

**General Board Meeting
March 20, 2024**

Board Members in attendance:

**Alicia Jaquay
Rob Orie
Brooke Nelson
Richelle Sewson
Riley Orie
Latesha Pettis
Chris Kowalyk
Crystal Kohler
Paige Ellison
Elizabeth Anderson
Jeremy Boehm
Shawnta Baker**

General Attendance:

**Casey Sadler
Melissa Karpy
Rayla Neff
Megan Brown
Heather Liberty
Aubrey Bruzzese
Casey Biser
Rodney Grant Jr.
Ashley Grant
Jenn McClintock
Brandon McClintock
NaShaya Oden
BJ Rankin**

General Vote to purchase football equipment as follows.

**Pants – Approximately 140 pair with a total of \$4200.00.
Voted Yes unanimously.**

**Smaller Size Jerseys – Approximately 30 pieces with a total of \$1200.00.
Vote Yes unanimously.**

Mighty Mite away Jerseys – Approximately 45 with a total of \$1620.00.

Vote Yes unanimously.

Please note the results of the proposed bylaws are highlighted in orange and the total count of each vote is in purple font.

2024 By Law Proposal Ballot

Everything in Red are new proposals, and adding.

Everything in yellow is removal.

Everything in green is change.

If any proposal to change gets voted no that statement will remain the same.

1. ***New Proposal in by laws and Cheer hand book under Article III Cheer participant age eligibility**

YES NO Kindergarten registration will close prior to ordering uniform accessories.

Vote count as follows 21 people voted Yes and 1 person did not vote.

2. ***Request to Change in Cheer Handbook under Competition routine.**

YES NO The cost of camp varies and will be between \$80.00 to \$100.00.
The cost of camp varies and will be between \$50.00 to \$100.00.

Vote count as follows 21 people voted Yes and 1 person did not vote.

3. ***New Proposal in Cheer Handbook under cheer attendance rules**

YES NO Any Cheerleader that misses a competition could be removed from the team under the discretion of the head Coach and VP of cheer.

Vote count as follows 20 people voted Yes and 1 person voted no.

4. ***New position proposal**

YES NO A Cheer Communications personnel.

Vote count as follows 21 people voted Yes 1 person voted No.

5. ***New Proposal**

Option 1.) Go back to original-no sidelines

Option 2.) Keep Twerp sideline only

Option 3.) Keep it the way it is currently

Option 4.) Sideline only for Twerp and Termite along with competition cheerleaders.

Vote count as follows Option 1 received 1 vote, Option 2 received 14 votes, Option 3 received 5 votes and Option 4 received 2 Vote.

6. *New Proposal in Cheer Handbook under vacation

YES NO Competition cheerleaders will be able to request to use 3 vacation days for Saturday games. All games are mandatory including play off games unless a vacation request form has been submitted and approved. This is included in the 10 day allotted vacation requests. Any unexpected or no show games will result in 2 demerits.

Vote count as follows 19 people voted Yes, 2 people did not vote, and 1 person voted No.

7. *Request to **remove** under sideline rules

YES NO There must be a separate coach per sideline team along with a team representative and 1 assistant coach.

Vote count as follows 20 people voted Yes and 3 people did not vote.

8. *New Proposal under sideline rules

YES NO Sideline team/s will be coached by a competition head coach or assistant coach to better integrate our program.

Vote count as follows 20 people voted Yes and 1 person did not vote.

9. *New Proposal

YES NO The Kindergarten competition team will only be required to cheer at home games.

Vote count as follows 17 people voted Yes, 3 people voted No, and 2 people did not vote.

10. *New Proposal

YES NO All coaches participating in the Hopewell Youth Football League are required to perform a helmet check for each player before the start of every game and minimally once per week at practice. In addition, coaches must be vigilant in monitoring helmet security throughout the duration of any football game or practice. If, during a weekly helmet check, a coach identifies issues with the helmet fit or security, the player in question will be sent to the Equipment Room for a closer inspection by the Football Equipment Coordinator where the helmet will be adjusted or replaced if necessary.

Vote count as follows 19 people voted Yes and 3 people voted No.

11. *Request to Remove

YES NO Shall hold regular practice and maintain attendance records for games and practices. Shall be responsible for the training and development of 100% of the team members. Shall ensure that the divisional segregation established in Article III will be observed during practices. Play between the divisions (i.e. Midget, Mighty Mite, Termite, Twerp) is prohibited.

Vote was unanimous.

12. *Request to Add at the end of the sentence.

YES NO Head coaches of each team both football and cheer select assistant coaches. Maximum of 3 assistants with the exception of Twerps allotted 4. Each team both football and cheer must have a Team representative.

*Football to have a maximum of 6 assistant coaches.

Vote was unanimous.

13. *Request to remove and change

YES NO Hopewell Youth Football League meetings will be held at 8:00pm EST at the location decided by the board, on the third 3rd Wednesday of each month. During the football season, August, September, and possibly October meetings will be held immediately following practice at the Hopewell Municipal Building the third 3rd Wednesday of each month. The last meeting of the year will be held in November; there is no meeting during the month of December, unless necessary.

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Vote count was as follows 12 people voted No and 10 people voted Yes.

14. *New proposal under Article VII parent/ guardian responsibilities

YES NO On equipment day, and prior to receiving equipment, each participant is required to furnish \$150 in the form of a post dated check, made payable to Hopewell Youth Football. Checks are to be held as an indemnification deposit until all league issued equipment is returned in good order, and mandatory fundraising contributions are satisfied. Post dated checks shall be dated for December 31st of the player's participating year. If the applicable checks cannot be processed due to insufficient funds, the participant's guardian shall be responsible to furnish \$200 to HYFL in another form of monetary payment. HYFL is entitled to indemnification deposits in-full, in the

event that equipment is not returned in good order or mandatory fundraising obligations are not fulfilled. If a participant's yearly fundraising obligations are fulfilled, indemnification checks are to be returned to individuals on equipment day, upon return of all league equipment in good order.

Vote count was as follows 18 people voted Yes, 2 people voted No, and 2 people did not vote.

15. ***New proposal coaches clearances**

Option 1.) In addition to providing the clearances, all Coaches and Board members are required to provide a valid training Completion certificate for the **Recognizing and Reporting Child abuse: Mandated and Permissive Reporting in Pennsylvania Online Training or an equivalent training. The recognizing and reporting Child abuse: Mandated And Permissive reporting in Pennsylvania Online training is self study and can be taken online at <https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/>.** Certificates gained from this site are valid for 5 years.

Option 2.) Only head coaches will be required to provide training completion certificate for the Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse. **Mandated and Permissive Reporting in Pennsylvania Online Training or an equivalent training. The recognizing and reporting Child abuse: Mandated And Permissive reporting in Pennsylvania Online training is self study and can be taken online at <https://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/>.**

Option 3.) None of the above.

Vote count was as follows 3 people voted for Option 1, 3 people voted for Option 2, 15 people voted for Option 3 and 1 person did not vote.

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2.) A valid CPR and First Aide Certificate

3.) None of the above

The vote count was as follows 5 people voted for Option 2 and 16 people voted for Option 3.

17. ***Propose to Add**

YES NO President's opening meeting
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Vice President Football Report

President's opening meeting
Secretary's Report
Treasurer Reports
Vice President Football Report

Vice President Cheer Report
Equipment Coordinator Report
Cheer Uniform Equipment Coordinator
Fundraising Coordinator
Concession Coordinator Report
Agenda for any outstanding items

Vice President Cheer Report
Equipment Coordinator Report
Cheer Uniform Equipment Coordinator
Fundraising Coordinator **Reports**
Concession Coordinator Report
Communication Report
Agenda for any outstanding items

The vote was unanimous.

18. *Request to **change** Article VII participation and fees

YES NO All Football families with one (1) child participating in the organization will pay a Non- refundable \$100 Registration fee, \$85 for siblings. Fees are due upon registration.

All football families with one (1) child participating in the organization will pay a non-refundable registration fee, and a discounted amount for siblings. Registration fees will be dictated by the approved budget and Executive board for that said season. Fees are due upon registration.

The vote was unanimous.

19. *New Proposal President

YES NO Shall support VP of Football and VP of cheer.

The vote was unanimous.

20.*Request to **change**

YES NO Shall be responsible for coordinating B-Team games and scrimmages

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The vote was unanimous.

21. *Request to **change**

YES **NO** Shall be responsible for giving all registration information to the secretary.

To collect all required registration paperwork from the secretary for card day.

This Bylaw was voted No by default.

22. *Request to **change**

YES NO Complete team rosters so they can be added to the game changer

Ensure team rosters are accurate for Game Changer app syndication.

The vote was unanimous.

23. *Request to Remove

YES NO Shall be responsible for making sure all football staff is carded.

The vote was unanimous.

24. *Request to change secretary

YES **NO** Is responsible for collecting and recording registrations (accurate numbers, payments, paperwork) for the HYFL from the VP of Cheer and VP of football.

Is responsible for collecting and recording registrations for the VP of Cheer and VP of football (may or may not include accurate numbers, payments, paperwork for FB). Is to collect all required football documentation required football documentation required for card day and provide to the VP of football.

The vote count was 14 people voted No, 4 people voted Yes, and 1 person did not vote.

25. *New proposal secretary

YES NO Shall post meeting minutes to the HYFL website 5–7 days after that said month's meeting.

The vote was 15 people voted Yes and 4 people voted No.

26. *Misspelling

YES NO HYFCL HYFL

The vote was unanimous.

27. *Request to Change

YES NO Shall be responsible for communication, sending league emails to inform the members, website maintenance,

information to executive board, coaches, and Team representatives.

Shall be responsible for communications, inform all league members including executive board, coaches, Team Representatives and public as applicable via email, social media, Game Changer etc. Shall be responsible for website maintenance, online registration and team Game Changer setup. Provide rosters to VP of football to verify accuracy.

The vote was unanimous.

28. Request to Remove

YES NO Shall support football binders for card day.

The vote was unanimous.

29. Propose to Add Article IV code of conduct for all members, participants, players, and spectators

YES NO Action that is detrimental is defined as but not limited to verbal or physical abuse to any person, player, participant, or member. Including any and all social media posts, slander & racial comments of any kind.

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The vote was unanimous.