
BOWIE WOMEN'S LACROSSE BY-LAWS

James Bowie High School
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PREAMBLE

IT IS OUR DESIRE THAT ALL COMPETITION BE CONDUCTED ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL AND THAT EVERY MEMBER ASSOCIATED WITH THE BOWIE WOMEN'S LACROSSE EMPHASIZE, BY WORD AND ACTION, THE VIRTUES OF TEAM SPIRIT, HEALTHY COMPETITION AND SPORTSMANSHIP.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be "Bowie Women's Lacrosse."

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization is to provide:

- Financial support for the Bowie High School Lacrosse program and coaching staff.
- Promote school spirit within the guidelines of University Interscholastic League policies governing clubs.
- Help in developing leadership ability and foster team spirit among athletes of the Bowie Women's Lacrosse Team.
- Increase the visibility of Lacrosse as a sport and facilitate communication between Bowie High School and the Team and Organization.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- Membership in the organization is open to anyone wishing to join in support of the Women's Lacrosse program at James Bowie High School.
- Membership on "The Team" shall be open to all female students who are in 8th grade or in high school.
- Family, individual, guardian, and business memberships shall be available.

- The Board shall establish the amount of annual membership each year.
- Member Behavior: Members are expected to behave in a dignified, good sportsmanlike manner. No alcoholic beverages or any intoxicating substance are allowed at any Lacrosse game. The officers and head coach shall decide suspension or expulsion punishments.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

- Officers of the Organization shall consist of President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- In the event the office of President becomes vacant, a Vice President shall automatically become President. At the option of the officers, a general election may then be held to fill the Vice President’s position. A similar election may be held to fill a vacancy for Secretary or Treasurer.
- Terms for newly elected officers shall begin following the end-of-season awards function and shall continue for a term of twelve months or until their successors are elected whichever is later.
- A person shall not be able to serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office.
- Officers, the Principal of James Bowie High School or his/her representative, Organization President and Organization Treasurer constitute the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

- At the first meeting in February, a nominating committee of three to five shall be appointed by the President to prepare a slate of officers. The President shall not be a member of the nominating committee.
- The nominating committee shall obtain the consent of the nominees to place their names on the slate. All nominees shall be current members in good standing with the Organization.
- The nominating committee shall present a slate of nominees at the March meeting.
- Nominations may be made from the floor.
- Elections shall be held by ballot or voice vote at the regular meeting in March or no later than the regularly scheduled meeting in April.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- The President shall preside at all Organization and Executive Board meeting, appoint the standing committee heads, appoint special committees, appoint the historian and parliamentarian subject to the approval of the Executive Board, and serve as Ex-Officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- A Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence and shall automatically become President in the event that the President is unable to execute those duties. In the addition the Vice President shall be in charge of the standing committee of his/her choice.
- The Secretary shall record all proceedings of the general membership and Executive Board meeting and shall handle all correspondence.
- The Treasurer shall collect all dues and care for the Organization's funds, keep an accurate record of receipts and payment, submit a report at the Organization and Executive Board meeting, and an annual report at the close of each season and at the end of his/her term of office.
- All officers shall deliver to their successor all official material no later than thirty (30) days following the date on which new officers assume their duties.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

- The Executive Board shall have supervision over the affairs of the club between meetings and shall see the objectives of the Organization are accomplished.
- The Executive Board may create such standing committees, as it deems necessary to accomplish the goals and carry out the work of the club.
- The Executive Board may appoint special committees as necessary unless this rule is suspended by majority vote of the membership.
- The President of the Organization and the Principal of James Bowie High School may be ex-officio member of all committees except the nomination committee.
- All committee members must be in good standing in the Organization.
- An Audit Committee shall consist of two Officers as appointed by the President. The Audit Committee shall conduct audits of organization accounts after the last activity of the school year and report to the membership at the next regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

- Regular meetings shall be held monthly during the Lacrosse season or as called by the President of the Board. During the off-season, meeting shall be held as needed, as determined by the Board.

ARTICLE IX – ANNUAL BUDGET

- The fiscal year of the Organization shall be from August 1st to July 31st.
- The President and the Treasurer shall develop the budget with input from the Executive Board and/or any other source solicited by the President or Treasurer. Once approved by the Executive Board, the budget shall be presented to the membership of the Organization for ratification.
- The budget must be ratified by a majority vote of the membership present at a general meeting of the Organization.
- Lacrosse Organization dues shall be the primary method of raising funds.
- Additional fund raising projects may be used to bring monies into the Organization fund. The Executive Board will be responsible for reviewing and approving all fund raising projects.
- All Organization funds from fund raisers and membership funds shall be disbursed at the discretion of the Organization Officers within the guidelines of AISD.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Amendment I

Bowie Women's Lacrosse hereby amends its by-laws by adopting the paragraphs below in order to include standard language of organizations formed and operated as tax exempt organizations.

- The Bowie Women's Lacrosse organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- No part of the net earning of the organization shall inure to the benefit or, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
- No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statement) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall limit its purposes to those exclusively described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government, for public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes