

AMARILLO BASKETBALL OFFICIALS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1. To provide a group of officials who have a working knowledge of the basketball rules, with ability to interpret them accurately, intelligently and consistently.

Section 2. To encourage a close relationship among officials, school administrators, athletic directors, coaches and fans.

Section 3. To encourage fair play and sportsmanship.

Section 4. To set and maintain a high code of ethics.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. Persons making application to become a member of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization must be approved by the President.

Section 2. Applicants shall be recognized as members upon fulfilling the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Executive Officers

- A. The Executive Officers are the:
 1. President
 2. Vice President

3. Varsity Secretary
 4. Junior Varsity Secretary
 5. Middle School Secretary
 5. Treasurer
 6. Recorder
- B. To run for an Executive Officer position, the candidate must be a member in good standing of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization for at least three (3) years.
- C. The term for an Executive Officer position is two (2) years.
- D. All Executive Officer positions are voted on by all members otherwise eligible to vote under the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization Constitution and By-Laws with the exception that only Division I, II, III, and IV members may vote for Varsity Secretary.

Section 2. The Board

- A. The Board members are:
1. The Executive Officers (see Art. IV, Section 1)
 2. The immediate Past President
 3. The Division Representatives

Section 3. Division Representative

- A. There will be one (1) Division Representative from each of the five (5) Divisions of the organization.
- B. To run for Division Representative position, except for Division Representative V, a candidate for a Division Representative position must be a member in good standing of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization for at least the previous year.
- C. The term for a Division Representative position is one (1) year.
- D. In the Division Representative election, members otherwise eligible to vote under the Amarillo Basketball Officials Organization Constitution and By-Laws may only vote in the division in which they will be a member of in the following year.

ARTICLE V
Elections

Section 1. Nominations

- A. Nominations for each office shall be made by the Election Committee. After the Election Committee reports, nominations can be made from the floor.

- B. Each candidate for Division Representative must be a member of the division he/she wishes to represent for the following year.
- C. Any member not in good standing with the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization may not be nominated or hold any elected position or be appointed to any office or committee.

Section 2. Voting

- A. Elections will be at the last regular meeting.
- B. Members who cannot be present at the last meeting may vote absentee as prescribed by the Election Committee.
- C. In order to vote, a member must be a member in good standing of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization.
- D. Each election shall be by secret ballot prepared by the Election Committee.

Section 3. Winner

- A. Each office shall be elected by receiving the majority of the votes cast and the candidate receiving the majority votes cast shall be declared elected to that position.
- B. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be placed on a second ballot and another vote taken. Absentee ballots will count in any run-off election.

ARTICLE VI
Committees

Section 1. Election Committee

- A. Members and its Chair shall be appointed by the President and are subject to replacement by the President at any time.
- B. The Chair of the Election Committee will serve as the Election Judge.
- C. This committee will:
 - 1. Bring before the membership of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization a list of nominees for each office up for the election.
 - 2. Prepare the ballots for the elections.
 - 3. Count the valid votes cast to determine the winner.

4. Make sure all election requirements are followed.

Section 2. Program Committee

- A. Chaired by the Vice President
- B. Members are appointed by the Vice President and subject to replacement at the pleasure of the Vice President at any time.
- C. The number of members is determined by the Vice President.
- D. This committee arranges and/or conducts the programs for the regularly called meetings of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization.

Section 3. Any Special Committee(s)

- A. Members and Chair are appointed by the President and are subject to replacement at the pleasure of the President at any time.
- B. The number of members is determined by the President.
- C. Serve for special activities as deemed necessary by the President, Executive Officers, or the Board.

ARTICLE VII
Dues/Fines

Section 1. The annual dues of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization shall be determined by the Board.

Section 2. The annual dues of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization are due February 1, for the year following that date.

Section 3. They are payable by February 1 of each year or prior to the last scheduled meeting of Amarillo Basketball Officials organization. No member will be allowed to vote until all dues, fines, and assessments are paid in full.

Section 4. No game assignments will be assigned by the assigning secretaries for the year following September 1, if the dues, fines, or assessments have not been paid by the end of the first scheduled meeting of the organization for that year.

Section 5. If an official pays his/her dues prior to the due date for the following year and then decides not to officiate the following year, the portion of his/her dues not already allocated will be refunded by the Treasurer.

Section 6. All members should turn in their officiating record to the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization Treasurer by April 1 each year.

ARTICLE VIII
Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization shall be set by the Board.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President at any time.

Section 3. All members of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization must attend:

- A. An Interpretation Meeting
- B. 80% of all regularly scheduled meetings.

ARTICLE IX
Quorum

A quorum shall consist of the registered membership present.

ARTICLE X
Amendments

This Constitution and the attached By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Amarillo Basketball Officials organization by a majority of the members present voting, provided that the members have been notified at least two weeks in advance of the meeting of the proposed amendment to be voted upon.