

AKRON LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL, INC.

2016 BY-LAWS

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Article 1: Purpose of Akron Little League Football, Inc.:

1a. To operate a non-profit organization for the charitable purposes of coordinating the efforts required with the Akron/Newstead Community to provide children 6 through 13 years of age (for football) 6 through 14 years of age (for cheerleading) a program of junior/modified football, with cheerleading for children in the same age group.

1b. To provide, maintain in good repair, and store all football and cheerleading equipment for use by the children registered in the league.

1c. To provide an incorporated organization with regularly scheduled meetings necessary for adult volunteers to perform and provide these services necessary to operate a junior/modified football & cheerleading program in the Akron/Newstead, NY area, without profit or reimbursement for time or services provided or performed.

1d. If determined by the Executive Board that the need exists ALLFI can make available funds to sponsor a football player or cheerleader.

1e. To provide for the distribution of assets upon dissolution of the League: If dissolution of the League becomes necessary, all assets of the League will be distributed within the requirements of the Membership Corporation Law of the State of New York with consideration to the following provisions:

1e1. The League will meet all legal obligations prior to dissolution.

1e2. None of the assets, earnings, or monies of the League inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

1e3. All assets, earnings, or monies of the League shall be made available and offered to the Akron/Newstead Recreation Department for the continued benefit and use of the Akron area youth. If for any reason the Village of Akron and/or the Town of Newstead cannot accept, two independent appraisals shall be made of all assets and offered for public sale based on the appraisals. All money received would then be offered by a committee to the association to: The Town of Newstead/Village of Akron Recreation Departments for use to benefit the area youth or to the Library in Akron, NY for use to benefit the area youth.

Article 2: Membership:

2a. The League has open membership to all interested persons, players, or coaches.

2b. Membership fee to the League will be \$5.00 per year. Member ship fee must be paid prior to the start of the game season (September 1).

2c. Membership “in good standing” is required to cast a vote on all matters

concerning the program or League. A member “in good standing” has paid their membership fee, and has not violated any of ALLFI policies, Terms and Conditions or Codes of Conduct. Members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings. Coaches and Committee Heads must be a member “in good standing”.

2d. All meetings of the League are open to all interested persons. Attendance and participation is to be encouraged and solicited.

2e. At any meeting of the members of ALLFI, the members “in good standing” are entitled to cast a vote, the majority of the total number of votes entitled to be cast there shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

2f. Members “in good standing” shall elect officers and directors by a majority of the votes cast at the annual meeting.

2g. Whenever any corporate action is to be taken by vote of the members, other than the election of officers and directors, it shall be taken by majority vote at a meeting.

Article 3: Board of Directors:

*Management of affairs of this corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have control of the property of the corporation and shall fix its policies. It shall have the power to employ necessary staff and other help, authorize expenditures, and take all necessary and proper steps to carry out the purposes of this corporation and to promote its best interest. A director of this corporation shall be at least eighteen years of age.

3a. The President does not have voting privileges, will only cast a vote to break a tie.

3b. The Board of Directors shall be composed of seven (8) Executive Board of Directors: The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Cheerleading, Director of Coaches, Director of Equipment and Director of Concessions. The Board of Directors, with the exception of the President, will be able to and shall have full voting rights in matters regarding Coaches selections, etc. The Board of Directors is empowered with the duties of financial concerns and confidential matters.

3c. Nominations for the Board will be made by submitting a letter of intent with qualifications and attributes outlined, supporting the position they are running for.

3d. Newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors elected or appointed at large, and vacancies among such directors for any reason, may be filled by vote of majority of the directors then in office, regardless of their number. A director elected or appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the next annual meeting at which the election of directors is in the regular

order of business, and until his/her successor is elected or appointed and qualified.

3e. The Board of Directors will not consist of all active coaches during any term.

3f. One Board Member will be present at each scheduled game to answer any questions that may arise concerning ALLFI, its operation or structure. The Board Member must observe the general conduct of the players, coaches and parents before, during and after the game to be assured of maintaining the highest standards.

3g. The Treasurer will present all due bills to The Board of Directors for approval. The Treasurer will make payment immediately after approval by The Board of Directors. The Treasurers report will be available upon request at the regular monthly meetings.

3h. The Board of Directors will meet as often as necessary to be assured of a successful program at the direction of the President. A desired goal of six (6) meetings will be held during the year term.

3i. The Board of Directors meetings as well as General Membership Meetings may be chaired by the Vice President at the direction of the President.

3j. A majority of the Board Members must be in attendance to have an official Board Meeting. Once an official meeting is confirmed, then action by the Board shall be taken by a majority of the directors present at the time of the vote.

3k. All League positions are subject to termination based upon negligence, illegal practices, violating the policies, Terms and Conditions, or the Code of Conduct of ALLFI, or participating in actions to undermine ALLFI, by a majority vote of The Board of Directors.

3l. Head Coaches will be appointed by the Board of Directors. Assistant Coaches must be approved by The Board of Directors. All Coaches must have an application on file prior to approval. All Coaches prior to their second year of appointment must be NYSCA certified.

3m. Two (2) signatures will be required on all checks drawn on the account of the ALLFI, the President, Treasurer, or the Director of Concessions.

3n. The Board will arrange a yearly audit of all League accounts.

3o. Elections of the Board of Directors will be held in November of each appropriate year.

3p. A minimum of four (4) General Membership Meetings will be held each year, as set by the Board of Directors. All Coaches must attend 4 general meetings, one

being a mandatory meeting established by the Director of Coaches.

Article 4: Officers:

4a. The following offices shall be established: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Cheerleading, Director of Coaches, Director of Concessions and the Director of Equipment

4b. All officers shall be elected by the members “in good standing”. Elections shall be held at the annual meeting of members. Each officer so elected by majority vote shall serve until the next annual meeting, a term of one year.

Article 5: Office:

5a. The books and records of the AKRON LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL, INC. shall be maintained in the corporate office, located with the Secretary.

Article 6: Amendment of By-Laws:

6a. These By-Laws may be amended by majority vote of the members at the annual meeting or by majority vote of the Directors at any time.

Article 7: Discipline:

7a. If a coach violates the Code of Conduct, Terms and Conditions, and policies of ALLFI and it is reported in writing, signed by the complainant, there will be a three-step process of discipline. First there will be a verbal warning for this action. If there is a second written and signed complaint, there will be a written warning with a formal hearing in front of the Executive Board of Directors. If there is a third written and signed complaint, the coach will be terminated immediately.

7b. A specific complaint or problem regarding a Coach will be made, in person or by phone to the Director of Coaches. The Director of Coaches will present the complainant with the appropriate forms to file a formal complaint. All complaints must be made in writing to be reviewed by the Board of Directors. A complaint or problem regarding any other league issue can be presented to any member of The Board of Directors.

7c. The Executive Board has the right to terminate a Coach if the offense warrants such action without going through the three-step process. Some of the offenses may include but are not limited to: hitting a participant, being under the influence of illegal drugs and/or being under the influence of any illegal drug or alcoholic beverage during a little league event, eliciting sexual behavior to a minor etc.

7d. All players, coaches and parents must sign and adhere to ALLFI’s Code of Conducts, Terms and Conditions. All players, coaches and parents prior to the start of the seasons practice schedule will sign a Code of Conduct. A violation of the Code of Conduct or ALLFI Terms and Conditions may result in disciplinary action that could include a ban from all ALLFI activities. All spectators at ALLFI events

must conduct themselves within the guidelines of ALLFI policies. Failure to adhere to ALLFI policies may result in a ban from all ALLFI activities.