

Warren County Basketball League
a division of Warren County Athletic Association

Constitution and By-Laws

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – Name of Organization

1. This organization shall be known as the Warren County Basketball League, hereinafter referred to as WCBL, a division of the Warren County Athletic Association, hereinafter referred to as WCAA.

ARTICLE II – Objective

1. The purpose and objective shall be to arouse and maintain an enthusiastic interest in the basketball program of the WCBL; to provide our youth with a supervised athletic program whereby they are instructed in the game of basketball, thereby building healthier and stronger minds and bodies, and at the same time, teaching them sportsmanship and fair play, that they might become better citizens of their respective communities.

ARTICLE III – Sites of Principal Operations

1. The principle operations of this association shall be in and about the cities of Belvidere, Harmony, Hope, Liberty, and White, and any additional town under the jurisdiction of the WCAA, County of Warren, and State of New Jersey, but not limited to.

ARTICLE IV – Powers

1. The association shall have the following powers in addition to the powers expressly or implicitly conferred on its by-laws.

A. To make and enforce rules and regulations to govern itself on a local basis, but be consistent with the rules of High School basketball.

B. No member of this association may enter into a contract for this association without the approval of the executive board.

C. This association is a tax exempt organization, which is assigned the number 22-303215.

D. The executive board is allowed to solicit contributions for the association.

ARTICLE V – Committee

1. Each participating town shall be represented at each meeting, and have one (1) vote on association issues.

2. Any person sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objective of the WCBL may apply to become a member. Membership or affiliation with any other Group or organization is not required to qualify as members of the WCBL.

ARTICLE VI – Officers

1. This association shall have the following elected officials: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. This will form the Executive Committee.
2. All officers are elected to serve a one year term. The election will be held each with the term beginning in July, and ending in June.
3. In the event of a vacancy, a special election shall be held to fill the opening.

ARTICLE VII – Meeting and Quorum

1. There shall be at least one meeting held each month of the year.
2. Special meetings of the members may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee. Upon written request of three (3) members, the President shall call a special meeting to consider the specific subject. No other business shall be conducted at this meeting.
3. The meeting in June shall be called the “Annual Meeting” which shall be the meeting at which the Officers of this association shall be elected.
4. Scheduling meetings are to be held prior to the 1st official practice of the WCBL season.
5. The presence in person or proxy of 50% of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.
6. Attendance is mandatory by each town. Every effort should be made to ensure that a representative from each town is present at the meeting. If the primary representative cannot attend, then an alternate should be sent. Towns not represented at the meeting cannot vote on any issues presented at the meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – Amendments

1. This constitution and by-laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the WCBL/WCAA. Any rule changes voted by majority will be effective immediately and noted in the meeting minutes.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – Officers

1. The President shall be elected IAW the constitution Article VI. He shall preside at all meetings of the association. He shall assume full responsibility for the operation of the association. The President will appoint all committees and supervise the activity thereof. He will ensure that the association adheres to the rules and regulations of High School Basketball. Submission of the charter in a timely fashion is the President's responsibility. He shall preside over all protests and disputes. The President will review finances with the Treasurer and be one of the "two signatures" required to sign checks. In the event of a deadlock, the President has the final say.
2. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and carry out such duties and assignments delegated by the President. In the event that the President must leave office before the end of his term, the Vice-President will assume the duties until a new President can be elected. The Vice-President is responsible for maintaining and updating the league Bylaws and Rules prior to each WCBL season. He shall also compile game results and standings throughout the league season. He shall assume responsibility to record the minutes of all meetings in the absence of the Secretary. The Vice-President can be one of the "two signatures" required to sign checks.
3. The Secretary shall preside in the absence of the President and Vice-President and carry out such duties and assignments delegated by the President. In the event that the Vice-President must leave office before the end of his term, the Secretary will assume the duties until a new Vice-President can be elected. The secretary will record the minutes of all meetings. The secretary is also responsible for sending out notice of regular and special meetings, maintain an official record of the association's activities and performing such other duties as this office may require. The Secretary can be one of the "two signatures" required to sign checks.
4. The Treasurer signs checks, dispenses association funds as approved by association officers, reports on the status of league funds, keeps financial records, prepares the budget and assumes the responsibility for all association finances.
5. The Board of Directors shall include all four (4) association officers and one member for each township in good standing with the association.
6. Town representatives will vote on issues, with each town having one (1) vote. In the event of a tie, the President will decide the issue. Officers will not vote on issues unless an officer is also the town representative.
7. Any violation not specifically covered by the By-laws or Policies and Rules of the WCBL will be decided by vote of the Executive Committee. All decisions of the Executive Committee are final.

ARTICLE II - Officials

1. The Referee Coordinator is appointed by the Executive Committee to coordinate and supervise the association's referees and be responsible for the following duties:
 - A. Assist in obtaining referees for games
 - B. Conduct clinics on rules
 - C. Recruit new referees
 - D. Be sure all referees know proper protest procedures
2. Each town representative will coordinate games for all host games. At the scheduling meeting with the coaches, a schedule will be distributed, rules discussed, gym locations verified and coaches phone numbers exchanged. Each town representative will ensure that all games are played in a timely manner and in accordance with all rules and regulations. They will monitor all make up games and report any problem to the WCBL President.
3. Referees shall be appointed by the Referee Coordinator. The home team will pay the referees the fee that is set at the beginning of the year.

ARTICLE III - Players

1. Each player must play in the town where he/she resides. In the event that town does not have the ability to put together a full team, they can come to the league for assistance. If a town does not offer a basketball program, a child may play on a team outside their town, with league approval.
2. Our purpose is to teach sound basketball principals and good sportsmanship. With this in mind, all players are required to participate in each game, in accordance with the current rules.

PENALTY

- A. Penalties for violation of playtime rules are as follows:
 1. First offense, team forfeit.
 2. Second offense, team forfeit, coach is dismissed for remainder of season (for team that has violated the playtime rules).

The WCBL must receive written notice of playtime violations. This notice must also include written and verifiable proof of the playtime violation.

ARTICLE IV - Dues

1. The amount of dues and penalties shall be set at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V – Rules and Regulations

1. High School basketball rules and those rules and regulations established by the State of New Jersey and provincial organizations and these By-Laws, are to be considered binding on this association with noted changes.

ARTICLE VI – Amendments

1. These By-Laws and Rules may be amended or appealed. Any amendment or rule change shall be brought before the board at the monthly meeting to be introduced. It shall be voted upon at that meeting. By-law and rule changes will be determined by majority vote. Any changes are effective immediately and will be communicated in the meeting minutes.

ARTICLE VII – Order of Business

1. Call to order by the presiding Officer
2. Roll call by the Secretary
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by the Secretary
4. Any discussion
5. A vote for acceptance of the minutes
6. Treasurer's report
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Adjournment

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