

BREVARD COUNTY YOUTH FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS 2009

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1 NAME

1.1 The organization shall be known as the Brevard County Youth Football and Cheerleading Association (BCYFCA).

2 OBJECTIVE

2.1 The specific and primary purpose of the BCYFCA is to organize the orderly participation of the

various BCYFCA member organizations in league play and cheer competition.

2.2 The general purposes for which this organization is formed are:

2.2.1 To foster appreciation of athletic competition among the youth of Brevard County, Florida, and adjacent communities by establishing and improving competitive sports programs.

2.2.2 To teach good sportsmanship.

2.2.3 To nurture the ideals held in high esteem in the athletic community, including general participation of youth in sports as only one facet of the development and well being of an individual.

2.3 The BCYFCA is operated exclusively for the benefit of the youth of the member organizations and adjacent communities and for other non-profit purposes, and no part of any net earnings shall

inure to the benefit of any member, director, or officer.

3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1 General

3.1.1 The BCYFCA Board of Directors (BOD) will consist of an Administrative Branch and an Executive Branch .

3.1.2 The BCYFCA BOD will govern all league matters. All decisions will be made by majority vote by the Executive and Administrative Branch.

*****Proposed All decisions made by the BCYFCA BOD will be considered either executive issues or administrative issues.**

3.1.2.1 Decisions on executive issues will be made by a majority vote of the Executive Branch of the BOD.

3.1.2.2 Executive issues consist of the following topics:

A. Annual regular season schedule

b. Annual Jamboree Schedule

c. Disciplinary issues, including suspensions, and any appeals of disciplinary actions/including suspension administrative branch will vote on the issues.

d. Election of the Administrative Branch of the BOD(see 3.2.2)

e. Admission of the new leagues as a member of organizations of BCYFCA (see6,7)

3.1.2.3 Decisions on administrative issues will be made by a majority vote of the BOD.

3.1.2.4 Administrative issues consists of all other topics that are not executive divisions, ad defined above, (all money and contract issues act)

3.1.3 In the event of a vacancy of the presidency, the Vice-President of Football will assume the

responsibilities of the President until an election meeting of the BOD is held to elect a

president from
the Board of Directors. The newly elected
President will serve for the remainder of that term.

3.1.4 Other vacancies in the Administrative Branch of the BOD will be filled by
Presidential appointment subjects to approval at the next BOD meeting. The newly appointed
officer(s) will hold office for the remainder of that term.

3.2 Administrative Branch

3.2.1 The Administrative Branch of the BCYFCA BOD will consist of a President, Vice-
President of Football, Vice-President of Cheer, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations
Officer.

*****Add North and South Football and Cheer Agents.**

3.2.2 Each officer on the Administrative Branch of the BCYFCA BOD will be elected by the
Executive Branch during the last BOD meeting in December, and will serve a two-year term.

3.2.2.1 Anyone interested in becoming a nominee for a position on the Administrative
Branch of the
BCYFCA BOD shall be present for nominations and on Election Day. Any nominee that is
not

present for elections shall have their nomination considered null and void.

3.2.2.2 Nominees for BCYFCA President must have been President of a member organization
at least

one full year prior to being nominated for the BCYFCA

President position. The BCYFCA President cannot be an active/current President of a member
organization.

3.2.3 The responsibility of the Administrative Branch will be to:

3.2.3.1 Manage the day-to-day activities of the BCYFCA.

3.2.3.2 Make decisions on behalf of the BCYFCA in all matters that do not require a vote of
the
Executive Branch.

3.2.3.3 Enforce the rules and regulations of the association in accordance with the By-Laws
and
applicable sports rules and regulations.

3.2.3.4 Administer disciplinary actions on behalf of the BCYFCA BOD against its member
organization's players, coaches, board members or spectators, as applicable.

3.2.3.5 Administrative Board will have voting rights on all issues. 1 vote per member. Higher
seat's vote supersedes the lower seat vote when an individual holds two seats, excluding the
County President when tie requires vote.

****Proposed 3.2.3.5 Administrative Board will have voting rights on BOD issues. 1 vote per
member. Higher seat's vote supersedes the lower seat vote when an individual holds two
seats, excluding the County President when tie requires vote.**

3.2.4 The Administrative Branch of the BCYFCA BOD will adhere to and enforce all by-laws
set
further. Any member organization that fails to adhere to any and BOD by-laws will be subject
to a noncompliance

fee of \$25.00 for the first infraction, \$50.00 for the second infraction, and \$100.00 for
each additional infraction. Until the member organization has paid BOD non-compliance
fees, the

member organization's voting privileges will be suspended.

3.3 Executive Branch

3.3.1 The Executive Branch of the BCYFCA BOD will consist of the highest elected official
of each member organization, North and South Area Tackle Agents, North and South Area
Cheer Agents, and North and South Area Flag Agents.

****remove North and South Area Tackle Agents, North and South Area Cheer Agents, and
Flag Agent.**

3.3.2 Each member of the Executive Branch will have one vote in BOD matters brought
before the
BCYFCA BOD.

3.3.3 The responsibilities of the Executive Branch of the BCYFCA BOD will be to enforce the current BCYFCA by-laws and to vote whenever the by-laws require, or whenever an exception to the by-laws or the sports rules and regulations is being considered.

Duties of Officers

3.4 General

3.4.1 It is the responsibility of BOD officers to attend BOD board meetings and BCYFCA functions. If an officer cannot attend a Board Meeting or BCYFCA function it is their responsibility to send a representative in their place.

3.4.2 Any member organization that is not represented at regular communicated BCYFCA BOD meetings by their highest-ranking official, or designated representative, will be subject to a nonparticipation fee of \$25 for the first missed meeting, \$50 for the second missed meeting, and \$100

for each subsequent missed meeting for the remainder of the season. Until the member organization has paid BOD non-participation fees, the member organization's voting privileges are suspended.

3.4.3 Any member of the BCYFCA BOD that misses three meetings or BCYFCA functions without being excused or sending a representative in their place BOD be removed from the BCYFCA BOD

except as noted in 3.4.2

3.4.4 Additional penalties for member organizations that continually fail to attend regularly scheduled BCYFCA BOD meetings may include forfeiture of regular season home games, jamborees, and post-season games.

3.3.1.4 It is the responsibility of BOD officers to act in accordance with the BCYFCA guidelines and to demonstrate professionalism and good sportsmanship at all BCYFCA sanctioned events.

3.3.2 President

3.3.2.1 The BCYFCA President will conduct the affairs of the BCYFCA and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.

3.3.2.2 The BCYFCA President will assure the conduct of the BCYFCA member organizations is in

strict conformity to these by-laws.

3.3.2.3 The BCYFCA President will designate those persons authorized to purchase and execute contracts on behalf of the BCYFCA.

3.3.2.4 The BCYFCA President will investigate irregularities and conditions detrimental to the BCYFCA and its objectives, and to report these irregularities or conditions to the Board of Directors at

the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors, or earlier, as the circumstances warrant.

3.3.2.5 The BCYFCA President will establish a calendar of events and schedule all major BCYFCA

activities, for tackle football, flag football and cheerleading.

3.3.2.6 The BCYFCA President will review certification schedules of all member organizations and validate compliance to the equipment certification requirements.

3.3.2.7 The BCYFCA President will coordinate, through the applicable Sports Officials Organization(s), a schedule of certified referees for all tackle football games.

3.3.2.8 The BCYFCA President will coordinate an annual meeting of the BCYFCA member organization's tackle football coaches to present changes to the High School Football Rules.

3.3.2.9 Appoint all necessary committees.

3.3.3 Vice-President of Football

3.3.3.1 In case of the absence of the President, the BCYFCA Vice-President of Football will perform the duties of the President.

3.3.3.2 The BCYFCA Vice-President of Football will assist the President in the conduct and affairs of the BCYFCA.

3.3.3.3 The BCYFCA Vice-President of Football will be an ex-officio member for all committees.

3.3.3.4 Vote on all issues brought before the BCYFCA. Higher seat prevails. If a separate League/Organization Presidential seat is held, then that vote will take the place of a vote of the County

Vice President of Football Position.

3.3.4 Vice-President of Cheer

3.3.4.1 Responsible for coordinating monthly meetings with the Cheer Agents from each member organization.

3.3.4.2 Responsible for coordinating and organizing the BCYFCA Cheer competition.

3.3.4.3 Attend and supervise the verifications at the annual cheerleading competition for each division.

3.3.4.4 The BCYFCA Vice-President of Cheer will be an ex-officio member for all committees.

3.3.4.5 Vote on all issues brought before the BCYFCA. Higher seat prevails. If a separate League/Organization Presidential seat is held, then that vote will take the place of a vote of the County

Vice President of Cheer Position.

3.3.5 Secretary

3.3.5.1 Record the activities of the BCYFCA, maintain appropriate files, mailing lists, and necessary records.

3.3.5.2 Maintain a directory of the BOD members and committee members.

3.3.5.3 Keep minutes of the BOD meetings, and make copies of the minutes available to BOD members.

3.3.5.4 Maintain active player s of all BCYFCA teams and make copies of the official s available to BOD members.

3.3.5.5 Maintain copies of proof of insurance of each member organization.

3.3.5.6 Maintain copies of each member organization's equipment certifications.

3.3.5.7 Maintain copies of each member organization's By-Laws and board s (with contact information) on file for the current season.

3.3.5.8 Notify all BCYFCA BOD members one-week prior of regular scheduled BOD meetings.

3.3.5.9 Vote on all issues brought before the BCYFCA. Higher seat prevails. If a Presidential seat is held, then that vote will take the place of a vote of the Secretary Position.

3.3.6 Treasurer

3.3.6.1 Receive and deposit all monies in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.

3.3.6.2 Deposit monies received within five (5) working days following receipt.

3.3.6.3 Keep records for billing, receipt and disbursement of all monies of BCYFCA by board approval for each sport and general fund.

3.3.6.4 File any and all City, State, and/or Federal Tax Statements in a timely manner. (Federal form 990 filed by May 15th)

3.3.6.5 Prepare and present a financial statement for each BCYFCA BOD meeting.

3.3.6.6 Maintain any and all receipt books and/or other financial documentation for the BCYFCA.

3.3.6.7 Vote on all issues brought before the BCYFCA. Higher seat prevails. If a Presidential seat is held, then that vote will take the place of a vote of the Treasurer Position.

3.3.7 Public Relations Officer

3.3.7.1 Maintain the official BCYFCA web site and ensure that all registration fees for the web site are paid.

3.3.7.2 Maintain a current regular season schedule and calendar of events posted on the BCYFCA web site including post-season playoff schedules and results, as necessary.

3.3.7.3 Update the BCYFCA web site with the win-loss results for each game played during the regular season and playoff games.

3.3.7.4 Submit league standings and weekly win-loss reports to local newspapers and radio stations.

3.3.7.5 Submit results of the annual cheerleading competition to local newspapers and radio stations.

3.3.7.6 Vote on all issues brought before the BCYFCA. Higher seat prevails. If a Presidential seat is held, then that vote will take the place of a vote

of the Public Relations Officer Position.

3.3.8 Area Tackle Directors

3.3.8.1 Maintain a list of all tackle football coaches (including telephone numbers) for their respective jurisdictions.

3.3.8.2 Supervise the annual player verifications.

3.3.8.3 Attend and supervise the player weigh-ins at the annual Super bowl competition for each division.

3.3.8.4 Resolve weekly weigh-in and disputes throughout the regular season and for postseason

games. A summary of all weigh-in and disputes must be reported to the BCYFCA BOD at the next regular scheduled BOD meeting.

3.3.8.5 Vote on all issues brought before the BCYFCA. Higher seat prevails. If a Presidential seat is held, then that vote will take the place of a vote of the Area Tackle Director Position.

3.3.9 Area Flag Directors

3.3.9.1 Maintain a list of all flag football coaches (including telephone numbers) for their respective jurisdictions.

3.3.9.2 Supervise the annual player verifications.

3.3.9.3 Attend and supervise the player verifications at the annual Super bowl competition.

3.3.9.4 Vote on all issues brought before the BCYFCA. Higher seat prevails. If a Presidential seat is

held, then that vote will take the place of a vote of the Area Flag Director Position.

3.3.10 Area Cheer Directors

3.3.10.1 Maintain a list of all cheerleading coaches (including telephone numbers) for their respective jurisdictions.

3.3.10.2 Supervise the annual player verifications.

3.3.10.3 Assist and validate the judge's scorecards and calculations at the annual cheerleading competition.

3.3.10.4 Vote on all issues brought before the BCYFCA. Higher seat prevails. If a Presidential seat is

held, then that vote will take the place of a vote of the Area Cheer Director Position.

3.3.10.5 Attend and supervise monthly Cheer Coordinator meetings.

4 BY LAWS

4.1 These by-laws shall govern, and when rules of order are not covered then it will revert to the

Robert's Rules of Order.

4.2 Amendments to the by-laws may be made at any regular meeting of the BCYFCA Board of Directors (BOD), provided the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previously

regular scheduled meeting.

****Proposed 4.2 Amendments to the by-laws may be made at any regular meeting of the BCYFCA Board of Directors (BOD), from Jan 1st thru July 1st provided amendments submitting in writing at previous meeting .**

4.3 Amendments to the by-laws must be approved by a two-thirds favorable vote of the BCYFCA Board.

****Proposed 4.3 Amendments to the by-laws must be approved by a two-thirds favorable vote of Executive Branch of the BCYFCA Board or Directors.**

5 FISCAL YEAR

5.1 For the purpose of reporting all assets of the BCYFCA, the fiscal year shall begin January 1, of each year and end December 31, of the same year.

6 MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Each member organization must provide, as a minimum, the following:

6.1.1 A safe, suitable playing field, 40 yards wide by 100 yards long, consisting of an 80-yard playing field and two 10-yard end zones.

6.1.2 Each field will have two goal posts, one at each end zone, a working scoreboard with a clock and lights for night games.

6.2 Each individual BCYFCA member organization, after meeting league requirements, is represented in the BCYFCA by their highest-ranking elected official.

6.3 All Member Organizations must remit their Annual Membership Fee by the August Verification meeting in order to be eligible for participation in any BCYFCA sponsored event.

6.4 Any organization wishing to become a BCYFCA member must present a written request to the BCYFCA President outlining their qualifications and agree to abide by the BCYFCA by-laws as described herein.

6.5 Petitions for membership must be accompanied by a certified check or money order made payable to the BCYFCA in the amount of \$100. Application fees are non-refundable if denied into the BCYFCA league.

6.6 The BCYFCA President, or BOD member(s) appointed by him, shall inspect the petitioning organization's facilities and report their findings to the BCYFCA BOD.

6.7 Acceptance of an applicant for membership requires a two-thirds favorable vote by the BCYFC BOD.

*****Proposed Acceptance of an applicant for membership requires a majority favorable vote by the BOD.**

6.8 Each Member Organization must be County or City sanctioned, if required by jurisdiction.

6.9 Each Member Organization must be incorporated by the State of Florida.

6.10 Any organization joining the BCYFCA will have a one-year probation.

7 STRUCTURE

7.1 BCYFCA member organizations will be grouped into North Area and South Area for all three sports.

7.1.1 The North Area: Suntree/Viera, Titusville, Port St. John, Merritt Island, and Rockledge.

7.1.2 The South Area: Bayside, Melbourne, South Beach, Palm Bay, West Melbourne, and Sebastian.

8 DUES AND FEES

8.1 Annual membership fees are determined by the BCYFCA Board of Directors at the first

official

board meeting of the fiscal year, and are due and payable prior to the August Verification meeting.

8.2 Member organizations that commit a team/squad to division play, and then withdraw the team/squad from league play or cheer competition will be subject to a \$250.00 cancellation penalty

for each team/squad removed.

8.3 All teams that do not notify the BCYFCA president and league president of the opposing team

within 48 hours that their field is not available will be subjected to a fine not to exceed \$250.00 for

the first and second offense. All other offenses will result in a disqualification by that league.

8.4 Any member organization team/squad that withdraws from league play or cheer competition

cannot re-enter league play or cheer competition for the remainder of the current season.

9 MEETINGS

9.1 The BCYFCA BOD will meet to elect the BOD officers for the upcoming term in December.

Newly elected officers will commence their two-year term at the next BOD meeting in January.

9.2 As a minimum, the BCYFCA BOD will meet monthly throughout the year. Additional meetings

may be called at the order of the BCYFCA President as determined by the Administrative Branch.

9.3 An annual Team Committal Meeting will be scheduled in August and may be included as part of

the agenda of a regularly scheduled BCYFCA BOD meeting.

9.4 An annual verification meeting will be scheduled after the team committal meeting and before the first official game of the regular season.

9.5 The BCYFCA BOD will meet to review the Sports Rules and Regulations in February and March.

9.6 A special meeting of the BCYFCA BOD may be called by petition of six (6) members of the

Executive Branch of the Board of Directors. Meetings shall be announced by publication and must

be made at least five working days prior to the scheduled meeting.

9.7 An appeals meeting of the BOD may be called by any member of the Executive Branch by

notifying the BCYFCA President with an explanation of the request. The BCYFCA President will

confer with the Administrative Branch of the BCYFCA BOD to determine if justification exists to

convene an appeals meeting of the BOD. The President is responsible for notifying the board member requesting the appeals meeting of the decision. If at all possible, resolution should be without convening an appeals meeting.

9.8 The BCYFCA President will schedule additional meetings as necessary.

****Proposed 9.9 Once a decision is made it is final till next season.**

10 COMMITTEES

10.1 The BCYFCA may have the following committees appointed by the president.

10.1.1 By-Laws Committee (the BOD shall serve in the absence of a committee)

10.1.2 Scheduling Committee(s)

10.1.3 Sports Guideline Committee (an independent committee may be assigned for each sport)

10.1.4 Rules Committee

10.1.5 Special Events Committee (Super bowl, Cheer Competition, All-Star Game, Annual Cheer

Camp, etc.)

10.1.6 Referee Committee

10.2 Each committee will consist of not less than four (4) members and must consist of at least two

(2) members of the Administrative Branch.

10.3 Committee chairpersons are to be designated by the BCYFCA President.

10.4 The members of these standing committees are responsible to the BCYFCA BOD for the activity and function of said committee.

10.5 The BCYFCA Vice-President of Football and Vice President of Cheer are ex-official member of all committees.

11 SCHEDULING

11.1 A committee comprised of the BCYFCA President, Vice-President of Football, and Area Tackle Football Agents will be responsible for creating the season schedule for tackle football. The

schedule must be submitted to the BOD no later than two weeks prior to the official opening game

date for review and approval.

11.2 A committee comprised of the BCYFCA President, Vice-President of Football, and Flag Football

Agents will be responsible for creating the season schedule for flag football. The schedule must be

submitted to the BOD no later than two weeks prior to the official opening game date for review and

approval.

11.3 Member organizations that have not paid their annual membership fee by the August Verification meeting will not be scheduled any games.

11.4 All games are to be played as scheduled unless otherwise postponed or rescheduled by agreement of the member organizations involved and with the approval of the BCYFCA President. If

the changes are made at least one week prior to the affected dates, the BCYFCA President will provide

a written revised schedule to the Executive Branch.

11.5 Every attempt will be made to avoid scheduling games during the regular season involving two

teams from the same city.

11.6 Any member club that cannot commit teams in a minimum of three (3) tackle divisions may not

be scheduled home games.

12 TEAMS AND SQUADS

12.1 Football teams will be divided into divisions based on player age and weight as defined in the

BCYFCA Tackle Football Rules and Regulations and the BCYFCA Flag Football Rules and Regulations.

12.2 Cheerleading squads will be divided into divisions based on age as defined in the BCYFCA

Cheerleading Rules and Regulations.

12.3 The BCYFCA BOD prior to the annual team committal meeting must approve requests for

BCYFCA member organizations to commit more than one team/squad in any one division.

13 MINIMUM PLAY RULE FOR FOOTBALL

13.1 Each BCYFCA member organization must establish a minimum play rule for the regular season.

The minimum play rule, and the penalty for failing to follow them, shall be written into the individual

member organization's By-Laws.

13.2 The minimum guidelines and penalties for member organizations to use when establishing their

minimum play rule are defined in the BCYFCA Tackle Football Rules and Regulations and in

the
BCYFCA Flag Football Rules and Regulations.

13.3 Each BCYFCA member organization will enforce their minimum play rule during the regular season.

13.4 The BCYFCA BOD will penalize failure of a member organization to establish and enforce the play rule throughout the regular season. Punishment may include, but is not limited to the forfeiture

of games played when play rules were not followed.

14 PLAYER/CHEER VERIFICATIONS AND WEIGH-INS

14.1 Player and cheer s will be verified at the annual verification meeting.

*****Proposed Player and cheer s will be verified at the annual verification meeting. Must be typed on official rooster at this meeting. Hand written names on Roosters are only accepted after the date of this meeting.**

14.2 During the regular season, and throughout post-season play and competitions, player s will be validated in accordance with the respective sports rules and regulations to determine eligibility.

14.3 Any attempt to falsify player s, cheer s, player cards, and/or birth certificates will result in immediate re-qualification of the team/squad, which will be reviewed by the Vice-Presidents of Football and/or Cheer. Any offense will also result in suspension of the head coach of the team/squad committing the offense. Punishment for offense:

1st offense: \$500.00 fine to organization; suspend coaches.

****1st offense: \$500.00 fine to organization; with suspending of coaches of up to 1 year on a case by case.**

2nd offense: \$500.00 fine to organization; Coach – 1 year ban from BCYFCA (not the remainder of the season or year, but 1 full year); Organization to be put on 1 year probation and possible county vote to ban association from BCYFCA.

14.4 The official's who can sign all player cards is President, Vice-President of Football, Vice-President of Cheer, Player Agent and Cheer Agent. If player cards are not verified the child will not play/cheer for up coming game.

****Proposed 14.4 The official's who can sign all player cards and s is President, Vice President of Football and Cheer, Player Agent, and Cheer Agent. If player cards and s are not verified the child will not play or cheer for the up coming game.**

15 ID CARDS

15.1 Each tackle football player, cheerleader, flag player, head coach, assistant coach, and team support are required to have a laminated BCYFCA identification card with a recent photo that will be provided by the individual leagues.

15.2 All player and cheer ID cards must be completed and certified by the BCYFCA member organization representative prior to the start of the regular season.

15.3 Certification of player and cheer ID cards is only given after age verification by an original birth certificate issued by a government agency or religious organization. A copy of the certification

is to be maintained by the BCYFCA member organization.

15.4 The laminated player and cheer ID cards are to be kept by the player/cheerleader 's head coach

along with a copy of the official and a copy of the birth certificate for use at weigh-ins and/or

verifications.

15.5 All player and cheer ID card information must match the official . Any incorrect information such as wrong jersey numbers or wrong player 's picture will be grounds for player ineligibility.

15.6 Any tampering with BCYFCA ID cards in an attempt to circumvent the spirit of this rule shall

result in immediate suspension of the coach and forfeiture of the game or games involved, or forfeiture of eligibility in the annual cheer competition.

15.7 Tackle football weight limits will be established and enforced in accordance with the age and

weight limits defined in the BCYFCA Tackle Football Rules and Regulations

16 PLAYER/CHEER REGISTRATIONS

16.1 All BCYFCA member organizations will hold registration for tackle and flag football teams and

cheer squads prior to verification of the official s at the annual verification meeting. Any registration after this time will be considered a late registration.

16.2 Late registrations must not have appeared on any BCYFCA for that year. Late registrations must be approved and certified by their Player Agent.

16.3 Absolutely no registrations will be accepted by the BCYFCA after the third week of the regularly

scheduled season. The only exception is 14 players on a team and need to add more tackle football

players; not to exceed more than 18 players.

17 OFFICIAL S

17.1 An official is a compilation of all tackle football players, cheerleaders, and flag players that meet all registration, late registration, ID card, Team/Division Age & Weight limits, and BCYFCA rules and by-law restrictions.

*****add Heavies need to be typed on rooster and noted at rooster verification.***

17.2 Official s must be certified at the annual verification meeting. Member organizations must have with them at the time of verification: a copy of the official with the player/cheerleader 's name on it as it appears on the birth certificate, the jersey number and a copy of

the original birth certificate.

17.3 The BCYFCA secretary will maintain the official of every member organization sponsored

team and squad. A copy of the official s will be distributed to the member organization presidents and to the North and South Area Sports Agents.

17.4 A copy of the official must be used at pre-game weigh-ins and ID verification of all players and/or cheerleaders. Any player or cheerleader not listed on the official is not allowed to participate in any game until said player or cheerleader is properly registered.

17.5 After the team/squad s have been officially verified, players may not move down to a lower

division. A player may, at any time, move up to a higher division, but once moved up, he/she cannot

be move back to a lower division.

17.6 The BCYFCA President, Vice-President or the applicable Area Sports Agent must verify changes

made to the official s. Players are eligible to participate in the next scheduled game provided the newly verified is filed with the county secretary **by MIDNIGHT on Wednesday prior to the next game.**

17.7 There will be no changes made to the official s after the registration deadline defined in Section 16.3.

17.8 Football players can only be on one official at a time. Football players must be on an official team/squad for **at least five games** to be eligible for post-season play.

17.9 Cheerleaders can only be on one official at a time. Cheerleaders must attend at least seven games to be eligible for the BCYFCA Cheer Competition.

*****Proposed removal of 17.8 and revise 17.9 to Cheerleaders can only be on one official at***

a time. Cheerleaders must attend and be verified in at least seven games. Cheerleaders can not miss more than 2 regular season games (see cheer bi-laws E-1 for exceptions) to be eligible for the BCYFCA competition. This is based on what is stated in the cheer rules/bi-laws.

18 VIOLATIONS

18.1 Any attempt to circumvent the spirit of the BCYFCA rules and by-laws shall be considered a violation.

18.2 Failure to have a certified along with ID cards for football players and cheerleaders will result in forfeiture of the game.

18.3 Suspected rule and by-law violations are to be reported to the BCYFCA President. The BCYFCA

President must report all rule and By-law violations to the BCYFCA BOD. When a rule violation by a

member club is reported to the BOD, the BOD will investigate the violation. If sufficient evidence is

found that a rule or by-law has been violated, the member club in violation will be notified by the

BOD President to take whatever action the BCYFCA BOD deems appropriate with respect to the

severity of the violation. The member organization will report whatever disciplinary action has been

taken to the BCYFCA BOD, in writing, within ten days. The BOD will review the action taken by the

member club to determine if the punishment was appropriate for the offense or if further action is

warranted.

18.4 Any violation will result in immediate suspension for the coach and forfeiture for the game or

games involved as determined by the BCYFCA BOD. See 18.6.

18.5 Any coach found playing ineligible or non- players will be permanently suspended and all games involved shall be forfeited. See 18.6.

18.6 Violations of any nature, unless specified elsewhere in these by-laws, may result in any of

the above and/or the following:

1st offense: \$500.00 fine to organization; suspend coaches.

2nd offense: \$500.00 fine to organization; Coach – 1 year ban from BCYFCA (not the remainder

of the season or year, but 1 full year); Organization to be put on 1 year probation and possible

county vote to ban association from BCYFCA.

18.7 There will be no Practices or camps prior to July 1st or after March 1st. No exceptions.

18.8 Any appeal to a violation must be made by the league President, league Vice-President or self.

19 CHAMPIONSHIPS

19.1 Conference Championships will be determined as defined in the BCYFCA Sports Rules and

Regulations.

19.2 Conference Championship Awards will be presented at the annual Super bowl and Cheerleading

Competition.

19.3 Conference Champions will receive a Conference Championship Trophy. The Super Bowl Champions will receive a Super Bowl Championship Trophy plus \$125.00.

***Add County Cheer Competition each division receiving 1st place will receive \$125.00. (Excluding mascots/ jr flag??)*

20 PLAY-OFFS

20.1 Eligibility for Tackle and Flag teams to compete in post-season playoff games will be as defined

in the BCYFCA Tackle and Flag Rules and Regulations.

20.2 Host sites for all playoff games will be determined in accordance with the rules defined in the

BCYFCA Tackle and Flag Rules and Regulations.

21 SUPERBOWL

21.1 A Super bowl rotation list will be developed and maintained by the BCYFCA BOD.

21.2 Any member organization hosting the Super Bowl may be assigned a jamboree if the Executive

Board deems it necessary.

22 OFFICIALS

22.1 Referees must be scheduled through the head official referee, who is responsible as to their

qualification.

22.2 The host site member organization is responsible for paying the officials. If two teams are

scheduled to play at a neutral site, the member organizations playing in the game will split the cost of

the official's fees.

22.3 All referees will belong to either the Mid-Coast Officials Association, the Treasure Coast Officials Association, the Mid-lantic Officials, Indian River Official Association, [American Sports](#)

[Officials Inc.](#),. The Board of Directors prior to August 1 of the current season must approve all other referees.

22.4 Officials are provided and paid for by the home team as follows:

Senior & Junior Divisions - Four Officials

Rookie, Mighty-Mite, Pee-Wee & Bantam - Three Officials (if less than three officials show for a

game - the game may be played if coaches agree but NO protest may be made)

22.5 If an opposing team does not show up for a scheduled game, that team is responsible for reimbursing the host site member organization for the referee fees.

22.6 One law enforcement officer must be present at every home game.

23 RULES

23.1 The BCYFCA rules for tackle football will be as defined in the BCYFCA Tackle Football Rules

and Regulations.

23.2 The BCYFCA rules for flag football will be as defined in the BCYFCA Flag Football Rules and

Regulations.

23.3 The BCYFCA rules for cheerleading will be as defined in the BCYFCA Cheerleading Rules and

Regulations.

24 EJECTIONS

24.1 Any BCYFCA player, coach or fan ejected during any BCYFCA game by an official during the

game, will result in immediate suspension for the next scheduled game.

24.2 BCYFCA players, coaches and fans ejected by an official during a game do have any right to

appeal their ejection or to appeal the one-game suspension.

24.3 Any BCYFCA player, coach or fan removed from any BCYFCA function by a league official, or

by local law enforcement officials for actions unbecoming an association member will result in

immediate dismissal from the BCYFCA.

24.4 BCYFCA players, coaches or fans wishing to appeal their dismissal from the BCYFCA as a result

of their actions must notify the BYCFCA president, in writing, within 72 hours of the incident. The

BCYFCA president will convene a special meeting of the BCYFCA BOD to hear the appeal.

Rulings

from the BCYFCA BOD on all appeals are final and may NOT be contested.

24.5 For these purposes, BCYFCA games and functions shall be defined from the time a player,

coach, parent or participant arrives on a site upon which the BCYFCA game or function is to occur,

and shall continue until such player, coach, participant or parent leaves the site. Ejections may include

activities of players, coaches, parents, or participants, which emanate or are caused by a game or

function or are carried over to remote sites. The BCYFCA President and Executive board may under

the provisions listed above, assume jurisdiction should such incidents involve fights, threats or physical harm, assaults or other egregious conduct or extreme acts of un-sportsmanship off premises

as if they occurred on site.

24.6 Upon ejection of any BCYFCA player, coach or fan, the host site President will notify the

President of the BCYFCA with the name of the player, coach or fan, if available, as well as the division, and jersey number of the player involved in the ejection. The host site President of the next

scheduled game will be made aware of the suspension by the President of the BCYFCA.

25 COACHES

25.1 All BCYFCA member organization coaches must attend BCYFCA sponsored clinics and training

courses. Member organizations that are not represented by at least one coaching staff member in

each division may be subject to a \$50 fine per division.

25.2 All BCYFCA member organization coaches will be on a volunteer (unpaid) basis. No one

coaching a team, cheerleading squad, etc. will be compensated in any monetary way.

25.3 All BCYFCA member organization head coaches will be given a copy of the county by-laws.

25.4 Each member league shall have provisions for and shall conduct a background check on each

coaching candidate prior to their approval as a coach. It is mandatory that all coaching candidates be

subjected to a mandatory check for criminal convictions/activity via the State of Florida Department

of Corrections, Public Access Website (<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us>), and the associated Sexual

Offender

Predators Search System for felony convictions and crimes against youth (http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/sexual_predators/index.asp). (These search services are provided for free by

the State in their Public Accesses services.) Each member organization will have an eligibility process

in their by-laws for candidates whose name appears in the above noted registries

25.5 All coaches and team support members (football and cheer) shall have completed a BCYFCA

application and will be kept on file through the Area Tackle, Cheer, and/or Flag Agents.

26 BANNED SUBSTANCES

26.1 The possession or use of alcohol and any illegal narcotic is strictly prohibited by anyone,

including spectators, attending any BCYFCA sponsored event. Violators will be asked to leave the

area and, if necessary, will be reported to local authorities to be removed from the premises.

27 EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY

27.1 The BCYFCA requirements for equipment and safety are defined in the BCYFCA sports rules

and regulations. All BCYFCA member organizations must comply with the equipment rules and

regulations defined in the BCYFCA sports rules and regulations.

27.2 Any attempt made by a BCYFCA member organization to circumvent the equipment and safety

rules and sports rules and regulations will result in termination from the BCYFCA.

28 FINANCES

28.1 The BCYFCA BOD does not govern, nor control the financial practices of its member organizations. All monies collected by BCYFCA member organizations through the sale of concessions and other member organization items (e.g. T-shirts, hats, banners, etc.) will remain the

property of the BCYFCA member organization.

28.2 BCYFCA member organizations are not required to submit financial reports to the BCYFCA

BOD.

28.3 All monies collected by the BCYFCA from membership dues and fees are to be maintained in

an accredited financial institution within the state of Florida.

28.4 All monies collected by the BCYFCA from membership dues and fees are to be allocated to

specific budgeted items as approved by the BCYFCA BOD.

28.5 All BCYFCA income and expenditures must be presented and approved by the BCYFCA BOD

in the annual budget.

28.6 A full accounting of all BCYFCA income and expenditures must be presented to the BCYFCA

BOD at regular board meetings, or when directed by the BCYFCA President.

29 CONCESSIONS

29.1 Any and all funds raised by BCYFCA member organizations from the sale of concessions will

remain the property of the host member organization.

29.2 BCYFCA players, coaches and fans attending BCYFCA events may NOT bring barbecue grills to

the visiting field that would preclude using the host site concessions. Water and nutritional supplements (oranges, bananas, sports drinks, etc.) may be brought in for use on the sidelines, and

must remain on the sidelines within the coaches' box.