

American Youth Football League Cheerleader Inc.

Bylaws 2023

The League will be known as the American Youth Football League Cheerleader Inc.

(Hereafter referred to as AYFLC)

Mission Statement:

To provide a Cheerleading League that is to benefit children by establishing rules and regulations governing such games, contests, competitions, and exhibitions as well as providing an arena for a safe and positive learning experience. To classifying those who participate therein; determining and defining awards and prizes for winning contest, defining and awarding tokens and insignia of championships, determining and defining breaches and infractions of its rules and regulations, and imposing penalties as set forth in the Bylaws and in accordance with the law.

Objectives:

- To promote and maintain physical exercise, physical fitness, and moral well-being of children.
- To engage, assist, encourage, participate, and teach Cheerleading.
- To further sportsmanship and honor among children in a competitive atmosphere.
- To promote and oversee amateur games, contests, sports, and athletics while elevating the standards and competitive level of amateur athletics.
- To foster and encourage community pride through local amateur athletics.
- To instil wholesome values in youngsters and young adults.
- To assist in combating juvenile delinquency by providing and promoting the physical and emotional well-being of young athletes.
- All other ways as are necessary in order to accomplish our mission and objectives.
- Establish rules, which benefit all League Members fairly and equally.
- To cheer and support appropriate division football team.

SECTION ONE – LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

Article I: Membership

1. League Members Defined:

- a. Permanent Member: Any organization, city or club that has attained permanent status in the AYFLC.
 - i. Delray Rocks hereafter referred to as Delray.
 - ii. Miramar Optimists hereafter referred to as Miramar
 - iii. Pembroke Pines Optimist hereafter referred to as PPO
 - iv. Plantation Athletic League hereafter referred to as Plantation.
 - v. Sawgrass Youth Sports Optimist hereafter referred to as Sunrise.
 - vi. Tamarac Youth Football League Inc. hereafter referred to as Tamarac
 - vii. Hollywood PAL Eagles hereafter referred to as Hollywood PAL.
 - viii. Lauderhill Broncos hereafter referred to as Lauderhill
 - ix. Pompano Eagles hereafter referred to as Pompano
 - x. Miami PAL hereafter referred to as Miami Pal

- b. New, Returning or Probationary Members: Any organization, city or club that has not attained permanent status in the AYFLC.
 - i. Boynton Beach Bulldogs (2021) extended Probation
 - ii. Hallandale Beach Chargers(2021)

Any Permanent Member of the AYFLC shall be entitled to all said rights, duties and privileges. Once a League Member has been approved as a Permanent Member they will have voting privileges at all League meetings, except if on suspension/probation.

2. All League Members shall pay the following fees each year to maintain the League.

- a. The AYFLC Executive Board will determine at the first League meeting in February, the amount of the League fees for the current year. A \$300 deposit, of League fees must be paid by each League Member by April 1st. The remaining balance of League fees will be due by June 1st. The treasurer will issue invoices to each league member. The fine of \$100.00 will be accessed at each regularly scheduled monthly meeting for funds not received. Fees for the year are \$1300.
- b. Competition fee assessment, as applicable if funds needed.

3. All League Members are required to submit to the League, their parent organization's name, address, President's name and contact information. The Secretary will keep this information as part of the League documents.

4. New Members (as selected by the American Youth Football League):

- a. Conditions of membership include strict adherence to these Bylaws.
- b. All New or probationary Members will have a sponsor and will serve two (2) seasons probation WITHOUT voting privileges. Following the second (2nd) season of probation, a vote for either Permanent Member status, extension of probation, or expulsion will occur at the first League meeting in January.
- c. All New Members must have a League Representative attend all scheduled League meetings for informational purposes only.

Article II: League Member Rules:

1. It is a privilege to participate in the AYFLC, not a right.
2. All League Members are required to maintain and submit proof, to the Secretary, of outside insurance (Athletic Medical and Liability) with the AYFLC as additional insurer. Said proof of insurance must be submitted prior to the first day of practice. There will be a fine of \$100.00 for non-compliance, and no practice or participation in any AYFLC event will be allowed until proof is submitted.
3. All League Members must register and field a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 25 cheerleaders per squad. All league members with a minimum of 75 age appropriate cheerleaders must field a minimum of 5 squads (see breakdown under section 4 League structuring). If a league member has sufficient eligible cheerleaders registered and fails to field a squad, there will be a fine of \$200.00 per squad per game. If no counterpart for football or age appropriate participants registered fines will not be assessed. Based on AYFLC registration numbers/number of teams required, in the event teams are combined cities will need to cover football games in the following manner: 2 teams equals 4 games, 3 + teams equals 6 teams.
4. All league members shall be subject to, and agree to pay, any special assessments and/or fines levied by the AYFLC Board. All fines are due and payable at the next scheduled Board meeting. If not paid in that time, the League Member will lose its voting privileges, if applicable, until the Treasurer receives payment. If fines are not paid a \$100.00 per month late fee will be added. No cities owing fines will be allowed to mass register if fines owed after mass registration any/all fines assessed must be paid according to bylaws.
5. The AYFLC may provide a stunt and safety clinic. It is recommended that head coaches, assistant coaches and reps attend a coaches' clinic that addresses safety, stunts and spotting, and basic first aid.
6. League Members can begin a conditioning clinic in May. Spring Conditioning may consist of calisthenics; aerobic exercise cheers chant, stunts at prep level & below only. The cheerleaders participating cannot be separated into squads.
7. Professional camps/clinics for cheerleader squads may be held in June through the end of the season, with a maximum of five (5) days of professional training during this period. No other form of professional training will be permitted outside these requirements.
8. The AYFLC official start date for practice will be on/after June 5th. Any League Member, its coaches or cheerleaders that violate this will be fined \$500.00 per day per squad for

each occurrence. The official AYFLC season will end after the AYFLC Cheerleading Competition.

9. A practice is defined as a gathering of registered or previously registered cheerleaders, organized by or for a coach or League Member, for the intended purpose of having an organized practice for that squad's individual cheerleaders. This does not include AYFLC Board approved events held for the open public.
10. Each League Member will set its own rules regarding hours for practice.
11. All League Members are to police and discipline their own personnel, cheerleaders, coaches, parents, relatives and fans, in regards to conduct both on and off the field. Although it is expected that each League Member police themselves, if the AYFLC Board finds the League Member's penalties inappropriate, the Board may assess additional penalties against the party being disciplined.
12. Each League Member is responsible for the proper sportsmanship of its personnel, coaches and cheerleaders, as well as, the physical well-being of its cheerleaders at all times. It is expected that each League Member take the appropriate action to insure the health, safety and well-being of its cheerleaders at all times and to insure proper supervision of its teams while not in play.
13. Should any League Member suspend, expel or put on probation any of its personnel, coaches or cheerleaders for a violation of any of the League Members rules, a written report must be filed with the Executive Board in a timely manner. If the AYFLC Board deems the disciplinary actions of the League Member as significant punishment, then the AYFLC Board will take no further action, unless the submitting League Member requests additional action.

Article III: Duties of Sponsoring League Members

1. It shall be the duty and responsibility of a sponsoring Permanent Member to assist and advise the New Member and/or probationary member in any administrative area and during mass registration during the probationary period. The Permanent Member is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of these documents, and must ensure that they meet AYFLC standards throughout the entire season.
2. Meetings will be held between the sponsoring Permanent Member and the New Member and/or probationary member as needed to ensure that their program is operating within the standards set by the AYFLC.
3. Whenever a conflict arises, either internal or external, the sponsoring Permanent Member will be notified, and give direction to the New Member and/or probationary member in order to ensure that the New Member and/or probationary member is operating within the standards, goals, and spirit of the AYFLC. The sponsoring Permanent Member in each and every case, NO EXCEPTIONS, must notify the League in writing.
4. The sponsoring Permanent Member will assist the New Member and/or probationary member with such issues as insurance, team rules, uniforms, placement of cheerleaders in age divisions, practice schedules, proper registration process and set up of the team book and roster.

Article IV: Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement

1. Any League Member, in consideration of its membership in the AYFLC, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the AYFLC, its Officers, Board Members, League Member Representatives, and other League Members against any claims, disputes, causes of action judgments and or decrees arising out of these Bylaws.
2. Any League Member, in consideration of its membership in the AYFLC, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the AYFLC, its Officers, Board Members, League Member Representatives, and other League Members against any claims, disputes, causes of action judgments and or decrees arising from medical limitations, injuries or claims of its cheerleaders, coaches and other participants in their Program.
3. Said indemnification and hold harmless agreement shall include, but not be limited to, any reasonable attorney's fees and costs, including appellate attorney fees and costs, witness fees, stenographic expenses, expert witness fees and transportation expenses; together with any monetary judgment expense or awards that the court might enter; as well as any cost or expense associated with the running of any game, exhibition, or contest including any stadium rental, referees fees, food, or any cost or expense associated therein.

SECTION TWO – LEAGUE OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATION

Article I: Elected Officers

1. Executive Officers:
 - a. The Executive Officers of the League will be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. They are also the Corporate Officers of the League.
 - b. Any Executive Officer missing three (3) unexcused meetings will be removed from office.
 - c. No more than two (2) member per city to serve on Executive Board unless unopposed.
 - d. No newly elected officer may act as a league rep during meetings
 - e. Executive Board, with a unanimous vote, may overturn a bylaw they feel is detrimental to the league.
2. Elections:
 - a. Shall be held at a date determined by the current Board prior to the last regular League meeting.
 - b. May be held by closed ballot.
 - c. Votes will be opened and counted by the existing Secretary and verified by a League Member Representative agreed upon the AYFLC Board.
 - d. Nominations will be done by a closed ballot.
3. Eligibility:
 - a. An individual can be elected to office if they have been an officer and/or League Representative or Alternative for at least two (2) years prior to taking office and have attended at least 75% of the meetings during the prior two years. In addition, the League Member must be a member in good standing with no outstanding fines and not on probation.

4. Term of Office:
 - a. Each Elected Officer shall be elected for a one (1) year term.
 - b. All Elected Officers shall stand for election each year.
5. No Confidence:
 - a. At any point during an Elected Officer's term, the AYFLC Board may issue a majority "Vote of No Confidence" to remove the Officer from his/her responsibilities.
 - b. A new Officer will be elected to serve the remainder of the term.

Article II: Duties of Executive Board

1. President:

The duties of the President shall be those normally associated with this office, and include his/her acting as the principle executive officer of the League. He/she shall preside at all League meetings. It is the President's duty to administrate the League, and to run the League meetings in accordance with the Bylaws. The President will not voice an opinion during a complaint. The President will vote only to break a tie on any issue voted on by the League. He/she may sign all legal documents with the Secretary. He/she shall perform all the duties pursuant to the office of President. The President will recommend individuals for appointment to all committees, as well as any new committees he/she deems necessary in order to efficiently carry out the goals of the League. The President shall recommend an individual to fill a vacated position, subject to the approval of the AYFLC Board. The President's primary duty is to work to improve the AYFLC. He/she is responsible for the development of a mission statement, and setting the values and goals of the League. He/she must always be looking throughout the country for innovative ways to enhance the AYFLC, both on and off the field of play.

2. Vice President:

The duties of the Vice President shall be those normally associated with his/her office and include being the presiding Executive Officer over all complaint and appeals hearings ensuring that the proper process is followed as stated in the Bylaws. He/she shall also have such duties as are assigned to him/her by the President and shall preside in the absence of the President. The Vice President is the chairman of the RCC, the Bylaws committee and will act as the liaison to the AYFL.

2. All Executive Board members

The duties of all executive board members will include acting as Stunt Coordinator assisting League Members in specifics of stunting and safety guidelines. He/she shall also have such duties as are assigned to him/her by the President. Executive board is also the chair of the Events Committee and co-chair of the Bylaws committee.

3. Treasurer:

The duties of the Treasurer shall be those normally associated with his/her office and include his/her having charge of all moneys and receipts of the League, and depositing the same in the name of the League in a depository designated by resolution of the AYFLC Board. He/she shall disburse said funds as is necessary and is ordered or authorized by the AYFLC Board. He/she shall keep accurate records and collect all charges due from League Members and shall keep regular account of receipts and disbursements. He/she shall submit such records when requested, and give a financial statement of the same at all Board meetings. He/she shall cause to be prepared all checks and withdrawal slips on behalf of the League for any of its bank accounts, of which shall be honored on both his/her and the Presidents signatures. In the case of the inability of the Treasurer to be present, there is an immediate need for payment of an obligation by check; the Secretary shall sign in the place of the Treasurer. Two (2) signatures shall be required on all checks, over \$5000.00. These signatures will only be from the President, Internal Vice President, External Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Treasurer will have available at each League meeting a list of those League Members that owe monies, so as to keep current an eligible voting list. The Treasurer will provide a written report of all deposits and expenditures at every regular League meeting. The report will be read into the record and voted on for acceptance by the Board. The report will then be given to the Secretary to be included with the minutes and files. Treasurer will issue invoices for all fines/monies due to the League Rep and their President in addition to reporting at meetings. The Treasurer is the co-chairman of the Events committee.

5. Secretary:

The Secretary shall be responsible for those duties normally associated with this office to include the keeping of minutes at all League meetings. The Secretary shall perform such duties as may be required of him/her by the President. The Secretary shall keep a record of each League Members attendance at all League meetings, by having each League Member Representative sign an attendance sheet. The Secretary shall keep an updated list of all League Members voting status. Minutes of the previous League meeting will be read to, and approved by, the AYFL Board at the beginning of each League meeting. The Secretary will secure all documents, contracts and copies of League files for safekeeping. The Secretary shall keep a list of all expelled league members. Below is a summary list:

- a. All past years Bylaws.
- b. Filed minutes from all previous League meetings.
- c. Filed Treasurer Reports from all previous League meetings.
- d. Articles of incorporation for the AYFLC.
- e. AYFLC official seal.
- f. AYFLC stickers or stamps used for mass registration.
- g. Current and complete AYFLC Cheerleading rosters for each League Member's teams and previous three (3) seasons.

Article III: Committees

1. RCC:

- a. The Rules Compliance Committee will be comprised of the V.P, two (2) reps plus an additional rep to act as an alternate, each will be from different clubs Executive Board.
- b. The committee will investigate all written allegations of Bylaw infractions, violations reported, complaints, and any other violations or infractions as the AYFLC Board deems appropriate.
- c. In the event a member of the Executive Board is asked to investigate an infraction, complaint, or violation concerning his/her own League Member, the Vice President will remove that committee member, and temporarily assign a League Member Representative from a League Member not involved in the infraction, complaint or violation.

2. Bylaws Committee

- a. The Bylaw Committee will be comprised of All Park Cheer reps.
- b. The committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending all suggested changes to the AYFLC Board.

3. Events Committee

- a. The AYFLC Board will act as the Events Committee.
- b. The committee is responsible for organizing all League events and creating and maintaining documentation relating to those events (Competition, Clinics, etc)

Article IV: Board of Directors

1. Board Members:

The Board of Directors for the AYFLC will consist of the following:

- a. The Executive Officers.
- b. One (1) Representative, a maximum of two (2) Alternate Representative and a maximum of two (2) Field Representative from each League Member. It is mandatory that every League Member have at least one (1) League Rep and one (1) Alternate Representative.

2. Meetings:

- a. The Board of Directors shall meet as designated by the President, or otherwise required.

3. Duties:

- a. The Board shall function as the general executive body of the League.
- b. The Board will have both original and appellate jurisdiction over any infraction of the Bylaws, as well as, assess any fees, fines or penalties. They may conduct other matters that properly come before the Board.

- c. The Executive Board shall meet as designated by the President or as otherwise required. The Executive Board shall have the power to execute a temporary decision on emergency matters presented in the event it is impossible to convene as a Board.

Article V: League Member Representative

1. League Member Representative (hereafter referred to as Rep for the purpose of these Bylaws) Defined:
 - a. Each year, each League Member must designate in writing one (1) Representative to represent the League Member at all AYFLC Board meetings and at events that require a REP from the League Member. Letters must be submitted to the AYFLC secretary on or before the May 1st.
 - b. All League Reps, Alternate Reps, and Field Reps must be at least 21 years of age.
 - c. If a change of a representative (s) or Field Representative (s) is necessary, it must be submitted in writing from the parent organization prior to or at the next league meeting in order for the new representative (s) to be eligible to participate. Rep changes may not exceed one per year unless approved by the board.
 - d. If there is a league member that has a new League Rep that has never held position of league representative/field representative, the representative must attend 4 meetings before that rep may have voting rights.
 - e. After October 1st any rep appointed will not have voting rights for the remainder of that season.
2. Duties:
 - a. Attend all regularly scheduled and emergency League meetings. Any Rep having missed three (3) scheduled League meetings will be removed as the voting rep, extenuating circumstances will be evaluated. Failure to attend a league meeting will result in a fine of \$100.00. Extenuating circumstances can be brought to the Board for excused absences in regards to waiving the fine for a missed meeting. Alternate Reps must have been to a minimum of 3 meetings to hold a vote.
 - b. Each League Member must have at least one Representative (League Rep, Alternate Rep or Field Rep) attend all AYFLC events which include, but are not limited to: regularly scheduled games, both home and away, play-off games, when possible, and competition. Failure to have proper representation will result in a fine of \$100.00.
 - c. Each League Representative is responsible for the completion and accuracy of the

League Member's registration books, official AYFLC Cheerleading Rosters, and official AYFLC Cheerleader Registration cards and to insure all their registration books are ready and complete at the time of registration and throughout the year. The Club's League Representative will be required to verify and sign all their cheerleaders' registration cards.

- d. Be knowledgeable of the written content and intent of these Bylaws and insure that they are upheld. This includes rulings voted on and implemented during League meetings. It is the responsibility of the League Representatives to insure all their participants and coaches are familiar and comply with these Bylaws and other regulations established by the Board.
 - e. League Representatives must be identified at all AYFLC events by wearing their League Shirt. It is strongly recommended that their badge be worn as well.
 - f. The names and sizes of each Rep must be turned in by the June Meeting. If the shirts are ordered and there is a change in Reps the shirt from the resigning Rep must be returned. If the shirt is not returned, a \$100 fee will be assessed. The city will be responsible for payment of the new shirt.
 - g. Each Rep will be required to verify that coaches over the age of 18 passed background check and submit list of coaches to AYFLC secretary prior to first practice.
 - h. Each Rep will be required to submit a list of all coaches who completed education on signs and symptoms of concussion to the AYFLC secretary prior to first practice.
 - i. Each Rep will be required to verify that their cheerleaders have a current physical and submit a letter stating so to the AYFLC Secretary prior to first practice.
 - j. A league Rep (alternate or field rep) must be present at game sign in for the first 3 games of the season to ensure accuracy of cheerleader registration cards, and must be available for new registrations thereafter until final registration is completed.
3. Life Members:
- a. Any member who has completed five years of service in the League as a board member will be considered a life member.
 - b. Any member expelled and/or suspended will lose Life member status.
 - c. Life Members will be allowed fifteen minutes time at board meetings to speak when placed on agenda.
 - d. They will be allowed access to cheerleader side at competition. Must attend at least three (3) meetings annually to maintain privileges.

Article VI: League Meetings

1. Meetings will be held monthly unless deemed unnecessary, on dates, locations and times to be set by the President. There will also be as many special and/or emergency League meetings as the President deems necessary.
2. Any AYFLC Board Member desiring to have a special presentation or guest at a League meeting, will make it known to the Executive Board at least two (2) days prior to any regular League meeting.

3. Any Rep who is more than 15 minutes late of the scheduled start time will be fined \$25.00, unless a phone call to Executive board was received prior to start of meeting.
4. Any League Member that does not have at least one (1) of their Representatives in attendance at a League meeting will be fined \$100.00 for every League meeting missed.
5. The President will produce an agenda, which will be strictly adhered to during all regular League meetings. Members should notify the President and Secretary at least 24 hours prior to the meeting of any new business to add to the agenda, which will be sent out 48 hour prior to all scheduled meetings.
6. All bids submitted to the League are to be in writing, sealed and held by the Treasurer until the voting meeting. No late or verbal bids will be accepted. The Board will select the bid that is the most advantageous for the League.
7. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern motion and voting procedures at all League meetings.

8. Motion/Discussion Process:

- a. Only a voting Rep will be allowed to make a motion and speak on the issue.
- b. The motion then must be seconded by a voting Rep.
- c. The discussion phase will be conducted as follows:
 1. Each League Member will be granted an opportunity to speak on the issue by utilizing the roll call order and a second time using the same order so that each League Member will have the opportunity to speak twice on the subject.
 2. Once the discussion phase has been concluded, the Secretary will call the roll for the vote.

9. Voting:

- a. All Permanent Members with voting privileges will have one vote by the designated voting Rep.
- b. The President will only vote in case of a tie.
- c. No newly elected Officers shall vote on behalf of a Permanent League Member.
- d. The executive board, by a unanimous vote, has the ability to overturn a decision, which they feel is detrimental to the League as a whole.
- e. Voting will be conducted by closed vote on issues concerning money (except fines), penalties or violations. All other votes will be conducted by a floor vote unless any Representative requests a closed vote. The Secretary will count all votes and report the results to the AYFLC Board.
- f. Any League Member Representative may request a recount by another Board Member of the votes cast during a closed vote.

- g. All floor votes will be conducted in alphabetic order in a rotating order. I.e. A-Z would start the first vote and Z-A would start the next vote. Each voting Representative will cast a vote or abstain. NO League Member Representative will defer their vote.

Article VII: Bylaw Changes

1. For a change in these Bylaws, a proposal must be made in writing, by email to the Executive Board and presented to the Executive Board. The Bylaws Committee will review each suggested change, and recommend to the AYFLC Board any proposed changes to the Bylaws. The Board will vote on each proposed Bylaw change submitted by the committee during that time ONLY. Bylaws must be completed by May 31st, after the May meeting, the only changes allowed to be made to these Bylaws will be for clerical mistakes or for clarification purposes to existing Bylaws.
2. Proposed changes must be submitted via email to the chair of the bylaw committee by March 1st.
3. No new Bylaw Changes may be submitted after March 1st unless related to paragraph being discussed.
4. The proposed change at a minimum will include the following:
 - a. Proposed wording for the change
 - b. The specific subsection of the bylaws where the change should be made.
 - c. A list of any related bylaw sections that might be impacted should the change be adopted.
 - d. Proposed changes submitted after March 1st will not be considered by the bylaw committee.
 - e. Draft bylaws containing all proposed changes shall be made available to all league members through email, a minimum of three days prior to the next meeting to ensure that each member has adequate time to review the proposed changes prior to the meeting.
 - f. It is the obligation of each league member to review the proposed changes prior to the meeting. Votes will not be delayed because a league member has not reviewed the proposed bylaws prior to the meeting, provided that the bylaws were posted the required three days prior to the meeting.

SECTION THREE – LEAGUE AUTHORITY AND INCIDENT PROCEDURES

Article I: League Authority

1. The Executive Board and League Members are permitted to visit any and all fields during the season.
2. Any League Member, its personnel, Representatives, coaches, cheerleaders, parents, relatives or fans, found by the AYFLC Board, to knowingly give false information, or

misrepresent by word or deed the AYFLC, it's Board, Officers, Commissioners, Representatives, or League Members, will be suspended.

3. Any League Member, its personnel, Representatives, coaches, cheerleaders, parents, relatives or fans, found by the AYFLC Board to violate any Bylaw, or who acts in any manner deemed by the AYFLC Board to be grossly disrespectful to a team or another person, or who engages in a fight or other major un-sportsmanlike conduct, or conducts themselves in manner found disrespectful to a League Member Representative will be suspended.
4. The AYFLC Board after hearing a complaint may discipline any League Member; its personnel, Representatives, coaches, cheerleaders, parents, relatives, or fans as defined in these Bylaws.

Article II: Incident Reporting Procedures

1. Incident Defined:
 - a. A possible Bylaw infraction
 - b. A blatant Bylaw infraction, as determined by the Board, will result in a minimum fine of \$50.00 as determined by the Executive Board or unless otherwise specified in the Bylaws.
 - c. A complaint against a League Member's actions or personnel to include its Representatives, coaches, cheerleaders, parents, relatives, or fans.
 - d. A confrontation on the playing area, or an adjacent area, between League Member's personnel, Representatives, coaches, cheerleaders, parents, relatives, or fans.
 - e. Injuries
2. Any incident that is reported to or witnessed by a Representative must be submitted in writing or via email, by a Representative to the Internal Vice President within 48 hours.
 - a. No incident will be heard if filed outside the time limits.
 - b. All hearings will be informal and the rules of evidence will not apply.
 - c. Singularly, jointly or in the alternative, the AYFLC Executive Board and RCC may consider all aggravating and mitigating factors in making its decision.
 - d. Any incident determined to be valid by the AYFLC Executive Board and RCC will result in disciplinary action as defined under Article III: Penalties. The AYFLC Board / RCC shall record all of its findings and determinations in the meeting minutes.
 - e. League members involved in the incident will not be allowed to vote on the matter.

Article III: Penalties

1. For a violation of any Bylaw herein set forth, or in addition to any penalty herein set forth, or for any conduct deemed undesirable, or for any complaint/ incident found to be valid, the AYFLC Board may impose any or all of the following penalties to the aggrieved.

- A. Probation is defined as a period of time, determined by the board, during which the party may participate in AYFLC activities and functions, but the behavior of said party will be monitored.

Probation Violation:

- a. If the AYFLC Board determines that a party has violated probation, the Board will enforce original penalty, plus any new penalty.
 - b. If the AYFL places a League Member on Probation for violation of their Bylaws, the AYFLC will review the matter to determine if such violation is also in violation of the AYFLC Bylaws. The Board may place the League Member on probation with loss of voting rights if it is determined that said action warrants probation status.
- B. Suspend the party. Suspension is defined as a period of time, determined by the AYFLC Board, during which the party may not participate in AYFLC activities and functions.
Note: Any coach that is suspended from coaching may not coach inside or outside the ropes on game day, and may not coach at practice during the suspension period.
- C. Expel the party from the League. Expulsion is defined as permanent loss of League membership, participation and involvement.
- D. Cause the loss of honors or awards.
- E. Cause the loss of participating at Competition.
- F. Cause the loss of voting privileges for a League Member.
- G. Impose a fine on a League Member as determined in the Bylaws and shall be consistent with similar infractions.
- H. Fines cannot be waived or voted out.

2. Any member who is placed on probation or suspended must appear before the board prior to resuming normal activities/ responsibilities.

Article IV: Appeals and Remedies

1. Remedies:

No League Member, its personnel, Representatives, coaches, cheerleaders, parents, relatives or fans, may bring any action against the AYFLC, unless they have exhausted all remedies as set forth herein provided however, that nothing herein shall be construed to apply to any personal injury or workers compensation action.

2. Appeals:

- a. During the season any League Member, Representatives, coaches may request an appeals hearing before the Board in writing through a League Member Representative to the Internal Vice President with a copy going to the Executive

Board, within 24 hours of receiving Board decision. After season has ended an appeal must be submitted prior to the next scheduled AYFLC meeting.

- b. The Executive Board / RCC will evaluate the reason(s) for the appeal. The appeal request MUST show valid factual reasons, as to why the initial incident hearing needs to be reviewed. The Executive Board will inform the AYFLC Board of their findings concerning the appeal.
- c. If the AYFLC Executive Board/ RCC and the Board feels the appeal is based on REASONABLE FACTS, and there is enough evidence to support an appeals hearing, they can issue a temporary stay on any penalties issued by the AYFLC Board, and grant the appeal hearing for the next League meeting.
- d. The parties and the Executive Board may request 2 additional personnel of which 1 maybe an attorney to be present at the appeals hearing.
- e. The Executive Board will recommend a time limit with a minimum of 15 minutes for every appeals hearing. The AYFLC Board will then approve a time limit, BEFORE the appeal is heard.
- f. All hearings will be informal.
- g. The AYFLC Board will hear any NEW FACTS regarding the original incident within the time limits set. The External Vice President will monitor the time for each party. The AYFLC Board will decide which, if any, personnel to interview. Only the new item(s) will be discussed.
- h. The AYFLC Board may decide to defer a decision on the hearing until the next League Meeting, so as to allow further investigation by the Executive Board.
- i. Singularly, jointly or in the alternative, the AYFLC Board may consider all aggravating and mitigating factors in making its decision.
- j. All AYFLC Board decisions on an appeal shall be final and binding.
- k. At NO time will a Representative be removed from a League meeting during an incident or appeals hearing. All Representatives have the right to hear all discussions regarding any incident or appeal being decided on by the AYFLC Board. The aggrieved parties will be asked to leave the League meeting during the voting process, if required, on the matter.

SECTION FOUR – LEAGUE STRUCTURING

Article I: Cheerleader Squads

1. All League Members, with at least 75 registered cheerleaders, are required to field a separate cheerleader squad as per Section 1- Article II, for at least 5 football weight divisions. If football team is disbanded whether voluntary or involuntary for any reason the board will vote to decide what to do with cheerleaders. AYFLC recommendation for number of separate squads that must be fielded for games (PW, YP, Y, JP, JR, SR) Mighty mites optional and not include in these numbers. Squads may still combine for competition purposes.

15 girls ages 5+ (1-2 squads)

30 girls ages 5+ (2-3 squads)

45 girls ages 5+ (3-4 squads)

60 girls ages 5+ (4-5 squads)

75 girls ages 5+ (min of 5 squads required ... already stated in bylaw)

90 girl's ages 5+ (minimum of 6 squads- required)

2. Mighty Mites & Super Mighty Mites cheerleading squads will be optional and offered at the Club's discretion.
3. If offered, the Mighty Mites & Super Mighty Mites practice schedule, game schedule and competitions will be determined by the individual club.
4. All Mighty Mites & Super Mighty Mites teams, if offered, must officially be registered with the AYFLC with a signed Registration/League Card, and a roster submitted to the executive board.
5. All squads, including Mighty Mites & Super Mighty Mites, must follow the safety guidelines as set forth by the safety committee.
6. When it comes to competition the cheerleading squads, including Mighty Mites & Super Mighty Mites, with 8 girls or less will be allowed to combine for competition only. Every member of the combined team must be age eligible for the division in which they are competing in. If needed the cheerleading squad with 8 cheerleaders or less may be separated allowing some cheerleaders to compete in the higher team division and some cheerleaders to compete in the lower team division of the disbanded squad, provided all cheerleaders are age appropriate for the division in which they are competing. Any special circumstances to this rule must be brought to the Executive Board for special consideration.
7. The only cheerleader squads eligible for participation at AYFLC sponsored events will be the eligible members of the AYFLC Cheerleading League, unless an organization outside of the AYFLC is invited to participate in an AYFLC sponsored event.

8. All AYFLC Cheerleading squads must be in compliance with the AYFLC Cheerleading Bylaws.
9. In the event that the AYFLC host an All-star football game, and the AYFLC board agrees to participate, each League Member will be required to select an All-Star squad for each weight division as follows: squads of 18 cheerleaders to 25 cheerleaders will select 5 cheerleaders and squads with fewer than 18 cheerleaders will select a minimum of 3 cheerleaders to cheer at the All-Star games and any yearly event(s) the AYFLC Board agrees to participate in.

Article II: Cheerleader Eligibility

1. Cheerleaders may not participate as a squad member for more than one (1) AYFLC club during the AYFLC season. League Members may not participate as a squad in any event and/or competition outside the AYFLC season without prior consent of the Board.
2. Once practice officially starts as set forth in these Bylaws, a cheerleader registered with one League Member must remain with that League Member during that season. If a cheerleader moves and/or receives a written release from their League Member, League Representative or League Member President, they may participate with another League Member, in a new season.
3. The only reason a release should not be granted is in the event the cheerleader owes money or equipment to the releasing League Member. If a League Member refuses to grant a release for any other reason, a final decision will be made by the Board upon written request from the cheerleader and/or parents with a letter of explanation from the League Member.
4. League members will submit a list to the executive board of any cheerleaders that are ineligible to return to their park due to outstanding obligations or disciplinary reasons by January 31. In the event that there is a discrepancy, proof of the obligation will need to be provided and brought before the board.
5. Ineligible cheerleaders include the following:
 - Cheerleaders who participate in a League other than the AYFLC.
 - Unregistered cheerleader.
 - Unreleased cheerleader.
 - Over or under age cheerleader.
 - Cheerleader on official disciplinary action by the League or League Member.
 - Cheerleader who has missed an excess of 5 games.

If a cheerleader has more than the allowed number of absences based on when she was registered, the Cheerleader Registration card must be pulled and the League Member may bring it before the Board, together with any supporting documentation for absences, requesting consideration for reinstatement).

6. Any cheerleader found to be ineligible who shall cheer in an AYFLC event after being determined to be ineligible will result in a fine assessment to the League Member and the Board may expel the cheerleader. The fine will be \$100.00. Reinstatement will only be possible by a hearing before the Board with majority vote prevailing.

7. Continuous participation of a known ineligible cheerleader may result in expulsion of the cheerleader from the League and the League Member will be placed on probation and will be fined \$100.00 per cheerleader per AYFLC event participated in.

Article III: Coaches' Eligibility

1. All coaches are responsible for their squad's actions and behavior prior to, during and immediately following each game.
2. The head coach must be at least 21 years old.
3. The head coach (adult responsible for a squad) will be suspended for the remainder of the season for knowingly allowing an ineligible cheerleader to participate in AYFLC events. The coach must apply for reinstatement at a Board hearing. Reinstatement will result only if majority vote prevails.
4. All coaches must have a badge. Any coach that is not badged will be penalized a \$50.00 fine per occurrence.
5. A badged coach or League Representative must be present on the game field at all times while squads are cheering. In the event of an emergency, any AYFLC or AYFL Representative may substitute for the coach.
6. All coaches must be volunteers and may not receive compensation for their services, which include but are not limited to: coaching/ training / instructing and choreographing.
7. Coaches over the age of 18 must pass a background check.
8. All coaches should be educated to the signs and symptoms of concussions. Free online course available at the website Centers for Disease Control:

<http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/coach.html>

Article IV: Cheerleader Registration

1. Registration of cheerleader by each member's league representative.
 - a. Each cheerleader must be officially registered and certified with the AYFLC to cheer by completion and acceptance of the AYFLC Registration Card. Unregistered/uncertified cheerleaders cannot be signed in at league games and therefore, they may not cheer.
 - b. Each League Rep will use an official registration card supplied by the AYFLC.
 - c. Each cheerleader should provide a copy of current physical and acceptable birth data upon registration and kept on file with the league member.
 - d. League representatives are responsible for each AYFLC Registration Card to contain the following:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Date of birth and League age
 - Telephone number
 - Grade attending for upcoming year
 - Name of school for upcoming year
 - Acceptable birth data

- Photo with current year on front
 - Parental affidavit/consent for medical treatment
 - Sign back of card to verify completion of card.
 - Such other information as required by the Board
- e. Each member's League Rep(s) will meet with an Executive Board Member or Designated League Rep to have their books certified and all cheerleader cards officially certified with the AYFLC. (See Mass Registration)
 - f. An official roster must be in each book verified against cards, if a league member fails to provide an official roster for each of their teams at the time of mass registration, their teams cannot be registered and result in a \$100.00 per roster with a maximum fine of \$300.00 per park.
 - g. League Members will not be allowed to mass register unless each squad's registration book is 75% complete and all penalties, dues, etc and obligations to the League are paid in full.
 - h. League Members with a minimum of 75 registered cheerleaders must register a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of twenty-five (25) cheerleaders per squad for each football division (see section 4 League structuring). If a League Member has sufficient eligible cheerleaders registered, and fails to do so, there will be a fine of \$200.00 per team per game.
 - i. Each league member may register cheerleaders up to the 6th game. It is the League rep responsibility to ensure cheerleaders who register with their city after Mass Registration have cards completed and certified ASAP for that cheerleader to be eligible to cheer at game. Late registrations may be certified at games by designated AYFLC representatives.
 - j. No additions or changes in rosters will be allowed after the sixth (6th) game when registration is complete.
 - k. Final rosters must be submitted to the Secretary after the 6th game. Failure to submit rosters as required will result in a minimum fine of \$100.00 per roster with a maximum fine of \$300.00 per park.
 - l. The board must be made aware of any changes (loss of cheerleaders) to a roster **prior** to the last day of the season.
 - m. The AYFLC season officially begins on / or after July 5th and will officially end on competition day

2. Mass registration

- a. The Executive Board will set the mass registration date. If registration is missed the League Member will be fined \$100.00 and an additional \$25.00 per week will be assessed until registration is completed.
 - b. AYFLC board will designate experienced league Reps who will meet with members by appointment to have cards/ books certified and Cheerleaders officially certified.
 - c. Designated League Reps must screen each registration card to ensure each card in compliance of the rules set forth in these bylaws and to also ensure teams are evenly distributed.
- Cards must be properly filled out

- Photo must be attached to each card
 - Required signatures present
 - Verify cards against current rosters provided
 - Each card has acceptable birth data provided
 - Cheerleader releases are present if necessary
- d. Acceptable birth date data is as follows:
- Birth certificate, Bureau of Vital Statistic or Board of Health Certificate. Upon request from a League Member, an original Birth Certificate or sealed document must be produced to the Board.
 - Official papers (passport, etc).
 - The Board will accept only birth certificates or government papers for age verification in the event questions arise.
 - Official Baptismal Certificate will be accepted as proof of date of birth if no other document can be provided.
 - Previous year's AYFLC Registration Card
- e. Designated Rep must sign their full name upon verifying the registration card and current roster provided, and place an officially AYFLC sticker/stamp on the card once certification is complete.
- f. If a member rightfully neglects to provide any of the following information, said league member must be reported to the executive board. Failure to submit registration books and completed cards for registration prior to the first game will result in a fine of \$100.00 per book/squad/team.
- g. An official AYFLC team roster must be included in each league sign in book.

Article V: Safety Rules

1. Each squad will be limited on what stunts can be executed in accordance with the Safety Guidelines attached to and made a part of these Bylaws as a working copy by committee by July 1st. They will be limited based on age and ability.
2. Stunting on the sidelines during a game will be permitted providing the coach uses their discretion and good judgment regarding the safety of the cheerleaders.
3. The AYFLC may have a coaches' clinic to teach safety, stunts and spotting. Each League Member will be responsible for any fees for attendance at these clinics.
4. Any League Member found to be violating the Safety Guidelines must be reported to the President who will notify the League Member of said violation. Continual violation of any Safety Guideline will be brought before the Board for disciplinary action, which will be decided upon by a majority vote. The fine for continual violation of a Safety Guideline will be \$100.00 per violation.
5. The AYFLC Board of Directors recommends that all parents & cheerleaders over the age of ten (10) be advised of the importance of pre-concussion screenings.

Article VI: Conduct of the Game/Field Rules

1. At no time shall a cheerleader or a coach or their staff touch an official, coach, staff member or other cheerleader from their League Member or any opposing League Member in an offensive way, whether on or off the field except for handshakes. Any action committed will be treated as a confrontation and the offending party will be suspended until they appear before the Board.
2. League Members are to police and be held responsible for their personnel, coaches, coaching staff, cheerleaders and spectators, in regard to conduct, registration policies and recruiting.
3. League Members are responsible for the proper sportsmanship and physical well-being of its cheerleaders at all times. It is expected that each League Member will take appropriate action to ensure the health, safety and well-being of its cheerleaders at all times and will ensure proper supervision of its squads while not in play within the limits of these Bylaws.
4. Failure to cheer at a game will result in a \$100.00 fine.
5. Any person, whether at practice or a game, proved to be drinking alcoholic beverages or has any involvement in narcotic drugs or any other substances abuse will be expelled for life from the AYFLC. There will be no smoking on the playing field areas.
6. League Members shall require all cheerleaders to report to the coach if they are ill, injured or taking prescription drugs. Each coach will evaluate whether the cheerleader's condition allows the cheerleader to participate in practice or cheer at the game.
7. No registered cheerleader may be excluded from cheering due to their ability. All cheerleaders must be allowed to cheer unless due to a disciplinary action, illness or injury.
8. All cheerleaders must return to the field to resume cheering following half time by the fourth minute of the third quarter in an eight (8) minute quarter game and by the fifth (5th) minute of the third quarter in a ten (10) minute quarter game.
9. There will be no taunting allowed.
10. The home team will perform first at half time with the visiting squad performing immediately after. The squads cheering for the PW (8U), Youth Prep (9U), and Youth (10U) and Jr Prep (11U) squads will be allowed a maximum of one and a half (1.5) minutes and the squads cheering for the JR (12U) and SR (13U) teams will be allowed a maximum of two (2) minutes to perform their cheer at half time. Music may be played at home field only.
11. Game SIGN IN:
 - Official sign in for the cheerleader squads at League games will be half way through the 3rd quarter of the previous game. The Pee Wee squad **must** sign in 30 minutes prior to the start time of their game. Cheerleaders must be in uniform dress at sign in. Sign in will take place as designated by the home field. Combined squads must be signed in prior to taking the field.
 - If a cheerleader arrives and is signed in for the game for which they cheer by the end of half time, they will not receive an unexcused absence for that game.
 - All squads shall shake hands at sign in. Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 fine per incident.

- Any registration cards found to be incomplete at sign in, must be noted as an “Incomplete Card” and reported to both the club and the executive board immediately.
12. Squads cannot leave the sideline during the game and are expected to cheer during the entire game with the exception of reasonable breaks for hydration or other weather or safety requirements. Squads will be permitted to leave the sideline for half time practice no more than two (2) minutes prior to half time.
 13. In the event that inclement weather, heavy rain, or any other circumstance causes the field to become unsafe, the league reps will have the authority to make a decision about whether or not they should release the cheerleaders due to safety reasons. In the event of weather related issues, both parks need to agree about whether or not the cheerleaders should be released.
 14. In the event that the AYFL and/or their officials make an exception to their own rain delay policy and decide to add additional time above the recommended wait times, the AYFLC Reps will have the authority to meet and decide about whether or not the girls should remain.
 15. Cheerleaders do not have to attend make up games. Attendance is optional.
 16. All squads must have a minimum of 20% of their registered cheerleaders in attendance at all League games including playoffs and the Super Bowl and all cheerleaders in attendance must be cheering at all times during the game except during half time and other authorized breaks unless injured or on disciplinary action. Extenuating circumstances will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Article VII: Competition

1. The AYFLC will host and incur the expense of the Cheerleader competition, which will be held in November of each year.
2. The AYFLC may charge a competition fee to all League Members to defer the cost of competition. The Board will set the fee as deemed necessary.
3. Only eligible League Representatives, Alternate Rep and/or Field reps will be allowed on the field or cheer surface during competition. Coaches and other volunteers will be assigned duties as required by the Board.
4. Coaches are responsible for the conduct and clean-up of the stands at competition. No awards will be handed out until the stands have been cleaned up.
5. Competition guidelines, committees and responsibilities will be determined and published by the Board. Committees will be formed to handle specific details of the competition. These will be reviewed during the October board meeting
6. AYFLC representative using the registration card, which has been previously approved by the Board, will check in each eligible cheerleader using the final official AYFLC roster.
7. Each squad’s competition routine will be a maximum of 2-1/2 minutes. There will be a minimum of 30 seconds of music and a maximum of 2 minutes of music. All routines must include a cheer and a music portion. There are no other set requirements as to what must be included in the routine. All routines must be in good taste. Stunts are to be done at the discretion of the squad and within AYFLC Safety Guidelines. There will be a 10-point deduction if a routine does not meet the minimum or maximum time limits.

8. Squads may show spirit including tumbling prior to and at the end of their routine.
9. All squads, with the exception of Mighty Mites, are required to attend competition. There will be a \$100.00 fine per squad for not attending if squad's registration is less than 5. There will be a \$500.00 fine per squad for not attending if squad's registration is more than 5. A League Member cannot compete unless all fines and fees are paid up to date.
10. Squads will compete in one of three (3) appropriate categories (Small, Medium, or Large) depending on the number of participants. Small teams can have 12 cheerleaders or less. Medium teams can have 13-19 cheerleaders, and large teams can have 20-25 cheerleaders.
11. The size of your squad for competition (Small, Medium, or Large) will be determined based on the number of girls that are registered and participating in your program for that age division. No exceptions to the squad size will be made regardless of the individual's ability to participate or disability.
12. Awards for cheerleaders will be presented at competition. Team Placements will be announced (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) for each division, and medals will be awarded to each participant. Participation medals will also be awarded to all participants of teams which did not place in the top three (3). **THERE WILL BE A TEAM Award AWARDED TO TEAM THAT WINS 1ST PLACE IN THEIR DIVISION. (one first place in each--Small, Medium, Large)**
13. Special Recognition will be given to cheerleaders who have participated in the AYFLC for five (5) years and who are 15 years old, OR five (5) years participation and entering high school. It is at the discretion of each park which criteria they use.
14. There will be a two tier panel of five (5) to six (6) non-partisan judges. They will be provided by UCA, NCA or other professional cheerleading organization. The Executive Board will secure the judges.
15. The same judging panel will judge the entire division (Small, Medium and Large) for each division.
16. Tabulators will be stationed in a designated area. The executive board will be designated to monitor the tabulators. Tabulators may not communicate with anyone but the designated runners and the Executive Board.
17. Mighty Mites will perform first followed by PWs, followed by the Youth Prep and YOUTH divisions. Small teams division will compete first in each division, followed by Medium, then Large teams. PW awards will be announced after the completion of the YOUTH PREP / YOUTH divisions.
18. PWs will be permitted to leave, at their park's discretion, following their awards ceremony.
19. The announcer will indicate when to begin the routine after the squad indicates they are ready. The time keeper will keep the official time. The official time will begin with the first motion, word or start of music.
20. Once the competition has begun, coaches and cheerleaders must remain seated in the stands. Only authorized persons will be allowed to sit with the squads. The AYFLC will be responsible for enforcing this rule. There is a maximum of six (6) authorized persons (at least two (2) must be adults) per squad allowed in the cheerleading area and the coaches box during the routine.
21. Only authorized persons may speak to the judges or tabulators during the competition. The cheerleaders must be kept away from the judges. Runners will be assigned to the judges and tabulators.

22. Layout of the facility will be provided by the AYFLC at least two (2) weeks prior to competition.
23. The performance position for each member in the competition will be determined by a blind draw.
24. The order of performance for each division will still be determined by the numerical order of the draw from lowest to highest.
25. Score sheets may be given out on the day of competition. They will be given to each League Member along with a cover sheet of each League Member's squad's total score at the next scheduled League meeting following competition.
26. All squads must sign in at designated times determined by the Board. Sign in times and performance times will be determined by the Board.
27. Once the competition has begun, teams will only be allowed to practice as assigned in the designated warm up areas.
28. Additional practice time, up to one (1) hour may be given to any team that incurs a last minute injury or has an extenuating circumstance. An injury occurring prior to performance at competition will be given up to one (1) hour. Injury within forty-eight (48) hours of competition will be given an additional ten (10) minutes. The injury must have been reported when happens to Executive Board.
29. In the event of a documented injury, which occurred during the one week prior to competition, and upon board approval, a team will be able to add an alternate to the routine to replace the injured cheerleader. The injury must be reported to the Executive Board and a Doctor's note submitted. The alternate must be registered with that club and eligible to compete in that division.
30. The only props allowed are handheld signs, poms, flags and megaphones. Exception: Writing on the bloomers will be permitted. Any piece of the uniform that is removed during the performance will not be considered a prop.
31. Cheerleading uniforms are to be worn at competition, which do not show midriffs. Crop tops can only be worn under the uniform for competition. No other special costumes or effects will be permitted. Socks, bloomers, hair bows, special make up, glitter, spirit tattoos and poms on the shoes will be considered as part of the uniform, as long as all members are dressed in a uniform manner. No cheerleader may be excluded from competition due to ability.
32. If a judge changes a score, they must initial the change.
33. The decision of the judges will be final and binding. Safety violations will be the sole responsibility of the safety judge and, if possible, may be subject to videotape review by the safety judge only if the violation affects the squad's placement. There will be a ten (10)-point deduction for a safety violation. No protest of a judge's decision will be permitted. If a safety violation occurs, the Rep will be notified as soon as possible.
34. Each squad will compete in order of the draw. A time keeper will keep the official time. Music is limited to 2 minutes during the routine. Mounts, gymnastics, cheers, chants and dances are unlimited during the routine, but must be within the time and safety limits. Ten (10) points will be deducted for going over the time.
35. All music must be in good taste. One readable/final cut CD is to be submitted to the Board for approval and to be checked for time limit and content no later than three (3) weeks prior to competition. The designated League Representative must review and notify each League Member of music acceptance. The CD turned in will be used at

competition. Each League Member is responsible to keep a back-up CD of their competition music. A \$100 fine will be imposed if music is not turned in by the designated date.

36. If any League Member is unsure of a routine or stunt meeting safety guidelines, they must contact the External VP or another member of the safety committee.
37. Each squad must designate one (1) representative to cue their music. If a sound system error occurs, the squad will be allowed to restart their routine without penalty. If the designated representative is disrespectful to the music/announcer, a \$50 fine will be assessed.

SECTION FIVE – HURRICANE OR NATURAL DISASTER PROVISION

Article I:

In the event of a hurricane or natural disaster, the Bylaws may be amended by approval of the Board to accommodate extenuating circumstances. All League Members will be required to participate in any events approved by the Board under this provision.

Article II: FOR REFERENCE ONLY

RAIN DELAY POLICY FROM AYFL BYLAWS 2023

In the event of a rain delay, the league reps will multiply the remaining clock time for the game by 3, and subtract the resulting number of minutes from the Latest Allowable Start time of the next scheduled game. The resulting time is the time by which play must resume to avoid rescheduling the game. By mutual agreement of both League Reps, a game or all remaining games may be called for the day earlier than the published ‘Latest Allowable Start’ time, but may not be kept on the clock past the ‘Latest Allowable Start’.

Game	Qtr Length/ Actual Game Length	Normal Start Time	Latest Allowable Start
6U	6m/60m	8:00am	
7U	8m/90m	9:15am	10:45am
8U	8m/90m	10:00am	12:00pm
9U	8m/90m	11:30am	1:30pm
10U	8m/90m	1:00pm	3:00pm
11U	8m/90m	2:30pm	4:30pm

12U	10m/120m	4:00pm	6:00pm
13U	10m/120m	6:00pm	8:00pm

APPENDIX A:

Article I: Squad Breakdown 2023 (LEAGUE AGES)

CHEER DIVISION	FOOTBALL TEAM	LEAGUE AGES	BIRTH YEARS
SENIORS	13U	12, 13, 14, 15	2011, 2010, 2009, 2008
JUNIORS	12U	11, 12, 13, 14	2012, 2011, 2010, 2009
JR. PREP	11U	9,10,11,12	2014, 2013, 2012, 2011
YOUTH	10U	7, 8, 9, 10,	2016, 2015, 2014, 2013
YOUTH PREP	9U	6, 7, 8, 9,	2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
PEE WEE	8U	5, 6, 7, 8	2018, 2017, 2016, 2015
*MIGHTY MITES	7U	4, 5, 6,	2019, 2018, 2017
*Super Mighty Mites	Developmental	3, 4, 5,	2020, 2019, 2018