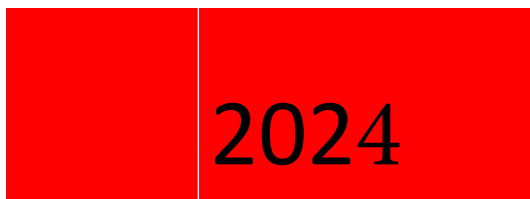


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PLAYING RULES

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The organization shall be known as “North West Georgia Youth Football League Inc”.
(Hereafter referred to as “NWGYFL”)

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this League is to provide a football program with major emphasis upon fun and enjoyment for children interested in playing and learning the skills of football. The programs will always promote safety-first play by encouraging only programs with strict control over age, equipment and proper behavior for participants, adults, coaches, and spectators. Major emphasis of this League is to:

- Provide children an opportunity for fun and enjoyment through a football program.
- Teach children football skills and techniques.
- Practice good sportsmanship and physical fitness.

NWGYFL provide competition events for the cheerleading program.

NWGYFL Will provide Superbowl

NWGYFL assumes no responsibility for preseason jamborees, or games that are not sanctioned by NWGYFL

ARTICLE III – STANDING POLICIES

NWGYFL officers, sponsors, coaches, managers, referees, or any other supervisory personnel are not responsible for injuries to persons participating; players, coaches, cheerleaders, managers, officials, parents and spectators participate at their own risk

1. NWGYFL shall be Incorporated as a Not-For-Profit Georgia Corporation
 - a. CEO shall be the duly elected Commission Chairman
 - b. CFO shall be the duly elected Commission Treasurer
 - c. Secretary shall be the duly elected Commission Secretary
 - d. Registered Agent shall Commission Secretary or a company
2. NWGYFL shall obtain and maintain Directors and Officers (D & O) Insurance, so as to cover the Commission, the Coordinators and the League Members.
3. NWGYFL shall have a Fiscal Year beginning on January 1st and ending on December 31st.
4. NWGYFL shall obtain and maintain a web site

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNING BODY

The Governing Body of the North West Georgia Youth Football League shall consist of a Board of Directors, and Conference Coordinators.

The Associations hereinafter referred to as the “League”, “League Member” or “Representative”.

- Each League Member shall be allowed two representatives in attendance at all League meetings have only one (1) voice and one (1) vote in NWGYFL.

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The Board of Directors herein referred to as the "Commission".

- The Members of the Commission shall be elected by the board .

The Conference Coordinators hereinafter referred to as "Coordinators"

- The Coordinators shall be appointed by the commission.

The Committees will be made up of Association who or pointed by board and shall have no vote in league business but shall bring ideals to the board. Commission will point advisory board of 5t bring ideals to the Commission

The Commission shall be made up of the following;

1. Chairman
2. Vice Chairman – National
3. Vice Chairman – American
4. Secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Director of scheduling
7. Past Chairman
8. Director over Coordinators

Committees

1. Cheer Director
2. Events Director
3. Superbowl Director
4. Website Director
5. Allstars director

Elections

First year of new League the Commission will hold position for one calendar year start of the first full year 2023 to establish the league after that we will follow below.

1. Election of the Commission Members shall be held on the second Sunday in February
2. All nominations shall be made to board of individuals wanting to be on Commission.
3. Vacated positions shall be filled by a Special Meeting of the commission
4. Any Commission Member may be recalled by a 2/3 vote of the board as described herein.
5. Any member running for the position of the chairman of the NWGYFL must successfully complete 1 full year of service in the capacity of the Commission, Coordinator before they may be considered for or elected as the Chairman of NWGYFL but may not be involved with any park if voted in.
6. Chairman has no vote on elections

Voting

1. Each Member of the League, in Good Standing shall have 1 (one) vote on PLAYING RULES of the League.
 - a. A Member in Good standing shall be defined as one who is not on Probation, as stated in this document and is current with all dues, fines and monies owed the League.
2. The Commission votes on what's best for NWGYFL
3. The vote required for Election to the Commission shall be 50% plus one of the board The vote required for a change to the Constitution, By-Laws and/or Playing Rules of NWGYFL, after December 31st but prior to July 1st shall be a MAJORITY vote .
4. After July 1st no change shall be made to the playing rules or By-Laws unless a situation arises that proves to show no current rule or by-law directly states or governs said situation,.
5. The vote required for New Members to be accepted into NWGYFL as probationary member is majority vote by Commission.

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8. The vote required for New Members to become a full (voting member) of NWGYFL shall be 3/4 of the Members of the League in Good Standing, provided a quorum is present.

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9. The vote required to suspend any individual from NWGYFL related activities shall be 3/4 of the board Members of the League unless superseded herein by these ByLaws.
10. There is no vote required to Suspend, place on Probation and/or Remove a League Member from NWGYFL if said program is not up holding the image of NWGYFL .
11. There's no vote to overturn a Suspended, Dismissed or Background Check issue on a Coach or Individual from NWGYFL
12. E-mail voting, for Specific Topics only by the Commission and/ or League Members shall be permitted.
13. E-mail voting shall NOT be allowed as a replacement for Meeting attendance.
14. Such e-mail vote shall be sent to "All" Commission Members, Coordinators and Representative. All reply votes shall be sent in a manner determined by the League. The vote window shall close 48 hours after the time stamp on the initial call for a vote.

Quorum

1. A quorum shall be defined as 50% plus 1 (one) conduct Business of the League.
2. A quorum shall be defined as 50% plus 1 (one) of the Commission, to hold a Commission Meeting.

Funds

1. The Commission shall set all Membership Fees, Team Fees and Fines for NWGYFL.
2. The League Membership shall review the Annual Audit from the Commission Treasurer at the February Meeting of the Combined League and Commission.
3. The Funds needed to operate NWGYFL shall come from the participation of League Members semifinals and Superbowl.
4. The funds and any others raised through the operation of NWGYFL shall be disbursed only for the operation of the NWGYFL.
5. Should any League Member cease to be a Member of NWGYFL, their portion of Funds in the NWGYFL account, shall be forfeited and remain in the NWGYFL Account.
6. Should NWGYFL cease to exist or be dissolved, all Funds shall be divided amongst the League Members in the following manner;
 - a. Each League Member shall receive evenly up to \$1,000.00.
 - b. Any Monies left shall be divided based on the number of Teams that each League Member entered for play in NWGYFL the previous Season

Amendments

The Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules may be amended as defined in Voting 4, 5 & 6 above.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES

Commission shall perform the duties of their elected positions of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of scheduling and Director of Coordinators assigned within the Constitution and Bylaws.

Commission Duties

1. The Commission shall be responsible for day to day operation of the League
2. The Commission shall be responsible for guidance of the League with regards to growth opportunities.
3. The Commission may not suspend a Program/Association, unless superseded herein or if its best for the league .
4. The Commission may suspend a Coach, Participant or Spectator.
5. The Commission may fine an Association, Coach, Participant or Spectator.
6. The Commission may modify by laws if there's a rule or something arise that don't cover the league.
7. The Commission may NOT represent an Association at any called or special meeting.

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Chairman

1. Shall be the presiding officer at all Meetings.
2. Will make all decisions best for league with help from. Executive board.
3. Shall appoint Committees, Special Sub-Committees and members thereof, as needed.
4. Shall be responsible for inter-league communications.
5. Shall be responsible for league publicity.
6. Accepts and investigates all applications for new membership and reports such to the Commission.
7. In the event of an emergency of any nature involving actual or suspected misconduct or regarding any property or moral integrity of members, the Chairman shall have and is hereby empowered with the authority to act on his/her own initiative to secure the assistance of the local or municipal county, state and federal law enforcement agencies, including the execution of affidavits in support of criminal warrants, to protect property and moral integrity in compliance with the intents and purposes of the league in Article II hereof. In such an event a Meeting of the League shall be called within 24 hours at which time the Chairman shall make the League aware of such actions and why such was necessary.
8. Shall be the exclusive point of contact for all Media and Press related items. The Chairman may choose or permit in writing a onetime alternative contact.
9. Will be allowed to assign duties as needed.

Vice Chairman – National Division

1. Shall carry out all duties assigned or delegated by the chairman.
2. Shall be responsible for the D1
3. Shall be the primary point of contact for all parks/presidents assigned to the National Division teams.
4. Shall help with any other duties chairman may point .

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5. Shall help of trophy selection (in condition with the Commission) and trophy presentation at the D1 Superbowl.

Vice Chairman – American Division

1. Carry out all duties assigned or delegated by the chairman.
2. Shall be responsible for D1 Certification activities.
3. Shall be the primary point of contact for all parks/presidents assigned to the American Division both D1.
4. Shall request at the February meeting suggestions on footballs to be used in the upcoming season.
5. Shall present to the league members at the March meeting a list of footballs approved for use in the upcoming season at each age group, and make sure that this list id published to the league website.

Treasurer

1. Shall open a General Fund Checking Account and/or a Money Market Account in the name of NWGYFL at a FDIC Insured Bank.
2. All bills and other obligations of NWGYFL shall be paid by check or card.
3. Shall prepare an Annual Audit and make the same available for review at the Combined League and Commission Meeting in February..
4. Shall give recommendations as to how much of the NWGYFL Funds should be held over for operating expenses from the previous Season to the next.
A second signature by the Chairman or Vice Chairman will be required for checks over \$1000.00
5. Any expenditure less than or equal to \$999 shall be agreed upon by a simple majority of the Commissioners. Any expenditure \$1,000 or more shall be approved by a majority vote of the Commission.
6. As the Registered Agent shall assure that the annual corporate return and filing fees are filed and paid no later than April 1, of each year.

Secretary

1. Records all Meetings.

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2. Must submit written minutes of all meetings to the Chairman and/or Vice Chairman and shall post said Minutes on the NWGYFL website within 1 week of the Meeting.
3. Secure and maintain all records and documents pertaining to the NWGYFL, Inc.
4. Shall coordinate the Annual Banquet.

Competition Director

1. Shall make the league schedule with input from committee and Chairman
2. Shall be the point of contact through the Vice-Chairmen on all schedule change requests in accordance with these bylaws.
3. Shall assist the Vice Chairman (American) with the certification process.
4. Responsible for all Website Development and Support
5. Shall communicate Scores, Ejections, Temporary Jersey Changes and Medical Removals no later than 48 hours after the scheduled event to the League and the Commission
6. Shall, prior to December 31, provide an archived copy of the NWGYFL database to the League Secretary.
7. Shall maintain all electronic records of the NWGYFL, all certification paperwork and records. These records may be maintained locally, online, or in the "cloud".

DIRECTOR OF COORDINATORS

1. Help recruit conference Coordinators
2. Assigned Coordinators place to go and help league teams with question

Past Chairman

1. Shall help ease the transition of leadership to the new chairman and help complete matters that are uncompleted at the time of transition.
2. Shall assist the Chairman and/or commission with league meetings until such time the new chairman does not require assistance
3. Shall be a voice in matters that may have changed under their leadership time.

League Member Representative

1. Shall be the person charged by their Association to represent their Association and/or Park (aka Park President, Football Director, Director of Football Operations, etc.)
2. Shall be the voice of said Association and/or Park
3. Shall be responsible for their parks day to day business
4. Shall help with playing rules and set on Commission committees if needed

Coordinators

1. Shall be the advocate for all Teams and Associations to the Commission
2. Shall be a representative of the Commission at any and all League games to ensure that the NWGYFL Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules are being upheld
3. There shall be no limit to the number of Coordinators pointed.

Director responsibility:

1. cheer Director will be responsible of corresponding events with cheer coaches and oversee cheer events with direction of Commission

2. Events Director will help oversee all events and provide ideas to make them better

3. Superbowl Director will help Commission plan for the superbowl.

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4. Website Director will help maintain website with competition director and update it with info.
5. Allstar Director will help with ideals and help oversee the event.

BY-LAWS

Roberts Rules of Order (Revised Edition) shall govern the proceedings of all meetings Except where it conflicts with these By-Laws of NWGYFL

LEAGUE DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. League Members shall be responsible for enforcing, at all times, the NWGYFL Constitution, By-laws and Playing Rules.

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2. League Members shall keep their participants up to date of Constitution and By-Laws changes of NWGYFL.
3. League Members shall submit a "Certificate of Liability Insurance" naming NWGYFL as "Additionally Insured" for \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) the day prior to the first scheduled day of practice. Practices may not commence for a League Member who has not submitted the required Certificate. This copy shall provide coverage from the first day of practice through the entire season including any NWGYFL play-off games of the current year and may be emailed or faxed to the Commission Secretary. Failure to submit the Certificate to the Secretary prior to the first day of scheduled practice shall result in a \$50.00 (fifty dollar) fine.
4. League Members shall provide written proof of field availability. Letters of agreement must be on the letterhead of the property rights holder before the first day of practice.
5. League Members shall encourage usage of the NWGYFL website by their members so as to keep all their Board Members, Coaches and Parents informed on the matters of NWGYFL.
6. League Members shall submit a copy of their League Members "Heat Policy", the day prior to first day of practice. The policy may be e-mailed or faxed to the Commission Secretary. League Members shall notify its participants of its Heat Policy at the time of registration. Failure to submit the policy in a timely manner shall result in a \$50.00 (fifty dollar) fine.
7. League Members shall designate a face off area and one person to oversee
8. Commission members and Coordinators may conduct Face off, at any NWGYFL event.
9. League Members shall provide a face off Representative 60 minutes prior to scheduled game time, which shall be available for 45 minutes. Failure to do so shall result in a \$100 (hundred dollar) fine.
10. League Members shall maintain a current copy of the NWGYFL Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules in the Face off area. (ELECTRONICALLY)
11. League Members shall be responsible for maintaining proper conduct of all participants (players, parents, spectators, etc.) throughout the season.
12. League Members shall submit all gameday scores, fines, injuries, and ejections to the database by 4:00 pm Sunday for Saturday games and 4:00 pm the following day for weekday games, this should include any details describing the circumstances surrounding any ejected player, coach or spectator. Failure by a League Member to comply Reporting of Scores shall result in a \$50.00 (fifty dollar) Fine.

MEETINGS

ATTENDANCE and AGENDA

1. NWGYFL Meetings shall not violate Federal, State or Local Laws as they pertain to meetings of privately held Not for Profit Corporations.

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2. NWGYFL league Meetings shall be attended by Commission Members, Coordinators and League Member Representatives when needed. Meeting can be zoom or means necessary
3. The Meeting Agenda shall be created by the Chairman and must contain the minimum items as listed in the Constitution, By-Laws and/or Playing Rules. Any other issues which a League Member, Commission Member or Coordinator may wish to have placed on the Agenda shall be communicated verbally, in writing or by e-mail to the Chairman in advance of the meeting.
4. Any individual wishing to be in attendance at a meeting of NWGYFL, who is neither a League Member Representative, Commission Member or Coordinator, may attend the meeting as a Guest of a League Member, Commission Member or Coordinator.
5. Said Guests shall be made known to the Chairman, prior to the start of the Meeting, so they may be properly recognized during the Meeting. Further, if said Guest has an issue to be brought before NWGYFL, said issue should be in writing or e-mail to the Chairman seven (7) days in advance of the Meeting. Otherwise the issue shall be voiced through the Host of the Guest, unless otherwise recognized by the Chairman.
6. Any League Member who does not have at least one representative in attendance at a meeting shall be fined \$100.00 (One-hundred dollars). A Commission member may NOT represent any League Member in this instance.
7. Any League Member who does not have at least one representative in attendance at the roll call representing the beginning of the meeting, but arrives after the completion of the roll call shall be fined \$50.00 (fifty dollars). A League Member shall not be liable both for this fine and the fine described immediately above in item 6 of this Section. A Commission member may NOT represent any League Member in this instance.

2ND Sunday in February – Combined League and Commission Meeting

1. Reading of the Minutes from the previous Meeting of the League
2. Reading of the Treasurer's Report
3. Review of the previous Season.
4. League Members may vote to remove a fellow League Member from NWGYFL or place said Member on probation for another Year.
5. League Members may review a coach's probation and or dismissal and make amendments to those actions
6. Review of New League Members from the previous year
7. Vote on New League Members as Full Members or adding of another year's probation period
8. Receiving of Proposed Constitutional Amendments, By-laws and Playing Rule changes from League Members
9. Receive Applications for New Membership into the League , if the new member meets all requirements the Commission will accept them
10. Each League Member must declare their participation, colors and mascot-nickname for the upcoming season, failure to do so shall result in a \$500.00 fine. A Commission member may NOT represent any League Member in this instance.
11. Old Business
12. New Business
13. Election of the board.

3rd Sunday in March – Combined League and Commission Meeting

1. Reading of the Minutes from the previous Meeting of the League
2. Reading of the Treasurer's Report
3. League Members shall provide a copy of their League Member's By-Laws and Board of Directors contact information. These may be e-mailed or faxed to the Commission Secretary in advance of this Meeting. Failure to provide such by this meeting shall result in a Fine of \$25.00 (twenty five dollars).
4. League Members who did not declare to participate in NWGYFL at the February Meeting for the upcoming Season and fail to do so at this meeting shall be removed from NWGYFL .
5. Old Business
6. New Business

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Last Sunday in July – Combined League and Commission Meeting

1. Reading of the Minutes from the previous Meeting
2. Reading of the Treasurer's Report
3. Review Constitution and By-Laws.
4. Review Playing Rules
5. Old Business
6. New Business
7. Mandatory Coach Meeting for every coach that's in data base at time of meeting to review new changes and information. Fine for non-attendance is \$100.00 per coach

2nd Sunday in August – Certification and . Commission Meeting DI Head Coaches or their Representative Shall Attend this Meeting

1. Reading of the Minutes from the previous Meeting
2. Reading of the Treasurer's Report
3. League Members shall declare their total number of football teams , which will participate in the upcoming Season, including age groups and advise of any age groups where it will NOT field a Competitive or DI Division team. Email week prior to this meeting number of Teams
4. League Members coaches shall provide Coach's information including name, address, phone number and e-mail address in the NWGYFL Data Base.
5. A list of the completed background checks, which conform to the requirements of NWGYFL as described in **BACKGROUNDS CHECKS** of these By-Laws, for coaches shall be signed and dated by the League Member Representative and presented to the Secretary.
6. Any coaches added after the submission of the original list, shall be submitted to the League Secretary on a supplemental list signed and dated by the League Member Representative
7. Certification will be performed by the commission. The week prior to August 2nd meeting all teams will be declared by email The commission will choose location where teams will meet and be certified. Badges will be issued once said player is certified. Coaches will need to have a book for blue sheet and coaches Certification forms and will be responsible for there players badge
8. League Members that fail to certify a complete team (minimum of fifteen (15) certified players and one (1) certified coach) for a team as required for each age group will result in a one hundred dollar (\$150) fine. This fine will repetitively be applied after each scheduled certification session (includes Sundays or Wednesdays) that the team is still not certified. Teams added after the original declaration are also subject to \$150 fine. Will revert back to original time there declaration was.

2nd Sunday in August– Combined League and Commission Meeting

1. Commission will choose location for teams to be certified.

Special Called Meetings

1. The Chairman may call for a Special Meeting of NWGYFL as deemed necessary and/or in the best interest of NWGYFL.
2. Should a Special Meeting be called, by either case above, the Chairman will;
 - a. Set a Meeting Date within seven (7) days

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- b. Make all League Members, Commissioners and Coordinators aware of the reason for such
- c. The Meeting Agenda Shall be for the Specific Topic ONLY

Semi Final

Will be hosted by league Commission on Saturday and Sundays. Will pay personal to help

Super Bowl

1. Shall be attended by Commission and we will pay personal to help out. With one league rep there at all times can be split through out the day

MEMBERSHIP

Qualification for League Membership in NWGYFL

1. League Members shall enter Three (3) teams amongst Six (6) separate age groups, between the ages of 5 and 12u
 - a. Such declaration must be made before D1 certification
2. Nwgyfl could have cross over schedule with other leagues to help fill schedule if it chooses. The existence of an "in-house" league where multiple teams from the same park play only is allowed .
3. League Members shall not be a member of any other youth football program only if we don't have said age group.
4. League Members are permitted to field additional teams that are heavier and older than league weights and ages. However, no child shall be permitted to play for said team that is eligible for NWGYFL teams.
5. League Members shall abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of NWGYFL.
6. League Members shall register every child and enter all teams and players into NWGYFL that meets eligibility requirements as set forth in the NWGYFL By-Laws.
7. League Members shall not be allowed to form a subsidiary Association or form another Association to avoid putting all players and teams into the NWGYFL.
8. League Members shall assign players to Competitive Teams based on each Individual League Member's internal rules and shall notify parents in writing as to the League Member's policy on assigning players to Competitive teams that have multiple age groups . This may be as simple as "Coaches, chosen by the League Member's Board of Directors shall determine the makeup of their teams".
9. League Members shall have a place to play and practice without infringing on a League Member's field recognized by the NWGYFL.

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11. Membership split from a League Member shall not be eligible to use the League Member's field without prior approval of the league.

Qualification for Team Memberships

1. Teams must be representative of the League Member.
2. Prior to October 15 at 23:59:59 Eastern Time of each year, each League Member shall deposit in the NWGYFL treasury \$200.00. Failure will cause immediate forfeiture of the League Members right to have any teams participate in the playoffs.
3. Cheer Teams will be \$125 per team

New League Membership

1. Application deadline for New League Members shall be the third Sunday July
2. New League Members will be voted on by Commission in to NWGYFL.

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3. A fee of \$1300.00 must be submitted with the application for membership, should the Application be rejected, the \$1300.00 shall be returned to the Applicant.
4. New League Members shall provide NWGYFL with a copy of their Constitution and By-Laws.
5. New League Members shall provide NWGYFL with contractual written proof of field availability. Letters of agreement must be on letterhead of the property rights holder.
6. All New League Members accepted into the NWGYFL will serve a probation period of at least one year. At the end of the probationary period, and at the February meeting of the NWGYFL, the New League Member's conduct will be reviewed.
7. If no problem exists with the New League Member, the League Members may vote the New League Member into NWGYFL as a Full League Member.
8. If the New League Member has caused problems during the probationary period, the League Members may vote to hold said League Member on probation for another year period or may vote the League Member out of NWGYFL completely.

BOUNDARIES

There shall be no team boundaries from which teams shall draw players. It is recommended, however, that League Member's use players from local communities in order to create community spirit and prevent hardship on parents in transporting players a long distance.

COACHES

1. NWGYFL requires all coaches & League Reps to be Heads Up Certified and enter into NSID (NATIONAL SPORTS ID)
2. All Coaches must have their name, address and at least one working telephone number listed in the NSID to be certified.
3. During the season, ALL coaches should maintain a current address or working phone number in the NSID database. If it is discovered that a coach does not, a warning will be given to the League Member to rectify the situation. Failure to correct the inaccurate information prior to the next scheduled game will result in a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) to the League member.
4. At any time, before or during the season the Commission may suspend said coach.
5. While under Suspension and or Dismissal, a coach may not attend practice
6. If the coach is the sole guardian of a player, the coach may, for emergency purposes only, remain in their automobile during practice at the practice site and not in view of the practice.
7. On game day during a suspension, a suspended coach may be allowed to be in the team's stands, but may not have contact with the team at any time. This includes before, during, or after the game. If the coach has additional responsibilities at the park (such as President, Vice President, Face off Commissioner, etc.) said coach may perform their duties as long as they do not include anything to do with that coach's teams. (Example: Cannot be Face off commissioner or present during his team's Face off, cannot make any decisions regarding playing of game due to weather or other issues, cannot announce the game, etc.)
8. No person shall coach with NWGYFL that is currently under suspension from coaching in any other league.
9. A coach who moves between parks shall not be allowed to coach the same team at the moved to park from the previous season unless the President representing the moved from Association provides a release to said coach. Any appeal of the moved from Association's decision would be submitted to the Chairman for his review and decision. In the way of example, a coach from the 7YO team in 2000 shall not change parks and coach an 8YO team at any moved to park in 2001

COACHES CONDUCT

1. Should coaches display conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the NWGYFL, Inc. the head official shall first warn the head coach that should this conduct continue, there may be an un-sportsmanlike penalty called and/or the coach may be ejected and/or the game may be forfeited.
2. Any coach who is ejected from a game shall immediately leave the park and any sight of the playing field for no less than twenty-four (24) hours from ejection and shall be suspended from the next regular season game. Said coach will not be allowed to participate in any practices during his suspension. If the same coach is

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removed because of misconduct at a game for a second time, said coach will be suspended for the remainder of the year .

3. Any coach who is involved in a physical confrontation with any other person at a game will be suspended for one (1) calendar year.
4. A head coach has the right to question an official's interpretation of the rules, provided he/she does it immediately and before the next official play. The coach can call time-out to question said officials. If the coach is correct in that the official has misinterpreted the rule, the time-out shall be charged as an official's time-out. When the questioned interpretation is brought to the attention of the official, it is mandatory that he/she confer with the other officials. If they conclude that the decision was correct, the game continues. The decision made at the time is final and cannot later be contested.
5. Any coach who is removed from a game that is the coach's last game of the season (Regular Season, Play Off, and Super Bowl) may coach during preseason practice, but may not participate with any NWGYFL, Inc. team the week prior to the first Saturday of League Scheduled games for the upcoming season, nor coach their team during the first game of the upcoming season.
6. No coach shall act in an unsportsmanlike manner (including, but not limited to taunting, intimidation or threats), at any time while at a location hosting a NWGYFL Inc. game.
7. Any head coach who has eleven healthy players available to participate in a game but refuses to complete said game shall be suspended for one (1) week and fined \$225
8. Any coach heard using profanity(shit and dam don't count at an NWGYFL, Inc. sanctioned event by a NWGYFL, Inc. Commission Member or an Official will be immediately ejected from the game and must be removed from the park. Commission reserves the right to consider further disciplinary action up to and including permanent removal from NWGYFL, Inc.
9. After a show of good sportsmanship by shaking hands at the completion of a game,if coach refuses to shake hands will be fined \$100 each team shall leave the field of play immediately and move to a point behind the 10 foot physical barrier and not in close proximity to any other team. For fields surrounded by a track or with warm up areas behind their endzone but not along the sideline, teams that meet behind the end zone or on the track may not be in close proximity to the other team. The penalty for failure to move to a point behind the 10 foot physical barrier shall be fifty-dollars (\$50) assessed against the offending team's head coach.
10. At the discretion of NWGYFL, Inc. any coach may be removed or suspended at any time for any behavior that does not meet the ethical standards of fair play including Article II of the Constitution.
11. One team mom badge will be issued per team.
12. Coaches on the sideline who do not have their badge showing and who are not shown on the game day sheet should be fined \$50 and removed from the sideline. Coaches' attire should include wearing a uniform shirt and presentable shorts or pants, no flip flops. Failure to adhere \$100 fine. we have to set a standard for the league to represent plus we make players be in uniform.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

1. NWGYFL requires a **NATIONAL** Background Check of any adult over the age of eighteen (18), considered a coach, team mom, play counter or any other person on the sidelines during an NWGYFL sanctioned game that is not a member of the officiating crew and not a member of the "chain crew" or "stickmen".
2. Any individual that serves in the capacity of a Conference Coordinator or a member of the Commission that will not have their background check ran from their park of association as set forth within these bylaws, will submit the needed paperwork for such background check to be ran by the NWGYFL Commission. Any League Member representative that does not present a background check as a coach, will be required to have a completed background check processed in the same manner as required by coaches within these bylaws.
3. Each League Member shall provide a Background Check Report signed by the League Member or Park they represent, to include each coach and/or any other individual who would be on the sideline. This shall include, but not be limited to, convictions both inside and outside the State of Georgia, for the following, within the last 10 years:
 - a. Any crimes against children.
 - b. Any Felony Conviction involving violence.
 - c. Any Felony Drug Convictions
 - d. Any Felony Assault Convictions

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- e. Any Felony Battery Convictions
 - f. Any Pending charges described in “a” through “e”
2. The items listed in “a. through f.” above shall immediately disqualify a person from coaching or sideline participation at all NWGYFL events.
3. If at any time, from the August Meetings of the Combined League and Commission, when Background Check Reports are turned in to the Commission Secretary, to the day after the Super Bowl a League Member, Commission Member or Coordinator is made aware of a just cause to “question” an individual’s Background Check, they shall bring such immediately to the Commission Chairman.
4. If the Commission Chairman finds justification in the “question” as to an individual’s Background Check, the Chairman, or his designate, shall review the report submitted by the League Member Representative to confirm that the League Member represented that a background check was performed. Subsequent to that review, the Chairman shall contact the League Member Representative with the Commission’s findings. If the coach in question disputes or wishes to appeal the Commission’s findings, a meeting shall be called within 72 hours and will include the League Member Representative, the affected coach and the Commission (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Information Director, Secretary and Treasurer).
5. If the Commission determines that a League Member has an individual working with the players whose criminal Background Check does not pass the items as listed in “a. through f.” above the League Member and the League Member they represent shall IMMEDIATELY be placed on Level 3 Probation. In the event of such action being taken, the Commission shall notify League Member and call for a meeting of the Combined Commission Members within 7 days for review within the confines of the NWGYFL Constitution.
6. Any person who fails the criminal Background Check listed above may appeal to their League Member and ask for the Commission to review their information. This shall happen prior to the August Meetings of the Combined League Members and Commission.
7. If the commission determines that a league member has an individual working with the players whose criminal background check does not pass the items as listed in “A through F” above .The league member and the league member they represent shall immediately be placed on level 3 probation. Unless at the time the league member and the league association can provide proof within 24 hours of being notified that the required background check was ran prior to certification of the individual and met all requirements per the league bylaws the association will not be placed on level 3 probation. The failure of action by association to provide required information to league will results in level 3 probation. The commission shall notify league members and At which time further action may be taken by the commission within the confines of the NWGYFL constitution.

REGISTRATION

League Members can start registration when ever they like. No minimum fee for registration. The league don’t control the money at your park.

1. A League Member may close their registration for any age group at any time based on the needs of the park.. Upon the decision to close an age group, the Commission shall be notified by receipt of the completed roster stating the player’s names and birthdates within 48 hours of closure. Upon receipt of this notice, no additional players will be allowed to be added to said roster and upon certification, only identified players on submitted list will be certified.

PARENTAL CONSENT

1. It shall be the responsibility of each League Member to secure the written consent of a player’s parents or legal guardian prior to a player participating in the League competition. It shall be assumed that parental consent has been obtained on all players that a League Member certifies on the official roster.

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2. Each League Member shall have an “extent of liability” statement on the registration application form (whether in writing or electronic) used.
3. Each League Member shall encourage a medical physical for all players before the first practice.

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PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND CONDUCT

1. All players will register with NSID(NATIONAL SPORTS ID)
Any participant who is on any other organized football team shall be ineligible to play in the NWGYFL, Inc. Penalty: Players found guilty of this rule shall cause their team to forfeit all games in which they participate.
2. Players who drop out of any conference other than the NWGYFL, Inc. prior to the Wednesday preceding the 2 week of scheduled games for the current season will be eligible to play with any NWGYFL, Inc. team. If you want certified after this day you will need to email all commission for approval.
3. New Players:
 - a. No player shall be certified to a roster after the Wednesday preceding the 2 week of scheduled games for the current season. Unless approved by commission
4. An NWGYFL, Inc. League Member shall use only eligible players (that is, players who, where approved by the Commission, were certified by the Wednesday before the 2 week of scheduled games for the current season, who face off successfully in accordance with these By-Laws and are listed on the Head Coaches roster form). Any team found to have used an ineligible player shall automatically forfeit all games in which such ineligible player participated. Second and subsequent offenses shall be dealt with under the penalty for By-Law infractions set forth in these By-Laws.
5. Player transfers:
 - a. A player registered with a League Member shall not be permitted to move to another League Member after the first scheduled League game each season unless their official residence has changed. Or a full release by that park and commission approval
 - b. Once a team has been drafted and a player placed on a roster, said player is eligible to play only on one team and with one League Member during the season, except with the consent of the Commission, provided said player has a written release from the appropriate head coach and League Member Representative. In the event the head coach refuses a player, the League Member Representative or the Commission may override the head coach's decision and release said player.
 - c. If player has returned all property belonging to releasing League Member and has paid any monies due the releasing League Member, the release of said player must be given to the League Member Representative to whom the player wishes to be released. The League Member Representative receiving the release will place said player on a team in accordance with the NWGYFL, Inc. Constitution & By-Laws.
 - d. After the annual certification of teams has taken place, League Members may close registration for any team as long as the minimum number of players for certification is met
 - e. League Members may close registration when it suits the needs of their park. .
 - f. League Members must advise the Chairman in writing of any action to close registration within forty-eight (48) hours of such decision. Once registration has been closed, it may not be re-opened without approval of the Commission.
6. Any player, coach, League Member Representative or League Member found to have misrepresented or attempted to misrepresent, any records and is found guilty of such misconduct before the Commission shall be suspended from the league for no less than one (1) year and may be fined by the Commission.
7. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Any player who displays unsportsmanlike conduct may be ejected from the game. When a player is ejected he is not eligible to play in the next 4 quarters of scheduled play after the quarter of ejection. Structure –**
 1. Ejection in 1st quarter can return to play in 2nd quarter of next scheduled game
 2. Ejection in 2nd quarter can return to play in 3rd quarter of next scheduled game
 3. Ejection in 3rd quarter can return to play in 4th quarter of next scheduled game
 4. Ejection in 4th quarter can not play in next scheduled game,
 - a. It will be the duty of the head coach to report to the League Member Representative by noon of the next day of any player and/or coach ejected from a game. It will then be the duty of the League Member Representative to notify the Chairman of the player and/or coach put out of the game. The League Member Representative must furnish to the Chairman the name of the coach or the player and his jersey number.
 - b. If the same player is removed from a second game because of misconduct, the Commission will decide more punishment for said player.
8. Under no circumstance will a player not certified on a roster be allowed to play in a scheduled league game.
9. Any player heard using profanity at an NWGYFL, Inc. sanctioned event by a NWGYFL, Inc. Commission Member or an Official will be immediately ejected from the game and must be removed from the park. In the event a parent or guardian is not available to remove the player from the park a League Member Board

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Member will be assigned to remain with the player away from the field of play until a parent or guardian removes the player from the park.

10. Any player suspended by the league maybe allowed to participate with the team during practice sessions, subject to the League Member's decision. On game day the player must stay behind the crowd control barrier at all times

MINIMUM PARTICIPATION

D1 shall have no required minimum play count, That it's left up to each park how they handle that.

INJURED PLAYERS

1. When a player is injured and an official time out is required to check the injury, said player shall be removed from the game for at least one play.
2. Any player who is knocked unconscious or when, in the judgment of the referee, a player's health or safety is in jeopardy, said player shall be taken out of the game and shall not be allowed to return to practice without a doctor's approval. Under no circumstances will the player who was knocked unconscious, or removed from the field by medical personnel, be allowed to participate in any practice or game until the Chairman has received the doctor's approval of the players condition stating that said player is fully recovered and that he can participate in the football program.
3. Any coach or League Member violating this rule shall be fined \$100.00 per offense and will forfeit any games in which the player has participated. If the violation is considered flagrant the penalty may include suspension up to a lifetime ban.

CONDUCT OF SPECTATORS - INCLUDING PARENTS

1. All persons other than players, coaches or adults as provided in item "B" of the Coaching Personnel Section of the Playing Rules shall remain behind a crowd-restraining barrier. However, parents may form a tunnel near the end of the field or other field entrance-exit point for players to run through before the game. After the players have run through the tunnel, parents must immediately return outside the crowd-restraining barrier. Any parent/spectator that fails to return or remain behind the crowd-restraining barrier, the Association will be assessed a \$50.00 fine per parent.
2. Should spectators, including parents, and persons using a public address system to the game, display conduct unbecoming or detrimental to the NWGYFL, Inc., the head official shall have the responsibility of giving the head coach a first warning that, should this conduct continue, the team whose spectator's conduct is in question will be penalized by forfeiture of the game. An official time-out shall be called for the affected coach to discuss this ruling with his team's spectator(s). Should such spectator(s) not be associated with the team in question, the affected head coach should notify the head official. The head official shall request from the home and/or host League Member to have such spectator(s) removed from the premises, by the local police authorities if necessary. Additional warning by the official of spectator(s) misconduct may result in forfeiture of the game. All such conduct must be reported by the Home League Member Representative to the Chairman, within forty-eight (48) hours.
3. Any Parent heard using profanity at an NWGYFL, Inc. sanctioned event by a NWGYFL, Inc. Commission Member or an Official will be immediately ejected from the game and must be removed from the park. NWGFYL, Inc. reserves the right to consider further disciplinary action up to and including permanent removal from NWGYFL, Inc.

HOME LEAGUE MEMBER – HOST LEAGUE MEMBER

1. The Home League Member shall act as host of all games and shall be responsible for the following:
 - a. Preparing and marking the field.
 - b. Providing field marking and other officiating equipment (line markers must be soft pliable plastic).
 - c. Providing a place for face off

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- d. Providing other necessary arrangements for the convenience of the game, including restroom facilities.
 - e. The League Member Representative of the host League Member shall determine whether a game shall be postponed due to weather conditions. The host League Member Representative shall contact both head coaches, the Chairman (or his representative) and officials, if possible, two (2) hours prior to the game time should the game be postponed due to weather conditions.
 - f. The host League Member must provide a stopwatch.
 - g. Chains will be kept on the home team sidelines.
 - h. The League Member Representative of the host League Member for each Saturday game must report by 4:00pm each Sunday, and for each weekday game report by 7:00 pm next day the scores, ejection's, temporary number changes and Injuries (as defined in Item 2 of INJURED PLAYERS, by-laws) for all home games to the League Information Director.
(Failure to report as above will result in a fifty (\$50) dollar fine)
 - i. Collect any gate donations.
 - j. Unless other arrangements are made, paying the referees by half time of there last scheduled game
2. The home team has the choice of jersey color-A team is required to wear jerseys of the same color with a similar design. Shades of a color are acceptable as necessary – but different colors (i.e. red and white) shall not be worn by the same team in the same game.
 - a. The head referee may require the visiting team to wear mesh practice vests if they determine that the two teams are wearing the same jersey color and the home team failed to contact the visitors at least one week prior to the game.
 3. Each home team where the Host League Member has an available Public Address system shall make the following announcement prior to the start of each game:

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4. A League Member must notify NWGYFL, Inc. within 24 hours of any Coach, Player, Parent or Spectator removed from their Park and shall send a game report to the Chairman by 4PM on Sunday evening (Friday evening for Wednesday games) describing the circumstances surrounding any ejected player, coach or spectator.
5. If the Host League Member will charge eight dollars (\$8) per adult admission and three dollar (\$3) for students at regular season. During playoff games the Host League Member may charge seven dollars (\$10) per adult admission and one-dollar (\$5) for children 12u. Super Bowl gate fees will be collected as follows, twelve dollars (\$12) per adult admission and five dollar (\$5) for children 12u , children 4 and under are free. One player in a current year jersey will be admitted free of charge with each paying adult .
6. Any League Member that takes any action against a parent, player, coach or spectator that results in legally barring the parent, player, coach or spectator from a particular League Member, will have the effect of barring the parent, player, coach or spectator from all League Members and any venue the League is using for an NWGYFL, Inc. function. The parent, player, coach or spectator may appeal the barring through methods prescribed by the Federal, State, County, City or Municipality the League Member used in the barring of the parent, player, coach or spectator.
7. All Music or mix cd's must be approved by the Host League Member Representative prior to being played over the public address system.

NWGYFL GAME SCHEDULE

5U-12U D1 Season will start the last Saturday in August with a 9 week regular season

2. The league will Host semifinals games.
3. The league Superbowl will be played the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. Games will be held Saturday or Sunday.
4. The league will not release week 9 schedule as we will hold in case we have enough teams to have a sliver bracket.
5. The Commission can move any age group to anytime on the schedule. There's no set times for age group to play.

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6. Should games be scheduled on nights prior to school days, they shall begin no later than 7:30pm (excludes Superbowl or semifinals).
7. The NWGYFL, Inc. will make every effort to ensure that teams from the same weight division of a single League member will not play each other during the regular season.
8. The NYGYFL, Inc. will schedule all teams in the league at least four home games at their home facility and ensure that each League Member has at least one (1) Saturday with all teams at home to accommodate homecoming. In the event that a League Member has more teams than can be played at home on one day, the league will schedule all teams at home over two consecutive weekends to accommodate homecoming.
9. After the Chairman releases the full schedule, no changes shall be made to the starting time of any scheduled league game without approval of:
 - a. The Home and Host League Member Representative
 - b. The Home Team Head Coach
 - c. The Visiting League Member Representative
 - d. The Visiting team Head Coach
 - e. The Head of the Referees
 - f. The Chairman with advice from the Head of the Schedule.
10. Any of the persons listed in a-f may, without fear of retribution, not agree with the schedule change. Requests must come from a League Member Representative, and the contacting of the people on the list "a- f" must come from the League Member/ Commission.
11. After the Chairman releases the schedule and the Scheduling Committee or the Information Director notices any obvious errors in the schedule, or errors are brought to the attention of either the Information Director or the Scheduling Committee, these error may be fixed and:
 - a. If the change is 14 days or more prior to the game, an email will be sent to the affected League Member Representatives and Coaches. Any written appeal of the change must be made to the Chairman within 72 hours of the email.
 - b. If the change is less than 10 days from the game, email and a text messages shall be made to the League Member Representative and the Head Coaches.
12. Failure to have an accurate email or phone number within the NWGYFL, Inc. system may not be used to appeal the change.
13. Any team from any Association which fails to complete the balance of their scheduled regular season, playoff will be fined \$1000.00. This provision will prevail over any other provisions in the By-laws or Playing Rules.
14. In the event that weather or other factors cause field closures outside of the decision making process of the NWGYFL Commission, the NWGYFL shall cancel all games on any date where more than 50% of scheduled games are unable to be played due to field closures by state, county, or city officials. All cancelled games for that date will be made up in accordance to the recommendations presented by the Commission.

PLAYOFFS

1. D1 i

5u-12u D1 Playoffs Start after week 9

1. Top 8 teams in each Age division based on seeding will advance to the playoffs to gold bracket and bottom will go to a sliver bracket HIGHER SEED IS THE HOME TEAM.
2. BRACKETS a WINNER OF GAME 1, SEED 1 VS SEED 8 WILL PLAY THE WINNER OF
GAME 4, SEED 4 VS SEED 5 TO ADVANCE TO THE SUPERBOWL
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 - b WINNER OF GAME 2, SEED 2 VS SEED 7 WILL PLAY THE WINNER OF
GAME 3, SEED 3 VS SEED 6 TO ADVANCE TO THE SUPERBOWL
1. Top 4 teams in division without 8 teams advance to playoffs
2. Teams with 12 or more we will do a gold an sliver bracket

Top 4 BRACKETS a WINNER OF GAME 1, SEED 1 VS SEED 4 WILL PLAY THE
WINNER OF GAME 2, SEED 2 VS SEED 3 IN THE SUPERBOWL

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2. Upon completion of the regular season schedule, all teams within a Division, regardless of Regional assignment will be ranked in order of their win loss record.
 - a. In the event of an uneven number of games, the team with the higher winning percentage, regardless of “byes” will be the higher seeded team.
 - b. All undefeated teams within one division shall be considered equal, since their winning percentage is 1.000.
3. In the cases of ties while ranking the teams for playoff seeding, tie breakers to determine seeding in the playoffs are as follows: Once a team prevails by use of the tie breakers below they are the higher seed and the process repeats a-f continually until all teams have been seeded.
 - a. Overall winning percentage, regardless of byes.
 - b. Head to head results.
 - c. Record vs. common opponents.
 - d. Overall winning percentage of all opponents played.
 - e. Coin Toss.
4. Tiebreakers to determine whether a team participates in the Competitive Division Playoffs will be determined by mini-games played under the rules of the NWGYFL with the following exceptions on the first Tuesday following the last weekend of the regular season:
 - a. Mini-games will consist of teams playing two (2) 7:00 minute halves with standard timing rules in effect.
 - b. Ages 7 and older will play on a 100 yard field. Ages 5 and 6 will play on an 80 yard field.
 - c. A coin toss will determine the order of play. The team winning the toss will have the option of taking the ball first or deferring their option to have the ball first to the start of the 2nd half.
 - d. The game will begin in accordance with the kicking rules appropriate for the age group participating.
 - e. There will be a two minute intermission between the two halves.
 - f. Teams will switch ends of the field for the start of the 2nd half.
 - g. The 2nd half will begin in accordance with the kicking rules appropriate for the age group participating.
 - h. Each team will be given two (2) timeouts in the first 7:00 minute half and one (1) timeout in the second 7:00 minute half. Any unused timeouts from the first half may be carried over to the 2nd half.
 - i. Each player on a Competitive Division team will be required to participate in a minimum of three plays during the entire mini-game.
 - j. At the end of the two halves of play the teams are tied in score, the following penetration rule will apply.
 - k. Penetration rule will be applied as follows:
 - i. Each team will have one offensive possession of the ball starting at mid-field.
 - ii. Standard down and distance rules will apply. Teams will have four downs to achieve 10 yards to earn a first down. Failure to achieve 10 yards in four down will result in the offensive team losing possession of the ball.
 - iii. The drive will continue until the offensive team fails to achieve a first down or scores a touchdown.
 - iv. At the point where the offense loses possession of the ball, the officials will mark the deepest point of penetration attained by the offense.
 1. Distance of a punt shall not count as penetration. If a team elects to punt in the Penetration period, their deepest point of penetration will be marked as the location of the ball prior to the snap on the down on which they punted.
 - v. At the conclusion of the first teams’ offensive drive, either through scoring a touchdown or through a turnover on downs, the second team shall gain possession of the ball at the mid field point going in the same direction as the first team.
 - vi. The second team will continue their drive as long as they can continue to gain first downs or scores a touchdown.
 - vii. The winning team shall be the team which has penetrated to the deepest point on the field.
 - viii. If after one penetration period, the score remains tied or the teams have penetrated the exact same amount, a second Penetration Period shall be played in this same format.
 - ix. Game will continue until the Penetration Period ends with one team ahead on the scoreboard, or penetrates deeper than the other team.
 - x. No additional minimum playing time requirements will be added during the Penetration Period, regardless of the number of Penetration Periods played.

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FORFEITS

1. Where forfeits are acknowledged by both teams prior to the game in situations such as failure to have a roster, not enough players, etc. the game will be declared as a forfeit by the team to which such situation applies. The team that forfeits will take a loss and the other team will get a win. The game may be played upon agreement by both head coaches and the home team's President and will be declared at the start of the game as a "Paid Officiated Practice Game" with only regulation play and no overtime allowed. The forfeit fee, as described under Fees & Fines, will be upheld and paid by team which forfeited.
2. Any head coach who has eleven healthy players available to participate in a game but refuses to complete said game shall be suspended for one (1) week and fined \$225
3. Any game forfeited fine \$225) where the home park collects a gate fee has been from parents and the fee will not be returned to the parents is responsible for paying the officials. The league will not reimburse the home park if they keep the gate fee and play an officiated scrimmage. The ref fee will not be charged to the visiting park by way of fine either. If the gate fee is returned to the parents, no scrimmage is played, or the visiting team no shows the home park shall pay the refs on gameday. The fee shall be added to the forfeit fine of the visiting team and then paid back to the home team once collected.
4. Any team forfeiting its third (3rd) game will be terminated and charged the \$1000.00 fine
5. .

PRE-SEASON JAMBOREES - POST-SEASON BOWL GAMES OR GAMES AGAINST OTHER CONFERENCES

The NWGYFL, Inc. shall not be held liable for any participation of any League Member in preseason Jamborees, post Super Bowl games or in any game not scheduled by the NWGYFL including games played against teams from other Conferences during the season.

Nwgyfl will host a all-star game after the Superbowl. The Commission will provide details how teams are form.

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FEES

1. The officials fee & booking fee (cost of booking the officials) must be paid at the conclusion of the day or at the end of each individual officials slate of games scheduled. If all fees are not paid by the end of the day, the league will pay the fees and will assess the League Member a \$500 fine, plus the fees. Repayment of the fees and fine to the League must be completed prior to the start of the playoffs, and the League Member will be on probation for the upcoming season. Failure of repayment is automatic removal from the League.
2. A League Member having a team forfeit a game must pay a forfeiture fee by the following Thursday night. Such fee may be given to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, or Treasurer. The forfeiting team shall be responsible to pay the officiating fees whether a game was conducted as a "Paid Officiated Practice Game" or not. The Chairman and Treasurer will assure that the Hosting League Member shall be reimbursed for all officiating fees incurred in the event a "Paid Officiated Practice Game" is conducted or not. The Forfeiture Fee shall be computed as follows: Fee for on-field referees plus Fee for the Clock Operator plus Booking Fees for the crew members plus a fine of two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225).
If for a legitimate reason (as determined by the Commission) a team cannot make a game, the League Member Representative shall notify the Chairman or his designate by 4 pm the Wednesday before the game time. Failure to do so will cost the forfeiting team a forfeit fee, as mentioned in item 2 above.
4. No League Member will be allowed to certify teams in the upcoming season if any forfeit, booking, or any other league fees or moneys are past due. Such League Member is automatically removed from the NWGYFL
5. All League fines shall be paid to NWGYFL before next schedule game are said team will forfeit , with the following exception;
 - a. All league fines must be paid to the League Treasurer prior to 11:59pm on the Wednesday before playoff games start.
6. All League fees must be paid to the NWGYFL prior to 11:59 PM on October 15
7. If a League Member fails to pay fees or fines, it must forfeit its next game and the next team will be in the playoffs if the regular season is over.
8. All Fines during the Playoffs shall be paid by MONDAY at 8am, prior to the next Playoff game in order to continue in the Playoffs.

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9. ALL Fines shall be paid by the Monday following the last playoff round. If a league member fails to pay the fines they shall be removed from the Superbowl Lineup forfeiting their spot and the next eligable team they defeated will be inserted in their place for the Superbowl.
10. All fines will be sent to the league member by email invoice, must be paid via Card online with a 5% fee being added to cover the card transaction fee.

SAFETY

1. The league discourages the transporting of teams, players or cheerleaders to or from any league activities in open motorized vehicles.
2. Insurance - it shall be the responsibility of each League Member to offer insurance to cover accidents and injuries to their players and cheerleaders while playing games, practicing, or traveling. Any parent not desiring said insurance must sign a waiver.
3. It is required that each League Member obtains parental release against liability for the League Member and the NWGYFL, INC Proof of the release must be presented for final approval to the Commission prior to opening registration.
4. Pyrotechnics and other fireworks fine (\$350) besides. **Smoke bombs may be used but must be approved by the home team before usage. All smoke must be used before or after the game, any smoke used during the game will be a unsportsmanlike penalty on the head coach in which the sideline expels it. Any damage to a field or facility from the use of smoke will be the responsibility of the association discharging it if not approved prior to use.**
5. Each League Member will install and maintain a thermometer which shows the current air temperature at the field. Each League Member will also use a device to measure the **heat index** (i.e. heat and humidity) at all outdoor events which the League Member hosts. If temperatures should rise to the point where you are past stated heat policy's submitted to the league, the park president or highest ranking board member on site should inform the head official and present the policy and reading. The head official will make the judgement to allow an extended water break/game break without coaches entering the field to speak with players.

OFFICIALS

1. 8U – 12u D1 and 9/10 & 11/12 D2 shall use (4) officials on the field and one (1) official on the clock. 5U-7U D1
 2. Chain crews are part of the officials and shall conduct themselves accordingly. Chain crews must wear vests provided by the Host Association. Fine \$25
 3. Officials must inform the NWGYFL, Inc. Home League Member Representative when anyone is removed from a game.
 4. All ejections by an Official may not be protested and/or changed by NWGYFL, Inc. All ejections are final.
 5. All ejections must be described in a written game report filed with the Supervisor of Officials and sent to the Chairman no later than (4) pm on Sunday for Saturday games and seven (7) pm on Thursday for Tuesday games.
6. **One official** for flag football cost \$25

PENALTY FOR BY-LAW INFRACTION

1. Violation for any of the above By-Laws will result in the Member League Member responsible for such action being brought before the Commission, and if found guilty, may be penalized as determined by majority vote of the Commission for penalties up to a one (1) year suspension and may be fined as determined by the Commission.
 2. For any violation of the By Laws that does not have a specific and defined penalty:
 - a. the Commission will set the fine.

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 3. Any adult suspended from participation in the league for violation of any Safety or Sportsmanship Bylaws may be required, by determination of the Commission, to complete a Coaching Principles course. This course may include the Georgia High School Association Coaches Education Training and Testing
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Program required by GHSA for Lay (community) Coaches, or any other similar Coaching Principles course. The Adult shall be responsible for all costs incurred in taking the course.

League Members Probation

1. Violation of any of the NWGYFL By-laws by a League Member shall result in the League Member being brought before Commission for a hearing.
2. If found guilty the League Member may be placed on Probation as defined below and/or Fined.
 - a. Level 1: Loss of Voting Rights for no less than the remainder of the Season and not to exceed 2 (two) full seasons.
 - b. Level 2: Loss of Voting Rights for no less than the remainder of the Season and not to exceed 2 (two) full seasons. Loss of all home post season games. These games will be played at the opponent's field.
 - c. Level 3: Loss of Voting Rights for no less than the remainder of the Season and not to exceed 2 (two) full seasons. Loss of all home regular season and post season games.

Coach

1. Violation of any of the NWGYFL By-laws by a coach shall result in the coach being brought before of the Commission for a hearing
2. If found guilty the coach may be placed on Probation as described below and may be fined up to \$500.00.
 - a. Level 1: Any fines received for By-Law infraction shall be increased by \$25.00 per occurrence for the duration of the Probation.
 - b. Level 2: Any fines received for By-Law infraction shall be increased by \$25.00 per occurrence for the duration of the Probation. Loss of all home post season games. These games will be played at the opponent's field.
 - c. Level 3: Any fines received for By-Law infraction shall be increased by \$25.00 per occurrence for the duration of the Probation. Loss of all home regular season and post season games, which will be played at the opponent's field.
3. Any coach placed on Probation twice in a four year period shall not be allowed to coach the following year with any League Member.

PROCESS FOR ASSOCIATIONS TO APPEAL PROBATION STATUS

1. Associations who are placed on probation (or move from Level 1 to Level 2 or Level 2 to Level 3) as a result of any violation shall have the right to have the action reviewed if the Association so requests within 72 hours of notice of being placed on Probation.
2. The affected Association must request the Chair implement the Appeal Process in writing and the reason for the appeal.
3. The Chair will call for a mandatory meeting of all League Members within 72 hours of the request. The meeting shall consist of:
 - The Chair, or the Chair's designate, shall describe the circumstances leading up to the Probation status Any League Member witnessing the actions which led to the Probation status will describe what they witnessed
 - The affected Association's President will have an opportunity to present justification for additional consideration
 - The Presidents shall have the opportunity to ask questions of the Chair, the Chair's designate, any League Member witnessing the actions, or the affected Association's President
 - The affected Association shall be dismissed from the meeting and the remaining League Members shall discuss the matter
 - The affected Association shall return to the meeting
 - Any additional question shall be asked
 - A proposal to affirm or reverse the Probationary action shall be made and a secret ballot shall take place of all members in good standing
 - The Chair shall read the results

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PROBLEMS-COMPLAINTS-GRIEVANCES-PROTEST (P-C-G-P)

1. All problems, complaints and grievances relating to league activities shall be processed as set forth below:
Coaches, Players and Parents
 - a. Coaches, Players and Parents
 - i) Coaches, players and parents shall first discuss the issue with their League Member Representative.
 - ii) Should the League Member Representative not be able to settle the issue, the League Member Representative, Coaches, Players or Parents shall then present all the facts to the Commission Chairman and their League Member.
 - iii) Unless the above listed steps are followed, this P-C-G-P may be automatically disregarded.
 - b. Commission Members
 - i) Any Commission Member of the NWGYFL who receives a complaint, in writing within 72 hours of the matter in question, concerning any League Member coach or any matter pertaining to misconduct by members of the NWGYFL shall immediately make this information known to the Commission Chairman. Said Commission Member shall not discuss this information with anyone other than the parties involved or the Commission.
2. If the Commission Chairman, in consultation with the other Commission Members determines that there is merit to the P-C-G-P, then the Chairman shall determine the level of the P-C-G-P and what the penalty should be.
3. Protests of any action must be filed, in writing, with the Chairman within 72 hours of the occurrence and in turn, the parties involved in the complaint must be notified in writing within 48 hours of the official filing of the complaint with the Chairman.
4. Protest concerning game day Face off must be filed prior to the game time with the opposing team's League Member Representative. If the opposing team's League Member Representative cannot be found, then with any other Commission Member at the field. Failing that, a phone call placed to the protesting coach's League Member Representative who will immediately alert a member of the Elected Commission.
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ARBITRATION

1. As a condition of coaching in the NWGYFL, or being a League Member of the NWGYFL, any coach or League Member not in agreement with a disciplinary action of the NWGYFL Chairman or Commission must agree to use the following as the sole and exclusive process to escalate disagreement and resolve any dispute.

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- a. The escalating party shall advise the Commission Secretary or the Commission Chairman in writing and within 72 hours of receipt of the disciplinary action of their intent to escalate.
- b. The Commission Chairman shall form a five member Committee of League member Representatives of NWGYFL.
- c. The League Member Representative of the League Member to which the escalating party belongs shall not be a member of the Committee.
- d. The escalating party shall state the basis of their disagreement and their justification to have the existing disciplinary decision overturned by the Committee.
- e. The Chairman, or his representative, shall state the Commission's position and any Constitution or Bylaw reference supporting the same.
- f. Upon receiving all information, the League Member Representative's Committee shall render a majority decision and shall publish the same to the escalating party and the Chairman.
2. Should either party decide to escalate the matter further, the following process shall apply:

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- a. The Commission Chairman shall form a listing of three Neutrals as listed on the National Register of Arbitrators and Mediators of the American Arbitration Association.
- b. The escalating party shall pick the Neutral from the list formed by the Commission. Upon selection of the Neutral, the arbitration shall proceed without delay, time is of the essence.
- c. The Neutral shall use the NWGYFL Constitution, Bylaws & Playing Rules, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules of Georgia as amended and any and all statements of fact to render a binding decision to the claim of the escalating party.
- d. The arbitration shall be binding upon all parties. All parties shall be responsible for their own expenses, including any legal expenses, associated with the internal escalation and external arbitration process (es).
- e. The escalating party shall be responsible for all expenses associated with retention of the Neutral, any subsequent meetings with the Neutral, and the publication of the decision.

FEES & FINES

Any game day violation that results in the same fine being issued a second time will double the fine amount. The third time the violation occurs the head coach will be issued a one week suspension.

Bylaw fines, Includes, but not limited to, the following:

1. Failure to submit to the League "Heat Policy"; Fine \$50.00
2. Failure to submit a Certificate of Insurance before the first day of practice: Fine \$50.00
3. Failure to have field certified prior to member's first home game: Fine \$250.00 and loss of home games until certification is completed.
4. Failure to pay officials fees & booking fees by the end of gameday : Fine \$500.00 & Fees & Probation
5. Failure of League Member Representative to attend League meeting: Fine \$100.00
6. Failure of League Member Representative to arrive at League meeting before completion of roll call: Fine \$50.00
7. Failure to declare participation in NWGYFL for the upcoming season: Fine \$500.00
8. Failure to provide League Member by-laws and Board of Directors contact information to the Commission Secretary: Fine \$100.00
9. Failure to certify a complete D-1 team on time where a D-1 team is declared: Fine \$150.00
10. Coach ejection \$200
11. Failure of a League Member to attend the Super Bowl meeting: Fine \$100.00
12. Failure of League Member's assigned workers to attend Super Bowl: Fine \$100.00 per
13. Failure to report registration dates and fees to the Commission Secretary: Fine \$100.00
14. Failure for a coach to correct inaccurate information in database after warning: Fine \$25.00
15. Violation(s) of Practice regulations: Fine \$100.00 incident & discipline of Head Coach
16. Failure to report scores on time: Fine \$50.00
17. Failure to report for face off at designated time: Fine \$100.00
18. Not being in coaches attire \$50 flip flops/slides
19. Failure for President to report temporary number changes: Fine \$25.00
20. Failure to complete permanent jersey number change: Fine \$25.00
21. Parent on inside 10ft barrier \$50
22. Fail to pay fines by due date \$50 Fine add
23. Failure to abide by the Injured Player Rule: Fine \$100.00
24. Failure to provide a copy of the Minimum Participation Sheet by the Coach: Fine \$25.00 per missing sheet
25. Not shaking hands after game \$100 Fine
26. Forfeits: Fine – Cost of Officials, Booking Fees & \$225.00 fine
27. Coach who refuses to play game when they have eleven (11) players: Fine \$100.00 and one (1) week suspension
28. Failure to move to a point behind the 10 foot physical barrier after game Fine \$50.00
29. Any team from any Association which fails to play in and complete the balance of scheduled regular season, playoff : Fine \$1000.00.
30. More than the allowed number of individuals (coaches, ball boys, or water boys) on a sideline during a game: Fine \$50.00 per individual.

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31. Failure to provide & fulfill all designated responsibilities at the Super Bowl assigned to an association (volunteer and/or League Member) Fine \$100.00
32. Commission will set a fine for anything that's not listed here in Bylaws or fines list.
33. Failure to have badge on or around neck \$25
34. Game Forfeited \$225
35. Coaches ejection \$200
36. Reprint badge \$25

DEFINITIONS

1. All references to "one year", unless otherwise specified, are considered one (1) calendar year.
2. The week starts at 12:01am on Sunday.

SUPERBOWL - COMPETITIVE D1 ONLY

1. ALL current year NWGYFL players in a current year game jersey will be allowed in the Super Bowl without charge provided they are accompanied by a paid adult.
2. Super Bowl committee comprised of Commission and directors
3. All Super Bowl and semi finals games will be officiated with officials of the selected Officials Association for the NWGYFL including the chain crew.
4. The Vice Chairman and his/her committee will use the following criteria to give area high schools the opportunity to host the NWGYFL Super Bowl:

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- Contacting by letter or email the head football coach and/or athletic director at each high school which has a local park affiliation. Also any local high school in our member association's general area.
 - The below criteria for hosting the Super bowl will be in the letter or email sent to the above in letter:
 - a) Free parking in close proximity to the stadium
 - b) Close in, reserved parking for NWGYFL and Game Officials
 - c) Secured location from which to sell tickets
 - d) One secured entrance to the stadium, all other entrances shall be locked.
 - e) Full field preparation including lining of the field, as well as providing field equipment (chains, yard markers, and sideline benches)
 - f) Secured playing field with fence around the field.
 - g) Presentation area in close proximity of the field for award presentations.
 - h) Access to press box and public address equipment.
 - i) Pre and post game clean up
 - j) A room that can be used throughout the day as a hospitality room for NWGYFL officials. The NWGYFL will be responsible for providing its own food and drinks.
 - k) Nwgyfl will pay for field usage
 - l) Nwgyfl may have video/photography at games
 - m) Facility will be available for NWGYFL use from 6am-12am
 - n) All gate proceeds will be retained by the NWGYFL. All concessions or optional services profits will be retained by the hosting school.
6. Commission will meet after the submission deadline and decide the location that best fits the ability to host a successful superbowl.

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7. There will be a ten (\$12) dollar charge for adults (\$5) dollar charge for minors 5-12 , children four (4) years old and under will be free for the Super Bowl.
8. Awards presented at the Super Bowl:
 - a. Award will be given to winning team players present at game and cheerleaders.
 - b. A medallion for runner up present at game
 - c. Mvp trophy giving to one player per team

POST SEASON NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS

1. **Player of the Year** _ Head Coaches for at each age group 5 through 12u will submit to the Commission one (1) nominations for their age group. Nominations will be accepted up thru week 9 Nominations should include but are not limited to qualifications and specifications that demonstrate that the nominee holds the qualities that the NWGYFL Inc. upholds regarding sportsmanship, team spirit, community involvement, scholarship and leadership on and off the field. The recipient of the **12 year** old Division 1 Player of the Year Award will still receive the Stanley Halbbrook's Player of the Year Award and that award will differ from the award given at all other age groups. **All Players will be put on poll for all coaches,president,and Commission in the league to vote for**
2. **Coach of the Year** – Nominations may be submitted by League Member Representative and/or Park President, Conference Co-Coordinator and Commission members. Nominations are accepted for Head Coaches for all age classifications for Competitive (D1 Division)
Nominations will be accepted and awarded to one individual for each division (**TWO DIFFERENT AWARDS**). Nominations should include but not be limited to qualifications and specifications that demonstrate that the nominee holds the Coaching qualities that the NWGYFL upholds regarding sportsmanship, team spirit, community involvement, and leadership on and off the field. Nominees are not allowed to have incurred any fines or ejections during the season.
3. **Eric Cotton Heart of a Champion Award** - Nominations may be submitted by League Member Representatives and/or Head Coaches, Conference Coordinators and Commission Members. Nominations will be accepted and awarded to one or more deserving individuals for the League. The Eric Cotton Heart of Champion nominations shall be of players that while they may not be the best football player on the field, have overcome unusual circumstances or obstacles in pursuit of their playing of football. These should be limited to only those players who have a clear demonstration of adverse circumstances, physical limitations or other impediments yet continued to succeed on and off the field.

Nominations are not accepted for the following awards

1. **Sportsmanship of the Year** – This award is presented to all Associations which have demonstrated throughout the entire season the NWGYFL vision regarding sportsmanship on and off the fields, with no ejections of Players, Coaches or Parents.

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2. **Chairman's Award** – This award is presented to an individual the Chair recognizes for their contributions to the success of the NWGYFL
3. **Association of the Year** – This award is presented to the best overall association from each conference for the year.
4. **League member representative of the Year** – This award is presented to the best overall league member NWGYFL Constitution By-laws Playing Rules

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representative from each conference for the year

PLAYING RULES

All games shall be played under the National Federation of State High School Associations rules unless contrary to these Playing Rules. The League retains exclusive authority to schedule all games as described by these NWGYFL Playing Rules and By-laws

Exceptions to National Federation of High School Association Rules

1. No foreign objects shall be used to disguise, conceal or obstruct the football when in play.
 2. Rules regarding numbering interior lineman, eligible receivers, backs, etc. do NOT apply. NOTE: While encouraged, league members are NOT REQUIRED to wear white jerseys while participating as the visiting team. League members are NOT required to have two different jerseys – only the jersey which is made up of their declared colors. A team is required to wear jerseys of the same color with a similar design. Shades of a color are acceptable as necessary – but different colors (i.e. red and white) shall not be worn by players of the same team in the same game.
 3. No opponent shall grab the inside back or side collar of the shoulder pads or jersey of the runner. Penalty 15 yards.
 4. Mouth piece infractions
 - a. One (1) team warning of first infraction
 - b. Five(5) yd. penalty after
 5. Only switch ends of the field *at the start of the second half* for 5 year old, 6 year old, 7 year old and 8 year old teams
 6. **5 year old teams only:** At the start of each half, after any safety and after each successful score the team expecting to receive the kickoff shall start their drive on their 35-yard line.
 7. Extra Points (5- 8 ONLY NOT LIVE –9-14 is LIVE kick)
 - a. One (1) point for running.
 - b. Two (2) points for passing.
 - c. Two (2) points for kicking (at parks that employ goal posts meeting high school standards).
 1. No Rush Free Kick in an attempt to kick the point after touchdown – 5 second time limit from ball snap to kick attempt or the play is blown dead.
 2. All players with the exception of the center, holder, and kicker are to remain at their regular position and not physically interfere with the play. The defending team may wave their hands, jump laterally and make noise to distract the kicker
- Any defender crossing crossing the line of scrimmage is considered off sides and the team will be penalized accordingly.
3. If it is the opinion of the game official that an infraction of this rule has occurred, an encroachment violation shall be assessed.
 - d. pass, will be counted as 2 points. This includes a legal forward pass that is caught behind the line of scrimmage or a pass which is ruled a catch that is then fumbled and recovered by the offense and advanced into the end zone.
8. Penalties
 - a. Maximum yardage for all penalties:
 - i. Eighty (80) yard field - Ten (10) yards
 - ii. OneHundred (100) yard field - Fifteen (15) yards
 9. Punting rule for 5 year old, 6 year old, 7 year old and 8 year old teams only
 - a. The offensive team may, at their discretion, turn the ball over to the defensive team after informing them of their intentions to exercise one of the following options.

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- i. Provided they are inside their own territory (having ½ or more of the field to go to score a touchdown). From the line of scrimmage, the official shall mark off twenty (20) yards towards the defensive teams' goal. The clock shall run for ten (10) seconds.

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- ii. From anywhere on the field, the offensive team shall inform the official of their intention to punt, all players (offense and defense), except for the center and punter, shall move to the sideline. No runback will be allowed, nor will the defensive team be allowed to down the ball. Once the ball is snapped, the offensive team shall have ten (10) seconds to kick the ball. Any infraction of this rule will result in a ten (10) yard penalty and a loss of down. The clock shall remain running. .
10. **Free Kick After Safety** - A kicker that moves across the line of scrimmage to punt and or walks past the line of scrimmage shall be penalized. The penalty shall be: take the result of the play or penalize the team five (5) yards and require the kicking team to kick over.
11. **Field Goal** – (5-8 ONLY –9-14 is LIVE kick)
Three (3) points for kicking (at parks that employ goal posts meeting high school standards).
 - A. No Rush Free Kick in an attempt to kick the field goal – 5 second time limit from the time of the snap to the kick attempt or the play is blown dead.
 - B. All players with the exception of the center, holder, and kicker are to remain at their regular position and not physically interfere with the play. The defending team may wave their hands, jump laterally and make noise to distract the kicker
Any defender crossing the line of scrimmage is considered off sides and the team will be penalized accordingly.
 - C. If it is the opinion of the game official that an infraction of this rule has occurred, an encroachment violation shall be assessed.

PRACTICES

1. The first day of organized practice shall be the Monday of the last full week of July. Players may wear helmets, mouthpieces, shorts, tee shirts and shoes for the first three (3) days of scheduled practice. Other football equipment may not be worn during this period. This is the day team falls under NWGYFL Bylaws
2. No team shall start body-to-body contact until the fourth day of scheduled practice.
3. Prior to the third Sunday in August, teams shall be allowed to attend a maximum of only five (5) practice days per week with a limit of two (2) hours per day. Practice games are considered practice sessions and are included in the above. Film sessions, regardless of where conducted, are considered practice sessions.
4. After the third Sunday in August, a team shall be allowed to attend only three (3) practices per week. All nonleague scheduled games or bowl games played Monday through Friday shall be considered a practice, and may not last more than 2 hours. A Saturday Jamboree or Saturday Practice Game does not count against a weekday practice prior to the start of the season (first week bye counts as the start of the season).
5. Curfew for practice sessions shall be 9:00pm on a night preceding a school day. All other nights shall be 10:00pm.
6. If you play Sunday you must lose one practice during the week caught breaking rule could lead to fine and coach being suspended
7. All teams must practice within the confines of their home park. Exceptions by either the Chairman or the Vice Chairman must be secured before conducting the practice and shall only be granted in emergencies. Scrimmage games against another league member are not included in this restriction.
8. Scouting a team during its normal practice time by a coach or anyone from a conference league member shall not be allowed.
9. Violation of any of the above rules will result in a fine of \$100.00 per incident. In addition, disciplinary action may be taken against the all coaches involved.

GAME DAY FACE OFF

1. Both teams must be ready for pre-game certification beginning no later than one hour prior to scheduled game time. Prior to the face off, teams shall not be in close proximity to each other
2. face off are to be conducted by the Host Association Weight Commissioner or the President (no team or parent). All faceoffs will be done electronically through NSID
(1) Coach from each team may be permitted to observe the weigh-in this needs to be a location away from everyone someone other then coaches must be there to witness faceoff NO MUISC
3. The Visiting team has the option to defer the start of the weigh-in/face off process to the home team. Such notification must be made prior to the opening of the weight room. The designated team should be lined up

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and ready to start process at time of opening of . The second team should be in close proximity to proceed upon completion of the first team. Failure for either team to report initially on time, will result in a \$100.00 fine.

4. Players shall /face off with their assigned jersey number
 - a. Temporary or permanent number assignments shall be made known to the opposing coach and that park Weight Commissioner.
 - b. REMOVED DO NOT HAVE TO REPORT -Temporary Number Change shall be recorded on the Game Day Form. Temporary number assignments must also be reported to the league along with scores. Failure for the Host Association President to report Temporary Number changes is a \$50.00 (fifty dollar) fine.
 - c. If a jersey number change is made permanent, the head coach must notify the Chairman, in writing, within (5) days.
 - d. Number changes must be made permanent within 2 weeks.
 - i. A written request for number changes must be made to the Chairman or Vice-Chairman (Email is acceptable). The Head Coach must bring the original roster, players' Certification form and 2 new pictures with the revised jersey number to an assigned Commission Member to complete the change.
 - e. Failure to complete a permanent jersey change within 2 weeks will result in a \$25.00 per week fine following the 2-week allowance.
 - f. Any player wearing the same temporary number two weeks in a row, without a request for number change being made will have automatically started the 2-week allowance period at the conclusion of the 2nd game.
5. All pre-game face off shall be terminated prior to fifteen (15) minutes of scheduled game time for Saturday games (no exceptions). Face off for any required week night (M-F) evening game shall be terminated five (5) minutes before the scheduled game time.
6. Following Week 4 face off, each team must copy their roster form and present it in a readable format to their Association President. The Association President must keep the copied roster on file until February of the following year.

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GAME DAY FORM

1. If a Game Day Form will be required to identify temporary number changes or injured, absent or disciplined players; the form must be completed at least one hour before game time and before weigh ins commence. Each Head Coach shall present to the Face off Commissioner controlling the Game Day Weigh In the Ngyfl, Inc. Game Day Form for the day's game 1 hour prior to the scheduled start of the game. All signatures must appear on the form at this time for the form to be legal for this game. At the end of weigh in, the opposing coach and weight commissioner will sign the Game Day Form. The appropriate copy shall go to the association, Home Head Coach, and Visiting Head Coach. .
2. Any NWGYFL, Inc. Commission member is permitted to observe all face off . The NWGYFL, Inc. Commission member may take control of the weigh-in at any time.
3. Coaches will not have to fill out a game day form, unless there is a player who is absent, has a jersey number change.

TIMING

1. Length of quarters shall be ten (10) minutes for 7-12 age groups. Eight (8) for 5-6 age groups
2. Time between plays:
 - a. 5 – 12 shall be allowed 25 Seconds

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3. All teams shall be allowed three (3) timeouts per half
4. A mandatory running clock shall be implemented anytime after the first half when there is a thirty (30) point differential. The clock shall be stopped on touchdown, charged time-outs and official's time-out. The clock shall not run during a try for point and will not start again until the subsequent kick-off is touched by the receiving team. The running clock shall continue regardless of whether the point differential becomes less than 30 points. No kick off during running clock. When there is a running clock there shall be no kick off, and the ball shall be spot at the 25 yard line for 5 and 6 year olds and the 35 yard line for ages 7 and up.
5. Halftime shall be 10 minutes. League members needing more time for a special presentation must notify the visiting head coach, visiting Association President and the Conference Chairman at least 72 hours prior to the game that halftime shall be extended to no more than 20 minutes.
6. All league games will start at their scheduled time or 10 minutes after the previous game ended, whichever is later. Game can start early if both teams are ready to go. Game officials are encouraged not to wait on teams to take the field and to start the game within two minutes after completion of the coin flip.

TIE-BREAKER

1. There will be a 3-minute intermission between the end of regulation play and the coin toss to start the overtime procedure.
2. The captains will meet for the coin toss, and the winner may choose one of the following:
 - a. Be on offense first
 - b. Be on defense first
 - c. Choose the end of the field on which to play
3. The ball is placed on the 15-yard line and the offense keeps the ball until:
 - a. The ball is turned over on downs NOTE: The team on offense can gain a first down
 - b. The defense gains possession of the ball (ball is dead immediately)
 - c. The offense scores a touchdown
4. After the first offensive team completes its possession, the opposing team gets its opportunity from the 15yard line.
5. If the game remains tied after each team has had an offensive possession, there will be a 2-minute intermission and the team that lost the first coin toss has the first option for the second possession.
6. For each additional overtime period (i.e., an offensive possession by each team) the original coin toss options are alternated.
7. Beginning with the third overtime period, a team must attempt a 2-point try after a touchdown.
 - a. EXCEPTION: 5 & 6 year old teams are not required to try for a 2-point conversion.
 - b. After the second overtime period 5 & 6 year old teams will follow the penetration provisions defined in item "10" below.
 - c. After the 4th overtime period for ages 7 - 14 will follow the penetration provisions defined in item "10" below.
8. Each team is allowed one timeout per overtime period. No timeouts may be carried over from regulation play. No timeouts may be carried over from a previous overtime period.
9. Penalty enforcement is handled the same way in overtime as in regulation play.
10. Games played on a week night shall utilize the following process should the game be tied at the end of regulation:
 - a. After a two minute intermission, a coin toss shall take place. The team winning the toss shall select to start on offense or defense. The other team shall determine which direction play shall occur.
 - b. The team on offense shall start with the ball on the 40 yard line and shall have four (4) plays to advance the ball towards the goal line.
 - a. Should they score, they may attempt a one or two point try.
 - b. Should they not score their deepest penetration towards the goal line shall be marked
 - c. The teams shall switch positions and the second team shall advance the ball towards the same goal
 - i. Should they score, they may attempt a one or two point try
 - ii. Should they not score their deepest penetration towards the goal line shall be marked
 - d. The team with the most points or the deepest penetration shall be declared the winner

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- e. Each team shall be granted ONE time out during this period (Time outs from the regulation game do NOT carry over)

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- f. Penalties shall be applied as per league rules but will not affect the deepest penetration from a previous play.

OFFICIAL BALLS

1. The Conference will publish on its website a list of ‘official footballs’ which are approved for use at the annual March Meeting. League members may provide lists of manufacturer footballs which they propose to be added to the list at the February Annual Meeting. Prior to being included on the list, the ViceCommissioner will confirm that the proposed footballs are substantially similar in size and shape to the footballs which were used in the prior year.
2. Teams shall have the option of playing with the home’s team ball or their own.
3. The Head Official for any game will ensure that the ball used by either team is the one that are included the list of ‘officials footballs’ approved for use.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

1. Each player shall have a full uniform including the following:
 - a. Helmet (with warning sticker displayed in compliance with Federation Rules)
 - i. Plastic snaps (female), or plastic coated snaps shall be used to attach the chinstrap to the Helmet.
 - ii. Must bear a certification label from the original manufacturer or certified refurbisher. Helmet may not be more than 10 years old from original date of production.
 - b. Numbered team jersey
 - i. If a name is to appear on the jersey then it shall be the player’s First Name on Birth Certificate or Last Name (of either parent) on Birth Certificate. No Nicknames, initials or first and last (“full”) names shall be allowed.
 - c. Shoulder pads
 - d. Thigh pads, Hip pads, Knee pads, Tail pad
 - e. Rubber molded cleat shoes (cleats may be detachable.) However, no metal parts may be used to fasten cleats on the shoe unless the metal portion is on the detachable cleat. Metal tipped plastic or any exposed metal portion of the cleat will not be allowed. A player found with metal cleats or exposed metal on their cleats must have the cleats repaired or the shoes man not be worn.
 - f. Mouth pieces must be worn and must be attached to helmet
2. It is the responsibility of each league member to maintain and replace equipment in accordance with their manufacturers’ requirements.
3. All league members must register team jersey colors with the NWGYFL, Inc. at the February meeting. The Full Commission shall approve all color changes.
4. A team is required to wear jerseys of the same color with a similar design. Shades of a color are acceptable as necessary – but different color jerseys (i.e. red and white) shall not be worn by the same team in the same game.
5. A team may NOT wear towels which are of a similar color to official penalty flags (YELLOW).
6. A teams jersey may include a single patch or screen print to allow for the sponsorship of that team or association. The patch area may not be larger than 6 square inches and may only be located 1) on the sleeve within ½” of the bottom seam or 2) on the front of the jersey above the highest point of the uniform numbers. All proposed sponsorships must be submitted to the NWGYFL Commission for approval.

PLAYING FIELD

1. A regulation size high school field shall be official for the 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13/14 year old teams. In cases where a league member cannot provide one hundred (100) yard by 53 1/3 yard regulation football field, an eighty (80) long and a minimum of forty (40) yards wide field may be employed. All teams, up to and including age 8 (eight) can be scheduled to play regular season games on an 80 yard field. No playoff game,

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- resulting in the winner going to the Super bowl may be played on an 80x40 field for the 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, year old teams.
2. The 5 & 6 year old teams shall use an eighty (80) yard field. When games are played on regulation size football field, eighty (80) yards shall be the maximum; however the full width of the field shall be employed.
 3. Goalposts are optional, but when used, they shall conform to high school standards.
 4. With the exception of a play-off game where the winner advances to play in the Super bowl, in the event a playing field does not meet these requirements, the game may still be played if both teams are aware of the field limits.
 5. The goal line and end zone shall be distinguishable from the rest of the playing field with rubber or plastic pylons
 6. Rules for an eighty (80) by forty (40) yard field.
 - a. The game shall start with the kick-off from the thirty (30) yard line. Should the ball go into the end zone on the kick, the ball is dead and play will resume on the offensive team's twenty (20) yard line.
 - b. No penalties shall exceed ten (10) yards.
 - c. Each end zone shall be ten (10) yards deep.
 7. A physical Crowd Control Barrier shall be installed at least ten (10) feet parallel to each sideline and end line to enforce crowd control. In the event a 10-foot barrier is physically impossible, the league member will create a barrier as close to 10-feet as physically possible. Must be fixed to ground so it can't be moved by crowd.
 8. Only players listed on the game day form and coaching personnel, as identified in these Playing Rules, may be inside the Crowd Control Barrier.
 9. The League Chairman or his designate shall visit each field(s) the league member plans to use for home games at least 1 week prior to the league member's first home game. The field will be inspected for working scoreboard, timer, field size, crowd control barrier and other items to insure compliance with NWGYFL, Inc. and Federation rules. This inspection should be performed at twilight or night to insure that the game field is effectively illuminated. Failure to have a field visit prior to the league member's first home game will result in a \$250 (two hundred fifty dollar) fine and the game(s) scheduled for the unapproved field will be taken away or forfeited.
 10. Any league member failing to comply with the rules for a playing field during the season may have their home games suspended for the rest of the season or until the violation is fixed.

COACHING PERSONNEL

1. There shall be no more than 6 coaches and one team mom adult personnel on the sidelines and the field during any game – Only 6 coaches maximum will be certified to each team at the time of certification, one team mom will have one badge
2. Coaches must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
3. The following do not count towards the six (6) Coaching Personnel:
 - a. the three (3) stickmen (Chain Crew) required by National Federation rules
 - b. one commercial photographer from a League Member or one NWGYFL approved photographer
 - c. an individual hired for all scheduled games that day by a League Member or NWGYFL, Inc., for security, medical purposes
4. No adult over eighteen (18) years of age shall act as ball boy or water person for any team. No team shall have more than three (3) persons acting as water boy and/or ball boy.
5. In the event that no water person or ball boy under age 18 is available to bring the players water during timeouts, only one (1) of the 7 allotted badges may bring water to the players on the field. This applies to 8 year old teams and under only.
6. Coaches on playing field:

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- a. 5 and 6 year old D1 League (D1) have two (2) coaches
- b. 7 year old teams may have 1 coach on the field up until the playoffs.
- c. Coaches for 8 year old teams are not allowed on the field after week 2 and beyond.
- d. After the offensive team breaks their huddle, both coaches are to remove themselves to a point five (5) yards behind their deepest players and must refrain from any physical, verbal or visual contact with the players or the sidelines until the play is completed. Verbal communication will be limited to the words "Run it" or similar starting commands to start the play. (This is to keep coaches in the defensive backfield from positioning players). Penalty for infraction of this rule shall be as follows:

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- i. One (1) team warning per game
 - ii. Ten (10) yard penalty and loss of down thereafter if the infraction is against the offense.
 - iii. Ten (10) yard penalty and automatic first down thereafter if infraction is against the defense.
 - iv. If the infraction occurs by the offense after the ball is snapped and a play is underway, the defense shall have the option to require the play to be run again or take the result of the play before the penalty as described above is administered.
 1. No warning shall be provided for an infraction which occurs after the ball is snapped.
 2. If the defense chooses to have the play run over again, the offense shall be penalized consistent with item (ii) above.
 - v. If the infraction occurs by the defense after the ball is snapped and a play is underway, the offense shall have the option to require the play to be run again or take the result of the play before the penalty is administered.
 1. No warning shall be provided for an infraction which occurs after the ball is snapped.
 2. If the offense chooses to have the play run over again, the defense shall be penalized consistent with item (iii) above.
7. Any coach who is legally on the field may request a time out before a play is underway.

ROSTER AND BIRTH RECORDS

1. League member reps shall make sure all players are enter into NSID SITE
2. All Coaches for each team shall enter all info into NSID SITE . **A maximum of 6 coach's will be certified to each team and badges will be printed. Any changes to those 6 will require the badge of the coach being removed to be returned in exchange for a new coach. There will be a \$25 per badge fee for any badge re-prints or coaches swapped after the first 6 that are printed.**
3. League members-furnish to the appointed coach a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws and Playing Rules. The coach must then sign a form stating that he has read, understands and will abide by the Constitution and ByLaws and comply with the rulings of the league Commission before he can assume the head coach responsibilities. This form may be the Coaches Certification Form.
4. Failure to certify a complete team (minimum of 15 certified players and 1 certified coach) on certification day will result in a \$150 fine. An automatic extension is allowed to complete the certification on the Wednesday (3 days later) at 7:00pm. No further extension, without approval of the Commission as defined in these rules, shall be allowed

TEAM COMPOSITION

1. A minimum of fifteen (15) players must be certified on a team roster by the third (D1)
2. Any league member may place players on teams where the age group is older than the players' age group. This may be done because a league member cannot field, for example, a 7 year old team, but can field a 7 & 8 year old team. The player must be of the lower age by July 1st if not they must play the lower age bracket. Players may not play up a 2 year gap due to safety concerns. This rule does not supersede the minimum of D1 teams required per league member.
3. A League Member may close their registration for any age group at any time based on the needs of the park. Upon the decision to close an age group, the Commission shall be notified by receipt of the completed roster stating the player's names and birthdates within 48 hours of closure. Upon receipt of this notice, no additional players will be allowed to be added to said roster and upon certification, only identified players on submitted list will be certified.
4. There shall be no restrictions on how an individual league member places players on D1 or D2 teams. There shall be no equalized age restrictions on D1 or D2 teams.

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5. A League member may register as many D1 teams in an age group as it wishes.
6. A line shall be drawn through the space immediately under the last name on the roster to ensure the proper identification of players added after the third Sunday in August.
7. To certify new players to the roster, the Association President or his assigned representative shall present to the Chairman or his assigned representative, Ga State ID, picture and duplicate copy of the roster on which the new player shall play. The information on the player shall be inserted on the original and duplicate. The entry shall be dated and initialed by the Chairman or his representative. This is to be done on Wednesdays preceding the last Saturday in August to the third (3rd) Saturday in September at a time and place designated by the Chairman.

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Age	Control Date
5yr & Under	Must turn 4 by 7/1 of prior year May not turn 6 prior to 7/1 of the year participating
6yr & Under	May not turn 7 prior to 7/1 of the year participating
7yr & Under	May not turn 8 prior to 7/1 of the year participating
8yr & Under	May not turn 9 prior to 7/1 of the year participating
9yr & Under	May not turn 10 prior to 7/1 of the year participating
10yr & Under	May not turn 11 prior to 7/1 of the year participating
11yr & Under	May not turn 12 prior to 7/1 of the year participating
12yr & Under	May not turn 13 prior to 7/1 of the year participating

Age	Restricted Weight	Control Date
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Example: A player with a birthday of July 1, turning 8 will play with the 7 year olds. The age the player is on June 30th is the group with which they will play.

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1. D1 players shall 1 hour prior to the game face off at same area teams shall line up in straight rows shoulder to shoulder in order of the roster. Coaches from the opposing team shall review the team to verify all players are present and correct. Any player not present and accounted for 15 prior to the game shall not be permitted to play.

It is each member league member's responsibility to inform the parents of this possibility at the time of registration.

3. Should the Executive Commission be required to investigate an illegal or improperly documented player the Executive Commission shall suspend the player during the course of the investigation should appropriate Original Documentation not be available. The investigation must be completed in no less than ten business days to allow for receipt of legal documents. Should the Executive Commission determine a player is illegal the player will be immediately suspended for the balance of the season, the Executive Commission will investigate to determine if the Head Coach had direct or indirect knowledge of the violation. If the Executive Commission determines the Head Coach or any member of the Coaching Staff had knowledge the Executive Commission may immediately suspend any Coaches for a period up to and including 1 calendar year. Suspension recommendations over 1 year will be presented to the Full Commission for review.
4. D1 teams shall be for 5 -12 year old players. D2 teams shall be for the 5 – 12 year old players in combined age groups.

PENALTY PROCESS/COMMISSION RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1) Any Commission Member, Coordinator or Association President shall have the right to report a violation of the By-Laws or Playing Rules to the Commission by e-mailing Said notification should specify the nature of the violation and when it occurred.
- 2) The Commission shall review the By-Laws and Playing Rules and determine what penalty is associated with the specific violation.
- 3) VIOLATION WITH SPECIFIC DOLLAR FINE:
 - a) If the Commission determines that the violation has a specific dollar fine associated with it, as listed in the Bylaws or Playing Rules, within 36 hours of receiving the notice the Commission shall notify the President of the Association where the violation occurred & all members of the Commission that a violation has been reported and the fine amount. If the violation is against a coach it shall be the responsibility of the President to notify the coach of the violation.
 - b) An organization or coach cannot appeal a bylaw or rule infraction.
 - c) The Chairman shall have the authority to rule on the appeal based on the original notice of violation and appeal letter or if he determines more information is needed may investigate in any manner he feels necessary to determine all the facts. Once the Chairman receives all the information necessary he shall rule on the appeal.
 - d) Any appeal of the Chairman's decision shall be as outlined in the Arbitration Procedure.
 - e) If there is no appeal or after the Chairman makes the final decision and upholds the fine, then the Commission shall be notified and shall levy the fine.
- 4) VIOLATION WITH OUT A SPECIFIC DOLLAR FINE:

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- a) If the Commission determines that the violation has no specific dollar fine amount associated with it, as listed in the Bylaws and Playing Rules, within 36 hours of receiving the notice of violation, the Commission shall notify the Chairman of the issue.
 - b) The Chairman shall determine the nature of the penalty based on the notice. The Chairman shall have the authority to:
 - (i) Issue a fine against the Association or Coach up to any dollar amount and/or
 - (ii) Issue a one (1) week suspension of a coach, board member, spectator or parent
 - (iii) Call a meeting of the commission or the league to review the violation and determine if a more severe penalty than listed in (i) or (ii) shall be levied.
 - c) If the Chairman calls a meeting of the Commission to review the violation, after review, the Commission shall have the authority to:
 - (i) Issue a fine of any dollar amount against an Association or Coach
 - (ii) Suspend a Coach, board member, spectator or parent for the balance of the season.
 - d) If the Chairman calls for a meeting of the Commission review the violation, after review, the Commission shall have the authority to take any action it determines to be in the best interest of the League as defined by the Constitution, Bylaws and Playing Rules.
- 5) If the penalty is to be issued against an ASSOCIATION, in addition to any fine the League may also place any association on the following Probationary status:
- a) Level 1: Loss of Voting Rights for no less than the remainder of the season and not to exceed two (2) full seasons.
 - b) Level 2: Loss of Voting Rights for no less than the remainder of the season and not to exceed two (2) full seasons and loss of all home post season games. These games will be played at the opponent's field.
 - c) Level 3: Loss of Voting Rights for no less than the remainder of the season and not to exceed two (2) full seasons, loss of all home regular season and post season games.
 - d) Any League member placed on Probation twice in a four year period shall forfeit any and all NWGYFL refunds for excess funds paid to League members.
- 6) If the penalty is to be issued against a Coach, in addition to any fine (up to \$500) the League may also place any Coach on the following Probationary status:
- a) Level 1: Any fines received for Bylaw infraction shall be increased by \$25 per occurrence for the duration of the Probation.
 - b) Level 2: Any fines received for Bylaw infractions shall be increased by \$25 per occurrence for the duration of the Probation, loss of all home post season games, these games will be played at opponent's field.
 - c) Level 3: Any fines received for Bylaw infractions shall be increased \$25 per occurrence for the duration of the Probation, loss of all home regular season and post season games.
 - d) Any coach placed on Probation twice in a four year period shall not be allowed to coach the following year with any League Member.
- 7) If an Association, Coach, Board Member, Spectator or Parent wishes to appeal a penalty levied by the Chairman or the Commission, they shall use the Arbitration Procedure.
- 8) Any adult suspended from participation in the League for violation of any Safety or Sportsmanship Bylaws may be required, by determination of the Commission to complete a Coaching Principles course. This course may include the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Coaches Education and Training and Testing Program required by the GHSA for lay (community) coaches or any other similar Coaching Principles course. The Adult shall be responsible for all costs incurred in taking the course.
- 9) Any team found to have used an ineligible player shall automatically forfeit all games in which such ineligible player participated. The Commission shall investigate the circumstances and if a Coach or President knew the ineligible player was being used, the Chairman shall determine any penalty as outlined above.
- 10) Any player, Coach, League Member Representative, or League Member found to have misrepresented or attempted to misrepresent any records, the Chairman shall determine any penalty as outline above.

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Cheerleading Competition/ Showcase

The league will have up to two cheer competitions/showcase per month.

Every team register with the nwgyl will compete and if not will be charged a \$100 forfeited fee

Three coaches per team and must register in the NSID data base.

All cheerleaders will register in the NSID database.

Team Fees \$125 per team