

Basketball Association of North Royalton, Inc.

Bylaws (Code of Regulations)

Article I - Name

The name of the corporation is the "Basketball Association of North Royalton, Inc." hereinafter referred to as BANR.

Article II - Purpose

The BANR will promote the sport of basketball for the School District of North Royalton. The BANR is being created to provide the youth in North Royalton the opportunity to learn and enjoy the game of basketball at a competitive level. The focus of BANR is on teaching basketball fundamentals, promoting team play, improving individual skills while having fun in order to promote a life-long enjoyment of the game of basketball. The goal of BANR is to create a positive environment in which building self-esteem is accomplished through positive reinforcement of skills and creating a team atmosphere. The BANR demands a high degree of ethical conduct by all of its coaches, players, volunteers, and parents so that it provides a good example for the community, the opponents, and its participants.

The BANR is an Ohio non-profit corporation organized as an amateur youth basketball association for the school district exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and to foster local, regional and national amateur athletic competition within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended), including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which are recognized as exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift, contributions, membership fees or otherwise, shall be devoted and used solely for said purposes.

Article III - Membership

Membership in BANR shall consist of two (2) classes: (1) Board members; and (2) individual members.

- A. Board.** Board of Directors members shall be elected by the outgoing Board of Directors ("Board") as provided herein, who shall also serve as officers of BANR and shall manage its business and affairs. The Board members shall be the sole voting members of BANR.
- B. Individual.** Individual members consist of volunteer and athletic members of BANR. Individual members shall have a voice but shall have no voting rights at Board meetings.

Article IV - Board of Directors

The Board is responsible for establishing the direction, policy, structure and management of the BANR program. The Board may establish special committees as needed. The business and affairs of the BANR shall be managed by the Board who shall exercise or direct the exercise of all corporate powers as provided for in the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. The Board

shall consist of three (3) members until the number is changed by the Board by amendment of these Bylaws. No reduction of the number of Directors shall have the effect of removing any director prior to the expiration of his or her term of office. The Secretary shall be the only officer who shall not be a member of the Board of Directors.

A. Duties. The management of the business affairs of the BANR is the sole responsibility of the Board. The Board, in addition to the duties and powers prescribed elsewhere in these Bylaws, shall have power and it shall be its duty:

1. To elect officers.
2. To establish administrative committees.
3. To prepare or cause to prepare and review the annual budget of BANR.
4. To call regular and special meetings of the corporation.
5. To amend the Bylaws of the corporation.

B. Elections and Tenure of Office

1. The Board shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve for two years and are eligible for re-election. Board members shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Their term of office shall begin immediately after election.
2. Election of new directors or election of current directors to a second term will occur as the first item of business at the annual meeting of the corporation. Board members will be elected by a majority vote of the current Board members.

C. Meetings and Voting. The Board will meet at least twice per year; the annual general meeting and the information meeting. At the annual general meeting, the current Board members shall elect a new Board, consider reports of affairs of the BANR, and transact other business. Each Director will have one vote in matters put forth before the board.

Article V - Officers

- A. President.** The president conducts all meetings of the Club and is responsible for the Club's general business.
- B. Vice President.** The Vice President conducts the meetings in the absence of the President and assists the President.
- C. Treasurer.** The Treasurer is responsible for all financial business of the Club and keep and maintain all financial records.
- D. Secretary.** The Secretary keeps the minutes of membership meetings and Board meetings, handles correspondence for the Club as directed by the President, and maintains all Club records except financial records.

Article VI - Program

- A. In-House.** Due to the limitations of available facilities the BANR does not have an in-house or recreational facility. However, the board will continue to review this situation with the intentions of offering a developmental in-house program if there is a public interest and it is feasible and cost-effective.

- B. Travel.** Travel programs are designed to be more competitive than in-house or recreational programs. The BANR travel program provides an opportunity for boys and girls in grades 3 through 6 to participate in a basketball program that has a higher level of skill and competition. A benefit of the program is the development of players to be ready for Middle School basketball. From time to time 2nd graders are also selected to participate.
- C. Eligibility.** The BANR program is only for students in the North Royalton School District and that follow the eligibility rules based on the league/tournaments in which the teams participate.
- D. Travel Team Selection.** Tryouts will be conducted to select participants of the teams. Tryouts are to be organized by the Board and be conducted in August, September or October under the following guidelines:
1. There will be multiple evaluators at each tryout.
 2. Tryouts can be private or non-private at the board's discretion
 3. Participation in tryouts is mandatory for consideration with the following exceptions: injury, illness or family emergency.
 4. Evaluation forms from non-board members will be turned into the president after the tryout procedure and be available to Board members and officers only.
 5. The ratings, results from the previous season, and input from previous coaches will be used in the selection process.
 6. The number of players on each team will range between 8-10 players based on the quality of players available. Teams will not exceed ten (10).
 7. Players/Coaches on a team the previous season do not automatically qualify for the team in the following year.
 8. Players must tryout with their own grade. Players are eligible to play up if not enough players are determined for a specific grade or if a team for a grade does not exist. BANR board has final approval on player selection.
- E. Teams.** BANR will have teams in boy's grade 3-6 and girls grades 4-6. Additional 3rd grade girl's teams can be added if enough players are available. All BANR teams will play in a league approved by the board. All teams are self-funded and the expected costs are approximately \$250-\$350. At the end of the regular season, teams may participate in tournaments. During this tournament period teams may add or remove players from their regular season roster. Rosters again must adhere to the tournament rules for participation.
- F. Coaches.** Each team will have one (1) head coach. The coaches will be selected by the Board. Each head coach will select any assistant coach(s) and they must be approved by the Board. Coaches will serve a one (1) year term and will be evaluated by the Board after the season. Each year, coaches will have to re-apply to coach the following season and be approved by the Board.

Coaches are expected to provide a positive learning experience, be a positive role model, give all players a fair chance at playing time, exhibit diligence, enthusiasm, honesty, and a passion for the game and adhere to the board's direction. They are also required to respect the players, parents, referees, and opponents. Coaches must maintain open and timely communication with players, parents, and the Board.

Parents of players or outside approved coaches may from time to time be asked to help or coach in the absence of the head coach or assistant coach(s). Coaches are required to follow all league/ tournament rules with particular attention to players playing time. BANR will conduct background checks on all head and assistant coaches. The Board will review all background checks. In a situation where a background check is not passed the board will decide at a two-thirds (2/3) vote to approve any coaches on an exception basis.

G. Code of Conduct. The board will ask the coaches to provide a code of conduct form with guidelines on parent and player conduct. All parents, if they want to participate in the program, will sign the form or give a verbal yes, at the parents meeting at the beginning of the season and have all agree to comply. Players will also comply with a player's code of conduct. Failure to comply or adhere to the code of conduct may result in a suspension or dismissal from the program. Not attending or providing approval does not dismiss the need to comply. The board will review all code of conduct issues and will vote on appropriate course of action.

H. State of Ohio and other regulations. BANR will follow all State requested regulations and stay current on all player safety issues such as:

1. Lindsay's Law - Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) Training.
2. Concussion Protocol.
3. Any other requirements in the future.

I. Fund Raising Activities. Teams may choose to have fundraisers. All fundraisers must be approved by the board and all funds must run through BANR.

J. Accounting. All coaches must submit to the board a year-end accounting record documenting all revenue and expenses incurred through their team's season. Coaches shall provide a statement to all parents on the team if requested.

Article VII - Amendment to Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. Any proposed amendment or modification to the Bylaws shall be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing, at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which they are to be acted upon.

Article VIII - Liabilities

The members of the BANR shall not be personally liable for any corporate obligations, debts, or liabilities.

Article IX - Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the BANR, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of BANR, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of, shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the country in which the principal office of the organization is then located, but in compliance with the rules of 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article X – Incorporators

The incorporation and organizers of the organization shall be indemnified by the organization for any action against the incorporators as result of their work in creating organization.