

**BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**CYO**

**BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

**CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS**

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## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The organization shall be known as the BURLINGTON COUNTY CATHOLIC BASKETBALL LEAGUE (CBL).

## **ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES**

Section 1. To provide for Catholic boys and girls a formal organized basketball league in which to participate.

Section 2. To foster and develop amateur athletics among Catholic Parishes.

Section 3. To equalize athletic opportunities by making standard rules of eligibility for individuals and classifying for competitive purposes the parishes which are members of the Organization.

Section 4. To supplement the physical education program of the Catholic Parishes of Burlington County by making a practical application of the theories of physical activity.

Section 5. To promote uniformity in the arrangement and control of contests.

Section 6. To protect mutual interests of the members of this Organization through the cultivation of ideals of sport and its relationship to the development of character and good citizenship.

## **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. The membership shall consist of any Catholic Parish who so desires to enter a basketball team or teams composed of boys or girls in elementary and secondary levels.

Section 2. These parishes are permitted to join this Organization by filling out an application to be approved by the Executive Board of the Organization.

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## **ARTICLE IV: FINANCES**

Section 1. Each member shall be assessed a membership fee established by the Executive Board annually as provided for by the By Laws.

Section 2. Administration of finances of the Organization shall be the duty of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE V: ADMINISTRATION**

Section 1. There shall be a governing body known as the Executive Board, composed of the following:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Divisional Representatives from each level of play.

Section 2. President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall comprise the Executive Officers.

Section 3. Divisional Representatives shall be approved by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE VI: ELIGIBILITY**

Section 1. Regulations governing the eligibility of individual players shall be established and enforced by this Organization.

Section 2. Member parishes shall comply with the eligibility regulations of this Organization.

Section 3. Infraction of the eligibility regulations shall be judged and penalties therefore pronounced by the Executive Board in such a manner as the By Laws provide.

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## **ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS**

Section 1. This Organization shall hold general membership and AD meetings in a timely manner as prescribed by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Notice of date, time, and place shall be distributed to the Ads at least one week before the first general membership meeting of the year.

Section 3. A representative of each member parish must be present at all meetings.

## **ARTICLE VIII: CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Section 1. This Organization may award trophies and prizes when in the judgment of the Executive Board, it is feasible and desirable.

## **ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Any Athletic Director of this Organization may initiate proposals and additions, deletions, or any other changes in this Constitution by submitting such proposals in writing by August 31<sup>st</sup>. All such proposals shall be considered and acted upon by the Executive Board before the first general meeting of the year. The Executive Board shall endorse or reject each proposal submitted by the Athletic Directors. All such proposals endorsed by the Executive Board shall be distributed to the membership prior to the start of the season.

Section 2. Any additions, deletions, or changes in the Constitution must be approved by two-thirds majority of the Executive Board.

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## **ARTICLE X: EFFECTIVE DATE**

Section 1. The Constitution and By Laws shall take effect on the 30 day of the ninth month of 2018. This Constitution shall be binding upon all its members.

## **ARTICLE XI: DISCRIMINATION**

Section 1. This Organization recognizes the Constitution equality of each member, and agrees that no member shall be discriminated against in the course of his or her membership within this Organization by reason of sex, race, and nationality.

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### **ARTICLE I: DUTIES of OFFICERS**

Section 1. President: Shall see that the Constitution, By Laws, and Rules and Regulations of this Organization are faithfully executed, and shall have general supervision over all the officers and see that they are faithfully performing these duties at all times.

Section 1a. He/she shall have the power to call and preside over meetings of this Organization.

Section 2. Vice President: Shall assist the President in carrying out the objectives as described in the Constitution & By Laws.

Section 3. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect all monies belonging to this Organization, prepare a financial report and present it at each meeting of the Executive Board: pay all bills of the Organization, and prepare an end of season annual financial report.

Section 3a. An Executive officer signature will be required on each check.

Section 3b. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget.

Section 4. Secretary: The Secretary shall call roll of members at each meeting, keep accurate minutes of all meetings, maintain a current and official list of all members, officers, and keep a current attendance record of all voting members.

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### **ARTICLE II: DUTIES of EXECUTIVE BOARD**



- Section 1. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Divisional Representatives shall constitute the Executive Board.
- Section 1a. A quorum shall be defined as two-thirds of the Executive Board.
- Section 2. President will be the Chairperson of the Board.
- Section 3. The Executive Board shall meet at the call of the President and shall conduct such business as may be necessary for furthering the interests of this Organization and shall adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of sports contests as they deem proper. "The Executive Board is empowered to act upon any areas not specifically covered by the Constitution, By Laws, and Rules and Regulations.
- Section 4. The Executive Board shall direct the financial affairs of this Organization, and shall appropriate such monies as may be necessary or useful for its operation.
- Section 4a. All expenses outside of established budget must be approved by two-thirds majority of the Executive Board, at an Executive Board meeting only.
- Section 5. The Board shall interpret the Constitution, By Laws, Rules and Regulations, and settle all disputes of this Organization.
- Section 6. The Board may, at its discretion, appoint other committees to which it may delegate specific functions. These committees may be formed from the General Membership and/or Executive Board or both, provided that no more than one member per parish be appointed on each committee.
- Section 7. This Board shall review and take appropriate action on any violation of the Constitution, By Laws, Rules and Regulations, disputes, and conduct of this Organization.

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### **ARTICLE II: DUTIES of EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Section 8. The Board shall approve an annual financial budget.

Section 9. The Board shall prepare and present an agenda for all meetings of this Organization.

Section 10. Prior to the start of the season, the Board shall arrange and determine the type of playoffs for the Organization.

Section 11. The Board shall publish the Constitution and By Laws each year.

Section 12. The Board shall review all gym locations for league games prior to the start of each season and can refuse gym locations if deemed unsuitable for play.

Section 13. The Board shall approve gym locations for playoffs, select dates for playoffs, determine the amount and types of trophies to be awarded, and purchase the necessary trophies and awards.

### **ARTICLE III: ADMINISTRATION**

Section 1. Age restrictions for Members/Coaches:  
All assistants must be at least 18 years of age as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year for Grade School level.  
All head coaches must be at least 20 years of age as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year for Grade School Level.  
All head coaches and assistant coaches must be at least 25 years of age as of December 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year for High School Level.

Section 2. Membership of the Organization shall consist of voting members.

Section 3. Voting members shall be an Athletic Director or Authorized Representative of each parish who shall represent the teams that are part of that parish.

Section 4. Voting members lose all rights and privileges contained in the Constitution if they do not attend majority of the scheduled meetings.

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### **ARTICLE IV: CLASSIFICATION of MEMBERS**

- Section 1. The Executive Board has the power to place member teams into Divisions of its choosing for reasons of geography or parish size, or other appropriate reasons as determined by the board.
- Section 2. Parish may have two teams per Division only if teams have (10) players  
Each or (20) players total. No player can play for both teams.
- Section 3. Rules for two Leagues per Division.
- a. (10) Parish team's minimum before Division can be split.
  - b. Teams from the same parish should be in separate leagues per Approval of the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE V: ANNUAL DUES**

- Section 1. Member teams shall pay annual membership dues as established before the beginning of the season by the Executive Board.
- Section 2. Annual membership dues become payable at the beginning of each season and must be paid to the Treasurer at the meeting when the schedules will be distributed. If there is a need for a delay, it must be communicated to the treasurer and subsequently approved by the treasurer before the schedule is received.
- Section 3. Any team not turning in its annual dues shall have games forfeited until payment is received. If payment is a problem contact the Executive Board ASAP.
- Section 4. Each parish will be assessed a \$50.00 fee for possible penalties, fines, or referee charges for games cancelled. These fees will be put in an escrow account and only be used for these reasons. If a parish's amount is below the \$50.00 minimum the difference will be paid at the beginning of the next season. If it does not go below the \$50.00 minimum amount no additional funds will be required.

## **By Laws**

## **ARTICLE VI: ELIGIBILITY of ATHLETES**

- Section 1. An athlete to be eligible for participation in the Organization must be identified by the league as a member of a member parish, and must attend CCD or the Parish school if there is one.
- Section 2. Participation in any activity under an assumed name, being guilty of any act of fraud, subterfuge, or other unethical practice relative to this principle is a violation of our Constitution and By Laws.
- Section 3. The Athletic Director of the parish and the coach of the team are responsible for the observance of the eligibility rules contained in this Article.
- Section 4. Each player must be listed on an Organization roster/CCD form before the start of the season.
- Section 5. Age
- a. Grammar School Varsity Division – Any athlete who reaches his/her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> is ineligible to play.
  - b. Grammar School Junior Varsity Division – Any athlete who reaches his/her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> is ineligible to play.
  - c. Grammar School Sophomore Division – Any athlete who reaches his/her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> is ineligible to play.
  - d. Grammar School Freshman Division – Any athlete who reaches his/her 11<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> is ineligible to play.
  - e. High School Division – Any athlete who reaches his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> is ineligible to play.

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### **ARTICLE VI: ELIGIBILITY of ATHLETES**

Section 6.       Grade

- f.   Grammar School Varsity Division – Any athlete in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or lower as of December 1<sup>st</sup> . Any athlete past 8<sup>th</sup> grade is considered ineligible to participate.
- g.   Grammar School Junior Varsity Division – Any athlete in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or lower as of December 1<sup>st</sup> .
- h.   Grammar School Sophomore Division – Any athlete in 5<sup>th</sup> grade or lower as of December 1<sup>st</sup> .
- i.   Grammar School Freshman Division – Any athlete in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or lower as of December 1<sup>st</sup> .
- j.   High School Division – Any athlete in High School as of December 1<sup>st</sup> .

Section 7.       Any student who registers in a school or parish after December 1<sup>st</sup> shall not be eligible to represent that school or parish until the next playing year.

Section 8.       No student may participate in more than one division.

- a)   Freshman players can play Sophomore level

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### **ARTICLE VI: ELIGIBILITY of ATHLETES**

#### Section 9. Who may play for whom?

a. An individual is a member of Parish A and attends Parish B grammar school.

1. If both Parishes support teams, the individual may play for either of the two teams, A or B not both.

2. If only one of the Parishes support a team, the individual may only play for that team except if the following circumstances exist (another Parish is in need of players to field a minimum of 12 players) with the approval of the Executive Board.

3. If a Parish does not support a team, the individual may play for a neighboring Parish, provided all the other eligibility requirements are met.

b. If the player does not follow the regulations and deemed ineligible. The Parish involved will be penalize per Section 10 of Article VI.

#### c. Cross - Registration Eligibility Rules

1. A child from another Parish may be considered for membership on another Parish team if that child seeks membership because of evident need (eg his/her Parish does not have a team or cut from their Parish team) and if that child's family has initiated the request. Recruitment of children from other Parishes would not be tolerated.

2. No Parish member should be cut to make room for this player.

3. Such a child and his/her family would maintain membership in their own Parish. Registration in the other Parish would not be required or suggested.

4. The child would need to meet all other CBL eligibility standards and conform to the other Parish sports policies (e.g. maintenance of academic standards, etc.)

5. The permission of an appropriate person (e.g. pastor or principal or Director of Religious Education) from the child's home Parish would need to be secured in writing. Approval from the Executive Board is required, also.

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### **ARTICLE VI: ELIGIBILITY of ATHLETES**

Section 10. Enforcement of Eligibility Standards – To assure that member teams carry out the responsibility of making certain that all players comply with eligibility standards, the Organization has imposed a uniform penalty against teams, which utilize ineligible players. If the ineligible player participated in a game, then that team will forfeit any games it has won, irrespective of how long the ineligible player participated in the contest. This is so because it is impossible to calculate the impact made on a team contest by one or more individual players.

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### **ARTICLE VII: ROSTERS/CCD FORMS**

- Section 1. Copies of all rosters must be submitted to the Secretary at the November meeting prior to receiving a schedule. If roster is not turned in, team will forfeit 1<sup>st</sup> game plus be assessed a fine. Additional forfeits will be levied as needed if rosters are not turned in to the Secretary.
- Section 2. Any team not turning in its roster at the above prescribed time will forfeit its first game and each subsequent game until the roster is submitted.
- Section 3. Rosters shall be submitted on official Organization forms as distributed by the League.
- Section 4. The rosters shall include the following:
- a. Each player's name, phone number, date of birth, grade, school attending, parish registration, and if attending CCD.
  - b. Each coach's name, phone number, and email address, if applicable.
  - c. Pastor's and CCD Director's/Teacher's signature.

### **ARTICLE VIII: CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- Section 1. The Executive Board shall determine the type of playoffs to be held, select dates, and review gym locations.
- Section 2. Playoff Seeding's will be determined by the Division Standings, that have been recorded with the league per Article IX, Section 1. In the event of a tie, it will be determined by head to head competition. If still tied, it will be determined by the Executive Board.



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### **ARTICLE IX: STANDINGS**

- Section 1. In order to maintain up-to-date standings of all teams winning. The coach must report the score within 48 hours after completion of the game to the individual assigned by the President.
- Section 2. Rescheduled games shall be considered as a scheduled game for this purpose. In the event that there is a need to reschedule a game, both coaches should contact their division representative and in a collaborate effort, work in the best interest of both teams and find an agreed upon date. At that point, the coach and/or Rep will need to contact the board member who is handling the scheduling so that the schedule can be updated and the referee's assigned.
- Section 3. Failure to report the score as mentioned in Section 1 shall cause the game to be a forfeit. In addition The Executive Board will apply a \$50 penalty.
- Section 4. Current standings will be provided on the website.

### **ARTICLE X: PROTESTS**

- Section 1. Protest against alleged violations of the Constitution or By Laws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Executive Board within 48 hours of the time of such violation. The Secretary will notify the Executive Board as well as the person who the protest is lodged against. Protest based upon an official's judgement will not be honored.
- Section 2. The Executive Board may initiate proceedings on its own for any violations.

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### **ARTICLE XI: SPORTSMANSHIP**

Section 1. Member parishes are expected to conduct their relations with each other at all levels of competition, in a spirit of good sportsmanship in keeping with the objectives the Organization has set. The Organization acknowledges that the coach is responsible for his/her program: this includes players, coaches, and fans. For example: the coach of his/her team has the responsibility for establishing the principles of good sportsmanship in the minds of the entire parish family. He/she realizes that the kind of sportsmanship practiced or displayed by the representatives of his/her parish/school will reflect to its credit or otherwise.

Section 2. Executive Authority

- k. The Organization vests authority to its Executive Board to investigate and take appropriate action on any reported violation of the sportsmanship rule during, before, or after a game.
- l. Reported violations shall be resolved by the Executive Board in a manner sufficient to correct the violation.
- m. Any report of a violation of good sportsmanship occurring during a game must be submitted via email or in writing within 48 hours of the incident to all members of the Executive Board. The member of the Executive Board will notify the alleged violator of the report within 48 hours of the next Executive Board meeting.
- n. Penalties are described in Article XVII.

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### **ARTICLE XII: CONDUCT/COACHING**

- Section 1. League teams must be accompanied to all games by a coach who will be responsible for the team's conduct. The responsibility extends prior to the game, during the game, after the game, in the locker room, and outside the gym.
- Section 2. Coaches shall be at least 18 years of age and if under 21 years old shall be subject to supervision by a responsible adult advisor 21 years or older. Also, must be certified and/or licensed as required by the Diocese of Trenton and sanctioned by the Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. clinic as required. Also all coaches must have VIRTIS training and have fingerprinting check completed.
- Section 3. Each coach is responsible for the behavior of his/her team and fans. Unchristian-like behavior on the part of any coach, player, or fan will not be tolerated.
- Section 4. Reported profanity and/or indecent or improper gestures by coaches, players, or fans will result in action deemed necessary by the Executive Board.
- Section 5. First Offense – Any action which results in ejection by a game official must be reported within 24 hours to the Divisional Representative. In addition, the player/coach ejected will be ineligible for the next league game (including playoffs) that is played by that team. If the ejected player/coach participates in the next league game (including playoffs), the game will be declared a forfeit.
- Second Offense – The infraction is treated as above, plus an Executive Board hearing will be convened to determine the player's/coach's continued status with the league.
- Section 6. This article on Conduct is applicable to all coaches, managers, team members, advisors, and fans.

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### **ARTICLE XIII: UNIFORMS**

- Section 1. All teams must register colors on their REGISTRATION forms. Any new team must get approval for team colors prior to obtaining uniforms or changing colors.
- o. Failure to do so may result in the team obtaining different uniforms at extra cost to the team.
  - p. Home team is responsible for remedying uniform conflicts.
  - q. Tee shirts worn under the uniforms must be the predominate color of the uniform.

### **ARTICLE XIV: GAME RULES/TIME**

- Section 1. Games for all divisions are to be played using NFHS (High School) Rules. Special exceptions are noted below.
- Section 2. Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls will play four (8) minute quarters which total (32) minutes per game. Overtime quarters to be (4) minutes each.
- If there is a 30 point differential. The team ahead must play defense behind their three point line extended (NO PRESSING). If the team behind brings the score within 20 points or less, then the team ahead may press.
- Section 3. JV Boys will play four (6) minute quarters which total (24) minutes per Game. Overtime quarters to be (3) minutes each. If there is a 20 point differential. The team ahead must play defense behind their three point line extended (NO PRESSING). If the team behind brings the score within 20 points or less, then the team ahead may press.
- Section 4. JV Girls will play four (6) minute quarters which total (24) minutes per Game. Overtime quarters to be (3) minutes each. If there is a 20 point differential. The team ahead must play defense behind their three point line extended (NO PRESSING). If the team behind brings the score within 20 points or less, then the team ahead may press.
- JV Girls
- Players start their foul shot from behind the regulation foul line but can finish the shot and land over the foul line.

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### ARTICLE XIV: GAME RULES/TIME

- Section 5. Sophomore Boys will play four (6) minute quarters which total (24) Minutes per game. Overtime quarters to be (3) minutes each. There is no FULL court pressing. Defense must be played behind the half court line at all times. If there is a (15) point differential, then the defense must play behind the 3 point line extended. If the team behind brings the score to within (15) points or less, then the team ahead may play defense behind the half court line. Players start their foul shot from behind the regulation foul line but can finish the shot and land over the foul line.
- Offense must make an effort to score at all times. **NO STALLING** is permitted during the entire game because of the no pressing rule. The no pressing rule should not be used as a tactical advantage at any time during the game.
  - In the last minute of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and the entire overtime (if there is an overtime), if the point differential is 10 points or less, either team are permitted to press full court.
- Section 6. Sophomore Girls will play four (6) minute quarters which total (24) minutes per game. Overtime quarters to be (3) minutes each. There is no FULL court pressing. Defense must be played behind the half court line at all times. If there is a (12) point differential, then the defense must play behind the 3 point line extended. If the team behind brings the score to within (12) points or less, then the team ahead may play defense behind the half court line. Players start their foul shot from behind the regulation foul line but can finish the shot and land over the foul line.
- Offense must make an effort to score at all times. **No Stalling** is permitted during the entire game because of the no defensive pressure.
  - In the last minute of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and the entire overtime (if there is an overtime), if the point differential is 10 points or less, either team are permitted to press full court.
- Section 7. Freshman Boys and Freshman Girls games to be a maximum of (1) hour.
- Running clock and/or quarters to be determined by coaches. Score can be kept per quarter. At the beginning of a new quarter the score is always, set at 0 – 0. Defense must always be behind the 3pt line extended at all times.
- Section 8. Coaches must make sure that the Officials are informed of any special rules prior to the start of the game.
- Section 9. Starting time shall be noted on the B.C.C.B.L. schedule. Games shall start promptly as scheduled.

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### **ARTICLE XIV: GAME RULES/TIME**

- Section 10. Teams not able to field a team within fifteen minutes of the scheduled start time shall forfeit the game.
- r. Once a team has five players present, the game may not be delayed.
  - s. Games can only be postponed when adverse weather conditions exist or lack of gym availability occurs. NO EXCEPTIONS.
  - t. Either team can request a postponement based on adverse weather conditions. A minimum of 4 hours is needed prior to the start of the game for contact to League Assigner. Failure to do so will result with the offending team (home team) paying the penalty of \$70. (Covers the Referee fees) The game will not be rescheduled and the Executive Board will determine the status of the game.

Section 11. When the score reaches 30 points, a running clock is suggested and also stop keeping score as long as both coaches agree.

### **ARTICLE XV: SCORERS' TABLE**

- Section 1. Each home team shall have a qualified person or persons to operate the time, keep the score, and operate a possession arrow in the proper manner.
- Section 2. If a game is played at a neutral site, the site provider shall provide a qualified Time Keeper.
- Section 3. Adequate space shall be provided at the Scorers' Table for both the Home and Visitors books.

Scorekeeper must remain neutral at all times and maintain decorum.

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### ARTICLE XVI: GAME BALLS

Section 1. Each home team is responsible for providing a game ball. Game balls are provided by the B.C.C.B.L.

BALL SIZE – 28.5 for Fresh, Soph and JV Girls. 29.5 for Varsity Girls and Boys, JV Boys and HS teams.

### ARTICLE XVII: PENALTIES

Penalties shall be assessed by the Executive Board for in fractions of the Organization's Constitution, By Laws, or Rules, and shall include but are not limited to:

- Section 1. Probation
- u. The probationary period shall be no more than one year from the date of the violation.
  - v. During the probationary period, a parish or team may play its regular schedule, but shall not be eligible to represent this League in post season play.
- Section 2. Suspension
- Under such terms and conditions as the Executive Board shall by resolution provide.
- Section 3. Expulsion
- Under such terms and conditions as the Executive Board shall by resolution provide.
- Section 4. Forfeit of Games
- Under such terms and conditions as the Executive Board shall by resolution provide.
- Section 5. Forfeit of Championship Rights
- A parish or team may be required to forfeit championship rights by resolution of the Executive Board.
- Section 6. Extended Suspension
- When a team is on probation and is involved in a second infraction, the Executive Board may shut down the basketball program for two seasons or any part of two seasons.

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### **ARTICLE XVIII: GENERAL MEETINGS**

Section 1. The Executive Board shall draw up an agenda to include all legislative proposals which have been properly presented and such other business which the Executive Board has approved.

Section 2. A quorum shall be defined as a majority of member parishes which must be present as the beginning of the meeting.

### **ARTICLE XIX: AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These By Laws, Rules, and Regulations may be amended by two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Board prior to the first General Membership meeting of the current year. Such changes will be communicated to the general membership at the first General Membership meeting.

Section 2. The procedure for amendments to By – Laws and Rules and Regulations shall be the same as the procedures for Constitutional amendments as set forth in the Constitution, Article IX – Amendments.



## BURLINGTON COUNTY CYO BASKETBALL LEAGUE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION

### CONSTITUTION AND BY – LAWS

**Note: Bold indicates a modification from the Burlington County Catholic Basketball League (BCCBL) rules**

#### I. OBJECTIVES

1. To provide for Catholic boys and girls in Burlington County a formal organized basketball league in which to participate.
2. To foster and develop amateur athletics among the Catholic parishes in the Burlington County area.
3. To equalize athletic opportunities by making standard rules of eligibility for individuals and classifying for competitive purposes the parishes which are members of the Organizations.
4. To protect mutual interests of the members of this Organization through the cultivation of ideals of sport and its relationship to the development of character and good citizenship.

#### II. MEMBERSHIP

1. The membership shall consist of any Catholic parish who so desires to enter a basketball team (or teams) composed of high school boys or girls. No member shall be a member of any other and/or conference not recognized, sanctioned, or approved by this organization.

#### III. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

1. **Each player must be a member of the parish or sponsoring organization represented by the team. Membership will be determined by the charter or other requirements of the parish or organization.**
2. Members must be registered in the above parish or honorary members of that parish. A student enrolled in or a graduate of the school is considered an honorary parish member.
3. **Dual Membership – Any player who meets the membership requirements of more than two (2) such organizations shall be binding upon said player after the first game played by either team each season, for the remainder of that season.**
4. Participation in any activity under an assumed name, being guilty of any act of fraud, subterfuge, or other unethical practice relative to this principle is a violation of our Constitution, By – Laws and Rules and Regulations.
5. The coach of the team is responsible for the observance of the eligibility rules contained in this Article.
6. Each player must be listed on an organization roster form and have a birth certificated registered with the organization before the start of the season.

7. Age: Any athlete who reaches his/her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to September 1 of that year is ineligible to play.
8. Grade: To be eligible to participate in this division, an athlete must be a full-time, day Junior or Senior High School student up to and including Grade 12.
9. A team is entitled to carry THREE non-parish players on their team roster.
10. In any one year, no team shall be permitted to add any more than two (2) players who have been a member of an existing team within the League. These players will also be considered "non-parish" players. These players must obtain a written release from both coaches involved and this release must be submitted to the League Director along with team rosters prior to the player participating in any contest.
- 11. In any one year, no team shall be permitted to add any more than two (2) players who have been a member of an existing team within the League. These players will also be considered "non-parish" players.**
- 12. A player who transfers from one parish to another or into a new geographic location because of a bona fide change in residence by his parents or guardians becomes eligible to represent his new parish immediately. If this transfer takes place after January 3, the player is ineligible for the new parish, religious or civic organization, but will retain his old eligibility.**
13. A player who is a member of a parish fielding a team, but wishes to play for another team in the League, must first get permission from the coach of both teams and the League Director, prior to the December 14 roster deadline.
14. Any person in the process of competing for a berth on his High School team MAY NOT PARTICIPATE in CYO league play during that "tryout" period, nor until the date on which the Official NJSIAA Basketball season gets underway. Once Official NJSIAA competition begins, any person who did not make his High School team may now participate in CYO competition, provided all other eligibility and roster requirements are met. Any player who is or has been member of a high school varsity team during the current basketball season is not eligible to play. Any member of a high school JV or freshman team is eligible to play, provided he is added to the roster prior to the January 2 deadline **and** is no longer playing or practicing with their respective high school team (a player cannot play for both CYO and their High School). A player shall be determined member of the team when his name is placed in an official scorebook for an official game. Any team that is found to have player on their roster who violates any portion of the eligibility requirements will be ruled ineligible to participate in the League and State CYO Tournament.

15. Any person in the process of competing for a berth on his High School Team MAY NOT PARTICIPATE in CYO League Play during that “tryout” period, nor until the date on which the Official NJSIAA Basketball Season gets underway. Once Official NJSIAA Competition begins, any person who did not make his High School team may now participate in CYO Competition, provided all other eligibility requirements are met, (i.e. age, membership, roster additions, etc.) Any player who is in or has been a member of a High School Varsity, J.V., freshman, Parochial or Junior High School team during the current basketball season is not eligible to play. A player shall be determined a member of a team when his name is placed in an official score book for an official game. Any team that is found to have a player on their roster who violates any portion of this rule will be ruled ineligible to participate in the New Jersey State CYO Tournament.

#### IV. GAMES

1. Starting Time: Shall be noted in the schedule. Games shall start promptly as schedule.
2. Teams not able to field a team within 15 minutes of the schedule start time shall forfeit the game.
3. Once a team has 5 players present, the game may not be delayed past the 15 minute grace period.
4. Games shall only be postponed when adverse weather conditions exist or verifiable lack of gym availability occurs. A \$50 fine will be assessed for any violation of this rule, payable to the League prior to any rescheduling of the mentioned game. If a postponement is agreed upon by both coaches, both teams will pay \$50 prior to rescheduling the game.
5. **When submitting your gym availability, please take the previous rule into consideration.**
6. Either team can request a postponement due to adverse weather conditions. A minimum of 2 hours is needed prior to the start of the game for contact to the League Director. Failure to do so will result with the offending team having to either forfeit the game or pay the penalty of one game official fee to reschedule the game.
7. **Each team is responsible for the payment of one official for each game, in cash.**
8. The home team is responsible for providing a game ball, which must be an approved ball by the National Foundation of Scholastic Sports.
9. **Games shall consist of four 8-minute quarters, one minute between quarters, and eight minutes between halves.**
10. **Official New Jersey High School Interscholastic Playing Rules will be followed, except when official ground rules are established, or league rules, which are in conflict hereof.**

V. UNIFORMS

1. All teams must register colors with the league. Any new team must get approval for team colors prior to obtaining uniforms or changing colors.
2. The home team is responsible for remedying any uniform conflicts.
3. Tee-shirts worn under uniforms must be the predominate color of the uniform.

VI. ROSTERS

1. All league fees and a preliminary roster must be submitted to the League Director prior to the team's first game of the season. This roster must consist of all players who are playing in the team's first game, and may be adjusted as below.
2. A final roster MUST be submitted by January 2 at 10 PM. This roster must be accompanied by COPIES of the player's birth certificates, and must be certified by their coach, sponsoring organization moderator, Team Representative and/or the pastor of the parish. All rosters must be filled out in their entirety.
3. If rosters, birth certificates, and league fees are not all submitted by the appropriate dates, all games played after said dates will be considered forfeits and will not be made up or recovered. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

4. There is no limit to the number of persons on the team roster, however all changes to the team roster must be made prior to the January 2 deadline. There is a minimum of 8 players per roster.
5. **JOINING TEAMS: Upon petition by one or more sponsoring organizations/parishes have a jointure, the following conditions must be met:**
  - a. **Written approval from all parishes involved.**
  - b. **A vote of approval from  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the league committee (coaches).**
6. **PARISH FIELDING MORE THAN ONE TEAM: Parishes are permitted to field more than one team under the following conditions:**
  - a. **There must be a total of no less than seven players on each team.**
  - b. **Each team must submit a separate roster and entrance fee and only those players listed on the roster can play for that team.**
  - c. **Players may be moved from one roster to another only upon written notice to the League Director and in no event after the final rosters have been submitted, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Any player so moved must wait seven (7) days before they are permitted to play for the new team.**
  - d. **EMERGENCY WAIVERS: Should any emergency arise (i.e. sickness/ injury to a ballplayer) a coach may request from the League Director an emergency waiver to the rules permit a player from another team from within his parish to play for this team ONLY on the following conditions:**
    1. **Prior notice of the request must be made and the League Director's decision will be final.**
    2. **No waiver will be permitted if the requesting team has more than six (6) players available.**
    3. **In event that the League Director's team is involved in this emergency, the League director will call upon a vote from the remaining coaches in the League, and their decision will be final.**
7. Any roster with ineligible players, or is deemed ineligible by the League will result in the offending team being ineligible for the league or state playoffs.

## **VII. SCORER'S TABLE**

1. Each home team shall have a qualified person or persons to operate the time and keep score and operate a possession arrow in the proper manner.
2. If a game is played at a neutral site, the site provider shall provide a qualified Time Keeper.
3. Adequate space shall be provided at the scorers' table for both the Home and the Visitor's books.
4. The Home book will be the official book for all the games.

## VIII. CONDUCT/COACHING

1. Each team must be accompanied to all games by a coach who will be responsible for the team's conduct. This responsibility extends prior to the game, during the game, after the game, in the locker room and outside the gym.
2. Assistant Coaches shall be at least 18 years of age and if under also 20 shall be subject to supervision by a responsible adult advisor 20 years or older. Head Coach must be 20 years of age. HS Head Coaches must be 25 years of age.
3. The responsibility of the CYO coach shall include:
  - a. Conducting themselves in a good sportsmanlike and Christian manner which will reflect on their organization and the Burlington County Basketball League, insuring team members and followers to do the same.
  - b. Be knowledgeable of all aspects of the League and make sure that all rule and policies are faithfully observed and determined the eligibility of each player on the team.
  - c. Be responsible to provide appropriate supervision of team members at practice, games and any and all League activities and possess adequate information to deal with medical or other emergencies.
  - d. Conduct pre-season meetings of parents/team members to ensure that everyone understands the League rules and programs.
4. Each coach is responsible for the behavior of his/her team and fans.

Unchristian like behavior on the part of any coach, player, or fan will not be tolerated.
5. Reported profanity and/or indecent or improper gestures by coaches, players or fans will result in action deemed necessary by the League.
6. First Offense – Any action which results in ejection by a game official must be reported within 24 hours to the League Director. In addition, the player ejected will be ineligible for the next game that is played by that team. If the ejected player is not reported, and plays in the game, he is an ineligible player and the game is a forfeit.

Second Offense: The player/coach is suspended from league and playoff competition for the remainder of the current season. The player/coach may apply for reinstatement, pending review and voting by the league coaches.
7. This Section on conduct is applicable to all coaches, managers, team members, advisors and fans.

## IX. PROTESTS

1. Protest against alleged violations of the Constitution or By Laws must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Executive Board within 48 hours of the time of such violation, with a copy by certified mail to the alleged violator. Protest based upon an official's judgement will not be honored.  
The group submitting the protest must, in their original letter, enumerate all the grounds on which they are basing their protest, and indicate all facts and information they have to support their claim. Decision will be given on the grounds mentioned in the letter. PROTESTS CAN BE SUBMITTED ONLY ON QUESTIONS OF RULES. Judgment decisions rendered by the officiating crew in charge of play ARE NOT GROUNDS FOR PROTESTS.
2. When a protest is received, the opposing team will immediately be notified and will have four (4) days in which to submit an answer. THE DECISION OF THE PROTEST BOARD WILL BE FINAL, and will be handed down within four (4) days after the receipt of the response to the original protest. The Protest Board meeting will not be attended by the teams involved in the protest.
3. The Protest Committee shall consist of the League Director (or senior coach, see below), one coach from the League, selected by the League Director, who is not directly involved in the protest.
4. In the event that the League Director's team or parish is involved in the protest, the League Director will be replaced on the Protest Committee by another coach, selected by the League Director, who shall act as the League Director for the duration of the protest. This coach shall not be affiliated with either parish involved in the protest in any other way.

X. POST SEASON TOURNAMENT/ PLAYOFFS

1. The post-season format and schedule shall be determined prior to February 1, and agreed upon by the entire League.

XI. CHANGE OF RULES

1. Request for a rule change or a waiver must be submitted to the League.
2. All approvals of rule changes or waivers must be voted on by the League members and such changes must be approved by a majority vote of the whole membership.
3. No rule change will be permitted within twenty-one days of the opening game.
4. Any member of the League can request a waiver of these rules providing such a request is made in writing to the League Director. No such waiver shall be permitted if it is requested after the fact of occurrence, and must meet with the approval of three-quarters of the whole membership of the League.