

SYCAMORE AVES YOUTH FOOTBALL and CHEERLEADING CORPORATION

Constitution

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ARTICLE 1: *NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION*

The name of the organization shall be Sycamore Aves Youth Football and Cheerleading Corporation. (also referred to as SAYF&C) The SAYF&C is a member organization of the Community Youth Football League. (also referred to as CYFL)

ARTICLE 2: *OBJECTIVE and MISSION STATEMENT*

The objective of this organization shall be to promote and support amateur youth football and cheerleading activities in the Sycamore School District and the participation of Sycamore youth in youth league competitions as may be approved by the SAYF&C Board.

It is the mission of the Sycamore Aves Youth Football and Cheerleading Organization to provide a positive introduction to youth football and cheerleading for all of our players and participants. The organization will provide a comprehensive program, based on the core values of age appropriate coaching and encouragement, in order to develop fundamental football and cheerleading skills in all of our players and participants.

Participation in the program will result in an experience that enriches our children's lives by building character and developing a strong work ethic, while reinforcing positive self-image and sportsmanship. Our community's children will also grow in social skills including teamwork, cooperation, communication and self-discipline.

The organization is a member of the CYFL (Community Youth Football League), which is divided into the following groupings – Minor League (1st – 3rd grades), Junior League (4th grade), Major League (5th grade) and Varsity (6th grade). A goal of the organization is to prepare an athlete's foundation for the challenges of junior high school sports. As a result, and as the level of competition increases through grade levels, the amount of guaranteed playing time will be adjusted. A certain amount of playing time, defined by each coach, will be guaranteed at the Minor League level. Playing time will not be guaranteed starting at the Junior League level, although the goal of the organization is to provide all of our players with game experience. Player attendance at practice, attitude and skill development are key factors in helping to determine the amount of game experience each player receives.

We believe it is essential that our mission be accomplished by growing and nurturing a respected organization, guided by our values, involving our parents, and putting our players and participants first.

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ARTICLE 3: POLICY

Section 1: The SAYF&C is organized exclusively for charitable or educational 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 2: This organization shall be non-profit, non-commercial, and non-partisan.

Section 3: No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 1 above. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this organization.

Section 4: The place in the state of Ohio where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Montgomery, Hamilton County.

Section 5: This organization shall be open to any child who attends a Sycamore District school or resides within the boundaries of the Sycamore School District, is enrolled in grades K through 6, and whose parents have paid the registration fees, completed all required forms, and fulfilled their obligations as outlined in this Constitution.

ARTICLE 4: ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN SAYF&C ACTIVITIES

Section 1: Age: For all football players, the eligibility age shall be in accordance with the CYFL rules.

Section 2: Membership: Membership shall not be restricted by consideration of race, color, or creed, or by any other consideration prohibited by law.

ARTICLE 5: REGISTRATION

Section 1: Application for Membership: Parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall complete the SAYF&C application for registration and pay the registration fees.

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Section 2: Emergency Medical Authorization and Waiver of Liability: A current Emergency Medical Authorization and Waiver of Liability shall be required for each child participating in football or cheerleading before they can practice, cheerlead or play football. No child will be permitted to practice or play football or cheerlead without a current Emergency Medical Authorization and Waiver of Liability, completed and signed by the parent(s) or legal guardian(s), indicating there are no medical issues that prevent them from playing football or participating in cheerleading.

Section 3: Parent Code of Conduct: The parent(s)/guardian(s) of each football player will be required to read, understand, and abide by the Parent Code of Conduct, this Constitution, and the CYFL Rules and Regulations.

Section 4: Registration Amount and Refunds: The registration fees and refundable amounts for football shall be set by the SAYF&C Board and approved by a majority vote of the Board members.

ARTICLE 6: SAYF&C BOARD of DIRECTORS

Section 1: The SAYF&C Board of Directors (also referred to as the Board) shall consist of the Head Coaches of each of the SAYF&C football teams, the Board Chairman, the Board Parent Representative, and the Board Cheerleading Representative, as voting members.

The SAYF&C Chairman must not be a Head Coach and is appointed by a majority vote of the Board at the first Board meeting in January of each year. The SAYF&C Chairman will serve a two year term. If the Chairman position becomes vacant, the Board may immediately appoint an interim Chairman who will serve until the first Board meeting in January of the following year. There is no limit on the number of terms the Board Chairman may serve.

The Parent Representative must not be a Head Coach, must have a child registered in the SAYF&C, and is appointed by a majority vote of the Board at the first Board meeting in January of each year. The Board Parent Representative will serve a one year term. There will be no limit on the number of consecutive terms the Board Parent Representative may serve, so long as they have a child registered in the SAYF&C.

The Sycamore Aves Youth Cheerleading organization will designate the Cheerleading Representative to the SAYF&C Board.

The SAYF&C Chairman will fill the position of SAYF&C President.

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The Board will appoint a SAYF&C Treasurer and a SAYF&C Secretary by a majority vote of the Board at the first Board meeting in January of each year. If either the Treasurer or Secretary positions become vacant, the Board may immediately appoint an interim Treasurer or Secretary who will serve until the first Board meeting in January of the next year. There is no limit on the number of terms the Treasurer or Secretary may serve.

Section 2: All Board members must abide by the SAYF&C constitution and the CYFL rules and regulations.

Section 3: The Board shall administer the policies of the organization.

Section 4: All expenditures over \$250 drawn from SAYF&C funds must be authorized by a majority vote of the voting members of the Board.

Section 5: The Board shall have the right to suspend any child if he or she or his or her parent(s) fails to adhere to the policies, rules, and regulations of the Sycamore Aves Youth Football and Cheerleading or the CYFL.

Section 6: The Board shall have the right to appoint a Head Coach at each grade level, when positions become vacant, by a majority vote of the existing voting members of the Board.

Section 7: Head Coaches may serve as long as they wish provided they abide by this constitution and the CYFL rules and regulations.

Section 8: Head Coaches will select their assistant coaches, and, if there is more than one team at a grade level, the Head Coach will assign an assistant head coach to serve as the coach of the additional team on game days.

Section 9: The Board shall have the right to remove Head Coaches who have not fulfilled their obligations under this constitution by a majority vote of the voting members of the Board.

Section 10: All Head Coaches, Board members, and assistant coaches must complete and sign a SAYF&C Organization Volunteer Application/Disclosure/Waiver of Liability form.

ARTICLE 7: ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

Section 1: President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation. Subject to the foregoing, the Officers of the Corporation shall have such powers and duties as usually pertain to their respective offices and such additional powers

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and duties specifically conferred by law, by the Article of Incorporation, by this Constitution, or as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Board of Directors.

The President shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the Corporation. He or she shall (i) preside at all meetings of the Corporation; (ii) appoint committees along and in consultation with the Board of Directors; (iii) be an ex-officio member of all standing divisions and committees; (iv) sign any drafts or checks; (v) any expenditures above \$250 shall be prior approved by the Board; and (vi) perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 2: Treasurer: The Treasurer shall: (i) have custody and control of all funds and financial records of the Corporation; (ii) sign any drafts or checks; (iii) any expenditures above \$250 shall be prior approved by the Board; (iv) give a report of the financial status of the Corporation at each regular meeting; and (v) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned to him or her by the President or as may be prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 3: Secretary: The Secretary shall (i) keep the written records of the Corporation and keep the minutes of the meetings of the Voting Members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for those purposes; (ii) ensure that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution or as required by law (iii) be the custodian of the corporate records and the seal of the Corporation and ensure the seal of the Corporation is affixed to all document, the execution of which is duly authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors; (iv) Record and distribute minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors; (v) maintain all official records of the Corporation including: membership lists of the Board of Directors and the Voting Members of the Corporation. Treasurer's Reports, corporate tax records and returns, this constitution and its revisions, rules and newsletters.

Section 4: CYFL Representative: The CYFL Representative shall attend all CYFL meetings, or shall ensure that a representative from the SAYF&C attends all CYFL meetings as necessary, if they are unable to attend themselves. The Representative will report back to the SAYF&C Board and Officers the minutes from the CYFL meetings, informing the Board and Officers of any action the SAYF&C may have to take as a member organization of the CYFL.

ARTICLE 8: MEETINGS

Section 1: There will be a Board meeting held in January of each year for the purposes of planning the upcoming season and for confirming the upcoming

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season's Head Coaches, electing, as necessary, the Board Chairman and parent Board representative, and appointing the SAYF&C Treasurer and SAYF&C Secretary. Additional Board meetings may be called by the President, Treasurer and/or Secretary as needed. It is expected that the Board will meet at least once per month during the year.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called by any member of the Board. Notice of meeting times, place and purpose shall be communicated to all members of the Board prior to the meeting.

Section 3: A quorum shall consist of a minimum of five voting Board members.

ARTICLE 9: EQUIPMENT

Section 1: Appropriate equipment and uniforms will be determined by the Board.

Section 2: An inventory/inspection of equipment shall be taken at the closing of the football season by the Board.

ARTICLE 10: AMENDMENTS

To amend, revise or change the SAYF&C Constitution, proposals must be submitted at a Board meeting. A second and final reading is presented at the next meeting of the Board and voted upon by the Board. A vote of a minimum of two-thirds of Board members is required to make an amendment, change or revision to the constitution.

ARTICLE 11: DISSOLUTION

In case of dissolution of SAYF&C organization, the equipment (or proceeds from its sale) and funds shall be used in payment of outstanding debts. All remaining assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, as approved by the majority vote of the Board at a regular or special meeting.