

**TUCSON HEAT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I
Name, Affiliation and Territory**

The name of this organization shall be **TUCSON HEAT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION** (the “Association”), a non-profit Association located in Tucson, Arizona, functioning in and serving in such area as may be deemed beneficial to the youth of the Tucson/Southern Arizona community and its surrounding communities.

**ARTICLE II
Purpose**

Section 1. General Purpose: The Association is formed to operate exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and is chartered for the specific purpose of representing Tucson/Southern Arizona, and its surrounding communities.

Further, the objectives of this Association are: To inspire high standards in excellence as a person, player, and student; to emphasize education as the primary building block for success in life; to develop an attitude to fuel the desire to be the best; to promote teamwork, to mold the diversity the Association offers into a winning team and a successful program; to inspire youth to practice ideals of health, citizenship, and character and bring area youth closer together through the means of a common interest in sportsmanship, fair play, and fellowship; to impart to the game elements of safety, sanity, and intelligent supervision; to keep the welfare of the youth first and foremost, and to provide and maintain qualified and appropriate adult leadership and example.

Section 2. Specific Purpose

1. To establish a tradition of basketball excellence in Southern Arizona.
2. To create an atmosphere conducive to multi-cultural understanding and awareness.
3. To create a learning environment that leads to success on the basketball court and in the classroom.
4. To develop Outreach Programs that prepare student athletes for life after high school.
5. To acquaint participants with the basic fundamentals and rules of the game and their safe and proper execution.
6. To instill in the youth, goals and habits of high scholastic performance.
7. To impress the youth with the benefits of maintaining sound health, good physical conditioning, and a drug-free course of living.
8. To demonstrate to the youth that discipline, both self and imposed, are requirements for a successful and happy life, as well as participation in competitive sports.
9. To teach youth that adherence to the principles of sportsmanship, following the rules of training and of the game, along with continued efforts to improve are achievements that will cause the youth to appreciate and excel in the game.
10. To continuously stress the principles of safety inherent in proper conditioning, continuous practice in the proper techniques of the sport and reporting ill health or injuries.
11. To inspire the youth regardless of race, creed, or national origin, to practice the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship, and physical fitness.
12. To promote in the youth morality and values.

ARTICLE III
Membership

The Board of Directors shall be members elected by the Association. The staff members of all of the Association teams, as well as additional members, shall be admitted by the Board of Directors, limited to individuals interested in assisting, promoting, establishing, or conducting any and all of the purposes as set forth by the Bylaws.

Application for Association membership shall be made in accordance with the Bylaws, together with payment of such dues, if any, as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Associate membership shall be the youth participation in their amateur sport and any other individuals interested in the objectives of this program, providing they have paid such dues as may be determined by the Association. Associate members shall not have voting rights nor hold any elective office in the Association.

ARTICLE IV
Jurisdiction

The Association shall administer the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, rules, regulations and established policies.

ARTICLE V
Government

Government of the Association shall be the Board of Directors, no less than three (3) nor more than twenty-six (26) members, who shall be nominated and elected in accordance with these Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall be elected for a one (1) year term.

The Board of Directors shall:

1. Require all teams to abide by the Rules and carry out all policies of the Association.
2. Take custody, control, and management of all Association property and equipment issued or entrusted to the teams.
3. Administer the handling of all Association financial transactions by the Association and approve all bills prior to payment. The Board will establish a budget for all upcoming tournaments and all individual activities.
4. Accept or reject all memberships according to the requirements and criteria established by the Association.
5. Administer and enforce all the Association rules and regulations.

ARTICLE VI
Meetings

Section 1. Annual Meetings: The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held in September/October timeframe each year; the time and place to be designated by the President of the Association. All parents of youths, coaches, and others who are or were participating members of the Association at the end of the last prior season shall be notified and invited to attend and participate in such annual meeting.

Section 2. General Meeting: Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places as the President of the Association or Board of Directors may determine.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings: Notice of the meetings shall be given to each Association member, specifying the time and place of such meeting.

Section 4. Quorum: Fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business of the Association.

Section 5. Attendance: All regularly scheduled Board Meetings of the Association shall be open.

ARTICLE VII Amendments

Amendments to this Association Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed to the Board of Directors for approval as follows:

1. The President shall appoint a committee who shall review the existing Constitution and Bylaws. This Committee shall also review any and all proposed amendments(s) by the Association members, such proposed amendment(s) to be submitted in writing by a specific date and announced by the committee.
2. The proposed amendments(s) shall be submitted to the Board of Directors at a general or special Association meeting duly called for the purpose of ratification. Notice of such meeting shall be given prior to such meeting to all Board of Directors.
3. At the ratification meeting, a quorum shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors.
4. A majority affirmative vote of those Board of Directors present shall be required to ratify such proposed amendments(s) (50% plus 1).
5. Such written proposed amendments(s) not proposed by the committee can be brought up by the floor at this meeting, discussed, rejected or ratified by a majority vote of those Board of Directors present.

ARTICLE VIII Election of Board of Directors and Officers

Section 1. Nominations: The President shall appoint a Nomination Representative or committee who shall prepare and furnish the slate of nominees for Board of Directors to the Association Members prior to the Annual Meeting in September/October. Prior to election of Board of Directors, additional names may be place in nomination from the floor by an Association member in good standing and eligible to vote.

Section 2. Elections: From the names placed in nomination above, Association members in good standing and eligible to vote shall elect by **SECRET BALLOT**, the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in September/October.

Section 3. Officers: At the September/October Board meeting following the annual election of the Board of Directors, the duly elected Board of Directors shall elect the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The newly elected Board and Officers shall commence their terms of office in October immediately following their election. The Treasurer shall be bonded as well as all Association personnel responsible for managing and handling Association funds and property, if such bonding coverage is available and economically feasible. All Directors and Officers are eligible for election to successive terms of office. The President and the Treasurer shall not be related or reside in the same household.

Section 4. Appointments: Upon election, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint the following, who shall be members of the Board of Directors: General Manager, Players Athletic Director, Equipment Manager, Cheer Athletic Director, Judicial Representatives, and all Committee Chairpersons, as required.

ARTICLE IX
Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs, the Board of Directors shall vote on a nominee.

ARTICLE X
Removal

A Board Member or Officer may be removed for cause per the Association requirements or by two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of all members of the Board of Directors for the same cause. The President with confirmation by a majority of all Directors may remove any appointed Association or Team Manager, Coach or Chairperson and may discharge any Committee Member.

ARTICLE XI
Duties of Officers

Section 1. President: The President shall supervise the Association and its Officers and see that its dues and obligations are fulfilled. The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association and its Board of Directors and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. The Executive Vice President: The Executive Vice President shall perform all presidential functions in the absence of the President. The Executive Vice President shall also perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for all meeting notices, maintaining all official Association minutes and records, rosters of membership and attendance, and other documents of the Association. The Secretary shall carry out such other duties as the President or Board of Directors may prescribe.

Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparation of all financial records and statements which shall be presented at the Annual Meeting and at all other times when called upon to do so by the President or Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as the President or Board of Directors shall prescribe.

ARTICLE XII
Finances

Section 1. All finances, obligations and arrangements shall be made, handled, and accounted for by the Association as authorized and directed by the Board of Directors. All funds and moneys received by an individual, team or the Association shall belong to and be subject to administration and control by the Board of Directors. No obligations may be incurred by an individual, team or the Association for or on behalf of the Association, except as authorized thereby.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall administer all team and Association finances and shall have sole authority to disburse the funds as reflected by the Association budget. The President and Treasurer shall be authorized by the Board of Directors to sign all checks requiring the disbursement of funds. The Treasurer shall maintain possession of the checking account.

Section 3. All moneys payable to the Association shall be deposited with the Treasurer and a receipt therefor given. All accounts payable by the Association shall be made by check.

Section 4. All expenditures by the Association in excess of two hundred dollars (200.00) shall require approval of the Board of Directors. Association expenditures in an amount less than two hundred dollars for a complete transaction may be jointly approved by the President and Treasurer on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. A budget must be established and approved by the Board of Directors for each event.

ARTICLE XIII

Judicial

Section 1. The purpose of the Judicial Committee shall be resolve internal complaints of alleged rules violations on the part of players and coaching personnel.

Section 2. The Judicial Committee shall consist of the President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Board. The Judicial Committee shall be chaired by the Executive Vice President. The President shall vote on the Judicial Committee's recommendation only in the case of a tie.

Section 3. Complaints shall be in writing and submitted to the Executive Vice President. The complaint shall state (1) the rule(s) alleged to have been violated; and (2) the steps attempted to correct the problem.

Section 4. The Executive Vice President shall within 48 hours of receipt of the written complaint (1) notify the complaining party of the receipt of the complaint and (2) notify the Judicial Committee of the receipt of the complaint.

Section 5. The Judicial Committee shall within 10 days of receipt of the written complaint advise the parties of its resolution of the matter.

ARTICLE XIV

Teams

All teams in the Association shall be subject to the Association Bylaws, rules, regulations and established policies. No team shall be eligible for travel or post-season competition until the following obligations have been fulfilled:

1. The fundraising goals as established by the Board of Directors for each participant is met.
2. The team is fully sponsored to the amount established by the Board of Directors.

Section 1. Fund-raisers: All team fund-raisers shall notify the Board of Directors. Notification by telephone shall be made to the Tucson Heat Association. Such fund-raisers shall not compete with any fund-raisers for this Association.

Section 2. Finances: All funds, both raised and donated shall be deposited in the Association checking account and shall be deemed the property of the Tucson Heat Basketball Association.

ARTICLE XV
Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order (or equivalent) shall be recognized as the authorized procedural Rules of Order for the conduct of all meetings of the Association and of its committees, unless modified or supplemented by specific provisions of these Bylaws which shall govern in case of any conflict or contradiction of rules.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON

TUCSON HEAT ASSOCIATION

By

Secretary
State of Arizona

County of Pima

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this _____ day of _____ 1999

, by _____ as Secretary TUCSON HEAT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION.

Notary Public