

# CONSTITUTION

(Revision of Sept. 7, 2013)

## ARTICLE I - NAME

The organization shall be known as - "**Small Fry Basketball, Inc.**"  
(hereinafter Small Fry or Small Fry Basketball)

## ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

It shall be the object of this organization:

- (a) To promote character and sportsmanship among the Small Fry participants.
- (b) To have an International Tournament conducted annually to expose youth to different cultures.
- (c) To provide participants of Small Fry an appreciation for and the skills involved in strong competitive play.

## ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** Eligibility: Any park district or other organized unit which has and/or can organize a franchise as set forth in the By-Laws.

**Section 2.** Qualifications for participation and membership in the organization begin upon:

- (a) the acceptance of a valid application to Small Fry headquarters;
- (b) payment of franchise and entry fees as hereinafter provided; and
- (c) submission of proper age records and completed official school form of the team participants.

## ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Section 1. Administration:** The administrative authority shall be vested in the Executive Board and the International Officers appointed by it.

**Section 2. Composition:** The Executive Board shall consist of six officers and other prominent members of the various related communities as provided by the By-Laws.

**Section 3. Election:** At the International Tournament or Mid-Year Meeting, the Executive Board shall cause to be elected or appointed the following officers who shall serve in said capacity until they resign or are replaced by the majority of the Executive Committee. Additional members of the Executive Committee may be voted on at the International, Special, or Mid-Year meetings, during official business, when such action becomes pertinent and necessary.

- (a) Executive Director
- (b) Assistant Executive Director
- (c) Executive Secretary
- (d) Executive Treasurer
- (e) Rules and Games Director
- (f) Legal Affairs and Promotions Director
- (g) Executive Committee

## **ARTICLE V - POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Quorum:** The members of the Executive Board present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 2. Authority:** The officers and members of the Executive Board of Small Fry Basketball are hereby authorized to exercise all the powers and duties expressed or implied in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**Section 3. Dues and Assessments:** The Executive Board shall be authorized to levy and collect annual dues and other assessments as set forth herein for the purpose of conducting the organization and may use its discretion in all actions herein.

**Section 4. Duties and Assignments:** The Executive Board and Officers shall perform all tasks necessary to assure the most successful season possible. Each member is responsible for duties including, but not limited to: assisting in the measuring of teams at official measure-in sites; being personally present at the entire International Tournament and monitoring International game sights as assigned by the Assistant Executive Director; helping to guarantee that all teams are fulfilling their obligations at the International Tournament, as provided in the by-laws; and all other tasks as needed and assigned.

## **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS**

**Section 1. Executive Director:** The affairs of Small Fry Basketball are regulated by the Executive Board, and administered by the Executive Director who shall establish policies which operate procedures and control the program. The Executive Director shall work with all phases of Small Fry Basketball to administer and make functional all matters contained in the Constitution and By-Laws. He shall be able to make binding decisions pertaining to the Small Fry Basketball program and will have the right to suspend or to revoke charters and individuals until the next meeting of the Executive Board. He shall be the chief administrator of Small Fry Basketball.

**Section 2. Assistant Executive Director:** The Assistant Executive Director shall be appointed to his post by the Executive Director and shall fulfill the duties

in his absence. The Assistant Executive Director shall work closely with the host site and serve as a part of the Credentials Committee. He shall assign duties to the Executive Board and Committee at the International Tournament, and shall perform all duties delegated to him necessary to have a successful tournament.

**Section 3. Executive Secretary:** The Executive Secretary shall have charge of and keep a full and correct copy of all proceedings of the meetings of the members of this committee; keep such records as the Executive Board may require; submit and handle all notices and all of the correspondence of this organization; and such other duties as the nature of the office requires.

**Section 4. Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be issued with reports and statements of funds belonging to "Small Fry" Basketball. He shall work with the Executive Director in paying and collecting funds belonging to "Small Fry" Basketball. The Treasurer shall be responsible for an annual audit of all "Small Fry" funds and report the audit findings to the Executive Board.

**Section 5. Rules and Games Director:** The Rules and Games Director shall inspect and approve all playing and practice facilities for International games and designate or do the same for regional qualifying facilities. The Director shall schedule assignment of referees, timers, and scorers for all games in the International Tournament. The Director shall review and make recommendations for any playing rule changes which would be for the benefit of Small Fry Basketball, and alter or change venues and/or assignments, as necessary, for the betterment of the tournament.

**Section 6. Legal Affairs and Promotions Director:** The Legal Affairs and Promotions Director shall work to promote the Small Fry Basketball program on a local and International basis. The Director shall contact organizations and corporations for sponsorship of the International Tournament, and plan ways in which local teams and affiliated organizations can raise funds. The Director shall review all legal matters including rules, by-laws, contracts, et al., to make certain that all functions of Small Fry Basketball are conducted in a properly regulated and legal manner.

**Section 7. Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee shall consist of the six officers, the regional directors, and other special persons as appointed by the Executive Board. All permanent Executive Committee members shall serve as voting and policy-making members. They shall serve in various areas and duties as assigned by the Executive Board. Executive Committee Members shall be the chief representatives in promoting Small Fry Basketball. They shall study possible fund-raising and promotional plans for Small Fry Basketball and be assigned to specific duties at International Tournaments. They shall assist in the selection/qualifying procedure of teams for the annual International Tournament. They shall work closely with all other officers of the Executive Board.

**Section 8. Advisory Board:** The Advisory Board shall be made up of previous members of the Executive Board/Committee who have distinguished themselves in service to Small Fry Basketball. They shall be appointed by the Executive Board and they shall lend guidance and direction to the Executive Board/Committee where needed.

**Section 9. Limitations and Additions:** Members of the Executive Committee shall not be involved with coaching a team. Members of the Executive Committee also shall show no biases in favor or in opposition of any team, coach, referee, fan, etc., while serving in an official capacity.

## **ARTICLE VII - APPOINTED OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The Executive Board shall elect or appoint additional officers they deem necessary to conduct a successful program in Small Fry Basketball. The elections or appointments shall be served on a yearly basis and be renewed after the completion of each International Tournament by the Executive Board.

**Section 2.** Appointed officers shall be able to serve on a committee that serves Small Fry Basketball but shall not be voting members of the Executive Committee unless it is a permanent office.

**Section 3. Regional Directors:** Regional Directors shall be named by the Executive Director and must meet with the approval of the Executive Board. They shall promote Small Fry Basketball in their region and help conduct local and state playoffs to advance teams to the International Tournament. They shall work closely with the Executive Board and assist with various promotions and planning, including site selection, but shall always be guided by the Constitution and By-Laws as set by Small Fry Basketball.

## **ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS**

**Section 1. Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held at the International Tournament at a time and place designated by the Executive Director.

**Section 2. Special Meetings:** A Special Meeting shall be called by the Executive Committee at the International Tournament, and all coaches participating in the International Tournament must attend. This meeting will be held at a time and place set by the Executive Director. A similar meeting shall be held for referees prior to play.

**Section 3. Representation at Meetings:** Each participating team shall be represented at the Special Meeting by its coach or a duly substitute representative chosen by said coach. No more than two representatives per team will be allowed.

**Section 4. Mid-Year Meeting:** A Mid-Year Meeting of all members of the Executive Board shall be held at a specified site to study all plans and changes for the coming International Tournament if necessary. The Executive Director will name the site and date of meeting.

**Section 5. Additional Meetings:** Additional meetings may be called as the need arises by the Executive Director at a time and site he assigns.

**Section 6. Quorum:** Representatives of a majority of the teams or Executive Committee members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## **ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1. Time:** Proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws may be submitted to the Executive Director at any time by any interested party with proper standing.

**Section 2. Notice:** To be considered at a scheduled meeting, proposed amendments must be submitted to the Executive Director in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Section 3. Vote:** Proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws must carry by a two-thirds majority of those present and participating at the Mid-Year or Special Meeting and become effective upon their acceptance.

## **ARTICLE X - FEES**

**Section 1. Franchise Fee:** Each organization that wishes to take part in Small Fry Basketball must purchase a franchise each year of participation. This franchise will be used to cover the cost of expenses in the overall operational expenses and handling of Small Fry Basketball and Executive Committee affairs. The initial cost of this fee shall be specified for each organization. No team shall be allowed to compete in the tournaments without being a fully paid member of Small Fry Basketball and having a certified copy of the franchise fee showing that they are a member in good standing.

**Section 2. Insurance Fees:** A team must have adequate insurance coverage prior to the beginning of any Small Fry related activities, as pursuant to the by-laws.

**Section 3. Tournament Fees:** All franchise teams must pay a separate, designated entry fee for the International Tournament as determined by the Executive Director.

**Section 4.** All fees must be paid to and received by Small Fry headquarters on or before December 15th of the year prior to the Tournaments.

**Section 5. Refund of Tournament Fees:** All tournament fees will be refunded only to those teams who do not qualify or those teams who are not selected for play in the International Tournament.

## **ARTICLE XI - DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

**Section 1. Fines and Charges:** The Executive Committee retains the right to assess reasonable fines and/or charges against a team and/or individual directly affiliated to that team for any intemperate violations of the Small Fry Basketball Constitution or By-laws. Furthermore, the Executive Committee retains the right to assess any reasonable fines and/or charges against a team and/or individual directly affiliated to that team for any damages, legal costs, fines, expenses, penalties, charges, other costs, etc., whether to be paid directly by such team or as a reimbursement to any actual payor, for any such amounts due because of the actions of such team.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

**Section 1. Players:** All players who meet the requirements set forth herein, may participate.

**Section 2. Age and Height:** All players who have not attained the age of thirteen prior to September 1st, of the calendar year preceding tournament play and do not exceed the height of 5'1" (61"), at the time of the official measuring, shall be eligible to participate in any tournament.

- (a) The official measuring will take place as set forth in Article II, Section 2, below;
- (b) The height of a player from any other stage of the Small Fry Basketball season has no bearing on International play. If contested prior to the official measure-in, each regional qualifier will have its own measuring to be administered by at least one member of the Executive Committee;
- (c) Any player who measures over the required 5'1" (61") height is not eligible to participate in any form of Small Fry Basketball Tournament games;
- (d) A player who is measured out in a regional qualifying tournament is not eligible for International Tournament play.

**Section 3. Game Roster:** No International qualifying team shall carry more than fourteen (14) or less than ten (10) players.

**Section 4. Requirements:** The requirements set forth in Section 1, 2, and 3 shall be permanent and not subject to change for any purpose whatsoever.

**Section 5. Eligibility list:** All players at any level must be approved on a Small Fry Eligibility List to participate on any level. Any player on an eligibility list remains with original organization subject to rules set forth in the Small Fry Official Waiver Form.

## **ARTICLE II - ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURE**

**Section 1. Eligibility:** Each team shall submit an Eligibility List and Small Fry Basketball school form of no more than twenty (20) or less than twelve (12) players together with the required proof of age as called for in this Constitution and By-Laws and as further provided by the Executive Committee. These documents must be presented to "Small Fry Basketball" on a date determined by the Regional Commissioner, but no later than seven (7) days prior to measurement date.

**Section 2. Measuring:** The measuring of all players shall be conducted prior to tournament play. Each year the time and place, generally prior to regional play-offs, is to be designated by the Executive Director. In any event, no measuring shall take place more than **three months** or less than fifteen (15) days prior to the International Tournament; and the measuring of all teams from all regions shall take place throughout the various regions within a 12-day period. All players shall be measured lying down with their feet together. A player shall not exceed three (3) minutes on the measuring board.

- (a) The Executive Committee Officers shall be a part of the measuring committee and shall be in charge of all final rulings.
- (b) Each team shall be allowed one observer to be present in the room while his entire team is being measured. He shall not touch, counsel, or in any manner interfere with the measuring.
- (c) The Executive Director shall select Executive Committee members to take part in the measuring.
- (d) The measuring room shall be set apart from any other area and no player shall be allowed to re-measure for any reason.
- (e) Approval to be measured on another date may be granted only under the most extreme circumstances, in the situation where a team or player is not able to be present on the assigned measuring day. Such approval must be cleared in advance by the Executive Director after hearing the reason for the delay. Otherwise, teams must be measured only at the time and place assigned.

**Section 3. Failure to Measure-in:** A player who fails to be measured at the scheduled time shall be ineligible to participate in the International Tournament.

Any player who fails to submit the required proof of age in accordance with the By-Laws shall not be allowed to play, or participate in any manner.

**Section 4. Proof of Age:** Birth Certificates or legally-certified equivalents shall be presented with the application to allow the player to participate.

(a) Each birth certificate or legally-certified equivalent shall have the player's name and date circled or highlighted before it is presented.

(b) The Small Fry Basketball School I.D. Form is to be received by a designated Small Fry Official in accordance with Article II, Section 1 of these By-Laws. The Small Fry Official will keep them in his possession until the International Tournament is completed.

## **OFFICIAL SMALL FRY BASKETBALL MEASUREMENT**

To make the measuring of all Small Fry Basketball players uniform and consistent throughout all regions, the following method shall be used:

- The player lies on the "official" measuring board and the following parts of his anatomy must touch the measuring board: 1-Head, 2-Shoulders, 3-Buttocks, 4-Calves, 5-Heels. The curvature of the spine between the buttocks and shoulders must be kept to a minimum, and must allow that there be no more space than a flattened hand inserted between the body and the measuring board.
- After the player is in a prone position with feet together and held firmly to the bottom of the measuring board and hands relaxed, the chin is placed in a normal position and no other way. The top slide board is then placed against a player's head to register the "official" measurement. This measurement must not exceed 5'1" (61") to qualify the player for tournament play.
- A player will be allowed to measure only one (1) time on the measuring board and allowed no longer than three (3) minutes on the measuring board. The player may try any relaxation methods possible, while remaining on the measuring board, during the three-minute period. The player may request to be re-measured as many times as desired throughout the three-minute period.
- A \$50 fine will be assessed for each player that measures at a height of taller than 5'2" (62"). The fine must be paid in full before a team may participate in its qualifying tournament.

## **ARTICLE III - RULES GOVERNING CONTESTS**

**Section 1. Sportsmanship and Responsibility:** All representatives and coaches shall practice the highest principles and ethics of sportsmanship and remember to set the proper example for the players and participants.



**Section 2. Teams:** Each team must be accompanied by a qualified coach who must appear at each game.

**Section 3. Team Composition:** Each team shall consist of no more than fourteen (14) or less than ten (10) players who shall be uniformed for games, provided they become eligible through Article I and Article II of the Small Fry By-Laws.

- (a) Seven players shall be designated to be eligible to play in the first quarter and seven different players, shall be designated to play in the second quarter. This line-up and designated players shall be turned in to the media room 30 minutes prior to game time.
- (b) No limitations or restrictions are placed on players in the second half of play.
- (c) A player who does not become eligible through Article I and Article II, shall not be entered in the scorebook or designated to the scorers. Therefore, a team that loses, for any reason, a player from its eligibility list and roster may list only those eligible.
- (d) For no reason shall any player be allowed to appear in more than three quarters of any single game.

**Section 4. Conditions of the Game:**

- (a) Each game shall consist of four quarters, each being six minutes in duration. This rule shall apply to all levels of Small Fry Basketball.
- (b) One minute shall be allowed between quarters and five minutes between halves.
- (c) In the event of ties at the end of the regulation game, overtime periods shall consist of three minutes each.
- (d) Starting time of games shall be designated by the Executive Director. At the discretion of the assigned Executive Board member, a 15-minute forfeit time from the scheduled time or previous game shall apply.
- (e) A team with a 20-point lead will not be allowed to use an "all court" press defense at any time during the game until the lead is less than 20 points.
- (f) A team with a 30-point lead will not be allowed to use a press defense outside of the 3-point line until the lead is back to 20 points or fewer. For violations of (e) and (f), one warning will be issued and a technical foul will be assessed for subsequent violations.
- (g) On the seventh team foul of a half, the bonus free throw will take effect.
- (h) On the 10<sup>th</sup> team foul of a half, the two-shot bonus free throw will take effect.

**Section 5. Equipment:**

- (a) At the start of the basketball season, the official Small Fry Basketball shall be that approved by the Executive Director.
- (b) The official basket height shall be 8'6" high and the backboard shall be standard size.
- (c) Each participating team must wear a numbered shirt, a 4" number on the front of the shirt and a 6" number on the back of the shirt. The Executive Committee shall have officially-approved uniform tops in the event a team does not meet the stated number requirements or where teams do not have contrasting colored uniforms.
- (d) Regulation time clocks rather than stopwatches shall be used in the event of a breakdown of the scoreboard, and must be used showing the quarters, score and time. A responsible timekeeper and scorekeeper, preferably an adult, shall be used.
- (e) Officials for all tournament games shall be members of a state High School Association or its equivalent in the area hosting the tournament.
- (f) Free throw lines shall be regulation free throw on a standard court.
- (g) The official Small Fry patch or permanent manufacturer likeness is to be worn on the bottom left leg of the uniform trunks.

**Section 6. Rules Governing Play:** Rules governing play shall be the most recent rules of the National Alliance Edition of Basketball Rules copyrighted, published and distributed by the National Federation of the State High School Athletic Association.

**Section 7. Game Officials:** Each game must be officiated by a minimum of two (2) officials qualified as provided herein, and no game may be commenced with a lesser number. Three (3) officials may be assigned to work specific final games of the tournament, as determined by the Executive Committee.

**Section 8.** Officials for all tournament contests are to be approved and selected by the Rules and Games Director and assigned prior to the game time.

- (a) The Rules and Games Director is to have a "spare rotating" official available and ready for service in case of an emergency.
- (b) No protests are allowed in Small Fry Basketball and any matter involving the playing rules, or infractions in the Constitution and By-Laws must be corrected before the next "live" ball.
- (c) An officials' evaluation form will be completed by Executive Committee members in charge of each court to provide input for the Rules and Games Director to assist in future selection of officials. Coaches are welcome to provide the committee member with input for inclusion on the form.

**Section 9. Coaches:** Each franchise is responsible for securing responsible coaches with appropriate sportsmanship and ethical values. All coaches who occupy the bench must sign and be governed by the Small Fry Code of Conduct.

Provisions of the Code of Conduct include:

### **GENERAL**

- a) Coaches should display a thorough knowledge of rules and regulations.
  - Small Fry by-laws.
  - National Federation rules.
  - Policies by region.
- b) Coaches should be aware of timeliness.
  - Teams should always be prepared to play and lineup submitted at least 15 minutes prior to scheduled start of games.
  - Coaches must adhere to specific time deadlines for Orlando tournament (practice times, lineups due).
- c) Coaches must be accountable for the following areas:
  - Help to assure accuracy of all Small Fry paperwork through franchise director.
  - Respect for local boundaries where applicable.
  - Respect for local rules.
    - Basketballs (host or teams provide).
    - Locker room restrictions/rules.
    - Warm up facility restrictions/rules.
- d) Maintain a safe environment for tryouts, practice, competition and travel.
  - Awareness of concussion restrictions and rules.
  - Maintain some form of a medical kit for minor injuries.
  - Develop a protocol for 911 contact.
  - Provide parental communication for injuries, training.
  - Maintain a safe regimen for measure-in protocol.

### **DRESS CODE**

Coaching attire should follow the appropriate guidelines:

- a) No baseball caps, open-toed shoes, jeans, gym shorts or jean shorts; no baggy/fleece sweatpants.
- b) Collared shirts, team logo shirts, team logo pullovers or team logo sweatshirts are acceptable.
- c) A minimum of khaki pants or nice sweatpants/suits are mandatory. Dress or khaki shorts are acceptable.
- d) Cell phones should always be turned OFF during game play unless coaches are awaiting an emergency call.

### **BEHAVIOR**

- a) The head coach is responsible for establishing sportsmanship standards for all coaches, players and any representatives of the franchise.

- Foul language will not be tolerated.
  - Acceptable treatment of officials, opponents and players.
  - Adhere to a standard of bench decorum.
    - Responsible for constant control of players' actions.
    - Bench restricted to coaches and eligible players only.
    - Adhere to qualifier rules for coaches (only two on bench).
    - Administer post-game clean-up of bench area and locker room.
  - In relationship to a team's parents and fans:
    - Conduct must not incite fans/parents in any manner.
    - Should share responsibility of controlling fans or persons associated with team.
  - If a coach voluntarily leaves the bench for volatile reasons on their own, he or she may not return to the bench.
  - Knowledge and enforcement of NFHS rules regarding coach ejection sanctions. (Penalty for ejection of FINAL team game in Florida is only satisfied by sitting out first game of subsequent year qualifier).
- b) Coaches will refrain from use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco products prior to and during any game or practice, or at any facility where such use is prohibited.

## **ARTICLE IV - TOURNAMENT PLAY**

**Section 1.** The International Tournament shall be devised and scheduled for a minimum of 24 teams and maximum of 32 teams, and the playoffs scheduled so that a consolation bracket and a winner's bracket shall appear and continue to play to allow all teams to engage in a minimum of four contests.

- (a) At least twenty (20) teams will come from play-off regions held in various parts of the United States and Puerto Rico, as determined by the Executive Director.
- (b) The Executive Director will be able to appoint at-large teams that will serve as a betterment to Small Fry Basketball.
- (c) The Executive Director has the authority to invite additional teams to the playing site for exhibition play not associated with the International Tournament.

**Section 2. Pairings:** The pairings for the International Tournament shall be determined prior to the start of the tournament by the Executive Committee, the teams, and all participating coaches. All team names will be placed in a container with a random selection of placement on the tournament brackets being made

via the traditional Small Fry method (i.e., throwing a dart at a balloon board, whereby the balloons contain numbered tokens which in turn correspond to a position on the official tournament brackets).

(a) Regional champions and runners-up will be seeded into the winner's bracket in four separate quadrants. All teams will be given the opportunity to participate in five (5) games, although the eight (8) seeded team will not have their bracket positioning jeopardized.

(b) The Executive Director, or his designate, will draw the name of the first team to begin the pairing process.

**Section 3. Future Tournaments:** Future tournaments shall be allocated upon request made at the Annual Meeting to the Executive Committee. If more than one request is received, the tournament will be allocated by secret ballot, with each member of the Executive Committee being allowed to cast only one vote. In case of a tie vote, the Executive Director shall make the final determination of the site. If for any reason a tournament must change sites, the Executive Committee shall meet to make the site selection.

## **ARTICLE V - TEAM OBLIGATIONS & TOURNAMENT CONDUCT**

**Section 1.** All teams must reside in the official hotel/motel of the International Tournament throughout the extent of the tournament. All coaches and players are required to reside with their teams, except under extreme circumstances where granted a waiver as approved by the Executive Committee.

**Section 2.** All team players are to abide by the curfew hours for the extent of the tournament, beginning the night of arrival and continuing through and including the final night of tournament play. Curfew shall be set at 10:00 pm, except for the final night of play when curfew will be 11:00 pm. Coaches and chaperones are responsible for the actions of their team players and their adherence to this conduct. Violation of this conduct may lead to penalties and/or fines assessed during the current or subsequent franchised years of involvement, potentially culminating in the ejection of a player or team from the tournament, as well as subsequent suspension from Small Fry Basketball.

**Section 3.** Team coaches are encouraged to inform players' families and friends to engage in proper decorum and sportsmanlike conduct, in keeping with the rules, regulations, and spirit of Small Fry Basketball, whenever under the auspices of or present at an official site of Small Fry Basketball, including but not limited to: the official hotel/motel, pairings ceremony, welcoming and closing festivities, tournament game sites, etc. Any egregious acts by such persons may be held against the team. Small Fry Basketball is in no way to be held liable for actions of such persons which culminate in damages, legal costs, fines,

expenses, penalties, charges, other costs, etc. During games, coaches must be in compliance with Article III, Section 9.

**Section 4.** All team members and coaches must attend all formal and official tournament activities and functions, including but not limited to: opening ceremonies/pairings, closing party, tournament games in which they are scheduled to play, the championship game of the International Tournament, coaches and team meetings, etc.

**Section 5.** Except in extreme case as determined by the Executive Director and the Executive Board, the failure of any team to attend any event mentioned, implied, or inferred in Section 4 above shall disqualify that team from consideration for the Sportsmanship award, and could lead to other sanctions as deemed warranted.

**Section 6.** All teams are highly encouraged to partake in the traditional gift exchange held prior to the start of each team's first game. No elaborate or overly-expensive gift is required, this is merely to be ceremonial in nature, promoting the Small Fry spirit of sportsmanship.

## **ARTICLE VI - AWARDS**

**Section 1. Awards Committee:** The Executive Director shall appoint an Awards Committee whose duties shall be to take complete charge of all awards.

### **Section 2. Tournament Awards:**

(a) The teams who shall finish in first, second, third, fourth, fifth and ninth place in the International Tournament shall be awarded a team trophy.

(b) The teams who shall finish in first and second place in the consolation bracket of the International Tournament shall be awarded a team trophy.

(c) All fourteen (14) members of the teams that finish in first, second and ninth in the championship of the International Tournament, and first place in the consolation bracket shall be awarded individual trophies.

(d) All fourteen (14) members of the team that finish in third place in the championship bracket of the International Tournament shall be awarded individual plaques.

(e) All team members who take part in the International Tournament as a participant shall receive an award from the host. Team members must be present at the Awards Ceremony in order to accept their awards.

(f) Any exchange of gifts on the court, other than from the host, shall be made prior to the first game of the International Tournament.

## **ARTICLE VII - INSURANCE**

**Section 1.** All teams that participate in Small Fry Basketball must be covered by accident and liability insurance before being allowed to play.

(a) All franchised Small Fry teams will be required to have the Small Fry Basketball insurance coverage. The premium fee is to be paid directly to Small Fry Basketball Headquarters.

(b) The Insurance fee is to be paid at the same time the franchise is due. No team is to begin practice until the insurance policy is in effect.

## **ARTICLE VIII - EXCULPATORY CLAUSE & PROMISES NOT TO SUE**

**Section 1.** No Small Fry Basketball member, official, director, affiliate, or assign shall be held liable for any damages, legal costs, fines, expenses, penalties, charges, other costs, etc. incurred due to any incident or occurrence caused by any participant of Small Fry Basketball, regardless of whether the act was done maliciously, knowingly, recklessly, negligently, or accidentally, that occurred either inside or outside the realm of tournament play, or that was induced or acted upon at a personal level, which had no relationship to or authorization from Small Fry Basketball.

**Section 2.** By signing the franchise agreement and making payment to Small Fry Basketball, each team agrees not to bring suit to Small Fry Basketball, for any reason which would actually or potentially cause any part or element of the tournament season to be temporarily or permanently restrained, prohibited, hindered, terminated, or interrupted. Any person engaging in such an act will be considered in violation of the Small Fry Basketball Constitution and By-laws, immediately expelled from Small Fry Basketball, and thereby no longer capable of bringing suit.<sup>9</sup>