



BY-LAWS  
OF  
TIDEWATER CATHOLIC BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Article 1.  
Definitions

Section 1.01 TCBL. The “TCBL” shall mean: Tidewater Catholic Basketball League hereinafter.

Section 1.02 Board. The “Board” shall mean: The Board of Directors of the TCBL hereinafter.

Section 1.03 Tidewater. “Tidewater” shall mean: the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, Hampton, and Newport News hereinafter.

Section 1.04 CCD. “CCD” shall mean Confraternity of Christian Doctrine hereinafter.

Article 2.  
Purposes, Objectives and Governing Instruments

Section 2.01 Purposes and Powers. The TCBL shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes, as set forth in these Bylaws. The specific purposes of the TCBL shall be to provide the physical, mental, and spiritual development of the youth of Tidewater by fostering Christian ideals within an organized basketball program among the Catholic parishes/schools of Tidewater.

Section 2.02 Governing Instruments. The TCBL shall be governed by the Board, which shall consist of one representative from each member parish/school, and an elected President and Vice President.

Section 2.03 Nondiscrimination Policy. The TCBL will not practice or permit any unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex, age, race, color, or national origin.

Article 3.  
Membership

Section 3.01 Membership. The League shall consist of teams from the Catholic parishes/schools of Tidewater.

Section 3.02 Current Members. The League includes, St. Patrick’s, Christ the King, Holy Trinity, Portsmouth Catholic, St. Gregory the Great, St. John the Apostle, St. Matthew’s, St. Pius X, and Star of the Sea.

Section 3.03 New Member Application. Any Catholic parish desiring membership in the TCBL may apply by submitting an application to the TCBL President no later than the first day of August immediately preceding the season in which they desire to begin participation. The TCBL Board shall act upon such application by commencement of the TCBL season.



Section 3.05 Membership Approval. The TCBL Board shall act upon such application by commencement of the TCBL season. The first year of membership shall be probationary. Permanent membership shall be acted upon at the conclusion of the TCBL season. Any member parish/school thereafter may be removed from the TCBL at the request of the member parish/school or by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board.

Article 4.  
Board of Directors

Section 4.01 Bi-Annual Meeting. A meeting of the Board shall be held annually at such place, on such date and at such time as may be fixed by the Board, for the purpose of electing officers, receiving annual reports, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

Section 4.02 Number. The number of Directors constituting the entire Board shall be fixed by the Board, but such number shall not be less than four (4).

Section 4.03 Election and Term of Office. Each Director shall hold office until the next meeting of the Board and until such Director's successor has been elected and qualified, or until his or her death, resignation, or removal.

Section 4.04 Powers and Duties. Subject to the provisions of law and these By-Laws, but in furtherance and not in limitation of any rights and powers thereby conferred, the Board shall have the control and management of the affairs and operations of the TCBL and shall exercise all the powers that may be exercised by the TCBL.

Section 4.05 Additional Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be held at such times as the Board may from time to time determine. Special meetings of the Board may also be called at any time by the President or by a majority of the Directors then in office.

Section 4.06 Quorum. At any meeting of the Board, a majority of the Directors then in office shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, should a quorum not be present, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time to another time and place, without notice other than announcement at such meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

Section 4.07 Voting. At all meetings of the Board, each Director shall have one vote. In the event that there is a tie in any vote, the President shall have an additional vote to be the tiebreaker.

Section 4.08 Action Without a Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or any such committee consent in writing or verbally to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. The resolution and the written or verbal consents thereto by the members of the Board or



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any such committee shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board or such committee.

Section 4.09 Removal. Any Director may be removed for cause by vote of the Board provided there is a quorum of not less than a majority present at the meeting at which such action is taken.

Section 4.10 Committee. The Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire Board, may designate from among the Directors an executive committee and other standing committees, each consisting of two or more Directors, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, and each of which, to the extent provided in such resolution, shall have the authority of the Board. The Board may designate one or more Directors as alternate members of any such committee, who may replace any absent member or members at any meeting of such committee.

Section 4.11 Participation by Telephone. Any one or more members of the Board or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the Board or such committee by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

## Article 5. Officers

Section 5.01 Election and Qualifications; Term of Office. The Officers of the TCBL shall be President and a Vice-President. The Officers shall be elected by the Board at the final meeting of each season. Each Officer shall hold office for a term of two years and until such Officer's successor has been elected or appointed and qualified, unless such Officer shall have resigned or shall have been removed as provided in Sections 6 and 7 of this Article V. The Board may appoint such other Officers as may be deemed desirable, such Officers shall serve for such period as the Board may designate.

Section 5.02 Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in any office, whether because of death, resignation, or removal, with or without cause, or any other reason, shall be filled by the Board.

Section 5.03 Powers and Duties of the President. The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the TCBL. The President shall from time to time make such reports of the affairs and operations of the TCBL as the Board may direct and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The President shall have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the President by the Board. The President shall also have custody of and keep accurate records concerning TCBL funds.

Section 5.04 Powers and Duties of the Vice-President. The Vice-President shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned to such Vice President by the President or the Board.

Section 5.05 Delegation. In case of the absence of any Officer of the TCBL, or for any other reason that the Board may deem sufficient, the Board may at any time and from time-to-time delegate all or any part of the powers or duties of any Officer to any other Officer or to any



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Director or Directors.

Section 5.06 Removal. Any Officer may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by a vote of a majority of the Directors then in office at any meeting of the Board.

Section 5.07 Resignation. Any Officer may resign his or her office at any time, such resignation to be made in writing and to take effect immediately without acceptance by the TCBL.

## Article 6. Team Registration

Section 6.01 Team Formation. Member parishes may enter boys' and/or girls' teams in any divisions. No organized practice shall begin prior to October 15 of the current season. Co-ed teams can be formed at the discretion of the Board.

Section 6.02 Roster Size. There shall be no limit on the number of players on a team's roster.

Section 6.03 Roster Details. The roster for a team shall contain the full name, age, school, grade, and indication of whether the player's eligibility is by virtue of school or CCD criteria for each player on the team. If a player is participating by enrollment in CCD, the player should provide proof of registration in the CCD program at time of registration. A player may not play more than two years at a single division without Board approval.

Section 6.04 Roster Certification. The board will certify that each player on the roster satisfies the requirements of Articles VI and VII concerning eligibility.

Section 6.05 Senior Division. Teams in the senior division shall be composed of players who have not reached the age of 15 on or before the first day of the month of March of the current season.

Section 6.06 Junior Division. Teams in the junior division shall be composed of players who have not reached the age of 13 on or before the first day of the month of March of the current season.

Section 6.07 Youth Division. Teams in the Youth division shall be composed of players who have not reached the age of 11 on or before March 1 of the current season. Co-ed teams are permitted and will play in the boys' division.

## Article 7. Player Eligibility

Section 7.01 School Eligibility. Where applicable, the player shall be in good standing with the member school.

Section 7.02 CCD Eligibility. Where applicable, the player shall be enrolled and in good standing in the CCD program of a Tidewater parish and at least one of the player's parents/legal



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guardians shall be a registered member of the same member parish. Proof of CCD program enrollment must be provided with the players TCBL resignation forms. The President or designee will from time to time verify the good standing of players in the CCD programs. A player not in good standing will first receive a warning. A second infraction will result in action of the Board. It will be at the discretion of the board for action.

Section 7.03 Parish Exceptions. A player who attends the school of one member parish and who has at least one of his/her parents/legal guardians as registered members of another member parish may play for either one of those member parishes.

Section 7.04 Ejection. Any player ejected from a game shall be suspended for the next TCBL game. Any action by a player deemed inappropriate or detrimental to the TCBL will be investigated by the Board for action.

Section 7.05 Ineligible Player Use. Any use of a player in a TCBL game who is ineligible under the provisions of Articles VII shall result in forfeiture of all the games in which said ineligible player participates. Any coach or parish/school member who knowingly conceals the fact that a player is ineligible will be permanently barred from the TCBL.

Section 7.06 Injury. If an athlete is suspected to have a concussion during gameplay or practice, he or she should be removed from play until clearance can be given by a licensed health care provider.

#### Article 8. Coach Eligibility

Section 8.01 Eligibility. All coaches or team representatives will be VIRTUS certified, meet all requirements regarding background checks and in good standing within their parish/school.

Section 8.02 Ejection. Any coach or team representative ejected from a game will be suspended for the next TCBL game. Any action by coaches or team representatives deemed inappropriate or detrimental to the TCBL will be investigated by the Board for action.

#### Article 9. Playing Rules

Section 9.01 Rules. All divisions will be governed by the current National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) rules including provisions in Article IX. Coaches and/or Parish representatives will not adjust playing rules prior to game time.

Section 9.02 Youth Exceptions. Refer to youth rules

Section 9.03 Junior Exceptions. 1) A regulation game will consist of four (4) six (6) minute quarters. 2) All players in good standing are required to play each game, excluding tournament play. 3) A team in possession of a lead of twenty (20) or more points will be restricted to play within the three-point arc when on defense. After one (1) warning, the team will be assessed a



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technical foul against the bench. 4) Overtime will be three (3) minutes. 5) A running clock will be employed when a team is in possession of a thirty (30) or more point lead in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Section 9.04 Senior Exceptions. 1) All players in good standing are required to play each game, excluding tournament play. 2) A team in possession of a lead of twenty (20) or more points will be restricted to play within the three-point arc when on defense. After one (1) warning, the team will be assessed a technical foul against the bench. 3) Overtime will be four (4) minutes. 5) A running clock will be employed when a team is in possession of a thirty (30) or more point lead in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Section 9.05 Violation. Violation of any rule by coaches or team representatives will be investigated by the Board for action.

## Article 10. Tournament

Section 10.01 Eligibility. All teams at every division will be eligible for the tournament.

Section 10.02 Seeding. Pairings for the tournament for the Junior and Senior divisions will be determined by the Board of Directors and will be based on the regular season standings. In the event of a tie for any place order of finish for the regular season, the tie will be decided by head-to-head > point differential to a maximum of 15 points. Seedings for the Youth divisions will be drawn at random.

Section 10.03 Elimination. The tournament will be single elimination. When applicable a consolation bracket will be formed from losing teams.

Section 10.04 Awards. Team trophies or plaques will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place teams in each division for the tournament and regular season.

## Article 11. Admission

Member parishes may charge admission for their regular season home games. Prior to opening day of each TCBL season, the Board will establish a set of guidelines for admission charges. The member parishes shall not exceed the guidelines in their admission charges. The admission charges for the TCBL tournament will be set by the Board go to the TCBL.

## Article 12 Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, added to, or repealed at any meeting of the Board called for that purpose by the vote of a majority of the Directors then in office.