

TINKER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

NAME: The name of this association shall be the TINKER OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION, hereafter to be referred to as TOA.

ARTICLE II.

PURPOSE: To promote the welfare of sports by maintaining the highest standards of officiating, to encourage the spirit of fair play and sportsmanship, and to have available an adequate number of thoroughly trained officials classified (rated) by their officiating abilities.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP: The membership shall be open to all persons regardless of race, creed, religion, sex or national origin...with special consideration for membership given to active duty, honorably discharged, and retired members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

ARTICLE IV.

SUSPENSION, EXPULSION and RESIGNATION:

Section 1. Suspension: Any member may be suspended from the TOA for cause (i.e., failing to meet the requirements provided in the by-laws), through action of the Executive Committee. Length of the suspension shall be determined by the committee, but will not exceed thirty (30) days.

Section 2. Expulsion: Any member may be expelled from the TOA for cause through recommendation of the Membership at majority vote of active members present at a general membership meeting. Expulsion will prohibit further membership in TOA, for a minimum of one year.

Section 3. Resignation: Any member who submits a letter of resignation will not participate in any future TOA activities. Reinstatement will be considered by the Executive Committee upon application.

Section 4. Any member being considered for action under Article IV, Section 1 or 2, will be notified in writing of such and be given date, time and location of the Executive Committee meeting considering the matter so person(s) concerned will be afforded the opportunity to attend that meeting and present any grievances.

ARTICLE V.

DUES and FEES:

Section 1. Active members will be assessed dues annually in the amount of \$40.00, payable No Later Than the first week of September. Those dues will be used to cover TOA's administrative costs and special events costs as directed by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. A \$25.00 registration fee shall be charged to any participant enrolled in the "Floor Mechanics/Academic Training" sessions (open to TOA members and non-members) to cover cost of materials and services.

Section 3. A NSF (Non Sufficient Fund) fee will be assessed for all returned checks.

ARTICLE VI.

OFFICERS and DUTIES:

Section 1. The officers of the TOA shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected to office by simple majority of the membership present during election. The election of officers shall be held during the month of October. Officers elected will hold office two (2) years, to begin on the first day of the month following last day of the High School basketball season.

Section 3. DUTIES:

A. President, will preside over all meetings of the association. Will represent the association in all its affairs and dealings with other organizations, and approve the disbursement of funds.

B. Vice-President, will preside in the absence of the President or upon the direction of the President act on his/her behalf. Will be Chairperson of the Executive Committee.

C. Secretary, will keep and publish minutes of each meeting, maintain a current roster of all members, and all property of the association. Coordinate TOA activities as directed by President or Vice-President to include the draft and/or edit of executive correspondence to agencies outside of said TOA. Maintain and forward local meeting attendance sheets, when completed, to the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association (O.S.S.A.A.) office for required attendance credit. Assists with Treasurers duties, when required.

D. Treasurer, will maintain financial records, fund accounts, receive and disburse funds in accordance with proper accounting procedures with verification by President and/or Vice-President and be one of the four elected officers responsible for disbursement of organizational funds. He/she will also provide a quarterly financial statement to the membership on status of organizational accounts. Assists with Secretaries duties, when required.

Section 4. Vacancy in Office: If any office becomes vacant prior to the next elections, the vacancy shall be filled by Interim appointment by the Executive Committee. Exception: Should the office of President become vacant, it will be filled by the Vice-President for the remainder of that term.

Section 5. Executive Committee: This committee shall consist of the Chairperson (Vice-President), Past and Present TOA Officers, and enough members-at-large to bring committee size to no less than nine (9) members, and a maximum of twenty (20) members. The committee shall have the power to approve/disapprove applications for membership, consider all suspension, expulsions and reinstatements, set fee amounts required for clinics and scheduler, determine dues for new applicants and appoint individuals to fill office vacancies and other positions such as Technical Advisor, Sports Commissioner, Training Coordinator, Scheduler, and Officials' Observer. Also, nominate and select Executive Committee members.

Section 6. A Technical Advisor (TA) shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from active members prior to the start of regular season. An assistant may be named by the appointed TA to act on his/her behalf or assume duties if required. Duties are as follows:

- Conduct rules and mechanics meetings prior to start of season
- Determine member's level of competence to officiate by use of a rating system, and recommendation to Executive Committee.
- Ensure all officials are interpreting and applying the rules consistently
- Recommend level of game assignments for all officials

Section 7. Eligibility: Any member of the TOA, in good standing, is eligible for election as an officer or appointment to a position. No member may hold an office/appointment simultaneously without approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

MEETINGS:

Section 1. General membership meetings should be held once per year.

Section 2. Rules meetings and Floor Mechanics Training will be held weekly prior to start of season, each session not to exceed two (2) hours.

Section 3. Executive Committee shall meet quarterly, when possible, or as called by the President.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the President whenever necessary.

ARTICLE VIII.

POLICIES and PROCEDURES:

Section 1. All members of TOA are encouraged to be affiliated with the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association (OSSAA), National Federation of State High School Association (NFHSA). Whereas the member will also have an option to join the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IABBO), and the Oklahoma City Metro Officials Association.

Section 2. Fines: Failure of any official to cover their game assignment without just cause will result in a fine of not more than twice the amount of the assignment. Any official arriving late for a game assignment shall be assessed five dollars (\$5.00) for each occurrence. One dollar (\$1.00) will be assessed any member for each incident of disrespect or disorderly conduct during the course of any TOA meeting. A ten dollar (\$10.00) fine will be assessed any member making any public derogatory statement about this association, the ability of another member, or fellow official. A one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fine and suspension for remainder of season will be assessed any official who consumes alcoholic beverages prior to game time, or showing up for a game assignment under the influence of alcohol. NOTE: Any fines assessed must be paid to the Treasurer within 30 days of the assessment, or individual will be removed from schedule.

Section 3. All officials working high school games must be registered with the OSSAA, achieve a passing score on any written examination, attend respective rules meetings and clinics prior to officiating TOA sanctioned games.

Section 4. To protect the interest of the TOA and its membership with respect to any additional expenditures, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to assess any member the cost of damages or lost to TOA property or expenditures caused by member to TOA.

Section 5. Any member in direct violation of these By-Laws may be fined in an amount not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), or as recommended/approved by the Executive Committee. Any fine may be coupled with a suspension as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. Any member has the right to appear before the Executive Committee for whatever reason.

