

LEE LINTON-HODGES: MINUTE'S SILENCE



Basketball England invites all clubs with teams participating in the NBL, WNBL, Jnr. NBL this weekend (9/10/11/12 October 2025) to hold a minute's silence to pay respects to Lee Linton-Hodges, who passed away suddenly on Sunday 5 October 2025.

Tributes were paid to the respected and popular player after the announcement earlier this week from his club, Endeavour Ipswich Basketball, where he spent the bulk of his career.

Lee, an imposing and talented 7ft centre, also played for England at junior level and Barking Abbey, Essex/London Leopards, Hemel Storm and Essex Rebels.

BE encourages clubs to show support for Lee's family, friends and colleagues by holding a minute's silence at games this weekend.

To do so clubs should use the following process. This should be handled on game day by the game officials, with (where present) game announcers.

The process is as follows:

Prior to the game, the timer will run a visual countdown to the tip-off as normal. At four minutes prior to the tip-off, the timer will stop the clock and the crew chief will beckon teams to line up on the free throw lines facing the opposition.

All officials shall stand if they are able. The crew chief will at this point blow their whistle to begin one minute's silence, and the timer shall start the clock. When the clock reaches three minutes, the timer shall sound the buzzer which will end the one minute's silence and teams will begin their final warm-up.

If a game has pre-game introductions, the one-minute silence should be completed when the introductions are complete. There is no need to wait until the four-minute mark. If the introductions are not finished by the four-minute mark, the timer should stop the clock so that the minute can be timed effectively.