

**MOBILE BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**  
**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

Mobile Basketball Officials Association (MBOA) officially affiliated with the Alabama High School Athletic Association shall be the name of this organization.

**ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to deliver competent well-trained basketball officials dedicated to excellent performance and to promote the integrity and spirit of competition in the sport of basketball.

**ARTICLE III - MEETINGS**

Meetings shall be held regularly prior to and at the start of each basketball season or any time at the discretion of the President.

**ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

- Section 1.** Officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice-President Treasurer, Recording Secretary and six Executive Board Members.
- Section 2.** The President shall preside at general MBOA meetings of the membership and Executive Board, preserve order therein, initiate contracts with all schools, make all decisions for the Association and in the event that no one accepts a nomination for a position, the President will seek out individuals to serve and fill those positions which are subject to approval by the Executive Board.
- Section 3.** The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in either the absence of or the request of the President, serve as the Assignment Secretary and support the MBOA by performing those tasks assigned by the President.
- Section 4.** The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for all the minutes at the meetings, along with keeping an accurate roll call, compile voting list and distribution of any materials.
- Section 5.** The Treasurer will record the financial status of the Assoc., sign checks and perform duties assigned by the President and/or the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall maintain and record all financial transactions of the organization.

**Section 6.** The Assignment Secretary, with the assistance of the Assignment Committee, shall report the status of Game Assignments to the Executive Board and assign game officials for all contracted schools. This person will not officiate in any contests for MBOA contracted schools.

**Section 7.** The Executive Board shall manage the affairs of the organization with the approval of the membership.

**Section 8.** The Assignment Secretary shall be appointed by the Executive Board.

**Section 9.** All Committee members will be appointed by the Executive Committee.

## **ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **Section 1.**

The Executive Board shall be composed of 10 members which consist of the elected officers and the remaining six members shall be elected members from the voting membership. Each Board member will serve two years unless they resign, retire or leave for other reasons. After two years, they must go through the process again.

### **Section 2.**

Nominations and election of officers shall be held before the last Sunday in March. Only voting members may be nominated for office. The Nominating Committee shall announce that any member who may be interested in serving in an elected position, should submit their name to the Chairperson of the Committee two meetings prior to the election. The Nomination Committee shall compile a ballot of the Nominees and make available to voting members two weeks prior to the election. After the selection of Nominees and the ballot has been established, each office shall be voted on and must receive a majority of the membership present and absentee voting to be elected to the position in which he/she is seeking. Voting shall be done by secret ballot or unanimous consent.

### **Section 3**

Elections will take place in the following order:

- (A) Elections for Vice President and Board Members serving in seats 1, 3 and 5 will be held in 2021 and every two years thereafter.
- (B) Elections for President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Board Members serving in seats 2, 4 and 6 will be held in 2022 and every two years thereafter.

## ARTICLE VI - MEMBERS

- Section 1.** The Association will have an open general membership and a voting membership.
- (A) Voting members shall have voting rights in the Association in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of membership and having obtained 50 points. These points can be accumulated by a combination of the following: attending the District Camp Clinic, taking the classification exam, meeting attendance and being evaluated by the District Director.
  - (B) General membership is provisional for application to voting membership and the number of general members will be at the recommendation of the President and approved by the Board . To be admitted to the general membership, a person must supply a completed application form and it must be approved by the Executive Board.
- Section 2.** If a voting member does not pay Association dues, both state and local, in a given year, that member is placed on inactive status and cannot vote on any Association business that year. If the voting member continues on inactive status for two (2) consecutive years, that member forfeits their status as a voting member. The member can be reinstated as a voting member only by the normal provisions of this Constitution. A voting member can retain status simply by paying local and state dues. That member cannot call any games. **Exceptions can be made by the recommendation of the Treasurer and the approval of the Executive Board.**

## ARTICLE VII - RULES

- Section 1.** A member who cannot fulfill an assignment, which he/she has accepted, will notify a member of the Assignment Committee, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the game. In no case, will he/she reassign the game themselves.
- Section 2.** High School Head Basketball Coaches are prohibited from calling any games contracted by the MBOA.

- Section 3.** All correspondence and checks written in the name of the Association must be signed by any two of the three: President, Vice-President or Treasurer.
- Section 4.** All complaints shall be submitted in writing to the chairperson of the Grievance Committee who will investigate, resolve the issue and report the matter to the Executive Board.
- Section 5.** A voting member may submit a proxy vote in writing to any voting member on any issue to be voted on. To submit a proxy vote, a voting member must follow this procedure:
1. The proxy vote form must be completed and submitted to a member of the Nomination Committee at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting.
  2. The voting member must present a written statement from the person he/she is casting the vote for at the meeting.
  3. A voting member is only allowed to hold two proxy votes.
- Section 6.** All members, both voting and general, must abide by all established rules and regulations of the Association as follows:
1. Members are to arrive at assignment sites at least thirty (30) minutes before scheduled game time.
  2. Members are expected to dress appropriately for all game assignments in the State mandated uniform. Clothing and equipment are expected to be neat, clean and in good functioning condition. Failure to meet any of these standards may result in the limitation or elimination of assignments.
  3. Members are expected to be clean shaven for all game assignments. No jewelry of any type can be worn on the face or in the mouth or ears. Neatly trimmed mustaches are acceptable, beards of any type are not acceptable.

4. Members are expected to act as a professional in all situations involving Association activities, including but not limited to, game assignments, meetings and as a coach or fan. Members are not to confer with coaches or other non-membership personnel before, during or after a game about their performance or the performance of another member.
5. Punishments for offenses against the Association will include reprimands, suspension, limitation of games and possible dismissal from the Association for the following offenses:

Missing an assignment  
Showing up late for an assignment  
Unprofessional behavior  
Conduct detrimental to the Association

Second offenses and subsequent violations will be dealt with on an individual basis with a majority vote of the Executive Board. These subsequent offenses may result in longer suspensions or dismissal from the Association.

## **ARTICLE VIII - ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICIALS**

- Section 1.** The Assignment Committee will consist of 6 members from the following: the Assignment Secretary, Vice President and voting members who are recommended by the President and approved by the Executive Board, who have expressed interest in qualifications and requirements of varsity officiating.

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **ARTICLE I**

- Section 1.** The Association and all of its members will abide by the regulations and standards of the Alabama High School Athletic Association.
- Section 2.** Members may not accept a game from any coach or official of any school without first clearing this through a member of the Assignment Committee.

## **ARTICLE II - CONTRACTS AND TOURNAMENTS**

**Section 1.** Contracts are secured by the President and approved by the Executive Board. The administration shall be the responsibility of the President. The association may cancel a contract at any time upon one-week written notice.

**Section 2.** Post Season Tournament officials will be selected by the Southwest District Director, unless they are selected by the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

## **ARTICLE III - DUES**

All members will pay dues in the amount recommended by the Executive Board and approved by the majority voting membership. Exceptions can be made by the recommendation of the Treasurer and the approval of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** Any Member of the general membership can present a proposed amendment to the Bylaws.

(A) Members submitting proposed amendments must submit changes in writing to the Bylaws Committee in general membership meeting. Copies of the proposed amendment must be forwarded to each member by email or writing.

(B) The Bylaw Committee shall review proposed amendments to ensure the changes are in compliance with the AHSAA standards.

(C) Member or designee submitting proposed amendments shall stand before the general membership on the first reading to explain purpose of amendment.

(D) The amendment is adopted if two-thirds (2/3) of the membership is present and voting in the affirmative.

#### **ARTICLE V - IMPEACHMENT AND DISMISSAL**

**Section 1.**

Impeachment of any officer or dismissal of any member shall be subject to a written complaint of ten (10) or more voting members and require two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting membership.

#### **ARTICLE VI - QUORUM**

A quorum of 25% of the voting members is required in order to conduct the voting business of the organization.