



OWEGO-APALACHIN BASKETBALL CLUB

Bylaws (amended 09/26/2023)



The Owego-Apalachin Basketball Club is a non-profit organization recognized as a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code through our partnership with the Amateur Athletic Union. Consistent with the Articles of Organization filed on September 10, 2017, we set forth the following bylaws:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this club shall be the Owego-Apalachin Basketball Club hereinafter referred to as the OABC.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE

Mission Statement

The OABC exists to offer the children of the Owego-Apalachin Central School District the opportunity to play organized basketball at an instructional, recreational, and travel level through in-house and local leagues, and statewide through AAU Basketball. Furthermore, it seeks to promote the game of basketball, offer quality coaching and instruction and work directly towards the goals of the District's K-12 philosophy. Our primary focus will be on teaching and developing the fundamentals of basketball, improving individual and team skills along with a strong emphasis on values such as character development, teamwork, discipline, respect and sportsmanship.

Vision Statement

To produce fundamentally sound basketball players with the proper values and skills necessary to help continue the growth of the Owego-Apalachin Central School District basketball program with a goal of future success at local, sectional and state levels.

ARTICLE III

STRUCTURE

The OABC shall be governed by the Board of Directors who shall be responsible for overseeing the day to day activities and financials of the OABC. The Board of Directors shall consist of 9 officers: the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Boy's Basketball Chairperson, Girl's Basketball Chairperson and the 3 longest serving members of the OABC who shall serve as Executive Board members. These officers

shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws in the best interest of the OABC consistent with its mission statement.

Each officer of the Board of Directors shall be permitted one vote. No absentee votes will be allowed. Only officers of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at any meetings.

Length of terms shall be equal to one fiscal year which runs September 1st of the current year through August 31st of the following year.

All officers of the Board of Directors are required to have a background check completed.

Elections will be held at the September meeting at the beginning of each fiscal year. Anyone interested in becoming a nominee must email oabasketballclub@gmail.com prior to the September Meeting. Notice of the annual elections will be emailed to all current members of the OABC and posted on social media at least 30 days prior to the September meeting. Any nominee must be present at the September meeting to be considered eligible. Nominations will be conducted and voted on by current Board of Directors.

In the event of any vacant position during the fiscal year, the position may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting.

No officer of the Board of Directors shall receive any monies or compensation of any kind for any involvement in the OABC.

The Board of Directors may suspend or terminate any member from the OABC whose actions are inconsistent with the mission of the OABC or conduct is detrimental to the program. Such suspension or termination shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special Board meeting. The member involved shall be notified at least 3 calendar days prior to any regular or special meeting, informed of the general nature of the charge or complaint, and given the opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charge or complaint.

ARTICLE IV

DUTIES

The duties of the Officers of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

President

Supervises all day to day activities, business and affairs of the OABC.

Chairs and leads the minutes of Board of Directors.

Reports on the overall condition of the OABC at each meeting.

Handles and investigates any complaints or concerns from parents/guardians, coaches, players, spectators, vendors, affiliates, etc.
Strictly implements and enforces these bylaws.

Vice President

Acts as primary aide to the President.
Performs duties of the President in his or her absence.

Secretary

Keeps track of all activities of the OABC to ensure they are in accordance with the bylaws and Articles of Organization of the OABC.
Emails the agenda for all Board of Directors meetings in advance.
Keeps minutes and attendance of each Board of Directors meeting or any special meeting.
Responsible for the email notification of minutes after each meeting and any updates within the OABC.
Maintains and protects all league documents to pass on to next secretary.
Assumes responsibility for all publicity related to the OABC including, but not limited to, newsprint, bulletin boards, school announcements and signs/banners.
Reports on the membership roll of the OABC at each meeting.

Treasurer

Keeps track of the financial condition of the OABC.
Reports on the financial condition of the OABC at each meeting.
Receive funds of the OABC from donations, sponsorships, fundraising and fees.
Maintains accurate records of all receipts, deposits, disbursements and expenditures.
Manages OABC bank account at Visions Federal Credit Union.
Files appropriate State and Federal tax returns on behalf of the OABC.
Prepares the annual budget to present to Board of Directors at September meeting.

Boys and Girls Basketball Chairperson

Shall serve as liaisons between the OABC and the Owego-Apalachin Central School District basketball programs.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Meetings of the OABC Board of Directors shall be held at least twice per year before the start of the Youth Development Program and the AAU Program with the first meeting being held in September in order to elect officers for the fiscal year and to approve the annual budget. The President and/or Secretary shall determine the date, time, and location of each meeting and shall notify all officers by email along with an agenda for that meeting. Special Meetings may be called by the President with at least 3 calendar days notice. The general purpose of each meeting will be to discuss the current condition of the OABC along with updates on the financial condition,

membership roll, upcoming events, committee updates, any member needs and an open forum.

Quorum: More than 50% of the Board of Directors needs to be in attendance to reach a quorum. If a quorum is not reached, than any item requiring a vote will be tabled until the next meeting.

Order: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all Board of Directors meetings.

Voting: Only officers of the Board of Directors shall be permitted to vote. Each officer shall be permitted one vote. No absentee votes will be allowed.

Minutes: Will kept by the Secretary and emailed to all officers after each meeting.

Guests: The Board of Directors may invite and recognize guests for presentation or comments during Board of Directors meetings.

ARTICLE VI

SPONSORSHIPS AND FUNDRAISING

The OABC shall utilize its status as a non-profit organization which is recognized as a charitable organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code through our partnership with the Amateur Athletic Union, to develop funds through sponsorships and fundraising to assist with operational expenses and scholarships. No member shall be permitted to raise funds or collect money on behalf of the OABC without prior consent from the Board of Directors. All fundraising opportunities to support the OABC and any use of OABC logos and images must be approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII

ELIGIBILITY AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Youth Development Program: Eligibility to participate in the Youth Development Program of the OABC is limited to players who attend Owego-Apalachin Central School District or reside full time within the boundaries of Owego-Apalachin Central School District. All players must be covered under our insurance. All registration fees must be paid in full prior to the start of practices unless other arrangements or scholarships have been made and approved by the President. There shall be a \$35 fee for any returned checks.

Scholarships: The OABC will take every step possible to ensure that all players selected to participate in our Youth Development Program will be accepted regardless of financial ability through its scholarship program. Eligibility for scholarships shall be based on proof of participation in the Owego-Apalachin Central School District's Free

and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk Program and one other government assisted program such as Food Stamps or Medicaid.

AAU Program: Eligibility to participate in the AAU Program of the OABC is open to any player regardless of residency, so long as they are the appropriate age and must provide copy of birth certificate, if requested. No AAU team shall consist of more than 3 players from outside the Owego-Apalachin Central School District unless approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors. AAU is intended for players who desire to play basketball at a higher level of competition and these players must possess better than average individual basketball skills. All players must be covered under our insurance. All registration fees must be paid in full prior to the start of practices unless other arrangements or scholarships have been made and approved by the President. There shall be a \$35 fee for any returned checks.

ARTICLE VIII

SELECTION OF PLAYERS AND COACHES

Players

Online registration will open at least 30 days prior to tryouts on our website www.oabasketballclub.com and will be advertised on social media. Paper registration forms will be available on our website and by emailing oabasketballclub@gmail.com.

Competitive Travel Division tryouts are to be held at least one week prior to the start of any practices around the third week of October. The typical travel season runs approximately November 1st - February 28th. AAU tryouts are to be held at least one week prior to the start of any practices around the second week of February. The typical AAU season runs approximately March 1st - June 30th, but can run the entire fiscal year.

Players must be registered prior to the start of tryouts in order to participate. Paper registration forms will be made available at the beginning of any tryout. Any player who misses tryouts will not be eligible to play on a Travel team unless prior arrangements have been made and approved by the OABC President. All registration fees and forms are due in full at the time of tryouts.

Players will be evaluated during tryouts, then selected and placed onto teams by recommendation of the coaching staff with final approval from the President or Vice President. If there is more than one team per grade, then the players shall be divided as equally as possible. Selected players will be notified by email within 24 hours. No player shall be allowed to practice or play in any games until all registration fees are paid in full unless prior arrangements were made and approved by the OABC President. All selected players must be covered under our insurance.

Any player not selected to the Travel Division will be notified immediately and recommended to participate in our Recreational Division. Registration fee shall then

be applied to the Recreational Division fee or returned immediately to the address provided.

Our Travel Division will provide more advanced players the opportunity to play at a more competitive level against other teams/players of the same level of play. This is typically for players that have already played together on previous teams or have previous experience at a similar level. The rules of the competitive league are closer to NFHS rules and geared towards preparing players for the next level of play.

Our Recreational Division will provide proper training and instruction with a focus on player development and improving individual skills against teams/players of the same level of play. This is typically for less experienced players or players that are new to the game. The rules of the developmental league are more relaxed to allow players the opportunity to grow and develop their skills.

Our Instructional Division will provide proper training and instruction at an introductory level for our youngest players that are brand new to the game.

Once rostered with a team, that team shall become the player's primary team. All players have a responsibility to their primary team to attend all practices and games. In the event a player is needed to complete a roster that has less than an adequate number of players, a player may be rostered on multiple teams provided it is within local league rules and must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

If a team is shorthanded due to illness, vacation or any other unexpected reason, they may borrow a player from another OABC team provided it is within local league rules and must be approved by the OABC President or Vice President and both coaches involved. No player shall be allowed to play on another team if their primary team has practice or a game on the same day unless approved by the OABC President or Vice President and both coaches involved. If any team has less than 5 players for a game, then they must cancel the game and reschedule with opposing coach. All decisions must be made in the best interest of every player.

Any tournaments during the Travel Division season shall consist solely of the team's rostered players. Any changes or additions must be approved by the OABC President or Vice President and both coaches. All decisions must be made in the best interest of every player.

Coaches

All coaching positions shall be approved by the Board of Directors by majority vote prior to the start of any practices and shall continue until the end of the fiscal year.

All members of the coaching staff must have a background check completed. Any coach who does not have a background check will not be permitted to coach any practice or game until completed.

No coach shall receive any monies or compensation of any kind for any involvement in the OABC.

All members of the coaching staff are expected to support the referees and refrain from arguing with or making derogatory comments toward them.

All members of the coaching staff are expected to focus on teaching and developing the fundamentals of basketball utilizing the ideas and philosophies of the Owego-Apalachin Central School District Boys and Girls basketball programs, improving individual and team skills along with a strong emphasis on values such as character development, teamwork, discipline, respect and sportsmanship. All members must act in the best interest of every player at all times. Failure to do so shall result in suspension or removal of coach by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may appoint committees to cover one or more fundraising events, special activities or for a particular purpose or function. Any committee shall be overseen by the OABC and all committee members must be approved by the Board of Directors. Each committee shall report directly to the President and Board of Directors and shall adhere to these bylaws.

ARTICLE X

CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The OABC has a strict zero tolerance policy regarding physical violence and/or threatening behavior and bullying. This policy applies to all members of the OABC including officers, coaches, players, parents/guardians and spectators. Any violation of this policy shall result in immediate suspension or permanent removal by the Board of Directors.

Conflicts between coaches, parents/guardians, players, spectators or referees are expected to be handled in an adult manner and discussed after a 24 hour “cool down” period. Any conflict that can’t be resolved by the President shall be handled by the Board of Directors.

All members must act in the best interest of every player and mission of the OABC at all times.

In the case of any conflicts between the Articles of Organization and the bylaws, such conflict shall be resolved in favor of the Articles of Organization.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any meeting provided notice of the changes are included in the notice of such meeting.

ARTICLE XII

DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the OABC, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all outstanding debts and liabilities of the OABC, dispose of all remaining assets to another local entity, determined by majority vote, which maintains the same objectives as described in Article II of these bylaws and are under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.