

# **BARBADOS AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **CONSTITUTION**

1. Name: The name of the Association shall be the Barbados Amateur Basketball Association, herein after referred to as the B.A.B.A.
2. Purpose: The B.A.B.A shall promote, supervise and govern the playing of amateur basketball in Barbados as stipulated by the International Amateur Basketball Federation (F.I.B.A)
3. Composition: The B.A.B.A shall be the sole competent authority in amateur basketball, men's and women's in Barbados and shall be an independent body formed by Associations, Clubs, Schools, Colleges, and Life Associates and Honorary Life members as provided under Article 4 of this Constitution.
4. Membership: The B.A.B.A shall consist of such Associations, Clubs, Schools, Colleges, Life and Associate members as are thereto affiliated and such Honorary members as have been appointed by the Council, and all such affiliated Associations, Clubs, Schools, Colleges, Life and Associates members as well as the Honorary Life members shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the B.A.B.A

**Forfeiture of Membership.** Any member whose fees remain unpaid for a period of three (3) months shall cease to be a member, provided he has been notified by the Treasurer. The Council shall have the power to restore membership on payment of all outstanding fees and on receipt of a satisfactory explanation in writing.

5. Divisions: **Associations and Clubs.** All Associations and Clubs, before being affiliated to the B.A.B.A shall satisfy the Council that they :-
  1. Are properly constituted bodies - by producing evidence of a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and a copy of their Constitution or Rules.
  2. Play basketball according to the laws of the games as approved by the International Amateur Basketball Federation (F.I.B.A.).
  3. Have paid an affiliation fee as stipulated by the Council for membership, valid for one (1) financial year.

**Schools and Colleges.** Affiliation to the B.A.B.A is open to all schools and colleges on the Island upon payment of a fee as stipulated by the Council valid for one (1) financial year.

**Life Members.** All persons shall be eligible for life Membership upon payment of three hundred dollars.

**Associate Members.** All persons desirous of becoming an Associate member must satisfy the Council as it sees fit, and must pay a membership fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00), and such membership shall be valid for one (1) financial year of the B.A.B.A.

**Honorary Life Members.** The Council shall award Honorary Membership to persons as a mark of recognition of their contribution to Basketball or to the Country of Barbados.

6. Council: The B.A.B.A shall be governed by a Council which shall comprise its officers, four (4) representatives of Associations or Clubs and/or other members affiliated to the B.A.B.A and two (2) members of the Basketball Officials Associations.

The Officers shall be :- A President, a 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, an Honorary Secretary, an Assistant Honorary Secretary, an Organising Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, a Public Relations Officer and the four representatives of Associations or Clubs and/or other members affiliated to the B.A.B.A who shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for two (2) years and shall be eligible for re-election after that period.

Two (2) members of the Basketball Officials Association shall be selected by that Body to sit on Council for one (1) year. Their names shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary of the B.A.B.A after the Annual General Meeting and prior to the first meeting of the Council for the current year.

7. Quorum of the Council A Quorum of the Council shall be not less than five (5) persons, three (3) of whom must be officers.

**Notice of Meeting.** Whenever possible, the Honorary Secretary shall give seven (7) clear days notice of a meeting of the Council to all Council Members. This notice shall be given stating the date, time and place of Meeting, along with the agenda for such meeting.

**Proviso.** In the event of extraordinary circumstances, it is the prerogative of the Honorary Secretary to convene a meeting of the Council at the earliest possible convenience.

8. Powers of the Council

The Council shall :-

1. Make such Rules and Regulations for the Management of the B.A.B.A and for the control of the game and competition as may be necessary.
2. Fill all vacancies that occur among its Members.
3. Appoint a Patron, a Coach, Disciplinary, Finance, Fixtures and Selection Committees at its first Meeting following the Annual General Meeting.
4. Appoint any other Committee or Committees as it becomes necessary.
5. Co-operate any person to sit on any of the Committees.

**Decisions.** Resolutions and decisions of the Council shall be binding upon all affiliated Associations, Clubs, Schools, Colleges, Life, Associate and Honorary Life Members until they are rescinded or varied by the vote of the majority present at voting at a General Meeting.

**Sub-Committees Meetings.** The Meetings of such sub-committees shall be presided over by a member of the Council, or in the absence of such a member, by the person appointed by the members of the various sub-committees. The recommendations of such sub-committees must be ratified by the Council.

9. Financial Year The financial year of the B.A.B.A shall, under any circumstances, extend from the first of January in any year to the thirty-first day of December.
10. Annual General Meeting The Annual General Meeting of the B.A.B.A shall be held no later than the last week in January of each financial year. The Honorary Secretary shall give fourteen (14) clear days notice in writing to all affiliated Associations, Clubs, Schools, Colleges, Life, Associate and Honorary Life Members of the place, date and hour of such meeting, a copy of the accounts, certified by the Honorary Auditor, the Council's Report of the past year's activities, an agenda, and in the case of Associations, Clubs, Schools, and Colleges, an affiliation form shall accompany each notice.
- Notice of motions etc, from affiliated Associations, Clubs, Schools, Colleges, Life and Associate Members which are to be placed before the meeting, must reach the Honorary Secretary by the first week in January.
- The President of the B.A.B.A, or in his absence, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, or in the absence of both of these officers, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President shall preside as Chairman at every General and Council meeting of the B.A.B.A. In the absence of these, the members present shall select any other member to preside. The Chairman shall not vote except in the case of a tie when he or she shall have the casting vote.
11. Extra-ordinary General Meetings Extra-ordinary General Meetings shall be convened :-
- By the Council whenever it thinks fit or by any five members of the Council.
- By the Honorary Secretary within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a formal requisition from any twenty members including Life and Associate members.
- In such case the requisition shall be signed by the parties requesting the meeting and it shall clearly state the matter for discussion.
- Only the business for which the meeting has been summoned shall be dealt with at such a GENERAL meeting.
- Each requisition shall be accompanied by a fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00). Such fee shall be forfeited if in the opinion of the members present the issue was frivolous, or if a protesting Association, Club, School, College, Life or Associate Members fails, without reasonable excuse, to attend such meeting. If however, the issue was proven to be justified the fee would be refunded.
12. General Meeting Quorum An Annual or Extra-ordinary General Meeting shall consist of the Council, two (2) representatives from each affiliated Association, Club, School and College, who may both vote, as well as all of the Life, Associate and Honorary Members. A quorum shall not be less than twenty of the eligible membership. An eligible member is one that was financial in the B.A.B.A's last financial year.
13. Voting All persons present who are eligible members at an Annual General Meeting shall be allowed to vote and all voting shall be by secret ballot.

14. Records  
The Honorary Secretary shall keep a Minute Book in which shall be recorded all the business transacted at all meetings of the Council, and at the Annual and Extra-ordinary General Meeting of the B.A.B.A.  
  
The Treasurer shall keep a cash book in which shall be recorded the receipt of and expenditure of all monies belonging to the B.A.B.A. The books shall be the property of the B.A.B.A.
15. Funds  
The funds of the B.A.B.A shall be vested in its name and the trustees shall be the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the B.A.B.A.
16. Accounts  
The Accounts shall be audited annually by the Honorary Auditor of the B.A.B.A who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
17. Competitions  
The Council shall make such Rules and Regulation with reference to the competitions as may be deemed expedient, and shall settle all disputes connected with such competitions, and its decisions shall be final.
18. Interpretations  
The Council of the B.A.B.A is the sole authority for the interpretation of these articles. Decisions made by the Council upon any question of interpretation of any matter affecting the B.A.B.A not specifically provided for, shall be final and binding until such time as such decision shall be overruled at an Annual or Extra-ordinary General Meeting.
19. Dissolution  
The affairs of the B.A.B.A shall be wound up and its existence terminated if a resolution to the effect shall be carried by a two-thirds majority present and voting at an Annual or Extra-ordinary General Meeting convened for that specific purpose. At least fourteen (14) days notice of such meeting shall be given to all affiliated Associations, Clubs, Schools, Colleges, Life and Associate Members, and notice of such meeting also be inserted in two (2) newspapers and on the radio stations of this Island. If such resolution be carried, the members in the General Meeting shall be a simple majority determine the distribution and disposal of the assets of the B.A.B.A.
20. Change of Rules  
No rule of the B.A.B.A may be repealed, amended or added save by a majority of members present at and voting at an Annual or Extra-ordinary General Meeting. Written notice of intention to propose, amend or repeal any Rule shall be given to the Honorary Secretary by the first week in January and he shall send notice of same to every affiliated Association, Club, School, College, Life and Associate Member at least seven (7) days before the General Meeting.
21. Date of Constitution  
This constitution is hereby amended on January 31, 1997.

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