

# **EL PASO VOLLEYBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the El Paso Volleyball Officials Association. (EPVOA)

### **ARTICLE II - PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization shall be to further the ideals and standards of volleyball as outlined in this constitution; to include but not limited to the development of the highest standards of competitive volleyball in the El Paso area facilitated by the democratic means of sportsmanship, goodwill and fair play. To achieve these goals, EPVOA will do everything it is capable of doing to provide competent officials for all matches.

### **ARTICLE III - TERMS**

#### **SECTION 1. ASSOCIATION**

The association refers to El Paso Volleyball Officials Association. (EPVOA)

#### **SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board of directors refers to the full board charged with the administration of the affairs of the association. The board directors shall be elected in accordance with this constitution and bylaws

#### **SECTION 3. OFFICIALS**

Officials refers to any paying member of EPVOA dues.

#### **SECTION 4. ASSOCIATE MEMBER**

Associate member refers to any person interested in furthering the sport of volleyball by paying local EPVOA dues, but not actively officiating. An associate member may serve as a member of the board of directors.

#### **SECTION 5. LIAISON TO CHAPTERS**

It is recommended that a liaison (school coach, athletic director or administrator) be appointed to serve as a non-voting member of the board of directors.

## **SECTION 6. IN GOOD STANDING**

Any official, to be considered in good standing, has complied with the following conditions:

- A. has paid local dues by the due dates;
- B. has turned in a completed EPVOA application
- C. has attended the annual EPVOA rules clinic;
- D. has completed all yearly exams with a score of 70% or more;
- E. has attended seventy-five percent of all scheduled general meetings;
- F. has appealed within seven days or paid all fines within fourteen days of assessment;
- G. has not consume any alcoholic beverages or tobacco products while in uniform;
- H. has abides, and will abide, by the officials' code of ethics as published in the NFHS rule book.

Any associate member, who has paid local dues and has abided by the subscribed rules of conduct and ethics, has the option of attending the EPVOA rules clinic and has the option of taking all yearly exams.

## **SECTION 7. NOT IN GOOD STANDING**

If any official fails to comply with the **in good standing** terms, they will be declared not in good standing and must appear before the board of directors to be reinstated.

## **SECTION 8. VOTING MEMBER**

All officials have the right to vote in all EPVOA elections, unless they are not in good standing or have been suspended or expelled.

## **SECTION 9. OFFICIALS COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (OCP)**

All officials must complete the University Interscholastic League (UIL) Officials Compliance Program (OCP) and submit a copy of the certificate to the EPVOA secretary by the announced due date.

## **SECTION 10. CALLING GAMES**

Officials will be assigned appropriate matches if they are in good standing and have the proper uniform.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1. COMPOSITION**

The association is composed of all officials and associate members currently in good standing.

### **SECTION 2. REQUIREMENTS**

Any person who meets the requirements of membership may join the EPVOA.

## **ARTICLES V - DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1. REQUIRED ATTENDANCE**

The association will announce its schedule of general meetings and will announce other meetings as necessary. All members of the association must attend seventy-five percent of all scheduled general meetings and the rules clinic to maintain a good standing status, unless their absence(s) is/are excused by the board of directors. A request to be excused must be submitted in writing.

### **SECTION 2. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS**

Officials must pay all dues, fees, and fines by the announced due date. Failure to pay on time will remove the official from any future assignment and will deem the official not in good standing.

### **SECTION 3. GOVERNING AUTHORITY**

Officials and associate members must comply with the requirements of this constitution and its bylaws.

### **SECTION 4. MEMBERS RIGHTS**

Officials and associate members in good standing will have the obligation to participate in all general meetings and board of directors elections.

## **ARTICLE VI - ORGANIZATION**

## **SECTION 1. OFFICERS**

The officers of the association (EPVOA) will be elected by only members in good standing. The Offices are as follows:

- A. PRESIDENT – two year term
- B. VICE PRESIDENT – two year term (with an alternating election with the president so as not have both in the same year)
- C. SECRETARY –one year term
- D. TREASURER – one year term
- E. DIRECTOR I – one year term
- F. DIRECTOR II – one year term
- G. DIRECTOR III – one year term

These are the only members of the board of directors who are allowed to vote on the administration of the affairs of the association.

## **SECTION 2. ASSIGNOR(S)**

The board of directors of EPVOA will appoint an assignor (s). Currently, EPVOA is using two assignors, one for lower level assignment and one for varsity assignments.

## **SECTION 3. FEES**

EPVOA will collect all specified local dues and fines.

## **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS**

This constitution or its bylaws may be amended by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present at any legal general or special meeting, provided that written notice of intent to amend was posted during a general meeting at least seven days prior.

This new constitution was adopted by the EPVOA membership in October 2013.

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