

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
**of**  
**NORTH DAKOTA**  
**AMATEUR BASKETBALL Inc.**

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME AND PLACE OF BUSINESS**

- Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR BASKETBALL Inc.
- Section 2. The principal place of business of this corporation shall be Box 158 or 905 20th Avenue N.W., Minot, North Dakota 58702.

**ARTICLE II**  
**MEMBERSHIPS**

Memberships shall be obtained as follows:

- A. Individual memberships in NDABI may be obtained by direct application to the Executive Secretary. Individual membership fee is \$10.00 and will possess one vote toward the election of a Board of Directors.
- B. Team Membership in the NDABI may be obtained by registering with the NDABI The fee is \$35.00 per team and may change at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Members of the team shall each possess one vote toward the election of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III**  
**OFFICES AND OFFICERS**

- 1. Government of the organization shall be the responsibility of a governing body consisting of the Executive Officers and Board of Directors, duly elected at a regular meeting or appointed as the case may be.
- 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of a President, Executive Secretary/ Treasurer. They are elected to one year terms by the Board of Directors and must be a qualified member of the Board of Directors.

3. The State Tournament Manager will be appointed by the Executive Secretary and is empowered by the Board of Directors to hire or appoint all other necessary tournament officers and helpers.
4. The Board of Directors, which will consist of not more than nine members, will be elected by duly qualified members of the NDABI and must be duly qualified members thereof. The members of this board will be elected to six year terms.
5. The Board of Directors and Administrative Committee have the responsibility of drafting a uniform set of rules and regulations and right to interpret and amend such laws under which all members of the association must abide.

**THE DUTIES OF EACH SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The President shall preside over all meetings of the association and as a member of the Administrative Committee, consisting of the President, Executive Secretary / Treasurer, shall perform such administrative work as is required in the management of the association, and enforce the rules and regulations.
2. The Executive Secretary / Treasurer shall keep a complete record of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and all the meetings of the Administrative committee and all matters of which a record shall be required. He shall have charge of the correspondence of the association, send commissioner forms etc., inform commissioners of elections and appointments and upon such announcement furnish the office with a copy of the rules and regulations. He shall issue notice of meetings, maintain mailing lists and in general work with the Administrative officer. He will be entitled to such fixtures, supplies, stationery and help as the duties of his office requires. He shall also collect and receive all money due the association and provide a receipt and recording for such money which will be deposited in a bank in the name of the organization. He shall be responsible for related work concerning finances, sending statements and bookkeeping. He is the Chief Officer for the Organization in all matters and is empowered to rule on any matters arising, not specifically provided herein.
3. The Commissioners at Large shall with the Administrative Committee rule on any situation, hardship case or emergency not herein provided for. They shall serve as members of the advisory committee to the Board of Directors.
4. The tournament manager shall be responsible for all arrangements and details concerning the staging of the state tournament. This will be with help and input as

necessary from the Executive Secretary of NDABI.

5. The Administrative Committee, the Tournament Manger, and their committee shall work in unity to promote Amateur Basketball in the state of North Dakota.

#### **ARTICLE IV MEETINGS**

1. Meetings are to be held annually on the Saturday of the State Tournament. An annual fall kickoff meeting is to be held each year, the date of which is to be set by the Administrative Committee. The Administrative Committee having the right to call any special meeting which may seem necessary for the interest of the organization.
2. So far as the character and nature of the meeting may admit, the order of business shall be as follows: (subject to change)
  - A. Calling of roll and reading of minutes
  - B. Reading of Executive Secretary / Treasurer's report and financial report
  - C. Old Business
  - D. New Business
  - E. Elections, appointments or announcements of appointments
  - F. Adjournment

#### **ARTICLE V QUORUM**

A quorum for any meeting shall consist of a majority of those members present at the annual meeting and at any special meetings.

#### **ARTICLE VI ELECTIONS**

1. The Administrative Committee and the Board of Directors shall be elected as provided under Article III, Rules 2-4 every year as shall be necessary, at a meeting to be held on the Saturday of the State Tournament in the city where the tournament is held or at a special meeting if necessary and legally called by the Administrative Committee.

2. Each qualified member of the NDABI shall have one vote. Each qualified member must be represented personally or by an alternate or by written and approved proxy. Request for such alternate vote or proxy must be made in writing at least one week in advance of the meeting and approved by the Administrative Committee.

## **ARTICLE VII VACANCIES**

1. In the event of a vacancy in any office for any reason, the Administrative Committee shall name a successor to serve until the next regular meeting at which time election of that officer will be held to fill the vacant term of that office.
2. If at any time, in the judgment of a majority of the members of the Administrative Committee and the Board of Directors, any official of the Association conducts himself in such a manner as to endanger the welfare of the organization or for other good reason, the Administrative Committee shall have the power to replace such official and fill the vacancy.

## **ARTICLE VIII COMPENSATION**

1. The officers and commissioners of the Association will be entitled to submit legitimate expenses incurred as a result of expenses such as mileage, mailing and materials. Such expenses and/or payments to be approved by the Administrative Committee. It is intended that all miscellaneous expenses resulting from promotional and organizational work done by the officers and commissioners be paid by the Executive Secretary on proper receipt and notice of such expenditure.
2. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall receive compensation for his services on a yearly basis. This would be in line with the financial standing or condition of the organization. The compensation would be set by the Board of Directors and would be a minimum of \$800.00 annually to \$1500. annually. This amount could be changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors based on the growth or demise of the organization.

## **ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting held for that purpose.

**ARTICLE X  
RULE OF ORDER**

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in the absence of any specific by-law or rule herein contained.

Adopted at Fall Meeting on October 3, 1999.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS-NORTH DAKOTA AMATEUR BASKETBALL, INC.**

**ARTICLE I  
FINANCES - MEMBERSHIP FEES**

1. Recreation and/or Parks will be supplied with rosters and information necessary to register their teams. Individual team managers or captains may also do this. Registration fees will be set at the fall meeting of NDABI by the Board of Directors for that season. They will be responsible for turning them into the executive secretary by the designated deadline date for that year.
2. All disbursements from the state office shall be made by and signed by the Executive Secretary of NDABI.

**ARTICLE II  
DISTRICTS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

1. The Corporation shall consist of eight (8) districts. Boundaries for each district have been drawn up, however, these are subject to change from year to year as seen fit by the administrative committee.
2. In the event a team of league is close to a district boundary and an issue arises the local commissioners involved are authorized to settle the dispute. However, if one cannot be reached the case will be submitted to the administrative committee for a binding decision.

**ARTICLE III  
ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT AND STATE TOURNAMENTS**

1. Organization of a district tournament is permissible and would be arranged by the local commissioner.

**ARTICLE IV  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any team desiring membership in the Corporation shall prepare and submit an application (roster) to it's local recreation office or to the state office for approval.

Information to include:

- A. Name of town
- B. Team name
- C. Team manager and captain
- D. Signature and phone number of manager and captain
- E. Players name, signature and address - age and birth date for Old Pro.

2. No membership shall be valid for more than one season.

3. A player whose identity is questioned will be required to produce a photo ID at the time his or her status is questioned. If they do not have one or cannot be certified, they will not be allowed to play. Players found playing under false or assumed IDs will be removed from the tournament. Team will also forfeit out of the tournament and player will be suspended for that tournament and the following year.

**ARTICLE V  
DISQUALIFICATION**

1. Any team or league that does not comply with the foregoing articles will be subject to disqualification by the Board of Directors.

2. A player and/or manager may be suspended indefinitely for the following reasons. The Administrative Committee reserves the right to suspend indefinitely any player or manager who is guilty of:

- A. Endangerment of a person or property under the use or employment by a jurisdiction of NDABI.
  - 1. Physical abuse, such as striking an official or hindering his performance of assigned duties - not limited to these acts.
  - 2. Destruction of property under use by the NDABI
  - 3. Willful violation of NDABI RULES AND PLAYING RULES
  - 4. Special rules used for state tournament play.

- B. The NDABI will support and enforce local league suspensions or disqualifications of individuals or teams from local registered teams or leagues of NDABI at state tournament time.
3. **There will be NO dunking, swinging or hanging on the rims allowed at the State Tourney!!!** Players of teams caught dunking during warm-ups or between games **will be removed from the tourney.** These infractions are the judgement of the game officials in charge of the game or, if they occur during warm-ups or between or before a game, Site Manager. **A player who breaks a backboard in the act of dunking or hanging or swinging on the rim is liable for payment of the broken backboard.** A player who commits any of these infractions will be suspended for at least one year from NDABI games.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS AND TEAMS**  
**General Section**

1. No league player may receive compensation for his basketball services.
2. A college student attending school in a city other than his hometown must play with the team with whom he signs his roster and pays membership. This team may be from his hometown, or his residential college town or school town. Either choice is permissible. To be considered a "College Student" they must be carrying a class load of at least 12 semester hours which makes them a full time student.
3. The college student who does not play with his hometown cannot leave their residential college town to play with a nearby town or team. They would be eligible to play with a registered team within their particular college town.
4. A college student who is a varsity or junior varsity player who has been dropped from the varsity or junior varsity squad, has resigned from school or who has been declared ineligible, scholastically or otherwise before January 1 of the current season, must have a written release from his college basketball coach to accompany the roster form before they may be allowed to participate in North Dakota Amateur Basketball, subject to the provisions stated herein. In signing up with their hometown team, a college student or their manager may be required to show evidence that they have been an active player for that team during a regular scheduled league play before the state tournament. If such evidence is not available they may be disqualified. These rules pertain to the current NDABI season.

5. Air Force personnel living in a town are eligible to play with a team in that town in which they are residing or with the Air Base team. If there is no Air Base team available or spots available on that team, Air Force personnel are eligible to play with a registered team at the closest town or city to the base.
6. Registered member teams shall not be prohibited from playing in invitational tournaments or against professional traveling teams provided this participation does not conflict in any way with local leagues.
7. Local recreation departments have the right to rule on postponed or make-up games.
8. The NDABI will classify teams after the ND High School Activities Association guidelines. (Whether Class A or B) Participants from "B" schools within a Class A town shall be considered within a Class A towns classification. Examples: graduates from Ryan High School in Minot or from Trinity in Dickinson. These classifications go into effect when ruled on by the North Dakota High School Activities Association.
9. Players from out-of-state, living within three (3) miles of the North Dakota border are eligible for NDABI participation, unless they are registered with their own State Association. Teams from out-of-state towns are ineligible to participate in NDABI. Cities on North Dakota borders may become eligible if they apply through the Executive Secretary of NDABI with the approval of the closest North Dakota League or Recreation Department approval.
10. In the case of an isolated player who wishes to play and there is no team available in their town, they are entitled to play with the nearest NDABI registered team. If the player crosses district lines and bypasses the closest association team, the team they join can and may be elevated to the Upper (Class A) division of play. This rule does not allow players from Class A towns who teams are already in the Upper division to select or use players from other Class A towns or to select players from Class B towns to play with them across district lines. These Class B town players wishing to play in the Upper Division would have to play with a team in the CLOSEST Class A town to their Class B city within their district. The Executive Committee may review and act on these requests.
11. Players who are not members of an NDABI registered team and who indicate an interest in playing on a registered team, but because of an existing oversupply of players in a given town are denied the privilege of playing amateur basketball, may apply through their local recreation department to play in a neighboring town. The

local Recreation Department will then clear this transfer with the Executive Secretary of NDABI. This does not allow players from one Class A town to cross district lines or play with other Class A town teams or neighboring Class B towns as it pertains to those teams retaining Class B status.

12. College Varsity, Junior Varsity, High School and Professional basketball players are ineligible for play in North Dakota Amateur Basketball.
13. A professional player or a semi-pro basketball player must be inactive as a professional before January 1 of the current NDABI season to be eligible. This is the same as the standard for a college player - Article VI, Rule 4.
14. Players attending high school are ineligible for NDABI play in any division. This rule applies to all high school students whether high school basketball players or just students.
15. Players listed on any other NDABI State Association roster are ineligible for NDABI tournament play. This includes ALL divisions. Players may play in only one (1) division at state tournament time. Player's signatures will be required to determine if they sign more than one roster.
16. **Live or Work Rule:** This rule pertains to players whose employment requires them to live outside of the state of North Dakota. To be eligible, they must comply with all of the following:
  1. Have a residence in North Dakota. Mailbox addresses do not count. If their immediate family members are living in a town or city it may be considered residence, i.e.. wife and children.
  2. They must play at least five league games with the team that they sign their roster. These players must be identified on the team's roster.
  3. Teams wishing to use a player of questionable **Live or Work** status must be willing to play in the Upper Division at state tournament time.

Teams may petition to be reclassified prior to the draw for the state tournament pairings. This must be done through their local Commissioner and then cleared through the Executive Secretary. The NDABI decision will be final. **PLAYERS FOUND PLAYING IN THE TOURNAMENT UNDER THIS STATUS WILL BE REMOVED**

FROM THE TOURNAMENT IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE NOT MET.

17. IN ANY QUESTION OF ELIGIBILITY AT THE STATE TOURNAMENT - THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON THE INDIVIDUAL PLAYER AND TEAM. A player whose identity is questioned will be required to produce a photo ID at the time his/her status is questioned. If they do not have one or cannot be certified, they will not be allowed to play. Players found playing under false or assumed ID will be removed from the tourney - team will forfeit and player will be suspended.
  
18. Teams can and will be moved up in divisions of play based on their finish at the previous year state tournament. This would be based on player personnel, finish at state, local league standings and invitational tourney play. The movement would be done in conjunction with local representatives and directors. Teams that are moved may make a written appeal to their local and state officers. NDABI decision on appeal is final.  
Teams that are moved up a division because of the previous years finish:
  1. If they are moved up two out of three years they would have to stay in the division they were moved to at State Tournament time. This would affect those teams that have at least three of the same players from the previous year roster. This will be done after the 2011 State Tournament - If teams are questionable in the divisions they play in.
  
19. Teams may appeal your evaluation to the executive secretary in writing by March 1 of current season.
  
20. Individual members of teams who register and are included in the state tournament draw are not eligible to play with other teams, for any reason, if their team drops out of the state tournament after the draw.

**Upper Division**  
**Class A**

1. In the case of an isolated player who wishes to play and there is no team available in his town, he is entitled to play with the nearest NDABI registered team. If the player crosses district lines and by-passes the closest association team, the team he/she joins can and may be elevated to the Upper (Class A) division of play. This rule does not allow players from Class A towns whose teams are already in the Upper division to select or use players from other Class A towns or to select players from Class B towns to play with them across district lines. These Class B town players wishing to play in the Upper Division would have to play with a team in the CLOSEST Class A

town to their Class B city within their district. The Executive Committee may review and act on these requests.

2. The Upper Division (Class A) is designed for teams from Class A towns whose playing ability is stronger than players from the Commercial divisions. Class B teams who desire to use players from a nearby Class A town would be placed in this division.

### **Commercial Division** **Commercial I - Commercial II**

1. The Commercial Divisions of NDABI are intended to come from Class A towns. Exceptions: Class B teams that play in leagues in a Class A town have the options at the State Tournament to play in either the Class B division or the Class A or Commercial divisions. These Class B teams that are given an option of playing in other divisions must meet the player eligibility rules in regards to using players who may no longer live in that Class B town or consolidated district.

### **Class B Division**

1. Exception - teams from a consolidated school district may have players from more towns provided they are included in the consolidation. If they have a player from a Class A town (rule 22) this player would count as one of the towns.
2. The NDABI will classify teams after the North Dakota High School Activities Association guidelines. (Whether Class A or B). Participants from "B" schools within a Class A town shall be considered within a Class A town's classification. Examples: graduates of Bishop Ryan High School in Minot, Trinity in Dickinson, Shiloh Christian in Bismarck or from Oak Grove in Fargo.
3. In the case of an isolated player who wishes to play and there is no team available in his town, he is entitled to play with the nearest NDABI registered team. If the player crosses district lines and by-passes the closest association team, the team he/she joins can and may be elevated to the Upper (Class A) division of play. This rule does not allow players from Class A towns whose teams are already in the Upper division to select or use players from other Class A towns or to select players from Class B towns to play with them across district lines. These Class B town players wishing to play in the Upper Division would have to play with a team in the CLOSEST Class A town to their Class B town within their district. The Executive Committee may review and

act on these requests.

4. Players who are not members of an NDABI registered team and who indicate an interest in playing on a registered team, but because of an existing oversupply of players in a given town are denied the privilege of playing amateur basketball, may apply through their local commissioner to play in a neighboring town. The local Recreation Department will then clear this transfer with the Executive Secretary of NDABI. This does not allow players from one Class A town to cross district lines or play with other Class A town teams or neighboring Class B towns as it pertains to those teams retaining Class B status.
5. A Class B team may petition to play in the Upper division at any time.
6. The Class B team will not be allowed to use a Class A town player unless the player is a graduate of the Class B town high school. (Article VI Rule 8-9) and then they may not have more than two (2) such players. The player would have to live or work in a Class A town within the Class B teams district.
7. Starting with the 2002-2003 season, Class B teams would be allowed two players from a Class A town, within their district. The use of said player could change their classification at state tournament time. This rule would add one town to the total number of towns a team could be made up from as stated in Rule 1 pertaining to Class B teams. These Class A town players must be on the original roster and not used as pick up players or pool players.
8. Players living in a Class B town or nearby must play in that town if they have a registered team. If that town's team(s) have an overabundance of players, players from that town or area may petition to play with the next closest Class B team in that district. Those players must have a written release from the manager of the existing team and it must be cleared with the state office prior to the state tournament.
9. Grandfather Clause: The Executive Secretary is empowered to rule on individual cases for Class B teams only. Teams or individuals requesting this relief must apply to the Executive Secretary in writing. This must be done prior to rosters being accepted. Executive Secretary judgment and ruling are final.

#### **Old Pro - Old Pro Sr. Division**

1. The Old Pro or Old Pro Sr. division can be composed from teams from Class A or Class B towns. The make-up of these teams must follow the same guidelines that

pertain to teams from any of the other divisions of play, in regards to players crossing district lines to play with other teams. No Class A town, Old Pro or Old Pro Sr. teams are to have players from another Class A town.

2. To be eligible for Old Pro divisions play, the player must be age 38 prior to January of the current NDABI season.

### **50 and over Rules**

3. Players in this Division must be 50 years of age by December 31 of the current NDABI season. Rosters will be open on a state wide basis - District lines do not count. Pickup or pool players at State Tourney time may not be on another 50 and over roster. Players in this Division may play on one other roster in a different division if they choose.

### **Women's Division**

1. The women's division is open to teams from both Class A or Class B towns. Rosters would carry the same restrictions as any other division of play in regards to crossing district lines, combining towns, etc. Divisions of play are: Women's 1 and Women's 2.

### **ARTICLE VII GAME DISPUTES**

1. All game disputes are to be settled by local commissioners or recreation departments.
2. No protests will be considered unless lodged before the beginning of any state tournament game.
3. Protests on a player's eligibility: If an ineligible player is discovered to be playing in a state tournament game, that player is removed from the game and that team will forfeit that game. This does not have any bearing on games that the team has played prior to the discovery of the ineligible player - not retroactive. A team has ten minutes from the completion of that game to file a protest with the site manager or an NDABI official. If an ineligible player is discovered - Rule 2 will be considered.



**ARTICLE VII  
MEMBERSHIP - TRANSFER AND REPLACEMENTS**

1. No refunds will be made of membership fees.
2. After the roster deadline, replacements and additions may be made only when an emergency exists and must be made through the local Recreation Departments and the Executive Secretary of NDABI.
3. A player who is injured and cannot play the remainder of the season may be replaced. However, they are then removed from the roster and are no longer eligible for further play that year.

**ARTICLE IX  
UTILITY PLAYERS**

1. All teams may pick up POOL players under the appropriate guidelines or pick-up players under appropriate guidelines.
2. All pick-up players must have played the season on a NDABI registered team. No more than two (2) pick-up players allowed on a team.
3. Pool players are players from local leagues whose team has not registered with NDABI, or who have not played during the season. The cost to register a pool player is \$10.00 per player. Teams may not have more than two (2) pool players.
4. Pick-up or pool players: A team may not have more than two (2) added players. These players must be cleared through local NDABI officials with the Executive Secretary. They cannot change the classification of a team by their judged playing talents. NDABI ruling is final. See pick up rule as it pertains to Class B teams - Rule 7 under Class B teams.

**ARTICLE X  
LIABILITY**

1. The Corporation, league, or any team shall not be liable or responsible for any injury or accident sustained by any player, referee, manager, spectator or any other person for any destruction of property, whatsoever, at any time.

2. The Corporation shall not be responsible for any injury or accident by any player, referee, manager, spectator, or any other person during the State Amateur Basketball Tournament.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**QUALIFICATIONS AND PAIRINGS FOR THE STATE TOURNAMENT**

1. Pairings will be made by concealed drawings in each classification ( A, Commercial 1 & 2, Class B, Class C, Old Pro 1 & Old Pro 2, 50 and Over, Women 1 & 2, and Recreation) by the Executive Secretary.
2. The state tournament will be played off in as many divisions as are set forth by the Board of Directors, based on the team registration for that year.
3. A state tournament participating team can replace a bonafide injured ballplayer with any other player from within that team's league or district, but within the team's classification. The same ruling applies to state tournament injured ballplayers. This ruling is subject to the following stipulations:
  - A. The team manager must produce a doctor's affidavit certifying the injury of the ballplayer. Local commissioners are subject to authorize such injury to the state Executive Secretary.
  - B. After having been replaced, the injured player will not be eligible for further competition in the state tournament.
  - C. The player replacement cannot come from a team that has already competed in the present state tournament and been eliminated. Nor may the player come from a team that is still in the tournament but due to problems and unforeseen circumstances have "extra" players available.
  - D. The Administration Committee of the Corporation may issue passes to all Corporation officers, and may issue special passes as they see fit. Abuse of these passes may result in their removal and voidance by the Executive committee.
  - E. Player's passes for the state tournament must be requested by respective team managers. The Executive Secretary is given the power to renounce and revoke player's passes for abuse of fraud in the use of these passes.

**ARTICLE XII  
HALL OF FAME  
QUALIFICATIONS AND CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

1. A candidate must have at least ten years of playing or service to NDABI.
2. A candidate must be at least 35 years of age.
3. Anyone can submit a candidate's application.
4. The Hall of Fame candidate's application must be submitted in writing, on NDABI Hall of Fame forms, by January 15 of current season. These applications must be in the hands of the Executive Secretary NDABI by that date to be considered for that year's selection.

**ARTICLE XII  
IMPLIED POWERS**

1. The Executive Secretary of the Corporation is empowered to rule on any matter arising, which is not specifically provided herein.

**ARTICLE XIII  
TOURNAMENT SITE AND RULE ADOPTIONS**

The site of the annual North Dakota State Amateur Basketball Tournament will be decided at the annual spring meeting held in conjunction with that year's state tournament. It may be awarded for some year(s) in advance if the bid is made in that manner. The Board reserves the right to determine the number of years and the site for same.

As proposed by the President, Executive Secretary, and Board of Directors and Commissioners, the foregoing Rules and Regulations were voted on, passed, and adopted by a majority of all officials at a state meeting held in Bismarck, March 26, 1953; and as amended in Mandan, North Dakota, April 1, 1955; Bismarck, North Dakota, March 23, 1956; November 20, 1956; March 24, 1957; October 27, 1957; March 29, 1958; October 26, 1958; November 1, 1959; April 2, 1960; November 4, 1961; November 16, 1968, in Minot, North Dakota; October 25, 1975; December 28, 1978; October 31, 1983;

March 23, 1991; October 13, 1991; October 6, 1996; October 3, 1999; October 8, 2000;  
and October 7, 2001, October 6, 2002; September 13, 2009.