

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF JACKSON BASKETBALL ONE CHILD AT A TIME

**JACKSON YOUTH BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION**

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SECTION I

VISION STATEMENT

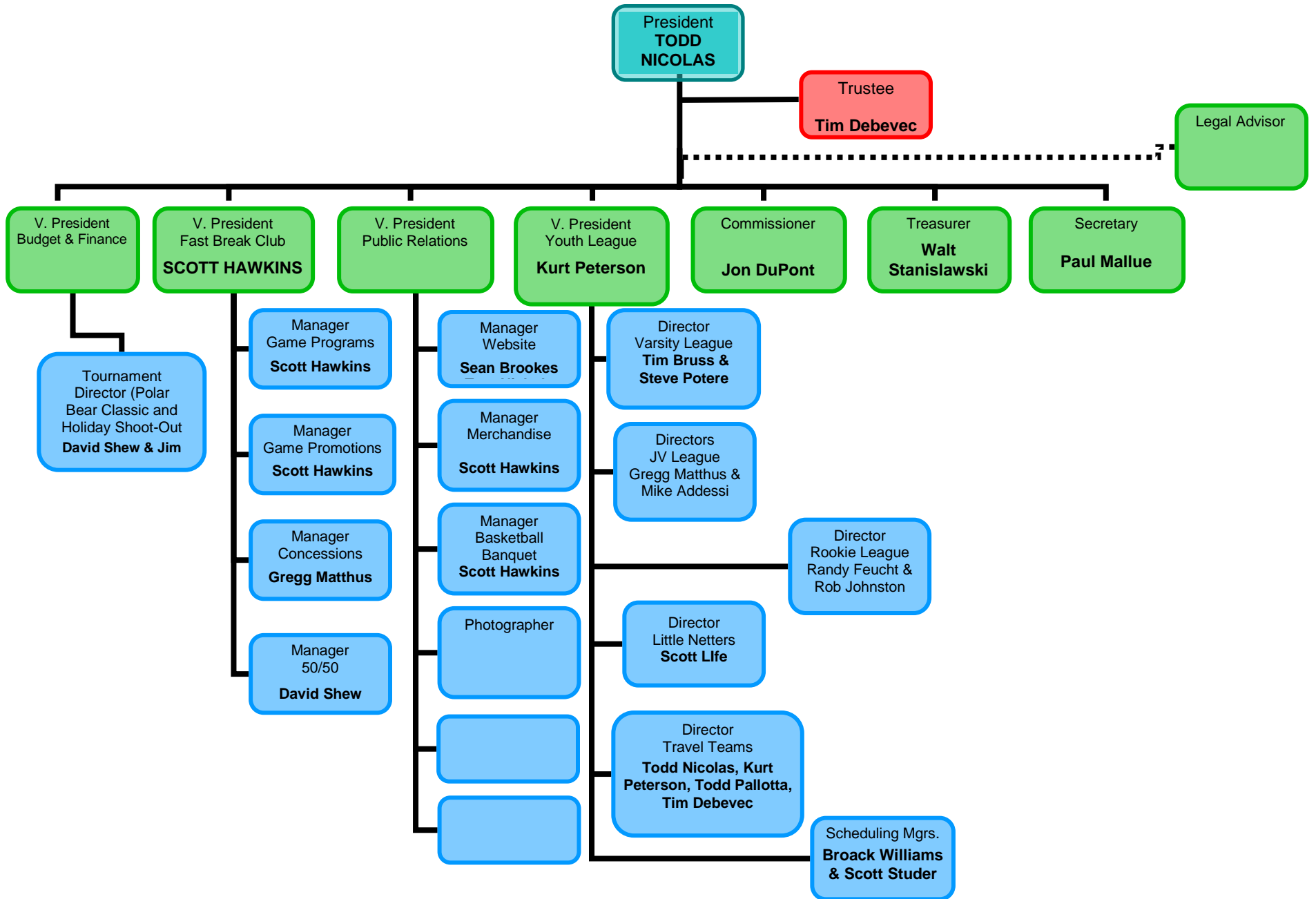
The JYBA will use the great game of basketball and positive instruction to develop the spirit of competition, sportsmanship, and scholastic achievement in the youth of Jackson Township. The JYBA works to develop emotionally, spiritually, and physically accomplished student athletes, who are more fundamentally prepared to advance their level of athletic participation. The JYBA desires to instill a love of the game in its participants.

SECTION II
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEAGUE DIRECTORS

TRUSTEE	Head Coach, Tim Debevec
PRESIDENT.....	Todd Nicolas
VICE PRESIDENT, FAST BREAK CLUB.....	Scott Hawkins
Manager – Basketball Game Program	Scott Hawkins
Manager - Game Promotions.....	Scott Hawkins
Manager - Concessions.....	Gregg Matthus
Manager - 50/50	David Shew
Manager - Website.....	Sean Brookes
Manager – Merchandise.....	Scott Hawkins
VICE PRESIDENT, YOUTH LEAGUE.....	Kurt Peterson
Director, Varsity League	Tim Bruss & Steve Potere
Director, JV League	Gregg Matthus, Mike Addressi
Director, Rookie League	Randy Feucht, Rob Johnston
Director, Little Netters.....	Scott Life
Director, Kindergarten Clinic.....	Kurt Peterson
Scheduling Managers.....	Brock Williams, Scott Studer
COMMISSIONER	Jon DuPont.
Director, Travel Teams.....	Todd Nicolas, Kurt Peterson
TREASURER	Walt Stanislawski
Tournament Director.....	Dave Shew, Jim Hill
SECRETARY.	Paul Mallue
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT-LARGE	Jim Hill
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT-LARGE	Gregg Matthus
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT-LARGE	Sean Brookes
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT-LARGE	Scott Life
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT-LARGE	Dave Shew
LEGAL ADVISOR.....	

SECTION III JACKSON YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

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SECTION IV

ELIGIBILITY

Part 1 Basketball Requirements.

- A. To be eligible to participate in the youth basketball program each participant must meet the following age qualifications.
1. Varsity League/Grade 6
 - a. Min/Max: Must be entering 6th Grade.
 2. JV League/Grades 4/5
 - a. Minimum: Must be entering 4th Grade.
 - b. Maximum: Must be entering 5th Grade.
 3. Rookie League/Grade 3
 - a. Min/Max: Must be entering 3rd Grade.
 4. Little Netters/Grades 1/2
 - a. Minimum: Must be entering 1st grade.
 - b. Maximum: Must be entering 2nd Grade.
 5. Kindergarten League/Grade K
 - a. Min/Max: Must be entering Kindergarten.
- B. Exceptions may be permitted as to age with Board approval. All requests for exceptions must be submitted in writing prior to player evaluations. Under no circumstances will be a player be permitted to play up more than one level above his own.
- C. Each parent must make the decision of whether their child is physically fit for the JYBA League. The JYBA accepts no responsibility for making any judgments concerning the physical fitness of a child to participate in the JYBA. Each parent is strongly encouraged to have their child undergo a complete, yearly physical examination with their physician, prior to the commencement of JYBA activities. Each parent by registering their child to participate in the JYBA activities warrants their child is physically fit and capable of participating in the activities and rigors of the League. Each parent assumes the responsibility for ensuring the physical and emotional condition of their child for participation in this League. The JYBA, the Board, its Officials, Referees, Volunteers, and the Coaches will NOT be responsible or liable for any medical or mental condition of a participant in the League.

SECTION V

Registration

- Part 1 To participate in the activities of the JYBA, each participant must be formally registered and pay the required registration fee.
- Part 2 Registration for basketball players shall be by the date established by the Board of Directors.
- Part 3 Late registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the Board.
- Part 4 Any player who has failed to register by the Draft date will be placed on the team that would have drafted next in the Grade Division or will be placed on a team at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Part 5 The registration fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors on a year-to-year basis and will be payable at the time of the registration.
- Part 6 Within one week of the Draft, a complete roster of participants will be submitted to the Board of Directors and the Head Coaches. This roster will include the name, age, grade, address, and phone number of each participant.

SECTION VI
DEVELOPMENT OF TEAM ROSTER(S)

- Part 1 A Player Draft will be held for team selections. Head coaches shall be present during the Draft. In the absence of a Head Coach or his/her proxy, the Commissioner shall conduct a draw. The Commissioner shall inform all Head Coaches as to the time, place and conduct of the Draft. Each team will only be allowed one representative at the Draft.
- Part 2 Registration establishes the eligibility of an individual player for that playing year only.
- Part 3 Assignment of a player to a specific team roster establishes his team identity for that season only.
- Part 4 The Head Coach shall have the privilege of coaching his own son.
- Part 5 Head Coaches will not be permitted to freeze a player or Assistant Coach prior to the Draft.

Section VII

FORMAT FOR PLAYERS DRAFT

- Part 1 The order of selection for the Draft will be determined by blind draw. The Head Coach of each team will draw a pill and can place his/her team at any position on the Draft board according to the order of pills.
- Part 2 Based upon the number of perspective registrants, the Board will advise the Head Coaches on the specifics of any nuances of each Draft.
- Part 3 All athletes who wish to be drafted must attend one of two mandatory evaluation sessions where the Head Coach or their designees shall be present. If the athlete is unable to attend these sessions, the Commissioner must be notified prior to the season.
- Part 4 All players are to be evaluated and this information will be provided to the Head Coaches/designee prior to the draft. If a player is not evaluated but can be accurately assessed a rating and agreed by the league coaches and league director then that rating will be determined prior to the start of the draft. Players that cannot be accurately assessed a rating will be drafted at the end of the draft once all the evaluated players have been drafted. The next team in the order of the draft will draw a players name from a hat—similar to a blind draw.
- Part 5 Coach's son(s) will be placed in the appropriate drafting rounds based on their evaluation rating prior to the draft beginning. The Commissioner will have final determination with any disputes for a draft round placement of a coach's son.
- Part 6 The draft format will be a "Snake Format" until all players are drafted, including the players that were not evaluated. Snake Format is: In a six team league, Round One will start with the team in the 1 slot picking first then 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Round 2 will then start with slot 6 then 5,4,3,2,1. Round 3 will 1,2,3,4,5,6. This format will continue until all the players have been drafted.

** Warning Any coach found to be tampering with the evaluation or draft process for his own team's benefit will have a hearing with the JYBA Board of Directors and is subject to removal.*

SECTION VIII

COACHES RULES OF CONDUCT

Coaches Rules of Conduct

I hereby pledge to conduct myself in accordance with the JYBA Rules of Conduct:

1. I understand this league is for the youth of the Community; it is a "Players" League not a Coach's League.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of the JYBA players ahead of any personal desire to win. I will not unnecessarily run up the score against an opponent.
3. I will treat each player as an individual and with respect.
4. I will provide a safe playing situation for all players by emphasizing fundamentals, techniques, proper skills and sportsmanship.
5. I will organize and attend practices so as to challenge, instruct, and prepare the players for success.
6. I will notify players of all JYBA events and attend them, to the extent possible, including scheduled games and practices, picture day, and Youth Night.
7. I will provide an environment that will be free of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and profanity and will act in accordance with all Jackson Local Schools' policies.
8. I will respect the opposing Coaches and players.
9. I will not argue calls with the game officials or referees or opposing team. I will conduct myself calmly when discussing rule interpretation.
10. I will be responsible for the actions of my team's coaches, players, and spectators.
11. I will abide by the JYBA Playing Rules, Coaches' Rules of Conduct and all Board policies, objectives, and By-laws.

I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior can lead to my suspension from and possible forfeiture of a game. I understand that violating the Rules of Conduct may also lead to my suspension. I understand that in these instances I may be required to appear before the Board to explain my actions and that the Board may take whatever action it deems necessary.

SECTION IX

COACHES RESPONSIBILITIES

ARTICLE VII Coaches

- Part 1 Applications for coaching positions shall be submitted to the Board of Directors each year.
- Part 2 Each Coach is responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with the Coaches Rules of Conduct, Members Manual, By-Laws, and Playing Rules for the League they will be coaching in.
- Part 3 The Coaches are required to sign a Coaches Agreement and undergo a background check complete with coaching experience and references.
- Part 4 The Coaches will be selected by the Board of Directors. Coaches will be monitored by the Commissioner and Board of Directors.
- Part 5 Coaches will be required to undergo instructional and/or training sessions with the Jackson High School Boys Basketball Varsity Head Coach and/or his staff and/or the Commissioner and/or their designated appointee(s). These sessions require mandatory attendance.
- Part 6 Coaching positions shall be established pursuant to the following:
- A. By design, it is the intent of the Board of Directors that youth Coaches will be involved and stay with the program to provide continuity and consistency of instruction for the players.
 - B. Basketball experience preferred.
 - C. Each team shall be directed by a Head Coach who will be approved by the Board of Directors.
 - D. The Head Coach shall have the privilege of selecting one Asst. Coach and appointing him or her to their duties for the team.
- Part 7 The duties of the Head Coach shall be as follows.
- A. To be in full charge of his team at all practice sessions.
 - B. To be in full and complete charge of his team at games.
 - C. To attend meetings of the JYBA or League as requested.

- D. To serve on the Rules Committee.
- F. To attend practice sessions and games or to have an Assistant Coach present.
- G. To be responsible for the actions of their team's parents and their fans.
- H. To wait until parents/legal guardians retrieve all of the participants after practices or games before leaving the site.

Part 8 The duties of the Assistant Coach shall be:

- A. To carry out their duties as assigned by the Head Coach.
- B. To be in charge of the team in the absence of the Head Coach.
- C. To attend practice sessions and games, especially in the absence of the Head Coach.
- D. To attend JYBA or League meetings or training sessions as may be requested.
- E. To ensure that all participants are picked up by a parent or legal guardian.

Part 9 The duties of all Coaches shall be:

- A. To maintain the standard of coaching which is at least equal to the League objective.
- B. To comply with the decisions of any examining physician as to the advisability of allowing a player to play.
- C. To actively support all JYBA functions and fundraising activities.

SECTION X
COACHES APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FORM

JACKSON YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (JYBA)
Coaches Application and Agreement Form

Personal Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Nickname (if applicable): _____ Social Security # _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Driver License #: _____ State: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Why are you interested in coaching in the JYBA? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation*? _____
If yes, please explain: _____

Have you ever been disciplined, suspended or banned from any coaching position by any league or organization? _____
If yes, please explain: _____

Coaching Experience/References

Coaching Experience (beginning with most recent): _____

Reference: _____ Phone: _____

Reference: _____ Phone: _____

SECTION X
COACHES APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT FORM

Coaches Agreement

By signing below, I certify that I have read, understand, and agree to the following statements:

- I have read the Code of Conduct, JYBA Playing Rules, and By-Laws and I agree to adhere to all Rules and Regulations.

- I certify that all information supplied on this Application is true, accurate, and complete, and that no information is false or has been purposely withheld.

- I understand that my coaching status can be terminated at any time, for any reason.

- I understand the Board has sole authority to enforce rules, policies, and objectives and may, at its sole discretion, remove any Coach from his position for any reason.

- I understand that a Coaches' Application must be filled out each season and be submitted to the JYBA Board before the season.

- I give the Board permission to conduct a background check, to the extent they find necessary.

- I agree to release liability and hold harmless the JYBA, its Officers, and the Board while engaged in coaching activities.

Coach Signature

Date

PLEASE REMIT TO:

**Jackson Youth Basketball Association
PO Box 36046
Canton, OH 44735**

SECTION XI

OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

A. Varsity League Rules (6th Grade)

Official playing rules shall be promulgated by the VP Youth Leagues after consultation and approval by the Board of Directors and the Jackson High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. Playing rules will be published no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Player Draft.

B. Varsity League Format (6th Grade)

Approximate Dates:	Mid - October through Mid - February
Suggested No. of Games:	10 to 12
Suggested Days:	Saturday afternoons, Monday evenings
Format:	Games each Saturday, one practice during the week, a few weekday games may be necessary.
Postseason Tournament:	All teams qualify, teams seeded by record, single elimination

C. JV League Rules (4th/5th Grade)

Official playing rules shall be promulgated by the VP Youth Leagues after consultation and approval by the Board of Directors and the Jackson High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. Playing rules will be published no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Player Draft.

D. JV League Format (4TH/5TH Grade)

Approximate Dates:	Mid - October through Mid - February
Suggested No. of Games:	10 to 12
Suggested Days:	Saturday mornings, Monday-Wednesday evenings
Format:	Games each Saturday, one practice during the week, a few weekday games may be necessary
Postseason Tournament:	All teams qualify, teams seeded by record, single elimination

E. Rookie League Rules (3rd Grade)

Official playing rules shall be promulgated by the VP Youth Leagues after consultation and approval by the Board of Directors and the Jackson High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. Playing rules will be published no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Player Draft.

F. Rookie League Format (3rd Grade)

Approximate Dates:	Mid - October through Mid - February
Suggested No. of Games:	10 to 12
Suggested Days:	Saturday afternoons, Thursday evenings
Format:	Games each Saturday, one practice during the week
Postseason Tournament:	None

G. Little Netters League Rules (1st-2nd Grade)

Official playing rules shall be promulgated by the VP Youth Leagues after consultation and approval by the Board of Directors and the Jackson High School Boys Varsity Basketball Coach. Playing rules will be published no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Player Draft.

H. Little Netters League Format (1st-2ndGrade)

Approximate Dates:	Early - November through End - January
Suggested No. of Games:	8-10 weeks of scrimmages and instruction
Suggested Days:	Saturday afternoons
Postseason Tournament:	None

I. Kindergarten League Format (K Grade)

Approximate Dates:	January through mid-February
Suggested No. of Games:	6 weeks of instruction

Suggested Days: Saturday afternoons

Postseason Tournament: None

SECTION XII

LEAGUE POLICIES FOR BASKETBALL PLAYING RULES

1. Sons of Head Coaches will be assigned to their father's team prior to the draft. No provision is made for sons of Assistant Coaches
2. Each player must wear the approved uniform, equipment, and basketball shoes during practices and games. Dress and attire must always be appropriate, decent, and respectful. No jewelry, watches, bracelets, or necklaces may be worn at any time while participating in JYBA practices or games.
3. Practices will begin at their scheduled time and end at their scheduled time. In case of weather causing dangerous driving conditions, the Board, in conjunction with the Jackson Local Schools, will reserve the right to cancel games and/or practices.
4. A five (5) minute warm-up session is required prior to all games and practices. If a player arrives late, he must exercise for at least 10 (ten) minutes prior to participating in any physically demanding activity.
5. Game Officials' rulings are final. No protest will change the outcome of game or league standings. It is the Coach's responsibility to clarify rules or their interpretation by officials calmly at the time of occurrences. Judgment calls are not to be disputed.
6. Any child in the immediate surrounding areas of Jackson Township may participate, provided the practices and games will be attended.
7. Players will pick-up trash and place it in provided receptacles at the conclusion of all practices and games. No player will be permitted to leave the gym until the bench area has been completely cleared for the next game.
8. The first team listed in the game schedule is the home team.
9. No loud, abusive, or profane language will be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct **WILL NOT** be tolerated from the membership.

SECTION XIII

SPECTATOR CONDUCT

- Part 1 No alcoholic beverages or smoking is permitted at practices or games on school property.

- Part 2 No abusive or obscene language will be tolerated.

- Part 3 No abusive physical contact will be tolerated.

- Part 4 Violators will be removed from the premises at the discretion of the Referees and/or Board members.