

**INDIAN NATIONS BASKETBALL CONFERENCE
BY-LAWS
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I PURPOSE

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be Indian Nations Basketball Conference (INBC), a subsidiary of Indian Nations Conferences (INC). The purpose of this Conference shall be to govern, coordinate and enforce the INBC by-laws for all organizational events among the participating organizations.

II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership in this Conference shall consist of the following organizations:

Bartlesville YMCA	Berryhill Youth Basketball
Bixby Youth Basketball	Broken Arrow Youth Basketball
Owasso F.O.R.	Coweta Youth Basketball
Tulsa Youth Athletic Association	Sand Springs Youth Basketball
Claremore YBOC	Metro Christian
Liberty Youth Basketball	Jenks Trojan Hoops

Arbitration

It is agreed that any matter in dispute between you and the Indian Nations Conference and its subsidiaries shall be subject to arbitration as an alternative to court action pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association, a copy of which is available on request from the company. Any decision reached by Arbitration shall be binding upon both you and the INC. The Arbitration award may include attorney's fees if allowed by state law and may be entered as a judgment in any court of proper jurisdiction.

Section 2

The annual dues of all members shall be determined annually by a majority vote of the membership. The annual dues shall be \$75.00 per team plus \$200.00 annual club Fee. Each member prior to the start of the season shall pay all dues. A \$10.00 per day late fee will be assessed on any member not current. Exceptions must have prior approval by the Commissioner.

Section 3

No new member shall be admitted into the INBC whose proposed recruiting territory includes or overlaps any portion of the recruiting territory of an existing

INBC. All recruiting territory disputes / clarification issues between existing INBC members will be resolved by the INBC Release Committee. Each club shall submit an INBC *Boundary Request Form* prior to the season starting as set by the Commissioner.

Section 4

To become a member of Indian Nations Basketball Conference, the organization asking to be admitted must detail in writing the structure of their organization, the officers of their organization with telephone numbers, the area they wish protection of players drawn on a map. Each club shall submit a Sportabase Contact form and an INBC Club Contact Form prior to the season starting as set by the Commissioner.

Clubs shall maintain birth certificates for all players to be produced upon INBC request within 48 hours.

Clubs shall submit a *Home Gym Schedule, Special Game Time Request, and Declaration of Teams* by the deadline set by the INBC Commissioner. Clubs who fail to meet this deadline as set forth by the Commissioner shall be fined an initial fine of \$300 and \$100 each day thereafter.

Clubs shall report to office, no later than 48 hours, an incident/ejection for their home club games.

Clubs shall **attempt** to schedule rec games on Saturdays only, keeping select/elite games during the week-if gym space is not available during the week, clubs shall attempt to schedule select/elite games for early morning times to allow the select teams to compete in tournaments.

No games shall be changed after the season's schedule has been approved by the Commission. Coaches will forfeit to other team's club should the team be a no-show. Coaches may submit a *special game request form* to the Commission should they need to reschedule a game for any reason.

The minimum amount of time for game changes shall be 72 hours advance notice. If games are cancelled for weather or gym loss, clubs **MUST** have 72 hours advance notice of the new game time/date/location.

Post-Season Declaration of Team Forms are due Wednesday, February 4, 2012. The post-season club dues shall be based upon the teams Declared.

Section 5

To become a member of Indian Nations Basketball Conference the organization asking to be admitted must have two-thirds vote of approval by the member organizations.

Section 6

An organization, after having been newly admitted in INBC, will be required to sign an INBC member contract and will be automatically on two (2) year probation. Probation begins the date of INBC contract. Each new president

voted into the organization will be required to review and sign the existing contract.

Section 7

Expulsion of a member organization during the probation period will require only a majority vote of the remaining member organizations. The expulsion of an organization not on probation will require a two-thirds vote of the remaining members.

Section 8

All Recreational players must register through Sportabase. Clubs, at their election, may have select/elite teams register online (i.e. team registration) Rec Players shall be entered on Sportabase before the first game.

III OFFICERS

Section 1

The Officers of the Indian Nations Basketball Conference shall be referred to as the "Commission" and shall be comprised of:

Indian Nations Conference Commissioner
Basketball Commissioner
Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd grade Director (Rec.)
3rd and 4th Grade Director (Rec.)
5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Director (Rec.)
3rd, 4th 5th Grade Director (Select)
6th, 7th, 8th Grade Director (Select)

Section 2

Officers will be elected by majority vote during the spring membership meeting and will serve one year. No more than two officer positions can be filled by any member organization.

Section 3

Commissioner: The Commissioner shall preside at all meetings, appoint, and administer and enforce all rules and activities of Indian Nations Basketball Conference. The Commissioner will be empowered with all rights to make immediate rulings on questions of rule violations or questions raised from incidents not covered by INBC rules and regulations. His ruling will stand until which time the Officers making up the Commission can meet, during which the Commission can then overturn the Commissioner or reinforce the Commissioner's decision by a majority vote of the Commission.

Section 4

Officers will be empowered to enforce all rules of the Indian Nations Basketball Conference. Directors will not be allowed to coach within the grade level, which they represent.

IV MEETINGS

Section 1

Meetings shall be held at the request of the Commissioner or at the request of any *four-* member organizations within fourteen (14) days of such request. These meetings shall be limited to the individual member organization's representative, coaches and member organization officers; however, each organization will be limited to three active participants during any meeting. The Commissioner can grant exceptions. Persons other than those listed above wishing to attend a Conference meeting and/or address the membership must first have approval of a Commission officer.

Section 2

Each organization must be notified at least 72 hours in advance of any meeting and be given the purpose of the meeting. No Conference business can be conducted unless this condition is satisfied.

Section 3

Each organization shall have one vote PER GRADE level registered with INBC on any issue requiring a membership vote. Members having that grade level can only vote on issues relative to a particular grade. The number of votes per grade will be determined by the "declaration of teams" meeting and will be valid for one year. New members will be limited to 2 votes until the declaration of teams meeting. Member organizations without team representation in a particular grade will not vote on issues that apply to that grade.

Section 4

Members present and attending a Conference meeting that has been publicized to the INBC membership will constitute a quorum.

Section 5

Proxy votes will not be accepted at meetings. Members must be present to vote on Conference matters.

V COACHES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Section 1

Each head coach and all members of each coaching staff will be NYSCA certified in basketball and will show proof when requested by a Commission officer. The President of each association will turn in to the INBC office a list of all coaches involved in their program along with their NYSCA card number prior to the first regular season game. This will allow a current up-to-date list of all certified to be maintained and on file in INBC office should any problems or questions arise.

Section 2

Exception to NYSCA certification would be:

1. Another form of certification approved by the Commissioner
2. School Certified Coaches

VI EQUIPMENT

Section 1

Size of basketballs:

K, 1st and 2 nd	27.5
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th	28.5
7 th , 8 th girls	28.5
7 th , 8 th boys	full size

Section 2

Goal Height:

K, 1st and 2 nd	8.5 ft.
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th	10 ft.

Section 3

Players must wear reversible jerseys or have home and away jerseys available.
**Numbers must be visible on both the front and back of jersey.*

VII RULE VIOLATIONS

Section 1

Violations of league rules will be acted on and penalties assessed by the Commissioner and reviewed by the Commission, which at that time can, by majority vote, overrule or reinforce the Commissioner and his actions. The penalty or penalties assessed against an organization, coach, parent or player can be one or more of the following:

1. Fine
2. Forfeiture of game or games
3. Suspension of coaches or individuals within an organization
4. Probation
5. Any action deemed appropriate by majority vote of the Commission.

Section 2

Assaults, verbal abuse or display of poor sportsmanship by a coach, parent, participant, club official or guest at an INBC game will not be tolerated. Alcoholic beverages or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco products will not be allowed by anyone at an INBC function. Penalties will be dealt accordingly.

Section 3

TECHNICAL FOULS

Technical fouls may be assessed against the coach or player. Two technical fouls against a coach or player for behavior will result in an automatic ejection from the game and the gym. Any coach or player ejected from an INBC game or scrimmage will be automatically suspended for the next INBC scheduled game.

Suspended coaches and players will be allowed to attend team practice. Suspended players are required to attend the suspension game with their team but are not to dress out. Suspended coaches will not be allowed to attend the suspension game even as a spectator in the stands. Any coach or player ejected from 2 INBC games will be reviewed by the INBC officers for further penalties or possible suspension of the season.

The INBC Commission may review the circumstances surrounding a coach and/or player's ejection and adjust the INBC rule accordingly.

Section 4

A club **must** submit an incident report immediately to the Commission office involving team violations of the participation rule or any other violation of the INBC Bylaws or be subject to a club fine.

RULE CHANGES

Section 1

By-law and rule changes may be amended, adopted, or repealed at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the membership.

VIII BASKETBALL RULES AND PARTICIPATION

Regular basketball rules apply:

1. A player will have 5 seconds to throw the ball in for play.
2. Players have 10 seconds to bring the ball passed half court.
3. Offense will have only three (3) seconds in paint, exception made in K, 1st and 2nd grades.
4. One and one free throw on 7th team foul, double bonus at 10 fouls.
5. Shooting free throws - players are set until ball hits the rim.
6. Players foul out with 5 fouls.
7. The Home Court will supply a time keeper and the score book.
8. The Home Team must supply a scorekeeper at the scores table, Guest Team may have a scorekeeper at the table also.
9. A completed INBC roster must be submitted to the score table prior to the start of the game. Should a team fail to submit the roster prior to the start of game, the head coach shall be suspended for the first half of game.
10. The head coach is responsible for their bench and fans. There shall be no more than 3 coaches on the bench during game play.
11. Only ONE coach shall stand at a time during game play.

The INBC will be divided into three leagues-Recreation, Select, and Elite. Teams in both Leagues will be divided by boys and girls teams by grade with the participation rule being:

- To participate in the **ninth grade**, a player must be in the ninth grade and cannot be in 16 years old prior to September 1.

- To participate in the **eighth grade**; a player must be in the eighth grade and cannot be 15 years old prior to September 1.
- To participate in the **seventh grade**, a player must be in the seventh grade and cannot be 14 years old prior to September 1.
- To participate in the **sixth grade**, a player must be in the sixth grade and cannot be 13 years old prior to September 1.
- To participate in the **fifth grade**, a player must be in the fifth grade and cannot be 12 years old prior to September 1.
- To participate in the **fourth grade**, a player must be in the fourth grade and cannot be 11 years old prior to September 1.
- To participate in the **third grade**, a player must be in the third grade and cannot be 10 years old prior to September 1.
- To participate in the **second grade**, a player must be in the 2nd grade and cannot be 9 years old prior to September 1.
- To participate in the **K-1st grade**, a player must be in the K or 1st grade and cannot be 8 years old prior to September 1.

No exceptions to this policy are allowed. Players will be allowed to play up with his/hers organizations permission.

A team roster must be submitted to the Commissioner by all membership associations. The roster will be approved INBC roster.

A new player will not be permitted to join an association within INBC or participate with a Team after the first game. If a player moves in from an area outside INBC, the Commissioner may grant an exception. The request must be made early in the season. Players cannot play on a Rec. team and on a Select and/or Elite team during the same season.

If a player has no INBC club to play for, they are eligible for the draft. Rec players must play for their club. When these players reach a grade that is offered by their local INBC club, those players must return to the local club.

There will be no admission charge at games.

Games will start on December 3, 2011.

IX LEAGUES

1. The Recreation League will consist of boys and girls teams starting at Kindergarten and going through 8th grades. Individual sign-ups will be taken from each member organizations declared area. Each team will be drafted in accordance with INBC draft rules. Player or team fee will be set by each organization. Each team can practice a maximum of 3 hours per week.
2. The Select League will consist of boys and girls teams starting at 3rd grade and going through 8th grade. Team or individual sign-ups will be taken with no boundary limitations. Team fees will be a minimum of \$750 set by the conference membership.
3. The Elite League will consist of boys and girls teams. Boy's teams starting at 5th and

going through 8th grades. Girls teams starting with 5th and 6th combined and 6th and 7th combined. Team or individual sign-ups will be taken with no boundary limitations. Team fees will be a minimum of \$750 set by the conference membership.

RECREATION LEAGUE

Team Drafts:

A) Maximum roster size will be ten (**10**) players for all grade levels. Teams exceeding the maximum are required to form an additional team or teams of equal ability by a drafting method approved by the Commission.

B) A Commission member or a representative must be present during all drafts. No Commission member will supervise a draft involving that Commission member's home club.

C) Upon origination (1st year) a team may recruit and protect four (4) players from the draft. Each year thereafter, the team will be allowed to recruit and protect one (**1**) new player. The protected players cannot have played in the INBC the previous year.

D) Each organization is required to leave registration open until October 25, 2011 each organization must inform the Commissioner how many teams will be fielded in each grade on November 7, 2011 by submitting their official Declaration of Teams.

F) After the draft any additional player(s) must be approved and assigned to a team by the Commissioner or a Commission Officer. Failure to comply will result in forfeitures due to illegal draft.

G) Member organizations may set forth more stringent team draft rules than those established under INBC by-laws, with prior approval of the Commissioner.

I) Practice may start on October 31, 2011.

Transfers or Releases

A) A player requesting to be transferred from one INBC organization to another must first obtain a release in writing (using the appropriate INBC Release Form) from the organization in which he is requesting the release. The signed form must then be sent to the INBC office to be reviewed by the INBC committee on release issues. The committee may then hold a meeting with the parents of the child in question, where as a decision will be made to either grant or deny the release. The Commissioner will have the deciding vote on release issues. Players that are granted transfers must be placed in the draft and may not be a protected player from the draft. Players that are granted transfers after the draft will be assigned by the Commissioner.

Mercy rule – The score will be frozen when the score reach 30 point spread.

The INBC reserves the right to review all rec teams at the end of the season and determine their eligibility for the Select league for the following season. A team shall automatically move up to the select league after the 2nd consecutive rec championship.

Section 1

K--1st, 2nd grades:

1. There will be 4 - eight minute quarters, running clock that stops for time outs only with two (2) time outs per half.
2. The clock will stop four minutes into each quarter and substitutions will be made. Coaches are to have the substitutions check in with the scorekeeper. This is not a time out for consultation with the team. This is substitution only. Each player will play at least four minutes in each quarter.
3. Defense shall setup behind the 3 point line. Defense beginning prior to this will stop the game and the offensive team will take the ball out of bounds.
4. The offense shall have 10 seconds to cross half court and 5 seconds to cross the 3 point line. If the 3 point line is penetrated by the ball or the 5 second count is up the defense can pick-up to half court.
5. Five minutes will be allowed for half time.
6. Overtime will be two minutes with one time out. If the game is still tied at the end of the overtime, the game will be declared a tie.
7. Free throw line shall be 10 feet from the front of the rim.
8. No 3 point shots, all shots (other than free throws) will be scored as 2 point

Section 2

3rd and 4th grades

1. The game time will consist of 4-eight minute quarters, running clock that stops for time outs and free throws, with two (2) time outs per half. Clock will stop the last minute of the 2nd and 4th quarters on every whistle
2. Defense shall not begin prior to the half court line. Defense beginning prior to this will stop the game and the offensive team will take the ball out of bounds.
3. PRESS RULE - full court press is allowed in the last two minutes of each half until a team has a fifteen (15) point or more lead.
4. Five minutes will be allowed for half time.
5. Overtime will be two minutes with one time out. If the game is still tied at the end of the overtime, the game will be declared a tie.
6. Each player will play 1 full, uninterrupted quarter in each half.
7. Free throw line shall be 12 feet from the front of the rim.

Section 3

5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades

1. The game time will consist of 4-eight minute quarters, running clock that stops for time outs and free throws, with two (2) time outs per half. Clock will stop the last minute of the 2nd and 4th quarters on every whistle.
2. PRESS RULE - full court press is allowed until a team has a (15) Point or more lead.
3. Five minutes will be allowed for half time.
4. Overtime will be two minutes with one time out. If the game is still tied at the end of the overtime, the game will be declared a tie.
5. Each player will play 1 full uninterrupted quarter in the first half and must participate in the second half.

SELECT LEAGUE

Section 1

3rd, 4th 5th, 6th 7th, 8th and 9th grade

1. The game time will consist of 4-eight minute quarters, running clock that stops for time outs and free throws, with two (2) time outs per half. Clock will stop the last minute of the 2nd and 4th quarters on every whistle
2. Full court press is allowed.
3. Five minutes will be allowed for half time.
4. Overtime will be two minutes with one time out. If the game is still tied at the end of the overtime, the game will be declared a tie.
5. Free throw line shall be 12 feet from the front of the rim for 3rd and 4th platinum
6. Free throw line shall be 15 feet (regular free throw) from the front of the rim for 5th through 9th grades.

ELITE LEAGUE

Section 1

5th, 6th 7th, 8th and 9th grades

1. The game time will consist of 4-eight minute quarters, running clock that stops for time outs and free throws, with two (2) time outs per half. Clock will stop the last minute of the 2nd and 4th quarters on every whistle
2. Full court press is allowed.
3. Five minutes will be allowed for half time.
4. Overtime will be two minutes with one time out. If the game is still tied at the end of the overtime, the game will be declared a tie.

If a team registers in the elite league and the elite league does not make in that grade, that team will be placed in the Select league, but shall play up a grade.

The scoreboard shall freeze at a 30 point spread for both Select and Elite.

X PLAYOFFS

Playoffs will be scheduled following the end of the regular season. The top two teams in each division will advance to the playoffs. If two teams have equal records at the end of regular play the team that won over the other will be considered to have the higher standing. If there is only one division the top four teams will advance. The playoffs will be a single elimination tournament. A post season tournament will be offered for teams not making the playoffs. A gate fee will be charged at the playoffs and the post season tournament. The post-season tournament shall be a double-elimination tournament.

Awards will be given to the 1st and 2nd place teams.

Should a coach be ejected during playoffs, said coach shall not be allowed to coach from bench for the rest of season.

XI PROTESTS

Protests will be made in writing to INBC within 24 hours. Only possible rule violations may be protested. Judgment calls on the part of officials may not be protested. The commission will rule on all protests. One hundred dollars (\$100) in cash must be submitted with the protest. If the protest is upheld, the money will be refunded. If the protest is denied, the money will not be refunded.

XII FORFIETS

A \$100.00 fine can be assessed to a team that forfeits a game. This fine must be paid before the next scheduled game. Two forfeits in a season may result in expulsion from the league.

2011-2012 Indian Nations Basketball Conference Season Dates

September 15, 2011	Registration Opens
October 31, 2011	Rec practice begins
November 7, 2011	Declaration of Teams and other Club forms Due
November 19, 2011	Mandatory Coaches Meeting
December 3, 2011	Games begin
January 7, 2012	Games may resume after holiday break
February 4 th , 2012	Post-Season Declaration of Teams due
March 4, 2012	End of Season

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