

# NEW PROVIDENCE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME

This body shall be known as the NEW PROVIDENCE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION and here after referred to as "The Association".

### ARTICLE II

#### OBJECTS

The objectives of the Association shall be:

- a. To govern, encourage and sponsor basketball games and series throughout the Island of New Providence according to the laws laid down by the BAHAMAS BASKETBALL FEDERATION (BBF) and FEDERAL INTERNATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (FIBA).
- b. To secure and maintain affiliation to and recognition by all proper national athletic and sporting governing bodies.
- c. To deal with any abuse and appeal by clubs and their members under its proper jurisdiction.
- d. To promote and nurture good personal traits and habits in players through clean competition.

## ARTICLE III

### MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership shall be open to all New Providence clubs meeting the requirements stipulated in the Association's constitution, Rules and Bye-Laws.
- b. All players and their clubs must meet the standards for competition as laid down by BBF and FIBA.
- c. Each club applying for membership in the Association shall furnish with its application the following before its application can be considered :
  1. Certified copies of its constitution, bye-laws and Rules.
  2. List of current officers with their addresses.
  3. List of its bona – fide members
  4. Initiation fee of thirty dollars (\$ 30.00)(100) (non- refundable) - \*\*\*\*\*
  5. Annual dues of \$ 25 (50) per team registered by clubs in the Association. (non- refundable)
  6. Copies of all documents are to be signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the N.P.B.A.
- d. All coaches with club affiliations should attend mandatory coaches clinic, at least semiannually or as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee

## ARTICLE IV

The Management of the Association shall be vested in a Committee called the Executive Committee, which shall be comprised of:

- a. The President , four Vice Presidents , Secretary , Assistant Secretary , Treasurer , Assistant Treasurer , Public Relations Officer, Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner , all of whom shall be elected for a duration of four (4) years at the Electoral General Meeting.
- b. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill a vacancy in the event a member is found unwilling or unable to fulfill his/her duties.

- c. Any member absent from two or more consecutive meetings without acceptable excuse as determined by the Executive Committee shall be liable to loss of office.
- d. Nominations for membership to the Executive Committee should be submitted to the secretary three weeks prior to the Electoral General Meeting. Nominations however will also be accepted from the floor of the Electoral General Meeting.
- e. Presidential or Vice Presidential nominations should be persons with basketball experience history and /or Affiliations Nominations may be persons with or without Association affiliations. \*\*\*\*
- f. Current coaches should not be nominated to seek an Executive Position.
- g. A Nomination Committee shall be formed by oversee candidates to participate in the Electoral General Meeting.

## ARTICLE V

### DUTIES OF EXECUTIVES

- a. The President shall be the Chief Executive of the Association. He shall be in the chairman at all general and Executive meetings. He shall chair the meetings and conduct matters of the Association according to Roberts Rule of Order (latest edition).
- b. The Vice President in order of seniority, shall assume the duties of the President in the event that the President is absent.
- c. The Secretary shall maintain proper minutes of all meetings issue notices and agendas, and be responsible for correspondence and circular on matters of the Association. The Secretary shall be responsible for notifying members of the meetings. The notice for the Electoral General Meeting shall be circulated at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the meeting.
- d. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the secretary in the executive of his/her duties and shall assume full responsibility of such in the event the secretary is unable or unwilling to fulfill such duties.
- e. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all financial matters, and shall present a true and accurate financial report at the Electoral General Meeting. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for the presentation of financial statements on 14 days request by any member club and shall issue quarterly reports to the Executive Committee.

- f. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer in his duties and shall assume full responsibility in the event the Treasurer is unable or unwilling to fulfill such duties.
- g. The commissioner shall function in accordance with his duties as outlined in the By-laws of the Association.
- h. The Assistant Commissioner shall assume the duties of the commissioner in the event that the commissioner is absent.

## ARTICLE VI

### MEETINGS

- a. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least four times per annum in the months of January, April, June and August, and at such other times as may be deemed necessary.
- b. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be summoned by the secretary on the instruction of the president.
- c. The Electoral General Meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of April June and or within two (2) four (4) weeks of the NPBA season. \*\*\*\*\*
- d. Special General Meetings of the Association shall be summoned by the secretary on the instructions of the President if necessary or if a majority of the affiliated clubs submit a request in writing.
- e. Five (5) voting members shall form a quorum at any Executive meeting.
- f. Fifty-one percent (51%) of those member clubs present and eligible to vote will constitute a quorum for a General Meeting or Convention.
- g. Any club absent for more than two (2) consecutive Meetings without a written excuse acceptable by the Executive Committee shall be liable to loss of membership in the Association.
- h. Any club absent from a General Meeting or Convention without written excuse acceptable by the Executive Committee shall be fined a sum of \$25.00.(150) Failure to pay the fine of \$25.00 shall result in the forfeiture of one game by every team of the club.

## ARTICLE VII

### DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Ratify clubs to membership
- b. Summon general Meetings
- c. Control the finances of the Association and issue a financial statement made up to March 31<sup>st</sup> (June 30<sup>th</sup>) or one (1) (4) weeks after the season had ended or one (1) week prior to the Electoral General Meeting(omitted)
- d. Deal with any infringement of the laws, Bye-laws, or Rules of the Association
- e. Sanction lists of competitors, coaches and team attendants to represent the sanctioned Island of New Providence and to manage teams of competitors so selected with the approval of The Bahamas Olympic Association, BBF and other National and International controlling bodies.

## ARTICLE VIII

### POWER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. Provide for the prosecution of any player, club or team furnishes false or misleading information in his or their entry to an event
- b. Suspend for a stated time, indefinitely or permanently, anyone guilty of misbehavior of unfair practices.
- c. Suspend from membership, fine or expel from the association any club or club member who shall be deemed guilty of :

1. Infringing the Association's or Bahamas Basketball Federation Laws or rules for competition.
  2. Failing to suppress open betting at any function under its control.
  3. Misbehaving or displaying unfair practices of any kind or who does not deport himself/herself in a manner that would uplift the Association
  4. Being irregularly constituted, every club is required to hold at least one General Meeting a year and present a financial statement to its members and the Association
- d. Call upon any (New Providence) club against which, or club member against whom a definitive charge as been made, to produce its books any other documents for inspection. Failure to do so will be regarded as a misbehavior.
- e. To deal with all matters not provided for in this constitution, and the Association's Bye – laws and Rules, except where the majority of the Executive Committee or clubs feel that such matter should be referred to the BBF.

## ARTICLE IX

### DECISIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be binding upon all affiliated clubs and club members.

## ARTICLE X

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

- a. Each affiliated club shall pay an annual subscription of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each registered team

- b. Subscription are payable on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for senior teams; and any affiliated member, whose subscription remains in arrears shall be liable to suspension or expulsive at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- c. No affiliated member whose subscription is in arrears shall be entitled to be represented at any General meeting, Convention or other activity of the Association.

## ARTICLE XI

### VOTING

- a. The officers of The Association shall have power to vote at all general meetings of the association and executive committee meetings except at the electoral general meeting
- b. Each member club shall be entitled to two (2) officially registered representatives and one (1) vote at all general meetings or convention of the association
- c. Only official representatives who have been registered with the secretary of the association shall have the power to vote at general meetings and convention
- d. The president, or in his absence, the presiding officer at all general meetings of the association and the meetings of the Executive committee or its subcommittee, shall be entitled to vote, and in the event of an equal number of votes, such presiding officer shall have a casting vote.

## ARTICLE XII

### FOREIGN/LOCAL TOURS ETC.

- a. Any team, club, or athlete desiring to compete in a series or for a team in a Family Island or a foreign country, or in any place outside the territorial boundaries of New Providence, a copy of all such invitations must be sent directly to the secretary of the NPBA who will seek the approval of BBF.
- b. License application for foreign travel or tournaments involving foreign teams may be obtained from the secretary of BBF.

## ARTICLE XII

### AMENDMENTS

- a. No article or law in the constitution shall be altered, added to or deleted except at the Electoral General Meeting of the Association, or special general meeting or convention called for that purpose, and only by two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and voting
- b. Any alteration, addition deletion or amendments to the constitution, to be proposed at a general meeting must be in writing to the secretary at least twenty one (21) days before the date of the meeting at which it is to be considered.
- c. Particulars of the proposed change must be included to the agenda, and circulated to member clubs at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

This constitution was amended at the 1997 Convention on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 1997.