

BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE BY LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME, PURPOSE

Section 1. Name

The name of its organization shall be the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee INC., hereafter referred to as BCAT.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be:

1. To foster higher standards of professional proficiency and ethics.
2. Facilitate different activities (Senior All-Star Game, Hall of Honor, Coaching Clinics, Summer Hoopfest, Player of the Week, Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, Newsletters, Scholarships).
3. To develop greater unity and fellowship among all members.

ARTICLE II – GENERAL

Section 1. The principal office of this organization shall be in the city where the Executive Director resides.

Section 2. The business year shall be from August 1 to July 31.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. There shall be two classes of membership: "Individual" and "School" and those memberships will expire at end of each business year.

Section 2. The Executive Board of Directors shall determine membership dues. The dues may be adjusted by at two-thirds vote of the Executive Board of Directors effective on August 1 of any year.

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNANCE

Section 1. Executive Board of Directors

- A. The Executive Board of Directors shall be responsible for all affairs of the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee throughout the year. It shall establish all rules or regulations governing the transaction of business by the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee.
- B. The Executive Board shall be comprised of a maximum of twelve individuals.
 - a. An Executive Director, a Co-Director, 4 Regional Directors and up to 6 Advisory Directors
 - i. The Executive Director and Co-Director will be selected by the Executive Board of Directors by 2/3 vote of the Executive Board of Directors

- ii. The Executive Director of the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside at all meetings of the organization's membership and Executive Board of Directors. He or she shall have a general and active management of the business Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. He or she shall have the power to execute all legal documents, unless the Board of Directors expressly delegates another Board Member.
- iii. The Co-Director will be selected by the Executive Board of Directors. The Co-Director shall preside at all meetings. He or she shall be a voting member and will assume control if the Director is unable to provide leadership. He or she is also in full control of the finances of the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee and act as Treasurer.
- iv. The Regional Directors shall be responsible for being the contact person for member coaches in their specific regions (East, Middle, West, General) and serve on the Executive Board of Directors.
- v. All founding members of BCAT remain on the Executive Board until they resign or cannot perform.
- vi. A replacement of the Executive Board must be approved by 2/3 of Executive Board Members.
- vii. Advisory Directors will consist of past BCAT Presidents and will serve as part of the Executive Board of Directors
- viii. All Executive Board members may be re-appointed or re-elected.

- C. A quorum of the Executive Board of Directors shall consist when 2/3 of its members are present.

Section 2. Indemnification

Coaches of students participating in the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee program shall indemnify, to full extent authorized or permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Tennessee, any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to an action, suit or proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative) by reason of the fact that he, his testator or intestate is or was a Board member of the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee or serves or served any other enterprise at the request of the Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS / ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. All active members in good standing shall be voting member and shall be eligible to hold elective office or to be appointed by the Executive Board for any position.

Section 2. Executive Board of Directors will select a President and up to 2 Vice-Presidents.

- A. The term of office of the BCAT President will be one year, beginning on August 1 of each year.

B. Once the term of office of the BCAT President is over, the BCAT President is eligible to serve on the Advisory Board of Directors with two-thirds approval of the Executive Board of Directors as long as the total number on the Executive Board does not exceed twelve members.

C. The BCAT President Duties

- A. Charged with providing leadership and direction to the BCAT Committee, the BCAT President is responsible for ensuring that the committee fulfils its responsibilities for the roles and success. The BCAT President is the spokesperson of the committee and should work to maintain key relationships within and outside the committee and then report the committee's actions and assigned roles for approval by the BCAT Executive Board.
- B. Be well informed of all organization activities, provide insight and suggestions to grow BCAT and improve the overall operations of the BCAT.
- C. Chair committee meetings ensuring that they are run efficiently and effectively
- D. Regularly focus the committee's attention on matters of governance that relate to its own structure, role, and relationships
- E. Help boost BCAT membership during the term of BCAT President should maintain contact with Coaches at a grassroots level.
- F. Help with the selection of Regional Representatives

D. Purpose of the Committees

A. The purpose of a committee is to support the board or leadership team by handling specific tasks or areas that require dedicated attention. Committees often take on detailed work, such as research, planning, or problem-solving, and bring recommendations to the larger board for consideration. They help streamline decision-making processes, allowing the board to focus on broader, strategic matters.

B. Specific areas of emphasis for BCAT Committee Members:

- 1. ALL STAR GAME
- 2. ALL STATE TEAM
- 3. PLAYERS OF THE WEEK
- 4. TOP 10 TEAMS
- 5. PLAYERS OF THE YEAR
- 6. HELP AS NEEDED AT BCAT EVENTS: BCAT HOOPFEST, BCAT CLINIC, BCAT COURT OF HONOR, BCAT ALL STAR WEEKEND

Section 3. Vice-Presidents will represent the 3 Grand Divisions of the state (West, Middle, East) and represent all coaches in that area. The term of office for Vice-President will be 2 years until being named

BCAT President in the 3rd year. The BCAT President is chosen on a rotating basis after serving as Vice-President in this order: West, Middle, East

Section 4. The Executive Director shall conduct elections or hold the right to appoint, to fulfill the positions of Regional Directors in the event an opening occurs by 2/3 vote of the Executive Board

A. A vacancy shall exist in an office if an appointed or elected official leaves the coaching profession or moves from the state Tennessee. The vacancy shall be filled by a candidate selected by the Executive Director with the approval of two-thirds of the Executive Board of Directors

Section 5. The Executive Director and / or the BCAT President shall serve as Master of Ceremonies at all Association gatherings. They shall also preside at Executive Board of Director meetings.

ARTICLE VI – FINANCES

Section 1. Fiscal Year

The Fiscal year shall begin on the first day of August and end on the last day of July. The Executive Board of Directors shall approve all financial decisions by two-thirds vote.

Section 2. Treasurer

The Co-Director will serve as Treasurer of BCAT

Section 3. Loans

No loan shall be contracted on behalf of the BCAT and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a two-thirds majority of the active Executive Board of Directors

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended or repealed only at an Executive Board of Directors meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

Section 1 In order to dissolve the organization, the Executive Director must present a resolution recommending that the organization be dissolved to the active membership. A proposal for dissolution may be considered at a regular or special meeting of the active membership only after thirty (30) days notice in writing is given to each member in good standing. The resolution to dissolve shall be adopted upon receiving 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by active members present at such regular or special meeting. This organization shall not be dissolved while 20% of the members is good standing dissent.

Section 2 Use adoption of the resolution of dissolution, this organization shall cease to conduct its affairs, except insofar as may be necessary for the proper completion thereof, and shall immediately cause a notice for the proposed dissolution to be mailed to each known creditor and shall proceed to collect its assets and apply and distribute them as provided in the Articles of Incorporation.