



Gator Backcourt Club

By-Laws

Article I – Name

The name of the club/corporation shall be the Gator Backcourt Club, Inc., a non-profit 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, build interest, increase attendance, support the team, and have fun.

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.

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 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.

Honorary Membership: Every letter winner of the University of Florida Women's Basketball team is considered an Honorary Member for the year immediately following completion of her eligibility and is invited to participate in all of the Club's activities. Honorary members shall not vote.

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

SUBSECTION 2 – CHANGES

The Board, upon a majority vote, may add new membership classifications.

Section B – Dues

Membership dues shall become payable on or after October 1st. The Club year shall start on October 1 of each year and end on September 30 of the following year.

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.

SUBSECTION 2 –CHANGES

The Board may recommend changes in dues. These changes must be approved by the general membership. Approval of the changes shall be by a majority of voting members in good standing. Members shall cast their vote via electronic or postal mail.

Article IV – Meetings

Section A – Membership Meetings

The Board shall conduct a minimum of one 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.

Article V – Officers and Board Members

Section A – Articles of Incorporation

The Officers of this Club shall be President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and immediate past-President. 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. 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.

Section B – Officers and Duties

SUBSECTION 1 – PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club. The President shall sign and make all contracts and agreements for the Club. The President shall 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 may have their signature on file at the Club's bank of choice and may sign checks.

SUBSECTION 2 – PRESIDENT-ELECT

Upon completion of the President's term of office, the President-Elect shall ascend to the position of President and shall hold that position for the following year. During the absence or inability of the President to render or perform the President's duties or exercise the President's powers set forth by these By-Laws under which the Club is organized, the same shall be performed and exercised by the President-Elect and when so acting shall have all the powers and be subjected to all the responsibilities hereby given to or imposed upon the President.

SUBSECTION 3 – 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 4 – 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 5 – 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.

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

SUBSECTION 1 – PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT ELECT

In the event the President resigns or becomes unable to complete the term of office, the President-Elect shall assume the Presidency. The new President shall complete the current term of office and continue to hold the office for the following term. Should the President-Elect need to ascend to the office of the President during the course of the term, a new President-Elect shall, at the discretion of the new President, be elected from the membership.

SUBSECTION 2 – SECRETARY AND TREASURER

If for any reason the office of Secretary or Treasurer becomes vacant during a term, the office shall be filled by appointment by the President from among the membership, with approval of the Board.

Section E – Attendance

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

Article VI – Election of Officers

Section A – Term of Office

SUBSECTION 1 – OFFICERS

The President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected each year.

SUBSECTION 2 – 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.

Section B – Nominations

SUBSECTION 1 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President by May 1. Composition of this committee shall be two (2) persons currently serving on the Board and one (1) member of the 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 – BALLOT

The Nominating Committee shall meet and form a slate of candidates from the nominees and put forth one person each for President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section C – Voting

SUBSECTION 1 – BALLOT

The Nominating Committee shall present the ballot to the membership via electronic mail or postal mail by June 11. Members shall cast their vote via electronic or postal mail within a time frame to be determined by the Board.

SUBSECTION 2 – RESULTS

The Nominating Committee shall announce the results of the election to the membership.

Section D – Assuming Office

New officers shall take office on July 1.

Article VII – Standing Committees

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.

SUBSECTION 1 – APPROVED COMMITTEES

Committees already approved by the Board are: Events Committee, Merchandise Committee, Membership Committee and the Nominating Committee.

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 given to 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

These By-Laws may be amended or replaced, wholly or in part, by a majority of members in good standing voting for such changes via electronic or postal mail. All amendments must be explained to the membership at a previous meeting.