

BY-LAWS

Of the

WOOD-RIDGE

RECREATION

BASKETBALL

PROGRAM

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ARTICLE 1: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Wood-Ridge Recreation Basketball Program, of Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, also referred as “Wood-Ridge Basketball”.

ARTICLE 2: ORGANIZATION & PURPOSE

The purpose is to promote participation in the sport of Basketball through the organization, operation, and maintenance of a Basketball program based in the town of Wood-Ridge. To promote and instill good sportsmanship and fellowship among all players, coaches, and parents through the principles of honesty, discipline and fair play.

ARTICLE 3: SEASONAL YEAR

The seasonal year for the Wood-Ridge Recreational Program shall begin on May 1st and end on April 30th of the following calendar year.

ARTICLE 4: FINANCES

The Recreation Basketball Board, hereinafter referred to as “the Board”, shall decide on any questions regarding the disbursement of the Programs moneys. The Treasurer shall report and make available at the annual meeting a review of prior year receipts and disbursements.

ARTICLE 5: FUND RAISING

Fund raising projects or events or other activities sponsored by the Wood-Ridge Recreational Program, or by the member teams, must be approved by the Recreation Commission.

ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP

The members consist of the enrolled youth, parents/guardians of the enrolled youth, and the volunteering, responsible adults who are in support of this Program. All members shall abide by the By-Laws, all the Rules and Regulations, and the Member Code of Conduct as put forth by the Wood-Ridge Recreation Commission.

ARTICLE 7: ELIGIBILITY

Any youth residing in the Borough of Wood-Ridge or Moonachie and/or attending a school in the Borough of Wood-Ridge who demonstrates an interest in Basketball, and meets the age requirements of the Program shall be eligible for membership as a participant.

ARTICLE 8: AGE REQUIREMENTS

Any youth residing in the Borough of Wood-Ridge and/or attending a school in the Borough of Wood-Ridge who is currently in grades 2 through 8 during the year he/she applies for registration.

ARTICLE 9: REGISTRATION

Any eligible youth wanting to play within the Wood-Ridge Recreational Program may do so by registering during predetermined times set by the Program.

- Section 1 Any youth registering for the first time must show proof of age (birth certificate) and proof of residency (Parent's driver license or PSE&G bill) if new to the Program.
- Section 2 Any youth registering in the Wood-Ridge Recreational Program must pay the predetermined registration fee within the guidelines established by the Wood-Ridge Recreation Commission.
- Section 3 A parent/guardian must sign the registration form and the Wood-Ridge Recreation Code of Ethics.
- Section 4 A youth who participates in the Wood-Ridge Recreational Program, and then moves out of town, may finish playing the existing season, however he/she will be ineligible to play in the future if he/she is not a resident of Wood-Ridge or attending a school in Wood-Ridge.

ARTICLE 10: PARTICIPANT REGULATIONS

Wood-Ridge Recreational Program Code of Conduct.

1. Treat opponents with respect
2. Play within the rules of the sport of Basketball.
3. Demonstrate self-control.
4. Respect the officials and accept their decisions without gesture or argument.
5. Win without boasting, lose without excuses, and never quit.
6. Remember it is a privilege to represent the Wood-Ridge Recreational Program.

ARTICLE 11: BEHAVIOR

Both participants and his/her parent or guardian shall represent the Program appropriately by demonstrating good sportsmanship, team spirit, self-discipline, and respect for others and abide by N.J.S.A. 2C: 12-1. Parent or guardian must sign and abide by the Wood-Ridge Recreation Code of Ethics that is included with the application package.

ARTICLE 12: ATTENDANCE

Each player is expected to make every effort to attend all games and practice sessions and to work on skill development outside of regular team practice sessions

ARTICLE 13: COACHING REGULATIONS

Wood-Ridge Recreational Program Coaches Code of Conduct.

1. Treat own athletes, parents, and opponents with respect.
2. Teach and inspire athletes to love the sport, and instill the desire to compete fairly.
3. Exemplify the type of person he/she wants the players to be.
4. Set high standards of performance and conduct and maintain control and discipline of the team at all times
5. Respect the judgment and interpretation of the rules by the officials.
6. Realize that he/she is a teacher/coach and therefore understands the game and proper rules of behavior at all times.

ARTICLE 14: COACHING REQUIREMENTS

All coaches must be approved by the Recreation Commission and must be over eighteen years of age unless approved by the Commission. All coaches must have completed any certification courses required by the Recreation Commission including but not limited to background and finger print checks.

The Recreation Board may remove any coach from his/her position for reasonable cause after a hearing at which he/she has had a reasonable opportunity to oppose such action. Hearings must be scheduled and attended by a majority of Board members within two weeks of the request in order for final action to be taken.

ARTICLE 15: COACHING GUIDELINES

1. Practice safety first at all times.
2. Go over safety procedures for throwing events before each practice.
3. Make sure all athletes are properly warmed up prior to practice and competition.
4. All injuries must be reported to the parents or guardian of the children involved and the Recreation Department immediately. Also, an injury/accident report must be filed with the Recreation Department within 24 hours of the injury/incident.
5. If an injury is deemed serious a coach must call 911 and inform the parents immediately.
6. All coaches must keep order during practices and meets. Do not let the children put themselves in any dangerous or disruptive situations that could place them or others in harms way.

ARTICLE 16: BOARD MEMBERS

Each officer for the Board shall be elected by a vote of the voting members. Meetings must be held at least once every year with officers elected no later than a meeting held between April 1st and April 30th of the New Year. Voting members will consist of those persons who have attended the prior years meeting (s) a majority of the time (for purposes of the initial By-Laws adopted in 2012 members in attendance of said meeting will qualify as a majority for voting). Meetings must be advertised in advance throughout Wood-Ridge stating forth such purpose.

Section 1 Candidates for the Board must be over 18 years of age or older and must have at least one year of coaching experience in the Wood-Ridge recreational Basketball Program.

Section 2 Candidates shall be nominated and voted upon by the voting members.

Section 3 Term of office shall be one year commencing on May 1st in the year of election and expiring on April 30th the following year with no restriction on the number of terms or positions that one may serve.

Section 4 The Board shall be comprised of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer

Section 5 Any changes to these By-Laws must be done by a majority vote by the Board.

Section 6 The duties of the Board shall be as follows:

President: Serve a Chief Executive Officer to the program; Preside over all meetings; liaison to Recreation Commission; serve as the general representative of this program in all matters; run the day to day program of Basketball; order uniforms and equipment; and to carry out such other duties as from time to time are assigned by the board.

Vice-President: Assist the President as necessary; exercise control and duties of the President in the absence of the President; and to carry out such other duties as from time to time are assigned by the President.

Secretary: Record and publish minutes of all meetings; record all members who attend meetings; and to carry out such other duties as from time to time are assigned by the President.

Treasurer: Prepare an annual budget and present same to the Board for approval; to keep a detailed account of income and expenses of Wood-Ridge recreational program funds; and to carry out such other duties as from time to time are assigned by the President.

Division Coordinators: The duties and responsibilities of the Division Coordinators shall include, but not limited to the following:

1. Coordinators shall oversee the drafting of teams in his/her division.
2. Shall make spot decisions in matters of disputes involving his/ her division.
3. To act as liaison between the members of the Division 1 teams and the Board.
4. To carry out such other and further duties as from time to time are assigned by the President.

ARTICLE 17: TEAM COMPOSITION

1. The number of teams making up a division will be contingent on the number of players registered in accordance to the age and grade requirements for each division.
2. Coaches shall select teams by conducting a draft, except for his/her own children.
3. Assistant coaches will be selected following the draft.
4. All Division teams shall be sorted as evenly as possible.
5. The board reserves the right to modify team rosters in order to maintain competitive balance.

ARTICLE 18: AMENDMENTS AND CONFLICTS

Proposals to adopt, amend or repeal By-Laws may be made by any member, in writing, at Membership meetings or by any member of the Board at a Board meeting.

6. By-Laws may be adopted, amended or repealed only by a quorum of the Board that is present plus one of the registered members at a regularly scheduled coaches meeting. Each registered team present shall have one vote.
7. The vote will take place no sooner than the monthly meeting following the meeting in which the proposal was presented.
8. These By-Laws are effective as of November 12, 2012 and replace and supersede any and all prior By-Laws.