

CONSTITUTION BY-LAWS PLAYING RULES

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The organization shall be known as “Northwest 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 will provide competition events for the cheerleading program.

NWGYFL will provide a championship game hereafter referred to as “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 governed by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will include:
 - a. CEO shall be the duly elected and referred to as Commission Chairman
 - b. CFO shall be the duly elected and referred to as Commission Treasurer
 - c. Secretary shall be the duly elected and referred to as Commission Secretary
 - d. Registered Agent shall and referred to as Commission Secretary or a Named 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 Northwest Georgia Youth Football League shall consist of a Board of Directors, and Conference Coordinators.

The “Member Associations” of NWGYFL shall hereinafter referred to as the “League” or “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.

The Board of Directors herein referred to as the “The Commission”.

The Members of The Commission shall be Commission elected yearly by majority vote of Members in Good Standing; quorum required. The Conference Coordinators hereinafter referred to as “Coordinators”

The coordinators shall be appointed by the Commission.

The Committees will be made up of Associations who are appointed by the Board and shall have no vote in league business but shall bring ideals to the board. The Commission will appoint an Advisory Board of 5 members to 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. Competition Director
7. Director over Coordinators

Additional Committee members

1. Cheer Director
2. Allstars director

Elections

1. Election of the Commission Members shall be held on the second Sunday in January. Meeting will be held via zoom meeting
2. All nominations of individuals wanting to be on commission shall be made prior to the second Sunday in January
 - a. To be nominated, member organization has to be in good standing with the league
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 League Members in good standing 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. They may not be involved with any park if voted in.
6. Chairman has no vote on elections
7. No association shall have more than 1 representative on the Commission in order to ensure fairness, unless no other candidate is viable. If multiple members of an association are nominated and elected, that association will decide which 1 of their members will represent them on the Commission.

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. League members in good standing vote on what's best for NWGYFL
 - a. The Commission Chairman may have 1 (one) vote to break a tie in the Business of the League.
3. The vote required for election of the commission shall be 50% plus one of the league members in good standing provided a quorum is present
4. There will be no new changes to the constitution, by laws and/or playing rules of NWGYFL presented to league members after March meeting. All new bylaw proposals presented after March meeting will be presented to the commission to determine if a vote is necessary by league members in good standing. Vote will need to be passed with 2/3 vote with quorum present
5. 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
 - a. If situation arises, bylaw change will be presented to the commission to determine if a vote is necessary By league members in good standing. Vote will need to be passed with 2/3 vote with quorum present
6. The vote required for New Members to be accepted into NWGYFL as probationary member is majority vote by league members in good standing.

7. 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
8. The vote required to Suspend, place on Probation and/or Remove a League Member from any individual from NWGYFL related activities shall be 3/4 of the Members of the League in Good Standing, by method of secret ballot, provided a quorum is present, unless superseded herein by these Bylaws
9. The vote to overturn a Suspended, Dismissed or Background Check issue on a Coach, Individual or Organization from NWGYFL shall be 100% of the Members of the League in Good Standing, by method of secret ballot, provided a quorum is present.
10. E-mail voting, for Specific Topics only by the Commission and/ or League Members shall be permitted.
11. E-mail voting shall NOT be allowed as a replacement for Meeting attendance.
12. 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) of the League Members, to 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
7. At the time specified for determining Membership for the current year, any funds more than \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) owned by NWGYFL shall be distributed to the League Members Via Credit held by NWGYFL based on the Number of teams that were part of the NWGYFL, the previous year.

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 arises that isn't covered under the league.
 - a. The commission will notify league members within 48 hours of the change.
7. The Commission may NOT represent an Association at any called or special meeting.

Chairman

1. Shall be the presiding officer at all Meetings.
2. Will make all decisions best for league with help from board Unless it falls under any section of the bylaws where league members are required to vote.
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.
10. Responsible in making members aware of all formal meetings

Vice Chairman – National Division

1. Shall carry out all duties assigned or delegated by the chairman.
2. Shall be the primary point of contact for all parks/presidents assigned to the National Division teams.
3. Shall help with any other duties chairman may appoint
4. Shall help of trophy selection (in condition with the Commission) and trophy presentation at the Superbowl.
5. Shall be responsible for Super Bowl activities.

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 teams.
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 is published to the league website.
6. Shall be responsible for Super Bowl activities.

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.
5. A second signature by the Chairman or Vice Chairman will be required for checks over \$1000.00
6. 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.
7. 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.
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.
5. Assist with all Website Development and Support
6. Shall coordinate Commission annual dinner.

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. Assist with the certification process.
4. Assist with 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 Conferences 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 incomplete 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 appointed.

Directors:

1. Cheer Director will be responsible of corresponding events with cheer coaches and oversee cheer events with direction of Commission
2. Allstar Director will help with ideas 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, always, the NWGYFL Constitution, By-laws and Playing Rules.
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 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 (one 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.
2. NWGYFL Meetings shall be attended by Commission Members, Coordinators and League Member Representatives when needed. Meeting can be zoom or other 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 attend 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.
 - i) 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 **finned \$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 January – Election of the board (will be held via zoom)

1st 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
 - a) League member will vote on New League Members as Full Members or adding of another year's probation period
7. Receive Proposed Constitutional Amendments, By-laws and Playing Rule changes from League Members
8. Receive Applications for New Membership into the League
9. 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.
10. Old Business
11. New Business

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
7. Vote on any Proposed Constitutional Amendments. By-law and Playing Rule changes from the February Meeting. A Commission member may NOT represent any League Member in this instance.
8. Vote on the acceptance of any New League Members

Last Sunday in July – Combined League and Commission Meeting All 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. Review Constitution and By-Laws.
3. Review Playing Rules
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Mandatory Coaches Meeting for at least 1 Coach per team at the time of the meeting to review new changes and information.
Fine is \$100 per Coach that doesn't attend.

2nd Sunday in August – Certification and Commission Meeting

1. 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 team.
 - a. An email shall be sent a week prior to this meeting number of teams
2. Any coaches added after this date shall be submitted to the League Secretary on a supplemental list signed and dated by the League Member Representative
3. Certification will be performed electronically by Zorts and an in-person meeting will take place to sign off on certified rosters.
4. All Coaches shall be input into Zorts with a completed verification and background check in order to receive their coaches badge

5. 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.
6. Teams added after the original declaration are also subject to \$150 fine.

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
 - 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

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

Super Bowl

1. Shall be attended by all League Members, Commission Members and Coordinators
2. League Members not in attendance shall be fined \$100.00 (one hundred dollars). A Commission member may NOT represent any League Member in this instance.
3. Assigned workers for each League Member who are not in attendance during their entire work shift shall be fined \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) each

MEMBERSHIP

Qualification for League Membership in NWGYFL

1. League Members shall enter Three (3) teams amongst Eight (8) separate age groups, between the ages of 5 and 12u
 - a) Such declaration must be made before 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 older than league 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
9. Coaches, chosen by the League Member’s Board of Directors shall determine the makeup of their teams.
10. League Members shall have a place to play and practice without infringing on a League Member’s field recognized by the NWGYFL.
11. Membership split from a League Member shall not be eligible to use the League Member’s field without prior approval of the league.
12. If any Association falls below the required minimum of three (3) teams for participation for a 2nd year, that Association shall be placed on a one (1) year probation.

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 League members in good standing with quorum present into NWGYFL.
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 Members 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.

Social Media Policy

All individuals affiliated with the NWGYFL, including but not limited to Coaches, NWGYFL Representatives, Team Moms/Dads, and Association Board Members, who sign a NWGYFL Certification Statement, agree to uphold the highest standards of conduct when using social media or other public communication platforms.

Specifically, individuals agree **not to post, share, or engage in any communication** that includes:

- Discriminatory, harassing, or offensive language;
- Defamatory, libelous, or slanderous comments about NWGYFL, its member associations, teams, players, coaches, volunteers, or Executive Board;
- Inflammatory or negative remarks that may undermine the reputation or integrity of NWGYFL.

This applies to **all forms of digital communication**, including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter/X, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, and online forums.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension or permanent expulsion from NWGYFL participation or leadership roles, subject to review and decision by the NWGYFL Executive Board.

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 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 Concussion Certified and entered into Zorts
2. Each team may be allowed 7 badged coaches plus one badged team parent for the season. Team parents may NOT act as a coach.
3. All Coaches must have their name, address and at least one working telephone number listed in the Zorts to be certified.
4. During the season, ALL coaches should maintain a current address or working phone number in the Zorts 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.
5. At any time, before or during the season the Commission may suspend said coach.
6. While under Suspension and or Dismissal, a coach may not attend practice
7. 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.
8. 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.)
9. No person shall coach with NWGYFL that is currently under suspension from coaching in any other league.

10. 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 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 damn 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. NWGYFL requires a showing of good sportsmanship by shaking hands at the completion of a game. If a coach refuses to shake hands his team **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 parent badge will be issued per team.
12. Coaches on the sideline who do not have their badge showing and who are not listed 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 may be worn on the sideline. Failure to adhere will **result in a \$100 fine**. We have to set a standard for the league to represent.

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. All background checks shall be run through member parks and uploaded into Zorts prior to certification of said coach. NWGYFL does not conduct background checks and is not responsible for the accuracy or results. Each member association assumes full responsibility for background checks of their coaches.
3. 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.

4. Background checks shall be clear of, 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
 - e) Any Felony Battery Convictions
 - f) Any Pending charges described in “a” through “e”
5. The items listed in “a. through f.” above shall immediately disqualify a person from coaching or sideline participation at all NWGYFL events.
6. 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.
7. 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. After 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).
8. 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.
9. 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.

REGISTRATION

League Members can start registration whenever they like. No minimum fee for registration. The league doesn’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 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 via National Sports ID of a player’s parents or legal guardian prior to a player participating in the League competition.
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.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND CONDUCT

1. All players will register with Zorts
 - a) Any participant who is on any other organized football team shall be ineligible to play in the NWGYFL, Inc.
 - (1) 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 before the *3rd week of scheduled games for the current season* will be eligible to play with any NWGYFL, Inc. team. If you want to be 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 before the 3rd game of season* 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 *3rd game of 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 certified with a League Member shall not be permitted to move to another League Member unless 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.
 - (1) 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.
 - c) 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
 - d) League Members may close registration when it suits the needs of their park.
 - e) 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 cannot 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
10. 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.
11. 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

NWGYFL teams shall have no required minimum play count, that is 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. NWGYFL, Inc. reserves the right to consider further disciplinary action up to and including permanent removal from NWGYFL, Inc

WEAPONS CLAUSE

In accordance with the principles of safety and fair play, the NorthWest Georgia Youth Football League (NWGYFL) maintains a strict zero-tolerance policy regarding weapons or threats of weapons within league premises or events. Any individual found in possession of a weapon or making threats of violence with a weapon will face immediate expulsion from the NWGYFL, and their child's participation in the league will be terminated indefinitely. This measure is essential to uphold a secure and inclusive environment where all participants can enjoy the sport of football free from any risk or intimidation. The NWGYFL prioritizes the safety and well-being of its players, coaches, officials, and spectators above all else, and such actions are not conducive to the positive values and spirit of sportsmanship we aim to instill in our youth.

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
 - 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 5:00pm 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.
3. 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.
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. The Host League Member will charge no more than eight dollars (\$8) per adult admission and three dollars (\$3) for students at regular season. During playoff games the Host League Member may charge ten dollars (\$10) per adult admission and ~~one~~ five dollars (\$5) for children 12 and under. Super Bowl gate fees will be collected as follows, twelve dollars (\$12) per adult admission and five dollars (\$5) for children 12 and under, children 4 and under are free. Any 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

1. 5U-12U 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 Commission can move any age group to any time on the schedule. There are no set times for age group to play.
5. Should games be scheduled on nights prior to school days, they shall begin no later than 7:30pm (excludes Superbowl or semifinals).
6. The NWGYFL, Inc. will make every effort to ensure that teams from the same age division of a single League member will not play each other during the regular season.
7. 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.
 - a. any team that does not meet the 3 team minimum requirement will not be guarantee home games
8. 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.
9. Any of the persons listed in “a” through “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.
10. 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.
- 11. Failure to have an accurate email or phone number within the NWGYFL, Inc. system may not be used to appeal the change.
- 12. 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. 5u-12u Playoffs Start after week 9
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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
 - 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
- 4. Top 4 teams in division without 8 teams advance to playoffs
- 5. Age divisions with 12 or more we will do a gold an sliver bracket
- 6. 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
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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. Total Points Allowed (capped at 40 pts per game)
 - d. Record vs. common opponents.
 - e. Overall winning percentage of all opponents played.
 - f. Coin Toss.
- 9. 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.
- l. 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.
- m. The second team will continue their drive as long as they can continue to gain first downs or scores a touchdown.
- n. The winning team shall be the team which has penetrated to the deepest point on the field.
- o. 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.
- p. Game will continue until the Penetration Period ends with one team ahead on the scoreboard, or penetrates deeper than the other team.
- q. No additional minimum playing time requirements will be added during the Penetration Period, regardless of the number of Penetration Periods played.

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 three (3) games will be terminated and charged the \$1000.00 fine

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 formed.

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)**.
3. 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.
 - a. 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 or said team will forfeit, with the following exception;
 - a. All League fees must be paid to the NWGYFL prior to 11:59 PM on October 15
 - b. All week 9 league fines must be paid to the League Treasurer prior to 11:59pm on the Wednesday before playoff games start.
 - c. 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
6. 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 eligible team they defeated will be inserted in their place for the Superbowl.
7. 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)**. 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/or 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 shall use (4) officials on the field and one (1) official on the clock.
2. 5U-7U shall use (3) officials on the field and one (1) official on the clock.
3. Chain crews are part of the officials and shall conduct themselves accordingly. Chain crews must wear vests provided by the Host Association. **Fine \$25**
4. Officials must inform the NWGYFL, Inc. Home League Member Representative when anyone is removed from a game.
5. All ejections by an Official may not be protested and/or changed by NWGYFL, Inc.
 - a. Ejections by an official may be protested from the last regular season game through playoffs. Protests must be provided in writing to commission by 5pm on Sunday after the game to determine if a vote is necessary By league members in good standing. Vote will need to be passed with majority vote with quorum present
6. 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.

PENALTY FOR BY-LAW INFRACTION

1. Violation for any of the above By-Laws will result in the Member League 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.
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 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.
 - b) 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.
4. The Chair will call for a mandatory meeting of all League Members within 72 hours of the request. The meeting shall consist of:
 - a. 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
 - b. The affected Association's President will have an opportunity to present justification for additional consideration
 - c. 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
 - d. The affected Association shall be dismissed from the meeting and the remaining League Members shall discuss the matter
 - e. The affected Association shall return to the meeting
 - f. Any additional question shall be asked
 - g. 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
 - h. The chair shall read the results

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:
 - 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.

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.
 - 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:
 - 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

1. 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:
2. Failure to submit to the League "Heat Policy"; Fine \$50.00
3. Failure to submit a Certificate of Insurance before the first day of practice: Fine \$50.00
4. Failure to have field certified prior to member's first home game: Fine \$250.00 and loss of home games until certification is completed.
5. Failure to pay officials fees & booking fees by the end of gameday : Fine \$500.00 & Fees & Probation
6. Failure of League Member Representative to attend League meeting: Fine \$100.00
7. Failure of League Member Representative to arrive at League meeting before completion of roll call: Fine
8. \$50.00
9. Failure to declare participation in NWGYFL for the upcoming season: Fine \$500.00
10. Failure to provide League Member by-laws and Board of Directors contact information to the Commission Secretary: Fine \$100.00
11. Failure to certify a complete declared team: Fine \$150.00
12. Coach ejection \$200
13. Failure of a League Member to attend the Super Bowl meeting: Fine \$100.00
14. Failure of League Member's assigned workers to attend Super Bowl: Fine \$100.00 per
15. Failure for a coach to correct inaccurate information in database after warning: Fine \$25.00
16. Violation(s) of Practice regulations: Fine \$100.00 incident & discipline of Head Coach
17. Failure to report scores on time: Fine \$50.00

18. Failure to report for face off at designated time: Fine \$100.00
19. Not being in coaches' attire \$50 flip flops/slides
20. Failure for President to report temporary number changes: Fine \$25.00
21. Failure to complete permanent jersey number change: Fine \$25.00
22. Parent on inside 10ft barrier \$50
23. Fail to pay fines by due date \$50 Fine add
24. Failure to abide by the Injured Player Rule: Fine \$100.00
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 (7 coaches and 1 team parents per age group)
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. Failure to have badge on or around neck \$25
33. Reprint badge \$25
34. Commission will set a fine for anything that's not listed here in Bylaws or fines list.

DEFINITIONS

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

SUPERBOWL

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 semifinals 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:
 - a) 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.
2. 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.
5. Commission will meet after the submission deadline and decide the location that best fits the ability to host
 6. There will be a twelve (\$12) dollar charge for adults, and five (\$5) dollar charge for minors 5-12. Children four (4) years old and under will be free for the Super Bowl.
 7. 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

CHEER

