



**Metroball Youth Basketball Association
Organization Documents and Bylaws
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Article I: Purpose

The Metroball Youth Basketball Association (hereinafter referred to as “MYBA” or “the Association”) is established to provide youth in Frederick, Carroll, and Washington Counties, Maryland—and surrounding areas—with the opportunity to engage in competitive basketball within a structured, instructional, and sportsmanlike environment. MYBA's ongoing mission is to offer a safe, enjoyable, and fair basketball experience, emphasizing quality play and positive development.

These bylaws define the organizational structure of the league and, together with the MYBA Guiding Principles and Rules of Play, govern all MYBA operations. Participation in the league requires full adherence to these bylaws, guiding principles, and game rules.

Article II: Organizational Participation

Section 1: Organization Categories

MYBA welcomes participation from youth basketball organizations and private schools based in Frederick, Carroll, Washington Counties, and surrounding areas. All participating organizations must agree to uphold the MYBA Bylaws, Guiding Principles, and Rules of Play, as adopted or revised each season by the Executive Board.

Participation Requirements:

- **Returning Organizations** must reapply in writing to the MYBA President by **September 1** to be eligible for December league play.
- **New Organizations** must express interest in writing by **August 1** for MYBA board consideration. A majority board vote is required for approval.

Organization Statuses:

1. **Returning Organization in Good Standing**

Must adhere to bylaws, guiding principles, and codes of conduct, have no outstanding balances, and meet league deadlines.

2. **Probationary Organization**

May participate in league activities but are not guaranteed future participation. After one season, the organization may request "Good Standing" status. A second probationary season requires a board vote. After two seasons, the organization must either be granted "Good Standing" or be **terminated**.

3. **Terminated Organization**

Participation has been revoked. Only a majority vote by the Executive Board may revoke an organization's status.

Participating in MYBA is a privilege. Failure to meet financial, conduct, or administrative obligations may result in probation or termination.

Section 2: Meetings

The Association shall conduct a **preseason Coordinator Meeting** to:

- Share updates
- Review bylaws and rules
- Organize upcoming season activities

While monthly meetings are encouraged, **start- and end-of-season meetings** are required to:

- Close financials
- Review of the past season
- Plan for the future

Meeting Details:

- Called by the MYBA President (or designee)
 - Notice sent at least 3 days prior via electronic communication
 - Open to Coordinators and organization representatives only
 - Chaired by the MYBA President or designee
 - Conducted via Zoom (recordings available upon request), with the option for in-person or conference calls
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Article III: Governance – Executive & MYBA Board

Board Composition:

Executive Board (3-year term):

- President
- Vice President
- Administrator

MYBA Board (2-year term):

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Director of Referees
- Recording Secretary

No limits are placed on consecutive terms. Elections occur at the General Meeting before each season. All board members must represent an organization in **Good Standing**. A majority vote by returning member organizations determines election outcomes.

Section 1: Officer Duties

- **Recording Secretary/Administrator:**
Records meeting minutes and manages communications between MYBA and participating organizations.
 - **Treasurer:**
Oversees MYBA finances, including collection of dues and reporting financial health to the organizations.
 - **Vice President:**
Assists the President, chairs the Disciplinary Committee, and serves as acting President when needed.
 - **President:**
Leads the Association, oversees meetings, sets agendas, manages scheduling, and coordinates decisions with the Executive Board.
 - **Director of Referees:**
Manages officiating, including scheduling, background checks, training, evaluations, and referee conduct.
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Section 2: Board Member Removal Process

Grounds for Removal:

1. Missing three or more board meetings
2. Failure to fulfill assigned duties
3. Conflicts of interest
4. Misconduct or ethical violations
5. Loss of eligibility per MYBA bylaws

Removal Procedure:

1. Submit written request to the President (or Vice President if the President is under review)
 2. Collect documentation
 3. Notify board of intent
 4. Hold a formal meeting
 5. Allow member to respond
 6. Vote (majority required)
 7. Document outcome in meeting minutes
 8. Notify the member and update all records accordingly
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Article IV: Organizational Responsibilities

Section 1: General Responsibilities

Each organization must appoint an **Area Coordinator** or **Athletic Director** to represent its interests and ensure:

- Community-based team formation
- Inclusive participation without discrimination
- No recruiting practices that damage league parity

Coordinator Duties:

- Attend MYBA meetings
- Manage registrations and rosters
- Assign coaches
- Provide coach training and team uniforms/equipment
- Provide gym space for practices and games (at least half of each team's games)
- Maintain proper insurance
- Ensure adherence to financial and conduct policies

Section 2: Player & Team Eligibility

- **Rosters:** Max 12 players; finalized before the season (no changes without MYBA approval)
- **Grade Eligibility:** Teams grouped by grade bands (3rd/4th, 5th/6th, 7th/8th, 9th/10th, 11th/12th for boys; 3rd–12th for girls)
- **Proof of Eligibility:** Must be provided upon request (e.g., birth certificates, headshots)
- **Roster Restrictions:**
 - One team per player per grade band
 - No cross-organization play
 - Up to 5 players may "play up"
 - No "playing down" permitted

Dual Participation:

Players on competitive teams (e.g., AAU, school teams) may participate with MYBA approval. Organizations must notify the board if 2+ players are dual-rostered.

Ineligible Players:

Use of ineligible players results in forfeited games.

Article V: Association Responsibilities

The MYBA is responsible for:

- Enforcing rules and contracts
- Overseeing behavior of participants
- Scheduling games
- Coordinating officials
- Determining league fees
- Resolving disputes

Section 1: Financial Assessments

League fees, determined annually, may include costs for:

- Website and software services
- Liability insurance
- Referee fees
- Trophies
- Administrative costs

Section 2: League Structure & Schedule**Divisions by Grade/Gender:**

- **Boys:** 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, 7th/8th, 9th/10th, 11th/12th
- **Girls:** 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, 7th/8th, High School (9th–12th)

Regular Season:

- 8 games per team
- Played on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from December–February

Playoffs:

- Single-elimination format
- Seeding based on record, schedule strength, and competitive level
- Brackets:
 - **Division I:** Most competitive

- **Division II:** Moderate competition
- **Division III:** Developmental

Note: Teams may be moved across brackets or age bands to maintain balance, but eligibility rules must be followed.

Section 3: Weather Cancellations & Rescheduling

- Follows Frederick County, MD Snow Emergency Plans
- Reschedules possible based on gym/team availability
- Coordinators may request game adjustments for illness/injury up to 72 hours before game time

Section 4: Scheduling Conflicts

- Coordinators must submit conflicts and rosters by league deadlines
- Scheduling accommodation may be made for academic or religious obligations, and multi-team coaches
- No accommodation for personal, work, or outside league conflicts

Section 5: Game Officials

- Two certified officials per game
- Officials facilitate pre-game meetings, verify rosters, and ensure volunteers are assigned for scorebook and clock

Section 6: Social Media Policy

MYBA encourages respectful, constructive engagement on social media. Members must uphold the same standards of sportsmanship and conduct online as are expected during games. Posts should promote the league's mission and community spirit. All content must align with MYBA's Guiding Principles and Code of Conduct.