

THE BLACKSBURG SPORTS CLUB
CONSTITUTION / ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Website: <http://www.blacksburgsportsclub.net>

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be **THE BLACKSBURG SPORTS CLUB**, also referred to as the **BSC** or the **Club**.

ARTICLE II. MISSION

Our mission is: To support local varsity athletic programs, primarily those of Blacksburg High School and Virginia Tech, and to provide a setting for fellowship and education around a sports theme.

ARTICLE III. VISION

Luncheon meetings feature local sports figures -- coaches, trainers, athletes, behind-the-scenes staff, media personalities – and the occasional opposing coach, ACC official, or referee. The environment will be one that is known by the speakers to be “safe,” that is, non-threatening and able to speak “off the record.” Evening meetings reach out to a broader audience, with speakers of state and national fame – all within the field of sports. Membership is open to anyone who has an interest in Blacksburg area sports; net income will be used to support Blacksburg High School (BHS) and Virginia Tech (VT) athletic programs.

We will upgrade our facilities to make the experience of attending a meeting one that is both informative and enjoyable. Audio visual equipment will enable every attendee to hear and see what is being presented; the website will be continually upgraded to better address the changing needs and desires of our membership. Food service will be monitored to ensure the best dollar value, while providing attendees with a nourishing and healthy main meal... or a light lunch if desired.

The club will participate in and/or sponsor various fund-raising events to generate additional support for the athletic programs at Blacksburg High School and Virginia Tech. These events will be open to the public and will have a sports theme. Profits will be used to fund major projects at the two schools, to support under-funded athletic programs, to endow a VT scholarship, and to promote excellence throughout the athletic departments of Blacksburg High School and Virginia Tech.

We will continue to be seen as a valuable partner in the success of the athletic programs for these two institutions.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Any individual or enterprise of good reputation that is interested in the competitive sports of this community is eligible for active membership in this organization.

There will be both individual and couples memberships and corporate sponsorships. Corporate sponsors are provided with special benefits, including but not limited to, opportunity to display products / brochures, time to speak from the podium, listing on Pick-the-Winner forms, listing on website (with link), and free lunch the week in which they are the sponsor.

ARTICLE V. GOVERNANCE

Section 1. The governance of the BSC shall be by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The officers and directors of the BSC shall be elected in the manner, and for the terms of office prescribed in the by-laws. They shall serve for the terms of their office, or until their successors are duly elected.

ARTICLE VI. QUORUMS

Section 1. A quorum necessary to transact business at any meeting of the BSC membership shall be simply those present.

Section 2. A quorum of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee shall be a majority of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Association may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of members-in-good-standing that are present, provided notice of the proposed amendments has been given at least three (3) days in advance.

THE BLACKSBURG SPORTS CLUB

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP

No applicant for membership or sponsorship shall be inducted until all dues for the current year have been paid. The necessary and sufficient requirement for a member to be in good standing, eligible to vote and to enjoy the privileges of membership, is for that member's dues to be paid and current.

ARTICLE II. DUES

The annual dues for members and sponsors of this organization shall be designated by the Board of Directors, are payable on July 1 of each year, and are good through June 30 of the following year. The Board of Directors may choose to allow a person or sponsor to join at mid-year for a reduced amount, at the Board's discretion.

ARTICLE III. GOVERNANCE

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers and Directors as follows: President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a minimum of six (6) to a maximum of twelve (12) Directors.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of the affairs of the organization.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President (Program Chair), Secretary (Membership Chair), Treasurer (Finance Chair), Immediate Past President (Nominations Chair) and the Chairs of Facilities, Publicity, Special Events, and Sponsorship.

Section 4. BSC funds may be withdrawn from the bank or banks with which they are on deposit, by the Treasurer or any person whom the Board authorizes to do so.

Section 5. Vacancies on the Board of Directors, or any office, shall be filled by majority action of the Board of Directors and shall serve until the next regular election.

ARTICLE IV. ELECTIONS

- Section 1. There shall be an election each spring (late April or early May), usually at the next-to-last regularly scheduled luncheon meeting, to fill all open positions among the Officers and Directors.
- Section 2. The following Officers shall be elected in odd years: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Half of the Directors shall also be elected in odd years. The remaining half of the Directors shall be elected in even years. The term of all Officers and Directors is two years.
- Section 3. No Officer shall be eligible for election to the same office for more than two consecutive terms. Directors, although encouraged to rotate out after two consecutive terms so that more members may get involved, are not limited to two consecutive terms.
- Section 4. Officers and Directors shall take office following the Annual Banquet, or, in the event that there is no Annual Banquet, this shall occur immediately following the last meeting in the spring.
- Section 5. No less than thirty (30) days prior to the annual election meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominations Committee of not less than three (3) current members. This committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President. No member of the Nominations Committee shall be nominated for any office or for a position on the Board of Directors by the action of the Nominations Committee.
- Section 6. The Nominations Committee shall announce a list of candidates to the membership one meeting prior to the Annual Election Meeting. At the same meeting the President shall call for nominations from the floor.
- Section 7. Voting shall be a voice vote except when there are multiple nominees, in which case individual ballots shall be cast, with each current member in good standing having one vote.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

- Section 1. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors, and consistent with Article XIII, regularly scheduled luncheon meetings of the BSC shall be held each Wednesday during the regular University academic year and monthly during

the summer. Special Events may be held at a time and place designated by the Chair of Special Events, consistent with the purpose of the event.

- Section 2. The Annual Election Meeting of the BSC shall be at the next-to-last regularly scheduled luncheon meeting of the year, in late April or early May.
- Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors shall be held at prearranged dates, as determined by the President.
- Section 4. Special meetings of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors may be called by the President, as needed.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and at Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nominations Committee. The President, or his designate, shall represent the BSC at all functions.
- Section 2. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his / her absence. When the Vice President is unavailable, the President may appoint his substitute from among current members of the BSC. He / She serves as the Chair of the Program Committee.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a permanent record of the minutes of all meetings (Regular, Board, Executive Committee, Special Called) and maintain an up-to-date membership list. He / She serves as Chair of the Membership Committee.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive all monies of the organization, shall collect dues from the Membership, and shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements. He / She serves as Chair of the Finance Committee and is responsible for developing and managing the annual budget.
- Section 5. The Immediate Past President serves as Chair of the Nominations Committee and has the responsibility of maintaining a list of willing and able candidates for the several offices. He / She serves as an aide to the President, on Special Projects, as assigned by the President.
- Section 5. Directors shall be responsible for any assigned portion of activity, and shall represent the general membership at all special meetings.

ARTICLE VII. SUCCESSION OF OFFICERS

The chain of succession of Officers should the President be unable to fulfill his / her entire term for any reason, shall be (a) Vice President, (b) Secretary, and (c) Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall determine the committees deemed proper and necessary to fulfill the objectives of the organization and may add to or subtract from the following committees as deemed advisable:

- (1) Executive Committee
- (2) Program Committee
- (3) Membership Committee
- (4) Finance Committee
- (5) Nominations Committee
- (6) Facilities Committee
- (7) Publicity Committee
- (8) Special Events Committee
- (9) Sponsorship Committee

Section 2. Chairs for the first five committees above are designated by these by-laws (see Article IX below). The Chairs of Facilities, Publicity, Special Events, and Sponsorship Committees are appointed by the President, with approval of the Board of Directors. Committee members may be appointed by the Board of Directors or by the Committee Chair, with the exception of the Nominations Committee which is at the sole discretion of the President.

ARTICLE IX. STANDING COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be chaired by the President and shall conduct the ongoing, regular business of the BSC on a daily basis between Board meetings and regularly scheduled luncheon meetings. The Executive Committee shall consist of Officers and Directors as described in Article III, Section 3.

Section 2. Program Committee

The Program Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President. Responsibilities include arranging for programs and speakers that appeal to the membership and to attract outstanding attendance on a regular basis. Arranging for persons to give the invocation and to introduce the speaker is also the responsibility of the Program Committee. Input is to be obtained from the membership, on an ongoing basis, to maintain and enhance interest and participation in the Blacksburg Sports Club.

Section 3. Membership Committee

The Membership Committee shall be chaired by the Secretary and has the responsibility to solicit memberships, to maintain appropriate membership records, and to encourage an active and involved membership.

Section 4. Finance Committee

The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee and shall propose an annual budget for approval of the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The Committee is responsible for maintaining accurate financial records and shall make appropriate recommendations to the Board for all financial aspects of the BSC operations.

Section 5. Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee shall be chaired by the Immediate Past President and shall perform nominations and election functions as described in Article IV. The Committee is charged with the task of seeking out and encouraging strong candidates for all Officers and Directors.

Section 6. Facilities Committee

The chair of the Facilities Committee shall be appointed by the President, and the Committee is charged with arranging for meals, meeting space, sound equipment, and other materials required for the safety and enjoyment of our members during our meetings. The Committee is also responsible for obtaining and maintaining supplies and / or equipment as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Publicity Committee

The chair of the Publicity Committee shall be appointed by the President, and the Committee shall have the responsibility for media relations with the objective of publicizing events and activities of the Club including coverage of weekly meetings, as requested by the Board. The Committee shall encourage area media... print, radio, and television... to attend regularly scheduled luncheon meetings as well as awards and other special events, and to publicize other activities of the BSC such as Annual Elections, recipients of awards, and outside speakers.

Section 8. Special Events Committee

The chair of the Special Events Committee shall be appointed by the President, and the Committee shall have overall responsibility for all awards and special events of the Club including, but not limited to, Pick the Winner, Outstanding Senior Awards at Virginia Tech, Outstanding Athlete Awards at Blacksburg High School, Annual Golf Tournament, and the Annual Banquet. The Committee shall plan such events and submit a proposed budget and plans for each event to the Board for approval after conferring with the Finance Committee.

Section 9. Sponsorship Committee

The chair of the Sponsorship Committee shall be appointed by the President, and the Committee shall have the responsibility for managing Club Sponsors. This includes, but is not restricted to, soliciting new Sponsors, renewing current Sponsors, communicating with Sponsors, determining weekly Sponsors, and recommending Sponsor dues and benefits.

Section 9. Additional Committees

The Board of Directors may add additional standing committees, or eliminate existing committees, as required to manage the affairs of the Club effectively and efficiently. The President may also add *ad hoc* committees as needed.

ARTICLE X. COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The Blacksburg Sports Club shall encourage and promote the advancement of athletics at Virginia Tech and at Blacksburg High School, and will maintain a spirit of cooperation with other organizations whose goals are consistent with these objectives, such as the Hokie Club and the

BHS Boosters Club. The Blacksburg Sports Club shall always seek to be a proactive leader and advocate of continuing excellence in athletics at Virginia Tech and at Blacksburg High School while avoiding duplication of effort wherever possible.

ARTICLE XI. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the proceedings of this organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-laws.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended at any meeting of the BSC by two-thirds vote of those members-in-good-standing who are present, provided previous notice of the proposed amendment has been given at least three (3) days prior to the vote.

ARTICLE XIII. MEETING CANCELLATIONS

In the event of inclement weather The Blacksburg Sports Club will follow the same schedule as the Montgomery County Schools. If the schools are closed for students on Wednesday because of weather conditions, the Club will NOT meet. If the school is open for students during the noon meeting time the Club WILL meet. Members may check with the usual sources... radio, television, newspaper... for school closings, and understand whether or not the Club will meet.

NOTE: A copy of this document can be found at the website:

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