

West Michigan Hornets Basketball

Bylaws

ARTICLE I - Name/Organization

1. The name of this organization shall be the “West Michigan Hornets Basketball”, or

WMHB, a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II - Purpose/Mission Statement

1. The WMHB exists to provide a competitive basketball program for both girls and boys. The WMHB affirms that God created competition and athletics to be enjoyed by his people and that his people have the responsibility to pursue competition and athletics such that it fulfills God’s intent. The WMHB seeks to provide our athletes an opportunity to play competitive team basketball in a God-honoring and highly organized format. Our goal is that all players involved will have a positive experience while playing Hornets Basketball.

ARTICLE III - Membership

1. Membership is available to any family who wishes to be active within the WMHB.

2. All members and participating children must agree to abide by WMHB by-laws, philosophies and policies.

3. Membership dues shall be set by the Board of Directors, and collected annually, prior to the start of the next season. Membership dues will be applied to the member family’s player fees, and are non-refundable. Late membership will be approved by action of the Board.

4.The term of membership is September 1 - August 31.

5.Membership shall consist of those whose dues have been paid (or waived by Board action on a case-by-case basis).

6.Members shall have one vote per family in WMHB affairs.

7.A roster of members will be maintained by the Secretary.

8.Members may terminate their membership upon written notification to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors 1. Composition

1.The WMHB shall be governed by a board of six, but may operate with no less than four directors or director couples (director couples have one vote per couple for board purposes).

2.Directors shall be members of WMHB.

3.Directors shall not be head coaches or a spouse of a head coach.

4.Directors shall be supportive of WMHB's current policies and shall support WMHB's Purpose/Mission.

5. Directors serve and are accountable to the members of WMHB

2. Elections

1. Board of Directors shall be elected by the membership.

2. Directors' terms shall be THREE Years, but may be less under special circumstances.

3. Directors may run for re-election for concurrent terms.

4. Vacancies between appointments shall be filled by appointment by the current board;
and interim director's term ends at the next available election.

5. Elections and appointments shall be announced to the membership.

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i. Only WMHB members can nominate or be nominated to serve on the board and nominations must be seconded by another WMHB member.

ii. Nominee must accept the nomination and agree to serve prior to election.

iii. Elections shall take place at the conclusion of the season.

- iv. Elections shall take place at a meeting of the members announced to all members a minimum of 14 days prior to meeting.
- v. Nominees shall submit a bio distributed to members a minimum of 7 days prior to meeting.
- vi. Members will have no more than one vote per open position
- vii. Nominees who receive the most votes shall be elected to the board.
- viii. Nominees must receive a minimum of 30% of ballots cast.
- ix. Proxy votes are allowed by Members. They must be in writing, easily identifiable by signature or email traceable.

3. Powers and Duties

1. The Board of Directors shall direct and administer the business and policies of WMHB, including but not limited to appointing Board officer positions, appointing/hiring staff and committee members, assigning responsibilities and providing guidance thereto.
2. A majority of directors may cause any question to be submitted to the general membership to be decided by vote.
3. The board of Directors shall confer with the members and formulate and establish the policies of WMHB.
4. Directors shall be attentive to Members' questions,

suggestions, observations, and grievances on any matter pertaining to WMHB.

4.Meetings

1. Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year and when the affairs of WMHB require.
2. A meeting of all Members shall be held at least once annually, and when two or more board members or ten percent of the membership makes a formal request.

5.Removal of Directors, Committee Members, and Staff

1. A Director may be removed from their position for cause by unanimous consent of the other Directors.
 - i. Cause includes violations of WMHB bylaws, philosophies and policies/procedures as well as legal laws and Christian moral standards.
 - ii. Cause does not include personality conflicts.
2. Any committee member or staff person may be removed from his/her position with or without cause by majority consent of the Board.

ARTICLE V - Officers 1. President

- 1.The President shall preside at all meetings of WMHB and generally supervise its affairs, and

2. shall appoint with approval of the Board all committees.

2. Vice-President

1. The Vice-President shall perform as the president during their absence. 3. Secretary

1. The Secretary shall keep and report board meeting minutes in writing,

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2. shall notify board members of upcoming meetings,

3. shall keep permanent record of the board actions and committee reports, and

4. shall conduct such communications and correspondence as determined by the Board.

4. Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall receive all WMHB funds and pay all bills of the Organization,

2. shall insure accountable financial procedures are in place to protect WMHB and directors/members who handle WMHB funds,

3. shall make financial reports at board meetings and any other required financial reports

on behalf of WMHB, and

4. shall submit annual organization financial statements, and propose operating budgets.

ARTICLE VI - Committees

1. The appointment of all committees and their chairpersons shall be made by the President with majority consent of the Board and may re-define their duties from time to time
2. Committee members shall be supportive of WMHB's bylaws, philosophies and policies.
3. Committees are accountable to the Board of Directors and shall report to the Board.
4. All committees will set and monitor short term and long-range goals.

ARTICLE VII - Dissolution

1. The Board of Directors may propose dissolution of the WMHB to the Members at a special Board meeting called for that purpose. The Board of Directors must then call a meeting of the Membership to propose dissolution. The membership shall be given a minimum of 14 days advance notice for the said meeting. Dissolving the organization requires a two-thirds approval by the Board of Directors and a simple majority of collected member votes.

2. Upon dissolution of WMHB, the Directors shall, after making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Organization, dispose of all the assets in such a manner as to benefit one or more 501c3 homeschool athletic organizations. The choice of the organization(s) shall be left to the discretion of the Directors at the time of dissolution.

ARTICLE VIII - Amendments to bylaws and organizational philosophies

1. The Board of Directors shall consider any amendment proposed by a Member or Director.

1. If the amendment is known about ahead of time, Board members must be notified of proposed amendments 5 days prior to the board meeting. Without such notification, no amendment vote may take place if all Board members are not present at the meeting.

2. Proxy votes are allowed by Board Members. They must be in writing, easily identifiable to the missing Board member (signature or email traceable).

3. Any proposed amendment that has been approved by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors shall be presented to the membership for final approval.

2. A majority of active Members may propose an amendment by petitioning the Board. The proposed amendment must be presented at a membership meeting within 30 days of submitting said petition to the Board.

3. Members must be notified of any amendments presented at a

Member meeting 14 days in advance of said meeting. The proposed amendment must be clearly communicated to the entire membership in writing, including details of the amendment and the effective date.

1. Proxy votes are allowed by Members. They must be in writing, easily identifiable by signature or email traceable.

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4. Any Board promoted amendment that has been approved by a simple majority of collected member votes shall be put into effect at the determined date.

5. Any member petitioned amendment that has been approved by a two-thirds majority of collected member votes shall be put into effect at the determined date.

6. The Board of Directors may, by unanimous vote, make grammatical or punctuation changes that do not affect policy or meaning.

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