



WEST TEXAS RURAL YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

CHEERLEADING

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&

Regulations

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Article I. Introduction

Section 1.01 General Information

- (a) This is a non-profit organization that shall be known as West Texas Rural Youth Football League, herein thereafter referred to as the “League”.
- (b) Address: P.O. Box 100, Clyde, Texas, 79510
- (c) The Official Logo for the League:



- (d) The Official letterhead for the League:



Section 1.02 Mission Statement

- (a) Our mission as a Youth Sports League is to promote good sportsmanship and physical fitness. The League’s goal is to familiarize the residents of West Central Texas with the West Texas Rural Youth Football League, to promote interest in the League, to seek responsible leadership, and to provide our youth with an opportunity to learn and play the sport of football in a supervised, organized, and safety focused environment.
- (b) The League will supervise and regulate participation through standardization of safe playing rules, enforcement of grade/age classifications, and approval of qualified adults.
- (c) The League will not discriminate because of race, sex, creed, or national origin.

Section 1.03 Definitions

- (a) HLA: Highest League Authority or HLA is used to identify the operating body that is responsible for the Team, League, or Association.
- (b) League: A “League” is a group of associations whose teams are playing under the authority of that conference as members. The conference is the “HLA Board of Directors” to whom all member associations are responsible.

- (c) Division: A particular classification of an age group is hereinafter referred to as a “Division.”
- (d) Association: The local town or organization with one or more teams shall be hereinafter referred to as an “Association.” The said Associations are responsible for paying their league fees.
- (e) Teams: The basic units of the organization within the League are identified as a selected group of certified players within an age Division and are hereinafter referred to as a “Team.”
- (f) Seeding: Regular season record will determine “Playoff” standings. A team can play in a playoff tournament to determine a League Champion. A win/loss record will be kept on each team. (IE 10 season wins and 1 loss would be recorded 10-1) Two (2) points for each win, One (1) point for each tie, and no points for losses. Total points will determine seeding.

Article II. HLA Executive Board of Directors

Section 2.01 Description

- (a) The Executive Board of Directors for the League, herein thereafter referred to as the “Board”, shall consist of a Chair, a Co-Chair, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Co-Secretary for Player Coordination, and a Co-Secretary for Game Coordination. The Board shall elect or appoint any position such as Assistant/Co-Secretaries or Assistant/Co-Treasurer as it deems necessary. No two positions may be held by the same person.

Section 2.02 Officers Descriptions and Duties

- (a) Chairman (Chair):
 - (i) The Chair shall be the principal executive officer of the League and shall supervise all the business and affairs of the League.
 - (ii) Shall preside at meetings at which he/she is present.
 - (iii) May sign with the Treasurer or any other officer authorized, any deed mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments in which the case where the signing and execution thereof shall be especially delegated by the Board or by these Bylaws or by the state statute to some other officer or agent of the League.
 - (iv) Shall perform all duties indicative of the office of Chair and the HLA Board of Directors meetings may prescribe such other duties as when deemed necessary.
 - (v) Shall notify each Association and Board members of called meetings.
- (b) Co-Chairman (Co-Chair):
 - (i) The Co-Chair will act as Chair on a rotating basis or as appointed by the Board in the absence of the Chair.
 - (ii) The Co-Chair will have the same requirements as the Chair.
 - (iii) Shall perform all duties indicative to the office of Co-Chair and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Chair or Board from time to time.

(c) Treasurer:

- (i) The Treasurer shall be responsible to provide financial advice and guidance to the Board and to the League as a whole.
- (ii) Shall maintain such records, as are appropriate to the effective operations of the League, prepare and deliver financial reports monthly or as required by the Chair.
- (iii) Shall be responsible for all funds and securities of the League; receive and give receipts for money due and payable to the League in such banks or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws.
- (iv) Will obtain insurance for the league.
- (v) Shall perform all the duties indicative to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as prescribed by the Board.

(d) Secretary:

- (i) Shall compose and send board meeting agendas to HLA and the Board.
- (ii) Shall be responsible for recording League meetings minutes.
- (iii) Will add to the Bylaws any amendments voted in by the Board.
- (iv) Shall be the custodian of all League records.
- (v) Will also provide requested information to anyone, if approved by the Board.
- (vi) In general, shall perform all duties indicative to the office of Secretary and other duties prescribed by the Board.

(e) Co-Secretary (Player Coordination):

- (i) The Co-Secretary for Player Coordination shall be responsible for collecting and verifying registration forms and birth certificates for players.
- (ii) Verify background checks have been completed on coaches/volunteers.
- (iii) In general, shall perform all duties indicative to the office of Secretary and other duties prescribed by the Board.

(f) Co-Secretary (Game Coordination):

- (i) Shall publish regular season and playoff game schedules for approval by the board.
- (ii) Is responsible for scheduling referees for the games.
- (iii) In general, shall perform all duties indicative to the office of Secretary and other duties prescribed by the Board.

(g) Co-Secretary (Cheer Coordination):

- (i) The Co-Secretary for Cheer Coordination shall be responsible for collecting and verifying registration forms and birth certificates for cheerleaders.
- (ii) Verify background checks have been completed on coaches/volunteers.
- (iii) The Co-Secretary for Cheer Coordination shall also Chair the West Texas Rural Youth Cheerleading Board and make all recommendations regarding Cheer to the HLA.
- (iv) In general, shall perform all duties indicative to the office of the Secretary and other duties prescribed by the Board.

Section 2.03 HLA Board Duties and Responsibilities

- (a) The Board reserves the right to refuse participation to anyone not acting in the best interest of the League or its participants.

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- (b) The Board shall manage the duties of the League and is authorized to:
 - (i) Determine and approve the annual operating budget.
 - (ii) Determine and fix annual team charter fees.
 - (iii) Set rules for admission of members and accept or reject an “application for Membership” submitted by any organization.
 - (iv) Secure officials for regular or post season games.
 - (v) Interpret the By-Laws and Playing Rules.
 - (vi) Review violations of said rules.
 - (vii) Consider any other business which is properly brought before them.
 - (viii) Coordinate all activities of the League, including scheduling playoffs and regular season games.
 - (ix) Provide general publicity for WTRYFL and WTRYC
 - (x) To make rules for their own government and fix and enforce penalties for violations of such.
 - (xi) To generally manage, transact business, and conduct all affairs necessary to the welfare of the League.
 - (xii) Suspend play or practice when it is in the best interest of the League or its participants thereof.

- (c) It is the responsibility of each member of the Board to ensure compliance of all rules, regulations, and By-Laws of the League. This includes monitoring their Associations and any other Association within the League for compliance of the same. It is each Executive Board Member’s responsibility to take immediate action to notify the League of any violation and if within their Association what action they have taken to correct future violations. If a member of the HLA Board has knowledge of any violation and fails to report the violation, they may be removed from the HLA Board.

Section 2.04 Qualification, Nomination, Election, and Tenure of Officers

- (a) The Officers of the League shall be elected or appointed every two (2) years by the Board no later than December 31st and shall take appointment beginning January 1st of that next calendar year. The election of each officer shall be conducted separately by secret ballot or a show of hands.

- (b) Nominations shall be received from each Associations HLA representative. Floor nominations will be accepted.

- (c) Qualifications:
 - (i) The prerequisite for Chair, Co-Chair, Co-Secretaries and Treasurer shall be that he/she be an active member and participant in their Association.
 - (ii) Any individual wanting to be elected to the board as Chairman or Co-Chairman needs to hold a board position for at least 1 year prior.

Section 2.05 Vacancies

- (a) A vacancy occurs on the Board if:
 - (i) A Board member resigns (Sec. 2.07),
 - (ii) A Board member is removed from office (Sec. 2.06),
 - (iii) An Association leaves or is removed from the League,
 - (iv) A Board member has reached their term and does not become re-appointed.
- (b) A vacancy that exists prior to a new election shall be appointed by the Chair and approved by the Board.

Section 2.06 Removal of Officers

- (a) An Executive Officer of the League may be removed from their position on the Board by an affirmative vote of, no less than, three-fourths majority vote of the Board.
- (b) An Officer of the Board should not be removed under bias and the Board should have appropriate justification, as outlined in these Bylaws and the Rule and Regulations Manual.

Section 2.07 Resignations

- (a) Any Officer may resign at any time.
- (b) Notice shall be to the Chairman or the Co-Chairman of the Board, either written or verbal.
- (c) All resignations shall take effect at the date of the receipt of notice, or anytime thereafter as determined by the Chairman.
- (d) The acceptance of a resignation by the Board shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 2.08 Voting

- (a) All appointed members of the Board shall be considered a “voting member”, excluding the Chairman.
- (b) The Chairman shall be the deciding vote in all votes that result in a tie.
- (c) No less than three-fourths (3/4) of the voting members of the Board shall constitute a passage of a motion for the transaction of business.

Section 2.09 Meetings

- (a) Attendance: All members of the Board should make every effort to attend all called meetings. Notice shall be given to the Chair, Co-Chair, or the Secretary if a member’s absence is unavoidable.

- (b) Annual Meetings: The purpose of the annual meeting of the Board shall be to elect new members, if necessary, to the Board. The date of the Annual Meeting shall be determined by the Board on the last Regular Board Meeting of the previous year.
- (c) Regular Meetings: Regular Meetings of the Board shall be established annually and noted in their minutes. There should be no less than (6) six Regular Meetings and no more than (12) twelve in a calendar year. Regular meetings will be held either in person or via remote hosting on the 4th Sunday of every month at 5:00 PM. Regular meetings will begin in February and end in July, with the July meeting being held in person to certify all teams for the regular season.
- (d) Special Meetings: When deemed necessary by the Chairman, special meetings may be called or at the request of any member of the Board, in writing, to conduct business. Should the Chair fail to call a special meeting when requested to do so by a Board Member, then the elected Co-Chair will call and conduct such special meeting, when requested to do so, in writing, and the request contains the signatures of three (3) or more Board Members.

Article III. West Texas Rural Youth Cheer

Section 3.01 WTRYC Board of Directors

- (a) The West Texas Rural Youth Cheer Board is an extension of the WTRYFL and is a subordinate board to the HLA Board of Directors that shall be chaired by the Co-Secretary (Cheer Coordination).
- (b) The WTRYC Board shall consist of (1) one representative from each Association that is a member of the WTRYFL.
- (c) WTRYC Board shall develop and maintain a set of Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations specific to cheerleading.
- (d) WTRYC Chairman shall submit WTRYC Bylaws, and any changes recommend by the WTRYC Board to the HLA Board for final approval.

Article IV. League Membership

Section 4.01 Membership

- (a) Membership of the League shall consist of any Association that is admitted in accordance with Section 3.02 of Article III. Any Association organized for the purpose of operating a youth football program may apply for membership in this league.

Section 4.02 Admission Requirements

- (a) Any Association with a High School enrollment of 500 students or less is eligible to apply for admission.

- (b) Each applicant must:
 - (i) Make a written application, to include names, addresses, and phone numbers of all officers and directors, expressing why your Association or organization would like to join the League.
 - (ii) State in writing, that upon acceptance, the applicant will abide by the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the League and any amendments or modifications thereto.
 - (iii) Pay all fees, assessments, and fines set forth by the League.
- (c) Each application shall be presented to the Board and approved with no less than three-fourths affirmative vote from the Board.

Section 4.03 Termination of Membership

- (a) Voluntary Withdrawal: Any Association of the League may voluntarily withdraw from membership by tendering its written resignation to the League Chair or Co-Chair, accompanied by full payment of all fines, assessments, fees, and debts owed to the League. The effective date of voluntary withdrawal shall be the date of the written resignation.
- (b) Involuntary Termination: Membership in the League shall be automatically whenever:
 - (i) A membership Association permanently disbands its organization or ceases its activities.
 - (ii) A member disbands all its teams during the regular season or fails to register and field all team(s) by the start of the regular season.
 - (iii) The HLA Board of Directors vote by, no less than, three-fourths (3/4) of the total members of membership of any Association for actions unbecoming a member, or detrimental and/or disruptive to the League.

The Chair and Co-Chair shall communicate with and use all due diligence when working with Associations to prevent involuntary terminations. WTRYFL and its Associations shall maintain an open line of communications to ensure, prior to any decision to terminate membership, that all due process and notifications have been exhausted. Ultimately it is the discretion of the Board of Directors, based on recommendations from the Chair and/or Co-Chair, whether to terminate an Association's Membership.

Section 4.04 Association Boundaries

- (a) Boundary Lines are determined by the affiliated Independent School Districts (ISD) of the specified Association.
 - (i) School Districts that are categorized as 3A shall be designated to Division I
 - (ii) School Districts that are categorized as 2A shall be designated to Division II
- (b) An Association shall request permission from the League to accept players that attend an ISD that is not within their specified boundaries as indicated in Sec. 3.04(c) unless otherwise outlined in subsection (d) of this section.

(c) Current Associations, corresponding ISD boundaries, and Division of play:

Clyde Jr Football	Clyde ISD	Division I
Coleman Youth Sports Association	Coleman ISD	Division II
Early Youth Football	Early ISD	Division I
Eastland Youth Football	Eastland ISD	Division I
Hawley Youth Football	Hawley ISD	Division II
Jim Ned Youth Football	Jim Ned ISD	Division I
Merkel Youth Football and Cheer Assoc.	Merkel ISD	Division I
Mitchell County Youth Football	Colorado City ISD	Division II
Winters Youth Football	Winters ISD	Division II

(d) Exceptions:

- (i) If an Association has reached their maximum allotted players for a specific team, the board may approve those players to be rostered with another Association that has not met their maximum player allotment. This rule may only apply so long as it does not prevent an eligible player to be rostered with the receiving Association.
 - (ii) If any Association is unable to fill a team in any given age division, the player may go to another Association with a team in that age division.
 - (iii) If a player comes from an area that does not have a youth football program, a nearby or adjacent Association may accept these players.
 - (iv) **ALL ELIGIBLE PLAYERS SHALL BE ROSTERED PRIOR TO ACCEPTING ANY TRANSFER PLAYERS.**
- (e) All other exceptions not outlined in subsection (d) shall be reviewed and approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis.
- (f) If you have a discrepancy with your designated Association, you must notify the Chairman or Co-Chairman of the Board in writing, prior to the end of registration. Your letter should include a detailed account of the discrepancy and the desired Association or Organization requested to transfer to and the discrepancy will be brought to the attention of the Board for a vote.

Section 4.05 Association Responsibilities

- (a) Each Association will elect officers and report in writing the names of the elected officers to the Board no later than the first day of the sanctioned season for that calendar year.
- (b) Each Association is responsible for its own fundraising, pictures, equipment needed for play, and League fees, to include all league insurance premiums, to be paid to the League Treasurer no later than August 1
- (c) Each Association is responsible for securing and maintaining playing facilities. If an Association does not have access to a local field, games will be scheduled at alternative fields.

- (d) Each Association will be responsible for their own concessions and workers for concession stands.
- (e) Each Association will be responsible for fees charged by Referees and Officials for each game. All fees for Officials shall be disclosed to all Associations, by the Chairman of the League, prior to the start of the season.
- (f) Each Association shall appoint at least one Association Representative and notify the Board in writing prior to the start of that year's sanctioned season.
- (g) Each Association is responsible for doing its own background check on Coaches, Board Members, Volunteers, and/or anyone 18 years of age or older that will or could have any direct contact with children participating in any League sanctioned events, to include practices and ceremonies during the sanctioned season. Verification of background checks will be required for all personnel.
- (h) Each Association is responsible for collecting and maintaining copies of birth certificates, proof of enrollment or residency, age waivers, and pool player waivers for all players. These documents will need to be made available for certification by the Board two weeks prior to the first sanctioned pre-season game of the corresponding season.
- (i) Each Association is responsible for obtaining each player's proof of ISD enrollment and making it available if requested.
 - (i) If a player is enrolled in or attends home school, the Board will accept a proof of residency for that player so long as their residency is within the specified boundaries of that Association and a letter from a parent simply stating that the player is home schooled.
- (j) It is each Association's responsibility to maintain all registration documents each year. In addition, when providing registration forms, birth certificates, and ISD enrollment forms, the format for each division will be up to the discretion of the Co-Secretary (Player Coordination).

Article V. Coaches

Section 5.01 Requirements

- (a) The position of Coach shall be open to any responsible, qualified person with sufficient interest in the sport. He/She will develop and utilize his/her talents to teach the fundamentals of the sport and the rules of the game, to the participating youth.
- (b) Each coaching applicant shall declare satisfactory character, background check, and sincerity of purpose by completing a Coaches/Volunteer Application Form. This form must be submitted to your local Association prior to participating as a Coach.
- (c) Each Association is responsible for background checks. If a felony, violent, or sexual offense is found at any time within the last ten (10) years, the person will not be allowed to coach or be on the field. Failure to perform background checks may result in a League fine and or other disciplinary actions by the League.

- (d) Texas Dept of Public Safety site for qualifying organizations is located at <https://publicsite.dps.texas.gov/DpsWebsite/CriminalHistory/>.
- (i) Background Criminal History checks should be conducted annually.
- (e) This applicant states his/her agreement to comply with these By-Laws and Playing Rules of the League and gives written consent to submit his/her name in for a criminal background check by signing the application form.
- (f) All coaches that are also board members, for either the WTRYFL Executive Board, WTRYC Board, or a Local Association Board, will relinquish all and any authority as a board member while coaching on the field.
- (g) All Head Coaches are required to attend a concussion training session.
- (h) Approved concussion training: <https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>
- (i) Cheerleading Coaches will be required to annually attend specialized safety training specific to cheer.
 - (i) All coaches must attend a Cheerleading Safety and Risk Management Course.
 - (ii) Instruction shall be provided by a certified instructor.
- (j) All coaches shall attend mandated training at a minimum of every (2) two years.

Section 5.02 Selection

- (a) Each Association is responsible for developing a system for the selection of their Coaching staff. Disputes related to specific Association staffing decisions should be addressed within their respective Association.
- (b) Once Coaches are selected and been through the appropriate background investigation, it shall be documented on the coach's application and shall be forwarded to the Co-Secretary (Player Coordination) for verification, no later than two weeks prior to the first sanctioned WTRYFL game.

Section 5.03 Coaches and Personnel Allowed in Designated Cheer Area

- (a) The only authorized personnel allowed in the designated cheer areas are coaching staff designated by each Association.

Article VI. Certification of Cheerleaders

Section 6.01 Registration Requirements

- (a) Each Association shall submit to the HLA Co-Secretary (Cheer Coordination) a copy of the Master Cheer Roster (MCR) no later than (2) two weeks prior to the start of league practice.

Article VII. Age Divisions

Section 7.01 Age Divisions

- (a) Flag Pre-Kindergarten – Kindergarten
 - (i) A flag cheerleader cannot be **7** on or before August 31st.
- (b) Mighty Mites 1st and 2nd Grade
 - (i) A Mighty Mite cheerleader cannot be **9** on or before August 31st.
- (c) Junior PeeWee 3rd and 4th Grade
 - (i) A Junior PeeWee cheerleader cannot be **11** on or before August 31st.
- (d) PeeWee 5th and 6th Grade
 - (i) A PeeWee cheerleader cannot be **13** on or before August 31st.

Article VIII. Uniform Requirements

Section 8.01 Uniforms

- (a) Cheerleaders may not wear jewelry. This includes, but is not limited to ears, nose, belly button, facial rings, clear plastic jewelry, bracelets (wrist or ankle), necklaces, and pins on uniforms. Jewelry may not be taped over; it must be removed. Medical ID tags/bracelets should be removed during stunts.
- (b) Cheerleaders must wear proper shoes. Boots, flip-flops, and sandals are not allowed.
- (c) Uniform tops are not to show any stomach area. Uniform skirts are not to be raised to an inappropriate height.

Article IX. Stunt Regulations

Section 9.01 Stunt Regulations

- (a) For any squad performing stunts, whether at practice or during a game, there shall be one certified coach per eight cheerleaders.
- (b) **Partner Stunts/Pyramids** (*Please remember that in addition to these rules, you must adhere to the guidelines set forth within these Bylaws for your squad's specific level*)

- (i) For any stunt that requires a spotter, the spotter may not be involved in any other choreography during the stunt.
- (ii) Partner stunts and pyramids are limited to two people high.
- (iii) Flyers must receive their primary support from a base(s) that has direct weight bearing contact with the performing surface.
- (iv) Extended stunts require a spotter who must be positioned directly in front of and one behind the stunt. The spotter must have always at least one hand on the flyer.
- (v) Shoulder stands must always have three bases. There must be a base positioned in front of and behind the shoulder stand.
- (vi) Mascots are not permitted to participate in any stunts.
- (vii) No tabletops are permitted.
- (viii) No knee drops, body drops, dead falls, or dropping directly to the floor is permitted.
- (ix) Back bends that support any pyramid weight are not permitted.
- (x) A coach is allowed to assist the stunt as the spotter positioned behind the flyer but must not leave that position until the stunt is completed.

(c) Transitional Stunts

- (i) When performing a transitional stunt, a minimum of three bases are required depending on squad level.
- (ii) Extended one-legged stunts are not permitted to brace other extended stunts.
- (iii) When executing hanging pyramids, flyers must remain upright.
- (iv) There must be a continuous spotter for each flyer.
- (v) No stunt, pyramid, nor individual may move over or under the head or torso of the flyer.
- (vi) A coach is allowed to assist the stunt as the spotter positioned behind the flyer but must not leave that position until the stunt is completed.

(d) Tosses

- (i) All tosses must originate from the ground level and must be caught in a cradle position by a minimum of 3 original bases, one of which must be positioned at the head and shoulder area of the flyer.
- (ii) Flyers may not be tossed from one set of bases to another set of bases.

- (iii) Bases must remain stationary during tosses. (No intentional traveling tosses).
- (iv) Tosses may not involve more than 4 bases tossing. One of the 4 bases must be positioned behind the flyer during the toss. The base may assist the flyer into the toss, as well as assist with the toss.
- (v) Mascots are not allowed at any time to participate in any tosses.
- (vi) No person(s), pyramid, stunts, or objects may move over, through, or under a toss or pop.
- (vii) Helicopter tosses are not permitted.
- (viii) Re-catches of any type are not permitted.
- (ix) A coach is allowed to assist the toss as the base positioned behind the flyer but must not leave that position until the stunt is completed.

(e) Dismounts

- (i) (Please remember that in addition to these rules, you must adhere to the WTRYC Guidelines for your squad's specific level)
- (ii) All stunts and pyramids that dismount to the performance surface must be assisted by the original bases.
- (iii) Extended stunts must be brought to prep stand level before dismounting.
- (iv) Free flipping mounts or dismounts are not permitted.
- (v) Free falling flips to the performance surface are not permitted.
- (vi) Tension drops or rolls are not permitted.
- (vii) For multi-based stunts positioned prep level or higher, there must be at least two catchers and a separate spotter positioned at the head and shoulder area of the flyer assisting with the cradle.
- (viii) A coach is allowed to assist as the spotter positioned at the head and shoulder area of the flyer but must not leave that position until the stunt is completed.

Article X. Stunts Permitted by Division

Section 10.01 Flag

- (i) Two legged stunts at waist level are permitted.
- (ii) No standing stunts above waist level.

- (iii) Non-standing prep level stunts are permitted.
- (iv) Single legged stunts may not be held higher than the thigh.
- (v) All stunts must have a back spot that always maintains contact with the flyer. It is recommended the back spot is a coach.
- (vi) Shoulder sits are permitted if the base is not in a standing position.
- (vii) All stunts are limited to two people high. The bases must always have both feet in direct contact with the floor.
- (viii) Pop down dismounts only. All tosses are prohibited.
- (ix) No Show – and – Go's.
- (x) No inversions, tabletops, flipping, helicopters, nor twists are permitted.
- (xi) A coach is allowed to assist as the spotter positioned at the head and shoulder area of the flyer but must not leave that position until the stunt is completed.

Section 10.02 Mighty Mites Stunts

- (i) Two legged stunts at prep level are permitted.
- (ii) No two-legged stunts above prep level.
- (iii) Single legged stunts may not be held higher than the waist.
- (iv) Stunts at prep stand level must have four bases who always maintain contact with the flyer.
- (v) Shoulder sits are permitted. (two bases)
- (vi) Shoulder stands are not permitted.
- (vii) All stunts are limited to two people high. The bases must always have both feet in direct contact with the floor.
- (viii) Pop downs and basic straight cradle dismounts. Cradles must be caught by the original bases.
- (ix) No Show – and – Go's.
- (x) No inversions, tabletops, flipping, helicopters, nor twists are permitted.
- (xi) A coach is allowed to assist as the spotter positioned at the head and shoulder area of the flyer but must not leave that position until the stunt is completed.

Section 10.03 Junior Pee Wee Stunts

- (i) Extended two-legged stunts are permitted.
- (ii) Single legged stunts are prohibited above prep level.
- (iii) Stunts at prep level must have three bases who always maintain contact with the flyer.
- (iv) Stunts at extended level must have four bases who always maintain contact with the flyer.
- (v) Extended stunts must be brought back to prep level before the dismount.
- (vi) All stunts are limited to two people high. The bases must always have both feet in direct contact with the floor.
- (vii) Pop downs and basic straight cradle dismounts. Cradles must be caught by the original bases.
- (viii) Basket tosses are permitted and must be caught in a cradle by the original bases.
- (ix) Shoulder sits and stands are permitted. Shoulder sits may have two bases. Shoulder stands must have a minimum of three bases. Dismount from shoulder stand should be a pop down dismount.
- (x) All extension level stunts are required to have a safety certified coach as the back spot.
- (xi) No inversions, tabletops, flipping, neither helicopters, nor twists are permitted.
- (xii) Show-and-Go's are permitted.
- (xiii) A coach is allowed to assist as the spotter positioned at the head and shoulder area of the flyer but must not leave that position until the stunt is completed.

Section 10.04 Pee Wee Stunts

- (i) One and two legged extended stunts are permitted.
- (ii) Stunts at prep level must have three bases who always maintain contact with the flyer.
- (iii) Stunts at extended level must have four bases that always maintain contact with the flyer.
- (iv) Extended stunts must be brought back to prep level before the dismount.
- (v) All stunts are limited to two people high. The bases must always have both feet in direct contact with the floor.

- (vi) Pop downs and basic straight cradle dismounts. Cradles must be caught by original bases.
- (vii) Basket tosses are permitted and must be caught in a cradle by the original bases. Twists are permitted with one rotation.
- (viii) Shoulder sits and stands are permitted. Shoulder sits may have two bases. Shoulder stands must have minimum of three bases. Dismount from shoulder stand may be a pop down or a cradle.
- (ix) All extension level stunts are required to have a safety certified coach as the back spot.
- (x) Show-and-Go's are permitted.
- (xi) No inversions, tabletops, flipping, nor helicopters are permitted.
- (xii) A coach is allowed to assist as the spotter positioned at the head and shoulder area of the flyer but must not leave that position until the stunt is completed.

Article XI. Halftime performances

Section 11.01 Requirements

- (a) Halftime performances are encouraged but not required.
- (b) Halftime performances should be no longer than (3) three minutes.
- (c) If music is utilized it should be age appropriate, no profanity or inappropriate suggestive lyrics.
- (d) During halftime the visiting team will perform first, followed by the home team.

Article XII. Code of Conduct

Section 12.01 Code of Conduct

- (a) No obscene, foul, cursing, derogatory, or otherwise offense language towards; spectators, coaches, officials, players, or anyone with the privilege of being present at any WTRYFL sanctioned event.
- (b) No Alcohol permitted at any WTRYFL event or on the property of any ISD facility or stadium, in accordance with State Law.
- (c) No Tobacco use on the field or inside of any ISD facility or stadium, in accordance with State Law. To include, but not limited to:

- (i) Cigarettes
 - (ii) Cigars
 - (iii) Chewing Tobacco
 - (iv) Snuff
 - (v) E-Cigarettes
 - (vi) Vapes
- (d) No Illegal or Illicit drugs as defined by Sec. 481 of the TEX. HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, permitted at any WTRYFL event or on the property of any ISD facility or stadium.
- (e) No person(s) shall be under the influence of anything defined in (b) or (d) while attending any WTRYFL event or while in any ISD facility or stadium.
- (f) All participants shall always exercise good sportsmanlike conduct while attending or participating in WTRYFL events, games, ceremonies, or any other event that is sanctioned by the WTRYFL.
- (g) No fighting, bullying, intimidating, or any other physical act, with the sole intent to create fear or physical harm to anyone attending or participating in any WTRYFL event.

Article XIII. Complaints

Section 13.01 Purpose

- (a) To create a non-bias process in which that any individual or Association having membership within the League can make complaint to be heard and evaluated by the Executive Board of Directors.

Section 13.02 Procedure

- (a) All complaints shall be submitted in writing on a complaint form.
- (b) All complaints shall be submitted to the League Chair or Co-Chair no later than 10 days of the date of the alleged violation or infraction.

Section 13.03 Hearing of Complaints

- (a) If the complaint complies with all the requirements specified in Sec.16.02 of this Article, the Chair will appoint a Hearing Committee to hear the complaint.
- (b) The Hearing Committee shall convene within seven (7) days of being appointed, conduct a hearing, and render a decision thereon. The hearing of the complaint shall be in closed session with all accused parties present if they so desire.
- (c) All accused parties shall be notified of the hearing. Such notice shall also include all violations to be heard. The accused party may call witnesses on their behalf.

Section 13.04 Decision

- (a) All complaints shall be decided by a majority vote of the Hearing Committee members and reported back to the League Board by the Chair.
- (b) If there are any instances where discipline is warranted, it shall follow the procedures outlined in Article XVII of these Bylaws.

Article XIV. Penalties and Discipline

Section 14.01 Purpose

- (a) The purpose of this section is to deter violations as outlined in these Bylaws and to encourage a safe and fun atmosphere for all parties involved in the activities of the WTRYFL.

Section 14.02 Procedure

- (a) All Penalties and Discipline shall have due process and start with the procedures outlined in Article XIV of these Bylaws.
- (b) Penalties and Discipline shall be progressive in nature based on the severity of the violation as determined by the Board.
- (c) On field discipline shall be dictated by the Gaming Officials and reported, if necessary, to the on-site Board Member. That Board Member(s) shall document the violation and report it to the Board Chair or Co-Chair for further review and to present to the Board, if necessary.
- (d) Administrative Discipline (Associations/Organizations) shall be dictated by the Board by way of an administrative hearing convened by either the Chair or Co-Chair with a 3/4 majority (Super Majority) of the Board present.
- (e) Home Associations are responsible for upholding all rules and regulations set forth by these Bylaws. An Association may be administratively disciplined if the Board has determined that the Association has not taken appropriate action to prevent and/or deter violations as outlined in these Bylaws.

Section 14.03 Penalties and Fines

- (a) Individual Penalties may range from a formal reprimand by the Board to permanent removal from the League, as determined by the Board.
- (b) Administrative Penalties include, but are not limited to, the following.

- (i) Formal Written Reprimands from the Board.
- (ii) Monetary Fines no less than \$25.00, but not to exceed \$1,000.00.
- (iii) Suspension of play for all divisions.
- (iv) Removal from the League.

Section 14.04 Mandatory Penalties – Coaches

- (a) Any Coach that is ejected will be subject to a minimum of (1) one game suspension.
 - (i) Additional games and/or permanent suspension may be added based on the nature of the ejection and the subsequent investigation by the League.
 - (ii) If the Coach in question has been ejected previously, the League may impose additional suspension games or choose to permanently suspend the Coach for the remainder of the season or indefinitely.

Section 14.05 Mandatory Penalties – Players

- (a) Any player that is ejected will be subject to a minimum of (1) one game suspension.
 - (i) Additional games and/or permanent suspension may be added based on the nature of the ejection and the subsequent investigation by the League.
 - (ii) If the Player in question has been ejected previously, the League may impose additional suspension games or choose to permanently suspend the Player for the remainder of the season or indefinitely.

Section 14.06 Notice

- (a) Any Player or Coach that has discipline imposed by the League will receive written notice to the Home Association or Organization from the Chair or Co-Chair of the League outlining the discipline imposed, date of offense, effective date, and date of return.

Section 14.07 Appeal Hearings

- (a) All appeals shall be made in writing within (10) ten days of the date they received their notice from the League.
- (b) The notice shall have a point of contact for the current Chair and Co-Chair in which to address the appeal.
- (c) The Chair shall convene a special meeting at a time and location determined convenient for the Board to allow for the Board to hear the appeal.
 - (i) The Appeal Hearing shall require a voting quorum of at least (3) three voting Board Members.
 - (ii) Failing to appear for the Appeals Hearing will result in a default, no other appeals will be accepted.

(d) All decisions are final upon completion of the Appeals Hearing.

Article XV. Awards

Section 15.01 League Awards

- (a) The League will purchase and presents awards to Football Players, Cheerleaders, Coaches, and the Home Association, as determined by the Board, to the season champion for each age division.
- (b) Awards that are not individualized shall be property of that Home Association unless otherwise determined by that Association or Organization.

Section 15.02 Association Awards

- (a) Individual players may be presented awards from their Association or sponsor for participation. The value of these awards will not exceed the current TUIL standard to maintain amateur status of youth league players.

Article XVI. Insurance

Section 16.01 General

- (a) All Associations will be covered by an accident insurance policy which must be in effect prior to the first practice session so that all players/cheerleaders participating are covered. This policy must cover injuries sustained by players while participating in practices, exhibition games, regular season games, play-off games, and while traveling to and from any specified event.

Section 16.02 Payment

- (a) The Board is responsible for contracting insurance for all Associations connected with West Texas Rural Youth Football League. The premiums will be paid when designated by the insurance company. Insurance roster forms shall be submitted to the insurance company after certification of players, if applicable.

Section 16.03 No Opt-Out Clause

- (a) As part of League membership requirements, all Associations/Organizations are required to carry League insurance and pay required League insurance minimums, per participant, to the League no later than the first day League practice begins.

Article XVII. Indemnification

IF ANY PART OF THESE BYLAWS SHALL BE HELD INVALID OR INOPERATIVE FOR ANY REASON, THE REMAINING PARTS, SO FAR AS POSSIBLE AND REASONABLE, SHALL BE VALID AND BINDING.

Article XVIII. Ratification

THESE BYLAWS SUPERSEDE ALL PREVIOUS BYLAWS AND AMEDMENTS AND HAVE BEEN RATIFIED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AND SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE 19th DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR 2023.

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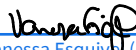
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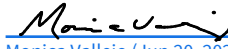
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