

Chapter Policies

The Executive Committee (Board) has adopted the following SABOA policies. These procedures may be revised as necessary, by the Board, to conform to such needs as may arise. The intent of these Policies is to provide the membership with the methods used by the Board in the chapter operations.

It is the intent of the Board that SABOA members follow these policies and that each member has access via the SABOA website.

Any member who desires to recommend change or suggest a new policy can do so in writing to the President, Executive Committee, or their Division Representative. These Policies follow the By-Laws in their structure and will be reviewed and reissued annually by the Board.

TESTING:

The Texas High School Basketball Officials Association (THSBOA) website will contain the annual examination(s), the number of times the test may be taken and the end date of the examination. To be eligible for any assignments the test must be taken and passed before 1 November. The SABOA passing score required is 90% percent.

MEMBERSHIP:

1. Member officials are persons who are in “good standing” with THSBOA and SABOA. Criteria for members in “good standing” are outlined in SABOA By-Laws.
2. All members of SABOA are expected to know the meaning and application of the rules and mechanics of the game of basketball. Members must be responsible for continued self- improvement **through the study** of the National Federation Rules and Mechanics. . Members must pass all required tests as directed by SABOA and the UIL. (Amended Nov. 7, 2012)
3. All members of SABOA are expected to be physically, mentally, and emotionally fit to discharge their duties on the basketball court.
4. Dual membership creates difficulty assigning games. Therefore, SABOA discourages dual membership. However, SABOA cannot preclude members from seeking dual member status.
 - a. In those cases where members feel dual membership is necessary, the SABOA Executive Board will consider dual membership on a case-by-case basis.

b. Dual member game assignments will be assigned on an as needed basis by the SABOA Assignment Team. Dual membership officials may be considered for post-season assignments. (Amended: 09/11/19)

5. The Executive Committee may assess dues for membership and fines for late registration including any state agency dues that SABOA has affiliated with during the current basketball season.

6. The Executive Committee of SABOA may adopt the state agency's Code of Ethics or Due Process policies it is affiliated with.

7. Members of SABOA shall attend all mandatory meetings as described in the bylaws in order to be eligible for playoff assignments.

8. Members of SABOA shall pay state agency fees of \$75.00 dollars (**\$50.00 dollars if paid prior to 1 July**) per basketball season.

9. Members of SABOA will pay early chapter dues via Arbiter of **thirty dollars, (\$30)**, \$2 dollar fee per use. After October 1, the fee shall be \$42 dollars.(Approved 08/14/19).

10. Members shall pay the current game assignment fee (GAF) of \$1.50 dollars per game assigned/worked. Members with a negative GAF balance as of January 31st of the current basketball season may result in non-selection for Playoff assignments. Unpaid game fees (GAFs) may result in non-selection for Regular season games as determined by the Assignment Team. Members with a negative Game Assignment Fee balance of May 31 of each year following a season will be assessed a \$25 late penalty to their GAF account (Amended 04/16/14)

CONDUCT:

1. All members of SABOA are expected to be well groomed, including clean and neat regulation uniforms. This includes: **THSBOA(non-panel) sublimated black and white official shirt, jacket for varsity contests, black pants, predominate black shoes, black socks, and black (Fox 40 Classic preferred) whistle and a black lanyard.** This includes **appropriate** attire worn to basketball contests.

2. All members of SABOA are expected to be physically, mentally, and emotionally fit to discharge their duties on the basketball court.

3. Members of SABOA are not to dress in the players' dressing room or around the teams' quarters when reasonably avoidable.

4. Members of SABOA shall arrive at their assigned game site and on the floor of the game, by rule, as designated by **the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Rules Book and Officials Manual**.

5. Members of SABOA shall refrain from drinking intoxicating beverages before or during an assignment. Members in uniform shall not be seen in a place that sells intoxicating beverages for consumption on premises.

6. Members of SABOA, at assigned games, shall refrain as far as courtesy permits from talking to fans before, during, or **following** the game about the contest at hand.

7. Members of SABOA at assigned games shall neither avoid, nor seek out, coaches or school authorities after the assigned game. Members of SABOA shall leave the floor immediately following the conclusion of the contest.

8. Members of SABOA shall not discuss other officials of this Chapter with coaches, other school authorities, publicity personnel or fans. All criticism of the member should be to the member or the Executive Committee, Division Representative, or Assignor.

9. Members of SABOA shall not directly or indirectly solicit games for the member or others from coaches or school officials.

10. **All Ethic complaints will be forwarded to the SABOA President and presented to the SABOA Executive Board to determine if further investigation is needed:**

a. The Ethics Committee Chairperson will notify members of the investigation. Members will have 48 hours to respond to receipt of investigation otherwise the basketball schedule will be forfeited.

b. Any and all video of the incident must be provided to the committee.

c. Once the investigation is completed, the Ethics Committee will forward all recommendations to the Executive Board for further action if needed.

d. SABOA Secretary will maintain all documentation from the Ethics Committee with final Executive Board results.(Approved 11/13/19)

11. **SABOA is committed to providing a workplace that is free from sexual harassment. Incidents of sexual harassment shall be reported to the Executive Committee promptly. All matters concerning sexual harassment shall be processed according to the guidelines outlined in SABOA By-Laws.**

RANKING POLICY:

SABOA members will be ranked/evaluated and skill set (Tier) determined to aid their advancement in every practical way to the highest levels of officiating the game of basketball.

1. Ranking Tiers are assigned on evaluations and criteria met. Officials who do meet the established criteria annually shall be considered “ineligible.”

2. Members will be ranked/evaluated using criteria set forth by the Executive Committee. An established rubric shall be used by evaluators in the conduct of the ranking/evaluation. The following criteria shall be used: Appearance, Mobility and Physical Fitness; Communication with Coaches and Co-officials; Knowledge and Application of Rules; Attitude and Professionalism; Court Presence; Floor Leadership; Game Management; High Call Accuracy and Call Selectivity; Demonstrated capability within 2-person and/or 3-person mechanics

3. Tier 100 is eligible to work any level game. Chapter’s Top 15%; Highest proficiency demonstrated per ALL areas of proficiency rating criteria; Crew Chief and able to work any game assignment; Advanced UIL and State/Regional Level Assignment Ready; Required to attend or critique a SABOA once every two years to remain; All test scores 90+ and in good standing; Must participate in at least 2 scrimmages; Work at least 25 Varsity assignments; Attend at least 3 Chapter meetings (Christmas Social is considered a meeting); Required to attend or critique at SABOA camps once every two years to remain; Work at least one junior high game assignment with a 500 ranked official.

4. Tier 200 is eligible to work playoffs games and below. Chapter Top 25-30%; Crew Chief/U1 for most assignments; Above average proficiency per most areas of ranking criteria; Eligible for all levels during playoffs; Attend camp as a camper or clinician every two years; Eligible for all levels during playoffs; All test scores 90+ and in good standing; Must participate in at least 2 scrimmages; Work at least 25 Varsity assignments; Attend the SABOA evaluation/ranking every 2 years; Attend at least 3 Chapter meetings (Christmas Social is considered a meeting).

5. Tier 300 is eligible to work high school varsity and may be considered for playoff assignments. Chapter’s Top 50% List, including up and coming officials (Top Campers); Average to above average demonstration of most areas of ranking criteria; Above average proficiency within 3-person mechanics system; Attends camp EVERY year – three person mechanics camp; All test scores 90+ and in good standing; Attend the SABOA evaluations/ranking every 2 years; Attend at least 3 Chapter meetings (Christmas Social is considered a meeting); Work at least one junior high game assignment with a 500 ranked official.

6. Tier 400 is eligible to work lower level high school games (3A and lower) and below: Some Proficiency Skill in 3 Person Mechanics; High Proficiency for 2 person Crew Chief for sub varsity games and below; Crew Chief - Postseason JV,

Freshman, Middle School Tournaments; Attends SABOA Camp EVERY year, three person mechanics camp; All test scores 80+ and in good standing; Attend any referee camp every 2 years (Advanced 2-person training is considered a camp); Attend at least 3 Chapter meetings (Christmas Social is considered a meeting); Work at least one junior high game assignment with a 500 ranked officials.

7. Tier 500 is eligible to work sub varsity and below: Med-High Proficiency Skills - 2 person mechanics; Eligible for Postseason Middle School Tournaments; Attends Camp EVERY year, 2 person, some 3 person; All test scores 70+ and in good standing; Attend at least 3 Chapter meetings (Christmas Social is considered a meeting).

8. Tier 600 are unranked Officials who are unranked, new officials having no experience. Transfer officials who have not been evaluated and given a rating level.

9. Tier 700 are not ranked Officials. These officials decided not to be ranked.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. The Assignment team will make Varsity game assignments using an official's availability, Coach's submitted scratch list, and Ranking tier.

2. Sub-varsity assignments are under the direction of the Assignment team. SABOA officials of all levels will have the opportunity, and are expected, to support the Chapter's sub-varsity program.

3. All members shall work scrimmages as assigned by the Assignment team. Members are expected to work at least two scrimmages, if assigned. Scrimmages will generally run for a maximum of 3 hours. A member must work at least one scrimmage to be eligible for varsity games and playoffs.

4. The Assignment team shall refrain from assigning an official(s) from working the same Varsity team more than six (6) times during the regular season, excluding tournament assignments.

5. Members should contact their co-official(s) at least 48 hours before an assigned game. Any member attempting, but is unable to make contact with his co-official by noon of the day prior to the assigned game shall contact the Assignment team. The crew "R" has the first responsibility to contact, but not sole responsibility.

6. Members who "No Show" for assigned games will be reported to the President and Assignment Director.

7. The SABOA Selection Committee will be comprised of the President, THSBOA/SABOA State Representative, Assignment Director, and Member-at-Large. (Approved 11/23/2020)

GAME FEES AND TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

1. Game fees shall be paid according to the flat fee schedule outlined in 1204 (M). The first dollar amount within each travel range equals the official's game fee plus a flat rate for travel paid for the first game officiated. The second dollar amount (base game fee) would be for each additional game the official works [first game fee + travel (\$70+15 /\$70)/ fee for each additional game].

2. All officials will receive the Travel Reimbursement. Travel Reimbursement shall be paid according to the Mileage Ranges outlined in 1204 (M). Mileage ranges for SABOA will be determined from the center point located at: 160 Dolorosa, San Antonio, TX 78205. Mileage ranges are: 1-30; 31-60; 61-90; and 91-120.

a. Mileage range 1-31: \$15.00 (each official)

b. Mileage range 31-60: \$30.00 (each official)

c. Mileage range 61-90: \$45.00 (each official)

d. Mileage range 91-120: \$70.00 (each official)

3. Officials assigned games greater than 120 miles from the center point shall determine Travel Reimbursement based on portal-to-portal state Travel Reimbursement rate.

a. Officials shall travel in one car at the Travel Reimbursement accordingly: Driver 50%; Each Passenger 25%.

b. Deviations from this policy shall be approved by the Assignment Director and President.

CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS

1. SABOA shall award academic scholarship(s) to high school seniors of members in "good standing".

2. Applications must be submitted to the SABOA Board of Directors and/or the Scholarship Committee no later than April 30th. The applicant, if chosen, will receive notification by May 15th. A maximum of five (5) \$500.00 dollar scholarships may be awarded.

3. In the event the number of scholarships awarded is less than five (5), remaining monies may be used to award scholarships to SABOA officials seeking to attend Basketball Officiating Camps. The Executive Committee shall determine the dollar amount, not to exceed \$250.00 dollars.

CHAPTER FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The SABOA operating period shall be from 1 April to 31 March annually.
2. An annual budget shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval no later than 15 May.
3. Each activity requiring funding shall submit to the SABOA Treasurer a budget showing estimated income and expenses. Activity budgets will be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. (Examples may include, but not limited to: Training, Camps, Scholarships, Christmas Social, Chapter Meeting Venue Rental, etc.)
4. Additional requests for funds not explicitly included in proposed budgets shall be considered on a case by case basis and approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members of SABOA shall not have an affiliation with any parties in the contest. Members must not accept games at a school where the member's sons or daughters attend, in the school in which the member works, or where the coach is a close friend/acquaintance. Game decisions must be free of personal bias. If SABOA is affiliated with a state agency that has a Conflict of Interest Statement, this may be a guiding document.

DATES OF CHANGES/APPROVAL:

November 7, 2012

April 16, 2014

August 14, 2018

September 11, 2019

November 13, 2019

February 23, 2020

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