

TSYFL (Tri-State Youth Football League) Bylaws

Article I: Name and Purpose

1. Name: The name of this organization shall be the “Tri-State Youth Football League” (TSYFL), hereinafter referred to as the “League.”
2. Purpose: The purpose of the TSYFL is to provide youth football opportunities for boys and girls in the local community, fostering teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship through organized football competition.

Article II: Membership

1. Eligibility: Membership in the League shall be by invite only to youth football teams in the TN area, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in these bylaws.
2. Team Registration: Each team must register with the League prior to the start of the season. Registration includes payment of all fees and completion of required paperwork.

Member Responsibilities:

- Follow all League rules, including those related to conduct, player eligibility, and game operations.
- Provide accurate and timely rosters, as well as player eligibility verification.
- Attend League meetings and actively participate in League events and activities.
 - **Disciplinary Actions:** Teams or members who violate League rules may be subject to disciplinary actions, including suspensions, or removal from the League, depending on the severity of the infraction.

Article III: Governance

1. Board of Directors: The League shall be governed by a Board of Directors (Board), consisting of no fewer than 5 and no more than 9 members. Board members will be elected every odd and even year starting in 2028 by the League membership. even year board positions to be elected: League President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Odd year positions to be elected: Executive President, Vice President.
2. Rules Committee: The League Presidents shall appoint one individual from their league to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will consist of four leagues every third year.

3. Duties of the Officers:

- **President:** The President shall preside over all meetings, represent the League in official matters, and ensure that League activities are in compliance with these bylaws.
- **Vice President:** The Vice President shall assist the President and act as President in the President's absence.
- **Secretary:** The Secretary shall maintain records of all meetings, League communications, and ensure proper notice of meetings is given.
- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall manage the finances of the League, prepare financial reports, and ensure financial stability.

Article IV: Teams and Divisions

1. **Age Divisions:** Teams will be classified into different age divisions based on age limits set forth by the League. Players must meet the minimum and maximum age requirements for their division.
2. **Team Eligibility:** Each team must field a roster of players within the guidelines established by the League. Teams must also have a qualified coach and sufficient adult supervision at all events.
3. **Player Eligibility:** Players must meet the League's eligibility requirements, including age, residency, and academic requirements. Each player must sign a waiver of liability before participating in any League activities.

Article V: League Meetings and Voting

1. **Meetings:** Regular League meetings shall be held February and June each year before and after the season. Special meetings may be called by the Executive President or upon request of at least 50% of the Board.
2. **Quorum:** A quorum for conducting business at any meeting shall consist of a majority of the Board members present.
3. **Voting:** Each member of the Board shall have one vote. Decisions are passed by a majority vote of those present, unless otherwise specified.

Article VI: Finances

1. Revenue: The League shall generate revenue through registration fees, sponsorships, fundraising activities, and other lawful means.
2. Budget: The Treasurer shall prepare and present an annual budget for approval by the Board. The budget shall reflect all anticipated income and expenses for the upcoming season.
3. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the League shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.

Article VII: Rules of Play

1. Game Rules: All games will be played according to the official TSYFL Rules of football, with modifications as necessary to accommodate the age and skill level of players. Any rules not verified in the TSYFL Rule Book
2. Coaching Standards: Coaches must complete a mandatory concussion certification. All coaches must undergo background checks (Individual Leagues Responsibility).
3. Game Officials: All games shall be officiated by certified referees. The League shall provide TSYFL Rule Books to the Head of Officials for officials to ensure consistency and fairness in the application of the rules.

Article VIII: Safety and Sportsmanship

1. Player Safety: The League will implement strict safety protocols, including mandatory equipment inspections, injury prevention programs, and adherence to concussion protocols.
2. Code of Conduct: All members, coaches, players, and parents must adhere to the League's Code of Conduct, which promotes respect, integrity, and good sportsmanship. Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.
3. Parent/Guardian Responsibility: Parents/guardians are encouraged to be positive supporters of the League. Any disruptive behavior by parents/guardians may result in suspension or removal from League activities.

Article IX: Amendments

1. Proposals for Amendments: Any proposed amendment to these bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Board at least 30 days prior to a meeting.
2. Approval of Amendments: Amendments to these bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the Board members present at the meeting.

Article X: Dissolution

1. Dissolution of the League: In the event that the League must be dissolved, the Board will make all reasonable efforts to settle any outstanding debts and obligations. Any remaining assets will be donated to a local youth sports organization or charity as decided by the Board.

These bylaws are designed to provide a foundation for the smooth operation of the TSYFL. Adjustments can be made to suit the specific needs and goals of the League.