

Tiverton Junior Basketball League

Constitution

Article I – Name

The organization shall be known as the Tiverton Junior Basketball League (“TJBL”).

Article II – Purpose

To provide recreation for children interested in basketball, and who are residents of the Town of Tiverton, attend Tiverton Public Schools, and/or reside in a surrounding community that does not offer such a program. The children and/or grandchildren of TJBL volunteers with ten (10) or more years of service shall also be permitted to participate in the league.

Article III – Objective

To firmly implant the ideals of sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and respect in the participants of the league, while contemporaneously providing knowledge and skills for the game of basketball, so that they will become exemplary adults. These objectives shall be achieved by fostering these ideals through supervised recreational, as well as competitive travel, basketball programs. Winning shall be secondary to the development and molding of our community’s future adults.

Article IV – Government

- A. The governance of TJBL shall be under the exclusive control of its Board of Directors, which shall include the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Referees, Player Agent, Travel Director, and a Director for each applicable division. These positions shall be known as the League Officers.
- B. The body (membership) of TJBL shall consist of all league officers, coaches, and assistant coaches.
- C. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual organization meeting held during the month of April, early May, or as soon as otherwise practicable. All members of the body present who were active during the preceding year shall be eligible to vote.
- D. All matters concerning TJBL policy shall be contained within TJBL’s By-Laws, which shall be implemented by the Board of Directors, upon motion sustained by a majority of a quorum. A quorum shall consist of at least one half plus one ($1/2 + 1$) of the Board of Directors. Unless otherwise indicated herein, all processes of governance shall be controlled by Robert’s Rules of Order.
- E. Any League Officer may request an item of interest to be added to a meeting agenda under New Business.
- F. Any League Officer may also, in writing only, request a revision to this Constitution. However, such requests shall be addressed at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting, and sustained only upon motion, subject to a vote of two thirds ($2/3$) of entire the Board of Directors.

Article V – Duties of League Officers

- A. The President shall preside at meetings, act as chairperson of the Board of Directors, supervise the functions of various committees chartered by the Board of Directors, and in general, ensure that rules, policies, protocols, and principles of TJBL are observed. The President shall also be responsible for all communications with the Tiverton school department and all other applicable departments of the Town of Tiverton.
- B. The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in his/her absence. Additional duties may be assigned as needed by the President.
- C. The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and is responsible for all duly authorized external communications which may include communication to parents/guardians and/or activity on any social media accounts.
- D. The Treasurer shall keep financial records and assume authorized responsibility for TJBL's finances. The Treasurer shall dispense all funds as duly authorized by the Board of Directors.
- E. The Director of Referees shall be responsible for the selection, training, and game schedules of referees.
- F. The Player Agent shall be responsible for annual registration, maintaining a list of all registered participants, and maintaining all team rosters. The Player Agent, in conjunction with Division Directors, shall be responsible for evaluating and/or recommending any player who requests or is requested to play in an older division, either temporarily or for a season.
- G. The Travel Director shall be responsible for overseeing TJBL's travel program, including player participation, attending applicable travel league meetings, and ensuring compliance with applicable TJBL and travel league rules and regulations.
- H. Division Directors shall be responsible for scheduling and/or conducting tryouts, establishing schedules, supervising player drafts, recommending coaches, assisting in acquiring score and clock volunteers, and for providing security and supervision of gym facilities.

Article VI – Financial Policy

- A. The Board of Directors shall set annual registration fees for TJBL participants based on the financial needs of TJBL.
- B. No eligible child(ren) will be denied the opportunity to participate in TJBL due to financial inability. The President, along with the Vice President or Treasurer, shall have sole discretion to determine financial need and may opt to offer a fifty percent (50%) reduction in registration fees or a one hundred percent (100%) waiver to the participant's parent/guardian depending on the financial circumstances. TJBL shall strongly encourage those receiving any such reduction or waiver to donate appropriate voluntary service time to the TJBL.
- C. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of TJBL. All TJBL income shall be placed in a common TJBL account and all TJBL expenditures shall be made in an equitable manner, such that no individual or team will have an advantage over any other as to equipment, access to facilities or the like.
- D. TJBL shall be responsible for equipment, supplies, uniforms, insurance, trophies, and anything else which may be needed to operate TJBL in accordance with the governance of the Board of Directors.

- E. TJBL shall derive its income primarily from sponsorship fees, tournaments, registration fees, donations, and any approved fundraisers.
- F. Any approved TJBL participant refund or reimbursement shall reflect a reduction for an appropriate administrative fee. No refunds will be issued once the pertinent division has held its respective draft.

Article VII – Coaches and Assistant Coaches

- A. The selection of coaches and assistant coaches shall be approved by the Board of Directors.
- B. Head and assistant coaches must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- C. TJBL may allow a junior coach (ie. under the age of 18) to assist a team for the purposes of community service, senior project, or any other reason, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- D. Coaches are bound by the Tiverton Junior Basketball code of conduct per the by-laws.

Article VIII – Dissolution of the league

- A. If, at any time, TJBL becomes unable to fulfill its mission, the Board of Directors shall meet to address and/or take action regarding TJBL's dissolution in accordance with applicable law.