

TRI CITY HEAT TRAVEL (USSSA) TEAM BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization is the Tri-City Heat.

Section 2: The organization website is www.tricityheat.org

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE

Section 1: Our philosophy is to teach the fundamentals of basketball, promote good sportsmanship and good citizenship with a focus of having fun. We will monitor and motivate our athletes on the court as well as in the classroom.

Section 2: Our goal is to provide eligible athletes the opportunity to develop their basketball skills, play in a competitive environment while developing a better understanding of teamwork.

Section 3: We will support values such as respect, focus, poise and communication which will allow them to develop into mature and responsible athletes.

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION

Section 1: The Tri-City Heat was established as a non-profit organization.

Section 2: It is expressly provided that no part of the organization earnings, assets shall be used to personally benefit any of the members, directors or other private persons.

Section 3: The organization shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof.

Section 4: Notwithstanding any other provision of these permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 5: The Tri City Heat is not associated with any school.

Section 6: The colors of the Tri City Heat are red, white, and black..

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The membership year runs January of each year through August. The membership is open to all basketball players, parents, coaches, trainers and personnel without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, to extent that teams are provided for specific age groups or genders.

Section 2: Youth members are subject to eligibility rules set forth by the United States Specialty Sports Association referred to as USSSA.

Section 3: Selection of the Team(s) that operates with the Tri-City Heat organization is based on competitive tryouts.

Section 4: Any coach, parent volunteer or other volunteer personnel will be a member of the organization during the period of their participation in Tri-City Heat activities.

ARTICLE V

GOVERNMENT

Section 1: The Tri City Heat Volunteers are managed under the direction of its Board members and teams' prospective Head Coach, in accordance with the Bylaws and these Articles.

Section 2: Volunteers serve a variety of roles in support of the Coaches in managing the organization. Volunteers are typically parents of the team members. Volunteers roles include: scorekeeper, game clock, photographer, social organizer and other functions directly related to the organization.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

Section 1: The Board of Directors will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Media Specialist and Public Relations Specialist.

Section 2: PRESIDENT: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the organization and shall control the Board of Directors, have general supervision, direction and control of the business affairs of the organization. He shall preside at all the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President performs the duties of the President and exercise the powers of the President.

Other duties may be assigned by President.

Section 4: SECRETARY: The secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and keep minutes of all meetings. Other duties assigned by President.

Section 5: TREASURER: The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds, shall keep accurate account of receipts and disbursements belonging to the organization.

The Treasurer shall make all disbursements. Other duties may be assigned by President

Section 6: The President of the organization appoints the Board of Directors of the organization for one year terms that can extended for up to four years. The positions of Media Specialist and Public Relations will be define as Board of Directors. Other duties may be assigned by President.

Section 7: The management of the business affairs of The Tri-City Heat is the sole responsibility of the Board of Directors. Their responsibilities include:

- To elect officers
- To prepare a review annual budget of Tri-City Heat
- To amend the Bylaws of the organization

Section 8: The Board of Directors will meet at least two times a year to discuss ideas and implement growth strategies.

Section 9: Board Members, Head Coaches, and Assistant Coaches may receive a discount on player fee if their son(s) participates on a Tri City Heat Team. The discounted amount will be determine by the Board of Directors annually.

Section 10. Term of officers: All positions are appointed. Interested candidates must express interest in writing to the President.

- President: 3 year term. Appointed year not in the same as Vice President.
- Vice President: 2 year term. Appointed year not in the same as President.

- All Other Board Members: 2 year terms. Maximum of three available seats per appointed year.

ARTICLE VII

DISSOLUTION

Section 1: In the event of the dissolution of the organization, the remaining assets will be used to enhance the skill development of its membership.

ARTICLE VII

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

Section 1: Boys will play on teams defined under age eligibility rules which have been defined by USSSA (United States Specialty Sports Association).

Section 2: Players must retain good academic standing.

ARTICLE IX

PLAYER MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership on a team will always be based on either competitive group or individual tryouts.

Section 2: All players must become members of the USSSA (United States Speciality Sports Association).

Section 3: All players must provide a copy of their birth certificate.

Section 4: Coaches will hold parent-player meetings to discuss expectations, philosophy, and rules once a team is formed.

ARTICLE X

PLAYER PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Section 1: While playing time decisions should be based upon fair standard, playing time is at the discretion of the coaching staff. Each coach should use his/her best judgment to determine appropriate levels of playing time for each member of their team.

Section 2: Parents shall provide coaches with any pertinent information regarding any health/medical issues that affects the child's participation with the Tri City Heat.

ARTICLE XI

PARTICIPATION

Section 1: Practices are always open to parents, barring any parent-caused disruption that would call for their removal.

Section 2: Practices are an essential part of the growth of the player and team.

Section 3: The Coaches of the Tri City Heat shall promote during practices the principles of hard work, attendance, communication and respect.

ARTICLE XII

PLAYER COMMITMENT

Section 1: The Tri City Heat encourages all of its members to participate in multiple sports. No prospective participants will be turned away solely for participating in other sports. ---

Section 2: All participants shall understand that they are making a commitment to the organization and their teammates for the entire playing season.

Section 3: Players are expected to attend practices and games.

Section 4: Parents should inform the coaches at registration, tryouts or the first parent meetings if there are conflicts that could cause their child to miss practices or games. Parents are expected to make arrangements with the coaches to prevent consistent absences due to conflicts.

Section 5: In the event that consistent conflicts arise that cannot be resolved and that result in frequent absences from team events, the Tri City Heat reserves the right to remove a player from the organization without refund or funds rendered based upon the prior commitment to play.

ARTICLE XIII

STAFF RECRUITMENT

Section 1: The Tri City Heat promotes the ideas of a “good coach,” and seeks to recruit quality individuals.

Section 2: All prospective coaches interested in joining the Tri City Heat must be interviewed by the President and other staff if he/she request.

Section 3: The Tri City Heat does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, religion, race or ethnicity.

Section 4: Head coaches must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Assistant coaches must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

ARTICLE XIV

COACHES

Section 1: The Tri City Heat encourages but does not require for coaches to obtain training or prior experience in coaching basketball.

Section 2: Coaches should act in a professional manner at all times.

Section 3: Coaches plan to structure a continuing development program for staff and teammates that will include:

- Growth and development issues
- Sports rules, techniques and strategies
- Team organization
- Sports conditioning, endurance and speed training

ARTICLE XV

FINANCES

Section 1: The Tri City Heat is primarily financed through membership contributions.

Section 2: The organization provides a clear statement of cost for participation in the program (leagues/tournaments fees, practice gym usage fees, uniform and equipment costs, etc.)

Section 3: The Tri City Heat will itemize fees and collect funds after the composition of the team is determined for each season.

Section 4: The Board of Directors will develop a budget that is fiscally sound that is available to the organization.

Section 5: Complementary finances are sought through sponsorships and fundraising activities.

Section 6: Members have the right to contribute to decisions regarding how finances are targeted.

Section 7: All fundraising activities conducted by the Tri City Heat Organization as a whole shall be shared equally with all member teams. Any fundraising activities conducted by specific teams shall benefit that team.

ARTICLE XVI COORDINATION WITH COMMUNITY

Section 1: The Tri City Heat Organization aims to be a quality sports organization with plans to coordinate activities with other community groups that administer or support youth programs (i.e. Parks & Recreation, local merchants, etc.)

- Specific areas of planned interaction include:
 1. Recruitment and registration of athletes
 2. Use of facilities for practices and/or competitions
 3. Access to facilities for fund-raising activities
 4. Participation with speed, endurance and conditioning