

Owen District Youth Football and Cheerleading By-Laws

Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be known as Owen District Youth Football and Cheerleading, herein referred to as "Organization."

Article II Purpose

This Organization shall be a corporation not for profit.

Article III Objectives

- A. The objective of this organization shall be to promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence so that the participants may be well adjusted, stronger and happier youth and will mature into clean, healthy and trustworthy adults.
- B. The means to this objective shall be through providing supervised competitive football games and cheerleading activities. It shall be stressed that winning is secondary while the molding of the participants into functional adults is of prime importance. Sportsmanship and character shall be stressed at all times.

Article IV Participation

Section 1 *Eligibility of Participants*

- A. Participation in this organization shall be open to any youth meeting the requirements as to age weight, and scholastic achievement as set forth in the bylaws of the Western North Carolina Football and 'Cheerleading Association.
- B. The organization reserves the right to limit the number of participants in a particular age group to a reasonable number determined by the governing body of the organization on a yearly basis. The governing body may elect to hold try-outs to meet the requirements for registration.

Section 2 *Fees*

- A. The governing body of the organization shall determine the enrollment fee for both cheerleading and football prior to registration. It will be the intention of the organization to keep fees as low as possible while guaranteeing a quality of equipment that will insure safe participation. It is not the intention of the organization to operate at a substantial long-term profit.
- B. If multiple members of the same household are participants in either football, cheerleading or both, a reduction in the fee for the latter members will be determined by the governing body of the organization on a yearly basis.

Section 3 Meetings

- A. The organization shall require each board member to attend at least 70% of meetings per quarter. Any excessive absence will be dealt with by notification of certified letter to that particular board member. The board member at fault shall have 5 business days to respond to the organization in writing with explanation of absences.
- B. Non-scheduled meetings can be called throughout the year as deemed necessary by any member of the, governing body. As much advance notice as is possible shall be given for such meetings.
- C. At least 2/3 of the governing body must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.
- D. All voting members will be notified at least two (2) weeks in advance of the seasons end meeting. This notification shall be made verbally or in writing and is the responsibility of each head coach. Only members present at the meeting shall be allowed to vote or be nominated for office.
- E. Any voting member is defined as any member of the governing body, head coach, assistant coach (maximum four per team), parent or guardian of a participant. No parent or guardian shall be allowed more than one vote regardless of the number participants in the organization. No voting member is allowed more than one vote. Members must be present to vote.

Article V Governing Body

Section 1 Government

- A. The government and supervision of this organization shall be vested in the governing body, which shall consist of the organization Commissioner, Football President, Cheerleading President, Secretary, Treasurer and Members at Large.
- B. Each member of the government shall be appointed for a permanent position. The appointment of office will be appointed by the current board members. Members that do not want to serve on the board will be required to submit a written resignation letter to the executive board 30 days prior to their last day of service.
- C. There will be 3 elected member at large positions. These 3 positions will be elected at the end of the season.
- D. Members at large shall serve from January 1 through December 31 for each year of election.

Section 2 Purpose of the Government

- A. The Government shall be responsible for safeguarding the assets of the organization, collection and disbursement of organization funds, and supervision of the coaches and volunteers.
- B. The Government shall have full authority necessary to discharge the responsibilities assigned in the By-Laws. The Government shall also have

full authority to act on matters of the organization business not specifically withheld in the By-Laws.

Section 3 Duties of Officers

- A. The Commissioner shall be the executive officer of the board. The Commissioner shall: preside at all meetings of the board, ensure that the constitution and by-laws and all rules and regulations for the government of the board are enforced, execute for and on behalf of the organization all contracts, agreements, and other duties as the board may designate. The Commissioner shall have direct responsibility for the operation of the football program.
- B. The Football President shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the President in case of non-election, absence, or inability of the President to act at any time.
- C. The Cheerleading President shall have direct responsibility of the operation of the cheerleading program. The Cheerleading Vice-President shall be responsible for the collection and disbursement of all funds as they pertain to the cheerleading program. A detailed record of all business shall be available to all members of the government at each meeting.
- D. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection and disbursement of all funds as they pertain to the football program. A detailed record shall be available to all members of the government at each meeting.
- E. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes and notes at all meetings. A copy of the previous meetings notes shall be read available to all members of the government at the following meeting.
- F. The Members at Large will be assigned responsibilities by mutual agreement of the government as a whole. There are to be up to four (4) Members at Large elected yearly during the end of season meeting. In the event that there are less than four nominees for Member at Large, the government shall operate with less than four. It is acceptable for the government to operate with no Members at Large if no nominees are available.

Article VI Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governing body of the organization. Written notification of the proposed amendments must be made available to each member of the governing body at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting at which the vote on the amendment is to take place.

Article VII Dissolution

Upon dissolution of this organization, the funds then on hand shall be frozen for a two year period pending the re-organization of the organization. After the two year period has expired, the remaining funds will be disbursed to the Black Mountain Parks and Recreation Department.

Article VIII
Expulsion of Members

- A. If a member of the governing body fails to perform their duty as prescribed in these By-Laws as interpreted by the remaining members of the governing body, they may be expelled. A three-quarters (3/4) vote of the governing body, excluding the member in question, is required for expulsion.
- B. If a member of the organization, either of the governing body, coaching staff, parent or guardian of a participant behaves in a manner that is detrimental to the Organization, they may be expelled by a three-quarter (3/4) vote of the governing body.
- C. Any member expelled will not be allowed to attend any function of the organization. This will include games, competitions or governmental meetings for the remainder of the season.
- D. Any member expelled will not be eligible for election to the governing board for the remainder of the expulsion season plus an additional season. At the end of the additional season, the member is eligible for election to the governing body.

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