

BYE-LAWS
OF
NEW PROVIDENCE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 1

RULES

- A. International Basketball Federation Rules (FIBA) shall be followed for games.

ARTICLE 2

MEMBERSHIP

- A. Only association affiliated clubs will be allowed to enter and NPBA series.
- B. To maintain membership each club must sponsor a mini and junior team commencing the year of membership. The association shall enter into an agreement with referees certified by the governing body for basketball officials in the Bahamas to officiate at NPBA games. The contribution of fees toward the referees fund shall be borne by the clubs and the association on an equitable basis. The Executive of the association shall negotiate fees with the referees and the scorers and other officials.
- C. Clubs are required to have coaches certified by New Providence Basketball Coaches Association (NPBCA) for all senior, junior and mini teams.
- D. All member clubs or affiliated teams are required to submit a registration package to the secretary or other official designated by the president, one month prior to the association's official commencement. Contents to include the following:
- I. All information pertinent to basketball as requested by the association.
 - II. Complete team rosters.

- III. Documentary proof consisting of birth certificate or passport as confirmation of age of all junior players.

- IV. Club or affiliated team colors

- E. Only players entered on a team roster or affiliated roster are allowed to play. Changes to team rosters are allowed within the club upward system to the completion of 25% of the schedule games only. No further changes are permitted thereafter, except with the written permission of the executive committee.

- F. All junior players must be under the age of eighteen (18) at the commencement of an official junior series.

- G. All division two players must be under the age of twenty four (24) at the commencement of an official junior series.

- H. Entry level into the association shall be by way of division two (2).

- I. To become eligible for promotion to division I, a team must win 80% of its games.

ARTICLE 3

DISCIPLINE

- A. There shall be a commissioner and assistant commissioner being responsible for the junior league, unless otherwise stated by the executive committee. Every individual associated with the NPBA, IE executive, coach, referee, statistician, scorer, sponsor or player must exemplify and uphold the principles and standards of sportsmanship and good conduct during and in the immediate vicinity of the NPBA sanctioned event. Violators will be penalized at the discretion of the commissioner.

- B. The executive committee of the association shall receive and consider written complaints filed with the association secretary, of any charge of failure of any individual or club to maintain standards of membership or failure to meet conditions and obligations of membership in to club or association.

- C. A player (coach) who is ejected from a game by an official for the first time during a season is automatically suspended from the Next game. For and subsequent ejection a

player (coach) is automatically suspended for five (5) (3) games. (not allowed within the general vicinity of the gym)

- D. Any player (coach), who with displeasure or anger, pushes, jostles or hits an official shall be deemed immediately, suspended indefinitely unless stated by the commissioner. A suspended player is automatically reinstated if a ruling by the commissioner is not made within twenty-one (21) days, after the date of the incident.
- E. All protests must be signed by an official of the protesting club, and submitted in writing to the commissioner within seventy-two (72) (48) hours of the cause of the protest.
- F. A member under investigation must be given a reasonable and fair opportunity to appear before the executive committee to answer any such charges. The same procedure must be followed in matters pertaining to the office of the commissioner.
- G. All members of the association are under obligation to cooperate with the committee, and are requested to answer all pertinent and relevant inquiries.

ARTICLE 4

UNIFORMS

- A. The official colors of the association shall be red, black, and white.
- B. Clubs are not allowed conflicting colors. Colors of uniforms, both top and bottom, are to be submitted with rosters.
- C. Referees and umpires are required to wear uniforms or dress not in conflict with the club colors and must hold a certificate of competence by the Bahamas Association of basketball officials or other recognized International Referees Association.
- D. Coaches dress code – should be in a professionally attired and /or club /team colors or insignia as true representative of sponsor

ARTICLE 5

TENURE IN OFFICE

- A. Tenure of office for the Executive committee shall be four (4) years.
- B. Election of officers are to be held at the association's electoral general meeting, unless the association deems such necessary prior to full term of office.
- C. Any officer of the NPBA unwilling or unable to fulfill his/her duties, or found to be in contravention of the principles and standards may be removed from office by :
 - I. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of executive committee.
 - II. Impeached by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of registered and financial clubs.

Any such removal or impeachment must occur at a meeting called for that specific purpose. The said officer must be afforded the opportunity to rebut any charges at said meeting. (See article III, section F).

ARTICLE 6

SUBSCRIPTION

- A. The annual subscription for each registered team submitted for NPBA competition shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- B. Membership cards will be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for each member of a senior team and three dollars (\$3.00) for each member for a junior team annually
- C. Each senior team shall post fifty dollars (\$50.00) bond against forfeitures. Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be forfeited for first defaulted game and twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the second. Any team forfeiting two games is automatically suspended for the remainder of the season, and any tournaments within the playing year. This bond is levied in addition to the regular twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) annual membership fees, and is to be submitted to the treasurer with roster and annual subscription on initial admission to the regular series.

- D. A team suspended for forfeiture shall be required to pay a fine of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) before re-admission to competition.

ARTICLE 7

DRAFTING / Release

The draft system shall be implemented at the discretion of the association.

Players should return Uniforms and team equipment /property prior to release. Once completed release should be granted.

ARTICLE 8

GAMES

Games must start on time. The first at 7:15pm. With the ball to go up at 7:30pm. The second game is scheduled for 8:45pm with the ball to go up at 9:00pm with a 15 minute grace period.

ARTICLE 9

PLAYOFFS, EXHIBITION AND TOURNAMENTS

- A. Playoffs. Exhibition and tournaments of the association shall be under the control, directed and supervision of the executive committee.
- B. To be eligible for all –star competition, a player must have participated in at least three quarters (3/4) of the regular games prior to the all-star games.
- C. To be eligible for playoff and championship games, a player must have been an active participant for a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the games.

- D. All New Providence playoffs, tournaments and other events shall be conducted in accordance with the general policies established by the executive committee
- E. A member club, coach or its players may not participate in any organized outside basketball competition without club and executive permission. Such participation shall render the member club or its players ineligible for NPBA and New Providence programs for two years.