

NIKKEI YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

A. The name of the association shall be Nikkei Youth Basketball Association. Its abbreviation is NYBA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- A. The NYBA is primarily for the youths of Japanese ancestry. It is to provide organized athletic programs for the youths of member organizations. It shall be a non-profit association.
- B. Sportsmanship, fair play, and providing an opportunity for all the players to participate shall be the guiding principles of the NYBA. It is the responsibility of the organizational representatives to inform each and every supervisory person (managers/coaches) in their organization of the principles of the NYBA and to assume that they as well as the players and fans observe this principle. All coaches and managers must refrain from "pouring it on" in the spirit of fair play when it is obvious that the opposing team is noticeably weaker.
- C. Funds to operate the NYBA will be obtained by assessment of member organizations. Annual per team assessment amounts will be determined at the first annual meeting of the NYBA. The NYBA will not sponsor any fundraising activities.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

A. Membership in the NYBA shall consist of the following:

1. Member status – The following organizations are full members of the NYBA:

**SAN JOSE CYS
TRI CITY YOUTH GROUP
S. F. ASSOCIATES
S. F. TROOP 12**

**PALO ALTO YOUTH SERVICES
SAN MATEO JYO
BCSF YAO**

- B. Voting - Each athletic team will designate at the first annual meeting one person and an alternate who will represent the organization on all voting matters for the coming year. Each member shall have one vote.
- C. Each member is responsible for gyms, officials, uniforms, and equipment.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

A. The officers** of the NYBA and their duties shall be as follows:

1. President - Arranges and presides at all meetings.
2. Treasurer - Maintains the funds of the association. Records and reports all disbursements. (Duties of the Treasurer were revised on April 21, 1993, and on March 21, 2007)
3. Secretary - Takes over in absence of the President. Also as Secretary, records minutes of the meetings, maintains correspondence with all members. Maintains a record of the original rosters for the NYBA prior to that start of the season and maintains any roster changes during that season.

4. Score Recorder – Records and disseminates the game scores for each division. (The office of Score Recorder was defined and established on April 21, 1993, and on March 21, 2007)
5. Scheduler - Prepares the game schedule for all league games prior to the start of the season. Any changes in the original schedule are to be arranged between the affected teams. Scheduler is to be informed of any changes for record purposes.
6. Advisor - The immediate past president of the NYBA will be an advisor. The advisor will provide consultation to the NYBA. Until Troop 12 can field an NYBA Team, Troop 12 will remain an advisor..

* An office entitled President-Elect was created on June 18, 1984 and abolished on April 21, 1993)

** The rotation of officers was revised on April 21, 1993 with the creation of the office of Score Recorder and abolishing the President-Elect.

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- B. Officers will serve for a term of one year. Each member organizations will provide an officer for the NYBA. The determination of which member shall fill in which office will be determined at the wrap up meeting.
- C. The names of the people presented by each member to serve as officers must be approved unanimously by all members. If unanimous vote is not obtained, the member organization must submit additional names until a unanimous vote is obtained.
- D. Any officer can be removed prior to completion of the officer's term of office by 2/3 vote of all members. The vacancy will be filled for the remainder of the term preferably from the same member organization with 2/3 of the members' approval.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

A. Regular meetings will be as follows:

1. First meeting of the basketball season. September
2. Second meeting (submit rosters, waivers, and gym availability). October
3. Third meeting (submit additional waivers, correct rosters and schedules). November
a. Additional meeting if necessary. December
4. Wrap up meeting. March or April

B. Special meetings can be called at any time by the president or majority vote of the members.

C. Quorum for all meetings shall be 2/3 of the members.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

A. The following committees are part of the NYBA:

1. Arbitration committee - Duties are to:
 - a. Review protests and make final ruling.
 - b. Review allegations of violation of the principles of the NYBA by individual organizations. Make recommendations to the NYBA as to resolution of any allegations.
 - c. The committee will consist of the president of the NYBA, the Advisor, and one other person to be elected by the members. The committee will be headed by the NYBA president. The committee will serve one year.

ARTICLE VII - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

A. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the NYBA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of the NYBA.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDING BY-LAWS

A. These by-laws can be amended as follows:

1. A copy of the proposed amendment is to be given to all members two weeks prior to discussion and voting. A unanimous vote of the members is required for passage.

ARTICLE IX - BASKETBALL LEAGUE RULES

A. Pre-game rules.

1. Player eligibility.
 - a. The league is for youths in high school and below.
 - b. Boys and girls on a Varsity, Jr. Varsity or Frosh-Soph High School team or Ninth Grade Junior High School team whose season is concurrent with the NYBA will not be permitted to play in the NYBA either during or after completion of the current school league play. Boys and girls may return to the NYBA the following season provided he/she meets all other requirements of the NYBA.
 - c. The age cut-off date shall be December 3rd of the current season.
 - d. Any player in the B and G1 divisions must have played in at least one year previously in the NYBA. Any exceptions will require a waiver. On all lower division teams, a player can enter with no previous NYBA experience.
 - e. Players on roster must play at least one (1) game prior to the beginning of the second half of season (or the game prior to one-half of the odd number of games) in their respective division to be eligible to play in the second half. Exceptions: Injury or illness provided statement of injury or illness is filed with both the NYBA president and secretary at the time of said illness.

- f. Official final team rosters must be turned in to the NYBA secretary before the scheduled date for the first league game of the current season. After that date, no players can be added
- g. A majority of the team roster at the beginning of the season must be comprised of Nikkei youths. If at any time during the balance of the season a team does not meet the Nikkei roster majority requirements, the team roster must be approved by the NYBA board unanimously. (Amendment passed April 30, 2003.)

2. Teams*.

- a. Boys E Instructional Division** Under 8 years old.
D American Division 9-10 years old.
D National Division 11 years old.
C American Division 12 years old.
C National Division 13-14 years old.
B Division 15-18 years old.

- Girls E. Instructional Division 4th grade and below
G 3 Division 5th – 6th grades.
G2 Division 7th – 9th grades.
G1 Division 10th – 12th grades.

- * Divisions amended on October 14, 1992.
- ** E Instructional Division may be coed.
- *** G-2 Division expanded to include 9th grade girls on April 5, 1989.

- b. If a participating organization has more than one (1) team in a division, the draft system will be used to select the teams *such that they are as equal in ability as possible*. (Phrase in italics was added on April 5, 1989.)
- c. If a sufficient number of teams are not fielded in the C Division, the American and National teams may be combined. If an organization has more than one team in a combined division, the teams must be divided equally by ability as per Article IX.A.2.b. (Amendment passed on October 14, 1992). When necessary, the "G-1" division may split into two levels (Senior Division - 16-17) (Junior Division - 14-15).
- d. A player cannot play in a division below his age level without a waiver. All member organizations must submit written waiver requests preferably at the second meeting but no later than the third meeting of the NYBA. All waiver requests must include name of player, age, height, weight, reason, playing experience, and ability. A majority vote of members is required for approval. In case of ties, waiver request is rejected. Organization submitting waiver can also vote.

- 3. The NYBA will waive rules A.1.h. and B.4 for S.F. Troop 12 Sports Association provided the non-Nikkei players were on the 1982-1983 PYBL league rosters. (Amendment passed June 18, 1984.) (Not Applicable, left in for historical purposes only.)

B. Game rules

- 1. The official high school basketball rules shall prevail unless otherwise provided.
- 2. Playing time*: D Division - 7 min. stop G-3 Division - 7 min. stop
C Division - 7 min. stop G-2 Division - 7 min. stop
B Division - 8 min. stop G-1 Division - 8 min. stop

Overtime**:

- 1st Overtime - 3 minutes

- 2nd Overtime - Team scoring first point is winner. If no point is scored in 3 minutes, game is considered a tie.

* Playing time amended on April 18, 1990.

** The D-American and G-3 Divisions shall have no overtime. All games shall end in a tie.

3. Rest period between quarters shall be one (1) minute. Time between halves shall be five (5) minutes.
4. A majority of the players of each team on the court must be Nikkei.
5. A game may be started if four (4) players are on court. A grace period of five (5) minutes from scheduled game time will be allowed.
6. A team which fails to show up for a game within the prescribed time shall forfeit the game unless prior arrangements were agreed upon. In the event a forfeiture occurs resulting from late or no appearance, the offending team shall be liable for any costs involved. In cases where teams do not notify home teams to allow for sufficient time to cancel gym reservation or referees, the offending team shall be liable for any costs incurred, gym and referee fee. (See game rule 14.)
7. All games must have a minimum of one (1) certified official referee whose fee shall be shared by the two (2) participating teams.
8. Each player in uniform on a team in the G-1, G-2, B, C and D National teams must play a minimum of one (1) quarter playing time. **In the G-3 and D American teams, players must play a minimum of two (2) quarters playing time.** (Amendment in bold added April 16, 1997) (Amendment revised September 17, 1997, and March 21, 2007.)
9. Girl's division shall play under the NYBA boy's rules.
10. "G-3 and D American" Divisions - No pressing permitted in the back court. The team on defense may not press in the back court. Once a team on defense has gained control and possession of the ball, the team must be allowed to bring the ball across the half-court into the forecourt without resistance. Failure to comply shall result in:
 - a. First violation – Verbal warning
 - b. Second violation – Technical foul assessed against the offending team's coach
 - c. *Third and all subsequent violations – No technical foul assessed, two points and the ball will be awarded. No coach's ejection.*

Note: Approved by the NYBA Board on March 16, 2005, and incorporated in these Bylaws on March 21, 2007.
11. Scorekeeper - there must be two (2) scorekeepers (one from each team). The home scorebook shall prevail as the official game scorebook.
12. Organizations must report weekly scores to the NYBA Score Recorder regardless whether it was a home or away game.
13. Postponement of games will be allowed only if gym is unavailable. Notice of Cancellation and/or postponement of games must be given to the opposing team representative at least one week prior to the scheduled game or, if gym is unavailable, as soon as practicable. Otherwise the game will be considered

forfeited by the team that fails to appear unless later notification is accepted by the opposing team. The team postponing the game must insure that the date, time, and place are agreeable to the opposing team providing it does not conflict with any scheduled NYBA games. If unable to do so, the game in question is considered forfeited. Gym and referee costs/expenses shall be borne by the team postponing the game.

14. Equipment for all Girls and Boys' D American divisions - The basketball used will be the 28.5 size basketball .
15. Protests - All protests must be reported to the referees and the opposing coaches either prior to, during or immediately after the game followed by a written protest 72 hours (postmarked) to the arbitration committee and opposing representative. In order to avoid any confusion, all matters will be processed by the organizational representative. A decision will be rendered by the arbitration committee within 72 hours.
16. Any verbal or physical intimidation or abuse displayed by coaches or managers against game officials shall be reported by the organization representative to the arbitration committee in writing within 72 hours. A decision will be rendered by the arbitration committee.
17. G3 and D-American Divisions only. In attempting a free throw, the player must start from behind the free throw line but may cross over the line without penalty. (Amendment added April 21, 1993)

C. Post season game rules

There are NO league standings, NO league champions, and NO tournament or playoffs, unless post season play is approved by the NYBA Board. The results of league games may be communicated to other Asian basketball organizations to facilitate seedings in other post-season tournaments

Post season play and league standings must be voted on and approved at the beginning of each season by a 2/3 vote (5 members) of the NYBA board.

D. Post season play approved

If, at the beginning of a season, the board approves, by a 2/3 vote, to hold Post Season play, the following provisions will apply:

1. League standing

a. Tie breaking: a playoff game(s) will be played for the league division championship regardless of whether one team has beaten the other in regular league play. In the event of a three (3) way tie, the following tie-breakers will be used to determine the positions of the teams in the standings*.

- 1) Team beating the other teams.
- 2) Total points in games involving the 3 teams.
- 3) The NYBA president shall determine positions in standings by drawing straws.

* Amendment passed on October 14, 1992.

b. B Senior Division. In the event of ties, position for the Tournament of Champions (post season tournament) shall be determined on a basis of a team beating the other team. In the event of a three way

tie, the league president shall draw straws to determine standings. If there is no post season tournament, ties will be broken as stated in paragraph C.1.a.

c. Play-Off Site:

1) Preference shall be given to the team which has beaten the other team.

2) In the event preference cannot be determined, the NYBA president shall flip a coin or draw straws to determine preference.

2. Shaughnessy Play-Off

a. Ties after regular season play - To determine the position of teams for the Shaughnessy play-off, team beating the other team has the highest standing.

b. Three way tie. In the event of a three (3) way tie, the following tie-breakers will be used to determine the positions of the teams in the standings*.

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c. Play-Off site:

1) Preference shall be given to the team which has beaten the other team.

2) In the event this cannot be determined, the president shall flip a coin or draw straws to determine playoff sites.

3. Officials: Official referees shall be used in all playoff games. Fees are to be shared by the participating organizations.

4. Trophies will be awarded are as follows:

a. First place - team and individual trophies.

b. Second place or second place ties - Option of team trophy or individual medallions as requested. If the medallion cost should be greater than the cost of the team trophy, the team shall pay for any additional cost.

c. Medallions shall be awarded to each player in both the D American and *G-3 Divisions*. The league shall be responsible for ten (10) individual medallions per team only. (Phrase in italics added on October 14, 1992)

d. In the event of a Shaughnessy play-off in a division, the team in the first place of regular season play shall receive individual trophies only. Second place team of regular season play shall receive a team trophy or medallions only. Shaughnessy play-off champions shall receive a team trophy only.