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# SOMERS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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Bylaws

BOYS				GIRLS			
State Champs	State Final Fours	NCCC Champs	NCCC Tourney Champs	State Champs	State Final Fours	NCCC Champs	NCCC Tourney Champs
1992, 1994	1987, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2019	1993, 1997	1993, 1997	1977	1977, 1981, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1993, 2004	1977, 1979, 1980, 1986, 1993	

# **SOMERS BASKETBALL BYLAWS**

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Purpose: To provide a recreational outlet to Somers' youth that will foster leadership, teamwork, commitment, confidence, sportsmanship, humility, integrity and lasting friendships.

Mission: To provide for all boys' and girls' instructional, recreational, and travel teams the necessary leadership, values, organization, control, and regulation needed to ensure that all youth are provided with an equal opportunity to develop and enjoy the sport of basketball.

Vision: To win at least 5 additional Somers High School Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball State Championships, NCCC Championships and NCCC Tournament Championships by 2030.

## **A. ADMINISTRATION**

### **A.1 ADMINISTRATION OF BYLAWS**

- 1.1 Bylaw changes are to be requested by a formal motion, seconded and discussed if necessary. At least half of the Board of Directors ("Board") members is required for voting, and the motion must be passed by two-thirds majority as a recommendation to the Board. The Board will vote on the recommendations, to be approved by majority vote.
- 1.2 All bylaw changes are to be documented in minutes of Board meetings.
- 1.3 All Board members, program coordinators, coaches, referees, officials, players, parents, etc. are expected to adhere to all bylaws.

### **A.2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 2.1 The Board will consist of a minimum of seven (7) members and no more than fifteen (15), members. All Board members are voting members. The final number of Board members is to be approved by a majority vote of the Board. All nominations to the Board are to be made in writing or in person at a Board meeting. Approval of new members requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Board. All Board terms are for one year. No later than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the then existing term, a Board member must confirm in writing to the Board or in person, at a Board meeting, state, their desire to continue as a member for the next term. The Board will vote on all nominations, including existing Board members who would like to serve another term, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2.1.
- 2.2 The President, The Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Board will be nominated, voted and passed by a two-thirds majority vote from the Board. The term for each position shall be one year. There is no limit to the number of terms any Board member may serve in each position. The President, assisted by, or as assigned to, other Boards Members as needed, will be responsible for preparing the agenda for the Board meetings, in addition to running the scheduled Board meetings. The Secretary is responsible for the recording of all required minutes, including all Board motions and recommendations. All Board minutes are to be presented to all Board members at the subsequent Board meeting for approval by the Board.
- 2.3 The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining and overseeing the Somers Basketball bank account, ensuring appropriate financial internal controls are implemented including monthly bank statement reconciliations, proper record keeping and disbursement approvals and supporting documentation. The Treasurer will provide a financial report to the Board during each Board meeting.

- 2.4 The Secretary is responsible for the recording of all required minutes, including all Board motions and recommendations, including voting results. The Secretary's term can be extended via nomination and voting by the Board. All meeting minutes approvals are to be approved and documented accordingly at subsequent meetings.
- 2.5 The Board at the first meeting in March shall vote upon appointments for new terms (someone finishing a term and not seeking reappointment) and for members seeking reappointment. Appointments are considered official upon confirmation by majority vote of the Board.
- 2.6 Appointments to mid-term vacancies of the Board shall be carried out per the procedure set forth in 2.1 above. Mid-term appointments shall be effective until the first meeting in the following March meeting of the Board. At that time, reappointment or replacement will be voted upon by the Board per the procedure set forth in 2.1 above.
- 2.7 Any matter requiring a formal vote by the Board shall be passed by majority vote, with exceptions being matters specifically referenced in other administrative bylaws. At least half of the Board members must be present for a vote to take place.
- 2.8 All Board members shall have at least 48 hours advance notification on any matter which requires a formal vote, unless the Board unanimously agrees to meet and vote on a matter within the 48-hour period or the matter is voted upon during a normal, scheduled Board meeting. By exception only in matters requiring immediate action, the President can solicit a Board vote by email (or other appropriate communication). Any such action requires written documentation copying all Board members and other necessary parties.
- 2.9 Two Board positions will be reserved for each of the Somers High School Varsity/Junior Varsity Girls and Boys Head or Assistant Basketball Coaches to ensure appropriate development linkage between Somers Basketball and the Somers High School Basketball programs.
- 2.10 The responsibilities of the Board are as follows:
  - 2.10.1 The administering of all Somers Basketball Bylaws and the development of policy.
  - 2.10.2 Ensure conformance to all voting regulations as detailed in these bylaws.
  - 2.10.3 Oversee all basketball programs.
  - 2.10.4 Accountability for all financial matters.
  - 2.10.5 Nominate volunteer members and program coordinators.
  - 2.10.6 Select coaches and programs. Program coordinators do not have to be members of the Board.
  - 2.10.7 Nominate Board members to the Board as required.
- 2.11 The Board reserves the right to replace any Board member as follows:
  - 2.11.1 Any issues involving disciplinary action of Board members require written notification from the Board. All action taken by the Board must be passed by majority, and expulsion from the Board must be a unanimous vote. Such Board member has 48 hours to appeal any action in writing to the Board, copying the President. The Board will schedule an open Board meeting to review the appeal, and the Board will respond to the appeal within 48 hours of the meeting.
  - 2.11.2 All resignations from the Board will be confirmed in writing by the Board, copying the President and Vice President.
- 2.12 The Board reserves the right to administer the bylaws as needed to organize all instructional, recreational, and travel teams as needed based on registration numbers, league availability, skill development issues, financial issues, and/or coaching availability.

- 2.13 Board meetings will be held monthly, or at a minimum, at least quarterly, as well as on an as-needed basis. In situations requiring immediate Board action, the President will be responsible for the appropriate verbal or written communication detailing such action.
- 2.14 The Board may create various Board committees to help in the administration of Somers Basketball and the Bylaws. Any required Committees and associated Committee Chairs must be approved by the majority of the Board. If any Committee member resigns from the Board, the applicable Board member will cease to be a member of any Committee and new Committee members will be selected by the President and required confirmation via a majority of the Board vote. All existing Committees and Committee members will be re-assessed in March in conjunction with the annual Board composition process described in Section 2.5 above.

### **A.3 PRESIDENT OF SOMERS BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

- 3.0 The responsibilities of the President of Somers Basketball are as follows:
  - 3.0.1 Coordinate all Board issues.
  - 3.0.2 Coordinate the agenda for the Board meetings and serve as chairperson for each Board meeting.
  - 3.0.3 Communicate with the Somers Recreation Director and Somers Recreation Commission as needed.
  - 3.0.4 Communicate with school officials for use of gymnasiums.
  - 3.0.5 Communicate all financial issues to the Board.
  - 3.0.6 Work with the Board to ensure that all bylaws are administered properly.
  - 3.0.7 Present submitted Board recommendations to the Board for voting.

### **A.4 BOARD COMMITTEES**

- 4.0 The following committees shall be established and chaired by a Board Member:
  - 4.0.1 Player/Coach Development: Develop strategic training and skill set development to link all levels of Somers Basketball to the Junior Varsity/Varsity High School level.
  - 4.0.2 Branding: Ensure consistent communication of Somers Basketball's Purpose, Mission and Vision to drive awareness and active participation in Somers Basketball.
  - 4.0.3 Website: Develop and maintain a website to market and communicate keys messages relating to Somers Basketball.
  - 4.0.4 Fundraising: Develop various avenues to raise funds via corporate sponsorships, activities, personal contributions, apparel, tournaments, etc.
  - 4.0.5 Tournament: Develop program to actively provide tournament basketball experiences for the more competitive and serious basketball players.
  - 4.0.6 Referee: Administer the bylaws of Somers Basketball regarding referees; develop a listing of-qualified referees for the appropriate programs; coordinate with the scheduler, and travel league coordinators to schedule referees for the entire season; develop a listing of qualified referees for all recreational programs; coordinate all required referee training with the Board for all programs; manage payment of referees; perform evaluations of all referees for Board review or action; communicate all referee issues with the Board.

- 4.0.7 Off-Season: Develop program for continued basketball development during the summer and fall timeframes.
- 4.0.8 High School Intramural Program: Develop program for high school students to enjoy the sport of basketball without having to play on a competitive high school team.
- 4.0.9 High School Basketball Coordinator: Coordinate events (i.e., half time games, instruction, coaching clinics, fund raising events, etc.) with parents, players, coaches, the Board and Girls and Boys High School Varsity/Junior Varsity Basketball programs.

4.1 Volunteer non-Board members can serve on the various Board Committees at the discretion of the applicable Committee Chair.

## **B. CONDUCT BYLAWS**

### **B.1 ADMINISTRATION OF CONDUCT BYLAWS**

- 1.1 All players, coaches, parents, officials, Somers Basketball Board members, volunteers, etc. associated with all programs of Somers Basketball must abide by all bylaws and rules as approved by the Board.
- 1.2 The Board is responsible for ensuring all bylaws are accessible to anyone associated with Somers Basketball programs.
- 1.3 Any issues regarding conduct requesting Board action must be put in writing to the Board by submitting to the President. The President is responsible for including correspondence on the agenda for the next subsequent Board meeting. The Board will recommend any necessary action and is responsible for communicating all required action or response, which must be documented in writing.
- 1.4 Anyone requiring disciplinary action by the Board will have 48 hours to appeal such action in writing. Upon written appeal, the Board will respond within (7) days from receipt, documenting the appeal response in writing to all parties.
- 1.5 All parties have the right to attend a Board meeting to discuss any conduct issues.
- 1.6 All league conduct bylaws supersede Somers Basketball bylaws. Anyone subject to outside disciplinary action requires review by the Board. Pending volunteer review and recommendations, the Board reserves the right to administer the conduct bylaws accordingly in addition to the league action.
- 1.7 The Board reserves the right to administer disciplinary action subject to the bylaws for all appropriate circumstances involving the best interests of Somers Basketball.

### **B.2 COACHES CONDUCT BYLAWS**

- 2.1 All coaches and coordinators shall be approved by the Board.
- 2.2 All coaches are responsible for adhering to all Somers Basketball bylaws and are responsible for promoting fair play through positive encouragement.
- 2.3 All coaches are responsible for informing the parents of their players the Somers Basketball conduct bylaws and to properly refer parents to the Board as needed.
- 2.4 All coaches shall not verbally or physically harass officials, opposing players or coaches, Board members or coordinators, or other parents/spectators either at any time.
- 2.5 All teams are required to have a head coach and at least one assistant coach. It will be required that at least two coaches attend all Somers Basketball activities (game, practice, scrimmage, etc.). If two coaches cannot make an

activity, then a player's parent must attend such event to ensure at least two adult supervisors are in attendance. Adherence to this bylaw is the responsibility of the applicable Head Coach for each team.

- 2.6 All coaches are responsible for adhering to all league guidelines and bylaws, including conduct bylaws.
- 2.7 Any coach who requires pre-determined player disciplinary action involving suspension or reduced playing time (under the minimum requirements set forth through bylaws) must document in writing such action to the Board and the appropriate coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for immediately notifying the President for Board response.
- 2.8 All disciplinary action involving violation of conduct bylaws of players must be documented in writing by the coach to the appropriate coordinator.
- 2.9 All conduct issues involving parents or spectators must be documented in writing by the coach to the Board and the appropriate coordinator.
- 2.10 All coaches are required to deal with the appropriate coordinators for all operational issues regarding bylaws, scheduling, league issues, etc.
- 2.11 All coaches are responsible for the general safety of all their players during Somers Basketball sanctioned events. No coach is allowed to leave any players unattended or unsupervised at any time before, during, or after any event.
- 2.12 All coaches are responsible for addressing all player injuries with the appropriate parents. No injured player should be allowed to play without the permission of the parents, or as applicable, a medical professional (in writing), and the coach reserves the right to not play an injured player.
- 2.13 All coaches are required to open the lines of communication with parents involving the coaching and skill development of their children.
- 2.14 Coaches are responsible for developing good team chemistry through team rules, subject to the bylaws of Somers Basketball.
- 2.15 Coaches are not allowed to represent Somers Basketball in the interpretation or implementation of Board bylaws.

### **B.3 PLAYER'S CONDUCT BYLAWS**

- 3.1 All players are responsible for adhering to all appropriate Somers Basketball bylaws.
- 3.2 Players are not allowed to verbally or physically harass officials, coaches, opposing players, teammates, parents, spectators, etc.
- 3.3 All players must exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
- 3.4 All issues involving player's conduct bylaws, including disciplinary action, must be dealt with in conjunction with the parents or appropriate guardian(s).
- 3.5 All players are expected to treat coaches with respect involving coaching decisions.
- 3.6 All players are expected to put forth their best effort at practices and games, dress properly, and show up on time. Failure to abide can result in reduced playing time, or possible suspension or removal from the team subject to the Somers Basketball bylaws.
- 3.7 Players should immediately report all injuries or illnesses to their coaches.

### **B.4 PARENTS' CONDUCT BYLAWS**

- 4.1 Parents must abide by all Somers Basketball bylaws.

- 4.2 Parents must not verbally or physically abuse or harass officials, Board members, coaches, players, spectators, etc. All parents must deal with coaches, players, and volunteers with respect and courtesy.
- 4.3 Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children youth players (or spectators) at all times, including in all Somers and other town school facilities.
- 4.4 Parents are subject to disciplinary action as administered by the bylaws of Somers Basketball.
- 4.5 All parents are subject to the bylaws of all appropriate leagues, tournaments, etc.
- 4.6 Parents are responsible for the communication of all appropriate issues with their children's coaches.
- 4.7 Parents must put in writing to the Board any complaints involving conduct issues with coaches, players, or other adults, subject to the bylaws governing disciplinary action.
- 4.8 Parents are responsible for communicating any injuries or illness to their children's coaches.
- 4.9 All parents are responsible for the transportation arrangements of their children to and from games and practices; and communicating accordingly with the coaches.
- 4.10 In all cases, "guardian" can be substituted for "parent" when appropriate.

## **B.5 REFEREE CONDUCT BYLAWS**

- 5.1 All certified or sanctioned referees must abide by all league or tournament bylaws or rules as established.
  - 5.1.1 All Somers Basketball bylaws and playing rules will be distributed to all referees for all programs before the start of each season.
- 5.2 All referees are responsible for adherence to their sanctioned governing ruling body or association for all conduct related bylaws.
- 5.3 Any referee requesting Somers Basketball Board action regarding conduct issues must be documented in writing to the referee coordinator within 48 hours. All subsequent action will adhere to conduct bylaws as noted above.

## **C. OPERATIONAL BYLAWS**

### **C.1 COACHES GUIDELINES**

- 1.1 Coaches shall communicate all applicable bylaws as necessary to all players, parents, spectators, etc.
- 1.2 Coaches must understand the game of basketball to teach the skills required to maximize player development in a team orientated environment that is enjoyable to both the players and the coaches involved.
- 1.3 Coaches are to develop a sense of fair play, good sportsmanship and self-control.
- 1.4 Coaches are to develop a style that is in the best interest of developing skills vs. the sole goal of winning, both in the recreational and in the travel programs.
- 1.5 The Board will develop, in conjunction with the coaches, a unified philosophy for player and team development.
- 1.6 All coaches are responsible for communicating all practice and games schedules with all players and parents. No coach can schedule a practice, scrimmage, or game at a Somers facility without prior approval from the schedule coordinator, subject to Board action.

- 1.7 A game is defined as follows: Any official league or unofficial non-league game approved by the schedule coordinator, requiring a formal referee assignment either through the league or by the Somers Basketball referee coordinator.
- 1.8 A scrimmage is defined as follows: Any practice game between a Somers Basketball team and an out-of-town team in a Somers or out-of-town gymnasium requiring informal referees not assigned through a league or by the Somers Basketball referee coordinator.
- 1.9 All potential coaches must apply in writing to the Board for any type of coaching position. A third-party background check is a prerequisite to serve as a coach. The background check process will be administered, and the cost will be funded by Somers Basketball. The Board is responsible for all final coaching selections.
  - 1.9.1 All assistant coaches must fill out coaching applications once selected by the head coach, including the third-party background check.
- 1.10 Travel coaching selections will be based on basketball knowledge, previous coaching experience, time dedication, and ability to work within the bylaws of Somers Basketball to accomplish our mission statement. Travel coaches must apply to the Board every year and must meet the above criteria to continue coaching at the travel level.
- 1.11 Recreational coaches will also be determined based on daughter or son participation in addition to 1.10 above.
- 1.12 The Board reserves the right to make a travel coaching selection during or after the tryouts in those circumstances requiring necessary Board evaluation. The Board will notify all coaching applicants of such a decision prior to any tryouts (with the exception being any cause for disciplinary action). The Board will recommend all necessary action that deviates from the pre-determined selection process.
- 1.13 It is the responsibility of all coaches to know the rules of basketball, including all playing Rules and bylaws of any affiliated league, tournament or association.
- 1.14 Somers Basketball will supply all coaches with required safety related products (including ice packs). It is the responsibility of all coaches to ensure these products are available for all practices and games.
- 1.15 All requests for additional home games must be submitted to the schedule coordinator and approved by the Board. The Board will recommend policy regarding the scheduling of scrimmages and additional non-league games upon completion of the regular season schedule by the schedule coordinator.
- 1.16 During regular season play, all coaches are responsible for notifying their league coordinator of all non-league away games prior to such game. The coordinator is responsible for communicating to the schedule coordinator all such away games. Upon the completion of the regular season and playoffs, all coaches must communicate postseason tournaments to their appropriate coordinator.
- 1.17 No coach can represent Somers Basketball in any bylaw interpretations or Board decision-making interpretations.
- 1.18 All coaches are responsible for dealing with all operational matters with their appropriate coordinators.

## **C.2 COORDINATOR GUIDELINES**

- 2.1 All coordinators are responsible for communication between the Board and the appropriate coaches, league, group or organization.
- 2.2 The Board is responsible for the nomination and selection of all program coordinators. Coordinators do not have to be a Board member.
- 2.3 All appropriate coordinators are responsible for operations of all league teams, including the adherence to all bylaws.



- 2.4 All verbal or written communication to all respective travel leagues must be channeled through the appropriate coordinator. All circumstances requiring written documentation must be reviewed by the league coordinator, copying the Board in a timely fashion. All conduct issues must be first addressed with the Board according to Somers Basketball conduct bylaws. The appropriate coordinator must handle all required follow-ups to all written correspondence. No coaches are allowed to supersede coordinators regarding communication. EXCEPTION: All game protests involving only appropriate circumstances as outlined in league bylaws should be dealt with by coaches as required. Upon such action, coaches are required to document in writing such protests to their respective coordinator within 24 hours, upon which all required league communication will be conducted by the coordinator.
- 2.5 All coordinators will prepare year-end reports to the Board at the completion of the season.

### **C.3 FORMATION OF TEAMS**

#### **3.1 TRAVEL TEAMS**

Program Mission Statement: The purpose of the Somers Basketball travel programs is to provide the more advanced player the opportunity to develop and compete in a higher level of competition. Coaches will utilize their discretion in emphasizing skill development while still adhering to minimum playing time bylaws.

- 3.1.1 The Board reserves the right to administer the bylaws as needed to organize all travel teams based on registration numbers, league availability, skill development issues, financial issues and/or coaching availability.
- 3.1.2 All travel team coaches will report to the Board through appointed league coordinators.
- 3.1.3 Registration information for travel tryouts will be advertised locally via appropriately using various communication channels including, but not limited to: social media, bulk email lists, Somers Recreation Department fliers to be distributed through the schools, etc. All fliers and registration forms will include the appropriate wording regarding age eligibility per bylaw 3.1.5.
- 3.1.4 All travel team tryouts will be conducted during the month of October. Teams should be finalized and appropriate communications to families should be made no later than November 1.
- 3.1.5 The Board will determine all travel eligibility issues regarding tryout participation. Travel teams will be offered for boys' grades 5, 6, 7, 8, and for girls' grades 5 & 6 and 7 & 8 or per league mandated structure. The Board must approve any parent request for their child to try out for an older age bracket. The Board shall ensure that the travel tryout format is properly administered. Any such request that is denied will be communicated through the Board at the appropriate time before, during, or after tryouts.
- 3.1.6 A travel tryout format will be developed and approved each season by the Board. Upon approval, all coaches and selection committee members will meet with the Board prior to the tryouts to review the tryout format and selection criteria.
- 3.1.7 The roster size for all travel teams will consist of anywhere from 8 to 12 players at the discretion of the Board.
- 3.1.8 A post try-out meeting will be conducted by the Board to review the tryouts.
- 3.1.9 Upon selection of travel teams, all coaches must work with the appropriate league coordinator for all travel issues, including game and practice schedules and ordering of uniforms and equipment.
- 3.1.10 All additional home scrimmages and home games must be coordinated with the league coordinator and scheduler. The Board reserves the right to limit the number of regular season independent games, including away games.
- 3.1.11 All tournament entries must be coordinated with the appropriate league coordinator. Somers Basketball is not responsible for paying tournament entry fees, and the Board will recommend a uniform policy for tournament fees for each new season.

- 3.1.12 The league coordinator and the Board must approve all travel rosters. No youth player can be listed on more than one roster without the approval of the Board. Any coach requiring a use of a "secondary" roster player must obtain permission from the Board prior to any use. All rosters must meet league eligibility bylaws.
- 3.1.13 It is the intent of the travel program to have all players on each roster play in each game, with exception by disciplinary action as outlined in the conduct bylaws. However, the coach shall play each player at her/his discretion. Prior to the start of a season, all coaches shall advise the parents of the players on their team of the discretionary aspect of playing time.
- 3.1.14 No players can be added to any travel roster (including post-season tournaments) without approval by the Board. Any player added to a roster must be cleared to play for the designated team with the permission of the player's parents. All such requests must be made to the appropriate coordinator. Any additions must also meet tournament or league bylaws.
- 3.1.15 All travel coaches can apply the following year for coaching applications per section C. 1.10 of Somers Basketball Coaches Guidelines.

### **3.2 RECREATIONAL TEAMS**

Program Mission Statement: The purpose of the Somers Basketball recreational program is to provide a fun environment to the recreational player by promoting basic skill development and adhering to minimum playing time bylaws.

- 3.2.1 All players registering for recreational teams or not selected for travel teams will be selected for the program as determined by the Board.
- 3.2.2 Programs will include boys' grades 3&4, 5&6 and 7&8, and girl's grades 3&4, 5&6 and 7&8. The Board must approve any parent request for a child to play in an older age group.
- 3.2.3 Recreational coaches must complete coaching applications.
- 3.2.4 Recreational coaches have first preference of their children for recreational teams.
- 3.2.5 Coordinators will be nominated and selected by the Board for all programs. The coordinators are responsible for implementing all bylaws as administered by the Board, including the playing rules. The playing rules and league format will be developed each year by the Board for all recreational programs.
- 3.2.6 The Board reserves the right to administer bylaws as needed to organize all recreational teams based on registrations numbers, league availability, skill development issues, financial issues, and/or coaching availability.
- 3.2.7 All recreational players must play one half of every game, except for disciplinary action as outlined in conduct bylaws. Exception: In situations where recreational teams must have more than 10 players on a roster, coaches will strive for equal playing time when more than 10 players participate in a game, but playing time will be discretionary.
- 3.2.8 All practice and game schedules must be coordinated with the scheduler and appropriate recreational coordinators.
- 3.2.9 Players may be added to recreational rosters with the permission of the Board.

### **3.3 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM**

Program Mission Statement: The purpose of the Somers Basketball instructional program is to provide a fun atmosphere to the beginning player with major emphasis on basic introductory skill development.

- 3.3.1 The Board reserves the right to administer the bylaws as needed to organize all instructional programs based on registration numbers, financial issues, skill development issues, and/or coaching availability.

- 3.3.2 Instructional programs will be offered for individual boy's and girl's sessions for grades 1-2. The Board must approve any parent request for a child under the age range outlined above to participate in the program.
- 3.3.3 All instructional sessions will be geared towards the development of introductory skills as well as providing an enjoyable time for all players.

#### **C.4 REFEREE GUIDELINES**

- 4.1 The Board will review all referring candidates prior to the start of the Travel, Recreational and Instructional programs each season. All certified referees will be registered with the Somers Basketball referee coordinator. All fees will be pre-determined prior to each season.
- 4.2 All non-certified referees will be required to attend a pre-season training session. Training will include review of playing rules and appropriate technical issues. A non-certified referee shall not be used by a Somers Basketball Program unless they have attended a training session.
- 4.3 All non-certified referees will be compensated according to fees set by the Board prior to each season.
- 4.4 All referees shall adhere to the conduct bylaws of Somers Basketball.

#### **D. REGISTRATIONS, UNIFORMS AND FEES**

- 1.1 So long as practicable, registrations will be communicated through the Somers Recreation communication channels and in school fliers in a timely fashion.
- 1.2 All fees will be communicated with registration information. Registration forms will include all pertinent information as required by the Board, including the bylaws.
- 1.3 The President and Treasurer will recommend financial policies and budgets to the Board for approval, including the setting of fees.
- 1.4 All fund-raising will be approved by the Board and the Board shall actively promote fund-raising ideas to Somers Basketball participants (i.e., Board members, coaches, players, parents, etc.)
- 1.5 The Board will order directly or assign to the appropriate party, which may include the parents of player participants, the ordering of all uniforms for all basketball programs. Uniforms costs for travel programs will be an additional fee to the registration fee.
- 1.6 With the exception of fees associated with league playoffs, unless approved by the Board, Somers Basketball is not responsible for payment of tournament fees for any team. The President will recommend a policy to the Board each year regarding tournament fees.

#### **E. OFF SEASON PROGRAMS**

- 1.1 All off season programs will be subject for review by the Board as it relates to the participation of Somers youth players in Somers Park & Recreational facilities or other town facilities.
- 1.2 No coach or Board member can represent Somers Basketball in off-season programs without the permission of the Board.

## **F. RECORD OF BYLAW CHANGES**

**06/19/00** Volunteer Board Meeting (refer to volunteer board meeting minutes):

- 1) A.3 VOLUNTEER BOARD, 3.1: Change from "...the director by July 15th of that same year" to "...the chairman prior to August 15th of that same year". Unanimously approved 6-0.
- 2) A.2 EXECUTIVE BOARD 2.9.2: Change from "...filed with the Director of Somers Basketball" to "...filed with the chairman and vice chairman of the volunteer board, with copies forwarded to all members of the executive board". Unanimously approved 6-0.

**11/07/00** Volunteer Board meeting (refer to volunteer board meeting minutes):

- 1) Section A 3.5.2: Delete reference to Suburban League, add "Boy's Travel League". Unanimously approved 8-0. 2) Section A 3.5.3: Add "Girl's Travel League(s)" .and delete reference to Suburban and NCCTBL Leagues. Unanimously approved 8-0.
- 3) Section 3.1.3: Add statement "All fliers and registration forms will include the appropriate wording regarding age eligibility per bylaw 3.1.5". Unanimously approved 8-0.
- 4) Section C 3.1.5: Change "executive" to "volunteer"; and add "The executive board shall ensure that the travel tryout format is properly administered". Unanimously approved 8-0.
- 5) Section C 3.1.5: Add "Any such request that is denied will be communicated through the volunteer board at the appropriate time before, during, or after tryouts." Unanimously approved 8-0.
- 6) Section D 1.2: Add "Registration forms will include all pertinent information as required by the volunteer and executive boards, including all bylaws." Unanimously approved 8-0.

**02/07/01** Volunteer Board meeting (refer to volunteer board meeting minutes):

- 7) Section C.3.1: Add "Program Mission Statement: The purpose of the Somers Basketball travel programs are to provide the more advanced player the opportunity to develop and compete in a higher level of competition. Coaches will utilize their discretion in emphasizing skill development while still adhering to minimum playing time bylaws".
- Section C.3.2: Add "Program Mission Statement: The purpose of the Somers Basketball recreational program is to provide a fun environment to the recreational player by promoting basic skill development and adhering to minimum playing time bylaws".
- Section C.3.3: Add "Program Mission Statement: The purpose of the Somers Basketball instructional program is to provide a fun atmosphere to the beginning player with major emphasis on basic skill development" 08/27/01 Volunteer Board meeting (refer to volunteer board meeting minutes):

- 10) Section A.2 "Executive Board" 2.8.5: Delete "and approve".
- 11) Section A.3 "Volunteer Board" 3.5.6: Delete "Suburban and NCCTBL; change to "and travel" coordinators.
- 12) Section C.1 Coaches Guidelines 1.10: Change from "executive" to "volunteer".
- 13) Section C3.2 "Recreational Teams" 3.2.7: Add the following: "Exception: In situations where recreational teams must have more than 10 players on a roster, coaches will strive for equal playing time when more than 10 players participate in a game".

**10/09/01** Volunteer Board meeting (refer to volunteer board meeting minutes):

- 14) Section A.3 Volunteer Board: Bylaw 3.1: The volunteer board will consist of "a minimum of seven (7) members and no more than thirteen (13) members. The final number of volunteer board members is to be approved by a majority vote of the executive board."

**5/2018**

- 15) Entire Bylaws reviewed and revised. Consolidated executive and volunteer boards to one Board, added treasurer, board committees, better linkage to Somers Varsity programs. Goal of changes was to prepare for non-for-profit self-sustaining entity.

**9/2019**

- 16) Section B.2.5 added requirement to have at least two coaches/parents in all Somers Basketball activities
- 17) Minor grammatical word edits
- 18) Section D.1.5; Added that league parent's may be responsible party to order uniforms