

2018-2019 NGBA League Rules & Code of Conduct

MISSION

The mission of our association is to promote basketball in a climate of fun and discipline where each player grows in skills, sportsmanship, and competitiveness.

PLAYING DIVISIONS

Boys	Girls
7-8 year old	7-8 year old
9-10 year old	9-10 year old
11-12 year old	11-12 year old
13-14 year old	13-18 year old
15-18 year old	

Division placement depends on the player's age as of September 1st of each year:

DIVISION OF TEAMS and ELIGIBILITY

All players will be placed into the draft according to their age and gender. There is no "playing up" (playing in an age group older the one a child qualifies for) and no mixed gender teams or players. Exceptions to this rule may be made in the 7-8 year old divisions. Assessment of skills will take place prior to the first week of practice. Following the skills assessment, the coaches of the same age division will together form equal-ability teams through a draft as outlined in this manual (see "Draft Guidelines"). Team size will be limited to 8 players. A 'wait' list will be formed with surplus sign-ups.

If a player is selected to play on a high school (or 8th grade) team, they are not eligible to play in this league. Board exceptions may be considered if requested by the player/guardian. Refunds will be provided for any player who signed up to play NGBA ball, but made one of these teams, subject to an administrative charge.

PRACTICES

Practices are held at a combination of North Gwinnett Public schools. The maximum practice time per week is two hours. Every attempt will be made to ensure that the 7-8 year old players' practice times will begin no later than 7:30 p.m.

Each school has specific guidelines to be followed. NGBA agrees to follow these guidelines. These specific guidelines will be given to the coaches during the coaches meeting and are to be communicated to the parents. Should a team repeatedly fail to follow the guidelines of a school, the team will be subject to losing the remaining practices scheduled for their team at that school. Although it is the association's goal to provide each team 2 one-hour practices a week, all teams are subject to practice cancellations. If a team loses privileges at a school, the practice time will not be re-scheduled.

For liability reasons, players who are not registered with NGBA cannot practice with NGBA teams during the regular scheduled practices. Any practices outside those scheduled by NGBA, are not be sanctioned by NGBA and are not allowed.

PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO WATCH YOUNGER CHILDREN DURING THE GAME AND PRACTICE TIMES. LEAVING SIBLINGS UNATTENDED DURING PRACTICES OR GAMES IS NOT ALLOWED

GAMES

There is a 10-Game regular season schedule. Games are played at Suwanee Sports Academy and occasionally at area schools if needed. Although there may be unforeseen schedule changes, the vast majority of regular season games are played at Suwanee Sports Academy and George Pearce Park.

In accordance with the 'no food brought inside rule', after game snacks are not allowed. Only water is allowed in the gyms during games and practices.

All games are played in accordance with the Georgia High School rules with the following exceptions:

NGBA LEAGUE RULES

All rule changes for the 2018/19 season are highlighted in yellow

PLAYING TIME:

Coaches are responsible for knowing these rules and ensuring they are followed. Coaches are strongly encouraged to prepare a playing schedule prior to each game. If there are any questions, contact you league director.

1. All players will play at least two FULL quarters of every game. The two minimum quarters can't be split up into 3 or more "partial" quarters. For instance, a player starts the third quarter then is substituted out at any point during the quarter (not due to injury). This can no longer be counted as 1 of his/her 2 full quarters. The players first quarter of play MUST occur within the first half, and the second quarter of play must occur within the second half (an example would be a player plays the entire second quarter and the entire third quarter OR a player plays the entire first quarter and the entire third quarter).
2. All players in all age groups must sit out at least one **FULL** quarter per game.
3. Substitutions are NOT allowed in the first two quarters, except for injury or foul trouble (3 or more fouls in the 1st half). Should a player come off the bench to relieve either a player who has become injured or is removed due to foul trouble, the player off the bench will be credited with playing in that quarter that he/she is substituted into the game as it relates to his/her 3 quarter maximum. However, this will not count towards the 2 FULL quarter minimum for the player coming off the bench.
4. Substitutions are allowed in the second half of the game; however, every player still needs to play at least two FULL quarters and sit out one FULL quarter.
5. This rule applies if a team has 7 or more players attending the game. If a team has only 6 players (or less), the playing time rules are waived. However, if a team has only 6 players, each player will play a minimum of 3 FULL quarters. These rules apply in the case or injury or foul trouble. If a

coach is able to play an uninjured player that has sat one full quarter or more, then that coach must do so in lieu of playing a player that has not yet sat one full quarter or less.

Example: a team has either seven (7) or more players for the entire duration of the game and a top player is sitting out in the 2nd quarter and the Coach fully intends to play that player in the 1st, 3rd, and 4th quarters and a player in the 2nd quarter gets injured or gets into foul trouble, then the Coach may not insert any player who is intended to play three full quarters in the place of the injured or foul troubled player. The Coach must choose from their remaining players who are not intended to play three full quarters for the necessary substitution.

*Exception – If a player comes to his or her game after the 2nd quarter has started the coach must play the player one FULL quarter.

Although coaches may limit a player's playing time as a matter of discipline, it is to be pre-approved by their League Director. If a player is going to play less than two quarters or is going to be held out, the scorekeeper and the opposing coach must be notified.

If a coach doesn't abide by the playing time rule, the coach will be allowed to play only eligible players (eligibility via this playing time rule) for the remainder of the game, even if this means playing with less than 5 players. If it is determined after the game that the coach did not abide by the playing time rule, his/her team will forfeit that game.

SUBSTITUTIONS

During the first two quarters of a game, players must enter the game at the beginning of a quarter and play for the duration of that quarter. The only exception is in the case of injury or three (3) personal fouls. The injured player will be credited with a full quarter of playing time even if he/she is not able to return in that quarter. If this rule is in question, the board member on duty and the injured player (and/or their parent) will determine the player's readiness to re-enter the game.

STARTING THE GAME

A game can start with a minimum of 4 players.

CLOCK

All leagues will play (7) minute quarters, running time. The clock will run except during foul shots and time outs. During the last minute of the game, the clock will stop on each whistle.

OVERTIME

Overtime periods are 3 minutes long all leagues. If tied after the first overtime, a second overtime will be played. If still tied at the end of the second overtime, there will be a shootout. The five players on the court at the end of the game will each shoot 1 free throw. Shots will be taken by the entire visiting team first, then the home team. The team with most made free throws will be the winner. If still tied after the shootout, the game is declared a tie.

For playoff games, there will be no shoot outs. Overtime periods will be 3 minutes long, running clock with stop clock the last one minute, until a winner determined.

TIMEOUTS

Each coach is allotted 4 time outs per game. Each overtime period allows for one extra time out plus any carried over from regulation play. No time out will be charged to either coach when an injured player re-enters the game. This will be considered an official's time out.

DRESS CODE

In accordance with Georgia High School Basketball Rules, jerseys shall be tucked in and the shorts shall be above the hips and worn properly. Players not adhering to the dress code will be directed to leave the game.

INTENTIONAL DELAY OF GAME (LAST MINUTE)

Any intentional delay of game as determined by the referee will result in a technical foul, (2 shots and possession of the ball). Dribbling or Passing the ball around in a true basketball manner is not to be considered an intentional delay of the game, holding the ball with no intention to play would be considered an intentional delay of the game.

DIVISION SPECIFIC RULES

7-8 YEAR OLD DIVISIONS

- 1) Ball size: Boys: 28.5", Girls: 27.5"
- 2) The goal height will be 8.5' for girls and 9' for boys.
- 3) 3 point shots are allowed.
- 4) The defensive pressure will be:
 - There are boundary lines on both sides of the half court dividing line (red line on SSA courts). This is the first Parallel line on each side of half court.
 - No player from the defensive team may cross the boundary line and apply pressure until the ball crosses half court.
 - One warning is given for breaking the boundary line too early.
 - A technical foul will be issued for each infraction thereafter.
 - An offensive player with possession of the ball is required to cross the half court dividing line before 10 seconds expires.
 - No full court pressure is allowed.
- 5) If a team has a 15 point lead it will be the opposing coach's responsibility to bring the point lead to the attention of the official and scorekeeper at the next dead ball. It is the opposing coach's right to select which dominate player is to be removed from the game. If the lead falls below the 15 points, the player may re-enter the game.

6) Foul shots will be taken from inside the broken circle. The lane violation area will include the area below the broken circle and will be a 5-second violation.

9-10 YEAR OLD DIVISIONS

1) Ball size: Boys: 28.5", Girls: 28.5".

2) The goal height will be 10'.

3) 3 point shots are allowed.

4) The boys' foul shots will be taken from halfway between the broken circle and the regulation free throw line.

5) The boys' lane violation area will include the area below this line and will be a 5 second violation.

6) The girls' foul shots will be taken from inside the broken circle.

7) The girls' lane violation area will include the area below the broken circle and will be a 5 second violation.

8) If a team has a 15 point lead it will be the opposing coach's responsibility to bring the point lead to the attention of the official and scorekeeper at the next dead ball. It is the opposing coach's right to choose which dominate player is to be removed from the game. If the lead falls below the 15 points, the player may re-enter the game.

11-17 YEAR OLD DIVISIONS

1) Ball size: Boys: Official size (29.5"), Girls: 28.5".

2) 3 point shots are allowed.

3) If a team has a 20 point lead it will be the opposing coach's responsibility to bring the point lead to the attention of the official and scorekeeper at the next dead ball. It is the opposing coach's right to choose which dominate player is to be removed from the game. If the lead falls below the 20 points, the player may re-enter the game.

PRESSING

7-8 year old divisions: No Full Court Pressure is allowed

9-10 year old division: Full Court Pressure is allowed during the fourth quarter and all overtime periods the entire season. Prior to the fourth quarter no player from the defensive team may apply pressure until the ball crosses half court.

11-12 year old Girls division: Full Court Pressure is allowed during the fourth quarter and all overtime periods the entire season. Prior to the fourth quarter no player from the defensive team may apply pressure until the ball crosses half court.

11-12 year old Boys division: Full Court Pressure is allowed during the fourth quarter and all overtime periods until the completion of games before the Thanksgiving break. Prior to the fourth quarter no player from the defensive team may apply pressure until the ball crosses half court. After the Thanksgiving break, full court pressure is allowed the entire game.

13 year old and older divisions: Full Court Pressure is allowed the entire game the entire season.

Exception: If a team has a 15 point lead (20 point lead for age groups 11 & older) – That team may not Full Court Press unless their lead drops below 15 points (20 point lead for age groups 11 or older).

One warning is given for Pressure violation. A technical foul will be issued for each infraction thereafter. **Referees may choose to stop play to correct an illegal press violation.**

COACHES

If you are chosen to be a coach, a league director will notify you after the NGBA Board meets to select coaches. Coaches are required to adhere to the following:

- Adhere to the NGBA code of conduct and rules and regulations listed in this handbook.
- Submit to a background check
- Make parents aware of the gym rules and address any infractions that may occur.
- Pass on information to your team and parents.
- Have only one assistant coach, and have no parents or non-players on your team's bench during the games.
- Change or swap practice schedules only with your League Directors' knowledge and permission.
- Participate in the skill assessment and team draft.
- Ensure that a practice gym is not left unattended under any circumstances. Coaches must coordinate with the coach they share a gym with and their League Director if they plan to cancel any practice. If both coaches plan on cancelling a practice (such that a gym will be left unattended) the League Director must be notified as soon as possible to coordinate coverage of that time slot. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure the gym has coverage during their practice slot. Failure to do so could result in loss of future practice time. This will ensure the school system attendant will not close the gym for later practices that day.

PLAYER DRAFT GUIDELINES

The guidelines use an example based on six teams with eight players on each team:

- Determine the number of teams in an age group (6 teams for example)
- There are eight (8) players per team therefore the rounds are separated into eight rounds with six (6) players being selected in each round.
- To start the draft. The coaches each draw a number. The coaches with the smallest number (one) will begin by selecting a player within the 1st draft round. Each coach, in turn, will select a player within this draft level according to the number they have drawn. Then, the next round begins in reverse order of the first round. The coach with the highest first round selection number (6 in this example) begins the second round selection process. The second round proceeds from the highest number to the lowest. New numbers would be drawn to begin the 3rd round of draft as well as the 5th and 7th.

Assistant Coach Selection Prior to the Draft

An Assistant Coach/Player may be considered prior to the league draft with review and approval by the League Director and oversight of the Board. The goal of these guidelines is to allow coaches to work together while still maintaining a competitive balance. If at any time a coach feels this is in any way being used to create a competitive advantage, please notify your League Director or Executive Board Member immediately.

The following guidelines will be adhered to:

1. Assistant Coach requests must be submitted to your League Director prior to player assessments in order to be considered during the draft. A coach is not required to request an assistant and may wait until after the draft to select an assistant coach if he/she so chooses.
2. If an Assistant Coach is approved prior to the draft, their children will be drafted in their current position the same way Head Coach's children are selected (see coaches' children below). For example, if your assistant coach's player is the 3rd pick of the 5th round of a 10 team draft, you will be given the 3rd pick in the 5th round and the 8th pick in the 6th round.
3. If a Head Coach and Assistant Coach both have players in the first round they will NOT be allowed to coach together under any circumstances.
4. If a Head Coach and Assistant Coach both have players in the 2nd round the following will apply:
 - If both players are in the top 25% of the 2nd round then those players will count as the teams 1st and 2nd round selections. Example: In a 20 team league the top 5 players in each round are considered the top 25% of players in that round. In a league this size if the coach and assistant coach's children are both ranked within the first 5 picks of the 2nd round, the players will count for their first and second round picks.
 - If one or both of the players are ranked lower than the top 25% of the 2nd round, then the coach will receive a 1st round pick based on the rank of their highest 2nd round player even if that player is his/her assistant coach's child. They will then take the highest 2nd round player as their 2nd round selection. Their next 2nd round player will be considered the first pick of the 3rd round. Their next selection will be the last pick of the fourth round. If multiple coaching teams have two 2nd round players, where at least one of the players is outside the top 25%, then the coach with the highest rated player outside the top 25% will receive the last pick in the 4th round. The coach with the next highest rated player outside the top 25% will be the second to last pick in the 4th round.
5. If a coach and his/her assistant have a player in the first round and the second round, the coach will draft the players with his/her first two picks and then draw as normal for his/her 3rd round pick. The exception would be if a coaching team has a top 25% 1st round player and a top 25% 2nd round player. If this occurs the Coach will receive the last pick of the 3rd round.

Hat Picks

If a player does not attend assessment The League Director is responsible for determining a draft position for that player based on past player assessments along with coach feedback. If a draft position cannot be determined by the League Director for any player/s said player/s will be considered Hat Picks:

- Hat Picks can only be picked in the final round of the draft. No moving down to add a hat pick player.
- If a coach chooses to draft a hat pick player in the final round of the draft he/she must randomly draw from a group of all remaining hat pick players.
- No Coach may draft a hat pick player by name.

Coaches' Children

Draft rounds are reviewed prior to drawing draft numbers to identify any coach's children that have been placed within next two rounds. When a coaches' child has been placed within the next two rounds, the coach will get 'assigned' or given the number corresponding to the position his child has fallen. For Example: In a 6 team draft, if a coach's child is placed in the 2nd position of round one, he will have the 5th pick in round 2. In the event of a tie, a coin flip will determine who takes the lower number. Players with identical scores will be placed in the drafting position by the board member on duty for the draft.

Post Draft Trading

Once selection in the eighth round is complete and each coach has selected eight players, coaches are allowed to trade players with the full knowledge of all coaches involved with the draft before the draft is officially closed. The League Director must document all trades. The Board Member supervising the draft will officially close the draft. No further trades are allowed.

ADDING PLAYERS

A player must be added to the team if a team drops below eight (8) players before December first. After December 1st, it is the coach's option whether or not he/she will add a player.

Added players will be taken from a wait list made up of surplus player registrations received on the date of registration. The wait list is created on a first come, first serve basis. The first to register appears first on the list and has the option to join the team. If that person declines, the next person will be contacted, until each person on this list has declined.

If there are no players on the surplus waitlist, or if each on the list has declined, a player will be chosen from a second wait list made up of persons who signed up after registration. No one can be added to the wait list after the last weekend before the winter break.

TOURNAMENT

The regular season games are generally completed by the end of January. The tournament will begin on or about the first week of February and conclude about a week later. Dates and times are determined annually by court availability and when the county all-star tournament is held.

When seeding the playoffs the following criteria will be used as a tie breaker:

1. Overall record
2. Head to head ...if more than two teams tied then all tied teams must have played each other an equal number of times. Otherwise go straight to next tiebreaker.

3. Points against ...Average points allowed per game for the entire season (forfeit games are not included).. lowest average is higher seed
4. Points scored ...Average points scored per game for the entire season (forfeit games are not included)..highest average is highest seed
5. Coin toss

ALL-STAR TEAMS

League Directors for each league (in conjunction with executive board members) will determine a fair and proper selection process for each league's all-star team(s) as well as coach selection. Each coach will be asked for their top players as part of this process. The all-star tournament is The **Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation** All Star Basketball tournament. This tournament has its own player eligibility requirements. For example, no GBL players or traveling basketball players who have played in recent tournaments, etc. The NGBA will abide by all eligibility requirements as part of the selection process.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Our association was formed for the benefit of the youth in our area. As a result, all participants are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, team work and cooperation at all times and especially in resolving any disputes. Failure to adhere to this code may result in a parent, coach, player or official being barred from participation. Examples are, but not limited to: swearing, talking back to referees and/or league officials, or being disrespectful in any way. Players, coaches, parents, and guests are subject to ejection from the gym or to technical fouls that will be assigned to the appropriate team if their behavior warrants it.

During games, any concerns about conduct should be reported to the board member on duty. The board member on duty has the authority to take immediate action to ensure a safe and fair playing environment. This includes ejecting players, coaches, parents or spectators.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

If a member of the association has a non-immediate complaint toward the conduct of an official, coach, parent, player and/or board member it should be handled in the following manner:

- A formal letter (or email) should be submitted to an Executive Board Member within 48 hours of the incident.
- This correspondence should describe the complaint, where and when it took place, the coaches of the teams involved, other relevant information and what the writer sees as the appropriate action.
- The person/s accused will be sent a letter (or email) and asked to respond in writing within 48 hours of receiving notification of the complaint.
- The Executive Board will review both/all letters. If the Executive Board deems it necessary to act, the persons involved will be asked to respond.
- The Executive Board will make a decision based upon the information presented. The decision will be binding and final.

The Executive Board will have the power to bar from participation any person or persons involved in improper conduct. Warning letters may also be issued.

TECHNICAL FOUL / VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

The following guidelines are to determine any disciplinary actions toward coaches or players receiving individual technical fouls (not including bench technical fouls or team technical fouls) or those in violation of our code of conduct. Any player or any coach that receives a second technical foul within the current playing season, he/she, will be suspended for the next scheduled game (regular season or playoffs). This rule will be strictly enforced and a letter of warning from the NGBA Board will also be sent to the individuals outlining the following items regarding additional technical fouls in the same playing season:

- The next technical (third overall in the current playing season) will result in a two game suspension from the next scheduled games (regular season or playoffs)
- The fourth technical will mean removal from the league.
- For these policies to apply, the technical fouls do not have to happen in the same game as they are cumulative for the current playing season.

Note: Any violations of an extremely serious nature can, at any time, result in the automatic suspension for the remainder of the season if determined by the NGBA Board.

PROTEST

Georgia high school rules do not allow for protesting of games. North Gwinnett Basketball Association will abide by the Georgia High School Association precedent. There will be no protesting of games.

SafeKids Program

The NGBA is committed to provide a safe environment and to prevent child abuse and sexual misconduct. Coaches, parents, players and all should read and follow the preventive measures below. The NGBA will make reasonable efforts to ensure our programs are safe. The NGBA will take appropriate action regarding all allegations of child abuse and/or sexual misconduct. If such a situation arises, alleged or otherwise, please contact a Board member immediately. All allegations will be reported immediately to the authorities for investigation and the NGBA will cooperate fully with any such investigation.

The following is a list of preventive measures that should be taken:

- Physical, mental, and verbal abuses are forbidden.
- Inappropriate touching is forbidden.
- Coaches/trainers should not socialize with the participants outside of the sponsored activities of the organization.
- Coaches/trainers should not be alone or ride solo with a child that isn't their own.
- Parents are encouraged to attend all sponsored activities.

If a child needs special attention (one-on-one), do it with the assistance of another adult.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Name and Principle Office

The name of the organization is North Gwinnett Basketball Association, Inc., a Georgianon-profit corporation. The principal office is located in the City of Suwanee, County of Gwinnett, State of Georgia.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the North Gwinnett Basketball Association, Inc. (hereinafter "NGBA" or "League") is to organize and efficiently manage a recreational basketball program that provides a high level opportunity to learn the game of basketball for all participants.

The League's goal is to ensure that each participant learns sound basketball skills, techniques and strategies; with an emphasis on having fun, working hard, and showing great sportsmanship.

The League promotes using safe facilities and equipment in all of its practices and games. In addition, NGBA promotes proper behavior of participants, coaches and spectators as covered by the code of conduct.

ARTICLE III

Directors and Officers

Section 1 – Number of Officers: The elected officers and directors of NGBA shall consist of at least one President (or Co-Presidents); Vice President (or Co-Vice Presidents) if there are not Co-Presidents elected; Secretary, and Treasurer. Any President or Co-President will have served on the NGBA Board for a term of at least one year prior to becoming President or Co-President.

Section 2 –Officer's term: Each officer shall serve for two years following the election of the Executive Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Quorum: In order to have a proper quorum, there must be at least three Officers present at the meeting.

Article IV

Duties of Officers

President (or Co-Presidents): Shall guide the League in executing its responsibilities and commitments. The President shall preside at all meetings, called committees/ meetings, and any general membership meetings. The President shall direct all activities of the elected officers and all committees.

Vice President: Shall only be elected if there are no Co-Presidents elected. If the League has elected Co-Presidents, then a Vice President is not necessary unless so deemed by the officers of the League. If there is an elected vice-president, his/her duties are to assist the President in carrying out his/her duties. He/she shall carry out the duties of the President in his/her absence in the manner as outlined by the President and described above under duties of the president. Likewise, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President should the president leave office for any reason. Unless he/she refuses to take over the President's duties, then the Officers and Directors shall elect a new President (or Co-President) until the next scheduled election.

Treasurer: Shall maintain and account for the funds of the League. He/she shall collect registration fees and pay League expenses. He/she is to maintain financial statements as appropriate for the League and present a statement of income and expenses at the Biennial Meeting. He/she shall provide a financial report to all Officers and Directors within 10 days of a written request.

Secretary: Shall be the custodian of all records of the League. He/she is to maintain all records of the League. The Secretary, in conjunction with the Treasurer, will be in charge of making sure all necessary legal documents are filed with the State of Georgia and Internal Revenue Service for the purpose of maintaining the non-profit status of the League.

President Emeritus: shall be the most recent outgoing President (or Co-President) of the NGBA, if he/she so desires. His/her will act as a consultant to the Board of Directors and the League and vote as any other Officer, if available at meetings. He/she will take on roles/assignment as agreed upon by the President Emeritus and President.

ARTICLE V

Duties of League Directors

League Directors: Directors shall actively participate in and strive to attend mandatory NGBA Board Meetings.

Directors shall seek out and solicit volunteer coaches for their leagues. Each director shall submit a recommended list of coaches to the President to be approved for the coach selection following registration.

He/she shall attend any coach's clinic and assist their coaches to become prepared to help each participant have a positive experience in the League.

Directors shall create a skills assessment format and conduct the assessment for their respective leagues. Directors shall strive to make the skills assessment a fair and positive experience for the all coaches and participants.

Directors are to oversee and ensure their league draft is conducted in a fair and positive manner for all coaches and players.

He/she shall work hard to provide quick and accurate communications to their league coaches.

Directors shall attend to their assigned Board Duty during the regular season and tournament games.

ARTICLE VI

Appointed Positions

All appointed positions such as Directors, Coordinators, or temporary Volunteers for any position(s) deemed necessary and vital to the operations of the League shall serve the League at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. All such positions will be appointed by the Executive Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

Board of Directors & Executive Board of Directors

The Board of Directors (hereinafter "Board") shall consist of all current elected Officers, the President Emeritus, League Directors, and any appointed positions.

The Executive Board of Directors (hereinafter "Executive Board") shall consist of all current elected officers and the President Emeritus.

The President (or Co-Presidents) shall serve as Chairman of the Board.

It is the duty of the Board of Directors to settle any and all significant problems that might arise within the League. Also, the Board shall also set policy for the League in all aspects in dealing with vendors, coaches, referees and scorekeepers.

The Executive Board shall decide on all significant expenditures and contracts entered into on behalf of NGBA. The Executive Board shall also deal with any and all significant aspects of running the day-to-day affairs of the League that are not outlined above.

Approval of the Board and Executive Board is a majority vote on all significant business decisions.

ARTICLE VIII

Participants and/or Membership

Any individual who is within the ages set out by the Officers of NGBA will be invited to become a member (participant) in the League. A Member is any person that has paid a registration fee to the NGBA in the previous 12 months.

The League will not discriminate against any individual based upon sex, religion, race, and ethnicity. If a prospective participant suffers from a physical or mental disability, each individual will be evaluated by the League to ensure that the individual's participation will not be harmful to him/her or other participants. The League will work hard to provide a safe and positive experience for all participants.

No participant will be denied the opportunity to play based upon financial hardship.

ARTICLE VIII

Meetings

A meeting of the Members for the election of Executive Officers shall be held at least biennially (hereinafter Biennial Meeting) once every other year.

Special meetings of the general membership may be called for any lawful purpose by:

1. any Member provided fifty percent of the active Members in good standing so indicate (by a signed petition),
2. the President, or
3. three or more Officers.

Public notices of the time and place of the Biennial Meeting of the NGBA or special meetings shall be given not less than ten days prior to the date set for such meeting. Public notice shall include the publication of the meeting date, place, and time in Gwinnett County. Voting shall be by majority vote cast in person. No proxy voting shall be allowed.

Special meeting of the Board or Executive Board may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board, upon notice to all members of the Board.

ARTICLE X

Director and Member Inspection Rights

The Directors, Officers or Members will have the ability to inspect the financial records of the League upon 30 day written notice to the Secretary, Treasurer, and President.

ARTICLE XI

Tax Provisions

NGBA is a non-profit tax exempt corporation. As a result, NGBA will abide by any and all state and federal laws outlining the proper conduct of such corporations. NGBA will abide by all necessary laws so as to protect its non-profit corporation status filed with the state of Georgia.

ARTICLE XII

In-Effect

In-Effect: These by-laws will be in effect upon passage by the Members of the NGBA.

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

Amendments: Amendments to the League's by-laws shall be effectuated upon a majority vote of the membership. These changes will be in affect after the approval of two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors in a properly called meeting by the Board or during an election.

All proposed amendments will be sent to each Member within ten days before the meeting at which they are to be considered for adoption.

ARTICLE XIII

Indemnification: There shall be a right of indemnification to be paid by the NGBA to any person who has served as an Officer, Director or League Director of the NGBA for any expense of litigation, or any amount of judgment or settlement to the fullest extent allowed by law.

NGBA will maintain insurance to coverage for this purpose.

APPROVAL BY THE OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

These amendments to the by-laws of the North Gwinnett Basketball Association, Inc. have been duly approved by the Executive Board of Directors.