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OHIO VALLEY OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION - BASKETBALL CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The organization shall be known as the Ohio Valley Officials Association - Basketball (also known in this Constitution and Bylaws as the Association).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of the Association is to foster good basketball officiating by its members. This purpose will be accomplished by providing a close cooperation and understanding among interscholastic athletic officers and officials, by providing a means for correct interpretation of the rules and officiating mechanics, by encouraging and assisting in the development of experienced and inexperienced officials, by adopting and encouraging high ethical standards and promoting good fellowship among its members.
- B. The Association is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- C. No part of the earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to members, trustees, officers or private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for service rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying of propaganda, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of the articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by an association contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- D. Upon dissolution of the Association, the officers shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Association, dispose of the remaining assets of the Association to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes which at the time qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association shall be open to all person's 18 years of age or older interested in the purpose for which it is organized and shall be limited to those persons dedicated to the fulfillment of its purpose. The General Membership of the Association shall be divided into six groups: Class 1, Class 2, Class 3, Class 4, Unlicensed, and Inactive, the qualifications for which shall be defined in the Bylaws.

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ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

- A. The position of Vice President shall be elected for a term of three years at the association's annual election. The term shall consist of one year as Vice President, and then ascend to the office of President for one year and then serve on the Board as a voting member in the office of "Past President" for one year. After serving this three year term the individual may not hold an elected position on the board for a period of two full years. In the event a sitting President cannot Complete his term, the Vice President shall advance to the President position for the balance of that term and remain there for his forthcoming term. In the event a Vice President cannot complete his term or assumes the balance of the President's term, an Association special election shall be used to fill the position. In the event a Past President does not complete his term, the position shall be filled using the same method as a vacant advisory board position.
- B. Members serving the office of Board Members-at-Large are limited to one two year term and must vacate this office and not run for an at-large position on the Advisory Board for a period two years. Other positions including Vice President or other appointed positions are not subject to this waiting period however, active Advisory Board Members are not eligible to run for higher office until their term expires. An Advisory Board Member may accept an Appointed Position, in which case, he vacates his At-large Advisory Board position. In the event an Advisory Board Member cannot complete their term, the vote tally from the most previous election shall be used to find a willing replacement member. If said term is less than 18 calendar months, the member in question is not subject to the required waiting period.
- C. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed for a term of three years by a majority vote of the Advisory Board. At the conclusion of this term the incumbent officer members of the Association, shall be solicited by the Nominating Committee, to be considered for appointment to the office.
- D. Additional Appointed positions such as Rules Interpreter, Program Director, etc may be added by the board. Term and requirements for these positions shall be governed by the Association bylaws.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

- A. The Annual Election of the Association shall take place at the Annual Business Meeting. The Board should designate the Annual Business Meeting be held at the meeting that is most likely to generate the greatest attendance by the membership.
- B. Seventy Five eligible voting members of the Association shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Election Meeting and/or any business meeting of the general membership.
- C. Any member in good standing with the Association, who holds a current OHSAA basketball official permit or has held such permit in the past and has been a member of the Association for a minimum of two years shall be eligible to vote at the Annual

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Election Meeting or on any business which shall come before the Association at any business meeting.

ARTICLE VI: ADVISORY BOARD

- A. There is herein created an Advisory Board whose duty is to govern the Association.
- B. The Advisory Board shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, additional Appointees and eight Members-at-Large elected by the general membership.
- C. The immediate Past President shall serve on the Advisory Board for one year after his/her term as President.
- D. All Advisory Board terms of office are from April 1 to March 31 unless otherwise specified.
- E. Only Advisory Board members elected by the general membership shall have voting privileges on matters before the Advisory Board. These members will be the President, the Vice President, Past President and the Members-at-Large.
- F. Eight Members-at-Large shall be elected from the membership of the Association. Members-at-Large must be eligible voters of the general membership of the Association. Four Members-at-Large shall be elected every year at the Annual Election to serve a two year term. .
- G. Seven members of the Advisory Board shall constitute a quorum. A simple majority of the Advisory Board members present and eligible to vote shall be necessary for adoption of action, unless otherwise specified in this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

- A. The Association shall hold regularly scheduled meetings involving discussion regarding rules interpretations, play situations and officiating mechanics as prescribed by the OHSAA.

ARTICLE VIII: RULES OF ORDER

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedures not specifically covered by this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership eligible to vote and present at the annual Business meeting or at any Special Business meeting called, provided:

- A. The amendment(s) have been approved by the Advisory Board.
- B. The general membership has been given 144 hours notice of the intention to amend the Constitution and the proposed changes are made available on the Association official web site.
- C. A quorum of seventy five or more eligible members participate in the vote