

*Haltom Youth Football  
By-Laws*



By-Laws  
Of  
Haltom Youth Football

INDEX

ARTICLE 1 - Organization .....	3
ARTICLE 2 - Objective.....	3
ARTICLE 3 - Locations of the Corporation.....	3
ARTICLE 4 - Members .....	4
ARTICLE 5 - Meetings of Members.....	4
ARTICLE 6 - Board of Directors .....	6
ARTICLE 7 - Offices .....	8
ARTICLE 8 - Game Rules .....	15
ARTICLE 9 - Cheerleaders .....	34
ARTICLE 10 - Miscellaneous .....	35
ARTICLE 11 - Termination.....	38

**Article 1 - Organization**

- 1.1** The name of the organization shall be Haltom Youth Football (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”).
- 1.2** This Corporation is organized for charitable, educational, and teaching football fundamentals as a Texas Non-Profit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Article 2 - Objective**

- 2.1** The purpose of this Corporation shall be to instill good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence in youth, through instruction in the game of football in accordance with the Article of Incorporation.
- 2.2** The objective of the Corporation shall be reached through supervised competition, keeping in mind, the attainment of exceptional skills and/or winning games will be secondary to the purpose stated in Article 2.1 herein.

**Article 3 – Locations of the Corporation**

**3.1** Principal Office

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at P.O. Box 14581, Haltom City, Tarrant County, Texas 76117.

**3.2** Additional Offices

The Corporation may have such other offices as the Board of Directors determines or as the affairs of the Corporation deem necessary. For this purpose, the following addresses shall be registered as additional offices:

Cody Thomas (President)  
5836 Rockport Ln  
Haltom City, Texas 76137

Ashleigh Cain (Treasurer)  
7125 Corona Dr  
North Richland Hills, Texas 76180

**Article 4 - Members**

**4.1** Membership of this Corporation shall be open to all persons who sincerely desire to further its purpose in accordance with these by-laws and the Article of Incorporation of this Corporation.

To this effect the members of this Corporation shall be made up of voting and nonvoting members.

**4.2** Voting members shall be defined as the current Board of Directors. Head Coaches and Cheer Coordinators who have served two (2) years prior as an approved member.

**4.3** Non-voting members shall be defined as Assistant Coaches, Assistant Cheer Coordinators and Business Managers who have not previously served as an approved member of the Corporation.

**4.4** Both Voting Members and Non-Voting Members shall be allowed to attend all meetings.

**4.5** Except as expressly permitted herein, the members of this Corporation may not make use of the Haltom City Pee Wee Football Association, Inc. name for any other purpose without the written consent of the Board of Directors.

**Article 5 - Meeting of Members**

**5.1** All meetings of the members for the election of the directors and officers shall be held in the City of Haltom City. Meetings of members for any other purposes may be held at such time and place as shall be stated in the notice of the meeting or duly executed waiver of notice thereof.

**5.2** Annual meeting of the members will be held at a time and place selected by the Board of Directors, at which, the Voting Members shall elect the officers of the Corporation for

***Haltom Youth Football  
By-Laws 2023-2024***

---

the following year. Such newly elected officers shall serve as the new Board of Directors of the Corporation.

The Voting Members shall continue to transact any other business as may be brought before such meeting.

- 5.3** At least ten (10) days before each annual meeting, a complete list of members entitled to vote shall be kept on file and shall be subject to an inspection by any member at any time during usual business hours. Such list shall be produced and kept open at the time and place of the meeting during the entire time thereof and shall be subject to inspection by any member present. An attendance record of the Board of Directors, indicating reasons for absences, if any, shall also be posted.
- 5.4** Special meeting of the members can be called for any purpose, unless otherwise prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation or by these by-laws. Such special meeting may be called by the President, Board of Directors, or not less than one-third (1/3) of all members of the Corporation entitled to vote.
- 5.5** Any form of communication via text, email, phone call, or mail may be used stating the day and time of the annual meeting. It shall be delivered not more than thirty (30) days and no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting, either personally, electronically or by mail and by or at the direction of the President, Secretary or the officer or person calling the meeting. Such notice shall be given to each person entitled to vote at such meeting.
- 5.6** For the purpose of transacting business on behalf of the Corporation, a majority of the members, who are entitled to vote, or a representative of two-thirds (2/3) of each team, shall be present to constitute a quorum.
- 5.7** When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of the majority of the members having voting power, present and in person, shall decide any matter brought before such meeting.
- 5.8** The Voting Members present at a duly organized meeting may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough Voting Members thereby constituting less than a quorum.
- 5.9** If the Board of Directors elects to have a Spring League, there will be a meeting immediately following the general elections of the annual meeting.
- 5.10** Head Coach must be present at, a minimum, of one (1) of the following meetings:

- 1) Election Meeting; or
- 2) By-Law Meeting

In the event the Head Coach does not attend, at a minimum, one (1) of these meetings, his or her team could be vacated at the discretion of the board of directors.

### **Article 6 - Board of Directors**

**6.1** This Corporation shall be governed by the Board of Directors, which shall have all of the rights, powers, privileges and limitations of liability afforded to directors of a nonprofit corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act.

**6.2** The Board of Directors shall establish policies and directives, to be voted on by the Voting Members of this Corporation. Such approved policies and directives shall govern the business of the Corporation and the activities of its members.

**6.3** The Board of Directors shall be elected at the general election of the annual meeting except as hereinafter provided. Each member of the Board of Directors shall hold office until his successor has been elected and qualified.

**6.4** Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed, with cause, at any special meeting and by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Voting Members present and in person at such meeting.

**6.4.1** In the event of such a special meeting being called for the removal of a member of the Board of Directors, all Voting Members must be duly notified; (i.) of the purpose for such meeting and (ii.) of the intent to act upon such matter.

**6.4.2** In the event, a vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, whether by death, resignation, disqualification, removal from office or otherwise, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor or successors to fill such vacancy. To this effect successors may be chosen at a special meeting of members called for such a purpose. Successors shall be elected and shall serve on the Board of Directors for the un-expired term of his predecessor.

**6.4.3** Any position on the Board of Directors to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of directors shall be filled by election at any annual meeting called for that purpose.

**6.5** The Board of Directors shall consist of the following executive officers:

- 1 President

***Haltom Youth Football  
By-Laws 2023-2024***

---

2	Vice-President
3	Treasure
4	Secretary
5	Head Commissioner
6	Senior League Commissioner
7	Junior League Commissioner
8	Bantam League Commissioner
9	Equipment Manager
10	Cheer Commissioner
11	Assistant Cheer Commissioner
12	Concession Stand Manager
13	Assistant Concession Manager

- 6.6** The first meeting of each newly elected Board of Directors shall be held without further notice, immediately following the general elections at the annual meeting of members.
- 6.7** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be held at a minimum of every two weeks once the season has started. Meetings prior to the beginning of the season will be conducted as needed.
- 6.8** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President by way of notice to each member of the Board of Directors either personally, by mail or by telephone. Such special meetings may also be called by the Vice-President or Secretary in like manner and on like notice upon the written request of two (2) members of the Board of Directors. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of any special meeting need be specified in a notice or waiver of notice except where expressly provided by the Articles of Incorporation or by these by-laws.
- 6.9** At the meeting of the Board of Directors, the presence of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a sufficient quorum for the transaction of business. The act of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors presents at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors as a whole, except as may or otherwise specifically be provided for in the Article of Incorporation or in these by-laws. If a quorum is not present at any meeting of the members of the Board of Directors, any member present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice; other than the announcement to adjourn the meeting until such time as a quorum is present.
- 6.10** Meetings of the Board of Directors can be conducted via zoom or telephone. Voting over the phone or electronically will be performed through email and/or text message, for the purpose of having records of votes.

***Haltom Youth Football  
By-Laws 2023-2024***

---

- 6.11** Any member of the Board of Directors who is absent from two (2) consecutive Board of Director meeting without justifiable cause, must be brought before the members of the Board of Directors.
- 6.12** The agenda for the meeting shall be as follows:
- Call to Order
  - Roll Call
  - Approval of Minutes • Approval of Treasurer’s Report
  - Unfinished Business
  - New Business
  - Adjournment
- 6.13** Approval of minutes and the treasurer’s reports shall not be tabled, except for emergency Board of Directors meetings.
- 6.14** If a board member holds a position that requires them to be on the bank account and vacates that position the following year, they must remove themselves from the bank account and add the new board member that has full-filled that position.
- 6.15** Any money that is spent out of the bank account must be brought in front of the board and voted on. Any checks written will require two signatures.

**Article 7 - Offices**

- 7.1** The offices of the Corporation shall be elected by the Voting Members for a term of one (1) year. Any two (2) or more offices may not be held by the same person, excluding the Vice-President.
- 7.1.1** Any use of a corporation debit card must have the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 7.2** The Voting Members at each annual meeting of the members shall choose the Board of Directors from the membership of the Corporation. The election shall be in accordance with Article 5 herein.
- 7.3** Each member of the Board of Directors of this Corporation shall hold office until his successor has been chosen and qualified for the position or until his death or removal from office.
- 7.3.1** A member of the Board of Directors may be removed at any time, with cause, by the affirmative vote of the Voting Members in accordance with Article 6.4 herein.



**7.3.2** In the event the office of any member of the Board of Directors becomes vacant, this vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors appointed or elected, in accordance with Article 6.4.2 herein.

**7.4** Nominations for the election of the new Board of Directors shall be taken from the floor during the annual meeting.,

**7.5** The duties of the offices of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

**A. President**

1. To preside over all meetings; and
2. To appoint committees; and
3. To abstain during voting on matters brought before the Board of Directors, or before members of the Corporation, except to break a decision or for the annual election of officers; and
4. To call meetings as needed; and
5. To be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation; and
6. To perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe; and
7. To police sidelines, Coaches, and conduct.
8. Each board member will be required to work on a given game day, and the duties of that given day will be as follows: Make sure fields are set up correctly, count money with the concession manager prior to opening and at the end of the day.

**B. Vice President**

1. To preside over all meetings in the absence of the President; and
2. To perform all duties assigned to him by the President.
3. To coordinate with Senior, Junior and Bantam league commissioners in all decisions and problems.
4. To act as the Parliamentarian for the Corporation.
5. To police sidelines, Coaches, and sidelines.
6. Each board member will be required to work on a given game day, and the duties of that given game day will be as follows: Make sure fields are set up correctly, count money with the concession manager prior to opening and at the end of the day.

**C. Secretary**

1. To take and preserve the minutes of all meetings and record all votes: and to provide such copies of minutes of the previous meetings for all meetings; and

2. To handle all correspondence assigned by the President; and
3. To perform all duties assigned by the President; and
4. To perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe; and
5. To compile a master list of Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Cheer Coordinators, Assistant Cheer Coordinators and Business Managers, who have been approved to participate during the current season; and
6. To ensure the master list of the members is available at the annual meeting in accordance with Article 5.3 herein; and
7. To certify that a quorum has been met at all meetings in accordance with Article 5.6 herein.

**D. Treasurer**

1. To receive and collect all funds; and
2. To dispense all bills and charges, under the direction of the Board of Directors; and
3. To maintain an accurate and current ledger as to all Corporation funds; and
4. To perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe; and
5. To keep an accurate list of all office, field and concession property; and
6. To submit to the members' present at; (i.) the annual meeting of the members and (ii.) the by-laws meeting, a financial statement of the Corporations finances as of the respective date of such meeting; and
7. Present a Financial statement at every meeting; and
8. Report at the end of each registration the receipts for that day; and
9. Make all deposits for registration, concession, and fundraisers no later than two (2) business days from date of receipt.
10. To police sidelines, Coaches, and conduct.
11. Each board member will be required to work on a given game day, and the duties of that given game day will be as follows: Make sire fields are set up correctly, count money with concession manager prior to opening and at the end of the day.

**E. Head Commissioner**

1. To coordinate all matters relating to league commissioners.
2. To act as liaison for all matters between commissioners and board of directors.

- 3 To resolve all game rules set forth in these by-laws when a league commissioner is absent.
4. To police sidelines and coaches during and after games.
5. Each board member will be required to work on a given game day, and the duties of that given game day will be as follows: Make sure the fields are set up correctly, count money with the concession manager prior to opening and at the end of the day.

F. **Equipment Manager**

1. To help with the cleaning of all equipment prior to the start of the season.
2. To take inventory of equipment prior to the season so an order can be placed for equipment needed for the upcoming season.
3. To maintain and resolve any equipment issues throughout the season.
4. To help with the collection of equipment at the end of the season, and storing equipment for the off-season.
5. Each board member will be required to work on a given game day, and the duties of that given game day will be as follows: make sure the fields are set up correctly, count money with the concession manager prior to opening and at the end of the day.

G. **Senior League Commissioner**

1. To coordinate all matters with all Coaches of the senior league and to enforce all rulings required, as stated in these by-laws of the Corporation: and
2. To act as liaison for all matters between senior league Coaches and the Board of Directors; and
3. To resolve all game rules as set forth in these by-laws; and
4. To perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe; and
5. Be present and at the field during each senior league game or have an alternate Board of Director member in his place; and
6. To police sidelines, Coaches, and conduct; and
7. To keep a game day activity log on cleanup of trash on sidelines by the exiting teams.
8. Give scores to Program & Ads so they may update the website.
9. Each Board member will be required to work on a given game day, and the duties of that given game day will be as follows:

10. Make sure fields are set up correctly, count money with concession manager prior to opening and at the end of the day.
11. To resolve all game rules as set forth in these by-laws; and
12. To perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe; and
13. Be present and at the field during each senior league game or have an alternate Board of Director member in his place; and
14. To police sidelines, Coaches, and conduct; and
15. To keep a game day activity log on cleanup of trash on sidelines by the exiting teams.
16. Give scores to Program & Ads so they may update the website.
16. Each Board member will be required to work on a given game day, and the duties of that given game day will be as follows:  
Make sure fields are set up correctly, count money with concession manager prior to opening and at the end of the day.

H. **Junior League Commissioner**

1. To coordinate all matters with all Coaches of the junior league and to enforce all rulings required, as stated in these by-laws of the Corporation; and
2. To act as liaison for all matters between junior league Coaches and the Board of Directors; and
3. To resolve all game rules as set forth in these by-laws; and
4. To perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe; and
5. Be present and at the field during each junior league game or have an alternate Board of Director member in his place; and
6. To police sidelines, Coaches, and conduct; and
7. To keep a game day activity log on cleanup of trash on sidelines by the exiting teams.
8. Give scores to Program & Ads so they may update the website.
9. Each Board member will be required to work on a given game day, and the duties of that given game day will be as follows:  
Make sure the fields are set up correctly, count money with concession manager prior to opening and at the end of the day.

I. **Bantam League Commissioner**

1. To coordinate all matters with all Coaches of the bantam league and to enforce all rulings required, as stated in these by-laws of the Corporation; and

2. To act as liaison for all matters between bantam league Coaches and the Board of Directors; and
3. To resolve all game rules as set forth in these by-laws; and
4. To perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe; and
5. Be present and at the field during each bantam league game or have an alternate Board of Directors member in his place; and
6. To police sidelines, Coaches, and conduct; and
7. To keep a game day activity log on cleanup of trash on sidelines by the exiting teams.
8. Give scores to Program & Ads so they may update the website.
9. Each Board member will be required to work on a given game day, and the duties of that given game day will be as follows: make sure the fields are set up correctly, count money with concession manager prior to opening and at the end of the day.

J. **Cheer Commissioner**

1. To organize and coordinate cheerleader registration; and
2. To pre-screen potential team Cheer Coordinators for suitability prior to presentation to the Board of Directors; and
3. To assign cheerleaders to various teams for balance; and
4. To conduct Cheer Coordinator meeting prior to start of the season; and
5. To perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe; and
6. To police sidelines, Coaches, and conduct.
7. To provide folders with Cheers to all Cheer Coordinators.

K. **Assistant Cheer Commissioner**

1. Assist Cheer Commissioner on day-to-day duties.
2. To help with any needs during registration.
3. To police sidelines and coaches.
4. Reports any issues to Cheer Commissioner.
5. To help with the uniform fitting process.

L. **Concession Manager**

1. Handle the general operation of concessions as prescribed by the Board of Directors; and
2. Prepare a menu to be approved by the Board of Directors; and
3. Coordinate work schedules of teams; and
4. To perform such duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe; and

5. To police sidelines, Coaches, and conduct.

**7.6** Conflict of Interest: When two (2) members on the Board of Directors have a spousal relationship with each other (a married couple or residing at the same address), only one (1) such member may be a signatory to any contract or other transaction of the Corporation. Such transaction of the Corporation shall include, but not be limited to, the signing of checks drawn on corporate checking accounts, signing of the certificate of deposit, the signing of contracts between the corporation and any business, and any other transactions, which may appear unethical, immoral, or otherwise improper, in light of the spousal relationship of such signatories. Violators shall be subject to immediate dismissal from the Board of Directors.

**7.7** Election of Officers

**7.7.1** The meeting of the officers of the Board of Directors shall be held at the annual meeting of the Corporation and on Sunday in accordance with Article 5.2 above.

**7.7.2** A quorum of all Voting Members shall be requisite and must be present for the election of the officers of the Board of Directors, as per Articles 5.6 and 5.7 herein.

**7.8** The President shall be elected at the annual meeting as the annual officer candidate nominated by the nominating committee and/or from the floor by voting members.

**7.8.1** Immediately following the presentation of the names of the candidate(s) for each respective office, the Secretary shall inform the Voting Members, and specifically the candidates for office, of the duties required for each respective office.

**7.8.2** For implementation of this requirement the Secretary shall read the applicable paragraph for duties of officers, in accordance with Article 7.5 herein.

**7.8.3** Nominees for President must have had a minimum of one (1) year prior service on the Board of Directors.

**7.9** Voting shall not take place until a quorum of the Voting Members is present.

- 7.9.1** Voting shall be conducted as an open forum, unless two (2) or more candidates are nominated. In the event of two (2) or more candidates running for the same office, a secret ballot shall be required.
- 7.9.2** Further, when the balloting for any office results in a tie vote between two (2) or more candidates, another secret ballot shall be required and, without further delay, shall be called by the Secretary, whether Voting Members who are present have abstained from the casting of a ballot. And such calls for successive balloting shall continue as necessary until a single candidate is elected.

## **Article 8 – Game Rules**

### **8.1 Rules**

- 8.1.1** Games will be played under University of Interscholastic League (UIL) Game Rules unless otherwise noted in these by-laws or as an exception made by the Board of Directors.
- 8.1.2** If, at the end of a regulation game, the score is tied overtime rules shall be as follows:
- 8.1.2.1** The ball will be placed on the twenty (20) yard line for all divisions.
- 8.1.2.2** After the 1<sup>st</sup> (first) possession, the ball will be moved to the ten (10) yard line and will remain there until the game has ended.
- 8.1.2.3** Each team shall have equal possessions.
- 8.1.3** The overall win/loss record of each team is used to determine the regular season champion of the Bantam, Junior and Senior leagues.
- 8.1.4** When two (2) teams in the league have equal overall win/loss records the win/loss tie breaker shall be as follows:
- 8.1.4.1** If two (2) teams are tied, the tie breaker is head-to-head competition. If team A defeats team B in the regular season, then team A will advance.
- 8.1.4.2** In the event there are three (3) or more teams tied, and all three (3) teams are in the playoffs, a coin flip will determine positioning.

**8.1.4.3** In the event there are three (3) teams tied, and playoff positions must be established, there will be a playoff system to determine playoff seating. The three (3) teams will flip a coin; odd team will play the second playoff game against the winner of the other two (2) teams' playoff game.

**8.1.5** Games can be called or postponed prior to game time by a majority vote by the Board of Directors.

**8.1.6** Games that are in progress shall be called on or after a thirty (30) minute postponement and they shall be played from where called. All pertinent facts such as time elapsed, will be kept by the official timekeeper on calling the game as applicable to Article 8.2 below. All games postponed or called shall be continued at a time and/or date determined by the Board of Directors.

**8.1.7** No crashing of center in the Bantam league, defined as no nose guard, a middle linebacker cannot crash center. Bantam league quarterback cannot run plays of zero-hole or quarterback sneak. Crashing the center will result in a 5-yard penalty and replay of down.

**8.1.8** BANTAM Offensive backs can only run through holes if they line up at 4 yards off the line of scrimmage.

**8.1.9** Bantam and Junior league punt option; defined as when you are on your side of the thirty (20) yard line and on the 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) down, you have the option to punt for a thirty (30) yard advancement.

**8.1.10** Extra points shall be as follows:

- Passing the ball into the end zone is two (2) points.
- Running the ball into the end zone is one (1) point.

## **8.2 Quarters**

There will be four (4) eight (8) minute start/stop clock quarters run by UIL game rules for the Bantam league teams (clock will start when ball is set by official). There will be four (4) eight (8) minute start/stop clock quarters run by UIL game rules for the Junior and Senior league teams. The game clock will be manned by an Official hired by the Corporation, (pending field score boards are operational). A stopwatch will be run by the Senior, Junior and Bantam league commissioners or an appointee of either of the



above. Games will be timed with a stopwatch and there will be a fifteen (15) minute half-time period in each ball game.

### **8.3 Weight Limits**

**8.3.1** No weight limit shall be required for a player's participation. Every player shall be weighed, and his weight shall be recorded at the time of registration by the Board of Directors. Weigh-In shall be in street clothes, which shall include a shirt, pants or shorts and shoes. Scales used at weigh-ins shall be on a non-linear type and shall be approved by the Board of Directors and the results thereof will be accepted as the official and correct weights. For the purpose of recording the weight, each player shall be weighed by the Board of Directors only once upon presentation of his registration card. **IF A PLAYER, BY ERROR OR DESIGN, STANDS OR IS DIRECTED TO STAND ON THE OFFICIAL SCALES AT ANY TIME DAY OR NIGHT, ON ANY DATE OF THE WEEK, INCLUDING THE DAY OF REGISTRATION, PRIOR TO PRESENTING OF REGISTRATION CARD, HIS WEIGHT AT THAT TIME SHALL BE RECORDED ON THE REGISTRATION CARD AS THE OFFICIAL WEIGHT.**

**8.3.2** The Bantam league backfield weight limit shall not exceed seventy (70) pounds at the time of registration. No player whose weight exceeds seventy (70) pounds at the time of registration may play in the backfield of a Bantam league team.

Such a player shall have a designated symbol placed on the back of his helmet.

**8.3.3** The Junior league backfield weight limit shall not exceed one hundred-five (105) pounds at the time of registration. No Player whose weight exceeds one hundred-five (105) pounds at the time of registration may play in the backfield of a junior league team. Such a player will have a designated symbol placed on the back of his helmet.

**8.3.4** The Senior league backfield weight limit shall not exceed one hundred and twenty-five (125) pounds at the time of registration. No player whose weight exceeds one hundred and twenty-five (125) pounds at the time of registration may play in the back field of a Senior league team. Such player shall have a designated symbol placed on the back of his helmet.

**8.3.5** A weight limit is required of players who play in the backfield, with the intent being to hold injuries to a minimum. The use of the linemen over the backfield weight limit for the following purposes is not permitted:

- carrying the football in play from the line of scrimmage (including end around plays),
- receiving forward passes,
- punts, and moving back from line of scrimmage or to
- creating a restraining line for the purpose of receiving a kick.

*A player over the weight limit may play the end position but may not run the ball under any circumstances.* The first violation of the provisions under this Article 8.3, will be a five (5) yard penalty concurrent with the loss of a down which shall be imposed against the offending team. For a subsequent violation of this Article 8.3, forfeiture of the game during which the subsequent violation occurred shall be imposed against the offending team.

## **8.4 Coaches**

**8.4.1** A Head Coach has until the annual By-Law meeting to claim his team from the previous year. After the By-Law meeting, if a Head Coach has not claimed his team, the Head Coach's position of that team will be assumed to be vacated. An Assistant Coach will have 2 weeks after the annual By-Law meeting to claim his team from the previous year, in the event the Head Coach doesn't claim the team.

- To accept the Head Coach position, a letter must be signed and dated and provided to the league commissioner who will acknowledge receipt of the letter by recording the date received.
- If a coach decides to move into a different age division from his previous year coaching, a signed and dated letter will need to be submitted to that league's commissioner, in which the commissioner will acknowledge receipt of the letter by recording the date received.
- All Head Coach's positions are to be approved at the by-laws meeting each calendar year.
- All Head Coaches must attend at, a minimum, one (1) of the annual meetings, in accordance with Article 5.1.2 above.
- ALL coaches, business managers, cheer coordinators and/or any parents helping with practice and/or games must have a completed background check.

**8.4.2** Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches will be screened and/or interviewed by the Board of Directors for approval. No person shall participate as a Head Coach or Assistant Coach during a season unless such person has received specific approval from the Board of Directors as a stand in.

**8.4.3** All Assistant Coaches must be approved no later than two (2) weeks after draft day.

**8.4.4** If a Head Coach forfeits or gives up his team for any reason before or during the season of which he is approved, such Head Coach may not return to that league for the remainder of the season.

**8.4.5** During game time, all Head Coaches are responsible for assuring that their Assistant Coaches, Cheer Coordinators, Assistant Cheer Coordinators, Business Managers, players, and parents conduct themselves, during practice/game time, in such a manner as to obtain the objective and purpose of this Corporation.

**8.4.6** All Coaches and players shall be restricted to their team bench area and shall not be permitted to cross the allotted thirty (30) yard line boundary for the Senior league or twenty (20) yard line boundary for the Junior and Bantam league (when playing on an Eighty (80) yard field).

**8.4.7** Parents and spectators shall stay behind the designated team areas. Parents and spectators designated areas are behind the line marker end zone to end zone, two (2) yards back from the sidelines of the playing field. The penalty for the first (1) violation is a warning; the penalty for the second violation is a five (5) yard penalty.

**8.4.8** Coaches shall conduct all practice sessions within the following limits:

**8.4.8.1** Practice will be limited to three (3) days a week maximum after the start of the regular season. Practices will be allowed four (4) days per week prior to the first game. Practices or authorized days of practice prescribed by this Article 8.4.8.1 shall be disciplined by the Board of Directors.

**8.4.8.2** All regular season practices will be held during daylight hours. A team will be allowed to practice under the lights if they scrimmage with other associations and for a maximum of two (2) times a week only. Play-off teams may practice under lights until 9:00 p.m. Practices shall be limited to 2 ½ (two and one half) hours for all leagues.

- Any Coach found practicing after dark will be subject to disciplinary action before the Board of Directors.

- In the event daylight savings affects regular season practices teams shall be allowed to practice under lights.

**8.4.8.3** Sunday practices are prohibited unless authorized by the Board of Directors. As of 9/3/2012 Wednesday practices are now allowed and Saturday if there are no games on that Saturday.

**8.4.8.4** All practices shall be held within the Birdville Independent School District (BISD), unless scrimmaging by another organization.

**8.4.8.5** Absolutely no practicing during lightning. The board of directors will monitor lightning within 15 miles of Broadway Park. The head coach will be responsible for monitoring any lightning within the area. The head coach will also get a message from one of the board members to inform them of no practicing. 1<sup>st</sup> offense will be head coach will be suspended for next game. The second offense head coach will be removed.

**8.4.8.6** Practices will be held at the game fields, unless discussed and approved by the Board.

**8.4.8.7** No Coach may scrimmage out of their league age group.

**8.4.8.8** Non-Corporation games and scrimmages may be scheduled by individual Head Coaches before, during and following the conclusion of the Corporations schedule, only with the approval of the President, Vice-President or two (2) board members other than the Coaches involved.

**8.4.8.9** A Head Coach who habitually misses or fails to conduct, as determined by the Board of Directors, sufficient practice sessions, will be subject to dismissal by the Board of Directors.

**8.4.8.10** In accordance with Article 5.1.2 above, all Head Coaches must attend at, a minimum, one (1) of the annual meetings.

- 8.4.8.11** Any Coach that doesn't work their schedules equipment room duty will be suspended for the 1<sup>st</sup> (first) game of the regular season.
- 8.4.8.12** All Head Coaches are responsible for reading these by-laws.
- 8.4.8.13** All Head Coaches are responsible for ensuring that their team has a sponsor of \$250. Failure to provide a sponsor by the end of the season will render the Head Coach ineligible to coach for the next season.
- 8.4.8.14** All Head Coaches are responsible for ensuring that every player on his team has returned the league issued equipment.
- 8.4.8.15** There will be no approved Coach under the age of eighteen (18).
- 8.4.8.16** Any Coach not in good standing, i.e., monetary obligation to the league, will be subject to being brought before the Board of Directors.
- 8.4.8.17** Head Coaches will be given a list of the players that still have financial obligations to the league (candy and/or registration), if money owed to the league is not collected by the issuing of uniforms, then the uniforms of the players who still owe will be held until financial obligations are taken care of.
- 8.4.8.18** Head Coaches will check and sign off on uniforms to verify That correct sizes and quantities have been received.

**8.4.9** All Head Coaches must walk every player to the equipment trailer, at the end of the last game of their applicable season, to turn in their equipment (helmet and shoulder pads).

## **8.5 Team Duties**

**8.5.1** Each team will be assigned days and times to work in the concession stand. It will be the Head Coaches responsibility to ensure his team is represented on the day and time scheduled. All teams will provide two (2) workers for their two-hour shift. If their team is not represented properly, then the Head Coach will be suspended for the next game.

**8.5.1.1** A second violation of the requirement listed above in Article 8.5.1 shall result in dismissal of the Head Coach by the Board of Directors.

**8.5.2** Both teams playing the first game of the day shall be responsible for setting out the yard markers and goal line flags for the game unless otherwise scheduled by the Board of Directors. Responsibility includes chalking to the fields (if necessary).

**8.5.3** The teams playing the last game of the day shall be responsible for picking up the yard markers and goal line flags at the end of the day.

**8.5.4** The head coach is responsible for making sure their sidelines are picked up after their game and must sign that Leagues Commissioners Daily Activity Log directly after their game. League commissioners shall be responsible for inspecting and ensuring that this requirement has been met.

**8.5.5** ABSOLUTELY NO HOMECOMING PARADES (no children in trailers, pickup beds, or sitting on back of convertible vehicles). Children are allowed to participate in the high school parades if invited.

**8.5.6** Fundraising: No team shall be allowed to sell food/drinks of any kind at the park or field area, except for Carnival Day. Other fundraisers planned for the park, or the field area should schedule times through the concession manager.

**8.5.7** Teams must use all Board of Director approved vendors. For avoidance of doubt no team shall be allowed to have team pictures outside the board approved picture vendor, or no team shall be allowed to have uniforms outside the board approved uniform.

## **8.6 Age**

Upon registration, all players will be separated into the following age groups:

- A. The Bantam league – age, as of September 1st, five (5) through seven (7) years old.
- B. The Junior league – age, as of September 1st, eight (8) through nine (9) years old.
- C. The Senior league – age, as of September 1st, ten (10) through twelve (12) years old.

***Haltom Youth Football  
By-Laws 2023-2024***

---

Under no circumstances should a child turn the age of thirteen (13) before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season. **Absolutely no 7<sup>th</sup> graders allowed. No exceptions!!!**

Birth certificates must be presented, checked, and recorded by the President, Senior League Commissioner, Junior League Commissioner, or Bantam League Commissioner, as applicable, at the time of registration. **Report cards can and must be provided if the grade is questioned.**

## **8.7 Registration Dates and Fees**

- 8.7.1** The registration dates shall be adequately advertised in advance by the Board of Directors.
- 8.7.2** The registration shall be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 8.7.3** Registration fees shall be determined by the Board of Directors prior to the registration dates.
- 8.7.4** The league commissioners shall make a running list of new registrants weekly. Coaches must wait until next week for a new list, excluding the last week of signups.
- 8.7.5** No refunds will be given unless it is a special circumstance. Any special circumstances will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## **8.8 Equipment**

- 8.8.1** No metal (no metal exposed) cleats shall be allowed in the Bantam, Junior, and Senior leagues.
- 8.8.2** Sales of game equipment will be determined by the Board of Directors and the quality of equipment shall be prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- 8.8.3** Helmets belonging to the league shall be white and shall not be painted. For safety purposes.
- 8.8.4** All teams must play games with uniform jerseys issued by the Corporation.
- 8.8.5** Footballs shall be as follows:
- K2 for Bantam and Junior,
  - TDJ for Senior.

## **8.9 Allocation of players**

**8.9.1** Each leagues players shall be allocated by the draft system as follows:

Except for boy's ineligible to play, existing teams shall remain intact. Exceptions to this rule shall be approved only for the following circumstances:

**8.9.1.1** A boy whose parent requests removal of that boy from a team to which he had been assigned the previous year, shall be removed, and entered into the player draft, provided such parental request is made to the league commissioner, or to the President of the Corporation, no less than one (1) calendar day before the day of the league player draft. That same boy, under any circumstances whatsoever, shall **not** be eligible for assignment to a team as a protected player.

**8.9.1.2** All players shall enter the league's player draft in accordance with Article 8.9.5. Protective option players shall be in accordance with the following:

- Each league's head coach shall be allowed to draft three (3) protective option players before the day of the player draft.

**8.9.1.3** The 1<sup>st</sup> (first) protected (option) player shall be assigned to a team as that teams' 1st (first) round draft pick. The 2<sup>nd</sup> (second) protected player shall be assigned to that teams' 2nd (second) round draft pick and the 3<sup>rd</sup> (third) protected player will be that teams' 3rd (third) round pick.

**8.9.1.4** The name(s) of all protected players shall be submitted in writing to each league's commissioner no later than the close of the last day of sign-ups.

**8.9.1.5** The brother of a boy who is returning to a team, shall be, at the request of the parent(s), a designated brother option, who will then be assigned to the same team as his brother and as the team's 5th (fifth) round draft pick.

**8.9.1.6** At the appropriate time before the day of the player draft, each league commissioner shall complete a list of draft eligible boys. This list shall include new sign-ups, protected players and



brother options excluding any boy who is returning to an existing team in accordance with Article 8.9.1 above. The names of the new sign-ups shall be followed by the information that will assist a head coach in determining a draft pick. Such information shall include, but not exclude age, weight, school grade level and experience when known. All players must be weighed prior to the player draft.

**8.9.2** When that single list of draft eligible boys has been compiled, the original of the list (either typed or handwritten) shall be retained by each league commissioner, and a single copy of that list shall be retained by the President of the Corporation. The league commissioner and the President of the Corporation shall be responsible for maintaining the integrity and security of the list of draft eligible boys.

**8.9.3** Each league commissioner shall reproduce the list of draft eligible boys in quantity sufficient to the needs of the player draft and he shall make note of the number of copies. At the close of the draft the commissioners shall collect and account for each and every copy of the draft eligible boys, and along with the original, shall destroy all copies by shredding or burning.

**8.9.4** Each league's commissioner shall compile a draft program for each league's team. The draft program shall include the following:

**8.9.4.1** The names of each boy who is returning to his existing team in accordance with Article 8.9.1.

**8.9.4.2** The number of draft round picks needed to complete the team's roster (boys per team less number of boys returning), with each draft round listed, round by round, beginning with round one (1). The older age group will be drafted 1<sup>st</sup> and each team will have a similar number of each age. Then the younger age will draft next and so forth. Will snake the draft order.

**8.9.4.3** The names of the protected player(s) and brother(s) option(s), if any, listed in line with applicable draft round(s). First (1st), second (2nd), and third (3rd), for protected players, and fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) and sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) and subsequent round(s) for brother options.

**8.9.5** Each league player draft shall proceed as follows:

**8.9.5.1** On the day of the league's player draft, the league commissioners shall provide to each head coach a list of draft eligible boys and a draft

program applicable to the head coach's respective team. Each head coach shall retain the list of draft eligible boys through the conclusion of the player draft. Further, each head coach shall maintain the security of the list in his possession, and, at the conclusion of the player draft, shall return the list to each league commissioner. Each head coach shall retain his draft program.

- Within one (1) hour after each sign-up day, each head coach will have a running list of players.

**8.9.5.2** Drafting is as follows:  
The drafting procedure will be in order of expansion teams first then teams with least number of players next and so forth. On draft day each head coach will choose a number for scheduling purposes only.

**8.9.5.3** Protected players (coach and brother options) shall be drafted in the applicable rounds as provided under Article 8.9.1.3 and in accordance with the drafting order established under Article 8.9.6.3 herein. The three (3) protected players must have approval from the parents before the date of the player draft.

**8.9.5.4** Brother options, whether designated because of (i.) being a brother of a returning player, (ii.) being a brother of a coach option player, or (iii.) being a brother of a new sign-up, shall be drafted by the applicable team as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> (first) brother option shall be drafted in 5th (fifth) round. 2<sup>nd</sup> (second) brother option shall be drafted in the 6th (sixth) round. 3<sup>rd</sup> (third) brother option shall be drafted in the 7th (seventh) round, etc., as required. These brother option draft stipulations shall remain in accordance with Article 8.9.1.

**8.9.5.5** Not every team will draft in each round. As we will draft teams with the least number of players first, until each team has the same number of players, before we start the snake draft for each team.

**8.9.5.6** Head coaches may draft the draft eligible boys of their choice without respect to the boys' age or grade.

**8.9.5.7** The responsibility for maintaining the integrity of the league player draft shall rest with each league Commissioner, and each league Vice Commissioner, and their agent. Toward the end, they shall monitor the progress of the league's player draft to prevent a Head Coach from drafting out of turn or drafting during a round when he is not eligible. (i.e., his draft program is complete).

**8.9.5.8** Each leagues team roster shall be completed through the league's player draft. Trading for players between teams is specifically unauthorized and unequivocally prohibited.

- If an option player commits to a coach and is registered and said player changes his mind as to what team he wants to play for, the player will automatically be removed from said team and placed in the draft.
- Coaches are not permitted to drop an option player after a registration commitment has been made.

**8.9.5.9** When a second draft is to be held, such draft shall be known as a supplemental draft.

- Any coach adding team members after the draw/draft, not going before the Board of Directors for approval, the entire coaching staff will be removed. A new coach will then be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- The supplemental draft procedure will fill the team with the least number of players first, to fill each roster with the same number of players.
- If all teams have the same number of players, then a drawing will take place starting with the team with the least number of returners on said team.
- All supplemental drafts will be blind drafts.

**8.9.5.10** Registration of player applicants for the league shall close immediately prior to the start of the supplemental draft and shall remain closed through the conclusion of the season, then in progress, notwithstanding the withdrawal or resignation of several players from any team with less than fourteen (14) players.

**8.9.5.11** After the supplemental draft, when a team, because of withdrawal or resignation of several players (regardless of reason) can no longer field an eleven (11) man team, the disposition of the players remaining on such team shall be affected by the Board of Directors.

**8.9.5.12** Each player shall be present at registration.

**8.9.6** Any decision regarding players with special problems (such as ride) under discussion by the Board of Directors shall be resolved before the 1<sup>st</sup> (first) day of practice. However, any resolution which conflicts with the provisions of Articles 8.9.2 and 8.9.6 herein, shall be held invalidated and shall not take effect.

**8.9.7** Allocation of players shall be executed by the Board of Directors immediately following the last day of registration and shall be consistent with all provisions of Articles 8.9 herein.

**8.9.8** A roster of each team shall be prepared by the Board of Directors. A copy of each team roster shall be filed with the applicable league Commissioner, the Treasurer, and the Head Coach of each respective team, immediately following team allocation.

**8.9.9** Coaches shall contact their players immediately following the team allocation and may begin team practice, in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws, on the Monday which follows the last registration day.

**8.9.10** All players shall not deviate from these by-laws under any circumstances, except when a change to these by-laws has been mutually agreed upon and duly approved by the Voting Members and the Board of Directors. Each league player shall be placed in the draft without regard to school attended, address, weight, transportation, or any other problem. Special consideration will not be given to any player regardless of any prior commitment, concession, or agreement by a past officer or previous Board of Directors unless approved by the current Board of Directors whenever permitted by these by-laws.

**8.9.11** The number of players allotted to each league team will depend on how many players are registered in that age division.

## **8.10 Game Schedule**

**8.10.1** The Board of Directors shall set up game schedules.

- 8.10.2** Any postseason games shall be determined by the Board of Directors and the Head Coaches. A majority vote shall be enforced.
- 8.10.3** Games outside the Corporation and scrimmages may be scheduled by individual Head Coaches before, during and following the conclusion of the Corporations schedule only with approval of the President, Vice-President, or two (2) members of the Board of Directors other than the Coaches involved.
- 8.10.4** All tournaments hosted by the Corporation shall be conducted in accordance with the rules set forth in these by-laws.
- 8.10.5** The regular season will consist of at least seven (7) games, and a scrimmage.
- 8.10.6** The schedule of games shall be created before draft day using a numbering system. Numbers shall represent teams and the schedule shall use each number as evenly as possible. The number drawn for the order of the draft-on-draft day is the number used for the team in the schedule.

## **8.11 Trophies and Sponsors**

- 8.11.1** No sponsor names shall appear on uniforms.
- 8.11.2** Awards may be presented to all players, Coaches, cheerleaders, and Cheer Coordinators of super bowl teams.
- 8.11.3** Trophies and player recognition by the Corporation shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Any trophies, awards, etc., provided other than those directed by the Board of Directors is discouraged.

## **8.12 Violations**

- 8.12.1** Any player who habitually plays “dirty” or conducts himself in an unsportsmanlike manner can be expelled from participating in any league of the Corporation, at the direction of the Board of Directors.
- 8.12.2** Any player who is ejected from a game by any of the officials shall be subject to being suspended for 2 quarters, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 8.12.3** If any coach is guilty of misconduct (such as violation of these by-laws, abusive language, intoxication, fighting, etc.) at any official corporation gathering (such as games, practice, business meetings, etc.) disciplinary action may be taken or removal as Head Coach or Assistant Coach may be decided by the Board of Directors. This should be taken to include any officer of the Board of Directors

and said officer may not cast a vote at any board meeting held at which he is the subject of a disciplinary action.

- 8.12.4** Any officer or coach failing to fulfill his duties may be brought before the existing Board of Directors whereby disciplinary actions may be taken. Further, any officer failing to fulfill his duties may be brought before the Board of Directors and a quorum of the general membership and may be removed as an officer of the Board of Directors by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all Voting Members present in person.
- 8.12.5** Any coach who has been removed as a Head Coach or Assistant Coach, or any member of the general membership who wished to act in the disciplined coach's behalf, may appeal the decision of the Board of Directors within three (3) days of said decision and call a meeting which must be assembled by the Board of Directors within seven (7) days of the appeal. A quorum, as defined in Article 5.6 herein, must be met and in person to overturn the decision previously made by the Board of Directors.
- 8.12.6** Every player must participate in every game unless three (3) Board of Director members grant prior authorization. The degree of participation is at the discretion of the Head Coach: however, a minimum of eight (8) downs must be played by each boy in each game. The Board of Directors will review the conduct of coaches guilty of violating this rule and appropriate action shall be enforced.
- Special teams count as a down towards minimum of plays.
- 8.12.7** No coach can forfeit or terminate a game either in progress or before the game starts without approval of five (5) members of the Board of Directors and appropriate action will be enforced.
- 8.12.8** Where parents and others are involved in unsportsmanlike conduct before, during, or after a game, and have rectified a warning, either directly or indirectly, from a member of the Board of Directors to restrain from such activity, and have refused to conform to acceptable behavior, such member of the Board of Directors reserve the right to have the person ejected from the premises by qualified public officials.
- 8.12.9** Any players participating in the program that refuses to acknowledge a warning from a member of the Board of Directors concerning their conduct before, during and after a game shall be subject to suspension for a period of one (1) game by the concurrence of a majority of the Board of Directors.

**8.12.10** When a player is found to be ineligible for play, regardless of responsibility, and irrespective cause, he shall be removed from his team immediately, and such player will not be permitted to return to that team under any circumstances.

**8.13** League Play-off Games and Super Bowl

**8.13.1** The four (4) teams with the best over-all win-loss records at the end of regular season shall participate in league play-off games to determine the super bowl candidates for each league.

**8.13.2** The play-off games for the respective leagues shall be conducted as follows:

- The team with the best record in the league shall compete against the team with the 4<sup>th</sup> (fourth) best record in the league.
- The team with the 2<sup>nd</sup> (second) best record shall contest the team with the 3<sup>rd</sup> (third) best record in the league.
- In the event of a three (3) way tie, there will be a play-off.
- If teams already qualified for play-offs are tied, a coin toss will decide positions.

**8.13.3** During a play-off game, if the ending score is tied, the winner of such play-off game shall be determined as follows:

- Bantam League: The ball will be placed on the ten (10) yard line. Each team will alternate possessions until one (1) team scores.
- Junior League: The ball will be placed on the twenty (20) yard line. Each team will alternate possessions until one (1) team scores.
- Senior League: The ball will be placed on the twenty (20) yard line. Each team will alternate possessions until one (1) team scores.

**8.13.4** Practice for Bantam, Junior and Senior league play-off games may be held four.

(4) nights a week.

**8.13.5** The winner of each Bantam league play-off game shall meet in the Corporations Super Bowl game to determine the Bantam league champion.

**8.13.6** The winner of each Junior league play-off game shall meet in the Corporations Super bowl game to determine the Junior league champion.

**8.13.7** The winner of each Senior league play-off game shall meet in the Corporations Super Bowl game to determine the Senior league champion.

#### **8.14 Senior Bowl**

**8.14.1** Pro Bowl will be optional at the board of director's discretion.

**8.14.2** The Pro Bowl shall be open to the Bantam, Junior, and Senior leagues of the Corporation.

**8.14.3** Placement of teams shall be odd versus even and based on the end of season standings for said teams.

**8.14.4** Head Coaches of each league who were eligible to coach the Super Bowl shall not be eligible to coach in the Pro Bowl and the Pro Bowl game will be held on the same day as the Super Bowl.

**8.14.5** Seating for Pro Bowl – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place team shall compete against 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place team.

**8.14.6** Pro Bowl player selections will be based on the following:

- Senior league – Any player who is in the senior league (5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**8.14.7** Pro Bowl games ending in a tie shall stand as a tie and no tie breaker shall be in effect for these games.

**8.14.8** A maximum of four (4) practice sessions for the Pro Bowl teams shall be permitted before the day of play. Wednesday practice shall be permitted only at the discretion of the Board of



Directors, other provisions of these by-laws notwithstanding. Each practice session shall not exceed 2 ½ (two and one half) hours duration.

**8.14.9** Each Pro Bowl Head Coach shall be responsible for collecting helmets and shoulder pads, immediately after their respective Pro Bowl game. Further, each Pro Bowl Head Coach shall have the responsibility of turning all collected equipment into the Equipment Manager.

**8.14.10** In the event the Corporation provides Pro Bowl jerseys to the league players for the game day event, each Pro Bowl Head Coach shall also be responsible for collecting each jersey from the players on his respective team and turning it into the Equipment Manager.

**8.14.11** Only players who are in their last year of eligibility for their respective league, shall be entitled to play in the Pro Bowl.

## **8.15 Super Bowl**

**8.15.1** The Corporation shall host a Super Bowl event to be held at the end of the regular season and the week before the Pro Bowl.

**8.15.2** The Super Bowl shall be open to the players of the Bantam, Junior and Senior league play-off game winners of the Corporation.

**8.15.3** The Super Bowl Head Coaches shall be in accordance with each league playoff game winner.

**8.15.4** A maximum of four (4) practice sessions for the Super Bowl teams shall be permitted before the day of play. Wednesday practice shall be permitted only at the discretion of the Board of Directors, other provisions of these by-laws notwithstanding. Each practice session shall not exceed 2 ½ (two and one half) hours duration.

**8.15.5** In the event the Corporation provides Super Bowl jerseys to the league players for the game day event, each Super Bowl Head Coach shall also be responsible for collecting each jersey from the players on his respective team and turning it into the Equipment Manager.

**8.15.6** The Super Bowl field shall be a one hundred (100) yard field.

**8.16 Post season**

**8.16.1** Post season tournaments and spring league team coaches shall be determined by league rankings, beginning with all Head Coaches. A deposit of \$200 per child will be required from the deemed head coach of the team. After collecting all equipment from each player, the deposit be given back to the head coach minus any missing equipment.

**8.17 Alternate Game playing Rules**

**8.17.1** In the event we must play with less than 11 players on the field (example 9 VS 9), we will play on an 80-yard field.

**8.17.2** The teams will be limited to more than 6 players on the line of scrimmage and no more than 4 players in the backfield.

**8.17.3** On the punt option for an 80-yard field the walk off will be 20-yards, on 4<sup>th</sup> down when a team is within their 20-yard line.

**Article 9 – Cheerleaders**

**9.1 Cheer Coordinators**

**9.1.1** Cheer coordinators must claim their team in writing by the annual By-Law Meeting.

**9.1.2** Cheer Coordinators and team business managers are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

**9.1.3** Cheer Coordinators may build their own teams.

**9.1.4** The maximum limit for a parent to spend on the cheerleader uniforms shall not exceed \$100 (one hundred) dollars out of pocket.

**9.1.5** Cheer coordinators will be required to turn in a financial statement to the league by the end of the season for all monies collected and raised for team the team.

**9.1.6** Cheer coordinators must acknowledge that any fundraising or money spent before the draft is at their own risk.

**9.1.7** Each team may choose to have one (1) or more, three (3) year old mascots. This decision is at the sole discretion of that team's Cheer Coordinator.

## **9.2 Cheerleader Rules**

**9.2.1** The minimum age requirement for cheerleaders under this Corporation is three (3) years old.

**9.2.2** Any cheerleader from the previous year that is younger than the minimum age requirement, due to revisions of these by-laws, shall be eligible to be a cheerleader for the current year.

**9.2.3** Any girl who is eligible to participate in 7<sup>th</sup> (seventh) grade athletics shall not be eligible to cheer under this Corporation.

**9.2.3.1** Age limits shall begin as of September 1st and under no circumstance should a Cheerleader turn the age of thirteen (13) before December 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

**9.2.4** There will be a dress code for the cheerleaders and the Cheer Coordinators which will be governed by the Board of Directors.

**9.2.5** Cheerleaders shall practice a minimum of two (2) days a week, one (1) hour per day, and at the same location as their football team.

## **9.3 Pro Bowl Cheerleaders**

**9.3.1** All cheerleaders will be eligible to participate in the Pro Bowl and will receive a participation award deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

**9.3.2** Each cheerleader must attend all Pro Bowl performance practices to qualify for participation in the Pro Bowl event.

**9.3.3** Cheer Coordinators of each league who were eligible to coach the Super Bowl shall have 1<sup>st</sup> (first) option to coach the Pro Bowl. In the event a Super Bowl Cheer Coordinator does not want to exercise the option to coach Pro Bowl, the next Cheer Coordinator in line, either odd or even depending on the Super Bowl Cheer Coordinators team standing, will have the option.

## **Article 10 – Miscellaneous**

**10.1** Changes to the By-laws

**10.1.1** These by-laws may be altered, amended, or repealed in accordance with the following:

- By-laws are in effect immediately upon ratification.
- At a special meeting of the members, to be convened once a year for the purpose of amending these by-laws, by which they may only be altered, amended, or repealed by affirmative vote of a majority of Voting Members present, provided a quorum of such Voting Members, as defined in Article 5.6 herein, is present at such meeting.
- Once approved in accordance with this, the by-laws are ratified and shall remain in effect through the ensuing season and no further changes shall be approved and incorporated until the next by-law meeting is convened the following year.

**10.2** The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by amendment to these by-laws, but no decrease shall have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent director. Any director's position to be filled by reason of increase in the number of directors shall be filled by election at the annual meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

**10.3** Any contract or other transaction between the Corporation and any of its directors, or any corporation or firm in which any of its directors are directly or indirectly involved or invested in, shall be valid for the purpose notwithstanding the presence of such director at the meeting authorizing such contract or transaction, or his participation in such meeting. The forgoing shall, however, apply only if the interest of each director having direct or indirect involvement or investment in such contract or transaction is known and disclosed to the Board of Directors, prior to such contract or transaction being accepted. Notwithstanding, such contract or transaction shall be authorized by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present. Said director being involved or interest in such contract or transaction may be counted in determining whether a quorum is present but shall not be counted in calculating the majority necessary to carry such vote. This section shall not be construed to invalidate any contract or transaction, which would be valid in the absence of this section.

**10.4** The Corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its members and of its Board of Directors and shall keep at its registered offices or principal place of business, a record of its Voting Members.

*Haltom Youth Football*  
*By-Laws 2023-2024*

---

- 10.5** The Board of Directors shall present at each annual meeting of members a full and clear statement of the business and condition of the Corporation, including a reasonably detailed balance sheet and income statement.
- 10.6** The Corporation shall indemnify any director, officer, coach, agent or employee, or former director, officer, coach, agent, or employee of the Corporation, or any person who may have served at its request as a director, officer, coach, agent, or employee of another corporation in which it is a creditor, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him and any amount paid in satisfaction of judgments in connection with any action, suit, or proceedings, whether civil or criminal in nature, in which he has made a party by reason of being or having been such director, officer, coach, agent or employee (whether or not a director, officer, coach, agent or employee at such time costs or expenses are incurred or imposed on him) except in relation to matters as to which he shall be judged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his/her duties. The Corporation may also reimburse to any director, officer, coach, agent, or employee the reasonable costs of settlement of any such action, suit, or proceeding. If it shall be found by a majority of the Board of Directors or a committee formed by the Board of Directors, not involved in the matter in controversy, whether or not a quorum has been met, that it was to be in the best interests of the Corporation that such settlement be made and that such director, officer, coach, agent or employee was found to be not guilty of gross negligence or willful misconduct. Such rights or indemnification and reimbursement shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such director, officer, coach, agent, or employee may be entitled by law or otherwise.
- 10.7** Any director or officer may resign by giving written notice to the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein; acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- 10.8** Any action required by statutes to be taken at the meeting of the members of this Corporation, or any action which may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all the members entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof, which shall be placed in the minute book of the Corporation.
- 10.9** If any part of these by-laws shall be held invalid or inoperative for any reason, the remaining parts, so far as possible and reasonable shall be valid and operative.
- 10.10** League divisions, conference and non-conference games, standings, champions, and championship games will be determined by the Board of Directors, according to these by-laws.

**Article 11 – Termination**

**11.1** In the event the Corporation is terminated or dissolved, all assets remaining after liquidation of all outstanding liabilities shall be distributed in accordance with the Articles of the Corporation.