

PROPOSED CHANGES TO SABOA CONSTITUTION

The following are the proposed changes to our current constitution which was last updated over 10 years ago. Please read through each proposed change and be prepared to vote on each after the clinic on October 21, 2000. Once the changes are approved, each member will be given a copy of the new revised constitution at the general clinic in November.

Article 3 - Objectives of the Association

OLD:

To promote full enforcement of all the rules of the game in both letter and spirit.

PROPOSED:

To promote consistent, professional behavior by all officials.

Article 5 - Membership

OLD:

Members of the Association

Any person may be considered for membership in the Association. To be accepted, a candidate must adhere to the Constitution and By-laws and meet the requirements for membership listed herein.

PROPOSED:

Members of the Association

Any person of good character may be considered for membership in the Association.

PROPOSED ADDITION OF:

Tenure of Membership

The membership year shall be the calendar year. Privileges begin immediately when all membership requirements are met. A member may withdraw from membership at any time by writing to the Secretary. Privileges may be suspended for cause, pending review. The Executive may withdraw privileges, Permanently after consideration. Grounds shall be the same as for suspension, usually offences of a recurring nature, or when the member cannot satisfy the Executive that his behavior will change.

5.3.1 - Active Members

OLD:

- a) ... be prepared to continually assess and attempt to improve their knowledge and ability as an official
- b) write the ABOA rules examination each year and obtain a mark of 65%

PROPOSED:

- a) Continually assess and attempt to improve his/her knowledge and ability as an official.
- b) Writes rule examination each year and obtain a mark of 65%

PROPOSED ADDITION OF:

5.3.1 Active Member Privileges

- Attendance at Association meetings.
- Voting at Association meetings
- Holding elected office.
- Assignment to games by the Association

5.3.2 Associate Members

PROPOSED ADDITION OF:

- c) May attend general meetings but may not vote.
- d) May participate in committees but may not hold elected office

Life Members

OLD:

A Life membership may be granted to any person who has been a member of the Association for Ten years and has made an outstanding contribution to its affairs. The membership may be granted upon passage of a motion at any properly constituted meeting of the Association. A Life Member may attend all meetings of the Association.

PROPOSED ADDITION OF:

A life member shall have the same privileges as an active member. It is assumed under most circumstances, this honor will be granted after an official has ceased active officiating. It is assumed under most circumstances, this honor will be granted after an official has ceased active officiating and must be approved by the Executive.

OLD: Section pertaining to cards of membership to SABOA.

PROPOSED: DELETE THE SECTION - CARD OF MEMBERSHIP

Article 6 - Membership Fees

OLD:

The annual fees of membership shall be in force, and as adopted by the Association from time to time at the Annual Meeting called in accordance with these bylaws.

PROPOSED:

The annual fees of membership shall be in force, and as adopted by the Association from time to time at the Annual Meeting called in accordance with these bylaws.

Article 7 - Privileges and Obligations

OLD:

Active members shall be eligible for evaluation.

PROPOSED DELETION:

Active members shall be eligible for evaluation.

Article 8 - Meetings

OLD:

The annual meeting of the Association shall be held each April for the purpose of winding up the season, and electing a new Executive if necessary.

PROPOSED ADDITION:

All minutes and the financial records shall be available for inspection by the members at this meeting.

8.4 Notice of Meetings

OLD:

Notice of the annual and annual general meeting shall be communicated to all members at least seven days before the scheduled date of the meeting. This shall take the form of a written notice including the date, time and place of the meeting and, if possible, the agenda items.

Notice of general meetings shall be communicated to all members at least seven days before the scheduled date of the meeting. This shall be in the form of a phone call or electronic mail from one of the members-at-large.

PROPOSED:

Notice of general meeting shall be communicated to all members at least seven (7) days before the scheduled date of the meeting. This shall be in the form of a phone call or electronic mail from one of the Members at Large.

PROPOSED ADDITION:

8.9 Attendance

Members are expected to attend all meetings of the Association. Members should notify the Secretary as to their reason for missing any meeting. Chronic failure to attend meetings without cause shall be grounds for suspension of membership privileges.

Members are expected to attend at least 2 general meeting held during the year.

Article Nine - Executive

PROPOSED ADDITION:

9.5 Powers

The executive shall, subject to the Constitution and Policies or directions given it by a motion passed at a general meeting, have full control of the affairs of the Association.

OLD:

9.7 Resignations and Vacancies

If any member of the Executive (excluding the President) shall resign office, or without reasonable excuse be absent from three or more executive meetings or be expelled from the Association, the Executive will declare the position vacated and call a by-election at the next annual or general meeting. The Executive may appoint a member to assume the duties of the vacated position in the interim.

PROPOSED:

The Executive will declare the position vacated and call a by-election at the next annual or general meeting. The Executive may appoint a member to assume the duties of the vacated position in the interim.

PROPOSED ADDITION:

By-elections in an executive position shall be filled at the next annual or general meeting. Proper notice of motion is required. If more than one by-election is called for a particular meeting, the positions shall be voted in the order listed in article 9.3.

9.14 Financial Policies

Payments to officials shall be at the end of the season unless an official requests payment at the January General Meeting. Such requests should be sent in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer two weeks prior to the meeting.

PROPOSED ADDITION: Advances may also be requested by members and shall be paid by the secretary-treasurer provided the account balance is sufficient.

Article Ten - Voting

10.1 Eligibility

OLD:

Every Active member of the Association has one vote in the affairs of the Association.

PROPOSED ADDITION:

Every Active member and life member of the Association has one vote in the affairs of the Association.

Article Twelve: Duties and Powers of Officers

12.7 Duties of the Rating Chairman

OLD:

The Rating Chairman will:

- a) Be responsible for evaluating, rating and critiquing officials in consultation with the Executive.
- b) Attend a Provincial Clinic at least every second year.

PROPOSED:

The Rating Chairman will:

- a) Be responsible for evaluating, rating and critiquing officials in consultation with the Executive.
- b) Attend a clinic approved by the Executive at least every second year.

Article Fourteen: Committees

OLD:

Standing committees of the SABOA may be appointed at any time by the President with the approval of the Executive. The size of each committee is at the discretion of the President.

PROPOSED:

The President with the approval of the Executive may appoint standing committees of the SABOA at any time. The size of each committee is at the discretion of the President.

Grievance Committee

OLD:

- 1) Failure to appear for an assignment. The official may be suspended from further assignments until the matter has been reviewed.
- 2) Late arrival for an assignment. First offence may be a fine of fifty percent (50%) of the game fee. Repeated offences may be grounds for suspension.

PROPOSED:

- 1) Failure to appear for an assignment without cause or just notification when duly notified. First offence, the fine will be all costs associated with the game fees. ie. Game fee and /or mileage for the replacement official. Repeated offences may be grounds for suspension
- 2) Late arrival for an assignment. Repeat offenses may be grounds for suspension. If a replacement official has been called and, the late official will be fined all costs incurred by the replacement official. ie. game fees and mileage.

Article Fifteen: Assignments

15.1 Responsibility

OLD:

Assignments of members to all provincial tournaments, Province-wide-leagues and out-of-Province including inter-Provincial and national games shall be arranged through and approved by the SABOA Executive. The Zone playoffs leading to provincial tournaments may have officials assigned by ABOA.

PROPOSED DELETION OF:

The Zone playoffs leading to provincial tournaments may have officials assigned by ABOA.

15.2 Local Assignments

OLD:

Assignments for regular games shall be the responsibility of the SABOA. If necessary the SABOA may request assistance in providing officials from the ABOA.

PROPOSED:

Assignments for regular games shall be the responsibility of the SABOA. If necessary the SABOA may request assistance in providing officials outside of the SABOA.

15.3 Fees

OLD:

Fees for games up to the provincial level shall be paid to the SABOA who will reimburse the individual official. A fee of ten percent (10%) will be deducted by the SABOA for the purpose running the Association.

PROPOSED:

Fees for games up to the provincial level shall be paid to the SABOA who will reimburse the individual official. A fee determined by the Executive will be deducted by the SABOA for the purpose running the Association.

OLD:

NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS.

To be nominated for national appointments, a member must meet the requirements as set out by the Canadian Association of Basketball Officials.

PROPOSED DELETION OF NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS REFERENCES. (no longer needed)

Unauthorized Assignments

OLD:

Any member of the association, who accepts a game Assignment other than through SABOA, or ABOA, shall be liable to disciplinary action determined by the Executive.

No member of the Association shall enter into direct negotiation or correspondence regarding officiating with any league or group without the consent of the Executive of the SABOA.

PROPOSED:

Any member of the association, who accepts a game Assignment other than through SABOA, or another association (recognized by the executive), shall be liable to disciplinary action determined by the Executive.

No member of the Association shall enter into direct negotiation or correspondence regarding officiating with any league or group without the consent of the Executive of the SABOA.

Article Sixteen - Exams

OLD:

The exam shall be sent to ABOA within fourteen (14) days of the sitting of the exam.

PROPOSED DELETION OF:

The exam shall be sent to ABOA within fourteen (14) days of the sitting of the exam.

Article Seventeen - Clinics

OLD:

Provincial Clinics

Members who wish to be eligible for the ACAC or CIAU list, must attend a provincial clinic at least once every two years.

PROPOSED DELETION OF:

Provincial Clinics

Members who wish to be eligible for the ACAC or CIAU list, must attend a provincial clinic at least once every two years.

OLD:

Local Clinics

c) Members who wish to be eligible for the "4A" list, must attend one local clinic.

PROPOSED DELETION OF:

Local Clinics

c) Members who wish to be eligible for the "4A" list, must attend one local clinic.

Article Eighteen - Grievances and Discipline

18.2 Procedure

OLD:

b) All grievances shall be considered within one week of receipt by the Grievance Committee.

PROPOSED:

b) The grievance committee shall consider all grievances within a reasonable time of receipt.

Article Nineteen - RULES

OLD:

Now.... The Association shall actively encourage the use of FIBA rules at all levels of play.

PROPOSED DELETION OF:

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Article Twenty-two - Emblem

PROPOSED CHANGE TITLE TO: Article Twenty-two: Emblem/Uniform

PROPOSED DELETION OF ALL REFERENCES TO THE OLD ABOA UNIFORM. (Which included blue pants, collared shirts, etc.)

PROPOSED ADDITION OF:

The Executive may from time to time adopt any mark, design, device, symbol, emblem, or uniform for the use by the Association.

Article Twenty-six - Responsibility for Injury

Liability

OLD:

The S.A.B.O.A. accepts no responsibility for injury or death of a member traveling to or from an assignment, or during an assignment; but individuals are covered by the Association's coverage.

PROPOSED:

The S.A.B.O.A. accepts no responsibility for injury or death of a member traveling to or from an assignment, or during an assignment.