



Gator Backcourt Club By-Laws

Article I – Name

The name of the club/corporation shall be the Gator Backcourt Club, Inc., a non-profit 501-3c organization (hereinafter referred to as the Club). The Club is the official Booster Club of the University of Florida Women's Basketball team.

Article II – Purpose and Goals

The purpose of the Club shall be to promote and support the University of Florida Women's Basketball program in accordance with all rules and regulations set forth by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Southeastern Conference (SEC), the University Athletic Association, Inc. (UAA), and the University of Florida (UF). The goals are to raise awareness, increase spectator support, and raise funds to contribute to established women's basketball endowments.

Article III – Membership

Section A – General Qualifications

Full membership is open to any person(s). Voting rights shall be granted to any member 18 years of age or older in accordance with the membership classifications. A membership application must be submitted and appropriate annual dues must be paid to the Club in order for the member to be considered active. Each member 18 years of age or older shall have one (1) vote and all the rights and privileges as may be assigned or made available to the membership of the club. The Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board) is empowered to reject the membership application of any person when that person's membership is not considered to be in the best interest of the club. Active membership in the Club is required for appointment to the Board and Committee Chairs.

SUBSECTION 1 – MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Individual Membership: Any single person 18 years of age or older not covered in Family or Student Membership classifications within this subsection.

Family Membership: At least two (2) individuals 18 years of age or older living in the same household.

Student Membership: Any person who is currently enrolled in a primary school, 2-year, or 4-year college or university.

Alumna (Alumnae) Membership: Every letter winner of the University of Florida Women's Basketball team is considered a non-paying member for the year immediately following completion of her eligibility and is invited to participate in all of Club activities.

Honorary Membership: Individuals who perform exceptional service to the University of Florida Women’s athletics may be awarded a lifetime membership by the Board. Honorary members shall have the same rights as Individual members.

SUBSECTION 2 – CHANGES

The Board, upon a majority vote, may adjust membership classifications.

Section B – Dues

The Club year shall start on September 1 of each year and end on August 31 of the following year. Membership dues shall become payable on or before September 1. The Board establishes the dues structure.

SUBSECTION 1 – ASSESSMENT

The active members shall be sent a renewal membership application on an annual basis at the beginning of the Club year. All dues must be paid to be a member in good standing. If dues are not paid, individuals or families may be removed from the active membership roster and shall forfeit all rights and privileges assigned or made available to the membership. Persons may re-join the Club and be reinstated as members in good standing upon payment of dues.

Article IV – Meetings

Section A – Membership Meetings

The Board shall conduct a minimum of one (1) membership meeting per year. The dates and locations of these meetings will be determined during each season with the membership being notified of such meetings no less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting. The meetings are open to all members in good standing and invited guests by the Board. Approval of business conducted shall be by a majority of voting members present.

Section B – Board of Directors Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President. Members in good standing and invited guests by the Board may attend said meetings as non-participants.

Section C – Social Events

The Club shall conduct social events for the membership and for the Women’s Basketball team. These social events shall conform to the rules as established by the NCAA, SEC, UAA, and UF.

Section D – Election Meetings

The club shall conduct an annual meeting to elect the officers for the next year. The voting process is stated in Article VI Section C of these By-Laws. The meeting will be held in June and is open to all members in good standing and invited guests of the Board. Notification of such meeting shall be mailed or emailed to the members at least two (2) weeks prior to such date.

Article V – Officers and Board Members

Section A – Executive Board

The Officers of this Club shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, immediate Past-President, and Director of Basketball Operations/Women’s Basketball Representative. These Officers shall constitute the Executive Board which shall have the powers as the governing body of the Club and shall manage, control, and direct the affairs and property of the Club. The immediate past President shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Board with full voting privileges for one year following their term of office. The Executive Board shall start on July 1 of each year and end on June 30 of the following year. Meetings of the Executive Board may be called at any time by the President. No person shall hold more than one office at the same time.

SUBSECTION 1 – NUMBER AND QUORUM

The Board shall consist of not more than ten (10) members. A majority of The Board shall constitute a quorum for business transactions at any scheduled meeting.

SUBSECTION 2 – TERM

Each member of the board may serve up to two consecutive two-year terms.

Section B – Officers and Duties

SUBSECTION 1 – PRESIDENT

The President will preside at all meetings of the Club. The President shall sign and make all contracts and agreements for the Club. The President will enforce the By-Laws and perform all duties incident to the position and office as required. The President shall appoint all Committee Chairs. The President will oversee the webmaster and assist with the club website. The President may have their signature on file at the Club's bank of choice and may sign checks.

SUBSECTION 2- FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

The First Vice President shall perform all of the duties of the President in event of their absence. The First Vice President will oversee the membership committee and assist with all club events.

SUBSECTION 3 – SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

The Second Vice President will oversee the public relations committee, assist with all club events, and publish the club's e-newsletter.

SUBSECTION 4 – SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep full and accurate minutes of each meeting of the membership and the Board and shall make these minutes available to members and the Board. The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence and perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the membership roster and shall also perform those duties delegated by the President.

SUBSECTION 5 – TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all funds, securities, and valuables belonging to the Club. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to deposit the funds of the Club to its credit in such bank or depository as the Board may designate, to sign all checks and drafts in the name of the Club, to render the Board monthly financial reports, and to render to the Board in writing, annually, a full statement of Club finances. The Treasurer shall coordinate membership information with the Secretary. The Treasurer shall maintain payments for electronic communications and State Division of Corporations. The Treasurer shall also perform those duties delegated by the President.

SUBSECTION 6 – PAST PRESIDENT

The immediate Past-President shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board and also perform those duties as delegated by the President for one year following completion of office.

SUBSECTION 7 – DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS/WOMEN'S BASKETBALL REPRESENTATIVE

The Director of Basketball Operations/Women's Basketball representative (herein after referred to as DOBO/WBB rep) will serve as the liaison to the women's basketball program and shall have full voting privileges.

Section C – The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Executive Board, Committee Chairperson(s) and Members-at-Large.

Section D – Vacancies and Removals

SUBSECTION 1 – PRESIDENT

In the event the President resigns or becomes unable to complete the term of office, the Executive Board will appoint by majority vote, one of the Vice Presidents to complete the current term of office. The new President shall complete the current term of office.

SUBSECTION 2 – OTHER VACANCIES

The Board vacancies occurring between regular elections, appointments and/or removals shall be filled by majority vote of the Board to complete the unexpired term.

Section E – Attendance

At the discretion of the President, any Officer who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings (any combination of membership or Executive Board meetings) may be removed and replaced.

Article VI – Election of Officers

Section A – Nominations

SUBSECTION 1 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President by May 1. Composition of this committee shall be the President, two (2) Board members and two (2) members of the general membership.

SUBSECTION 2 – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee shall call for nominations from the membership. Any active member of the Club may be placed in nomination in writing via electronic or postal mail. The nominee must be in good standing with the Club and has given consent to run for the position and serve if elected.

SUBSECTION 3 – EMERGENCY CLAUSE

In the event that no qualifying nominations are received or made from the floor at the Annual Election Meeting, the Executive Board may extend the term of any Officer for an additional year as a one-time emergency procedure.

SUBSECTION 4 – BALLOT

The Nominating Committee shall meet and select one nominee from the call for nominations for each elective office. The slate of nominees will be submitted to the membership by mail/email at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual election meeting.

SUBSECTION 5 – OPPOSING NOMINATIONS

Opposing nominations may be submitted by any member to the nominating committee at least one (1) week prior to the annual election for addition to the ballot. The consent of the nominee must be obtained and provided to the committee prior to addition.

Section C – Voting

Members shall cast their vote at the annual election meeting. Only current members shall be permitted to vote. Each member is entitled to one (1) vote. A family membership is entitled to two (2) votes. A majority of votes cast of those present at the annual meeting is necessary for election.

Section D – Assuming Office

New officers shall take office on July 1.

Article VII – Standing Committees & Members at Large

Section A – Committees

The President may determine the Committees needed for operation of the Club with approval of the Board. The President appoints Committee Chairpersons with approval of the Board. All active members of the Club shall be eligible to serve on the committees.

SUBSECTION 1 – APPROVED COMMITTEES

Standing committees are as follows: Events, Membership, and Public Relations.

SUBSECTION 2 – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The President may establish special committees as deemed necessary.

SUBSECTION 3 – COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Committee Chairpersons and Members-at-Large shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Officers, and shall serve their appointments until the last event of the basketball season.

Article VIII – Comportment of Members

Section A – Conduct

Any member whose dues are current and conducts themselves in accordance with the rules and regulations is considered a member in good standing. It is the duty of the President to serve as the official Club liaison with the basketball coaches and the UAA officials. No member of the Club may approach the coaches or any UAA representative on behalf of the Club for any reason unless they have been specifically asked to do so by the President. If such a request is made, the member shall make it clear that he has the approval of the President to act on behalf of the Club.

Section B – Compliance

A compliance brochure produced by the UAA is available for all members and can be found on the Club website.

Section C – Discipline

Any member who does not conduct themselves in accordance with the By-Laws (which require members to adhere to NCAA, SEC, UAA, and UF rules and regulations) is subject to immediate suspension pending review by the Board.

Article IX – Parliamentary Authority

Roberts Rules of Order, as amended, shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by the By-Laws.

Article X – Amending By-Laws

The by-laws shall be reviewed by the Board. These By-Laws may be amended, or replaced, wholly or in part, by a majority vote of the current members. Such amendments shall be distributed by e-mail at least two (2) weeks prior to the annual election meeting. Voting to amend the bylaws will take place via e-mail two weeks following the distribution of the proposed amendments.