

DORSET BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION *[Reviewed August 2023]*

1. Name

The DBA shall be named Dorset Basketball Association, hereinafter called the DBA.

2. Objects

- a) To develop, promote and encourage all aspects of basketball.
- b) To act as the controlling body for basketball in Dorset and the surrounding district, within the overall jurisdiction of Basketball England to which the DBA shall be affiliated.
- c) To approve, organise, administer and promote basketball competitions within Dorset.

3. Constitution

The DBA shall be constituted of its members as hereafter defined and any honorary members who may be appointed by the DBA.

4. Membership

Any league, Association or club, located within or close to the geographical boundaries of Dorset, shall be eligible for affiliation, provided it complies with the rules and regulations of Basketball England, and is subject to the approval of voting members of the DBA. Additionally, all clubs (hereinafter including any similar corporations) shall be current members of Basketball England, and all individuals shall be currently licensed by Basketball England. The Executive Committee may, at their discretion, extend the invitation to clubs who reside outside of the Dorset area.

Any person who is a member of an affiliated club shall be eligible for membership of the DBA, provided that they comply with the rules and regulations of Basketball England. The DBA shall have the power to refuse any application for membership, and to suspend any member from membership. Any member shall have the right to resign from membership subject to accepting joint liability with all other members for any liabilities of the DBA extant at the time of resignation, and to relinquishing any claims the Member might have on the DBA, its funds and equipment.

5. Subscriptions

There shall be an annual fee for registration of individual players with the DBA, to be set by the Executive Committee, in addition to the Basketball England fees. All clubs and individuals, shall pay an additional (out of area) registration fee being the sum which the DBA otherwise would have received as its share of the license fee.

6. Management Committee

Responsibility for the management of the DBA's affairs shall be held by the Executive Committee, consisting of the officers hereinafter defined, and one delegate from each club in membership.

In addition, the Executive Committee may co-opt members, such co-option to terminate no later than the following Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Management Committee shall meet at least three times a year.

Each club must be represented by an individual member from that club, who may be an Officer acting in a dual capacity but who shall nevertheless have only one vote at each Management Committee meeting. The quorum shall be four. Votes shall be decided by a simple majority, with the Chairman having a casting vote if necessary.

The Management shall have the power to delegate any of its functions to sub-committees, with or without conditions or over-riding policies; having done so the Management Committee shall not have the power to alter retrospectively any decision of the relevant sub-committee unless a relevant condition or policy has not been adhered to; and, on those grounds only, any member shall have the right of appeal to the Management Committee against a decision of a sub-committee.

7. Officers

The Officers of the DBA shall, if there are persons willing to serve in these capacities, consist of Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer, plus up to ten additional Officers. Officers shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election, subject to the executive committee's ability to continue 'business as usual'.

8. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be a standing sub-committee of the Management Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers. The Management Committee shall delegate to the Executive Committee the management of the day-to-day affairs of the DBA, and the power to create further Officers posts and fill any vacancy.

Particularly, the Executive Committee shall have the responsibility for setting rules, conducting League and other competitions, and for controlling registration of members, and for appointing a League Secretary to administer these functions on whatever terms it thinks appropriate.

It shall be agreed upon that as a member of the Executive Committee – officials or those representing DBA in another capacity shall at all times carry themselves in way that holds the DBA in a positive light and otherwise set in motion procedures for dealing with those that bring themselves and the DBA into disrepute (including social media).

The Executive Committee shall meet at least 3 times a year. Additionally, Management Committee meetings shall automatically incorporate Executive Committee meetings. The Executive Committee shall have the power to form sub-committees (these may be disciplinary, fixtures, tournament, emergency, finance, technical, competition, development, rules etc), and to appoint officers to specific roles (such as Fixtures Secretary, Referees Secretary etc).

9. Finance

The financial year shall end on the last day of July, and a statement of the DBAs accounts (subject to audit) up to and including this date shall be presented at the AGM. In the event of dissolution of the DBA, any remaining assets shall be devoted to objects similar to those of the DBA, or to any other purposes approved by the Commissioners of the Inland Revenue.

10. Annual General Meeting

The AGM takes place in August. The Executive Committee shall report on its activities for the preceding year. Officers shall be considered elected for the following year unless otherwise stated. Items for the agenda must be submitted by the Executive Committee, or at least two individual members and / or one club, and be pre-circulated before the meeting. The rules of conduct shall be the same as for the Management Committee Meeting, except that no alteration to this Constitution shall be made other than by at least two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

11. Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Chairperson to take place within three weeks of receiving a request from the Executive Committee or a petition drawn by at least half of the clubs. The rules of conduct shall be the same as for the AGM.

12. Liability

Any persons, whether or not in membership of the DBA, to the extent that they are not protected by such insurance as is provided by Basketball England to its members and licensees, participate in any activities under the auspices of the DBA at their own risk. The DBA does not accept any liability for any damage or injury to persons, including when transported to participate in such activities.