

## **ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. ASSOCIATION.**

This Association shall be composed of all duly qualified and regularly approved members currently in good standing with Boards, and Individual members currently in good standing with the International Office, who are affiliated with this Association in a manner prescribed in this Constitution. As used in this Constitution, words of any gender shall be construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular number shall be construed to include the plural, unless the context otherwise requires.

### **Section 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERS.**

Chartered Boards shall classify their members as follows:

- a. Active/Officiating (AO). Active member—duly registered to officiate.
- b. Active/Non-officiating (AN). Active member—non-officiating.
- c. Dual (D). Active and provisional members in good standing with their Parent Board may apply for Dual membership to (an)other Board(s) which may grant him membership as a Dual member; such Dual member shall have all the privileges of the Board(s) to which he or she has been granted dual status, except that each Board shall determine for itself if Dual members may vote or hold office. Dual members shall not be subject to any rules or regulations greater than that required of a regular member of the Board. Note: a Dual member must meet the requirements of his or her Parent Board and such requirements of attendance as stipulated by the dual Board(s).
- d. Provisional (P). An applicant for membership who has filed with an Area Board or the Association Office a written application in the form prescribed by the Area Board or Association Office and met the requirements of this Article shall be admitted as a Provisional member in the manner prescribed in this Constitution. Said provisional period shall not extend beyond two years from the date of registration with the Association Office. Any references contained in this Constitution or elsewhere to members shall not pertain to Provisional members unless specifically stated to the contrary.
- e. IAABO Life (IL). Elected by the Executive Committee following evaluation, screening, and recommendation by the Life Membership Committee in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Handbook and with no restrictions as to the number elected from any geographical area.
- f. IAABO Honorary (IH). Elected by the International Assembly in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Handbook and with no restrictions as to the number elected from any geographical area.
- g. Board Life (BL). Elected by their respective Board in accordance with the requirements as set forth in the Board's Constitution, and in its absence, as set forth in the requirements of the International.
- h. Board Honorary (BH). Elected by the respective Board in accordance with the requirements as set forth in the Board's Constitution, and in its absence, as set forth in the requirements of the International.

### **Section 3. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

Any person who meets the requirements set forth in this Article is eligible for membership in the Association. Any person of good character over the age of 18 years is eligible to file an application for membership with either an Area Board or the Association office as provided below. The Association and/or the Area Board may require the applicant to furnish additional information.

A person eligible for membership who resides in the territory of an Area Board must apply to the Area Board by completing an application for membership in the Association in the form prescribed by the Area Board.

A person eligible for membership who resides in an area where no Area Board exists may apply for membership directly to the International Office for classification as Individual member. If an Area Board is formed in the territory where an Individual member resides or if an Individual member relocates to a territory under the jurisdiction of an Area Board, he or she shall become a member of such Board at such time as the International Office transfers his or her membership to the appropriate Area Board. Thereafter, the member shall meet all requirements of the Area Board to which he or she is transferred.

#### **Section 4. ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP.**

- a. **Provisional Membership Program.** Provisional Membership is open to applicants eighteen (18) years of age or older who establish a satisfactory record of health and character. Each Area Board shall establish either a one (1) or two (2) year Provisional Membership period. Qualified applicants must pass the Official IAABO Written Examination prepared by Rules Examination Committee, and administered on the first or last Monday in November with a passing grade of eighty-six (86%) percent. The Rules Examination Committee shall prepare two (2) separate sets of questions for the November examinations.
- b. **Practical Floor Test.** Those applicants that pass the official IAABO Written Examination will be eligible to take the IAABO Practical Floor Test. The Board will send the examination results to the Executive Director.
- c. **Additional Requirements—Option of Area Board.** Area Boards may establish such attendance, testing and dues requirements for Provisional members as are reasonably required to administer the Provisional Membership program. In no case, however, can Provisional Membership extend beyond two (2) years from the date of registration with the Association Office.
- d. **Registration.** Every applicant who passes the IAABO Written Examination, the IAABO Floor Examination, any applicable oral examinations or other evaluation criteria, complies with meeting and attendance requirements and pays the appropriate dues, must be registered with the Association Office on or before the ensuing first day of April as either a Provisional (2-year program) or Active (1-year program) member.
  - (1) Area Boards which have established a two (2) year Provisional Membership period shall register Provisional members with the Association Office on or before the ensuing April 1st.
  - (2) Area Boards which have established a one (1) year Provisional Membership period shall register Provisional members as Active/Officiating members on or before the ensuing April 1st following the applicant's successful completion of the requirements for Provisional Membership.
- e. **Waiver.** An applicant who has had at least three (3) years experience officiating basketball at the varsity high school or college level and has been certified by a duly qualified commissioner or Association, may be admitted as an Active/Officiating member. The Parent Board may waive the requirements of Subsections b, c and/or d above.
- f. **Optional Examination Procedure.** Those applicants who fail to pass the Written Examination with a grade of eighty-six (86%) percent but whose grade is at least seventy-six (76%) percent may, at the option of the applicant's Area Board, take the IAABO Practical Floor Examination. Applicants who pass the IAABO Practical Floor Examination must take a second official IAABO Written Examination prepared by the Rules Examination Committee, given on the first Monday in March, with a passing grade of at least eighty-six (86%) percent.

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- a. Area Boards which have established a two (2) year Provisional Membership period shall register Provisional members with the Association Office on or before the ensuing April 1st following the applicant's successful completion of the requirements for Provisional Membership.
- b. Area Boards which have established a one (1) year Provisional Membership period shall register Provisional Members as Active members on or before the ensuing April 1st following the applicant's successful completion of the requirements for Provisional Membership.

#### **Section 6. EXAMINATION.**

Every Active/Officiating member shall take an annual Written Examination. Boards have the option of using either the annual or refresher examination for this purpose. If the annual examination is utilized, it shall be administered on the last Monday in November subsequent to the time it is taken by the applicant. Each Area Board may use the results of the examination as it feels will be most beneficial for the interest of the Board and members.

#### **Section 7. TERM OF MEMBERSHIP.**

Subsequently and as long as such member shall remain in good standing according to the regulations and other criteria of his Area Board, he shall be entitled, except for the permissible limitation stated in Section 2(c) of Article III concerning Dual members, to all the rights and privileges of membership and shall be bound by the rules and regulations expressed herein and by the Rules and Constitution and By-Laws of his Board.

#### **Section 8. LAPSED MEMBERSHIP.**

A member whose name is dropped from the membership rolls by reason of resignation or failure to pay dues may reinstate his or her membership within two years of termination thereof by written application to his or her Parent Board. The Parent Board involved may impose such requirements as provided in its By-Laws as a condition for granting of member's request for reinstatement, including but not limited to a written or practical test in order to reinstate membership. If reinstatement is sought by a member whose name was dropped from the membership rolls by reason of failure to pay dues, his Parent Board shall require payment of all delinquent dues and assessments.

#### **Section 9. REQUIRED ATTENDANCE.**

All Active/Officiating (AO) members of this Association shall be required to attend not less than three meetings of his or her Board immediately before or during a basketball season, at least one of which shall be a designated interpretation meeting.

#### **Section 10. FINANCIAL OBLIGATION.**

Members shall be required to pay all dues, fines and assessments to their Boards, or through such Boards to the Association by designated due dates.

#### **Section 11. GOVERNING AUTHORITY.**

Members shall comply with the requirements of this Constitution and the Constitution and By-Laws of their own Boards.

#### **Section 12. RIGHTS OF MEMBERS.**

Members, including Provisional Members, may wear the official uniform; annually receive a membership card and the Handbook; officiate with other members of this Association; and shall receive such other benefits as may be provided by the Association or its Boards. There are no restrictions upon members as to where they function. If and when an official, who is a member of the Association, officiates in a game played in a location not under the geographical jurisdiction of the Board of which he

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is a member, he is to be governed by the rules, regulations and fee schedules which govern Board members in that area.

**Section 13. ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFER.**

A Board must accept a member who, because of a change in his legal residence, comes within the jurisdiction of such Board. Such member shall have the same status of membership as he had at the time of his transfer and shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the Board to which he transfers. If at the time of his transfer, he has paid his dues to the Board from which he is transferring, he shall not be required to pay additional dues for that year. However, he shall be subject to the same assessments which the new Board requires of its members.

**Section 14. TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY.**

The secretary of the Board from which a member is transferring, shall notify the secretary of the Board into whose jurisdiction the member is transferring, as well as the Executive Director, of such transfer. Such notification shall include the status of the member and any other information which the secretary deems necessary.

**Section 15. MEMBER'S STANDING.**

A Board may not accept into membership a member who is not in good standing with the Association and the Board from which he is transferring.

**Section 16. GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE.**

For the failure to comply with established authority or regulation of a member's Area, District or State Board, International Association or the Executive Committee, delinquency in the payment of dues, assessments or penalties; or for any other conduct conclusively established to be contrary to the best interests of the Association or conduct which reflects discredit upon the Association, a member may be suspended for not more than one year, may be expelled, and/or fined.

**Section 17. APPEAL.**

Any member who has been suspended or expelled by a Board may appeal such suspension or expulsion to a District and then a State Board (if the Area Board is affiliated with a District and/or State Board. Following the disposition of all appeals to the local, District, and State boards, the member may then appeal directly to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall conduct a plenary hearing on notice to all parties which notice shall set forth the procedure and governing rules for the conduct of the hearing. All costs and expenses associated with the hearing by the Executive Committee shall be apportioned and assessed by the Executive Committee. The appellant shall deposit with the Association a deposit for costs or a surety bond, in an amount to be determined by the Executive Director, to cover anticipated costs and expenses of the Executive Committee hearing. The decision of the Executive Committee on the appeal shall be final.

**Section 18. JURISDICTION.**

If a Board shall fail to act in the event of a violation of Section 16 of this Article, the Executive Committee may take jurisdiction and enforce the provisions of this Constitution in accordance with Section 19 below.

**Section 19. RIGHT OF HEARING.**

A member charged with a violation of this Constitution or the Constitution of a Chartered Board, or any other violation of rules and regulations governing conduct of members of this Association, shall have the right to be heard in person and shall be notified in writing of the date, time and place of the hearing, the nature of the charge or charges, and the name of the person or persons so charging him or her. The member charged shall be afforded a reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.

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**Section 20. DISCIPLINE NOTICE.**

A suspended or expelled member may not accept assignments or officiate as a member of the Association during the period of suspension or subsequent to the member's name being stricken from the membership rolls as a result of expulsion. The Parent Board or the office of the Executive Director shall keep on file and have available for inspection a current membership roster denoting the status of all members as to eligibility to officiate as a member of the Association. Such membership rolls shall be available for inspection at such reasonable times as determined by a Chartered Board and may, at the option of the Board or the office of the Executive Director, be reproduced and disseminated in printed, electronic, or magnetic form, or via electronic means upon request of individuals or institutions so requesting same.