



YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

LEAGUE BY-LAWS AND RULES  
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## LEAGUE BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: ANY PERSON INTERESTED IN THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ANY PERSON WHO IS WILLING TO UPHOLD AND SUBSCRIBE TO ITS BY-LAWS MAY BECOME A MEMBER AFTER SIGNING A MEMBERSHIP LIST ATTESTING TO THE SAME, AND MAKING AN ANNUAL DUES CONTRIBUTION OF \$1.00. MEMBERSHIP CAN BE REVOKED AT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD'S DISCRETION FOR SEVERE VIOLATIONS, GIVEN DUE PROCESS. ALL MEMBERS MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE VALID IN THE CURRENT YEAR FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER. ATTENDANCE OF AT LEAST FIVE (5) MEETINGS IN THE LAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS IS A REQUIREMENT TO VOTE ON ALL OFFICERS AND MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE LEAGUE.

SECTION 3: A MEMBERSHIP LIST SHALL BE MAINTAINED BY THE LEAGUE RECORDER AND SHALL REMAIN VALID FOR THE DURATION OF THE PERSON(S) MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION.

### ARTICLE II: CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION (501(C)(3))

SECTION 1: THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE WAS ADDED TO THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTER ON FILE FOR THE BWYAA ON FEBRUARY 29, 2012 (AMMENDMENT TO ARTICLES). THE ENTITY NUMBER REGISTERED WITH THE OHIO RECORDER OF STATE FOR THE BWYAA IS 457859. The FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY IS 31-1331299.

SECTION 2: THE BWYAA IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE 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 THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE.

SECTION 3: NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE BWYAA SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ITS MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO PAY REASONALBE COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND DISTRIBUTIONS IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE THIRD HEREOF. NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BWYAA SHALL BE THE CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION, AND THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, OR INTERVENE IN (INLCUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS) ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF OR IN THE OPPOSITION TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE ARTICLES, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON (A) BY A CORPORATION EXAMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE, OR (B) BY A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTILE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE.

SECTION 4: UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE BWYAA, ASSETS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED FOR ONE OF MORE EXEMPT PURPOSES WHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE, OR SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE. ANY SUCH ASSETS NOT SO DISPOSED OF SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE BWYAA IS 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.

### **ARTICLE III: OFFICERS**

- SECTION 1: THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE PRESIDENT, SENIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT, JUNIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT, RECORDER, TREASURER, HEAD CHEERLEADER ADVISOR, AND UP TO FOUR (4) TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE. THESE OFFICERS SHALL PERFORM DUTIES PRESCRIBED BY THESE BY-LAWS AND BY THE PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATION.
- SECTION 1A: OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED ANNUALLY IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY BY BALLOT. THEY WILL SERVE FOR ONE (1) YEAR OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED AND THEIR TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BEGIN AT THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING WHICH THEY ARE ELECTED.
- SECTION 1B: NO MEMBER SHALL HOLD MORE THAN ONE OFFICE AT A TIME. ANYONE RUNNING FOR OFFICE MUST BE A MEMBER FOR ONE YEAR AND MUST ATTEND AT LEAST SEVEN (7) ANNUAL MONTHLY MEETINGS DURING THAT CALENDAR YEAR.
- SECTION 1C: IF THERE IS BUT ONE NOMINEE FOR OFFICE, IT SHALL BE IN THE ORDER TO MOVE THAT THE RECORDER MUST CAST THE VOTE FOR THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE NOMINEE.
- SECTION 1D: THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT AND HEAD CHEER ADVISOR SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A TWO (2) YEAR TERM. THESE POSITIONS ARE CO-TERMINUS EFFECTIVE CALENDAR YEAR 2015.
- SECTION 2: AT THE NOVEMBER ANNUAL MEETING, A NOMINATION COMMITTEE WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE PRESIDENT CONSISTING OF THREE (3) MEMBERS. THE PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT ONE OF THE THREE (3), AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.
- SECTION 2A: AT THE DECEMBER ANNUAL MEETING, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT ONE (1) NOMINEE FOR EACH OFFICE TO BE FILLED, AND FOUR (4) NOMINEES FOR TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE, AND REPORT IT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.
- SECTION 2B: FOLLOWING THE REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, AN OPPORTUNITY SHALL BE GIVEN FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR.
- SECTION 2C: ONLY THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE CONSENTED TO SERVE IF ELECTED SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION, EITHER BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OR FROM THE FLOOR.
- SECTION 2D: A VACANCY OCCURRING IN ANY OFFICE SHALL BE FILLED FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, DUE NOTICE OF SELECTION BEING GIVEN.

### **ARTICLE IV: DUTY OF OFFICERS**

- SECTION 1: THE PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD; SHALL PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED IN THESE BY-LAWS, OR ASSIGNED BY THE ASSOCIATION; AND SHALL COORDINATE THE WORK OF THE OFFICES AND COMMITTEES IN ORDER THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION MAY BE PROMOTED.
- SECTION 1A: THE PRESIDENT SHALL ENSURE THE BWYAA MAINTAINS ALL DOCUMENTS OF INCORPORATION WITH THE OHIO SECRETARY OF STATE. SPECIFICALLY THE PRESIDENT MUST RESPOND TO CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUED EXISTANCE FOR THE BWYAA (ENTITY 457859). INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND VIA [WWW.SOS.STATE.OH.US](http://WWW.SOS.STATE.OH.US) AND 614-466-2655. A NEW CERTIFICATE OF CONTINUED EXISTANCE MUST BE FILED APPROXIMATELY EVERY FOUR (4) YEARS. LAST ONE SUBMITTED ON 02/29/2012.
- SECTION 1B: THE PRESIDENT SHALL ENSURE THE BWYAA SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO CONDUCT A TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE OPERATION WITH THE DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT. THIS APPLICATION LICENCES OUR CONCESSION STAND TO SERVE FOOD PRODUCTS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND VIA [WWW.DELAWAREHEALTH.ORG](http://WWW.DELAWAREHEALTH.ORG) AND 740-368-1700. A LICENSE TO CONDUCT A TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE OPERATION MUST BE FILED IN ADVANCE OF EACH GAME OR TOURNAMENT WEEKEND.
- SECTION 1C: THE PRESIDENT SHALL ENSURE THE BWYAA MAINTAINS OUR DOMAIN REGISTRATION WITH WEBSITE PROVIDER.
- SECTION 1D: A PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MAY BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND IS TO REPORT BACK TO THE PRESIDENT AND/OR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF ANY INFRACTION OF THE LEAGUE BY-LAWS AND RULES. THE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MUST MEET THE VOTING ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THE ADVISOR NOT HOLD A COACHING POSITION OR OTHER ADVISOR STATUS.

- SECTION 1E: THE PRESIDENT SHALL ENSURE THERE IS EXECUTIVE BOARD COVERAGE (2 MEMBERS) DURING ALL LEAGUE GAMES AND TOURNAMENT PLAY.
- SECTION 1F: THE PRESIDENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS WITH BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS, THE VILLAGE OF SUNBURY COUNCIL AND PARKS AND RECS ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT OR BUSINESS WITH WHOM A STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIP IS NECESSARY.
- SECTION 2: THE SENIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL ACT AS AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT, AND SHALL IN THE DESIGNATING ORDER, PERFORM DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE ABSENCE OR INABILITY OF THE PRESIDENT TO SERVE.
- SECTION 2A: THE SENIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT TO HAVE ALL DUTIES OF THE SENIOR DIVISION.
- SECTION 2B: THE SENIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL ATTEND THE SENIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AND FACILITATE TROPHY PRESENTATIONS.
- SECTION 2C: THE SENIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL ENSURE ALL FOOTBALL GEAR IS DISTRIBUTED AND RETURNED IN GOOD CONDITION. THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH THE HEAD COACHES FROM WITHIN THE DIVISION AS WELL AS THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE.
- SECTION 2D: THE SENIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL ENSURE ALL TEAMS WITHIN THEIR DIVISION ADHERE TO THE SAFETY STANDARDS AND FORMATIONS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE COACH'S HANDBOOK.
- SECTION 3: THE JUNIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT TO HAVE ALL DUTIES OF THE JUNIOR DIVISION.
- SECTION 3A: THE JUNIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT IN THE ABSENCE OR INABILITY OF THE SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT TO SERVE.
- SECTION 3B: THE JUNIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL ATTEND THE JUNIOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AND FACILITATE TROPHY PRESENTATION.
- SECTION 3C: THE JUNIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL ENSURE ALL FOOTBALL GEAR IS DISTRIBUTED AND RETURNED IN GOOD CONDITION. THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH THE HEAD COACHES FROM WITHIN THE DIVISION AS WELL AS THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE.
- SECTION 3D: THE JUNIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL ENSURE ALL TEAMS WITHIN THEIR DIVISION ADHERE TO THE SAFETY STANDARDS AND FORMATIONS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE COACH'S HANDBOOK.
- SECTION 4: THE RECORDER SHALL RECORD THE MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS, KEEP AN ACCURATE RECORD OF ALL MINUTES AND SHALL RECORD AND TYPE THE RULES AND BY-LAWS.
- SECTION 4A: THE RECORDER SHALL MAINTAIN THE MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE LISTS OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE RECORDER SHALL TYPE ANY RELATED REPORTS, LETTERS AND CORRESPONDENCE AS NECESSARY FOR THE LEAGUE.
- SECTION 4B: THE RECORDER SHALL READ THE ATTENDANCE LIST FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S LEAGUE MEETING AT THE START OF THE MONTHLY LEAGUE MEETING.
- SECTION 4C: THE RECORDER SHALL VALIDATE AND MAINTAIN A COPY OF EACH COACH'S NAYS MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE. THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL BE KEPT FOR FOUR YEARS.
- SECTION 4D: THE RECORDER SHALL VALIDATE AND MAINTAIN A COPY OF EACH COACH'S CONCUSSION CERTIFICATION. THIS CERTIFICATE SHALL BE KEPT FOR FOUR YEARS.

- SECTION 5: THE TREASURER SHALL RECEIVE ALL MONIES OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND SHALL KEEP AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, AND SHALL PAY OUR FUNDS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE ASSOCIATION. THE TREASURER SHALL PRESENT A FINANCIAL STATEMENT AT EVERY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION AND AT OTHER TIMES WHEN REQUESTED BY THE ASSOCIATION. THE TREASURER MAY APPOINT AN AIDE TO ASSIST IN ANY CAPACITY WITH THE TREASURER ACCOUNT WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD'S APPROVAL.
- SECTION 5A: THE TREASURER ACCOUNTS SHALL BE EXAMINED BY THE AUDITOR, OF AN AUDITING COMMITTEE OF NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) MEMBERS, WHO, IF SATISFIED THAT THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT IS CORRECT, SHALL SIGN A STATEMENT OF THE FACT, AT THE END OF THE REPORT.
- SECTION 5B: THE TREASURER SHALL FILE FORM 990 WITH THE IRS ON A YEARLY BASIS.
- SECTION 5C: THE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RECORDS AND STATEMENTS FOR SEVEN (7) YEARS.
- SECTION 5D: DURING THE MONTHLY LEAGUE MEETING, AS PART OF THE OFFICER REPORT, THE TREASURER SHALL STATE THE START AND END BALANCE OF THE LEAGUE'S CHECKING ACCOUNT AND PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF THE DEBITS AND CREDITS FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH.
- SECTION 5D: THE TREASURER SHALL WORK WITH THE CONCESSION MANAGER TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE START OF GAME DAY, SHALL ENSURE OUR REFEREES AND ANNOUNCER IS PAID DURING LEAGUE ACTIVITY, AND MAKE BANK DEPOSITS FOLLOWING OUR EVENT.
- SECTION 6: THE TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE SHALL SIT AS MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS MAY BE DELEGATED TO THEM, AND THOSE OUTLINED IN THESE BY-LAWS.
- SECTION 7: ALL OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES-AT-LARGE SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES PRESCRIBED IN THE PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY IN THE ADDITION TO THOSE OUTLINED IN THESE BY-LAWS, AND THOSE ASSIGNED TO THEM FROM TIME TO TIME; SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE ALL OFFICIAL MATERIAL OF THEIR OFFICE FOR REVIEW BY ANY MEMBER, WHEN REQUEST IS MADE FOR SUCH REVIEW, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION, OR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, DELIVER TO THEIR SUCCESSORS ALL OFFICIAL MATERIAL WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED.
- SECTION 8: THE HEAD CHEERLEADER ADVISOR SHALL OVERSEE ALL CHEERLEADING SQUADS AND SEE THAT EACH TEAM HAS A COACH.
- SECTION 9: ASSISTANT CHEERLEADER ADVISOR WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE HEAD CHEER ADVISOR AND WILL FILL-IN FOR THE HEAD CHEERLEADER ADVISOR, IF NECESSARY.
- SECTION 10: DURING ANY LEAGUE-SANCTIONED OCCURRENCE (INCLUDING OUTSIDE TOURNAMENTS) AT LEAST ONE BWYAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER IS REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT. THE SENIOR RANKING MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT THAT EVENT SHALL INVESTIGATE ANY ISSUES BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION THAT MAY VIOLATE OUR LEAGUE BY-LAWS OR RULES. IF NECESSARY, THAT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER WILL CONTACT THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION (SENIOR OR JUNIOR) AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE. IF IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED AND THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PRESENT SHALL ACT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PLAYERS AND THE LEAGUE.

## **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

- SECTION 1: REGULAR LEAGUE MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD EVERY MONTH, JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER. THE JANUARY MEETING BEING THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS. THE FEBRUARY MEETING BEING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEXT YEAR. THE LEAGUE WILL DELAY START TIMES FOR THE AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, AND OCTOBER MEETINGS UNTIL 8:00PM OR 8:30PM THROUGH THE FOOTBALL SEASON. THE NORMAL STARTING TIME WILL BE 7:00PM DURING THE OFF SEASON.
- SECTION 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, WITH DUE NOTICE GIVEN.
- SECTION 3: A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANY MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE PRIVILEGE OF HOLDING OFFICE, INTRODUCING MOTIONS, DEBATING, AND VOTING SHALL BE LIMITED TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT AND VALID.
- SECTION 4: ALL REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

**ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

SECTION 1: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL SERVE UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED.

SECTION 2: ANY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL BE HELD WHEN CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT OR BY THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. A MAJORITY PRESENT SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANY BUSINESS IN ANY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

**ARTICLE VII: STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

SECTION 1: SUCH STANDING COMMITTEE SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND CARRY ON THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION. STANDING COMMITTEES SHOULD CONSIST OF, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES: 1) FINANCE COMMITTEE, 2) RULES COMMITTEE, 3) REGISTRATION COMMITTEE, 4) EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE AND 5) AUDIT COMMITTEE.

SECTION 2: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES SHALL BE SELECTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND THEIR TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE TO PRESENT A PLAN OF WORK TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR THEIR APPROVAL. NO COMMITTEE WORK SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

SECTION 3: THE PRESIDENT SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO FORM A SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE. SINCE A SPECIAL COMMITTEE IS CREATED AND APPOINTED FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE, IT AUTOMATICALLY GOES OUT OF EXISTENCE WHEN ITS WORK IS DONE AND A FINAL REPORT IS GIVEN.

SECTION 4: THE RULES COMMITTEE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED DURING THE JANUARY MEETING AND CONSIST OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SENIOR AND JUNIOR DIVISION LEAGUE MEMBERS, WITH THE ASSIGNED TRUSTEE BEING THE CHAIRPERSON.

SECTION 4A: THE RULES COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH THE RULES OF THE GAME, AS APPROVED BY THE LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP, ELIGIBILITY OF ALL PLAYERS, WITH INTERPRETATIONS OF THE LEAGUE RULES, PROPOSE CHANGES IN THE LEAGUE BY-LAWS AND RESOLVE DISPUTES REGARDING RULES OF THE GAME.

SECTION 4B: THE RULES COMMITTEE SHALL ADDRESS MODIFICATIONS TO THE BWYAA RULES SECTION ONLY. IN ORDER TO VOTE AS A MEMBER OF THE RULES COMMITTEE, PARTICIPANTS MUST ATTEND HALF OR THE MAJORITY OF THE MEETINGS HELD. A MINIMUM OF TWO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD.

SECTION 4C: THE RULES COMMITTEE CAN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MODIFY BWYAA BY-LAWS BUT MUST FOLLOW THE AMENDMENT PROCESS.

SECTION 5: THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED DURING THE JANUARY MEETING AND CONSIST OF THE PRESIDENT, SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT, JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT AND TREASURER WITH THE PRESIDENT BEING CHAIR. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SHALL, AS SOON AS THE REQUIREMENTS ARE KNOWN FROM THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE, SET ABOUT PROCURING THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS COMMITTEE BE AT LEAST THREE (3) MEMBERS IN SIZE, TWO (2) SHOULD BE COACHES, AND ONE (1) BOARD MEMBER.

SECTION 5A: THE FINANCE COMMITTEE SHALL PRESENT THE BEST TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASE, PRIOR TO ACTUAL COMMITMENT. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE A RIGHT TO PURCHASE ANY FIELD EQUIPMENT ITEMS AND/OR ACCESSORIES UP TO \$100.00 WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, BUT THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE EXPENDITURE.

SECTION 6: THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED DURING THE FEBRUARY LEAGUE MEETING AND CONSIST OF AT LEAST THREE TRUSTEES WITH ONE BEING DESIGNATED CHAIR. THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH REGISTRATION DATES AND TIMES TO REGISTER PARTICIPANTS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON. THIS WILL INCLUDE DEVELOPING AN OVERALL COMMUNICATION STRATEGY WITH THE PUBLIC AND LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, PRINTING THE MARKETING MATERIAL AND IDENTIFYING VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF ANY WALK-IN REGISTRATION AT THE LION'S BUILDING.

SECTION 6A: THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE SHALL INCORPORATE THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S CONCUSSION FACT SHEET IN TO ALL HANDOUTS FOR ON-LINE AND WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS. THIS FORM IS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.HEALTHYOHIOPROGRAM.ORG](http://WWW.HEALTHYOHIOPROGRAM.ORG).

SECTION 7: THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED DURING THE FEBRUARY LEAGUE MEETING AND CONSIST OF AT LEAST THREE TRUSTEES WITH ONE BEING DESIGNATED CHAIR. THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE SHALL IDENTIFY AND CATALOG THE EQUIPMENT NEEDS FOR THE FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE CONCESSION STAND. A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THIS ACTIVITY IN ADDITION TO A COMPLETE WALK-THROUGH OF THE EQUIPMENT USED TO DELIVER CONCESSION PRODUCTS TO OUR PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS.

SECTION 7A: THE EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH THE EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION AND RETURN SCHEDULE AND ENSURE THAT IT IS ADEQUATELY STAFFED THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.

SECTION 8: THE AUDIT COMMITTEE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT LEAST TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING. THE TREASURER MUST BE PRESENT FOR THE AUDIT, BUT NOT AN AUDITING COMMITTEE MEMBER. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE SHALL, AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, REVIEW THE TREASURER ACCOUNTS AND NOTES TO VERIFY ALL EXPENDITURES ARE PROPERLY ACCOUNTED.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY**

SECTION 1: ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER REVISED SHALL GOVERN THIS ASSOCIATION IN ALL CASES WHICH THEY ARE APPLICABLE, AND IN WHICH THEY ARE NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE BY-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

#### **ARTICLE IX: FOOTBALL AND CHEER COACHES**

SECTION 1: ALL COACHES WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE MAJORITY VOTE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND MUST BE A PAID MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION. ALL ASSISTANT COACHES MUST ALSO BE A PAID MEMBER AND HAVE A CURRENT BACKGROUND CHECK ON FILE.

SECTION 1A: ALL POTENTIAL COACHES MUST ATTEND THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS DURING THE REGULAR FOOTBALL SEASON TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COACH IN THE UPCOMING SEASON. THE REGULAR FOOTBALL SEASON IS DESIGNATED AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER OF THE SAME CALENDAR YEAR.

SECTION 1B: ALL POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR OPEN COACHING POSITIONS MUST HAVE THEIR APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE LEAGUE BY THE END OF JUNE. ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED AND THE SELECTED CANDIDATES WILL BE INTRODUCED NO LATER THAN THE LEAGUE MEETING IN JULY. ANY COACHING POSITION THAT COMES AVAILABLE AFTER THIS TIME FRAME SHALL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE NEXT AVAILABLE LEAGUE MEETING AND CANDIDATES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND APPOINTED PRIOR TO THE LEAGUE DRAFT. IF A SUITABLE CANDIDATE IS NOT AVAILABLE, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL SEEK OUT A SUITABLE CANDIDATE FROM THE LEAGUE.

SECTION 2: IF AT ANY TIME A HEAD COACH POSITION BECOMES AVAILABLE, ANY COACH WITH SENIORITY WILL BE CONSIDERED. IF NO COACH ACCEPTS THE OPENING, ANY SUITABLE CANDIDATE CAN BE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. A VOLUNTEER APPLICATION, BACKGROUND CHECK AND NAYS MEMBERSHIP ARE STILL REQUIRED WHEN A COACH APPOINTMENT IS MADE.

SECTION 2A: ANY NEW COACH SHALL MEET WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO GO OVER THE RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION AND MUST ATTEND THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS AFTER BEING APPOINTED AND ALL LEAGUE MEETINGS DURING THE REGULAR SEASON.

SECTION 2B: ASSISTANT COACHES WILL NEED BOARD APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE DRAFT.

SECTION 3: THE HEAD COACH AND ALL NAMED ASSISTANTS MUST COMPLETE THE CDC CONCUSSION AWARENESS TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS (NFSH.ORG). A COPY MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE LEAGUE RECORDER FOR VERIFICATION. THIS INFORMATION CAN ALSO BE VERIFIED ON-LINE. THE BWYAA RECOMMENDS ANY NON-COACH ASSISTANTS COMPLETE THIS COURSE AS WELL.

#### **ARTICLE X: LEAGUE EXPANSION / CONTRACTION**



SECTION 1: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM TIME-TO-TIME, WHEN APPROVED BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE LEAGUE MEMBERS PRESENT, AT A DULY NOTED REGULAR MEETING, MAY ELECT TO EXPAND AND INCLUDE TEAMS OR PLAYERS FROM OUTSIDE THE AUTHORIZED BORDERS OF THE BWYAA.

SECTION 2: IF AFTER THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE LEAGUE SIGN-UPS, THERE IS AN AVERAGE OF FEWER THAN FIFTEEN (15) PLAYERS PER TEAM AVAILABLE IN RETURNING PLAYERS AND THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAFT, THEN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE LEAGUE SHOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TEAMS OR CONSIDER OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO IMPROVE THE BALANCE OF THE LEAGUE.

**ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1: THE CONSTITUTION AND LEAGUE BY-LAWS, FROM TIME-TO-TIME, MAY BE AMENDED; HOWEVER, EACH AMENDMENT OR SET OF AMENDMENTS MUST FIRST BE PRESENTED IN WRITING TO THE PRESIDENT. AMENDMENTS MUST BE DISCUSSED AT LEAST THREE (3) MEETINGS, AND THEN VOTED-IN BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT.

**ARTICLE XII: REMOVAL OF OFFICERS AND APPOINTED PERSONS**

SECTION 1: IT MAY BE NECESSARY AND/OR DESIRABLE BY THE BODY TO REMOVE OFFICERS OR APPOINTED PERSONS OF THE ASSOCIATION. THE PROCEDURE FOR DOING SO IS OUTLINED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1A: TO REMOVE ANY OFFICER OR APPOINTED PERSON(S) OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MUST CALL A SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE REASON.

SECTION 1B: AT THIS MEETING, THE PERSON(S) DESIRING TO HAVE A REMOVAL MUST BRIEFLY STATE THEIR REASONS FOR DESIRING THE REMOVAL OF AN OFFICER OR APPOINTED PERSON OF THE ASSOCIATION. ANY MEMBER DESIRING TO SPEAK AGAINST THE REMOVAL SHALL BE PERMITTED TO DO SO.

SECTION 1C: THE SOLE QUESTION POSED SHALL BE, "SHALL (NAME OF OFFICER OR APPOINTED PERSON) BE REMOVED?"

SECTION 1D: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESENT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE QUESTION AND THE MAJORITY VOTE SHALL DECIDE THE QUESTION.

SECTION 1E: IF THE OFFICER OR APPOINTED PERSON IS REMOVED, AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING, THE FLOOR SHALL BE OPENED FOR NOMINATIONS TO REPLACE THAT OFFICER OR APPOINTED PERSON.

SECTION 1F: WHEN A PERSON IS REMOVED FROM AN OFFICE OR APPOINTED POSITION, THEY CANNOT RETURN TO THE POSITION. MEMBERSHIP MAY ALSO BE REVOKED IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

SECTION 1G: FROM ONE SEASON TO THE NEXT, IF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD FEELS THAT THE REPUTATION OF A SPECIFIC TEAM AND THE LEAGUE HAS BEEN DIMINISHED DUE TO THE ACTIONS OF A COACH OR ASSISTANTS, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL REVIEW AND MAKE A DETERMINATION WHETHER THAT PERSON SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO COACH DURING THE NEXT SEASON. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ALLOWED TO COACH, SOME CONDITIONS MAY BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE FOLLOWING TERM.

**ARTICLE XIII: SENIOR AND JUNIOR DIVISION SEASON TEAM DRAFT**

SECTION 1: EACH DIVISION WILL START WITH THE HIGHEST GRADE SCHOOL CLASS: SENIOR DIVISION 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS, JUNIOR DIVISION 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS.

SECTION 1A: THE DRAFT ORDER WILL BE DECIDED BY THE PREVIOUS YEAR FINISH IN THE REGULAR SEASON LEAGUE STANDINGS FROM LAST PLACE FINISH TO THE REGULAR SEASON LEAGUE CHAMPION. THE TEAM IN LAST PLACE WILL BE FIRST IN THE DRAFT ORDER FOR EACH GRADE CLASS FOR EACH ROUND OF THE DRAFT.

SECTION 1B: EACH TEAM WILL PICK IN THIS ORDER UNTIL IT REACHES THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS PER CLASS. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS PER CLASS IS THE AVERAGE OF ALL PLAYERS IN THAT CLASS (BOTH RETURNING AND DRAFT) DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF TEAMS WITHIN THAT DIVISION.

SECTION 1C: AS EACH TEAM REACHES ITS MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS, IT DROPS OUT OF THE ORDER AND WILL NOT DRAFT AGAIN UNTIL THE DRAFT HAS PICKED ALL CANDIDATES FROM THAT GRADE CLASS.

- SECTION 1D: A TEAM MAY NOT USE ITS DRAFT PICK TO SELECT OUTSIDE OF A PLAYER'S SCHOOL GRADE.
- SECTION 1E: A TEAM MAY NOT PASS ON A DRAFT PICK.
- SECTION 1F: ONCE THE DRAFT IS COMPLETE, THE LEAGUE WILL MAINTAIN THE DRAFT ORDER FOR ALL GRADES. LATE SIGN UPS WILL BE ADDED TO TEAMS BASED ON THEIR TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAYERS AND ASSOCIATED GRADE. THE DRAFT ORDER WILL BE USED AS A GUIDE; HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT, SENIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT, AND JUNIOR DIVISION VICE-PRESIDENT WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION. PARENT REQUESTS WILL NOT BE HONORED.
- SECTION 1G: ANY NEW PARTICIPANT IN THE LEAGUE WHO HAS A SIBLING ALREADY PARTICIPATING ON A TEAM IN THE SAME DIVISION SHALL BE PLACED ON THE SAME TEAM AS THE SIBLING. ALL OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PLACED IN THE DRAFT.
- SECTION 1H: ANY NEW PARTICIPANT WHO HAS A SIBLING IN THE LEAGUE CAN REQUEST TO BE PUT INTO THE DRAFT INSTEAD OF BEING PRE-ASSIGNED TO A TEAM.
- SECTION 1I: ANY NEW PARTICIPANT WHO HAS NO FAMILY MEMBER IN THE LEAGUE WILL ENTER THE DRAFT.
- SECTION 1J: ALL NEW TACKLE FOOTBALL PARTICIPANTS OR RETURNING PARTICIPANTS WHO ELECT TO ENTER THE DRAFT MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE TWO AVAILABLE SKILLS ASSESSMENT DAYS.
- SECTION 1K: ANY PARTICIPANT REQUIRED TO ATTEND A SKILLS ASSESSMENT DAY THAT DOES NOT WILL BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO A TEAM AFTER THE DRAFT IS COMPLETE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 1L: ANY PARTICIPANTS THAT SIGN UP AFTER THE BWYAA DRAFT AND BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF BWYAA CONDITIONING WEEK WILL BE ASSIGNED TO TEAMS ON THE LAST DAY OF CONDITIONING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

## **RULES**

### **ARTICLE I: COACHES AND ASSISTANTS**

- SECTION 1: EACH HEAD COACH OR ASSISTANT COACH MUST ATTEND THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING THE SEASON OF JULY THROUGH NOVEMBER.
- SECTION 1A: THE PENALTY FOR MISSING TWO (2) MEETINGS IN SUCCESSION BY THE HEAD COACH WILL BE TO EXECUTIVELY REPLACE THE HEAD COACH, UNLESS THE COACH COMES TO THE THIRD MEETING AND PRESENTS THEIR REASON, AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ACCEPTS THE REASON.
- SECTION 2: HEAD COACHES WILL HAVE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES EACH WEEK.
- SECTION 2A: FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN THE HEAD COACH OF THE VIOLATING TEAM TO BE SUSPENDED FROM ATTENDING THE FOLLOWING GAME. THE HEAD COACH WILL NOT BE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD BUT CAN OBSERVE THE GAME FROM THE STANDS ONLY.
- SECTION 3: IF A HEAD COACH MISSES THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE PRACTICES THEY WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TO STATE THEIR REASON(S), AND MAY FACE POSSIBLE REPRIMANDS OR DISMISSAL BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 4: IT IS THE HEAD COACH'S RESPONSIBILITY TO APPOINT A TEAM MOTHER(S) OR FATHER(S).
- SECTION 5: EACH HEAD COACH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETURN OF ALL LEAGUE EQUIPMENT BEFORE THE DECEMBER MEETING. FOR THOSE ITEMS NOT RETURNED, A PENALTY OF \$100 WILL BE ASSESSED TO THE PARTICIPANT.
- SECTION 6: ONLY THE HEAD COACH AND THREE (3) ASSISTANTS ARE PERMITTED ON THE SIDELINES DURING THE GAMES. ONE (1) WARNING WILL BE GIVEN PER GAME, FOLLOWED BY A 10 YARD PENALTY.
- SECTION 7: ONLY THE HEAD COACH'S CHILDREN WILL BE FREE FROM THE DRAFT, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 8: EACH HEAD COACH AND ASSISTANT MUST ATTEND A YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM IN PERSON OR ONLINE THROUGH THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH SPORTS (NAYS) OR OTHER SIMILAR ASSOCIATION APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 8A: THE YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM IS A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL HEAD COACHES AND FIRST ASSISTANTS AND IS PAID FOR BY THE COACH.
- SECTION 8B: UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE HEAD COACH MUST SHOW THE MEMBERSHIP CARD TO THE LEAGUE RECORDER FOR VERIFICATION.
- SECTION 9: LANYARDS WILL BE WORN BY THE HEAD COACH AND HIS OR HER ASSISTANTS WHILE ON THE SIDELINE. THE LANYARD WILL INCLUDE A PHOTO AND NAYS MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS(WHERE APPLICABLE). A MAXIMUM OF FOUR (4) COACHES ARE PERMITTED ON THE SIDELINE DURING THE GAME.
- SECTION 10: THE ANNOUNCER BOOTH IS RESTRICTED TO THE ANNOUNCER AND BOARD MEMBERS ONLY. EXCEPTIONS MAY BE GRANTED BUT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 11: THE VISITING TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING A CHAIN CREW FOR EACH GAME.

### **ARTICLE II: VIOLATION OF RULES BY A HEAD COACH AND/OR STAFF**

- SECTION 1: THE SCOPE OF THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES AND SECTIONS, IF VIOLATED, ARE PUNISHABLE OFFENSES.
- SECTION 2: PENALTIES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 2A: FIRST VIOLATION: REPRIMAND IN WRITING OR VERBALLY TO BE DOCUMENTED IN WRITING OR DISMISSAL FROM LEAGUE.
- SECTION 2B: SECOND VIOLATION: SUSPENSION OF NEXT GAME OR DISMISSAL FROM LEAGUE.
- SECTION 2C: THIRD VIOLATION: DISMISSAL FROM LEAGUE

**ARTICLE III: PARTICIPATION AND CONDUCT FOR ALL**

- SECTION 1: ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A FILE WITH THE ASSOCIATION TO INCLUDE A SIGNED PERMISSION FORM, CURRENT PHYSICAL FORM, AND A COPY OF A BIRTH CERTIFICATE. THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE IS NECESSARY TO CONFIRM A PARTICIPANTS AGE WHEN FIRST ENTERING THE BYWAA PROGRAM.
- SECTION 1A: ALL FORMS MUST BE ON FILE BY FIRST DAY OF CONDITIONING CAMP.
- SECTION 1B: ALL REGISTRATION FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN WAIVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. ANY AND ALL DELINQUENT MONIES OR PROPERTY MUST BE PAID IN FULL OR TURNED IN, PRIOR TO FUTURE PARTICIPATION, UNLESS PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 2: ALL PLAYERS SHALL HAVE FOUR (4) CONSECUTIVE CONDITIONING DAYS BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO MAKE CONTACT.
- SECTION 3: THERE WILL BE NO IMPROPER OR UNSPORTSMAN-LIKE LANGUAGE, CONDUCT, OR ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE COACHES, OFFICIALS, SPECTATORS OR PLAYERS IN THE PROCESS OF CONDUCTING THE CONTESTS, PRE-GAME ACTIVITIES, OR AT PRACTICE SESSIONS. ALL COACHES AND LEAGUE MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERSTANDING THE LEAGUE BY-LAWS AND RULES. PENALTIES ARE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND CAN BE DELIVERED IN ANY COMBINATION OR ORDER.
- SECTION 3A: OFFICIALS CAN REMOVE ANY SPECTATOR, PLAYER, PARENT OR COACH AT THEIR DISCRETION; PENALTIES FOR IMPROPER OR UNSPORTSMAN-LIKE CONDUCT CAN ALSO BE ASSESSED.
- SECTION 3B: FIRST OFFENSE: WARNING / REPRIMAND IN WRITING.
- SECTION 3C: SECOND OFFENSE: HAVE PERSON REMOVED FROM FIELD BY POLICE. A WARNING / REPRIMAND WILL BE MAILED.
- SECTION 3D: THIRD OFFENSE: OFFENDER COULD BE REMOVED FROM TEAM, AND OR RESTRICTED FROM FIELD.
- SECTION 3E: NO TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, OR ILLEGAL DRUGS OF ANY KIND ON THE FIELD, DURING PRACTICES, AND / OR GAMES.
- SECTION 4: ALL PLAYERS MUST WEAR APPROVED GEAR PROVIDED BY THE LEAGUE AT ALL TIMES WHILE ENGAGED IN PLAY, INCLUDING PRACTICE SESSIONS. APPROVED GEAR INCLUDES A HELMET, NECK BRACE (OPTIONAL), HIP PADS, FOOTBALL PANTS WITH PROPER KNEE AND THIGH PADS, ATHLETIC SUPPORTER, AND A MOUTH GUARD. PLAYERS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN CONTACT WITHOUT PROPER ATTIRE.
- SECTION 5: ALL JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISION ACTIVE PLAYERS ON A TEAM ROSTER SHALL PLAY A MINIMUM OF TWELVE (12) MINUTES EACH GAME, AND SHALL HAVE A STARTING POSITION.
- SECTION 5A: ANY PLAYER MISSING PRACTICE WITHOUT LEGITIMATE EXPLANATION (AT THE HEAD COACH'S DISCRETION) WILL NOT PLAY IN THE NEXT GAME. ANY FLAGRANT MISUSE OF THIS RULE SHALL BE DEALT WITH BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 6: COACHES AND/OR PARENTS WILL NOT ENGAGE IN ANY EXTENSIVE PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE PLAYERS (I.E., PARTICIPATES IN ANY SCRIMMAGE).
- SECTION 6A: NO COACH OR PARENT WILL PHYSICALLY DISCIPLINE A PLAYER WHILE ENGAGED IN A BWYAA EVENT.
- SECTION 7: ARGUING WITH THE OFFICIAL'S DECISION(S) WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. QUESTIONING OF RULINGS IS PERMITTED BY HEAD COACH ONLY.
- SECTION 8: NO PARENTS OR RELATIVES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD OR THE TEAM BENCH. THIS RULE IS TO BE ENFORCED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 9: IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION, AFTER CONDITIONING, AND ONCE SCHOOL STARTS, NO TEAM WILL PRACTICE MORE THAN TWO (2) TIMES PER SCHOOL WEEK FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR (4) HOURS PER SCHOOL WEEK. PRIOR TO THE FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON, TEAMS MAY ADD AN ADDITIONAL TWO (2) HOUR PRACTICE TO SATURDAY OR SUNDAY. ONCE SCHOOL STARTS TEAMS MUST RETURN TO (2) PRACTICE TIMES PER SCHOOL WEEK FOR A TOTAL OF FOUR (4) HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 10: IN THE SENIOR DIVISION, TEAMS MAY CALL AN OPTIONAL CONDITIONING PRACTICE (HELMETS ONLY).  
CONDITIONING PRACTICE CAN NOT EXCEED ONE HOUR TOTAL ~~AND~~ THIRTY MINUTES OF THAT SHOULD BE CONDITIONING.
- SECTION 10A: NO PLAYER WILL BE PENALIZED FOR MISSING THIS OPTIONAL PRACTICE.

SECTION 10B: IF ANY MEMBER OF THE COACHING STAFF VIOLATES THE TIME OR CONDITIONS OF THIS OPTIONAL PRACTICE THE HEAD COACH WILL BE DISMISSED FROM HIS OR HER POSITION.

SECTION 11: ALL SIGNED MEDICAL FORMS WILL BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE COACHES DURING ALL GAMES AND / OR PRACTICES. A COPY OF THE FORMS WILL ALSO BE KEPT ON THE FIELD ON GAME DAYS AT THE CONCESSION STAND.

#### **ARTICLE IV: LEAGUE STRUCTURE**

SECTION 1: THE FRESHMEN FLAG DIVISION WILL BE FOR PLAYERS MEETING AGE REQUIREMENTS OF MINIMUM FOUR (4) YEARS OF AGE AND NO MORE THAN SIX (6) YEARS OF AGE AS OF JULY 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR AND ENROLLED IN PRESCHOOL OR KINDERGARTEN FOR THE CURRENT SEASON.

SECTION 2: THE SOPHOMORE FLAG DIVISION WILL BE FOR PLAYERS MEETING AGE REQUIREMENTS OF MINIMUM FIVE (5) YEARS OF AGE AND NO MORE THAN SEVEN (7) YEARS OF AGE AS OF JULY 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR AND ENROLLED IN 1ST OR 2ND GRADE FOR THE CURRENT SEASON.

SECTION 3: THE JUNIOR FLAG DIVISION WILL BE FOR PLAYERS MEETING AGE REQUIREMENTS OF MINIMUM SEVEN (7) YEARS OF AGE AND NO MORE THAN NINE (9) YEARS OF AGE AS OF JULY 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR AND ENROLLED IN 3RD OR 4TH GRADE FOR THE CURRENT SEASON.

SECTION 4: THE JUNIOR TACKLE DIVISION WILL BE FOR PLAYERS MEETING AGE REQUIREMENTS OF MINIMUM SEVEN (7) YEARS OF AGE AND NO MORE THAN NINE (9) YEARS OF AGE AS OF JULY 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR AND ENROLLED IN 3RD OR 4TH GRADE FOR THE CURRENT SEASON.

SECTION 5: THE SENIOR DIVISION WILL BE FOR PLAYERS MEETING AGE REQUIREMENTS OF MINIMUM TEN (10) YEARS OF AGE AND NO MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS OF AGE AS OF JULY 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR AND ENROLLED IN 5TH OR 6TH GRADE FOR THE CURRENT SEASON.

SECTION 6: SEVENTH GRADERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PLAY IN THE BWYAA PROGRAM.

SECTION 7A: THERE SHALL BE A LEAGUE OFFICER PRESENT AT ALL WEIGH-INS. ALL PLAYERS WILL BE WEIGHED BY THE LEAGUE'S OFFICERS. THIS WEIGHT IS THE OFFICIAL WEIGHT USED FOR THE LEAGUE RULES IN SECTIONS 1 AND 2.

SECTION 7B: ANY QUESTIONS ARISING ABOUT AGE OR WEIGHT VARIANCES, REGARDING THE SAME, SHALL BE CONSIDERED, AND AGREED UPON BY THE LEAGUE OFFICERS.

SECTION 7C: ALL PLAYERS MUST BE WEIGHED-IN BY BWYAA SCALES BEFORE THE TEAMS FIRST SCHEDULED CONDITIONING, UNLESS THEY ARE A LATE SIGN UP. ALL LATE SIGN UPS MUST BE WEIGHED THE DAY OF THEIR SIGN UP BY BWYAA SCALES ONLY. BWYAA SCALES ARE THE LAW. OFFICIAL WEIGHT FOR THE SEASON WILL BE RECORDED ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE BWYAA CONDITIONING CAMP. ANY PLAYER MISSING BWYAA CONDITIONING CAMP WILL IS MARKED WITH AN "X", UNLESS ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE PRIOR TO WEIGH-IN.

SECTION 8: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD HAS FINAL DECISION FOR ALL PLAYER PLACEMENTS AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

SECTION 9: IF THE BOARD APPROVES A PARTICIPANT TO PLAY IN A LOWER DIVISION THAN WHAT HIS OR HER AGE OR GRADE DETERMINES, "X" PLAYER RULES APPLY.

#### **ARTICLE V: EQUIPMENT**

SECTION 2: FOOTBALL UNIFORMS, INCLUDING HELMET, SHALL BE FURNISHED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COACHES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE FINAL GAME, OR AT A LATER DATE SPECIFIED BY A COACH. SHOES AND ATHLETIC SUPPORTERS ARE NOT PROVIDED. ALL BWYAA EQUIPMENT MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE CURRENT YEAR OR A LATE FEE OF \$100 WILL BE ASSESSED TO THE PARTICIPANT.

SECTION 3: THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR TEAMS CAN PLAY IN TENNIS SHOES OR RUBBER MOLDED CLEATS ONLY. NO METAL OR SCREW IN CLEATS ALLOWED.

SECTION 4: MOUTH GUARDS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE HELMET.

SECTION 5: LEAGUE ISSUED UNIFORMS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE LEAGUE AND ARE THE ONLY APPROVED UNIFORM AND COLORS FOR GAME DAY. CHANGING THE UNIFORMS WITHOUT THE LEAGUE APPROVAL WILL RESULT IN THE FORFIET OF THE GAMES PLAYED IN UNAUTHORIZED UNIFORMS.

**ARTICLE VI: SCHEDULES AND RULES**

- SECTION 1: EACH TEAM MUST COMPLETE THE SCHEDULE OF LEAGUE GAMES.
- SECTION 2: WHEN A TEAM IS USING A BORROWED PLAYER, "X" RULES APPLY TO HIM OR HER.
- SECTION 3: PENALTIES ASSESSED WILL BE FIVE (5), TEN (10) AND FIFTEEN (15) YARDS ONLY.
- SECTION 4: EACH TEAM WILL BE GIVEN TWO (2) TIME-OUTS PER HALF. THE TIME-OUTS WILL HAVE DURATION OF TWO (2) MINUTES EACH TIME-OUT.
- SECTION 5: BOTH DIVISIONS WILL HAVE FOUR (4) EIGHT (8) MINUTE QUARTERS AND ONE EIGHT (8) MINUTE INTERMISSION BETWEEN HALVES.
- SECTION 5A: IF A TEAM IS WINNING BY TWENTY-FOUR (24) POINTS, A CONTINUOUS CLOCK WILL BE RUN UNTIL THE END OF THE GAME OR THE TWENTY-FOUR (24) POINT LEAD HAS BEEN CLOSED.
- SECTION 6: ON POINT AFTER TOUCHDOWN, THE BALL CAN BE PLACED ON THE THREE (3) OR FIVE (5) YARDLINE. A RUN OR PASS FROM THE THREE (3) YARDLINE IS WORTH ONE (1) POINT WHILE A RUN OR PASS FROM THE FIVE (5) YARD LINE IS WORTH TWO (2) POINTS. ALL KICKS WILL BE PLACED ON THE THREE (3) YARDLINE AND ARE WORTH ONE (1) POINT.
- SECTION 6A: IN CASE OF A FIELD GOAL OR KICK PLAY AFTER TOUCHDOWN, THE DEFENSE WILL NOT RUSH. IF THERE IS A BAD SNAP FROM CENTER, NO ONE MAY RETRIEVE THE BALL FOR THE HOLDER AND THE HOLDER MAY NOT LEAVE HIS KNEE. IF THE BAD SNAP IS NOT RECOVERABLE IT WILL BE CONSIDERED AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT.
- SECTION 6B: A FIELD GOAL IS WORTH THREE (3) POINTS.
- SECTION 6C: A KICKING BLOCK MAY BE USED FOR A FIELD GOAL OR KICK PLAY.
- SECTION 6D: A FAKE FIELD GOAL OR FAKE KICK PLAY IS NOT PERMITTED AND WILL RESULT IN A LOSS OF DOWNS.
- SECTION 6E: ON EXTRA POINT FIELD GOALS AND FIELD GOALS A DEFENSIVE PLAYER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HIT THE CENTER WHILE IN THE SNAPPING POSITION. "X" PLAYERS ARE ALLOWED KICK THE BALL FOR THAT SOLE PURPOSE ONLY.
- SECTION 7: NEITHER DIVISION WILL UTILIZE A KICK-OFF AT THE START OF THE GAME, OR AFTER A SCORE. THE BALL WILL BE PLACED ON THE TWENTY (20) YARD LINE AND PLAY WILL BEGIN FROM THAT POINT.
- SECTION 8: A FUMBLE MAY BE ADVANCED BY ANY PLAYER IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISIONS.
- SECTION 9: THE OFFICIAL LEAGUE FOOTBALL WILL BE FURNISHED BY THE BWYAA.
- SECTION 10: THE OFFICIAL FOOTBALL RULES AS PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, AND SUCH CHANGES AUTHORIZED BY THESE RULES, SHALL GOVERN ALL GAMES. A COPY OF SUCH RULE BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW.
- SECTION 11: THE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED BY THE LEAGUE, AS INTERPRETED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE.
- SECTION 12: NEITHER SENIOR DIVISION NOR JUNIOR DIVISION PLAYERS CAN HIT THE CENTER DURING THE CENTER / QUARTERBACK EXCHANGE. FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CENTER, DIRECT CONTACT IS NOT PERMITTED UNTIL HE HAS RETURNED TO A DEFENSIVE STANCE.
- SECTION 13: ALL COACHES AND PLAYERS WILL STAY INSIDE THE SIDELINES WHICH ARE MARKED FROM THE TWENTY (20) YARD LINE TO THE TWENTY (20) YARD LINE AND FOUR (4) FEET FROM SIDELINE. IF TWO (2) WARNINGS ARE GIVEN BY THE OFFICIALS, A FIVE (5) YARD PENALTY WILL BE IMPOSED.
- SECTION 14: NO JUNIOR DIVISION PLAYER CAN HAVE PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH A SENIOR DIVISION PLAYER, OR VICE-VERSA.
- SECTION 15: THERE WILL BE NO COACHING DURING AN INJURY TIME OUT. THE PLAYERS ON BOTH TEAMS WILL TAKE A KNEE AND WAIT FOR PLAY TO CONTINUE.
- SECTION 16: PLAY-OFF SEEDING SHALL BE DECIDED BY THE REGULAR SEASON RECORD. TIES WILL BE DECIDED BY HEAD TO HEAD PLAY, THEN LEAST POINTS SCORED AGAINST THE DEFENSE DURING THE SEASON AND FINALLY A COIN TOSS.

- SECTION 17: ANY PLAYER PENALIZED FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT WILL BE REMOVED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE DOWN.
- SECTION 18: IN THE EVENT OF A TIE DURING THE REGULAR SEASON, ONE ABBREVIATED OVERTIME IS AUTHORIZED.
- SECTION 18A: NO TIMEOUTS ARE GIVEN TO EITHER TEAM. EACH TEAM IS PROVIDED TWO (2) MINUTES PRIOR TO THEIR OFFENSIVE SERIES TO ORGANIZE THEIR TEAM FOR PLAY.
- SECTION 18B: THE AWAY TEAM WILL START OVERTIME ON OFFENSE.
- SECTION 18C: THE PLAYCLOCK WILL BE ENFORCED AS PER DIVISION RULES.
- SECTION 18D: EACH TEAM WILL START AT THE TEN (10) YARD LINE AND HAVE FOUR (4) DOWNS TO SCORE.
- SECTION 18E: ABBREVIATED OVERTIME WILL END IN A TIE IF NEITHER TEAM SCORES.

#### **SENIOR DIVISION**

- SECTION 19: SENIOR DIVISION COACHES WILL COACH FROM THE SIDELINE AND USE RUNNERS, WRIST BANDS OR WHITE BOARDS TO CALL IN PLAYS TO THE TEAM ON THE FIELD. SENIOR DIVISION COACHES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE FIELD UNLESS A TIME OUT IS CALLED.
- SECTION 19A: THE BALL CARRIER TO WEIGH NO MORE THAN 130.0 POUNDS. ANY PLAYER WEIGHING 130.1 POUNDS OR MORE MUST BE MARKED WITH A SINGLE "X".
- SECTION 19B: EACH TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED ONLY THREE (3) PLAYERS MARKED "X" ON THE FIELD AT ONE TIME, UNLESS NEEDED TO MAKE A COMPLETE TEAM. "X" PLAYERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LINE UP SIDE-BY-SIDE OR STACKED ON OFFENSE OR DEFENSE.
- SECTION 19C: SINGLE "X" PLAYERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO PLAY IN THE CENTER, GUARD OR TACKLE POSITIONS ON OFFENSE.
- SECTION 19D: SINGLE "X" PLAYERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO PLAY IN THE NOSE, TACKLE AND INSIDE LB POSITION ON DEFENSE AND MAY NOT LINE UP OUTSIDE OF THE "C" GAP; IN THE CASE OF NO TIGHT END YOU MUST LINEUP INSIDE OF THE OFFENSIVE TACKLE
- SECTION 19E: "X" PLAYERS CAN ADVANCE THE BALL ONLY WHEN STARTING FROM A DEFENSIVE POSITION AND PICKS UP A FUMBLE OR MAKES AN INTERCEPTION. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE LATERALS FROM ANOTHER PLAYER, IN THIS CASE THE BALL WE BE CALLED DEAD.
- SECTION 19F: A TWENTY-FIVE (25) SECOND PLAY CLOCK FOR THE SENIOR DIVISION WILL BE ENFORCED. THE TIMER BEGINS ONCE THE BALL IS PLACED BY THE OFFICIAL.
- SECTION 19G: SENIOR DIVISION CAN TAKE THE TWENTY-FIVE (25) YARD PUNT OPTION, OR TAKE AN UNCONTESTED PUNT WITH A FAIR CATCH, OR GO FOR IT ON 4TH DOWN. THE TWENTY-FIVE (25) YARDS WILL BE MARKED FROM THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE, AND WILL NOT EXCEED THE FIVE (5) YARD LINE. THE COACH MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICIAL BEFORE THE TEAM BREAKS FROM THE HUDDLE TO SELECT THE 25 YARD OPTION. IF THE PUNT OPTION IS SELECTED, TWELVE (12) SECONDS WILL BE RUN OFF THE CLOCK.
- SECTION 19H: BLITZING MAY OCCUR FROM THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE OUTSIDE OF THE GUARD. A BLITZ THROUGH THE A GAP MUST START THREE (3) YARDS FROM THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE. THE BLITZING DEFENDER MUST NOT BE WITHIN THREE (3) YARDS OF THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE BEFORE THE BALL IS SNAPPED.

#### **JUNIOR DIVISION**

- SECTION 20: JUNIOR DIVISION COACHES WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE FIELD FOR THE ENTIRE GAME, ONE DURING OFFENSE, AND ONE DURING DEFENSE.
- SECTION 20A: NO COACHING IS PERMITTED BY THE COACH ON THE FIELD AFTER THE OFFENSIVE HUDDLE BREAKS UNTIL THE PLAY IS OVER. THIS INCLUDES AUDIBLE CALLS OR VISUAL SIGNALS INTENDED TO MOVE PLAYERS IN TO NEW POSITIONS BASED ON HOW THE OPPOSING TEAM HAS ESTABLISHED THEIR FORMATION.
- SECTION 20B: THE COACH MUST REMAIN FIVE (5) YARDS BEHIND THEIR DEEPEST PLAYER OR A MINIMUM OF FIFTEEN (15) YARDS BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE (WHICHEVER IS GREATER).
- SECTION 20C: A VIOLATION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC FIRST DOWN.

- SECTION 20D: THE BALL CARRIER TO WEIGH NO MORE THAN 100.0 POUNDS. ANY PLAYER WEIGHING 100.1 POUNDS OR MORE MUST BE MARKED WITH A SINGLE "X".
- SECTION 20E: EACH TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED ONLY THREE (3) PLAYERS MARKED "X" ON THE FIELD AT ONE TIME, UNLESS NEEDED TO MAKE A COMPLETE TEAM. "X" PLAYERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LINE UP SIDE-BY-SIDE OR STACKED ON OFFENSE OR DEFENSE.
- SECTION 20F: SINGLE "X" PLAYERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO PLAY IN THE CENTER, GUARD OR TACKLE POSITIONS ON OFFENSE.
- SECTION 20G: SINGLE "X" PLAYERS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO PLAY IN THE TACKLE AND INSIDE LB POSITION ON DEFENSE AND MAY NOT LINE UP OUTSIDE OF THE "C" GAP; IN THE CASE OF NO TIGHT END YOU MUST LINEUP INSIDE OF THE OFFENSIVE TACKLE.
- SECTION 20H: "X" PLAYERS CAN ADVANCE THE BALL ONLY WHEN STARTING FROM A DEFENSIVE POSITION AND PICKS UP A FUMBLE OR MAKES AN INTERCEPTION. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE LATERALS FROM ANOTHER PLAYER, IN THIS CASE THE BALL WILL BE CALLED DEAD.
- SECTION 20I: STUNTING BY THE DEFENSE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION. IF STUNTING IS USED, THE PLAYER WILL BE WARNED ONCE AND THEREAFTER BE ASSESSED A FIVE (5) YARD PENALTY. STUNTING IS DEFINED AS ANY TIME ONE PLAYER REPLACES ANOTHER'S POSITION AFTER THE BALL IS SNAPPED (LOOPING, ZONE BLITZING, ETC.).
- SECTION 20J: JUNIOR DIVISION MUST TAKE THE TWENTY-FIVE (25) YARD PUNT OPTION, OR GO FOR IT ON 4TH DOWN. THE TWENTY-FIVE (25) YARDS WILL BE MARKED FROM THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE, AND WILL NOT EXCEED THE TEN (10) YARD LINE. THE COACH MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICIAL BEFORE THE TEAM BREAKS FROM THE HUDDLE TO SELECT THE TWENTY-FIVE (25) YARD OPTION. IF THE PUNT OPTION IS SELECTED, TWELVE (12) SECONDS WILL BE RUN OFF THE PLAY CLOCK.
- SECTION 20K: THE JUNIOR DIVISION WILL USE NO LESS THAN A FOUR (4) MAN LINE DEFENSE AND NO MORE THAN SIX (6). THERE WILL BE ONE (1) YARD BETWEEN THE FRONT LINE AND THE LINEBACKERS, AND AT LEAST ONE (1) YARD BETWEEN THE LINEBACKERS AND THE SAFETIES. ALL INTERIOR LINEMAN (TACKLE-TO-TACKLE) MUST BE IN A DOWN POSITION ON OFFENSE AND DEFENSE.
- SECTION 20L: JUNIOR DIVISION PLAYERS ON DEFENSE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LINE UP HEAD TO HEAD OVER THE OFFENSIVE CENTER OR IN THE "A" GAP. THIS IS TO PREVENT LEAPING OVER THE CENTER OR THROUGH THE GAP TRYING TO GRAB THE QUARTERBACK. THE DEFENSIVE PLAYER CAN BE HEAD TO HEAD OVER THE GUARDS.
- SECTION 20M: A THIRTY-FIVE (35) SECOND PLAY CLOCK WILL BE ENFORCED FOR THE JUNIOR DIVISION. THE TIMER BEGINS ONCE THE BALL IS PLACED BY THE OFFICIAL.



## **FLAG CADETTES, HIGH STEPPERS, AND CHEERLEADING RULES**

### **ARTICLE I: PARTICIPATION AND CONDUCT FOR ALL**

THIS SECTION IDENTIFIES RULES SPECIFIC TO THE OPERATION OF THE FLAG CADETTES, HIGH STEPPERS AND CHEERLEADING PROGRAM. IT IS NOTED THAT THE COACHES WITHIN THIS DIVISION ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERSTANDING AND ADHERING TO THE RULES AND BY-LAWS GOVERNED BY THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT.

- SECTION 1: ALL FLAG CADETTES, HIGH STEPPERS, AND CHEERLEADERS ARE GOVERNED BY THE RULES AND BY-LAWS OF THE BWYAA LEAGUE.
- SECTION 2: ALL HEAD COACHES MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE. IF THE HEAD COACH IS UNABLE TO MAKE PRACTICE, SOMEONE EIGHTEEN (18) OR OLDER MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE.
- SECTION 3: ALL FLAG CADETTES, HIGH STEPPERS, AND CHEERLEADERS MUST HAVE A SIGNED FORM ON FILE WITH BWYAA AND FEES PAID BY SIGN UP.
- SECTION 4: THERE SHALL BE NO IMPROPER OR UNSPORTSMAN-LIKE LANGUAGE, CONDUCT, OR ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE HEAD COACH OR CHEERLEADERS IN THE PROCESS OF PERFORMING AT GAMES, PRE-GAMES, AND PRACTICE SESSIONS.
- SECTION 4A: THE HEAD COACH SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE OF THEIR FLAG CADETTES, HIGH STEPPERS, AND CHEERLEADERS DURING GAMES, PRE-GAMES, AND PRACTICE SESSIONS.
- SECTION 4B: ANY INFRACTION OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN A WRITTEN WARNING FIRST; THE SECOND OF THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL, WHEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND NOTIFICATION OF THE PARENTS.
- SECTION 5: THE HEAD COACH SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING ALL POM-POMS AND PROPS USED BY THE SQUAD TO THE CONCESSION STAND FOLLOWING EACH GAME OR THEY MUST PAY FOR THEM IF LOST OR RUINED. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE UNIFORMS. UNIFORMS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.
- SECTION 6: DURING GAME-TIME AND HALF-TIME PERFORMANCES, NO ONE IS ALLOWED ON THE PLAYING FIELD OR PERFORMANCE AREA OF THE FLAG CADETTES, HIGH STEPPERS OR CHEERLEADERS UNLESS REQUESTED BY THE HEAD COACH.
- SECTION 7: ANY APPLICANT FOUR (4) YEARS OF AGE BY JULY 1ST OF CURRENT YEAR MAY PARTICIPATE AS A FLAG CADETTE.
- SECTION 8: ANY APPLICANT IN KINDERGARTEN DURING THE CURRENT FOOTBALL SEASON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO PERFORM AS A HIGH STEPPER, SUBJECT TO ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH BY THE HEAD CHEERLEADER ADVISOR AND THE BWYAA. ALL AGES AND GRADES ARE AS OF JULY 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
- SECTION 9: THESE RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE HEAD CHEERLEADER ADVISOR FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.
- SECTION 10: ANY APPLICANT IN THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD GRADE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR JUNIOR CHEERLEADER AND ANY FOURTH, FIFTH, OR SIXTH GRADE APPLICANTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SENIOR CHEERLEADER AND ARE SUBJECT TO ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS SET FORTH BY THE HEAD CHEERLEADER ADVISOR AND THE BWYAA. ALL AGES / GRADES ARE AS OF JULY 1ST OF THE CURRENT YEAR.
- SECTION 11: THESE RULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE HEAD CHEERLEADER ADVISOR FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.
- SECTION 12: EACH PARTICIPANT MUST ATTEND PRACTICES CALLED BY THE HEAD COACH OR HAVE A LEGITIMATE EXCUSE FROM THE PARENT. ANY PLAYER MISSING WITHOUT A LEGITIMATE EXCUSE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PERFORM AT THE HEAD COACH'S DISCRETION. EACH PARTICIPANT MUST STAY AT THE SCHEDULED PRACTICE UNTIL SHE IS EXCUSED BY THE COACH OR PICKED UP BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN.
- SECTION 13: PARENT OF EACH FLAG CADETTE, HIGH STEPPER, AND CHEERLEADER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM ALL SCHEDULED GAMES AND PRACTICES.
- SECTION 14: FLAG CADETTES, HIGH STEPPERS, AND CHEERLEADERS MUST BE ATTIRED IN PROPER UNIFORMS AS SET FORTH BY THE HEAD CHEER ADVISOR.
- SECTION 14A: PARENTS SHALL PROVIDE THE NEEDED UNIFORMS OR ACTIVITY PROPS, UNLESS AT SUCH TIME THE BWYAA IS ABLE TO PROVIDE PART OR ALL OF THE UNIFORMS OR PROPS. THEY MUST BE RETURNED IF PROVIDED BY THE BWYAA.

- SECTION 15: THERE WILL BE A PARTICIPATION FEE FOR UNIFORMS (EXCLUDING SHOES, SWEATSHIRT, AND ACCESSORIES) FOR EACH APPLICANT TO BE PAID FOR BY THE PARENT. ONLY MONEY FOR UNIFORMS IS TO BE COLLECTED. UNIFORMS ARE TO BE KEPT BY THE LEAGUE FOR AT LEAST THREE (3) YEARS. ALL CHANGES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE HEAD CHEER ADVISOR AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 16: THE FLAG CADETTES AND HIGH STEPPERS SHALL BE SQUADS ELIGIBLE TO PERFORM ROUTINES TO MUSIC AT SUPERBOWL HALFTIME.
- SECTION 17: NO MASCOTS ARE ALLOWED.
- SECTION 18: ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING PRACTICES OR PRICE(S) OF UNIFORM SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 19: THERE WILL BE AN INFORMATIONAL CHEER CLINIC THAT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL HEAD COACHES AND ASSISTANTS.
- SECTION 20: EACH HEAD COACH MUST ATTEND A VOLUNTEER YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM ANNUALLY IN PERSON OR ONLINE THROUGH NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS COACHES ASSOCIATION (NYSCA) OR OTHER SIMILAR ASSOCIATIONS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.
- SECTION 21: EACH CHEER ADVISOR SHALL ATTEND THE MANDATORY CHEER MEETINGS DESIGNATED BY THE HEAD CHEER ADVISOR.

## **FLAG FOOTBALL RULES**

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