are expected to play with respect.

Coaches are expected to coach with respect.

Parents are expected to spectate and support with respect.

LTB CLUB EXPECTATIONS



Parent Expectations: We thank all parents for their support and their flexibility. Please see below a few parent expectations:

- Communicate with us anytime your child will miss a game or tournament.
- Support the team and coaching staff.
- Cheer for the team and players in a positive manner.
- Respect all coaches, officials, and opponents.
- Set up a scheduled time with the coaching staff, if needed, to discuss any questions or concerns.
- 24 Hour Rule - Please reach out to coaches if you have a question or issue 24 hours after the incident / problem has occurred.

Coach Expectations:

- Encourage growth of each player on the team as a basketball player and as an individual.
- Teach each player principles and lessons they will take with them throughout life.
 - *i.e. Work ethic, being on time, being a good teammate, showing sportsmanship and respect, etc.*
- Ensure a positive basketball experience for each team.
- Serve as a positive role model for the young players you oversee.
- Come on time and prepared to each game and practice.
- Follow the USA Basketball guidelines and LTB Player Development Standard.

Player Expectations:

- Be coachable and willing to learn.
- Be a good teammate, and play with respect and discipline.
- Give effort, hustle, and energy on the court.
- Support your team while on the bench.
- Display good sportsmanship at all times.
- Wear a reversible LTB jersey to all practices and skill sessions.
- Be ready and prepared before each practice and game.
- Respect your coaches, the officials, and all spectators.

Roster / Team Selection: This season, rosters and teams will not be created / selected until two weeks of practices and skill sessions have occurred. This will allow all coaches to observe and evaluate all players skills and abilities for a two week period. All players will be placed on a team. Players will be assigned to certain teams based on skill level, experience, etc. We want all families to buy-in to the LTB philosophies and trust the coaching staff on which team their child should be placed on.

Refund Policy: The travel basketball world consists of paying for many expenses of the season upfront, before the season begins. Because of this, a portion of player fees are expensed immediately. Expenses include gym rental, uniform fees, league fees, coaching fees, etc. No refunds will be given for any reason. If a player gets hurt, the player will receive credit for a future LTB program / season.

PLAYER, PARENT, AND COACH EXPECTATIONS

LTB Club expectations for parents, players, and coaches can be found in the program handbook.

CONTINUOUS PROCESS

This program is a continuous process, and seeing real results will take time. Overnight success is not realistic.

Please - trust the process...

Q & A

**** ACCESS COACHING RESOURCES FOR COACHES MEETING ****