

The By-Laws of Broward Baseball Umpires Association

ARTICLE I - PRESIDENT

Section 1; The President shall act as a chief Executive Officer of the Broward County Baseball Umpires Association (BBUA). The President shall preside at all meetings of the general membership and Board of Directors. The President may suspend members temporarily should events warrant, pending a Board of Directors review. The President will co-sign all checks drawn for payment of just debts.

ARTICLE II - VICE - PRESIDENT

Section 1; The Vice-president shall in the absence or incapacity of the President be vested with the powers and obligations of the President. The Vice-President shall perform all duties assigned by the President or Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III-SECRETARY

Section 1; The Secretary shall maintain a chronological record of all general membership and Board of Directors meetings. As directed by the President The Secretary will submit the minutes of previous meetings to the general membership for approval as the official minutes of the Association. The Secretary shall prepare and distribute all notices as required, and perform all other duties as directed by the President or Board of Directors.

Section 2; The Secretary shall call roll and provide roll call accountability to the Commissioner for assignments. (Members must attend 2 out of 3 meetings to be eligible to work games.)

ARTICLE IV - TREASURER

Section 1; The Treasurer shall have charge of all fiscal resources. The Treasurer will place all funds of the BBUA into a checking account from which all disbursements authorized by the Board of Directors shall be paid.

Section 2; The Treasurer shall prepare for review by the general membership an annual financial report, or as often as requested by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V - AT LARGE DIRECTOR

Section 1; The At Large Director shall perform all duties assigned by the Board of

Directors. The "ALD" shall vote in all Board meetings and have equal standing with all other Board Members.

Section 2; The At Large Director shall investigate all applications for membership and following approval of the Board of Directors notify each candidate of their acceptance or rejection. Accepted members will be furnished all related publications of the **BBUA**, including a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Code of Ethics.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1; The Board of Directors (Board) will consist of the elected Officers of this Association and will serve as the governing body of the **BCAOA**.

Section 2; If applicable, the Board will audit and thereafter accept or reject the Treasurer's biannual financial report.

Section 3; The President will appoint all Committees as required and describe by the **FHSAA** Officials Handbook, with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Committees term will be the same as the Board of Directors two (2) years.

Section 4; Anyone wishing to communicate with the **FHSAA** or **B.C.A.A.** must 1st notify the President of the Board of Directors of their intentions prior to such communication. Anyone violating this will be immediately suspended by the Booking Commissioner and referred to the Board of Directors for appropriate action

Section 5; The Board will receive and review any grievance from the Grievance Committee.

Section 6; The Board shall have the power to fine, suspend or expel from this organization any member found in violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Code of Ethics as established and published by the **FHSAA** or National Federation of High School Associations The **B.C.A.A.** Commissioner shall be notified in writing, of all such disciplinary actions.

Section 7; A disciplined member has the right to appeal any imposed sanction to the general membership. Written notification of intent to appeal must be submitted to the Secretary within 14 days of the Board's final action. The appeal will be presented at a regular or special called meeting for this purpose. The President will present all facts and hearing findings to the general membership. A two-thirds vote of the general membership shall be necessary to reverse a Board's action, regarding a disciplined member. The Board will not seek further review if its action is reversed by the general membership vote.

Section 8; A disciplined member who does not obtain from the general membership a reversal of a Board imposed sanction shall have the right to seek review by the **B.C.A.A.** Commissioner for a final adjudication.

Section 9; A member found innocent of all charges made in a complaint will be compensated for any missed assignments that were a direct result of the complaint. The Board of Directors will determine the amount of compensation.

ARTICLE VII - BOOKING COMMISSIONER & RULES INTERPRETER

Section 1; The Booking Commissioner and Rules interpreter will be appointed by the Broward County Athletic Association, Executive Secretary. The Association shall provide to the Executive Secretary 3 names of individuals who they deem capable of the Commissioner's position. Each year a letter shall be sent to the Executive Secretary stating the general memberships approval or disapproval of the job performed by the existing Commissioner.

Section 2; The Booking Commissioner shall serve as the central Booking Agent for all interscholastic baseball games played within the territorial limits of the **BBUA** to include Varsity, J.V., and other levels of all games requiring Officials.

Section 3; The Booking Commissioner shall make all assignments and position designations. Assignments will not be altered or exchanged without prior consent of the Booking Commissioner. After the schedules are given out and accepted, if anyone gives back two (2) or more games they lose their games for that scheduled period, and if it occurs a second time they are immediately suspended by the Booking Commissioner and referred to the Board of Directors for any other appropriate action.

Section 4; Any Official not at the meeting or not having someone pick up his/her schedule for them for that scheduled period will lose his/her games for that scheduled period and referred to the Board of Directors for any other appropriate action.

Section 5; Members deemed not to be in good standing with the **BBUA** are prohibited from receiving game assignments.

Section 6; All questions concerning Federal baseball rules and interpretations shall be addressed to the Rules Interpreter. Members are not to contact the FHS **AA** or National Federation directly regarding rule interpretations.

Section 7; The Booking Commissioner will be paid a fee for his services. The amount to be paid will be determined annually by the Board of Directors and this fee to be announced at the general membership meeting.

Section 8; The Booking Commissioner **and** Rules Interpreter along with other Board members will not be exempt from annual dues.

Section 9; The Booking Commissioner will make assignments consistent with the member's classification. He/she shall have the authority to assign members from lower classification only in circumstances when appropriate level Officials are not available.

ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1; Only currently registered Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) Officials who are 18 years of age and have an approved B.C.A.A. application on file may be admitted in this organization.

Section 2; Applications for **B.C.A.A.** membership shall be submitted to the Secretary and must contain: name, address, **FHSAA** registration number, home and business phone numbers, and Officiating experience.

Section 3; A membership year begins annually on January 1st and will end on December 31st of that year.

Section 4; Members who have not paid the dues within 30 days of the first regularly scheduled general membership meeting will be deemed "not to be in good standing" and will remain in such status until all dues are satisfied.

ARTICLE IX - GENERAL INFORMATION

Section 1; No member will Officiate in any interscholastic baseball game within the territorial limits with persons who are not **B.C.A.A.** members, except when the assignment of non-members are approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 2; Duties, mechanics, and uniform requirements shall be in accordance with the current "Baseball Officials Manual" as published by the National Federation of High School Associations, and approved by the **FHSAA**. Any Official not in proper uniform for all level of play will be fined a fee of \$10.00 by the Booking Commissioner and referred to the Board of Directors for any other appropriate action.

Section 3; A member missing a game assignment which has been accepted, that Official shall be fined the fee for such assignment, unless a good excuse is offered and accepted by

the Board of Directors, said fee to be paid to the Official who worked unless he/she received both fees from the School, in which case the fee will be returned to the **BBUA**. **Example;** Last minute sickness or injury, transportation difficulties, or breakdowns or other extenuating circumstances. It shall be the responsibility to said assignment covered by contacting the Booking Commissioner. For repeated offenses of this sort it will be referred to the Board of Directors for the appropriate action to be taken.

Section 4; Solicitation, use of gratuities, or any other method used to secure individual game assignments by members of this association shall be considered a flagrant violation of the By-Laws.

Section 5; Information requested from the Board of Directors or Booking Commissioner shall be complied with promptly unless reasons for a delay are submitted in writing and accepted by the requesting party. Failure to comply with a lawful request for information because of circumstances with the control of the member shall be deemed an obstruction of the administration of the association and such action may be grounds for the Board of Directors to find the member to be "not in good standing."

Section 6; Any Official not arriving for his game at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the game without notifying the Booking Commissioner or his/her partner will be fined a fee of \$15.00 and referred to the Board of Directors for any other appropriate action.

Section 7; All schools shall provide security and a place for Officials to change before and after each game and if the area is a distance from the field the Schools shall provide transportation of some sort to and from the field. The Plate Umpire needs to identify the dressing area and communicate same to his/her partner, this is to be done at all levels of play. Any Official violating this issue and caught changing in the parking lot will be suspended for a period of 2 weeks and referred to the Board of Directors for any other appropriate action.

ARTICLE X - MEETINGS

Section 1; The biannual meeting for the purpose of electing officers for this association shall be in accordance with the constitution.

Section 2; All Officers-Elect shall be installed at the (last regular scheduled meeting before the start of District play) at which time all materials, finances, reports, official minutes and membership roster will be turned over to the newly elected Board.

Section 3; A vacancy in the Office of the President shall be filled by the Vice-President who will hold the office for the unexpired term.

Section 4; A vacancy occurring in any other office will be filled by appointment by the President with such successor serving the unexpired term with voice vote approval from the general membership.

Section 5; All elected Officers shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. No person elected shall serve in the same office for more than four (4) consecutive years, excluding appointments to said office.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

Section 1; The Constitution will be automatically amended to comply with any newly enacted requirements of the FHSAA.

Section 2; Amendments to the Constitution must be written and presented to the Board of Directors before the next to last regular scheduled meeting of the year. Amendments to change the Constitution will be voted on by roll call ballot at the last regular scheduled meeting of the year.

ARTICLE XII BY-LAWS

Section 1; The qualifications for general membership, responsibilities of the Board of Directors, and other regulations as may be necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the BBUA shall be provided for in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XIII-CLASSIFICATIONS

Section 1; All members of the BBUA will be classified by the classification system of the FHSAA.

Section 2; The Evaluation Committee will evaluate Officials transferring into the BBUA from out of State or other HSAA and given to the Board before they can be assigned to a Varsity game.

ARTICLE XV - GAME FEES

Section 1; Varsity and Junior Varsity fees will be set by the FHSAA in the Officials Handbook. The travel fee will be set by negotiations by the Board with the B.C.A.A. Commissioner.

ADDENDUM

Meeting Attendance

To be considered a member in good standing a member of BBUA must attend at least 2 (two) out of 3 (three) general meetings during the baseball season (January 1, through April 30th of that year).

Eligibility for Post Season Play

In order to participate in post season play (Districts and Beyond) an umpire in good standing must have officiated in at least 10 varsity Baseball games in addition to any other requirements.