

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS OFFICIALS
LAREDO BASKETBALL OFFICIALS CHAPTER
BASKETBALL DIVISION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE-1-OFFICIAL'S CONDUCT, RULE ADHERENCE AND FINES

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall have the power and the duty to determine punishment for any member found to be in violation of non-compliance with the following (A-J):

- A. Failure to pay state dues as determined by TASO.
- B. Failure to pay local dues, assigner fee assessments, and/or local late payment fees.
- C. A Chapter attendance policy will be approved by the Board of Directors each year. The policy will be announced at the first Chapter meeting and posted on the Chapter website prior to the first Chapter meeting each year.
- D. Missing an assigned game (no show); Fine amount will be determined by the Board. Missing two assignments calls for automatic suspension from all future assignments until the Board hears appeal.
- E. Cancellation of an assigned game that falls within the guidelines of the member's restriction sheet.
- F. Failure to pay game assignment or cancellation fee within the announced deadline.
- G. Violating and/or breaching any basketball officiating ethics as stated in the Official's Manual of the Collegiate Commissioners Association (copy to be on file with the Chapter Secretary); and/or conduct not becoming that of a basketball official or conduct detrimental to the objectives of or injurious to the Chapter.
- H. Failure of any member to give full cooperation to the Board of Directors in the investigation of any matter.
- I. Violation of any provision of the Constitution, By-Laws, policies, or any duly authorized directive from the Board of Directors.
- J. Appeals of any sanctions shall be in writing to include email to the Board of Directors within 72 hours after notification and prior to the next scheduled Board meeting after a punishment (fine, fee assessment, etc.). A report of each appeal and the Board's decision shall be duly recorded in the Secretary's minutes and reported in summarized form according to the general membership.
- K. Failure of any Board member to competently complete the tasks pertaining to the office or position elected or appointed.

SECTION 2. The Board may set any punishment it feels necessary or proper for the good of the Laredo Basketball Officials Chapter, including, but not limited to expulsion from the Chapter; placement on probation, issuance of public or private reprimand; prohibition of being considered for future office for a date specified; assessment of fines; suspension for any period, not to exceed one (1) year; cancellation of any part or all of any remaining games scheduled.

SECTION 3. The Board shall be the sole judge of the conduct of members, but no member shall be condemned without an opportunity to be heard in his or her defense before the Board. All hearings and actions by the Board must be in agreement with TASO Procedural and Policy Violation guidelines, Texas Association of Sports Officials.

SECTION 4. Any member accused of misconduct and desiring a hearing with the Board, must notify the President or Recording Secretary in writing to include email within seven (7) days following notification by the Board that actions.

SECTION 5. All fines, fees, penalties, penalty assessments, issued by the Board shall be payable to the Laredo Basketball Chapter, Basketball Division, Texas Association of Sports Officials. Said fees are to be paid within seven (7) days after notification by the Board. Should a member fail to pay the fine assessed by the due date, the member will become a "member not in good standing" until such time the fine is paid, and the Board approves active membership of the member.

SECTION 6. This Chapter will recognize the authority of another Chapter to impose suspension or expulsion upon any of its members violating its rulings. No Laredo Basketball Officials Chapter official shall be permitted to work with suspended official of any other TASO Chapter. Members of this Chapter may officiate only with TASO members in all games over which this Chapter has jurisdiction as defined by the Constitution in Article 3, Section 1.

SECTION 7. Any official who has a complaint against another official, a school district, a school, coaches, players or fans shall bring that complaint in writing first, to the Laredo Basketball Chapter through the Recording Secretary of the TASO Basketball Division.

ARTICLE-2-THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITY

SECTION 1. Any problem or question not specifically covered herein shall be determined by a majority vote of the quorum of members present of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. This Chapter recognizes the authority of the TASO in all matters involving the Laredo Basketball Officials Chapter and other Chapters and entities (i.e., U.I.L.) of the state. However, this Chapter and the Board are sovereign over matters involving this Chapter and its members only.

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