

BERKS COUNTY BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE 1 -- NAME:

- (a) This organization shall be known as the Berks County Chapter of PIAA Basketball Officials, hereinafter referred to as "BCBOA."

ARTICLE 2 -- THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE:

- (a) To unite all basketball officials certified by the PIAA exclusively members of BCBOA, into one organization.
- (b) To maintain high standards in officiating athletic competition and to unify methods, rules and standards whenever possible, and to be constant with efficiency.
- (c) To foster and maintain a spirit of goodwill and cooperation among players, officials, coaches and school officials.
- (d) To protect officials regarding fees.

ARTICLE 3 -- MEMBERSHIP STATUS:

- (a) Membership in the BCBOA shall be limited to those who have been able to obtain ~~the following:~~
 - 1. Certification by the PIAA
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 - 3. ~~Does not belong to more than one PIAA basketball chapter.~~
- (b) Any person desiring membership shall:
 - 1. ~~Submit his/her application and fee to the PIAA~~
 - 2. ~~1.~~ After receiving notification of acceptance by the PIAA, request membership by the BCBOA.
 - 2. Provide the Chapter Secretary with proof of notification from the PIAA that a passing grade was achieved.
 - 3. Pay initial BCBOA chapter dues within 30 days of affiliation.
- (c) Any member of the BCBOA, after serving ten (10) years and being a member in good standing, shall be eligible to become a social member. Social membership shall include those officials who no longer wish to be affiliated with the PIAA. ~~and no longer wish to officiate recreation basketball as a~~

~~member of the BCBOA.~~ Any member who meets the above criteria must make written application to the Executive Committee for social membership. Social members must remain in good standing by paying annual dues; however, they do not have to attend the properly prescribed number of meetings as determined by the By-Laws. Social members shall be entitled to all privileges of the organization with the exception of voting, running or holding office and participation in the internal evaluations.

- (d) An official may remain inactive for a period not to exceed two (2) seasons for such reasons as health, employment, etc. He shall, however, report his/her inactive status to his/her chapter secretary and to the PIAA office, no later than December 1st. Such officials shall be compelled to pay dues but are not compelled to attend meetings. Officials on inactive status must not officiate in ~~Berks County~~ PIAA basketball games. An official may not remain inactive longer than two (2) years.

- (e) Transfers - A member in good standing of the PIAA or any other state approved basketball association, who desires membership in the BCBOA must submit a complete written application to the BCBOA Secretary-Treasurer. A complete application to be considered must include the following:

1. Proof of membership in good standing in the PIAA
2. Request for placement on the appropriate list/s (boys and/or girls Varsity and/or Junior Varsity) based on previous experience.
3. Three letters of recommendation. Two letters shall be from former chapter officials and one letter shall be from a former Executive Committee/Board member.
4. Copy of his/her previous year's schedule signed by the appropriate assignor(s).
5. Payment of current year dues of the BCBOA or copy of written request to the previous PIAA or other state chapter to transfer dues to the BCBOA.
6. Transfers who wish to be assigned to Category 1 or 2 on the boys and/or girls list will attend an on-court session to demonstrate competency. The Executive Committee will attend the on-court session and evaluate each transferee with regards to the appropriate placement on the above mentioned lists.

The date a complete written application is received is important and timeliness will be determined by the post-mark or date delivered to the BCBOA Secretary-Treasurer.

Applications received between April 1 and November 30:

1. Eligible for current season turnbacks only. The determination of the level

of turnbacks (i.e. Boys and/or Girls Varsity and/or Junior Varsity) will be made by the BCBOA Executive Committee. This determination will be made in writing to the applicant by the Executive Committee within 60 days of the receipt of the completed application. Ratings which may be received for these turnbacks will not determine the following season list placement; however, they may be utilized by the Executive Committee to determine placement.

2. Eligible for placement on the Boys and/or Girls Varsity and/or Junior Varsity list for the following season. This decision will be made in writing to the applicant by the Executive Committee within 30 days from the April 1 - April 30 meeting.

Applications received between December 1 and March 31:

1. Will not be eligible for Varsity or Junior Varsity turnbacks for that season.
2. Their application for placement on the Boys and/or Girls Varsity and/or Junior Varsity list will be considered by the Executive Committee upon at the end of the current season between April 1 and April 30 and a determination in writing communicated within 30 days.

In all transfer requests, the highest placement would be at the bottom of the appropriate list. Determination of the subsequent year's status shall be based on subsequent year's ratings (No two-year guarantee), if appropriate, or as outlined above. The determination of the number of transfers and their placement shall rest with the Executive Committee.

(f) Injury Status, Inactive Status, Non-Working Status for Boys and/or Girls list:

1. BCBOA members must petition the BCBOA Secretary-Treasurer in writing of their request for injury status, inactive status or non-working status. Non-working status may be declared for the boys and/or the girl's lists. This petition is subject to approval of the BCBOA Executive Committee. Similarly, BCBOA members must petition the BCBOA Secretary-Treasurer in writing of their decision to be reinstated to "working status." After two years of inactive or non-working status, the placement of the petitioner shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
2. An official who petitions the BCBOA before the PIAA season for injury status, inactive status, or non-working status during the PIAA season and who does not work during the PIAA season shall have their numerical position on the applicable list/s guaranteed for one year.
3. An official who petitions the BCBOA for injury status, inactive status, or non-working status during the PIAA season and has worked less than ~~one half of the PIAA season (5 weeks)~~ may request that they not be a

part of the evaluation process and their subsequent year's position on the applicable list/s will be based on their current season's position.

4. An official who petitions the BCBOA for injury status, inactive status, or non-working status during the PIAA season and has worked more than ~~one half of the PIAA season (5 weeks)~~ will be subject to the evaluation process and their subsequent year's position on the applicable list/s will be based on their current season's ratings.
5. An official, who misses more than one season but less than two seasons because of approved injury status, inactive status or non-working status, will be placed at the bottom of the appropriate list/s.

An official misses two or more full seasons because of approved injury status, inactive status, or non-working status, ~~is not guaranteed placement on any list, their placement shall be determined by the Executive Committee.~~

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7. The Executive Committee will review and decide on all written requests for approval of injury status, inactive status or non-working status within ~~sixty (60)~~fifteen (15) days of such written request.
8. The timeliness of an official's request for reinstatement from injury status, inactive status or non-working status is important as it pertains to receiving a schedule. Varsity officials requesting reinstatement before April 1 shall be considered eligible for placement on the appropriate list/s for the upcoming season and should receive the appropriate number of Initial Games Assigned (IGA) based on their position on the boys and/or girls lists. Varsity officials who request reinstatement after April 1 shall be eligible for turnbacks only as the PIAA assignor has already begun to schedule varsity games for the upcoming season.
9. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the bylaws, any member of the BCBOA who misses part or the entire schedule for one or more seasons because of call up for active duty service in any branch of the military will not lose any placement privileges in their respective list/s. This statement is meant to comply with the Federal Law.

ARTICLE 4 -- DUES:

- (a) The dues of this organization shall be recommended annually by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership of the organization.

- (b) Dues for the following year are due and payable by the last meeting of the year. Members not paying their dues by this meeting shall be immediately considered members not in good standing under Section 141(b).
- (c) Dues shall be paid by all members of the chapter with the exception of the President, Interpreter, Secretary-Treasurer and members in active military service. Should the President, Interpreter and/or the Secretary-Treasurer have paid their dues prior to being elected, the amount of dues paid shall be refunded promptly.

ARTICLE 5 -- OFFICERS:

- (a) The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Interpreter.
- (b) The duties of the officers shall be:
1. President - preside at all meetings, assure provision of all chapter communications to members without electronic access, appoint committees ~~with the exception of the Judicial Committee~~, prepare a fiscal year budget in conjunction with the Secretary-Treasurer that is approved by the Executive Committee and present said budget to the membership by the fourth regularly scheduled meeting of the season, report Audit and Finance Committee's year end comparison of budget to the Executive Committee and BCBOA, -define committee responsibilities subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and call special meeting/s as outlined in Article 9 Section (a).
 2. Vice President - take the place of President in case of absence. Serve as Chairperson of the Fact Finding Committee.
 3. Secretary-Treasurer –
 - keep records of all meetings
 - take care of correspondence
 - take all collections and make timely deposits into BCBOA accounts
 - make a report of all disbursements at each meeting
 - read a copy of the minutes of the previous regular meeting and/or Executive Committee meeting at each meeting in which business is conducted
 - communicate in writing seven (7) days before the last scheduled chapter meeting with each chapter member who has not paid chapter dues
 - retain “serious incident reports” for three (3) years for participants that are 18 years of age or older, or for three (3) years from the 18th

- birthday of the participant, if he/she is under 18 years of age
- Assist the President in the preparation of the Fiscal Year budget
- Notify the PIAA of all chapter meetings

4. Interpreter - As outlined in Article 11.

ARTICLE 6 -- COMMITTEES:

- (a) There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the four (4) elected officers, six (6) elected two year members-at-large, one(1) elected one year – member at-large, and for the following year the immediate past president of the organization.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall handle all business of the association occurring between scheduled meetings or any special meeting of the association. The Executive Committee shall function as the Fact Finding Committee. The Executive Committee is empowered to act for the membership in all areas specifically outlined in the Bylaws or Policy Addendum. It is understood that the Executive Committee is subordinate to the membership and should make every effort to schedule matters of importance at the regularly scheduled chapter meetings or if necessary, recommend to the President that a special meeting of the association be called.
- (c) At the first meeting of the association after the annual election, the President shall appoint the following standing committees, each consisting of at least three (3) members:
 - 1. Auditing and Finance
 - 2. Evaluation
 - 3. By-Laws
 - 4. Banquet
 - 5. Nomination/Election
 - 6. Membership

The President shall also be empowered to appoint such other committees from time to time as he may consider necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the association. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision over all committees ~~with one exception being the Judicial Committee which will act as an independent body.~~ The Banquet Committee shall be responsible for establishing the criteria for all awards presented by the BCBOA at the banquet and any necessary voting process for these awards. The Auditing and Finance Committee shall be

responsible to prepare an audit of the previous fiscal year and compare those results to the BCBOA budget for that period. The results of the audit and budget comparison shall be forwarded to the President and the Executive Committee by September 1.

~~(d) The Executive Committee will establish the Judicial Committee which will consist of five (5) members. This will be done at the first Executive Committee meeting after May 1. No members of the Executive Committee shall serve on the Judicial Committee.~~

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ARTICLE 7 -- QUORUM:

- (a) A quorum shall consist of the active members present at any given meeting.
- (b) A majority shall be one vote more than one-half of the number of members present, unless otherwise stated.

ARTICLE 8 -- ELECTION OF OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TERMS OF OFFICE:

- (a) Candidates for office shall be nominated during the two meetings before the final meeting of the year.
- (b) Candidates may run for only one position during the election year.
- (c) Nominations will be closed after the next to last meeting.
- (d) Ballots will be mailed to all members in good standing with the exception of social members within seven (7) days after nominations are closed.
- (e) Ballots must be postmarked on or before the Wednesday of the last scheduled meeting or hand delivered within 10 minutes prior to the start of the last meeting to be counted.
- (f) Election Committee will meet one (1) hour prior to the start of the last scheduled meeting to count the ballots. Results of the elections will be announced during the last scheduled meeting.
- (g) It is recommended that there shall be at least two (2) nominees for the office of the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Interpreter.

- (h) The term of office for the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Interpreter shall be one (1) year.
 - 1. The office of Secretary-Treasurer shall receive a financial compensation each year as approved by the membership of the organization.
- (i) The term of office for the six (6) elected members-at-large of the Executive Committee shall be two (2) years. Three (3) members shall be elected each year.
- (j) Commencing for the 2006-2007 season and every season thereafter, there shall be one additional Executive Committee position established for BCBOA members who have been active for more than 3 years but less than 5 years on the date of the election. This position shall be for a 1 year term. If no eligible member is elected, the position shall go unfilled for that election year.
- (k) Nominees must be BCBOA members in good standing.
- (l) In case of tied votes, new ballots with the names of the tied nominees shall be cast.
- (m) Newly elected officers shall assume their post after May 1st. Outgoing officers are required to properly arrange for the transfer of all chapter records by that time.
- (n) Any vacancy of officers or Executive Committee members occurring between annual elections shall be filled, when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, by a special election. Nominations shall be made by the members at any regular meeting and elections held at the following scheduled regular meeting.

ARTICLE 9 -- ATTENDANCE:

- (a) The President and the Executive Committee shall be responsible for establishment and publication of meeting dates for the chapter. The President with the approval of the Executive Committee can call a special meeting of the general membership to consider issues of urgency and importance that fall between regular schedule chapter meetings. Every effort shall be made to give every member at least five (5) days notice of the meeting date, time and place.
- (b) Eligibility for maintaining membership in the BCBOA shall depend upon an actual attendance at Chapter meetings as required by the PIAA

~~bylaws-which is a~~ Attendance at a minimum of six (6) meetings, not including annual interpretation meeting, ~~is required of all members.~~

- (c) Any official without the required six (6) meetings must submit his/her reason for absence, in writing, to the Secretary-Treasurer. One excuse must be submitted for each meeting the member did not attend, i.e. a member who has attended only five (5) meetings, must submit an excuse for each meeting date other than the meetings which were attended or credited. No excuse or appeal will be accepted seventy-two (72) hours after the last chapter meeting; i.e., the election meeting for the year. The ~~Executive Committee~~ will rule on the validity of all excuses. The Secretary-Treasurer will then communicate, in writing, to the PIAA Executive Director, the names of officials, who have not attended six chapter meetings and have not submitted accepted excuses for absences.
- ~~(d) — The working of one (1) recreation game or one (1) college game may be used as a valid excuse for missing one (1) scheduled meeting, other than the interpretation meeting with written notification to the Secretary-Treasurer.~~
- ~~(e)~~(d) Officiating PIAA contests will be considered as a valid excuse, providing the official submits to the chapter Secretary his/her working assignment.
- ~~(f)~~(e) No meeting credit will be given to any member who enters a chapter meeting ten (10) minutes after the meeting is called to order.

ARTICLE 10 -- FINES & PENALTIES:

- (a) ~~Any member of this chapter who agrees to a PIAA officiating assignment, fails to work the game, shall be governed by the PIAA contract and the following fine procedures:~~
- ~~1. The date and time of the game and the name of the absent official shall be reported by the school to the BCBOA.~~
 - ~~2. The absent official shall be contacted by the Secretary of the BCBOA to determine the reason for absence.~~
 - ~~3. The reason shall be submitted in writing along with a fine, the amount of the fee for the missed assignment, to the Secretary within seven (7) days from the date of the missed assignment for review by the Judicial Committee of the BCBOA.~~
 - ~~4. The Judicial Committee shall forward the official's reason to the aggrieved school along with the Committee's recommendation on~~

~~validity.~~

~~5. The aggrieved school shall be the final judge on validity of all excuses. When final disposition is decided, the absent official's fine shall be dispensed as follows:~~

~~(a) One half of fee to school if absence is deemed unexcused;~~

~~(b) One half of fee to working official if absence is deemed unexcused;~~

~~or,~~

~~(c) Total fine returned to absent official if absence is judged excusable.~~

~~6. In all cases the single official working the game shall receive a fee and one-half from the responsible school.~~

~~7. If absent official refuses to abide by the final decision, his/her membership shall be revoked in the BCBOA and his/her name and the circumstances surrounding the revocation shall be forwarded to the PIAA office for further disposition.~~

ARTICLE 11 -- INTERPRETER:

(a) The duties of the BCBOA Interpreter shall be as follows:

1. Preside over the rules interpretation portion at all BCBOA scheduled meetings.

2. Attend the annual rules interpretation meeting held by the PIAA for the rules interpreter.

~~3. Assist the BCBOA Commissioner in evaluating officials' progress and making recommendations for future assignments.~~

~~4.3. Provide leadership and clinics for BCBOA members.~~

~~5. Notify the Assistant Executive Director of the PIAA on a predetermined date as to the date, time and site of the BCBOA's annual rules interpretation meeting.~~

~~6.4. Attempt to clarify, through the PIAA established chain of command, any rule, which he may feel requires attention.~~

~~7. Assist in matters relating to interpretation of rules or assignments as agreed upon by the Interpreter and the Executive Committee.~~

(b) The following shall be the financial considerations for the position of the Interpreter:

1. The office of Interpreter shall receive a financial compensation each year as approved by the membership of the organization. This compensation shall be paid at the last meeting of the year.
2. All expenses of the Interpreter shall be paid by the Interpreter from Chapter remuneration.

(c) Qualifications:

1. The Interpreter may be a working official.
2. The Interpreter shall not be permitted to coach ~~or play PIAA or recreation~~ basketball games.

ARTICLE 12 -- CONDUCT OF MEMBERS:

(a) Conduct:

1. All members shall conduct themselves at all times while engaged in officiating duties and officiating-related duties in a manner becoming to an official.
2. All alleged unprofessional conduct by a BCBOA member must be in writing and forwarded to the BCBOA President or Secretary-Treasurer for referral to the ~~Fact Finding Judicial~~ Fact Finding Judicial Committee for hearing and ~~disposition~~ recommendation.

(b) Members in Good Standing – A BCBOA member to be qualified as a member in good standing shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Pay dues as outlined in Bylaws or Policy Addendum by the last regularly scheduled meeting date of the respective basketball season.
2. Attend the requisite meeting(s) required by the PIAA including the Annual Interpretation meeting. Members attending meeting of state association(s) other than the BCBOA and wishing such meeting to be credited meeting to this meeting requirement shall provide written evidence of such meeting(s) attended by the last regularly scheduled meeting date of the BCBOA for the basketball season.
3. File "serious incident reports" with as many witness statements as possible to the BCBOA Secretary-Treasurer within fifteen days (15) of the incident. A "serious incident" shall be defined as an event where there is more than a remote possibility of a cause of action being filed against the official(s), the BCBOA, or the PIAA.
4. Conduct themselves in a manner becoming an official as outlined in the Conduct of Members.
- 4.5. File the required PIAA disqualification form within 24 hours to the PIAA, BCIAA Assignor, and BCIAA Executive Director.

- (c) Members not in good standing shall not be eligible for any BCBOA privileges including but not limited to attendance at the BCBOA Banquet at the expense of the chapter.

ARTICLE 13 --DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS:

- (a) Grounds for ~~discipline~~Fact Finding:

1. For failure to comply with established authority or regulation of the Association or delinquency in payment of authorized charges, fines, penalties or assessments, or for any other conduct conclusively established to be contrary to the best interest of basketball, a member may be ~~subject disciplined such discipline includes but is not limited to being fined, placed on probation or suspended from the Association for a period to be determined by the Judicial Committee, or may be expelled through the actions of the Judicial Committee to a Fact Finding hearing.~~

- (b) ~~Notification of Charges~~:

- ~~4.~~Upon receipt of a professional level complaint in writing by the chair of the Fact Finding Committee, he/she shall call a meeting of the Committee at the earliest possible date to make a determination if the complaint has sufficient merit to conduct a hearing. If insufficient merit is determined, the complaint shall be dismissed with a letter to both parties the writer. If sufficient merit to hold a hearing is determined, written notice will be sent to the member and the plaintiff by certified mail. The letter shall outline the alleged conduct, include copies of all documents, and schedule a date, time and place for the fact finding hearing. The Fact Finding Committee will accept written statements and/or in person testimony from both parties or any witnesses. If testimony is presented in person, the committee members shall be permitted to ask questions. The testimony shall be before the committee members only. At the conclusion of the hearing the Fact Finding Committee shall review all testimony and statements received by the hearing date, and render a disposition by majority vote of the committee and communicate that decision in writing to both parties within 5 days of the date of the hearing. The decision of the Fact Finding Committee may include a decision of no merit to the complaint, discipline within the purview of the BCBOA, or recommendation to forward the complaint to the PIAA with specific recommendations for their final adjudication. A member charged with any violation shall receive written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the charges against him, indicating the alleged violation with specific reference to the By-Laws provision, rule or regulation he/she allegedly

~~violated, the specific alleged violative conduct, where and when the alleged violative conduct occurred, and the person or entity who filed the charge. Such member shall also be provided at the time with copies of all documents related to the charges that may be used in prosecuting the charges. The charged member shall also be referred to these By-Laws with respect to his/her procedural rights.~~

(c) Right of hearing:

~~1. A member charged with any violation shall have the right to be heard in person or by written statement made by him in his/her own defense before the Judicial Fact Finding Committee. Such right shall be afforded prior to the imposition of any fine, penalty or any other disciplinary action and a member may seek a personal hearing if this is requested by a member within fourteen (14) days of the date of written notification to him of a violation and if the request is made in writing to the member of the Judicial Fact Finding Committee who sent the notification. At the hearing, the person or entity bringing the charges may be present and both sides may present any information or documents. Each party may ask questions of the other party and the other party's witnesses, if any are available. Legal counsel may be present and fully participate if the Association is notified at least three (3) days prior to the date of the hearing so that it can have its legal counsel present. The hearing shall be audio tape recorded and all documents retained. A written decision recommendation shall be made and sent to both parties by certified mail, return receipt requested, within thirty (30) days of the hearing date. A majority vote of the members present of the Judicial Fact Finding Committee shall determine its decision.~~

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(d) Appeal:

~~1. Any member disciplined by the Judicial Committee shall have the right of appeal to Executive Committee by giving the Association's President written notice within seven (7) days of the receipt of the Judicial Committee's decision. The Executive Committee shall decide the appeal on the record before and on its review of any further written agreement to be submitted by both parties. Notice of the date for appeal will be set by the President. Legal counsel may participate. A written decision shall then be made by majority vote of the Executive Committee and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, within thirty (30) days of the date on which the appeal was heard.~~

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(e) Discipline Notice:

~~1. When a member is suspended or expelled from the BCBOA, the Executive Committee shall notify all concerned parties that such~~

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~~member is no longer able to accept assignments or officiate as a member of this association. No member shall officiate knowingly with a suspended or expelled member, unless under contract with a PIAA school.~~

(f)(c) Record Keeping:

1. Both the Judicial Fact Finding and Executive Committees shall retain all records and proceedings concerning the disciplining allegation of members. This is to ensure that a complete record will be available ~~if questions or legal proceedings arise.~~ At the conclusion of each season the Chairperson of the Judicial Fact Finding Committee should turn over all records of the activity of the Committee to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be responsible to retain the information for a period of five (5) years.

ARTICLE 14 -- BILLS AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION:

- (a) All checks for payment of bills in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or less must be signed either by the Secretary-Treasurer or the President.
- (b) All checks for payment of bills in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) must be signed by both the President and the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE 15 -- POWER TO LOAN MONEY:

- (a) The association shall not have the power to lend its funds to any of its members.
- (b) The association may advance money to committees if approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 16 -- RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION:

- (a) Meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure according to Roberts Rules of Order Revised.
- (b) The final interpretation of any article or section of the Constitution and By-Laws of the association shall rest with the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 17 -- AMENDMENTS:

- (a) Revisions or amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be made by the By-laws Committee or five (5) or more members of the BCBOA in writing. The proposed amendments shall then be read at the next scheduled regular meeting of the BCBOA. Final action shall follow at the subsequent meeting, and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members in good standing, present is necessary for the adoption of the revision or amendment.
- (b) All amendments to the Constitution that are in conflict with the PIAA Constitution or PIAA Constitutional Provisions shall be void.

ARTICLE 18 -- STATUS OF MEMBERS:

- (a) All members of the BCBOA are independent contractors in their officiating capacities and not employees of the BCBOA or of any officer of the BCBOA, or of any other person or entity for whom members work as officials. All members of the BCBOA recognize this status and understand that neither the BCBOA, nor its officers are employers, and therefore the members may not collect worker's compensation from the BCBOA or any other person or entity for injuries sustained while officiating.

ARTICLE 19 -- ASSOCIATION DISSOLUTION:

- (a) In the event that the BCBOA should cease to exist for any reason other than that of name change, all equipment belonging to the association shall be sold and the proceeds added to the BCBOA account.
- (b) All funds belonging to the association, after all obligations have been met, shall be donated to a local charity. The exact allocation and distribution of these funds shall be the responsibility of the BCBOA officers and Executive Committee at the time of the dissolution.

ARTICLE 20 – NON-DISCRIMINATION:

- (a) It is the policy of the BCBOA not to discriminate against any chapter member on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, ethnic background, or non-performance related disability or handicap as outlined in the policies, constitution and bylaws of the PIAA.

ARTICLE 21 – FISCAL YEAR:

- (a) Unless changed with the Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), all financial reporting by the BCBOA shall be on a August 1 to July 31 Fiscal Year period.

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Amendments to the "Policy Addendum" may be made by motion practice

SCHEDULE OF REMUNERATION

1.	Independent Tabulator	\$400
2.	Secretary-Treasurer	\$200
3.	Interpreter	\$200

BCBOA EVALUATION AND RATING PROCESS

1. That there be a uniform system for rating officials for both boys and girls games at the varsity and junior varsity levels of in-chapter officials for only BCIAA Assignor or BCIAA Athletic Director scheduled games including all county playoff games.
2. (Games Worked) Officials must work five (5) or more games in each gender at each level for the rating to be part of the rating process for that gender.
3. (Coaches Rating) Two rating criteria will be used to evaluate officials on the rating form of the coaches for BCIAA Varsity and JV games are Professionalism and Performance. For each official who has received a minimum of six Category appropriate ratings by gender, the Independent Tabulator will drop the highest and lowest rating in each category before a report is submitted at the end of the season to the Evaluation Committee. Officials receiving less than six ratings by gender will have all ratings entered into the tabulation.
4. (Peer Rating) Five rating criteria will be used to evaluate in-chapter officials on the rating form of the officials are Physical, Rules, Mechanics, Professionalism and Performance. For each official who has received a minimum of six Category appropriate ratings by gender, the Independent Tabulator will drop the highest and lowest rating in each category before a report is submitted at the end of the season to the Evaluation Committee. Officials receiving less than six ratings by gender will have all ratings entered into the tabulation.
5. During the season the only ratings that will be used for rating purposes are Category appropriate ratings. Thus Category II officials will not have Varsity ratings (coaches or officials) utilized in computing any of their rating calculations or considerations, and vice versa.
6. The rating scale will be from 1 (unqualified) to 10 (excellent) for both the coaches and officials rating forms. Any official or coach, who rates an official with a score of "4" or lower, must write an appropriate reason for the score for the rating to be considered. If no explanation is provided, that entire rating shall not be included in any rating computation or requirement.
7. At the end of the season, the results of the evaluation process will be used to construct the Boys and Girls Varsity and Boys and Girls Junior Varsity lists for the succeeding season.
8. The following percentages make up the official's overall rating:

Boys and Girls Evaluation Systems

- 50% Coaches Game by Game Evaluation – These ratings are sent to an

Independent Tabulator who will compile the ratings and submit a report at the end of the season.

- 50% Officials Game by Game Evaluation – These ratings are sent to an Independent Tabulator who will compile the ratings and submit a report at the end of the season.

** Please note that an official's Boys Coaches Ratings goes towards his/her boys ratings as well as the Girls Coaches Ratings would go towards the ratings on the girls list. The same would apply for the Official's game-by-game evaluations.

- The final results compiled by the Independent Tabulator of the coaches and officials Boys and Girls Game-by-Game ratings as well as the results of the Independent Computer Contractor will be sent to the chairperson of the Evaluation Committee who will distribute the results to the Executive Committee. Using these results, the Executive Committee will construct the Boys and Girls Varsity as well as Boys and Girls JV lists for the upcoming season
- The BCBOA Executive Committee will construct the following categories based on the evaluation process:

Boys:

Category I - Varsity Officials
 Category II - Junior Varsity Officials
 Category III - Junior High Officials

Girls:

Category I - Varsity Officials
 Category II - Junior Varsity Officials
 Category III - Junior High Officials

- The top two Category II officials based on the results of the coaches and officials rating process in each gender list, who meet the five games worked requirement, will be offered the opportunity to be elevated to Category I from Category II. Should either or both decline Category I status in each gender list, the next highest rated official(s) who meet(s) the five games worked requirement shall be offered the opportunity until two have accepted Category 1 status. The elevated officials shall be guaranteed two-year tenure on that gender varsity list, this being free of displacement into Category II after their first season only.
- The two lowest rated Category I varsity officials, based on the results of the rating process, may be moved to the top of Category II. The BCBOA Executive Committee shall make this decision of retaining in Category I or moving to the top of Category II by taking into consideration retirement, injury, inactivity, transfers, and other relevant factors. These decisions shall be made during that "ratings meeting" and prior to any publication or disclosure of that season's final ratings tabulations to anyone other than the Evaluation Committee Chairman and tabulator.
- The BCIAA Assignor is given the option to recommend up to two additional Category

2 officials for Category 1 consideration for each gender. The Executive Committee is given the option to recommend up to two additional Category 2 officials for Category 1 consideration for each gender. The recommendations of the BCIAA Assignor and the Executive Committee are independent of each other and will be made public simultaneously with the tabulated game-by-game ratings at the Executive Committee ratings meeting. Final decision to elevate anyone beyond the automatic two rests with the Executive Committee utilizing the BCBOA Executive Committee Prerogative Policy Addenda.

14. It is assumed that the Executive Committee and Evaluation Committee will maintain strict confidentiality in the performance of their duties.
15. Once the BCBOA Executive Committee has established the categories, an official may apply for inactive status subject to the bylaws.
16. Each official is required to update his/her availability as required by the Assignor in the timeframe required by the Assignor.
17. The BCBOA Executive Committee shall recommend to the BCIAA Assignor a range of Initial Games Assigned (IGA) to officials based on their position on the Boys and/or Girls Varsity as well as Boys and Girls Junior Varsity lists.
18. The BCIAA Assignor shall have the responsibility to assign all BCIAA PIAA games. The Assignor is recommended to re-assign from the top of the list to the bottom of the applicable list, where possible and practicable.
19. All officials of the BCBOA and coaches of BCIAA schools are strongly encouraged to participate in the evaluation process. For the process to work properly, officials and coaches need to return their game-by-game ratings.
20. The Evaluation Committee shall devise rating forms each year for coaches and officials and provide both parties with the proper forms for completion of game-by-game ratings.
21. The Evaluation Committee shall maintain communication with the Independent Tabulator as to the numbers of ratings that are being sent in by both coaches and officials.
22. The Evaluation Committee will take steps to keep the membership informed of the rating process at general membership meetings during the season.
23. The Evaluation Committee will take steps to contact Athletic Directors of BCIAA member school regarding a lack of completion of rating sheets.
24. The Evaluation Committee will proscribe to the BCBOA membership the timelines for submission of timely game-by-game ratings by officials.

25. The Evaluation Committee will only consider properly executed ratings from both coaches and officials which shall be completed in full and properly signed with all required signatures.
26. In order to receive an initial schedule for the upcoming season, you must timely return at least 60% of this season's JV and Varsity official ratings forms for each gender, if you work each gender. The rating sheets shall be available on the BCBOA website and will be distributed at the Interpretation Meeting, subsequent meetings or mailed shortly thereafter. Should an official fail to return at least 60% of the season's ratings two consecutive seasons without a successful appeal, that official will be dropped down to the next lower Category.

January, 2005
Modified January, 2006
Modified January, 2007
Modified September, 2009

Dues Structure

Effective with the 2009-10 season, dues shall be \$50.00 for members with electronic access and \$65.00 for members without electronic access. If dues are paid by the last meeting of December each season, the respective dues shall be decreased by \$15.00. If not paid by the last meeting of the season, the respective dues shall be increased by \$30.00. Members with electronic access must make their email address available to the BCBOA and BCIAA Assignor and be able to directly and not through a third party receive both email messages and their game schedules.

Members of the BCBOA who have elected Social Member status shall pay dues at the rate of 50% of the dues structure by the due dates as outlined in the Policy Addendum.

If any official affiliates with the BCBOA for the first time before January 1 of any season, their dues for the current season shall be \$50.00 or \$65.00 as outlined above. Additionally, if this official pays dues for the following season within thirty (30) days of their BCBOA affiliation, they shall be paid as if paid by the last meeting of December.

If any official affiliates with the BCBOA for the first time on or after January 1 of any season, their dues for the current season shall be 50% of the dues structure. Additionally, if this official pays dues for the following season within thirty (30) days of their BCBOA affiliation, they shall be paid as if paid by the last meeting of December.

Inactive members are required to pay dues by the due dates as outlined above.

Members who resign by September 1 of any season shall be entitled to a refund of dues paid for that season. Under no circumstances shall a suspended member be entitled to a refund of dues.

BCBOA POLICY ON TIMELY ARRIVAL

It is the policy of the BCBOA, Inc. to provide quality officiating service to the schools that we service. In order that school officials including Athletic Directors and/or Coaches not be burdened with the concern of late arrival of officials, the following guidelines are established for timely arrivals at the game site:

- Boys/Girls Varsity - Report for duty at least thirty minutes before the time of the game.
- Boys/Girls Junior Varsity - Report for duty at least thirty minutes before the time of the game.
- Boys/Girls Junior High - Report for duty at least ten minutes before the time of the game.

Please Note: It is strongly recommended that the Varsity Officials arrive at the game site prior to one hour before the scheduled starting time to observe their fellow officials in the Junior Varsity contest. The above time standards are a **minimum** especially in the area of Varsity contests since these contests may be started prior to their scheduled starting time.

The overall goal of this policy is the creation of a balance between the demands for our services, our ability to meet our commitments in a quality manner, along with the availability of adequate changing facilities for the game officials. We encourage our members to not "come dressed" and to shower after the game/s if facilities are available for this purpose.

The BCBOA also encourages open communication between the officials and the schools, which we service should the official arrive after the time standard set above. The responsibility for initiating this communication should rest with the game official. If the school representative finds the reason/s offered to be unacceptable, a professional level complaint in writing to the BCBOA, Inc. Secretary-Treasurer is in order.

Approved by the BCBOA membership 3/11/1990

BCBOA CHAPTER OBSERVER/S

Philosophy: The observer position(s) is/are created for the purpose of improving the quality of officiating within the BCBOA through observation and feedback.

Qualifications: Individual/s must be a Non-Active PIAA official and shall have officiated for at least 15 years with at least 10 years of varsity experience. The observer(s) shall not be an active coach with any of the Berks County Schools that we service.

Duties: At least twenty (20) nights of observations are expected. Observations shall start with the opening of the high school season and end with the county playoffs. The observer shall provide a written observation (personally presented or mailed) for each official observed. The observer/s must attend the annual interpretation meeting, clinic for new officials and 2 or 3 chapter meetings.

Selection Process: Applicants shall make written application to the BCBOA through its Secretary-Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall make a recommendation to the chapter for final approval. (Majority vote required)

Term: The observer position shall be for a one-year period. Thereafter, the individual observer(s) shall be continued in the position if the incumbent observer(s) desire to continue in the position and have performed satisfactorily in the previous season as determined by the Executive Committee.

Authority Level: Observer(s) shall report to the Executive Committee.

Compensation: Each individual holding the position shall receive \$250 plus documented mileage expenses at the IRS standard rate plus documented postage expenses. This compensation shall be paid if at least twenty (20) nights of observations are performed. Should less than 20 nights of observations be performed, the \$250 compensation shall be prorated. All said compensation shall be paid upon completion of the regular season and submission of documented observations to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Forms: The evaluation form, the "log" form, and application form shall be developed by the Chapter Interpreter.

Other Issues: The maximum number of individuals serving in the observer position for any season shall be three (3).

BCBOA Executive Committee Prerogative

Executive Committee Prerogative is a process used by the BCBOA Executive Committee to elevate officials from Category II to Category I when, in conjunction with the BCIAA Assignor, there is a determined need for more officials to be added to one or both varsity list/s. The key elements of the process are:

1. It will only be used after the top 2 JV (Category II) officials are elevated.
2. There is no guarantee of tenure for those elevated through the Executive Committee prerogative process.
3. The Executive Committee shall first determine the number of officials required by gender list/s to be elevated.
4. The Executive Committee members shall forward written nominations of candidates, other than themselves, to the President with the candidates qualifications articulated using the below listed criteria for nomination and the gender list(s) for which the candidate is/are nominated.
5. At the following meeting there will be a presentation of listed candidates with qualification presented to the Executive Committee.
6. The Executive Committee members present shall vote by ballot by gender list for candidates other than themselves from top to last candidates in numerical order from 1 to x, where x is the number of number of members that may be eligible to receive a ballot.
7. The President shall be responsible to ascertain a ballot process that assures that Executive Committee member(s) shall cast a ballot that does not include themselves.
8. The top vote getters up to the predetermined number of candidates by gender list in item 3 shall be elevated.
9. If there is a tie for the last position between candidates by gender list as determined in item 3, then those two candidates will be re-balloted by members eligible to vote using a signed ballot.

Executive Committee Elevation Consideration Criteria:

Years of membership in the chapter and PIAA

Years on JV list

Past ratings—avg. of past 3, 5, 10 years

Placements on past JV lists

Camps, clinics attended

Post Season Play

College experience- years and level

Service to BCBOA - offices, committees, other

Meeting attendance

Professionalism

Input from Assignor (availability, acceptance of games, cooperation, etc.)

Intangibles

BERKS COUNTY BASKETBALL ASSIGNERS

Organization	Assigner	Contact Information	Leagues
BCIAA	Bill Nigrini	610-775-4873	BCIAA Scholastic High School
IAABO Bd #67	Mike Paulson Kevin Line	610-413-4470 610-780-0880	CYO, Birdsboro, Albright Camps, Laurel Run, West Reading Men's, West Reading Women's, Wyo Girls, Berks Youth B&G
Referee Club	Al Lopez <u>Chip Fugate</u>	610-463-5813	Body Zone, Alvernia Camps, Kutztown Camps, PAL Youth, AAU Tournaments
Jenn Mendoza	Jenn Mendoza		Oley Girls Summer League Laurel Run Girls League
Al Robinson	Al Robinson	610-372-6353	Daniel Boone AAU Tournaments
Black Top	Kevin Patience	484-769-9522	Black Top League in City Park

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