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Article I: Name

Section 1: Name

This Non-Profit Organization shall be known as GULF COAST PREMIER FOOTBALL LEAGUE [GCPFL].

Section 2: Members

Each person accepted into membership in accordance with the rules and regulations of the GCPFL Board of Directors shall be deemed a “Member” and shall be entitled to one (1) vote through its designated representative concerning the operation of GCPFL.

Section 3: Voting Rights

Each Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the Members. Only one member from each affiliate chapter may hold a sound vote.

Section 4: Termination of Membership

The GCPFL Board of Directors, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the Members, may suspend or expel a Member with cause after an appropriate hearing and by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the Members. The GCPFL Board of Directors, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the Members, may suspend or expel any Member who becomes in default in any assessment for the period fixed in Article X of these By-laws.

Section 5: Resignation

Any Member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary, but such resignation shall not relieve the Member so resigning of the obligation to pay any assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid. Any member that has been removed pursuant to Section 5 herein, shall within thirty (30) days return and surrender all right, title and interest to and in any football/cheerleading equipment, supplies, foods, equipment, and cash or bank accounts and any other personal property used by said Member that is the sole ownership of GCPFL. Each said Member, shall upon request of appropriate GCPFL officials, execute such documents as are necessary to complete the return of such items and will surrender any keys to existing storage places to enable the GCPFL to recover said property.

Section 6: Reinstatements

On written request signed by the President of any Member and filed with the Secretary, the GCPFL Board of Directors, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Members may reinstate such former Member to membership on such terms as the GCPFL Board Directors deem appropriate.

Section 7: Affiliated Chapters

The affiliated members of the organization are as follows:

- Brazoria Jaguars**
- Friendswood Colts**
- Galveston Riptide**
- League City Cowboys**
- League City Panthers**
- Pearland Buccaneers**
- Pearland Raiders**

Article II: Meeting of Members

Section 1: Annual Meeting

An annual meeting of the Members shall be held at such place as designated by the GCPFL Board of Directors on the third Thursday of January at a time and location to be specified by the Board for the purpose of electing Directors and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. If the day fixed for the annual meeting shall be a legal holiday in the State of Texas, such meeting shall be held on the next succeeding business day. If the election of Directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for any annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors shall cause the election to be held at a special meeting of the Members as soon thereafter as conveniently may be.

Section 2: Place of Meetings

The GCPFL Board of Directors may designate any place as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting.

Section 3: Notice of Meetings

Written notice or electronic computer aided messages (such as emails, instant messaging) stating the place, day, and hour of regular meeting of Members shall be delivered, either personally, by mail or by computer, to GCPFL Members and the Board of Directors, not less than 5 no more than 10 days before the date of such meeting, by or at the direction of the President. In case of a special meeting or when required by statute or by these by-laws, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice. If mailed, the notice of a meeting shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail addressed to all Members of the GCPFL and the GCPFL Board of Directors.

Section 4: Quorum

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than a majority of the Directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Article III: Board of Directors

Section 1: General Powers

The GCPFL Board of Directors shall manage the day-to-day affairs of the organization.

Section 2: Members, Votes, and Tenure

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the GCPFL Officers [President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; Chief Athletic Director, Registrar, Legal Advisor, Cheer / Drill Director, and Head Official] Each Director shall have one (1) vote.
The GCPFL Officers are elected to two-year terms and will hold office until their successor has been elected.

Section 3: Qualifications

Directors need not be Members of the organization, however:

- GCPFL Officers may not be a chapter coach or instructor, unless he/she has specific permission from the Chapter's Board and while acting as a Chapter Coach or Instructor has no GCPFL Board powers.
- Only one family member may hold a voting position on the GCPFL board. GCPFL Board Members must not have been expelled from or removed from a position on a chapter, GCPFL position, coaching position, or any position where disciplinary action can be assessed.

Section 4: Regular Meetings

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than this by-law immediately after, and at the same place, as the annual meeting of Members. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place, for the holding of additional regular meetings of the Board without other notice than such resolution.

Section 5: Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two Directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix any place, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by them.

Section 6: Notice

Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least two (2) days previously thereto by telephone communication, computer aided electronic communication or written notice delivered personally or sent by mail, facsimile or telegram to each Director and Member at his/her address as shown by the GCPFL records. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail in a sealed envelope so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice were given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the Telegraph Company. If notice were given by facsimile, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered if evidenced by a confirmation that the notice was transmitted. Any Director or Member at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director or Member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. The business to be transacted at the meeting need not be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these by-laws.

Section 7: Manner of Acting

The act of the majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these by-laws. "Roberts' Rule of Order" shall compose the parliamentary authority for procedures not specifically covered by these By-Laws.

Section 8: Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Directors though less than a quorum of the Board of Directors. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office. Nominations shall be taken from the floor at a regularly scheduled meeting. Any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Directors shall be filled by election at an annual meeting or at a special meeting of Members called for that purpose.

Section 9: Duties of the Board

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the organization including, but not limited to:

- a) Accounting for all monies received by the organization and the preparation of financial statements including balance sheets and income statements;
- c) Insuring that the meetings of the GCPFL are held in an orderly and democratic fashion with due care to the goals of the organization and the welfare of the children;
- e) Developing a schedule of competition, maintaining fairness and equality of competitive activity and presenting such proposals to the Members to achieve such expectations;
- f) Developing rules and regulations subject to Member approval for football play and cheer competition consistent with the objectives of the organization; and
- g) Enforcing, subject to the approval or vote of the Members, such rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Members from time to time.

Section 10: Voting

Votes for administrative actions are to be performed by the GCPFL Board of Directors only. GCPFL and the Presidents of each affiliated Chapter conduct votes on GCPFL playing rules, and activities of the GCPFL.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1: Officers

The GCPFL officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Athletic Director, Registrar, Head Official, and Legal Advisor. GCPFL officers are to perform administrative duties for the organization and may vote on administrative, playing rules, and activities of the GCPFL.

Section 2: Removal

Any Officer may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever, in its judgment, the best interest of the organization would be served thereby. Removal requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the electing members of the board.

Section 3: Election and Term of Office

The GCPFL Officers shall be elected annually by the Member Presidents of the affiliated Chapter at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 4: President

The President shall be elected and shall be eligible to one vote as specified within these by-laws. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the organization and shall have the following duties:

- Shall supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the organization.
- Shall be responsible for scheduling all GCPFL meetings. There shall be no maximum or minimum number of meetings, but there should be, as a guideline, one (1) meeting per month.
- Preside at all meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors and moderate all debate under “Roberts Rules of Order”.
- Shall have the authority to call emergency meetings.
- Shall have the authority to appoint special and standing committees.
- Sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the organization authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments that the Members have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Members or by these by-laws or by statute to some other officer or agent of the corporation.
- Shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time-to-time.
- Shall not vote unless a tie-breaking vote is necessary.
- Shall present all written complaints to the GCPFL for investigation.
- Shall have the authority to make emergency decisions on behalf of the GCPFL interests. All said decisions are to be

- reported to the GCPFL Board of Directors within 72 hours.
- Shall not have any of the above powers when acting as a Coach.

Section 5: Vice President

The Vice President shall be elected and shall be eligible to one vote. The Vice President shall have the following duties:

- Shall perform the duties of the President, in the event of illness or absence of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions of the President. When acting as the President, the Vice President shall have one vote as described in the duties of the President.
- Facilitate a league playing schedule.
- Shall perform such other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to him/her by the President or Board of Directors.
- Shall have the following non-voting positions reporting to the Vice President: Vice President, Facilities; Vice President, Fundraising; Vice President, League Expansion; Vice President, Legal; Vice President, Publicity.

Section 6: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected and shall be eligible to one vote. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties, as the Board of Directors shall determine. He/She shall perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will:

- Have charge and custody of and be responsible for all the organizations funds and securities.
- Receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to GCPFL from any source.
- Deposit all moneys in the organization name in banks.
- Write checks and disburse funds to discharge the organization obligations.
- Maintain the corporation's financial books and records.
- Perform other duties as assigned by the president or the Board.
- Perform the entire duties incident to the office of treasurer.

Section 7: Secretary

The Secretary shall be elected and shall be eligible to one vote. The Secretary shall have the following duties:

- Shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for the purpose.
- Shall keep a register of the post-office address of each Member.
- Shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.
- Shall Publicize all GCPFL events.
- Check on prices for end of season trophies and purchasing them.

Section 8: Chief Athletic Director

The Chief Athletic Director shall be elected and shall be eligible to one vote. His/Her activities shall be:

- Enforcement, subject to the appellate rights granted herein, of GCPFL football rules and regulations.
- Development of a Field Monitor training program.
- Schedule Field Monitors for all games.
- Defending the decisions of a GCPFL A.D. at any appellate hearing.
- Assisting, by participation on the rules committee, in the development of football rules of play.
- Insuring that football play is fair and equitable to all teams and players.

Section 9: Assistant Athletic Director

The Assistant Athletic Director shall be elected, but holds a non-voting position in the GCPFL. His/ Her activities shall be:

- *Assist in any and all duties handed down by the Chief Athletic Director, or President.*
- *Accepts the all responsibilities of the Chief Athletic Director in the absence of the Chief AD. At the absence of the Chief AD the Assistant AD will not hold a voting right.*

Section 10: Registrar

The Registrar shall be elected and shall be eligible to one vote. His/her activities shall be.

- Receive and record all roster information for each chapter.
- Record and report chapter numbers that will be reported to Registrar by each chapter weekly.
- Maintain and distribute official certified rosters weekly to all chapters.
- Be responsible for certifying all official weigh-in's.
- Advise board of all reports of ineligible players or issues concerning such.
- Make sure all "returning" players are returned to correct teams.

Section 11 : Head Official

The Head Official shall be elected and shall be eligible to one vote. His/Her activities shall be:

- To schedule and coordinate all games with the officiating group and only schedule officials that maintain a current TASO certification.
- Hold all annual coaches meeting with the Chief Athletic Director in order to make sure all parties are in understanding of rules and regulations.
- Manage any and all complaints , in direct relation to the officiating, from the GCPFL affiliated chapters, parents, and coaches.
- Will hold each official accountable for following all rules and regulations of the GCPFL.

Section 12 : Cheer/Drill Director

The Cheer/Drill Director shall be elected and shall be eligible to one vote. His/ Her activities shall be:

- The Conference Cheer/Dance Director will be responsible that all rules approved by the Conference Board of Directors are made known to the Cheer/Dance Directors of each Chapter.
- Shall manage any and all disputes between chapter cheer/drill teams and shall report all issues to the GCPFL Board of Director within 48 hours.
- The Conference Director shall be given a roster of each Chapter's Cheer/Dance members. Any changes to the roster shall be submitted to the Conference Director

- within 48 hours.
- The Conference Director shall be given a roster of each Chapter's Cheer/Dance coaching staff. Any changes to the coaching roster shall be submitted to the Conference Director

Section 13: Legal Advisor

The Legal Advisor shall be elected and will not hold a voting right for the GCPFL. His/her activities shall be.

Develop the By-Laws

- Manage any and all legal issues of GCPFL
- Help eliminate any areas of the By-Laws that can be manipulated.
- Shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Legal Advisor and such other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Article V: Affiliated Chapters

Section 1: Organization

- Affiliated Chapters shall consist of a youth football program and one cheer program for participants of either gender. Each chapter may have a drill team, but is not mandatory to being a GCPFL member.
- Attempt to fill 5 football divisions of GCPFL specified playing age and weights, which will compete against the other affiliated chapters as designated by the GCPFL. Any chapter unable to fill the 5 divisions will not be dismissed as a member.
- Maintain cheer teams for each football team name, which will support football teams against the other chapters.
Chapter Board of Directors will approve all Chapter Coaches.

Affiliated Chapters MUST maintain by-laws and/or rules of competition consistent with those of the GCPFL.

Section 2: Membership

Charter members shall consist of parents of duly enrolled football or cheer children, current board members, current coaches, current assistant coaches, current cheer instructors, and current cheer instructor's assistants. Membership is automatically revoked if at anytime the member family becomes delinquent in payment with any monies owed to the Chapter.

Section 3: Finances

Affiliated Chapters are authorized to maintain one and only one checking account for the purposes of handling the finances for all aspects of operation of the Chapter to include administrative, football, and cheerleading expenses. The checking account shall be set up as follows:

- Be in the name of the affiliated Chapter.
- Authorized signatures for checks will be the President, Vice President, and Treasurer of the affiliated Chapter.
- The affiliated Chapter must operate so that expenses below \$250 only require the signature of only the chapter treasurer while expenses \$250 and above require the signature of two chapter officers, one of whom must be the treasurer.

Article VI: Chapter Board of Directors

Section 1: Organization and Authority

- A chapter member elected Board of Directors shall administer the activities of the affiliated Chapter.
- The Chapter Board of Directors shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Athletic Director, Concessions Director, and Cheer Director. These members shall be given one vote at all board meetings.
 - The Chapter may also, at its discretion, have additional non-voting members.
 - The Chapter Board of Directors shall administrate all Chapter activities and shall have ultimate authority of all said activities, subject to GCPFL rules and regulations.
 - The Chapter Board of Directors shall adhere to all rules and regulations of the GCPFL league and furthermore shall enforce said rules as they apply to all Chapter members.
 - The Chapter Board of Directors members will attempt to attend 90% of games, competition, registration and GCPFL functions.
 - At least two-thirds (2/3's) members of the Chapter Board of Directors must be present to achieve a quorum.
 - The Chapter Board of Directors will not recruit coaches or board members from outside their attendance zone for the sole purpose of gaining an otherwise ineligible child for their program.

- All Chapters must obtain annual approval of Chapter By-Laws from the GCPFL Executive board prior to printing and distributing to parents, players, etc.

Section 2: Qualifications

Chapter Directors need to meet the following qualifications:

- Must have been nominated by a current member of the Chapter.
- Must be a minimum 18 years of age on the day of the general election.
- No more than one family member in the same chapter should serve in a position that requires financial signatures.

Section 3: Terms of Office

An elected officer is automatically removed from their position if that officer is absent from three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings.

An elected officer is automatically removed from their position if that officer is absent from eight regularly scheduled meetings during their term of office.

Any officer removed from office due to attendance violations may appeal the removal in writing with the Chapter Board of Directors.

Any officer removed from office a 2nd time due to attendance violations may not appeal the removal.

The Chapter Board of Directors may at its discretion, remove any other current officer of the chapter board with a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of all remaining board members.

All appeals to any decision made by the Chapter Board of Directors must be made in writing.

Any officer of the Chapter that has been removed from office will be prohibited from holding office again, either elected or appointed, for a period of no less than five calendar years from the date of removal.

Any officer of the Chapter may resign at anytime.

The current Board of Directors may appoint any current member eligible for nomination and election to fill any open position on the board.

Article VII: Football League Rules

Section 1: Football Weight

Each chapter has five (5) Divisions, as shown below. Football players will be required to play on a team where they meet both the weight and age requirements. The weight and age restrictions are as follows:

<u>Playing Age (as of September 1st)</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Max Weight #</u>
5-6 year olds	Flag	N/A
7-8 year olds	Freshmen	120 lbs.
9 year olds	Sophomore	130 lbs.
10 year olds	Junior	140 lbs.
11 & 12 year olds	Senior	160lbs.

**In the event any chapter is unable to make all divisions will be required to combine age divisions to form the older age division.

Example : 9 year old and 10 year olds will form a 9-10 year old team that will play with the 10 year olds as “Juniors”.

A player’s official weight is recorded without equipment. The weight shall be recorded in the football player’s respective team folder / file. If a player is at or below the weight limit for their division at the first official weigh in that will deem them eligible for play. A player will be allowed a gain of no more than 10 lbs over their divisions respective weight maximum by time of the second weigh-in. If they are over the weight limit for their Division the player has the choice to move up to the next Division. (Exception being the senior division). A player may only move up one age division.

Player’s will have until the date of the first scheduled game to make weight in any division, excluding the Flag division, however, players may not play in any games or practice in pads until the weight requirement is met.

Weigh-Ins

GCPFL will hold an official weigh in on July 25, 2009.(location TBA)

In the event any player does not make the weight at the July 25th weigh-in,

they will be given the opportunity to weigh in before competing in the Jamboree. If the weight is missed at this weigh-in the player will then be deemed ineligible for play. There may be no practices with contact for any player who does not make weight at the first weigh-in
The last weigh-in must be at the end of the season before the playoffs to ensure all players meet weight requirements before play. Location TBA
Each Chapter will have a board member at the official weigh-in to oversee weight check in. No chapter will be allowed to weigh in their own players. However, if a chapter chooses not to attend the official weigh in they will be unable to protest any player's weight.

Section 2: Proof of Age

Each program participant must supply proof of age. The Proof of Age must be an official Birth Certificate, or passport that holds the same verifiable information. A copy of the Birth Certificate/ Passport must be maintained by the Chapter in the player's respective team folder / file.

Section 3: Team Folder / File

Each Chapter must maintain a Team Folder / File. The Folder / File must be in the possession of the team coach at all times, and must be made available at all games to any GCPFL A.D. or GCPFL Board member requesting access to this folder.

The Folder / File must have the following

- Official GCPFL approved and Certified Team Roster
- Football Player's Name
- Football Player's Address
- Football Player's Grade
- Football Player's Playing Age
- Copy of Football Player's Proof of Age
- Football Player's GCPFL weight.
- Copy of proof of residency

Section 4: Official rosters

Each chapter will provide GCPFL with an official roster of each team before their first scheduled game is to be played. Failing to do so will mean forfeit of their games until such roster is turned in. If after the first game your chapter receives any new players the chapter must send in an updated team roster to GCPFL.

Deadline for final team rosters will be July 25, 2009.

GCPFL will not accept any rosters after July 25, 2009.

NO GCPFL Chapter can submit a roster for an additional team after May 15,

On the roster it should list the following items for each player:

- First and last name
- Age and date of birth
- Weight
- Phone number, address, and city
- Parents name

Section 5: Drafting of players

GENERAL:

Attendees: The Chapter President, Vice President, and two (2) GCPFL Board Members must attend the draft. Only the Chapter President, Vice President, GCPFL Board representatives, and the Head Coach for the Division drafted may be present during that Division's draft

Timing: The draft should occur before the game schedules are created. All teams should be formed by no later than May 15, 2009. [The maximum team size is 22 football players.] They will then be split into two (2) teams and so forth. Each team can have a minimum of 14 players and may have a minimum of 11 players present on game day to keep their respective teams eligible for play without a forfeit.

Draft Division Order: Senior teams draft first, followed by the Junior, Sophomore teams, Freshman teams, and then Flag.

Returning Players: Each returning player has the option of returning to their former team, or be entered into the draft process.

The draft begins with the returning Head Coach submitting his/her returning player roster. Once submitted roster is approved the team with the fewest players will draft 1st.their player to make their rosters equal in size. Once the rosters are in equal number there will be a snake draft.

Siblings: Siblings in the same Division must be drafted in successive draft round. If one sibling is on a team and the other is in the draft he must be drafted onto his brothers team unless otherwise requested by the parent.

Draft Start: The team with the fewest players will draft until they are even with the other team(s). **For an example:** team A has 10 kids returning and team B has 6 kids returning. Team B will pick the next 4 kids, this will make the teams even in players. There will be a coin toss to decide which team will select after all rosters are equal and the draft will start with whoever won the coin toss and go until all the kids are drafted. The Division's coaches are given a list with players with names, weight and ages only. Each coach chooses the players they want to draft until the max number are chosen. The draft continues until all players are drafted or the teams reach the maximum [22 players per team]. If a chapter has 1-3 kids in a division that will take them over the maximum 22 player per team mark then that chapter is responsible for notifying GCPFL so the Board of Directors are aware. These players will be allowed to participate and be drafted.

Waiting List: The Chapter will maintain a Waiting List for all players not drafted [due to team sizes, etc.]

Hat Picks: In the event of an opening on any said team, any players that are put on a waiting list may be selected to those respective teams by way of a hat pick.

THERE SHALL BE NO TRYOUTS TO DETERMINE THE DRAFTING OF A PLAYER!!!!

Section 6: Playing schedule

A playing schedule will be supplied to all chapters no later than June 15th. A chapter will get on the schedule once they have paid their chapter dues. All age divisions will be divided into an East and West Division. East Division teams will be League City Cowboys, and Galveston Riptide. West Division teams will be Friendswood Colts, Brazoria Jaguars, Pearland Buccaneers, and Pearland Raiders.

Section 7: Post season

Each age division will send 12 teams into the playoffs. Each team will be ranked 1-12 depending on final regular season standings. The 1-6 ranked teams will be in the “A” playoff bracket while the 7-12 ranked teams will make up the “B” playoff bracket (The 7-12 ranked teams will be listed as 1-6 in the “B” bracket). 1st and 2nd place teams will have a bye the first week of the playoffs. The match up for the first weekend of play will be 6th vs. 3rd and 5th vs. 4th. The second week of playoffs the lowest seeded team will play the 1st seeded team and so forth. Divisions that are split during the regular season will send the top 3 teams in each division, but once in the post season there is no longer a split division and teams will be ranked 1-6 depending on final regular season standings. With the exception of the division winners will be rank 1st or 2nd and then the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th best record no matter what division the team came out of. **Tie-Breaker:** ties will be solved using these measures in order. Go in order until the tie is solved: a) head to head. b) Fewest points scored against your defense. c) Record against common opponents. d) Total points scored on offense.

Section 8: Fees

Dues for Chapters will be paid on or before May 15th of current year. The GCPFL Board shall determine the Chapter Dues. All chapters will pay the same fee. This money will be used to purchase awards for play-offs and trophies for Super Bowl. The Chapter(s) sponsoring play-off and the super bowl games will be responsible for paying the referees for these games. The GCPFL League dues for the 2009 season will be \$600.00 per chapter.

Section 9: Registration

The football player registration process is as follows:

Birth Certificate/ Passport, Picture, Proof of Residency (POR), and Weight.

Birth Certificate/Passport : A copy of the original birth certificate and the original *ONLY* will be given to a GCPFL Member. It will be checked and the original will be returned at that time. The Chapter shall place the copy in the Team's File / Folder. Any alterations to a Birth Certificate will not be accepted.

Picture: The picture is attached to the player's page in the Team's File / Folder. In case an issue is ever brought up about a player at that game.

POR: A copy of a recent electric, gas, or water bill will be needed at the time of registration and will need to be placed in the Team's File/ Folder.

Weight: The player's weight will be determined and recorded on the player's page in the Team's File / Folder.

The last day to register to play for that season is July 25, 2009. No player will be allowed to register after this date. No exceptions.

The cut off for the making of new teams will be May 15th.

Eligibility

Eligibility is based upon the football player's city limits (home or middle/intermediate school location) age, weight and grade as of September 1st of the current season. Any player that doesn't have a GCPFL chapter in their town may play with the closest chapter to them.

Seniors team will be limited to six (6) twelve year olds per team. Any player who turns 13 during the course of the current season will not be eligible to play. (No 13 year olds are eligible for play with GCPFL)

The program is open to all children regardless of their talent level, on a first serve basis. *-Tryouts-are-not-allowed* as a condition of registration or play.

Section 10: Football Rules

Issues: Any questions that may arise during a Game Day for example field conditions, scoreboard, or etc. should be directed to the home Team Chapter who is responsible for or in charge of all those activities. If a Chapter Board Member is not present then the GCPFL A.D. shall provide the answers. The GCPFL Field Monitor has the final decision on any controversy that may arise off the field.

GCPFL By-Laws: Each Chapter shall ensure that all Chapter Officers and Coaches have a copy of the GCPFL By-Laws.

Insurance: Each Chapter must submit proof of insurance no later than **June 1st 2009 to the GCPFL Board. Until proof of insurance is submitted, the Chapter shall not have any practices or participate in any games.**

Game Roll Call: A GCPFL Field Monitor will call roll before each game or there will not be a game. Roll call will be done with the team folder. The complete 12-Play Roster will be handed to the GCPFL Field Monitor by the team head coach before the game. The 12 Play roster must match the official stamped and certified GCPFL roster which will be issued by the Registrar prior to the 1st week of games.

Clock Time: **The home team will furnish clock time. If the clock is not working the time will be kept on the field by the referee. In the event of a game protest caused by problems with a clock during the season any team involved in such protest that has not furnished a designated Chapter clock operator will automatically loose the protest. The home team should ask the visiting team for a spotter to help work in the press box during game**

Freshman Specific Rules: The team **must** huddle up 10 yards from line of play. The offensive coach will huddle the team up and call the play. After play is called, the coach steps back a total of 15 yards from line of play inside the hash marks. At that time, the coach is not to signal in any way or call out anything to anybody *including players* Penalties for violation of this policy are as follows:

1st offense- coach will be given a verbal warning

2nd offense- coach removed from game and suspended from next game.

All Divisions:

No walkie-talkies or phones will be used by anyone on game field.

Failure to obey this rule will result in immediate ejection from next game plus a forfeit of current game.

Coaches required to carry a cell phone or pager for work purposes must make GCPFL Field Monitor aware immediately and leave the field to take any work related call.

THE GOVERNING FOOTBALL RULES ARE THE NCAA RULES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NO BLOCKING BELOW THE WAIST, NO TACKLING BELOW THE WAIST INSIDE THE TACKLE BOX.

The only contact below the waist is the contact of the tackler on the ball carrier outside the tackle box.

NO CONTACT BELOW THE WAIST/ SAFETY VIOLATION

Any team that is found in violation of this rule will receive a personal foul and will result in a 15 yard loss. A blocking violation is at the discretion of the official on site.

Point After Touchdowns [PATs]

Running PAT: 1 point

Passing PAT: 2 points

Kicking PAT: 3 points

Football Size:

Flag, Freshman, and Sophomore Division: These teams will use a peewee size football.

Junior and Senior Divisions: These teams will use a junior size football.

NO GAME WILL END IN A TIE. THE NCAA RULE FOR OVERTIME WILL APPLY.

Section 11: Conduct

Ineligible Player: An ineligible player is defined as any player that does not appear on an official GCPFL approved and certified roster. The use of an ineligible player in a game will result in a forfeit of the game, or games the player has played or has been present for. An ineligible player violation will result in the Chapter being fined \$100.00 and the Head Coach being suspended for the next game.

Practices: The conduct of an illegal practice shall cause the loss of one game, in the team's standings. An illegal practice is one in which a team is in violation of any part of the following or any practice held prior to the GCPFL elected first day of practice of the current year.

Prior to the first game of the season and before school starts, there shall be no limit to the number of practices held each week with exceptions of SUNDAY. These practices are limited to two hours or less.

After school starts, practices can be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays with a maximum practice time of 1 hour and 30 minutes for Monday and Tuesday and 2 hours for Thursday to allow for special teams practice.

A Chapter's football and cheer teams should practice at the same location. GCPFL Board Members may attend any practice without notice for the sole purpose of investigating potential violations of the GCPFL By- Laws.

Players must have at least three practices before allowed to play. All football players must be weighed-in before allowed to practice Football players can not have a “contact” practice before making weight or having been officially weighed.

There will be no bull in ring during practice.

Teams will be allowed to scrimmage between different age divisions as long as there is no more than one age division difference above, or below their own age divisions. For example there will be no scrimmages between Freshmen and Junior/ Senior age divisions and there will be no scrimmages between Sophomore and Senior. No Flag level team will scrimmage any teams outside of the Flag Division.

There will be neither scrimmages nor games between GCPFL teams and another league without the written permission of the GCPFL.

GAMES:

Game Days: All games will be on a Saturday, unless under special circumstance in which the GCPFL Board will vote on.

Game Times: Freshman, Sophomore and Junior teams will play four [4] eight-minute quarters with an eight-minute half-time. Senior teams will play four [4] 10 minute quarters with a ten-minute half-time. Flag will play two (2) 12 minute halves with an eight minute half time.

Adults On Fields: Each participating football team may have a maximum of six (6) adults on the field during the play of a game. All adults must be properly approved by the GCPFL and have an ID badge visible on their body.

Field Monitor Duties: One (1) Coach/ Board Member from each team will be held responsible to monitor any scheduled game following their own regardless of the city location said game is played in. Head coaches will be responsible for scheduling one of their coaches for the monitor duty. Strict penalties will be enforced for failing to fulfill the monitor duties. The penalties are as follows:

1st offense- chapter and head coach get written/verbal warning of the offense.

2nd offense-chapter is fined \$100 and the head coach is suspended for one week of practice and one game.

3rd offense- chapter is fined \$150 and head coach is out for the year.

The chapter will have 2 weeks to pay the fine. After that the chapter will forfeit all scheduled games until fines are paid.

12-Play Rule: The 12-play rule will be monitored by the GCPFL Monitor at each bench at every game. If any players do not have their 12 plays at

the end of the game that chapter will be fined \$100.00 per violation and the Coach will be suspended for the next game. He is not to be on the field that following game. It is the coach's responsibility to check with the GCPFL Monitor on the 12-play rule.

Monitor Training-Anyone wishing to coach for a GCPFL team **must** attend one of the Field Monitor training courses scheduled. Time & location TBA.

Dirty Play: "Dirty Play" is not allowed in any GCPFL football game. All Chapters officials, coaches, etc. shall take immediate action to stop any "Dirty Play" that they might witness taking place or being taught to players by friends, relatives, or even by their coaches. Sparring, blocking below the knees, or "chopblocking" are a few examples of "Dirty play". "Dirty Play," which is sometimes difficult for referees to detect, can result in serious injuries to players and will not be allowed on GCPFL fields.

Player Mistreatment: Coaches will not mistreat their players in practices or games. Player mistreatment includes face mask handling/shaking, the use of curse words to or around players, or any other inappropriate language will be strictly prohibited on GCPFL practice and game fields.

Player Mistreatment Violations: the coach will be suspended from coaching for one week and your GCPFL chapter will be fined \$100.00. If a repeat mistreatment occurs with the same or other player, the coach will be ejected from their position as a coach and banned from GCPFL.

Anyone witnessing "player mistreatment" should bring it to the attention of the Team's Athletic Director [AD], the Chapter's President, or any other Board Member immediately.

Thirty-Five Point Mercy Rule: If the difference in score is greater than 35 points, the opposing Head Coach must select a maximum of 3 offensive players to be taken out of the game and only be allowed to play on the offensive line, or defensive side of the ball to prevent the further "running up" of the score on the opposing team. The Coach must ensure that the Monitor has records of such changes. If the winning team's coach has not changed the players, the coach will be suspended for one game. The second time this happens with the same coach they will be ejected from their position as coach and banned from coaching a GCPFL team.

Football Officials Abuse: Coaches/Chapter Officials SHALL not verbally abuse, nor continually harass football officials, during or after a game.

Violations will result in:

A warning letter for verbal abuse of a game official.

Ejection from the game and suspension from the next game subject to the review by the GCPFL Board.

Ejection: Also if a coach refuses to leave a game after being ejected they will be *suspended indefinitely*

Note: It will be each individual chapter's responsibility to insure the above codes and disciplinary actions are strictly adhered to. Failure to do so will result a forfeit of their respective games

Game Protests: No games will be played under protest due to the referee's decision. Referee's decisions SHALL be final. If no referee's show up NO GAME will be played.

Article VIII: Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Funds

Section 1: Contracts

The Members may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these by-laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of GCPFL, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2: Checks, Drafts or Orders for Payment

All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the GCPFL shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of GCPFL and in such manner as shall from time-to-time be determined by resolution of the Members. In the absence of such determination by the Members, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President or Vice President of the corporation.

Section 3: Deposits

All funds of the GCPFL shall be deposited from time-to-time to the credit of GCPFL in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

Article IX: Amendments

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. Any By-Law changes made after May 1st shall not become effective until the following January 1st.

Executed and approved:

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