

**GREATER CINCINNATI BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION
(GCBOA)
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I
(Name)**

This organization shall be known as the GREATER CINCINNATI BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION.

**ARTICLE II
(Purpose)**

The purpose of this ASSOCIATION is to assist in maintaining the highest levels of officiating expertise among its members. This purpose shall be accomplished by providing a close cooperation and understanding between members, league commissioners, athletic directors, coaches, the media and all those who seek to advance and promote athletics. It will provide the medium for correct interpretation of the rules and of officiating mechanics by encouraging and promoting the development and advancement of officials. It will adopt and support high standards of ethics for its members, and provide good fellowship and camaraderie among its members.

**ARTICLE III
(Membership)**

Membership of the ASSOCIATION shall be open to persons interested in the purpose for which it is organized and shall be limited to those persons dedicated to the fulfillment of its purpose. The general membership of the ASSOCIATION shall be divided into three (3) groups. They shall be known as CLASS I, CLASS II, and RETIRED MEMBERS.

A. CLASS I – having been an official for two years and having passed the OHSAA move-up tests and evaluation of two CLASS I officials to become classified as CLASS I. They shall remain a member as long as they fulfill the general requirements of the ASSOCIATION.

B. CLASS II – a member who obtains an OHSAA rating, shall remain in this class for at least two years. They shall remain a member as long as they fulfill the general requirements of the ASSOCIATION.

C. RETIRED MEMBERS – any member in good standing who is retired from active high school officiating.

ARTICLE IV **(Officers)**

The OFFICERS of this ASSOCIATION shall be PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, and TREASURER. All of the OFFICERS shall be elected from the membership at a vote of the ASSOCIATION and their terms of office shall be for a period of one (1) year or until their successors have been elected. Exception – the secretary and treasurer shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. It shall be the custom and practice for the VICE-PRESIDENT to accede to the presidency at the expiration of the term as VICE- PRESIDENT. Should the PRESIDENT, in any way become incapacitated, and/or unable or unwilling to serve, the current VICE PRESIDENT shall accede to that position, and the office of VICE PRESIDENT shall be appointed by the Advisory Board for the remainder of the current term.

ARTICLE V **(Advisory Board)**

There is hereby established an ADVISORY BOARD whose duty will be to govern the ASSOCIATION in accordance with this CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS.

A. The ADVISORY BOARD shall be composed of fifteen (15) members. The PRESIDENT, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, RULES INTERPRETER, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, LEAD INSTRUCTOR OF NEW OFFICIALS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR, and six (6) elected by the voting membership of the ASSOCIATION. The term of office for the six (6) elected members shall be two (2) years or until their successors have been elected.

B. The ADVISORY BOARD shall have the power to adopt all regulations to govern its deliberations.

C. The RULES INTERPRETER, LEAD INSTRUCTOR OF NEW OFFICIALS, and INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR shall be appointed by the BOARD and shall serve a term of one (1) year.

D. Eight (8) members of the ADVISORY BOARD shall constitute a quorum.

E. Each of the members elected from the voting membership (CLASS I and II) of the ASSOCIATION by the voting members other than RETIRED MEMBERS shall be permitted to vote on all matters properly brought to the BOARD. In addition thereto, RETIRED MEMBERS shall be permitted to vote on all matters properly brought before the BOARD provided the total number of votes cast by RETIRED MEMBERS as a class shall not exceed five (5).

F. At least two (2) meetings of the ADVISORY BOARD shall be held each year. The PRESIDENT may call other meetings as deemed necessary or as requested by at least three (3) members of the ADVISORY BOARD. The SECRETARY will notify all members of the meetings.

G. The SECRETARY, TREASURER, LEAD INSTRUCTOR OF NEW OFFICIALS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR, and RULES INTERPRETER shall be compensated in an amount to be determined by the ADVISORY BOARD at its annual meeting following the Business Meeting of the ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE VI **(Elections)**

A. The PRESIDENT shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) members from the CLASS I and II membership who will announce their nominations for VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, and six (6) members of the ADVISORY BOARD. The chairman of the nominating committee will be the immediate past president.

B. This announcement shall be made two (2) successive weeks prior to the annual Business Meeting.

C. All elections of the ASSOCIATION shall be conducted either electronically or during the ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING each year, prior to the end of the last Local Association meeting. Officers and Advisory Board members elected during the annual election shall take office on April 1st of the following year of their election.

D. Only voting CLASS I, II and RETIRED MEMBERS in good standing will be eligible to vote during the annual election, or any other business which comes before the ASSOCIATION at the annual business meeting.

E. Twenty-five percent of the CLASS I and II MEMBERS of the ASSOCIATION shall constitute a quorum.

F. Absentee voting shall be in accordance with the BY-LAWS.

G. The Governance Committee is responsible for overseeing ALL ELECTIONS, and verifying the results.

ARTICLE VII **(Amendments)**

Amendments, to the CONSTITUTION shall be submitted to the ADVISORY BOARD for approval. If approved by the ADVISORY BOARD, the amendment(s) must be approved by a two-third (2/3) majority of the CLASS I and II MEMBERS who have voted during the vote..

ARTICLE VII
(Dissolution)

Upon dissolution of this ASSOCIATION all funds or other assets held by the ASSOCIATION after payment of all liabilities shall be distributed first to any organization succeeding to replacing this ASSOCIATION as determined by the ADVISORY BOARD. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas, Hamilton County, Ohio.

PASSED THIS DAY OF NOVEMBER 5, 2001.

REVISED THIS DAY OF NOVEMBER 16, 2009.