

**STATED POLICIES
OF THE
AUSTIN BASKETBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

The stated policies of the ASSOCIATION are set forth below. Additional policies or amendments to existing policies may be accomplished by either a majority vote of the members of the Executive Committee or by a two-thirds vote of the regular membership of the ASSOCIATION present at any properly called meeting. The Executive Committee shall take official notice of any violations of these policies by any member of the ASSOCIATION, and shall take such action against any member found to be in violation as specified herein or as judges to be in the best interest of the ASSOCIATION.

1. All members are expected to know the meaning and application of the rules and mechanics of the National Federation of State High School Associations.
2. All members are expected to be physically, mentally and emotionally fit to perform their duties on the basketball court.
3. Members shall refrain from drinking intoxicating beverages or introducing into their systems any illegal drug before or during a game. Members should not be seen in a place that sells either of the above with an official uniform on.
4. All members are expected to be well groomed, including a clean regulation uniform.
5. When members of the ASSOCIATION work together, the referee will be assigned by the secretary. In the event a referee is not assigned, the senior division official will act as referee unless otherwise agreed to by the crew.
6. Members should adhere to the current travel policy as posted by the Executive Committee.
7. Members are not to dress in the players' dressing rooms or around the teams' quarters when reasonably avoidable.
8. Members are expected to be on the court (by rule) 15 minutes prior to the start of the game. They should arrive at the game site at least 45 minutes prior to game time.
9. Members should refrain as far as courtesy permits from talking to fans before, during or after the game.
10. Members should neither avoid nor seek out coaches and school authorities after the game. They should transact whatever business is necessary and move out of the game vicinity with no unnecessary delay.
11. No member should discuss other members of the ASSOCIATION with coaches, other school authorities, publicity personnel, or fans. All criticism of our members should be directed to the member, to the Executive Committee, or to the general membership at a properly called meeting of the ASSOCIATION.
12. Members shall honor all official assignments, once accepted. They must notify the Secretary at once in the event of emergencies.
13. No member shall directly or indirectly solicit games for themselves or others from coaches or school members.
14. If assigned, all Division I, II, and III members shall work at least two games with a Division IV or V official.
15. Members should contact their co-official(s) at least 48 hours before a scheduled game. Any member, who has attempted but is unable to make contact with his co-official by noon of the day prior to game, shall contact the Secretary.

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16. No member should work the same Varsity team more than six (6) times during the regular season, excluding tournament assignments. Any member assigned as such, should notify the Secretary immediately.
17. The Executive Committee shall monitor schools that fail to pay proper game fees or fail to pay game fees to members within a reasonable time. A school that repeatedly fails to pay proper game fees or fails to pay promptly may be subject to termination of service by the ASSOCIATION.
18. In developing scratch lists for the season, ONLY Varsity Coaches will be permitted a maximum of five (5) officials from the roster of regular members of the ASSOCIATION. Scratches will not be honored in the scheduling of tournaments.
19. In accordance with the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules, Section 1204 (g) Scratches, (1) After a school has accepted an official, and then scratches the official prior to a contest, the scratching must be in writing and approved by the athletic director in multiple high school districts, and the principal and/or superintendent in single high school member districts. Note: Officials shall not be scratched the day of the game, except by mutual consent of both schools. A copy of the letter must be submitted to the other school and the ASSOCIATION.
20. All members shall work scrimmages as assigned by the secretary.
21. Tournament coordinators shall be responsible for calculating game fees, and travel pay in accordance with the current policy for each official working in their assigned tournament. A tournament coordinators fee shall be one game fee per bracket or level based on the level of the teams playing (see example below). The coordinators shall also be responsible for providing the necessary information to the school and obtaining reasonably prompt payment from the schools.

Examples:

- Boy's varsity and Girl's varsity tournaments that are officiated by three person crews will be charged a three person game fee for the boys tournament and a three person game fee for the girls tournament because two different brackets will be used.
- Boy's JV and Boy's freshmen tournaments will be charged a sub-varsity rate for each tournament because two different brackets and levels are being used.
- Boy's 7-A and Boy's 8-A will be charged a sub-varsity rate for each tournament because two different brackets and levels are being used.

22. Once a member accepts a tournament assignment, that member shall not accept any other tournament assignment which may interfere or conflict with the previously accepted assignment.
23. An official who moves or quits prior to start of schedules being distributed may receive a refund of 50% of local dues if that official is moving out of the local area. They must notify the ASSOCIATION by September 1st of the year.
24. Playoff games will be assigned using the following guidelines and shall be approved by the President and President Elect.

Requested by name
Requested by division
Ability to handle the game situation
Availability