

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OHIO GRIDIRON YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE 1 – NAME

1.0 The name of this non-profit organization shall be known as the “OHIO GRIDIRON YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION”.

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

2.0 The purpose of this association shall be:

2.1 To afford the youth of the area an opportunity to engage in healthy competition with proper physical training, adequate protective equipment, and qualified adult guidance.

2.2 To provide and enforce suitable rules and conduct for players, coaches and parents while protecting proper moral, mental, and physical values.

2.3 To teach and encourage clean living, teamwork, fair play, and sportsmanship.

2.4 All rules and decisions to be fair and in the best interest of all youth involved.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

3.0 Membership shall be composed of existing teams and of any future teams deemed acceptable to the league. All future accepted teams must meet the following requirements:

3.1 No team may apply for new membership from a defined area that a current member of Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association already represents. An exception to this rule will require approval of two thirds of the active directors in which a mandatory approval vote of the current member who represents the defined area of which new membership is being sought.

3.2 Willingness to accept and follow the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

3.3 Acceptance date for all new teams must be no later than March 25th of the year they first participate. There will be an entrance fee of \$500 for each new team which will be applied towards their first year league registration fee. initial_____ An exit fee of \$1000 will be assessed to any organization that chooses to leave OGYFA WITHOUT 90 days prior notification to the Executive Board. initial_____

3.4 Each team shall pay an annual registration fee to cover officials, play-off expenses, awards, insurance and other Association operating expenses. This shall be paid prior to the start of season at a date determined by the President.

3.5 All teams affiliated with this Association must adequately equip, field, and finance a "B" team, "A" team, and Junior Varsity team. Any team that fails to meet these obligations will be considered as a new team requesting new membership in this Association.

ARTICLE 4 - GOVERNMENT

4.0 Government of this Association shall be vested in the participating teams as covered under Article 3.

4.1 The Executive Board will consist of all association officers, directors, and all eligible voting members of the association.

4.2 On all Association matters the Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Head Commissioner, Assignment Commissioner, Trustees, and each Director (one per community) will have one (1) vote with no Associate having more than one (1) vote.

4.3 On all Association matters the President votes only in cases of a tie.

4.4 On all Football matters only the Directors shall vote with the Head Commissioner voting in case of a tie.

4.5 Any Director shall hold only one position with Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association (i.e. Holding position on Executive Board while still Director).

4.6 Each member of the Executive Board is required to adhere to the constitution and bylaws of the Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association.

ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS

5.0 The elected officers of the Association shall be in office for a term of two (2) years:

1- PRESIDENT 1- HEAD COMMISSIONER
1- VICE PRESIDENT 1- ASSIGNMENT COMMISSIONER
1- RECORDING SECRETARY 1- CHEER COMMISSIONER
1- TREASURER 2- TRUSTEES

5.1 The two (2) Trustees shall be elected for a period of two (2) years.

5.1.1 The Trustees have the power to veto any action of the body within seven (7) days of the vote. It shall require a 2/3 majority vote of all Directors present at the next meeting to override this veto. The Trustees may not veto any action to override a veto.

5.1.2 The Trustees shall act as the Audit Committee for the Association. The committee shall audit books during the month of January and report the results of the audit to the Executive Board at the February meeting.

5.2 The Head Commissioner may appoint as many additional Assistant Commissioners as they deem necessary. Assistant Commissioners are subject to approval by the Executive Board.

5.3 If any elected Association Officer shall fail to be present to discharge his duties at two (2) consecutive monthly meetings without an acceptable excuse, they shall forfeit their office and a special election shall be held to fill their vacancy.

ARTICLE 6 - OFFICER DUTIES

6.0 The officers, as set forth in the prior article, shall have the following duties:

6.1 The President shall preside at all meetings during the transaction of any Association business and shall preserve order at said meetings and ensure that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association are followed. In case of his absence the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Commissioner, in that order, shall preside. The President only votes in case of a tie. The President shall appoint any committee he deems necessary for the operation of the Association and they shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the Committee.

6.2 The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President when the President is unable to perform said duties. The Vice President shall also act as Association Historian and keep all records.

6.3 The Secretary shall notify all members of meetings, take attendance and minutes at meetings, and keep legal and appropriate records. The Secretary shall keep all records in an Association book and bring to all meetings and distribute to all members records of meetings and minutes of previous meetings.

6.4 The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Association and account for all monies received. Treasurer shall also pay all Association bills, keep financial records, provide monthly meeting Treasurer's report and shall be subject to Trustees annual audit in January.

6.5 The Head Commissioner shall be the highest authority on all questions involving games and players eligibility. They shall also perform the following duties.

6.5.1 Rule on all protests submitted to them in writing.

6.5.2 Determine all penalties to be assessed on protests, after a hearing attended by all concerned parties at a time and place designated by the Head Commissioner.

6.5.3 Conduct and supervise the weigh in and certification procedures.

6.5.4 Present a schedule of games for approval by the Executive Board.

6.5.5 Establish rules and issue directives for the operation of the Head Commissioner's office.

6.5.6 The Assistant Commissioners, as well as any other Commissioners shall assist the Head Commissioner in the performance of the duties of that office and perform the said duties while the Head Commissioner is absent.

6.5.7 The Assignment Commissioner is responsible to procure officials for all games.

6.6 The Elected Officers (as described in Article 5.1) shall conduct the business of the Association during the period between regular meetings and shall have the following duties.

6.6.1 Investigate all new teams applying for membership and present their findings to the Executive Board at a regular Association meeting.

6.6.2 Act as a Steering Committee in the planning and performance of the annual playoffs and championship games and other Association events.

6.6.3 Study potential event sites, review written bids, and make recommendations of pre-season, post season games, and scrimmages.

6.7 Screen all proposed new Directors and all other Association positions, including and up to fingerprinting, background checks, etc. as deemed necessary. Individuals rejected shall be notified by mail of the decision and the reasons for said decision.

6.8 Purchase all items necessary for the operation of the Association, after approval of such purchases by the Board of Directors.

6.9 Request the Executive Board suspend any team that fails to fulfill its monetary obligations to the Association. Directors of teams facing suspension shall be given a hearing before the Executive Board. If the problems cannot be resolved at that time, a vote will be conducted and if the Executive Board votes a 2/3 majority vote for suspension, the team will be suspended until the unsatisfactory condition is corrected.

ARTICLE 7 - RESPONSIBILITY OF DEBTS

7.0 The Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association shall not be responsible for any debts incurred by its member's teams.

ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS

8.0 The Constitution or Bylaws of the Association will be reviewed annually and can be amended in the following ways.

8.1 A written copy of the proposed amendment changes must be submitted between January 1 and March 31 to the Executive Board. Changes must be voted on and passed by a 2/3 majority vote. Any changes submitted after this period must pass by a 100% vote. Any By-law change and/or addition that pertain to football playing matters will only be voted on by the Directors. In case of a tie the Head Commissioner will cast the deciding vote.

ARTICLE 9 – MEETINGS

9.0 Regular Association meetings shall be held monthly, January through December at a place most convenient for all members and designated

by the President.

9.1 Association meetings for the purpose of election and installation shall be held bi-annually (odd years) for Executive Board Officers in December.

9.2 The President, at their discretion, may call special meetings as necessary.

9.3 All Officers and Directors who have two unexcused absences at consecutive meetings and are not represented by an Authorized Alternate, may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board.

9.4 All meetings are to be conducted under Robert's Rule of Order.

9.5 A simple majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

9.6 The agenda of each meeting shall be as follows.

- A. Roll call of Officers and Directors by the Reporting Secretary
- B. Reading of minutes of prior meeting by the Reporting Secretary
- C. Treasurer's report
- D. Review communications and bills
- E. Report of Executive Directors
- F. Reports of Committees
- G. Report of Head Commissioner
- H. Old Business
- I. New Business
- J. Adjournment

ARTICLE 10 – ELIGIBILITY

10.0 This League operates under the rules of the National Federation of State High School Association, except for the items included in the By-Laws of the Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association.

10.1 All participating players must complete an Association Eligibility Form which must include a 1-1/2 by 1-1/2 picture of the head and shoulders, birth certificate, and current year physical examination. The form must be completed before the player can be weighed in and certified to play in OGYFA. No player may practice without a current physical.

10.2 The Director of an opposing team may challenge the eligibility of any player, with respect to age, weight, and residence provided said Director gives notice to the Head Commissioner or any Assistant Commissioner.

10.3 Any player signed to play Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association shall not play organized football elsewhere.

10.4 Eligible players must go to school in the community in which they desire to play. To Play in in a different community a waiver must be signed by both directors.

10.5 All players of all teams must weigh in and/or check-in before the start of every game. Weigh-ins will be at half-time of the game prior to the start of said game. Players are not permitted to “early” weigh-in. Players who are not present during the authorized weigh-in are not eligible to play in the first half of the game. The player may weigh-in at their own game half-time to play in the second half of the game. All players must present their helmet and jersey at the time of weigh-in for roster verification.

10.6 Teams who knowingly use players that do not meet all requirements may have to forfeit all games known players have played.

10.7 Players' ages for certification will be the player's age before November 1st.

10.8 The division of teams and ages will be as listed below:

A. **Flag** team consists of 1st grade

B. **Rookie 7 on 7** team consists of 1st and 2nd grade age and can not be over 9.

C. **Freshman 9on9** team will consist of 3rd graders and age can not be over 10 years old. Line-Only players will be any weight above 100.

D. **Sophomore** team will consist of 4th graders and age can not be over 11 years old. Line-Only players will be any weight above 115.

E. **Junior Varsity** team will consist of 5th graders and age can not be over 12 year olds. Line-Only players will be any weight above 130.

F. **Varsity** team will consist of 6th graders and age can not be over 13 years old . LineOnly players will be any weight above 140. In addition you can only add 7th graders under 100lbs to get your 11 year old team up to a total of 20 players. This must be approved by OGYFA board members and (2) opposing directors. Once approved an OGYFA board member can make the decision to remove the player if dishonest. Players ages for certification will be the player's age before November 1st

10.8.1. There is no weight allowance for any team.

10.9 Line only players are players exceeding a weight limit and at no time may advance or carry the ball.

10.9.1 Line only players must play from line tackle to line tackle on either side of the ball.

10.9.2 All 11v11 Line only players must play in down position in 3-point stance at the snap of the ball. Rookie and Freshman teams can play in a 2-point or 3-point stance.

10.9.3 Line only players must move forward the snap of the ball and pursue the ball carrier from there. They may not drop back to defend a pass or act in the manner of a linebacker or defensive back.

10.9.4 Line only players will be identified with a league provided helmet sticker.

10.9.5 Line only players have until the second week of season to recertify as a regular player if they are certified as a line only player at pre-season certification.

10.9.6 Players who become Line only after the second week weigh-in shall remain line only for the remainder of the season.

10.10 Teams from the All-Ohio Youth Football conference will be eligible to play games against Ohio Gridiron teams

ARTICLE 11 - EQUIPMENT

11.0 Each team shall ensure that every member of said team has the necessary and proper equipment that is in safe and current shape.

11.1 All equipment shall be property of each individual team.

11.2 Cleats must be made of nylon or similar synthetic material without metal tips. Any player found to be wearing illegal cleats will be ejected from the game.

11.3 Wilson, Spaulding or Rawlings, Nike Vapor leather/synthetic balls will be only "authorized" brands. Wilson TDY, Spaulding JSY or Rawlings R5Y will be official game balls for Varsity. b. Wilson TDJ, Spaulding and/or Rawlings R5Yfor sophomore & JV teams. c. Wilson K2 for freshman 9 on 9 teams.

11.4 Each team may have their own set of headphones if they wish to use them. The home team must have available to the visiting team a spotting area to their own, if so desired.

ARTICLE 12 - AWARDS

12.0 There shall be trophy for each team participating in a championship game on the Varsity, Junior and sophomore levels. All players and cheerleaders from the respective teams will also receive individual trophies.

12.1 Head Coach of the championship team will receive the game ball.

12.2 The Association will not provide any trophies for the freshman 9 on 9 levels.

12.3 Each year the Association will hand out a Sportsmanship Award to the organization who receives the most points determined by officials on game to game basis. A vote from the Executive Board will also be factored in. The name of the award will be determined.

12.4 Judging will be done on all levels to determine a recipient.

ARTICLE 13 - TEAM ORGANIZATION

13.0 Each member team shall have the following table of organization:

13.1 One (1) elected Director

13.1.1 Assistant Directors, as many as deemed necessary by the director

13.1.2 One (1) Head Coach, appointed by the director

13.1.3 Up to 5 Assistant Coaches for a team of 25. Up to 6 for a team of 26 or more.

13.1.4 One (1) or more qualified first aid persons, appointed by the Director

13.1.5 Up to 2 water assistants are permitted on the bench. No additional children are permitted to be on the field or designated area as assigned by the director.

13.2 Each team shall have a minimum of sixteen (16) players to start a game. Any less must be approved by the Head Commissioner

13.3 Teams may start non-contact physical conditioning at the discretion of each team's Director but no earlier than the last three (3) weekdays of July. All players must have the same year physical before they start any type of conditioning. A minimum of three (3) days conditioning is required by each player before the player may start full contact drills.

ARTICLE 14 - TEAM ROSTER

14.0 Each Director must submit one (1) legible copy of the team roster(s) to the Treasurer on the date league fees are paid. These rosters must have player's names, age, grade, address and jersey numbers. After player certifications each Director must submit electronically the approved roster(s) to the Head Commissioner. The Head Commissioner will then forward rosters to all Directors.

14.1 The official roster cannot be changed unless approved by the Head Commissioner for the following reasons:

14.1.1 A player becomes injured or unable to play for medical reasons.

14.1.2 A player moves or quits.

14.2.3 A Player is removed for disciplinary reasons.

14.1.4 The Head Commissioners office authorizes a player's number change, and all future opponents are notified.

14.2 All Directors must carry or provide through electronic program a copy of their official roster to all games for the opposing Director to have for reference. All Directors will have access to electronic rosters prior to the game through National Sports ID program.

14.3 A player may be moved upward from one class of team to another, but a player may not be moved downward. Unless the OGYFA

President approves due to a safety concern.

14.3.1 If an organization does not have enough to make a full team the players are to be moved up to the next team. Teams will not be moved down.

14.4 Players may be added to freshman 9 on 9 rosters up until the last scheduled game. Players must be certified by the Head Commissioner. No Players on other teams may be added after the second game unless a player is moved up to make minimum player requirements.

14.5 A player may transfer from one district to another as long as such transfer is approved by both team Directors and the Head Commissioners office, providing issued equipment be returned to the Organization player is transferring from before Directors approval.

ARTICLE 15 - GAMES

15.0 The Head Commissioner shall make a game schedule, select the fields, select the day and time the games shall be played and select Officials for the game. All consideration is to be made as far as field availability, Officials availability, and special events. All games must not start with less than two officials.

15.1 There shall be at least a five (5) day period between games and/or scrimmages unless approved by the Executive Board.

15.2 Amount of Conferences will be determined yearly by the amount of teams in the Association.

15.3 Whenever possible, four (4) registered Officials should be used in the regular season and five (5) in semi-final, and Championship games.

15.4 There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmage or exhibition games per team per season. Unless approved by the Head Commissioner.

15.5 A scrimmage shall last for no more than four (4) regular quarters or forty (40) offensive plays per team.

15.6 In the event of inclement weather conditions, the home team may request that the game be canceled providing four (4) hours' notice given to the visiting team and Head Commissioner. Should this ever occur the Head Commissioner shall make the final decision and he must be contacted early enough so that he may be present to make the decision in good judgment.

15.7 If an illegal player is used in any game this will result in forfeiture of that game and all games played with the ineligible player on the roster.

15.8 Playoffs will be based on overall record not division record.

15.9 There shall be a maximum of ten (10) minutes half-time intermission. No Director, Coach, or Official is permitted to reduce the amount of time for half-time. Half-time is reserved for cheerleaders.

15.10 Playoff teams will consist of the top eight (8) teams in each eligible division. The number eight (8) seed will play at the number one (1) seed; the number seven (7) seed will play at the number two (2) seed; the number six (6) seed will play at the number three (3) seed and the number five (5) seed will play at the number four (4) seed in the quarterfinal round. Winners will face one another in the semifinals, with Championships to follow the next week. No reseeding will take place. Semifinal and Championship rounds will be held on neutral sites.

15.11 Quarters are to be eight (9) minutes in duration for all levels C - Varsity.

15.11.1 There will be a ten (10) play minimum for ALL divisions. Players must attend all practices during game week to qualify for this minimum. Special team's plays are included.

15.12 In the case of a tie at the end of regulation there shall be a tie break procedure as follows:

15.12.1 Each team will start at the ten (10) yard line and have four downs to achieve a score. If a touchdown is scored then the team will attempt an extra point of their choice until a winner is declared. If double overtime the team must attempt their extra point from 5 yard for 2 points. There will be no extra time for freshman 9 on 9 level.

15.13 No kick-offs for any age group.

15.14 Freshman 9 on 9 teams will be the only team to have the option on fourth down to either punt or move the ball 20 yards downfield from the line of scrimmage but not move the receiving team any further than their own 30 yard line. Sophomore teams must declare a punt and will

punt during a dead ball.

15.15 Rookie 7 on 7 and Freshman 9 on 9 teams will be allowed to have one coach on the field with them on offense and defense. The coach's position at the snap of the ball will be a minimum of five (5) yards behind their deepest player. He must not at any time after the huddle breaks attempt or influence the play. If a coach attempts or influences the play there will be a first warning by an official and then all after that will result in a five (5) yards loss penalty.

15.16 All facemask penalties will result in a 15-yard penalty.

15.17 Points after a touchdown will be earned as follows:

15.17.1 Kick for points after touchdown will be a dead ball play, good for 2 points. Time limit is 5 seconds after the snap.

15.17.2 Run or pass from the 3 yard line for points after touchdown will be good for 1 point.

15.17.3 Run or pass from the 5 yard line for points after touchdown will be good for 2 points.

15.17.4 Point after must be declared, regardless of penalties.

15.18 Any age group from Ohio Gridiron Youth Football may represent the league in the postseason.

15.19 No games may be protested on an official's ruling or decision.

15.20 When any freshman 9 on 9 team attains a lead of 24 points or more they must play defense until the other team scores then regular play will resume. Unless both coaches at the game agree to continue a normal game. A continuous clock will take place regardless.

15.21 No overtime period shall be allowed for any freshman 9 on 9 games.

15.22 No crack backs for any player in motion.

15.23 Both 7 on 7 and Freshman 9 on 9 must line up in a 2 point stance center uncovered they can't shoot the gap. Guards are required to automatically shade to the outside.

15.24 Head Coaches will receive the following warnings for unsportsmanlike conduct by them or anyone on their staff. 1) First offense – Official Warning 2) Second offense – 15 Yard penalty 3) Third Offense – Head Coach and Third offender ejected. Any coach or player ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be ineligible for all games that day, as well as, the next scheduled game for all levels. A coach who is ejected must leave the premises immediately. Neither player nor coach will be allowed on the premises for the one game suspension. 9

15.25 Striped players on defense must line up inside the tackle box, first step must be forward and must be in a 3 or 4 point stance.

15.26 Onside ruled for sophomore, junior varsity, and varsity. A coach can request one onside play (only 1 time per game) in the 4th quarter if down or tied.

15.27. Onside Play - the team requesting the onside play will get the ball on their own 35 yard line It will be 4th and 10. If they get the first down, they keep the ball and continue in normal play. If they do not get the down on the single play, then other team gets the ball at the down spot.

15.28 There is no overtime rule for 7v7 or 9v9.

15.29 There are no playoff games for 7v7 or 9v9.

15.30 Home Game Directors will communicate all game day information via chat in the Band app.

15.31 Clock Management: 7v7 will allow up to 45 seconds to run a play from the time the ball is set.

15.32 Clock Management: 7v7 Clock stops in the final 2 minutes of each 20 minute half. Each team is permitted 2 time-outs.

ARTICLE 16 – FIELDS

16.0 All home teams shall furnish and be responsible for lining of the fields, providing down markers, announcer, and score/timekeeper. They shall also have adequate restroom facilities, public address system, flag raising ceremony, and concession supplies.

16.1 Home team shall furnish game balls for all games.

16.2 All fields must be marked at a minimum of sidelines,goal lines,endlines, all five yard lines and team area markings. In addition,corner and goal line pylons shall be provided.

16.2.1 Spectators must remain off the field and sidelines at all times, unless escorted by the Director. This includes 7v7 and 9v9 modified fields.

16.3 Home teams must furnish weigh-in facilities which are enclosed and away from public area scrutiny. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game by the home team.

16.4 Semifinals and Championship game fields will be voted on by the Executive Board. Any team wishing to host either game must do so in a sealed bid to the Executive Board.

16.5 Both game sites will be voted on by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 17 - FUNDRAISING

17.0 Monies to be raised by any legal way providing it does not tie any team to any sponsor or conflict with any state or local law. e

ARTICLE 18 - COMMITTEES

18.0 The President shall select any committee that they deem necessary to operate this association.

ARTICLE 19 – DIRECTORS

19.0 The voting eligible Executive Board members will vote a Director into their office. A temporary Director may be appointed by the organizing group to serve until a Booster Club or committee submits a regular Director for the Association's approval. New Directors shall have voting rights at their third (3) consecutive meeting.

19.1 The term of the office of Director shall be for as long as he/she desires to serve with the exception of the following:

19.1.1 If the Association Executive Board or Booster Club finds just cause to relieve Director or Directors it shall be submitted in writing to the Booster Club President and to the Association President in writing. The Association President shall have the duty to assemble the Executive Board and Board of Directors within no less than seven (7) days and no more than thirty (30) days for the purpose of hearing the charges and Directors defense. At the end of the hearing, a vote shall be taken to decide whether the Director shall be released.

19.1.2 A Director wishing to resign must notify the Association Board in writing. He/She must also notify their Booster Club so that they may submit a regular Director for the Association's approval.

19.3 There will only be one (1) voting director per organization.

19.4 Director duties are as follows:

- 19.4.1 To be responsible for the team's gear at the end of each season. To have it stored, request funds from booster clubs to repair, replace, and clean the gear.
- 19.4.2 At the beginning of the year release all gear to the Head Coach who shall be responsible for gear during the entire football season.
- 19.4.3 He/she shall be responsible to keep the Team's Booster Club active.
- 19.4.4 He/she shall act as a liaison between his team and Association.
- 19.4.5 He/she shall have the final approval on all team fundraising projects in keeping with the association policy.
- 19.4.6 The Director shall have the team vote at all Association meetings.
- 19.4.7 He/she shall select as many Assistant Directors as he/she deems necessary. Assistant Directors may attend meetings if the Director is absent or with prior approval of the President of the Association.
- 19.4.8 In his/her absence Assistant Director shall be in charge at Association meetings. The Director shall send a note to the meeting stating who is present in his/her absence.
- 19.4.9 He/she shall be responsible to keep an up-to-date team roster, turning in one (1) non-certified copy to Treasurer at time League Fees are paid. Director shall then turn in one electronic Official Certified copy to the Head Commissioner prior to the start of season.
- 19.4.10 He/she shall furnish spotters and first-aid at each game.
- 19.4.11 He/she shall be responsible to the Commissioner and/or his staff to maintain order on his/her side of the field among his/her team and coaches on the bench.
- 19.4.12 He/she shall have the duty each year to select his/her Head Coach and the Head Coach shall select his Assistants subject to the approval of the Team Director.
- 19.4.13 He/she shall have an occasional meeting with all coaches and discuss any problems the coaches may have.
- 19.4.14 He/she can discharge any coach for any detrimental conduct.
- 19.4.15 He/she shall be responsible to attend or send an authorized representative to each league meeting.

ARTICLE 20 - COACHES

- 20.0 There shall be one Head Coach per team and pp to 5 assistant coaches for a team of 25. Up to 6 for a team of 26 or more. . Coaches will do the following:
- 20.1 Select his Assistant Coaches with the Director's approval
- 20.2 The Head Coach shall furnish to the Team Director the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all Assistant Coaches.
- 20.3 Head Coaches shall make all decisions as to who compromises his first team and all other decisions regarding his team on or off the field.
- 20.4 He will report any team, coaching or any other problems to his team Director, who will be responsible to help him solve any and all his problems.
- 20.5 Under no circumstances will a coach play his team against a non-OGYFA team unless approved through the Executive Board for postseason play. Violation of this clause will justify dismissal from this Association.

20.6 All coaches are required to obtain a proper coaching certification and/or training requirements. It is recommended that certification be done through USA Football. All Coaches must be Return to Play (Concussions) Certified.

20.7 All Coaches are required to get a background check.

20.8 Head Coaches or Assistant Coaches shall not be disrespectful to any director, officer of Association, or any game official. Violation of this can cause just reason for dismissal.

20.9 All Directors, Coaches and trainers must wear a colored wristband to be on the sidelines of any game. Wristbands are supplied by each organization. Directors will be responsible for passing out wristbands to eligible coaches and trainers.

ARTICLE 21 – OFFICIALS

21.0 All game officials will be selected from Head Commissioner and/or any certified assignment official who will furnish state certified officials.

21.1 All game officials will be paid at the conclusion of games and shall be at a rate of \$45.00 per game at each level. The home team shall be responsible for this payment. Payment of any Assigner Groups will be the responsibility of the Association.

21.2 If the correct number of officials is not present for a game, the home team will only pay for the amount of officials who are present.

21.3 If numerous complaints about an official are received by the Head Commissioner, he shall investigate said complaints and if the complaints are found to be valid he shall remove the official's name from the Roster of Registered Officials.

21.4 All officials or crew chief must attend a yearly rules interpretation meeting to be eligible to officiate in the OGYFA.

ARTICLE 22 - CHEERLEADING

22.0 All Cheerleading protocol shall be defined in the Ohio Gridiron Youth Cheerleading Protocols manual and all Team Cheerleading Directors must follow and attend all meetings and rules set forth in said manual.

22.1 Cheer Commissioner shall preside over all cheerleading meetings. Cheer Commissioner must work with existing OGYFA cheer directors on any and all cheerleading matters.

ARTICLE 23 - BOOSTER CLUB

23.0 The Booster Club sole responsibility is to raise funds for all teams or teams. They shall have no voice on the running of the team or teams or make any decisions concerning any football matter. Booster Club must notify the Director/Directors of the balance of money and how money has been allocated.