

Illini Basketball Officials Association  
BY-LAWS

Article I NAME

The organization shall be named the Illini Basketball Officials Association (IBOA).

Article II STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization is to develop and maintain excellent basketball officiating through the careful selection of members and by focusing on a thorough understanding and proper application of all rules, mechanics, and techniques as well as fostering close personal relationships among the members.

Article III MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

- Sec. 1 The voting body of the Illini Basketball Officials Association (IBOA) shall be called the Executive Membership. Only certified basketball officials of the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and collegiate affiliate members will be eligible for Executive membership. Only Executive members are eligible to hold office.
- Sec. 2 The non-voting body of the IBOA shall be called the Associate Membership. Non-certified basketball officials of the IHSA and certified officials not approved for Executive membership will be eligible for Associate membership.
- Sec. 3 Collegiate affiliate members are those Executive members who no longer focus their officiating careers on high school basketball, yet whose experience, energy and leadership are still valuable to the organization. They are encouraged to attend as many meetings as possible. Collegiate affiliate members are still considered Executive members and retain all rights and privileges as such.
- Sec. 4 Upon retirement from officiating an Executive member shall be considered an Honorary member and will be invited to all meetings and social functions. An Honorary member shall not retain any voting rights or be eligible to hold office.
- Sec. 5 All members are encouraged to work towards a Certified rating with the IHSA as quickly as possible and continually strive to improve their officiating expertise as well as maintain excellent moral and ethical character and integrity.

Article IV OFFICERS-DUTIES-ELECTIONS

- Sec. 1 The officers of the IBOA shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Clinics/Programs Chairperson, and Publicity Chairperson.

Each officer will serve a two year term and be elected in odd numbered years. Only Executive members are eligible to hold office.

- Sec. 2 The Board of Directors will be made up of the officers of the IBOA.
- Sec. 3 Nominations and elections for office shall be made at the annual meeting of the Executive membership. No member is eligible to hold more than one office at a time. All voting shall be done by secret ballot. In case of a tie, the officer shall be selected in a run-off election. Three election judges shall be appointed by the sitting Board of Directors prior to the elections at the annual meeting. No candidate for any office is eligible to serve as an election judge.
- Sec. 4 Any unexpired terms of office shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors before the next annual, regular, or special meeting following the resignation or removal of the officer.
- Sec. 5 President  
The President shall be in charge of the IBOA and be responsible for conducting the business of the Association, preside over all meetings, and act as official spokesperson for the IBOA. The President shall preside over any meetings of the Board of Directors, and also have the authority to appoint any committees deemed necessary.
- Sec. 6 Vice President  
The Vice President shall assist the President, preside over meetings in the event of the President's absence, and also act as an ex officio member of any special committees appointed by the President.
- Sec. 7 Secretary  
The Secretary shall record minutes of all meetings and be responsible for presenting them in a formal manner to the Board of Directors and the membership at subsequent meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining meeting attendance lists, and shall coordinate all correspondence with the membership including meeting/clinic/program announcements, membership rosters, and any other information that may be necessary.
- Sec. 8 Treasurer  
The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of all IBOA funds, and shall be required to present an updated accounting of all receipts & expenditures at each meeting and make it available for review by the Board of Directors and the membership. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining membership rosters and guest lists, collecting all dues and other receipts, and paying of all debts and expenditures as authorized by the Board of Directors or the Executive membership.
- Sec. 9 Clinics/Programs Chairman  
The Clinics/Programs Chairman shall be responsible for organizing, planning, and presenting all clinics, programs, and rules meetings for the IBOA. The officer shall see that there is a program/presentation for all regular meetings and plan and organize all clinics. The Clinics/Programs Chairperson shall also maintain updated information for the membership on local, state, and national officiating clinics and

camps.

Sec. 10 Publicity Chairman

The Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for contacting the media (newspaper, radio and/or television) to announce or arrange coverage of IBOA events. The Publicity Chairman shall work with the President, Secretary and/or Clinics/Programs Chairman to disseminate information regarding IBOA events to the appropriate media outlet, and shall compile lists of post-season honors and accomplishments of the members.

Sec. 11 The Board of Directors shall convene at the request of the President when needed. The Board of Directors shall review and screen all applications for membership and formulate a list of candidates for approval by the Executive membership. When necessary, the Board of Directors shall act as a disciplinary committee and take such action as they deem necessary, with the requirement that no member can be dropped from the membership roster without the approval of 80% of the executive membership in attendance at the annual meeting.

Sec. 13 The Board of Directors shall have the authority to govern and rule on any matters not specifically addressed by these by-laws by majority vote of the Board at any meeting. Only the Board of Directors can approve the expenditure of any IBOA funds by a majority vote of the Board.

Article V ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Sec. 1 Prospective members may attend regular meetings of the IBOA. The prospect shall be considered as a guest of the IBOA. In order to keep the size of the meetings manageable, the Board of Directors may review the names and set up a guest list each year, and may drop those persons who have failed to follow-up their intent by not joining the IBOA within the last year. The guest list shall consist of not more than ten persons for any given meeting.

Sec. 2 After becoming a registered official with the IHSA, an official desiring Associate status may then submit a written application for Associate membership to the Secretary. All such applications must be submitted prior to a regular meeting. The Board of Directors shall review all applicants and vote on possible members at a regular meeting. The Board of Directors may have the authority to determine the number of Associate members to be added in any given year.

Sec. 3 An Associate member who has achieved certified status with the IHSA and desires to become an Executive member must submit a letter of application to the Board of Directors for consideration. All such applications must be submitted prior to the annual meeting. The Board of Directors shall screen all applications and present a list of candidates to the Executive membership for action. A maximum of five new Executive memberships will be available each year to Associate members. If after applying for Executive membership an applicant is not approved, the applicant automatically retains Associate membership status.

- Sec. 4 Voting a member/prospective member into or out of an Associate or Executive membership must be done by an 80% affirmative vote of the Executive membership in attendance at the annual meeting. When figuring percentages, round to the next lowest whole number.

Article VI ATTENDANCE

- Sec. 1 All Associate and Executive members are encouraged to attend all regular or special meetings. Members who do not attend more than one-half of such meetings will be asked for an accounting to the Board of Directors. A member will be considered in good standing if that member has attended at least one half of all scheduled meetings during the previous year, and is current in payment of dues. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to take action as they deem necessary for failure to attend one-half of these meetings.
- Sec. 2 Any Executive member who does not attend one-half of the regular or special meetings may be returned to Associate member status by an 80% affirmative vote of the Executive membership in attendance at the annual meeting.
- Sec. 2(a) Executive members missing the annual Executive meeting in March shall be placed on probation. If an Executive member that is on probation misses the next annual Executive meeting in March, that official would be demoted to an Associate member, with an 80% vote of the Executive membership present at the next annual meeting. This will be effective with the March 2020 Executive meeting.
- Sec. 3 A first year Associate member should attend one-half of the IBOA meetings during their first year of membership in order to purchase an IBOA jacket, bag, or other items.

Article VII MEETINGS

- Sec. 1 Meetings of the IBOA shall consist of an annual meeting of the Executive membership and such other regular or special meetings of the entire membership as may be determined and set by the Board of Directors.
- Sec. 2 The meeting dates and locations shall be determined by the Board of Directors. When business warrants, special meetings may be called by the President.
- Sec. 3 The annual meeting of the Executive members shall be held shortly after the last state basketball tournament series in the spring. Attendance at this meeting shall be for Executive members only.
- Sec. 4 50% of the Executive membership shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of voting on any order of business at any annual, regular or special meeting.

Article VIII DUES

Sec. 1 Dues shall be set by the Executive membership at the annual meeting.

Article XIV AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by a written proposal submitted to the Board of Directors and upon their recommendation will be submitted to the Executive membership for approval. The amendments cannot be voted upon at the same meeting they are presented for discussion.

Article X APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS OR AMENDMENTS

Sec. 1 These by-laws or any amendments hereto become effective upon approval of 80% of the Executive members of the association in attendance at the meeting at which these by-laws or any amendments are voted upon.

Article XI TOP 15 LIST

Per the request of the Illinois High School Association, the Executive members of the Illinois Basketball Officials Association shall submit a Top 15 list of officials eligible for post-season tournament assignments to the IHSA by December 1 each year. Lists of IBOA officials may be submitted for **girls as well as boys classifications**. Those officials to be considered for a top 15 list must be members in good standing with the IBOA. Each Executive member in good standing will be entitled to submit top 15 lists, and these lists will then be compiled by the officers of the IBOA. The list of members in good standing to be considered on a top 15 list will be sent to the Executive members by approximately November 1.

Article XII OBSERVER PROGRAM

**The IBOA will initiate and conduct the observer program that has been developed by the Illinois High School Association. This program provides adequate training for observers who can then observe IBOA members and offer mentoring and constructive critique to help improve their officiating talents and abilities. The program may be coordinated by the Clinics/Programs committee.**

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