

G.B.A.B.O CONSTITUTION (Revised April 18, 2016)

ARTICLE 1 - *Name*

The name of this organization shall be the GUELPH BOARD OF APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS, Hereinafter called the Board.

ARTICLE 2 - *Affiliation*

The Board is a charter member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (I.A.A.B.O.) as Board 212, and is subject to their constitution and by-laws. The Board is also affiliated with the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials (O.A.B.O.) and the Canadian Association of Basketball Officials (C.A.B.O.)

ARTICLE 3 - *Purpose*

- (i) To develop the best possible Basketball officials for Guelph and area.
- (ii) To encourage the development of Basketball in Guelph and area through the education of individual officials and the encouragement of a harmonious working agreement between individuals, associations, teams and members of the Board.

ARTICLE 4 - *Executive*

4.1 The Officers of GBABO shall consist of President, President Elect or First Vice President, Second Vice-President, Interpreter, Secretary-Treasurer, On-Court Training Officer, Past President and Assigning Officer.

4.2 The term of the President shall be three years in length. An individual may serve an unlimited number of terms as President, but never more than two consecutive terms. The Vice-Presidents and Interpreter shall be elected annually for a term of one year. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years.

4.3 The On-Court Training Officer and the assigning officer(s) shall be appointed by the elected executive members.

4.4 The Past President, selected from any President Emeritus, 'may' be appointed as an ex-officio member of the executive for one year.

4.5 The elected officers shall be responsible for the conducting of internal and external affairs of the Board and they shall be responsible for dealing with the consequences arising from the conducting of the Board's affairs.

ARTICLE 5- *Duties and Responsibilities of Executive Officers*

5.1 The President shall be responsible for representing the Board at any and all functions where the Board is to be represented. Also he/she shall represent the executive at all regular meetings of the Board, as well as reporting on behalf of the executive at annual and special meetings of the Board.

5.2 The First Vice-President shall be responsible for assisting the President in the exercise of the duties of that office and for chairing all meetings of the Board. The Second Vice-President shall serve as chair for all struck committees, and shall assist the President as required. The 2nd vice president will monitor the on court training program. The 2nd vice president will chair the Rules and Department Committee and the Constitution Committee in the absence of a Past President.

5.3 The Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial affairs of the Board. He/she shall record minutes of all business meetings of the Board and shall organize the registration of members as affiliated. He/she shall record minutes of all meetings of the Board and shall publish these minutes to the Board website within 2 weeks or before the next regular meeting, whichever comes first. He/she shall designate a replacement to assume secretarial duties at any meeting he/she is unable to attend. He/she shall be paid an Honorarium as set in the Procedures. Term of office shall be from May 1 to April 30 of the appropriate year.

5.4 The Assigner shall be responsible for assigning all games that members of the Board officiate, presenting the Secretary-Treasurer with a record of all games done by members, for payment through the general account.

5.5 The Interpreter shall be responsible for keeping the members of the Board up to date on rule interpretations, and for organizing and co-ordinating the educational and evaluation functions of the Board.

5.6 The Past President shall advise the executive and assist them as needed and shall serve as the chair of the Rules and Department Committee, and the Constitution Committee.

5.7 The On-Court Training Officer shall be responsible for developing, formalizing and/or reviewing a program of training new officials.

5.8 The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, Interpreter, On-Court Training Officer and Past President shall be paid an honorarium as set in the By-laws.

5.9 The decision making process will be by majority vote.

5.10 All files, protocols, and communications made on behalf of the Board by Executive members are the sole property of the Board to be distributed at the discretion of the Executive.

Every reasonable effort must be made by the outgoing executive member to ensure that the transfer of responsibilities and information is complete.

ARTICLE 6 - *Membership*

6.1 Members of the Board shall be classified as follows:

a) Regular - Meet the requirements of membership as stated in Article IV of the I.A.A.B.O. constitution and the G.B.A.B.O. Procedures.

b) Associate - Shall have paid their annual Board membership fee and have indicated an interest in the profession of basketball officiating.

6.2 Members shall enjoy all rights and privileges of the Board and be subject to the Laws of the Board as expressed in the Constitution and Procedures.

6.3 The Executive may, on the recommendation of the Rules and Department Committee, suspend or disbar any member of the Board for disciplinary measures. Appeal may be made through the Appeals process as outlined in the Constitution.

ARTICLE 7- *Elections and Voting*

7.1 Elections for the executive of the Board shall be conducted by secret ballot at the annual meeting of the Board.

7.2 All elected positions are open for re-election subject to the guidelines of Article 4.2. It shall be necessary for nominees to the position of President to have served as an officer of GBABO for at least one year.

7.3 Candidates for election will be named from the regular members of the Board.

7.4 Vacancies during the year shall be filled through by-election at the next regular meeting of the Board following notification of the membership. If a vacancy occurs after January 31, it need not be filled at the discretion of the executive.

7.5 For each election a chair will be selected from the members in attendance.

ARTICLE 8- *Meetings*

8.1 Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at the discretion of the Executive.

8.2 The annual meeting of the Board shall be held in early April.

8.3 Quorum for any meeting of the Board shall be a minimum of 3/5 elected executive members and 25% of the regular members in good standing.

ARTICLE 9- *Amendments to the Constitution*

9.1 Amendment in whole or in part to this constitution shall be considered by a quorum of the Board attending and voting at the annual meeting. Any proposals for constitutional amendment must be presented in writing at any meeting prior to the annual meeting of the Board.

9.2 For purposes of constitutional amendment, no amendment shall be declared in force without two-thirds of the members in attendance at the annual meeting agreeing to the amendment.

9.3 In order to amend the Procedures of the Board at any meeting other than the AGM, the amendment must be presented at a regular meeting of the Board after the exams have been written as a "notice of motion" and be

voted on at the next regular meeting. Amendments will be declared in force by the assent of a simple majority of those present.

ARTICLE 10- *Rules and Department Committee*

10.1 The Rules and Department Committee shall be a standing committee of the Board.

10.2 Officers of the Committee shall consist of the Past President and 2 other members of the Board elected at the annual meeting. In the absence of a Past President, the 2nd vice president will chair the committee.

10.3 The Committee shall recommend to the executive on the basis of the Laws of the Board as expressed in the Constitution and Procedures, such penalties as are deemed appropriate.

ARTICLE 11- *Constitution Committee*

11.1 The Constitution Committee shall be a standing committee of the Board.

11.2 Officers of the Committee shall be chaired by the Past President and include 3 other members of the Board selected by the chair. In the absence of a Past President, the 2nd vice president will chair the committee.

One of the 3 members would be selected from the elected executive committee and the other two would be recruited from the general membership. It is recommended that the committee officers serve for a period of one year.

11.3 The operational procedures of the committee will be under the direction of its Officers. It is recommended that at least two meetings be held during the year, and that the committee have a report with any recommendations for change ready for the final regular meeting prior to the AGM.