

**AMENDED AND RESTATED  
BYLAWS OF THE  
YORK CHAPTER  
OF PIAA REGISTERED  
BASKETBALL OFFICIALS**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

- Section 1.** The name of this organization of registered Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) Sports Officials shall be the York Chapter of PIAA Registered Basketball Officials (the Chapter).

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

- Section 1.** To unite a common bond and in various chapters dedicated to a particular Sport throughout the PIAA, all Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. registered Sports Officials into a unified statewide organization.
- Section 2.** To study the appropriate contest rules and to discuss their intent for uniform presentations and to progressively improve the quality of sports officiating through the study of approved mechanics.
- Section 3.** To establish, promote and maintain a code of officiating ethics and to conduct each athletic contest as an instrumentality in the development of character, good sportsmanship and a high level of American citizenship.
- Section 4.** To cooperate with the appropriate National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Rules Committee in the advancement of that sport as a recognized and wholesome form of physical development and recreation.
- Section 5.** To progressively improve and elevate the officiating standards of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. and to maintain the integrity of the high competitive ideals of the PIAA
- Section 6.** To render a more efficient service to the member schools of the PIAA through cooperative efforts and the development of right professional attitudes towards their athletic programs.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. Nondiscrimination**

Section 1.1 The Chapter is open to all persons who are approved as basketball officials and registered with the PIAA regardless of their age, gender, race, color, religious creed, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, familial status, sexual orientation, and all classes covered now or in the future under any applicable local, state or federal law prohibiting discrimination.

### **Section 2. Becoming a Member**

Section 2.1 Membership in the Chapter is open to any person who has been certified, and notice provided to the Chapter Secretary, by the PIAA that they have successfully passed the basketball official's written examination administered by the PIAA.

Section 2.2 Membership shall be granted on a yearly basis, so long as the member maintains their membership with the PIAA and the Chapter.

### **Section 3. Membership Status**

The Chapter shall recognize three (3) classes of membership: Active, Inactive, and Honorary.

#### **Section 3.1 Active Member**

Section 3.1.1 Active members are those members in good standing who are available to officiate basketball games that are either assigned by the York Area Interscholastic Athletic Association (YAIAA) Assignor, Re-Assignor, or the Chapter Secretary.

Section 3.1.2 Active members in good standing shall have voting privileges on any issues that are presented to the membership for acceptance or denial of said issues.

Section 3.1.3 Active members in good standing shall be eligible to hold an elected office in the Chapter.

Section 3.1.4 Active Members in good standing and meeting the guidelines established by the YAIAA shall be eligible for league playoffs. The YAIAA, or their designee, shall be responsible for all playoff assignments.

Section 3.1.5 Following any guidelines and restrictions set forth by the District Three Officials' Representative and/or the PIAA, and at the

discretion of the Executive Committee, all Active Members in good standing with the Chapter shall be eligible to have their name placed on a list of approved officials. This list of approved officials shall be presented to the PIAA for their consideration to be chosen to officiate in the post season PIAA Basketball Tournament. The PIAA District Assignors and the PIAA State Assignor shall make all assignments using their own discretion.

Section 3.1.6 To remain in good standing, all Active Members shall pay yearly Chapter dues in accordance with Article IV of these Bylaws, attend a yearly PIAA Rules Interpretation meeting for the sport of basketball, and attend Chapter meetings in accordance with Article V of these Bylaws

Section 3.1.7 An Active Member may be deemed to be “not in good standing” by virtue of not paying Chapter dues in a timely manner, failure to abide by the PIAA contract for game assignments, failure to attend the required number of meetings of the York Chapter, or any pertinent reason the Executive Committee may find to be detrimental to the Chapter’s well being may be disciplined by the PIAA at their discretion.

### **Section 3.2 Inactive Members**

Section 3.2.1 Inactive members are those members who have notified the PIAA and the Chapter of their intention to be Inactive for the current season and have chosen not to accept a schedule from the YAIAA assignor or Re-Assignor.

Section 3.2.2 Inactive members may not officiate any YAIAA or PIAA sanctioned contest while they remain on inactive status.

Section 3.2.3 Inactive Members shall continue to pay any PIAA dues but shall not be required to pay Chapter dues, attend the PIAA Mandatory Meeting or any Chapter meetings.

Section 3.2.4 As stated in the PIAA Constitution, Inactive members shall not be permitted to vote in the Election of Chapter Officers or hold office within the Chapter.

### **Section 3.3 Honorary Members**

Section 3.3.1 Upon written application, Honorary Membership may be granted, by Chapter action, to any member who voluntarily ceases to be active, provided the member has served a minimum of fifteen (15) years on active status.

Section 3.3.2 Honorary Members shall be permitted to attend all social functions of the York Chapter.

Section 3.3.3 Honorary Members shall not be required to attend any meetings of the PIAA or the Chapter, nor shall they be required to pay Chapter dues, be permitted to vote, or be permitted to hold office within the Chapter.

Section 3.3.4 At the discretion of the Executive Committee, the Honorary Member may be awarded with a service plaque following the second year of their retirement from officiating.

### **Section 3.4 Transfer of Membership**

Section 3.4.1 Pursuant to the PIAA Constitution, transfer of membership to another similar Chapter may be affected by mutual agreement of the Chapters concerned if the official is moving out of the official's geographical area. The PIAA office, with written approval of the Executive Director, must approve all other transfers. In order to insure that a transfer is properly executed by an official, a letter of release from the Chapter the Official is transferring from as well as a letter of acceptance from the Chapter the official is transferring to should be obtained by the official requesting the transfer with a copy of same being forwarded to the PIAA office.

## **ARTICLE IV – DUES**

**Section 1.** All Active Members shall pay annual PIAA dues and yearly Chapter dues to maintain an “active” status

### **Section 1.1 PIAA Dues**

Section 1.1.1 Dues payable to the PIAA shall be in an amount established by the PIAA and as may, from time to time, be modified by the PIAA.

Section 1.1.2 Failure to pay annual PIAA dues may result in an additional penalty amount being assessed by the PIAA.

### **Section 1.2 Chapter Dues**

Section 1.2.1 Dues payable to the Chapter shall be in an amount established by the Executive Committee of the Chapter and as may, from time to time, be modified by the Executive Committee.

Section 1.2.2 Failure to pay annual Chapter dues in a timely manner may result in an additional penalty amount being assessed by the Chapter.

Section 1.2.3 Dues must be paid by the first Chapter meeting in January of the current basketball season to avoid being assessed a penalty by the Chapter.

Section 1.2.4 If dues are not paid by the date stated above, a penalty of \$5.00 shall be added to the amount due.

**Section 2.** If an Active Member fails to comply with this Article, the member may be deemed as being “not in good standing” and face additional penalties such as, but not limited to, reporting the member to the PIAA for discipline at their discretion, being prohibited from participating or benefiting from activities of the Chapter, including, but not limited to: 1) receiving officiating assignments, or 2) voting on any matter coming before the membership.

## **ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

**Section 1.** Regular meetings of the Chapter shall be held in accordance with a schedule of meetings as adopted by the Executive Committee of the chapter.

Section 1.1 A schedule of meetings establishing the time and place of regular meetings shall be provided and made available to all members of the Chapter.

**Section 2.** Special meetings may be called by the President of the Chapter, or upon written request by a minimum of one-half (1/2) of the members of the Executive Committee of the Chapter, or upon written request by a minimum of one-half (1/2) of the active membership.

**Section 3.** Pursuant to the requirements of the PIAA, all active members shall attend a minimum of six (6) Chapter meetings that may be held prior to, and during, the current basketball season.

Section 3.1 The York Chapter requires that its members attend a minimum of four (4) meetings conducted by the York Chapter, no more than three (3) of which may be prior to the current basketball season.

Section 3.1.1 Attendance means physical presence at and for the full duration of the meeting.

Section 3.1.2 The current basketball season shall be defined as beginning with the first allowable play date, as established by the PIAA, of the current calendar year and ending with the last regularly scheduled league play date, as established by the YAIAA, in February of the subsequent calendar year.

Section 3.1.3 Exception: If the Chapter schedules a meeting that occurs after the last regularly scheduled league play date, the date of that meeting shall be defined as the end of the current season.

Section 3.2 All meetings shall start promptly at their designated time.

**Section 4.** When the operation of Section 3 of this Article would impose an undue personal hardship on any individual, the provisions thereof may be set aside for that particular official by specific action of the Executive Director of the PIAA or the Executive Director's designee.

**Section 5.** Active Members must attend an annual Rules Interpretation Clinic, sanctioned or approved by the PIAA, in the sport of basketball.

Section 5.1 The York Chapter shall conduct an annual Rules Interpretation Clinic in the sport of basketball, at such date, time and place as established by the Executive Committee of the Chapter.

Section 5.2 The member may satisfy this requirement by attending a Rules Interpretation clinic in the sport of basketball conducted by the PIAA or by another Chapter. The burden of proof of such attendance at another Rules Interpretation clinic shall be upon the member.

**Section 6.** A quorum necessary to transact business at any Chapter meeting shall be the total number of members present.

Section 6.1 The majority shall prevail on all issues coming before the membership with the exception of the election of Officers as stipulated in Article X, Section 6.2, and amendments to the bylaws as stipulated in Article XII.

## ARTICLE VI – ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

### Section 1. Officers

Section 1.1 Any Active Member deemed to be in good standing with the PIAA and the York Chapter, and has at least five (5) consecutive years of membership with the York Chapter, shall be eligible to serve as an Officer of the Chapter

Section 1.2 The Officers of the Chapter shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Rules Interpreter.

Section 1.3 The Chapter may, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Chapter and upon a motion duly made and approved by the membership, establish the position of Assistant Rules Interpreter.

Section 1.3.1 The Assistant Rules Interpreter, if such position is established, shall be an Officer of the Chapter

Section 1.3.2 Once established, the Chapter may subsequently, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Chapter and upon a motion duly made and approved by the membership, abolish the position of Assistant Rules Interpreter.

### Section 2. Members at Large

Section 2.1 Any Active Member deemed to be in good standing with the PIAA and the York Chapter, and has at least three (3) consecutive years of membership with the York Chapter, shall be eligible to serve as a Member At Large

Section 2.2 Members At Large shall consist of:  
One (1) member from the General Membership  
One (1) member who officiates a predominantly Boys Varsity schedule  
One (1) member who officiates a predominantly Girls Varsity schedule  
One (1) member who officiates a predominantly sub-Varsity schedule

**Section 3.** All Officers and Members at Large shall be registered PIAA officials and active members in good standing within the Chapter.

**Section 4.** The duties of each Officer and Member at Large shall be those pertinent to the office, or position, and ordinarily performed by each Officer or Member at Large, or as may be directed by the President of the Chapter.

**Section 5.** All Officers and Members at Large shall serve without compensation

Section 5.1 Exception: The Chapter, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Chapter and with the approval of the members thereof, may authorize a stipend to be paid to the Secretary, Treasurer, and Rules Interpreter.

Section 5.1.1 If the position of Assistant Rules Interpreter has been established, the preceding section shall include the eligibility of the Assistant Rules Interpreter to receive a stipend.

Section 5.2 The Executive Committee may recommend the amount of the stipends to be paid, or the President may allow the membership, after discussion, to determine the stipend. In either case, the membership shall vote upon and approve the amount of any stipends.

**Section 6.** Each Officer and Member at Large shall be elected for a one (1) year term and the term for each office shall be for one (1) year.

Section 6.1 Officers and Members at Large shall be elected at the last Chapter meeting in December of the current calendar year within the current basketball season, when membership attendance is normally at its highest.

Section 6.2 The presiding year for Officers and Members at Large shall commence on April 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year following their election and shall end on March 31<sup>st</sup> of the succeeding year.

## **ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Section 1.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Chapter, the Assistant Rules Interpreter (if such Office has been created under Article VI, Section 1.1), the Members at Large, and the Immediate Past President, if such position exists.

Section 1.1 The position of Immediate Past President is not an elected position.

Section 1.1.1 The Immediate Past President shall sit on the Executive Committee until such a time as he/she is replaced with an incoming Immediate Past President.

Section 1.1.2 The Immediate Past President shall retain a seat on the Executive Committee with the same rights as any other Executive Committee



member and shall perform those duties as directed by the President.

Section 1.1.3 In the event the Immediate Past President retires, becomes Inactive, or otherwise leaves the Executive Committee before another Immediate Past President assumes the seat, the seat shall remain vacant until such time as it is occupied by a new Immediate Past President.

**Section 2.** Duties of the Executive Committee shall be:

1. To conduct all necessary business of the Chapter between regular Chapter meetings.
2. To set the amount of the annual Chapter's dues.
3. To authorize and direct the President to appoint such standing and special committees as he/she may deem necessary or desirable for the efficient operation of the Chapter.

**Section 3.** No Officer or member of the Executive Committee shall incur financial obligations relative to Chapter activities or any committee thereof, except as may be specifically authorized by the Executive Committee of the Chapter.

**Section 4.** A quorum of the Executive Committee for the conduct of its business shall be two-thirds (2/3) of its members.

## **ARTICLE VIII – TERM LIMITS**

**Section 1.** Only the President, Vice President, and Members at Large shall have term limits.

Section 1.1 The President and Vice President shall not be permitted to hold their respective office for more than four (4) consecutive years.

Section 1.2 Members at Large shall not be permitted to hold their respective office for more than three (3) consecutive years.

**Section 2.** Any Officer or Member at Large shall be permitted to seek and hold a different office through the normal election process, whether by virtue of his/her term limit expiring or the member's desire to hold a different office.

Section 2.1 If the President, Vice President, or Member at Large wishes to run again for their respective office after their term limit has expired, they shall be

required to sit out one (1) intervening year before doing so. They will, however, be permitted to run for a different office, so long as they follow the nominating process as cited in Article IX of these bylaws.

## **ARTICLE IX – NOMINATIONS**

### **Section 1. Nominating Committee**

Section 1.1 The President shall empanel a Nominating Committee of no less than three (3) members from the active membership, excluding Officers and Executive Committee members.

Section 1.1.1 The President may not act in an ex-officio capacity on the Nominating Committee, but shall name one (1) member as the Chair of the committee.

Section 1.2 Any Active Member wishing to be considered for an office may request the Nominating Committee to consider him/her for an office. Such request shall be made in writing and may be submitted to any member of the Nominating Committee.

Section 1.3 The nominating Committee shall review all requests for consideration and, at their discretion, place those names of the membership in nomination for the designated office or position.

Section 1.4 The Chair of the Nominating Committee, or in his/her absence, another member of the Nominating Committee shall place in nomination those names and the designated offices as determined to be qualified by the Nominating Committee at a Chapter meeting prior to the meeting at which the election is scheduled to take place.

### **Section 2. Additional Nominations**

Section 2.1 In addition to the Nominating Committee's selection of members to be voted upon, any active member wishing to run for an office may have their name placed in nomination by another Active Member.

Section 2.2 All nominees shall consent verbally, if in attendance at the nomination meeting, of their willingness to accept the nomination.

Section 2.3 If a nominee cannot, or will not, be in attendance at the nomination meeting, the designated nominee shall, within three (3) calendar days,

notify the Chair of the Nominating Committee to confirm their willingness to accept the nomination,

- Section 2.3.1 Confirmation may be in writing, by a letter, note, or postcard signed and dated by the nominee, by telephone, or by electronic means stating his/her intention to accept such nomination.
- Section 2.4 All nominations must be made at the meeting prior to the election meeting and prior to an approved motion to “close all nominations.”
- Section 2.5 At the conclusion of the nominating process and after nominations have been closed, all candidates shall be allowed, but not required, to address the membership stating their reason for wanting to be elected, their qualifications and any other pertinent information that they feel may aide them with becoming elected. Each candidate shall be allowed no more than three (3) minutes to speak.

## **ARTICLE X – ELECTIONS**

- Section 1.** Elections for all offices, except those that are conducted by need of a “special election”, shall be held at the last Chapter meeting in December of the current calendar year within the current basketball season
- Section 2.** The Chair of the Nominating Committee, or in his/her absence, another member of the Nominating Committee shall restate the names and the designated offices as presented for election at a prior Chapter meeting.
- Section 3.** Each office shall be voted upon individually.
- Section 4.** Only Active Members in good standing with the PIAA and York Chapter shall be permitted to vote.
  - Section 4.1 Voting shall be by paper ballot that is issued by the nominating committee, or by e-mail, so long as the member’s name is electronically imprinted in the e-mail’s header as is normally done by all e-mail clients, hosts and domains.
    - Section 4.1.1 The only acceptable reason for electronic voting shall be if the member is assigned to officiate a YAIAA basketball game on the date of the election. The Secretary or the Chairman of the nominating committee shall monitor the names on the ballots to make certain the member voting is permitted to vote by electronic means. If the Secretary or the Chairman of the nominating committee is listed on the ballot, then the President shall appoint a

designee to fulfill this duty. That designee shall not be a member of the Executive Committee.

Section 4.1.2 If, voting by e-mail the member voting must have requested and received a ballot within twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of the election. Only the “official” ballot shall be used to cast a vote.

Section 4.1.3 All electronic ballots shall be sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee and the Secretary, so long as their name(s) do not appear on the ballot. If the Secretary and/or Chairman of the Nominating Committee name(s) appear on the ballot, the ballot shall be sent to that person as designated by the President, but that person may not be a member of the Executive Committee.

Section 4.1.4 All electronic ballots must be received between 12:01 a.m. and 12:00 noon on the given day of the election.

Section 4.1.5 All ballots shall be retained for five (5) days for verification and certification.

Section 4.2 Except where multiple openings in one (1) office may exist, such as Members at Large, only one (1) vote per member per office being elected shall be permitted.

Section 4.2.1 At the President’s option, or upon a motion from the floor to do so, he/she may ask that each Active Member vote for four (4) names to coincide with the Member At Large openings or ask that each Member at Large be elected independently.

**Section 5.** All votes during an election of Officers and Members at Large shall be by secret ballot.

**Section 6.** The Secretary, along with at least two (2) members from the nominating Committee or two (2) non Executive Committee Members, as designated by the President, shall count and record all votes.

Section 6.1 The Secretary shall record the votes received by each candidate.

Section 6.1.1 If the Secretary is a candidate in the election, the President shall appoint a non Executive Committee member in his/her place.

Section 6.2 In those instances where there is more than one candidate for an office, the candidate receiving a plurality of the vote shall be declared the winner.

**Section 7.** In accordance with Article VI, Section 6.2, the presiding year for all Officers and Members at Large shall commence on April 1<sup>st</sup> following the year of the election and terminate on March 31<sup>st</sup> of the succeeding year.

**Section 8. Vacancies**

Section 8.1 Any Officer or Member At Large who, for whatever reason, is not able to complete his/her term of office shall be replaced by an Active Member appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, to fulfill the remaining term of office.

Section 8.2 If the Vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the position of President and the Vice-President position shall be declared vacant.

**ARTICLE XI – CONDUCT OF CHAPTER BUSINESS**

**Section 1.** Any Chapter business or action, such as, but not limited to the giving of notice to members with regard to such actions as meeting agendas and officiating assignments, may be accomplished in accordance with the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act or any successor statute.

**ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.** Any amendments to these bylaws shall be submitted in writing, either by hard copy or electronically, to the membership at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to action upon same. Amendment discussion and adoption shall take place at any duly convened Chapter meeting and must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the active membership.

Section 1.1 Approval and adoption of any amendment shall be in person, by mail, by e-mail, or by some other acceptable means so long as the member can be identified, either in person, by their return address, by their email address of record, or by some other means of identification such the member's name electronically imprinted in the e-mail's header as is normally done by all e-mail clients, hosts and domains.

**ARTICLE XIII – DISCLAIMER**

**Section 1.** The York Chapter Bylaws may not in any way be in contradiction to, or in violation of, the PIAA Constitution and Bylaws. If any Article or Section

is proved to be in violation of the PIAA Constitution and Bylaws, the PIAA Constitution and Bylaws shall prevail in cases where there may be disputes or claims of any Article or Section as written.

**Section 2.** These Amended and Restated Bylaws shall supersede all previous versions of same.

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