

SABOA

Constitution

Article I: Name

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be known as the San Antonio Chapter of Basketball Officials Association (SABOA).

Article II: Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of SABOA is to provide a group of skilled basketball officials to assist the advancement of its members in every practical and ethical way to the highest levels of officiating the game of basketball. SABOA shall encourage its members to consistently enforce all rules and mechanics of the game of basketball as published by the National Federation of High Schools and outlined in the Texas Exceptions. SABOA members shall encourage fair play, sportsmanship and work officials, school administrators, athletic directors, coaches, players, basketball fans, radio, television and the press.

Article III: Authority (Added)

Section 1. SABOA is a recognized officials organization as part of the Texas High School Basketball Officials Association (THSBOA) that adheres to all policies set forth in the THSBOA Bylaws.

Section 2. SABOA will establish bylaws to govern administrative and procedural matters. Bylaws shall not conflict with this Constitution. Bylaws may be adopted, amended, or temporarily suspended by a majority vote present at a general membership meeting where a quorum is present (advance notice is not required).

Article IV: Membership

Section 1. To be a qualified member of SABOA a person shall meet the following qualifications:

- 4.1. A reputation considered to be above reproach.
- 4.2. Submit appropriate references in the number and type that the Executive Committee may request.
- 4.3. As directed by SABOA, membership in a certifying agency of the State of Texas showing all dues paid.

4.4. Knowledge of the rules and mechanics set forth in the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) publications and outlined in the Texas Exceptions.

4.5. Demonstrate evidence of physical ability to officiate the game of basketball.

4.6. Payment of dues assessed by and promulgated in SABOA Bylaws and Policies.

4.7. SABOA may accept other officials that apply, pending approval and their division ranking from a certifying state agency, for membership and temporary placement in a Division. Such officials may be assigned games and may vote, but cannot hold office on the Executive Committee until approved for full membership by SABOA. SABOA shall accept into full membership a member of another State of Texas basketball chapter upon receipt of a recommendation letter from the Chapter Secretary of the chapter.

4.8. Ability to meet and pass any other requirements set forth by SABOA.

Section 2. (Added) Eligibility for membership or elected officer positions may not be limited on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability. SABOA shall have no bylaws or policies that discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, color, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, citizenship, sexual orientation, or disability.

Section 3. Honorary Members.

4.3.1 Honorary Membership may be conferred upon an individual by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee. Honorary Membership is usually reserved for special recognition of long years of exemplary service either to SABOA or to the game of basketball. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues, but neither shall vote or hold office.

Section 4. Inactive Members.

4.4.1 Inactive Membership is reserved for members who have paid their state and local dues, but are not actively engaged in officiating basketball games. Inactive members are not required to attend meetings of the chapter and have full voting privileges.

Article V. Administration

Section 1. Officers.

5.1.1. The officers of SABOA shall be one President, one Vice President, one immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. The officers shall hold office as provided in the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies.

5.1.2. **(Added) In order to run for office SABOA members must be in “good standing” as outlined in SABOA Bylaws and policies.**

Section 2. Executive Committee.

- 5.2.1. The Executive Committee (EC) shall consist of eleven members. EC shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, the immediate Past President, and representatives from Division 1 through 5. Therefore, there shall be ten (10) voting members of the EC with the President (or other Presiding Officer) exercising voting privileges only to break ties.
- 5.2.2 The Assignment Director (s) will serve as an ex officio member of the EC without voting privileges.
- 5.2.3. The Training Director will serve as an ex officio member of the EC without voting privileges.
- 5.2.4. Division representatives may designate their division alternate to conduct voting duties as a proxy in their absence.
- 5.2.5. The members of the EC shall perform their duties as provided in the SABOA Bylaws.

Article VI. Meetings.

Section 1. (Added) SABOA Executive Committee meetings shall be held monthly.

Section 2. (Added) General membership meetings shall be held as determined by the EC.

Section 3. (Added) Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the EC. All members must be given a minimum of 48-hour notice prior to the meeting time.

Article VII. Election of the Executive Committee and Division Representatives

Section 1. Elections

- 7.1.1 The elections of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms and the five division representatives shall be held on the last regularly scheduled meeting of the year and no later than March 31 of each year.
- 7.1.2. The President and Treasurer shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast at the last meeting of even numbered years.
- 7.1.3 The Secretary, Vice President, and Sergeant-at-Arms shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast at the last meeting of odd numbered years.
- 7.1.4. Voting methods will be established by the board of directors and can be written ballots or accomplished electronically.

- 7.1.5. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Division Representatives shall be elected as follows: (Amended 3/23/2014)
- 7.1.5.a. A nominating committee of five (5) members, one from each Division, shall be appointed by the President during the current season, but not later than two (2) meetings prior to the next to last meeting of the year.
- 7.1.5.b. It is recommended that the nominating committee submit two (2) candidates for each office that is due to be filled at the next to last meeting and these candidates shall be voted on at the last meeting of the year. After the report from the committee of the candidate for election, the President shall call for nominations from the floor for each office to be filled. In order to be a candidate for elected office, nominations must be accomplished by the close of the next to last meeting called.
- 7.1.5.c. The Sergeant-at-Arms and Secretary shall prepare written ballots with all candidates nominated for each office. Write in votes are not to be counted. Each office shall be voted on separately and the candidate receiving the majority of votes cast by a majority of the membership present shall be declared elected. A majority will consist of at least fifty percent (50%) plus 1 of the membership present. If the candidate does not receive a majority vote on the first ballot, the candidates with the top two (2) vote totals will have a runoff election on a second ballot. Ballots shall be maintained by the current Sergeant-at-Arms, sorted by Division, stored for a minimum of two (2) years and made available to any member requesting to examine. (Amended 3/23/2014)

Section 2. Election of Division Representative.

- 7.2.1. Each Division Representative shall be elected by a caucus of the division members present following the election of chapter officers.
- 7.2.2. A person shall not be a Division Representative and hold any other office in SABOA.
- 7.2.3. The member receiving the majority of votes cast by the Division membership shall be declared elected as the Division Representative. The member receiving the second highest vote total shall be declared the Alternate Division Representative.
- 7.2.4. The Alternate Division Representative shall assist the Division Representative, shall have the right to attend any Executive Committee meeting, and shall act as the Division Representative in his/her absence. (Amended 3/23/2014)

Section 3. Filling a Vacancy.

- 7.3.1. To fill a vacancy in any Executive Committee position, the presiding officer may announce at any regular meeting that an election will be held at the next regular meeting to replace said vacancy. Nominations and elections will be held at the same meeting in filling vacancies. Should a vacancy occur between April

1 and November 1, the Executive Committee shall appoint said person to serve until an election may properly be held.

Section 4. Voting Eligibility.

7.4.1. Only members in good standing (i.e., paid in full State & Chapter dues).
(Amended 3/23/2014)

Section 5. No Multiple Positions.

7.5.1. No person may run for, or serve in more than one position on the Executive Committee at the same time.

Article VIII. Removal of Executive Committee.

Section 1. Any member of the Executive Committee shall be removed for misconduct through the use of the following:(See Bylaws Article 5, Section3).

8.1.1. A recall petition with the names of one third (1/3) of the members when the election took place will be presented to the Executive Committee and a date would be set for a recall election.

8.1.2. The Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms, if neither is subject to recall, shall prepare written ballots that may ask only if the removal should take place.

8.1.3. A two thirds (2/3) vote of the active membership is necessary for removal.
(Amended 3/23/2014)

Article IX. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 1. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by giving notice of such change in writing to the Secretary, who in turn shall notify the President. The President shall make a proper announcement at the next regular meeting. Action by Chapter membership on the amendment(s) shall be taken at the first meeting following the Presidential announcement.

Section 2. A two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the current membership present at an announced meeting is necessary for adoption. (Amended 3/23/2014)

Section 3. Any proposed Constitution amendments or Bylaws alterations during the off-season must be made in writing to all members of the Chapter. This shall be mailed or sent electronically to the Chapter members if the Executive Committee deems the change essential. Votes on the aforementioned shall be mailed or sent electronically sent to the President and the votes counted by the Executive Committee. For a mail-in or electronic vote to be valid, seventy-five percent (75%) of the membership must respond. (Amended 3/23/2014)

Article X. Dates of Amendments. (Added)

Section 1. The original date of this document cannot be determined.

10.1.1. Amended March 24, 2014

10.1.2. Proposed changes: July 24, 2018

10.1.3. Proposed changes: February 22, 2020