

CONSTITUTION OF THE BROWARD FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

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ARTICLE I. NAME

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Broward Football Officials Association (BFOA).

ARTICLE II. MISSION

The mission of the BFOA shall be:

Section 1. To provide officials of the highest caliber available to officiate and remain in partners in professional progress for the benefit of interscholastic sports.

Section 2. To indoctrinate and train officials through the use of the current National Federation of High School association's Rule Book, Case Book, Officials' Manual and other publications. These publications shall become the accepted authority on rules and officiating mechanics.

Section 3. To elevate the standards of officiating through the maintenance of a high standard of ethics.

Section 4. To provide the means for the correct interpretations of all rules.

Section 5. To promote good fellowship among its members.

Section 6. To further the spirit of good sportsmanship and fair play.

ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION

Section 1. The BFOA is a football official's organization under the sanction held by the Broward County Athletic Association from the Florida High School Athletic Association, Inc. (FHSAA). BFOA is subject to the by-laws and policies of FHSAA insofar as they affect and prescribe the duties and responsibilities of the organization and its individual members.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The elected officers of the BFOA shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three At-Large Directors. The BFOA governing structure shall comply with the guidelines set forth in the FHSAA Officials' Guidebook, General Regulations and Policies, as defined in the most current edition.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the BFOA, which consists of the elected Officers and At-Large Directors.

Section 3. The immediate past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors, but will have no vote on Board matters.

ARTICLE V. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. The Board of Directors will be elected biannually. The election will be held at the last scheduled meeting of the Association during even numbered years. The Board will assume office at the January board meeting that follows the election.

Section 2. The eligibility to run for office of the BFOA is to be a member in good standing with four years minimum membership in the BFOA.

Section 3. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the Vice President, and such successor shall serve the unexpired term.

Section 4. A vacancy occurring in any other office will be filled by appointment by the President, and such successor shall serve the unexpired term.

Section 5. All elected officers and directors shall hold office for a term of two years. No officer elected shall serve in the same office for more than four consecutive years.

Section 6. Voting will be by secret ballot with no voting by proxy. Quorum of membership must be present. The officers must be elected by a majority of the membership voting, if not a run-off election of the top two members receiving votes.

Section 7. The Board will appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms to maintain order at the general and Board meetings.

Section 8. The Board of Directors shall appoint a rules interpreter to serve for the Board term.

Section 9. A board member who misses two consecutive meetings twice during a calendar year may be removed from office and a replacement named in accordance with established procedures.

ARTICLE VI. BOOKING COMMISSIONER

Section 1. The Broward County Athletic Association (BCAA) may select the Booking Commissioner from the names submitted by the Board of Directors while reserving the right to select an alternate individual whose name is not submitted by the Board of Directors. The Booking Commissioner will assign members to officiate all interscholastic games that are to be officiated by the Association.

ARTICLE VII. BY-LAWS

Section 1. The qualification for membership and the responsibilities of the Board are provided for in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII. SUSPENSION

Section 1. There shall be no suspension of the Constitution or By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution will be automatically amended to comply with any newly enacted requirements of the FHSAA.

Section 2. Any member in good standing may sponsor an amendment to the Constitution. A preliminary draft of a proposed amendment may be submitted to the Board of Directors at any meeting for inclusion on the agenda (presentation to the general membership followed by discussion) at the next meeting. The final draft of a proposed amendment must be submitted to the Board of Directors no later than the next-to-last meeting of the year. Amendments to change the Constitution will be voted on by roll call ballot at the last scheduled meeting of the year.