

MOBILE YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS



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Rules and Regulations 2017

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP FEES

- SECTION 1.** The board of directors will, each year; assess each conference member a \$50.00 per team fee: and will determine and prescribe the manner and terms of payment of all such fees, including the deadline for payment and the assessment of penalties for nonpayment. Every conference member will promptly pay every fee assessed.
- SECTION 2.** Each year each conference member will be required to furnish the conference with two (2) rulebook ads. Ads will cost \$75.00 per ½ page. Assessed fees are due by the end of conference members' certification date. Non-payment of fees will result in forfeiture of all games until fees are paid.
- SECTION 3.** Any new or former member accepted into the conference must, in addition to all other fees, pay a \$100.00 entrance fee.
- SECTION 4.** No conference member may have a traveling team or teams more than two (2) consecutive years. Conference members with three (3) teams or less will have these teams designated as traveling teams.

ARTICLE II REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- SECTION 1.** Registration of players will be conducted in the manner approved by the board of directors of the MYFC each year. Registration of players may begin on or after the **FIRST SATURDAY OF JUNE EACH YEAR**. At **no time** prior to certification will any member park be allowed to have more than 30 players registered per team.
- SECTION 2.** Official announcements concerning registration of players by the conference and each member of the conference will be handled by the conference and/or conference members.
- SECTION 3.** **A player is considered as properly registered with a conference member (park assn.) When he has delivered to the conference member:**
- **Two (2) copies of the waiver of liability and registration form provided by the conference, complete and signed by either parent or legal guardian.**
 - **A current photograph** of himself/herself acceptable to the conference.
 - **An acceptable document for proof of birth date;** and has satisfactorily met all other requirements of the conference member for player registration. A conference member shall not register for any one team more than the maximum number allowed per team.
- SECTION 4.** A player will be considered as **properly registered** with the conference (MYFC) when the conference member (park assn.) With whom he has registered has submitted: **(a) the players name to the conference on an official team roster, (b) one (1) copy of the properly completed and signed waiver of liability and registration form, (c) a properly completed individual player personnel form with the player's photograph attached, and (d) an acceptable proof of birth date document.**
- The president of the conference, (or one of his/her designees), after examination and approval of all registration materials pertaining to the player and the team roster to which he/she is assigned, indicates approval of the player upon his/her individual player personnel record form in the manner prescribed by the board of directors of the conference form time to time.
- SECTION 5.** Deadlines for submission of team rosters, player registration materials shall be prescribed by the board of directors each year.
- SECTION 6.** **No player will be allowed to play in a conference game, a practice game, or engage in contact practice until he/she has properly registered with a conference member.** No player will be allowed to play in a conference game or participate in any other conference activity until he/she has been properly registered with the conference and his/her participation has been approved by the MYFC.
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SECTION 7. Cheerleaders shall be registered utilizing the same MYFC waiver form utilized for registration of players. A cheerleader waiver form shall be submitted to the conference on the date set for player certification. All activities of cheerleaders shall be in accordance with rules governing mobile county school system regarding acceptable activities and regarding safety.

ARTICLE III CERTIFICATION

- SECTION 1.** On or before a date set by the board of directors each year, each conference member (park assn.) will submit its team roster to the certification committee for review. The certification committee will review each roster and will either approve or decline to approve the team for participation in conference activities.
- SECTION 2.** At the same time the president will either approve or disapprove participation of each individual player listed on each team roster. **Evidence of the approval of the roster and each individual player will be indicated upon the roster and upon individual player record forms in the manner prescribed by the conference game of the team concerned.**
- SECTION 3.** Any individual not approved for participation in the conference activities shall be removed from the team roster.
- SECTION 4.** **No player shall be added to a team roster after the day set by the board of directors as the deadline for submission of the team roster to the conference except as allowed in section 5. Registration shall remain open for all conference members until noon the Sunday following the second (2nd) regularly scheduled game of the season. Certification for the Juniors and the Midget "A"s will remain open for one (1) week after the middle school cut date.** The current MYFC president or one of the vice presidents in his/her absence must be contacted prior to this date and time and the player must be added to the roster that day with all required forms including registration waiver, player form with acceptable photograph and acceptable proof of birth. After this date all forfeiture rules apply to any team failing to field eleven players at designated weigh-in time.
- SECTION 5.** Certification will be conducted the week following the team declaration Sunday. The executive board will assign certification dates and times. There will be no exceptions to these dates and times. The board will assign these certification sites and times at its discretion. Certifications will be held on Monday and Tuesday, off Wednesday, certifications on Thursday and Friday. All conference member parks will be expected to have all documents in order, by certification time. If the conference member does not, they will be dismissed from certification and subsequently assessed the late certification fees as prescribed below for late certification. Each conference member park will have the opportunity to certify players late. **Late certification will be assessed at the rate of \$5.00 per player certified. There are no exceptions to this procedure. Late certification will be held on the Sunday following certification week.**
- SECTION 6.** A player not afforded the opportunity to register with a conference member before certification due to an extenuating circumstance, must present proof to the executive committee for consideration to register. The executive committee will decide if the player will be allowed to register.

ARTICLE IV PRACTICE

- SECTION 1.** ~~Practice shall begin each year at a time no sooner than a beginning practice date prescribed by the conference.~~ **(Optional) Practice shall begin the second Monday in June, no contact, no helmets. Full contact practice shall begin the Third Monday in July. Board recommendations no more than 6 hours a week and no mid-day practice. Player must be REGISTERED with a Park Member. *See Section 5 for further details.**
- SECTION 2.** No player will be allowed to participate in contact practice without three (3) days of conditioning drills in (helmet and shorts allowed). After three (3) days of conditioning drills, a player may participate in full-contact practice. While a player is not in full pads there will be no player contact. **This rule is to be strictly enforced by all conference members.**
- SECTION 3.** No team shall be assembled in whole or in part by any coach, assistant coach, parent, player, or any other person, for practice, conditioning drills, between the following dates; 12/31 – Announced first practice of the regular season.
- SECTION 4.** **No conference member shall allow a team to practice any time without the presence of at least one (1) certified member of the team's regular coaching staff.**
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- SECTION 5.** Each conference member will schedule practice sessions at its' own discretion. After the opening date of the public schools of Mobile County, the practice sessions shall be limited to not more than one (1) practice session per day and to duration of not more than two (2) hours per practice session.
- SECTION 6.** Practice sessions should be conducted during daylight hours when possible. However, in special cases where practice sessions are scheduled under the light, no practice session should exceed a curfew of 8:30 pm before a school day.
- SECTION 7.** No player shall be allowed to practice without being properly registered with the conference member (park assn.).
- SECTION 8.** No player will be allowed to participate in contact practice without proper playing equipment.
- SECTION 9.** Practice games can be scheduled by conference members (park assn.) At their own discretion, but must be scheduled in such a manner as to avoid conflict with the use of fields regular conference games. All practice games involving two (2) conference members, must adhere to the weight restrictions for their age division with a ten (10) pound variance for week one and a five (5) pound variance for week 2 pre-season games only (including jamborees) all conference playing rules will apply.
- SECTION 10.** For the convenience of players and parents, each conference member (park assn.) will encourage its coaches to hold practice sessions on a consistent time schedule basis.
- SECTION 11.** There will be no spring training practice, or special practice sessions of any sort in addition to the normal pre-season practice time set by the conference each year. **(Optional) practice can start the second Monday in June.**
- SECTION 12. Penalties:** see ARTICLE XVII SECTION 14.

ARTICLE V AGE / WEIGHT STRUCTURE

- SECTION 1.** The age and weight divisional structure of the Conference shall be that set by the Board of Directors of the Conference from time to time as provided by the BY- LAWS of the Conference.
- SECTION 2.** The age/weight divisional structure of the conference as of publication of rules for the current year, and until changed by the conference board of directors as provided by the by laws is as follows:

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>MAXIMUM AGE AS OF AUGUST 31st</u>	<u>MAXIMUM BALL CARRIER WEIGHT</u>
PEANUT C DIVISION	4	75 POUNDS
PEANUT B DIVISION	5	80 POUNDS
PEANUT A DIVISION	6	90 POUNDS
PEE WEE B DIVISION	7	100 POUNDS
PEE WEE A DIVISION	8	110 POUNDS
TINY MITE B DIVISION	9	120 POUNDS
TINY MITE A DIVISION	10	130 POUNDS
MIDGET B DIVISION	11	155 POUNDS
MIDGET A DIVISION	12	170 POUNDS
MIDGET A DIVISION	13	140 POUNDS *
JUNIOR DIVISION	14	185 POUNDS *

(High lighted weight is the Play Down Weight. Only five (5) players allowed at this level)

****NOT MAXIMUM BALL CARRIER WEIGHT** (CLARIFICATION 3-8-17)**

***MIDGET A 13 Year old Play Down Only Age Group Allowed Per the 2004 Rule Changes**

- SECTION 3.** There will be **"NO"** additional weight gain above the maximum ball carrier weights specified in SECTION 2.
- SECTION 4.** The Athletic Director of each Conference member (Park Assn.) will determine the age and weight of his/her players and insure that they are placed in proper division prior to submission of his/her team rosters to the Conference.
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- SECTION 5.** The Conference **OFFICIALLY DISCOURAGES** any weight loss induced other than by physical conditioning of a player. The conference also discourages playing up (2) years out of age division. **A parent wishing his child to play up out of division must have a "Player Release Form for Children Playing above Their Age Group", completed with all appropriate signatures before that child is allowed to play up.** Any coach encouraging or permitting the use of artificial means of weight reduction, except with a doctor's written consent relating to an individual player, will be suspended from participation in the Conference for such time as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.
- SECTION 6.** There shall be no minimum age or weight in any division, except that each player shall have reached HIS/HER fourth (4th) birthday before ~~September 1st~~ **August 1st** of the current year, in order to be eligible to play in any division of the Conference. EACH PARK MUST PRESENT TO THE CONFERENCE A COPY OF A LETTER SIGNED BY THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF EACH FOUR YEAR OLD STATING THAT THEY ARE AWARE THAT THEIR CHILD WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST SIX YEAR OLDS AND PROBABLY LARGER CHILDREN. (Revised 3-8-17)
- **Effective 2017 Season, any existing player with an August birthday may choose to register according to the existing September 1st birthday or may choose to register according to the August 1st birthday.** (Added 3-8-17)**
- SECTION 7.** Any player that plays "A" team in a division cannot play "B" team in the same division the following year unless that park had no "B" team in that division the previous year. **MYFC will allow no more than five (5) players to play down in the Midget "A" division. All players playing down will be marked and stamped in the team's official player book.**
- SECTION 8.** In the peanut and peewee divisions players that are over the maximum ball carrier weight allowed for their division will be permitted to play as a striper.
- SECTION 9.** In the tinymite and midget divisions players that are over the maximum ball carrier weight allowed for their division will be permitted to play as a striper.

ARTICLE VI TRANSFERS

- SECTION 1.** Any player transferring from one conference member to another must have a transfer form completed and certified. All transfers will be certified on the team declaration Sunday. There will be no exceptions to this rule. All transfers are ineligible for post season play, see Article VI, and Section 1a for exceptions. Final deadline for transfer players (see Section 5 "exceptions") will be the Sunday after the second (2nd) official game by noon, there will be no exceptions to this rule.
- SECTION 1a.** Any player transferring from a conference member park that does not offer a team in that player's age/weight division **WILL BE** eligible for ALL post season play.
- SECTION 2.** Once a player registers with a conference member and HIS/HER name has been submitted to the conference on a roster of that Conference member (Park Assn.), the player cannot transfer to or play for another conference member (Park Assn.) during that season except as provided in SECTION 3 of this article.
- SECTION 3.** A player submitted on a roster who has not, after two (2) consecutive weigh-ins, made the weight limit of the division for which HE/SHE was submitted may transfer to a team in the next higher weight division of the same Conference member. To make such a transfer, the Athletic Director of the Conference member concerned, must report the situation to the President of the Conference who will then take the necessary steps to approve the player for the next higher weight division. Once a player transfers to the next higher weight division, HE/SHE will not be allowed to move back. The vacancy left by HIS/HER departure cannot be filled by adding a player to that roster unless it is filled by an overweight player moving up from a lower weight division.
- SECTION 4.** If a player is submitted to the Conference on a team roster but is not able to make the weight limit of the division which HE/SHE was submitted and the Conference member (Park Assn.) with whom HE/SHE has registered does not have a team in the next heavier weight division, HE/SHE can transfer to another Conference member (Park Assn.) that does have a team in the next heavier weight division in order to play. To make such a transfer, the Athletic Director of the Conference member concerned, must report the situation to the President of the Conference who will then take the necessary steps to approve the player for the next higher weight division. Under no circumstances, however, will the player be allowed to transfer and then make the lower weight limit and play in the lower weight limit division for which HE/SHE was originally submitted.
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SECTION 5. Before Conference certification deadline of each season, **a player who wishes to register with a different park than which he/she played at the previous year must obtain a release from the Conference Member (Park Assn.) that he/she played at the previous year.** The release and the registration waiver forms are obtained and filled out by the Conference Member (Park Assn.) requesting the release. These documents must be presented to the Conference Member (Park Assn.) from which the player wishes to be released. Once presented with release form(s), and registration waiver form(s), the Conference Member (Park Assn.) has seven (7) days to approve or deny the transfer and deliver the forms to the President of the Conference. If the release is granted, the Conference Certification form should be forwarded to the Executive Committee with the release and waiver forms to be passed to the requesting Conference Member (Park Assn.). If the release is denied, the Conference Member (Park Assn.) denying the release shall send a written explanation with supporting documentation, the release form and the registration waiver to the Executive Committee. Also, if the release is denied, the parents or guardian of the player may meet with the Executive Committee to appeal the decision and ask for reconsideration. The effective date of transfer for that player becomes the date the forms were filled out by the Conference Member (Park Assn.) he/she is transferring to. The Executive Committee will review all release forms and support, override, or send them back to the releasing Conference Member (Park Assn.) for reconsideration. The release form must be signed by the Conference Member (Park Assn.) requesting the release, the parent or guardian of the player, Head Coach of the releasing team and Conference Member (Park Assn.) officer of the releasing park. A release request must not be denied without valid reason, and caution should be exercised to prevent discrimination and/or violation of a player's or player's family civil rights. The conference does not condone nor will it participate in any discrimination practices or violate the civil rights of any individual.

Penalty for not obtaining a release:

Players that transfer to another Conference Member (Park Assn.) without PROPER TRANSFER DOCUMENTS will be ineligible for ALL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES.

SECTION 6. The transfer rule was revised to include release forms in an effort to prevent one conference member (park assn.) from luring attractive players from another conference member (park assn.). The attempt to lure players or personnel from a competitive conference member is viewed as recruiting. **Recruiting of players and personnel from competitive conference members is strictly prohibited.** Recruiting takes many forms and is executed by various personnel in an organization. Any form of enticement or promises extended by a conference member (park assn.) For the purpose of luring a player or personnel from a competitive conference member (park assn.) is termed as recruiting. Such enticements or promises can be, but not limited to: free registration, playing a certain position or a certain amount of time, equipment, money, clothes, special treatment at practice or games or anytime, etc. It is up to each individual conference member (park assn.) to police their own organization and stop recruiting. Each conference member (park assn.) will be held accountable for its members, officers, coaches, players, parents and other individuals affiliated with that conference member (park assn.) that are discovered to be recruiting.

SECTION 7. Effective January 2004 any certified coach transferring from one park to another will not be allowed to coach in the proceeding age division from which he is leaving (the following year) for one year in MYFC. (2004 rules voted in no lateral moves).

Examples:

1. Coach Smith, having coached at a MYFC member park in the Tynymite "B" division, will not be allowed to coach in the Tynymite "A" division of any other member park association.
2. Coach Smith, having coached at a MYFC member park in the Tynymite "A" division, will not be allowed to coach in the Midget "A" or Midget "B" division of any other member park association.
3. Coach who coached a Peanut B division team at previous park may NOT coach Peanut B at new park.

SECTION 8.

- A. Coaches transferring from one member Association Park to another must obtain a release from the releasing park.
- B. Coaches may transfer to first year expansion parks. NO LATERAL MOVES.
- C. Coaches may transfer from one member association park after having achieved tenure (tenure is defined as having coached for the organization to the highest level of that organization)

ARTICLE VII TEAM COMPOSITION

SECTION 1. No team shall have more than the maximum or less than the minimum number of players permitted as prescribed by the BY-LAWS of the Conference.

SECTION 2. **The maximum number of players on each team permitted by the BY-LAWS is thirty (30) per team. The minimum number of players for each team shall be fifteen (15), eleven (11) of these must NOT be strippers.** Overweight players may be added to a roster of the next higher division, even if the roster already had thirty (30) players, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

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SECTION 3. As provided by the BY-LAWS of the Conference, **no Conference member (Park Assn.) will submit a team roster containing more than a maximum or minimum number of players permitted**, and the Conference will not accept nor certify a team roster with more than the maximum or minimum number of players. No team with more than the maximum or minimum number of players will be permitted to play in any Conference game or participate in ~~any other Conference activity~~ except as provided in SECTION 2 above.

SECTION 4. There is no maximum or minimum number of strikers permitted on a roster provided guidelines under Article XIII, Section 24 are followed.

ARTICLE VIII PLACEMENT OF TEAMS INTO DIVISIONS AND SUBDIVISIONS

SECTION 1. The placement of teams into age/weight playing divisions, "A" team and "B" team subdivisions, and competitive sections, shall be made by the Board of Directors of the Conference each year in accordance with the provisions of the BY-LAWS of the Conference.

ARTICLE IX GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

SECTION 1. The conference does not recognize strict geographical boundaries.

ARTICLE X SCHEDULING OF GAMES

SECTION 1. All Conference games will be scheduled by the Conference. Games will be scheduled in a manner that will be most convenient to the Conference within limitations with which the Conference must work in overall scheduling.

SECTION 2. **The President of the Conference will appoint a scheduling committee.** The scheduling committee shall prepare schedules for the year.

SECTION 3. The schedule committee will endeavor to arrange schedules so that each team has an equitable number of home games.

SECTION 4. Any conference member fielding two (2) "B" teams in the same division shall not be required to play each other during the regular season, unless playing is necessary to balance schedules or their playing affects the standing of the league.

ARTICLE XI POST SEASON GAMES

SECTION 1. **The Conference will make plans for Conference Championship games AND/OR All-Star games as early in the season as possible.** This will allow the Conference teams that are not participating in such Conference games to make plans of their own for out of Conference post season games.

ALL CONFERENCE MEMBERS (PARK ASSN.), AND ALL OF THE TEAMS OF EACH CONFERENCE MEMBER ARE OBLIGATED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ALL CONFERENCE POST SEASON PLANS.

SECTION 2. The type of post season activities to be conducted by the Conference each year, if any, will be determined by the Board of Directors of the Conference prior to the start of the season each year.

SECTION 3. Play-off and Youth Bowl games shall be played at all qualified parks on a rotating basis each year. **Parks will be qualified by a feasibility committee established by the president of the conference each year. The committee will determine whether the park facilities are adequate for post season play as set forth in these rules, assist the parks with upgrading their facilities to meet conference standards and making a final determination as to the acceptance of each park for post season play.** Extenuating circumstances for declining will go before the MYFC board of directors for a final

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decision. If a Conference member (Park Assn.) declines its rotational opportunity, they will be moved to the bottom of the rotational roster.

SECTION 4. Play-off and Youth Bowl rotational rosters are located in APPENDIX I for the current year.

SECTION 5. The President of MYFC, in cooperation with Conference Members shall draw up the play-off schedule each year at season's end. A representative of each participating Conference Member (Park Assn.) shall personally sign this schedule indicating his knowledge of the correct game site and playing time.

If no representative of the conference member is present, MYFC shall assume only the responsibility of notifying one officer of the conference member by telephone advising game site and playing time. Any misunderstanding shall be the sole responsibility of the absent conference member.

SECTION 6. No conference member will schedule any activity on the day of the MYFC Youth Bowl. Violation of this rule will result in a \$500 fine for each participating team.

SECTION 7. Any coach or park assembling a "make up" team shall notify another parks administration in order to contact players from that park for participation in post youth bowl games. A roster of any post youth bowl games shall be turned in to MYFC executive board prior to that game being played.

Section 8. ~~The President will appoint a member from the board of directors to act as the game site conference official at each designated playoff location. No board member will be allowed to serve as the game site conference official who is coaching a team at the same set location.~~ (REMOVED: 3-8-17)

~~The President will appoint a member from the Executive Board as the game site conference official at each designated playoff location. No Executive Executive member will be allowed to serve as the game site conference official who is coaching a team at the same set location.~~

ARTICLE XII PLAYING FIELDS

SECTION 1. All Conference games will be scheduled on fields of a size and standard as prescribed by the ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSN. for high school games; however, the Board of Directors of the Conference can approve the scheduling of games on non-standard fields to meet emergency situations. The **5 yard lines are recommended for regular season games but will not be strictly required.** A member park must have a "safe" playing field (as determined by Article XII, Section 3) in order to host games.

SECTION 2. Each Conference member (Park Assn.) having a field used for the scheduling of Conference games will provide the following for use at that field:

- A. Marking equipment and supplies.**
- B. Down-marker and chains.**
- C. INSTALL a permanent or temporary barrier around the field perimeter to restrain spectators from encroaching upon the field or sidelines. This barrier must be set up before each game and must remain in place throughout each scheduled game.**
- D. The field must be properly marked (lined) before the first scheduled game of the day/night and remarked, if necessary, between scheduled games of the day/night.**
- E. Any other equipment as THAT MAY be necessary or required by the Conference from time to time to operate the field.**

SECTION 3. No conference member shall be allowed to host conference games until, THE PARK facilities have been inspected by a committee; THIS COMMITTEE WILL BE appointed by the conference President.

SECTION 4. MOBILE YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE YOUTH BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES ARE TO BE PLAYED ON A FOOTBALL FIELD NOT SHARING A BASEBALL DIAMOND **ARE TO BE PLAYED AT A HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM.** All fields shall be marked with both 5 and 10 "yard lines" for all play-off and Youth Bowl games. The 5 yard lines are recommended for regular season games but will not be strictly required.

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ARTICLE XIII PLAYING RULES

All games will be played under the Rules of ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSN., except as modifications there to or departures there from are contained in these rules or amendments hereto that may be adopted by the Conference from time to time. A representative from each team will meet with the game officials prior to the game to go over their division's special rules. The time to do this would be at the coin toss.

SECTION 1. All facemask violations will be an automatic 15 yard penalty from the point of the infraction.

SECTION 2. Each game in each division will be played with **four (4) ten (10) minute quarters**, and otherwise in the manner provided by high school rules. **The half-time rest period shall be ten (10) minutes.**

SECTION 3. All GAMES, in which the score is tied at the conclusion of regulation time, will be decided under the tie-breaking rules of the **ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSN.**

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE 2004 PLAYING SEASON, FOOTBALL SIZES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY MYFC. THE CONFERENCE WILL SUPPLY PARK ASSN. WITH A LIST GIVING VARIOUS NAME BRANDS AND THEIR CO-COORDINATING SIZE.

PENALTY FOR BREAKING THIS RULE

ANY TEAM FOUND TO BE PLAYING WITH A NON APPROVED BALL WILL RECEIVE AN AUTOMATIC USLC FOUL WITH A 15 YARD PENALTY AND THE COACH WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EJECTED FROM THE GAME.

IF THE OPPOSING TEAM REQUESTS THE USE OF THE OTHER TEAMS LEATHER FOOTBALL, THAT TEAM MUST COMPLY. The "stripe" rule (concerning the football) required by the ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSN. will not be required in Conference play.

SECTION 5. In the Peanut & Pee Wee divisions only, there will be no kickoff. In lieu of the kickoff, the ball shall be put into play from scrimmage on the offense's 40 yard-line. **In the Tynymite, Midget and Junior divisions, on-sidekicks will be allowed using the following format. The team kicking off shall line up with equal splits across the field with the ball being placed on the kicking tee in the center of the field. When a team has the lead by 14 points they will not be allowed to use the on-side kick.**

Penalty: 15-yard personal foul penalty from the spot of the kick and re-kick

SECTION 6. In the Peanut & Peewee divisions only, when a safety is scored, the team scoring the safety shall put the ball in play on the opponents 40 yard-line.

SECTION 7. In the Peanut "A and B" division only, two (2) coaches will be permitted on the field with each team throughout the game. In the Peewee "B", Peewee "A" one (1) coach will be allowed on the field with each team. In the Tynymite "B" division one (1) coach will be allowed on the field for each team for the first three regular season games. **Beginning GAME FOUR, (4) in Tynymite "B" division, NO COACHES WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE FIELD.** (This can be a different coach at different times). **Beginning with the 2010 season; Coaches in the Tynymite A division will no longer be allowed on the field.**

The coach on the field may assist his team in calling plays and setting up offensive and defensive formations. He/she must not move with the players, and after setting his/her formation, must take a stationary position five (5) yards behind all players in such a place as to avoid interference with the players. He/she may not direct or assist his/her team in any way after the snap of the ball.

PENALTY: 15 YARDS FROM THE PREVIOUS SPOT AND LOSS OF DOWN IF AGAINST THE OFFENSIVE TEAM / 15 YARDS AND AN AUTOMATIC FIRST DOWN FOR THE OFFENSE FROM THE PREVIOUS SPOT IF AGAINST THE DEFENSIVE TEAM.

SECTION 8. Teams in the Peanut & Peewee Divisions only, will be required to play a standard defense in all Conference games and all practice games with Conference teams. The standard defense is a 6-2-2-1. Interior linemen (guards & tackles) will play a head-on technique. Linebackers shall line up within the body-width of the defensive tackle and offensive tight end and shall remain there until the snap of the ball. The linebackers shall not be closer than three (3) yards behind their line of scrimmage.

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The defensive secondary may take any position desired provided each player is at least seven (7) yards behind their line of scrimmage. When in a goal-line defense, the secondary must be at least three (3) yards behind their line of scrimmage.

ALL PLAYERS MUST BE IN THESE POSITIONS AS STATED ABOVE AT THE SNAP.

PENALTY: 5 YARDS AGAINST THE OFFENDING TEAM AND REPLAY THE DOWN.

Peewee division, defensive formation will not be allowed to include any player head up over the center. Head up being defined as anyone 3 yards or less directly in front of the offensive player. A nose guard or line backer may be lined up in the gap between the center and guard, but may not "attack" the center.

PENALTY: 15 YARDS PERSONAL FOUL, AUTOMATIC FIRST DOWN.

- SECTION 9.** In the Peanut divisions only, in all Conference games and practice games with conference teams, the team on offense must employ a standard offensive formation. A standard offensive formation will be defined as one with a balanced line, with not more than twelve (12) inch splits between center, guards, tackles, & ends and with the quarterback under the center **TAKING THE SNAP, EXCEPT IN THE PEANUT A DIVISION, THE QUARTERBACK CAN TAKE THE SNAP FROM THE SHOTGUN FORMATION.** The offensive backs within the body-width of the tight end. LEGAL MOTION BY THE RUNNING BACKS IS PERMITTED AS LONG AS THEY ARE WITH IN THE BODY WIDTH OF THE TIGHT END AT THE TIME OF THE SNAP.
PENALTY: 5 YARDS AGAINST THE OFFENDING TEAM AND REPLAY THE DOWN
- SECTION 10.** If a Peanut or Peewee team declares to punt, they will be given a free punt. On a free punt there shall be no rush. **The ball does not become live until it crosses the line of scrimmage and is touched by the receiving team.** The offense shall use a tight punt formation (no wide-outs) and the defense shall have eight (8) players on the line of scrimmage. Neither team will be allowed downfield until the ball has been kicked. The punter will line up five (5) yards behind the center. The referee shall hand the ball to the punter who shall punt from that point. The clock shall be stopped from the time a team declares it will punt until the ball is kicked.
In the Peanut & Peewee divisions only, on fourth (4th) down situations the offensive team may elect to advance the ball twenty (20) yards instead of kicking or otherwise running the play. Provided they are on the defensive team's 40 yard line or farther out and first have notified the game official of this decision.
- SECTION 11.** In the Peanut divisions when the offensive team has the ball within the defensive team's ten (10) yard line, the defensive secondary may take any position on the field provided they remain three (3) yards behind the defensive line of scrimmage until the snap of the ball.
- SECTION 12.** **In the Peanut & PeeWee divisions only, a maximum time of 45 seconds will be allowed to put the ball in play after it is marked ready for play.** The officiating crew will be responsible for policing this rule. At the start of the game or second half, or following a score by the offense, or after the automatic twenty (20) yards is taken on a punt, the clock shall start with the snap of the ball.
- SECTION 13.** The numbering system as prescribed for player positions in the ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSN. RULES is deleted.
As set forth in Article XIII Section 1 these modifications to AHSA will be enforced by MYFC
A. AHSA Number system as prescribed for player positions will not be used.
B. AHSA face mask penalty will be modified to read "all face mask penalties will be assessed as 15 (fifteen) yards."
- SECTION 14.** In the **Peewee** & Tynymite division only, a punt shall be a free kick. The offensive team will be allowed to line up with one wide receiver/flanker on each side of the formation. Offense must be lined up in a legal formation. Defense must have six men on the line of scrimmage lined up from "C" gap to "C" gap until the ball is kicked. The punter shall line up **DIRECTLY BEHIND THE CENTER AT FIVE (5) YARDS DEEP AND RECEIVE THE SNAP FROM THE CENTER. THE BALL SHALL BE IMMEDIATELY KICKED. NEITHER TEAM SHALL BE ALLOWED TO GO DOWN FIELD UNTIL THE BALL HAS BEEN PUNTED. THE CLOCK SHALL BE STOPPED FROM THE TIME A PUNT IS DECLARED UNTIL THE BALL IS PUNTED.**
- SECTION 15.** The "free kick" as allowed in Sections 10 & 14 above, does not take away the offensive team's option to "Quick Kick". The "Quick Kick" is an offensive play THAT CAN be executed on any offensive down.
- SECTION 16.** ALL TEAMS will change ends of the field after each quarter. Exception, both coaches may agree and elect not to change ends of the field.
- SECTION 17.** In the Tynymite, Midget & Junior divisions, the point after touchdown try will be counted as two (2) points if kicked successfully and one (1) point if run or passed successfully. In the Peanut & PeeWee divisions, the point after touchdown try will be will be
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a **free kick** and counted as one (1) point if kicked successfully and two (2) points if run or passed successfully. **The team performing a free kick must declare** its intentions to the game official prior to the play. Once a **free kick** is declared, a fake kick is not permitted. **All** (even free kicks) extra point attempts that are kicked **must be snapped, placed, and held. A legal tee or kicking block must be used.**

- SECTION 18.** At any time during the game, there is a twenty-five (25) point difference between the score of the teams playing, the clock will become a running clock and shall not be stopped for incomplete passes, out of bounds, or TD's. The only time the clock shall be stopped will be for halftime, quarter's ending, injured players or by the game officials if deemed necessary to insure proper play. The clock may be stopped by a charged timeout by the trailing team only.
- SECTION 19.** In the Peanut, Pee Wee, & Tynymite divisions only, a maximum of two (2) coaches shall be allowed on the field during a charged timeout and during the official's timeout between the 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th quarters. In the Midget and Junior divisions a maximum of one (1) coach will be allowed on the field during charged time outs and during the official's time out between quarters.
- SECTION 20.** Coaches or players will not be allowed to use headsets at any time during the game. All other electronic restrictions that apply to high schools by the **Alabama High School Athletic Assn.** will also apply to the Mobile Youth Football Conference.
- SECTION 21.** Non-contact unsportsmanlike conduct by non-players as outlined in the Alabama high school rulebook, rule nine, (9), section eight, (8), and section nine, (9), will be strictly enforced.
- SECTION 22.** The only non-players allowed outside the team box on the sidelines are three coaches, the chain crew, cheerleader coaches and cheerleaders. All other certified coaches will remain in the team box. These non-players shall only be allowed outside the team box provided they do not interfere in any way with the playing of the game. Keeping unauthorized non-players behind the restraining ropes or markers is the responsibility of the member parks. The penalties will be assessed against the head coach. The penalty for violations: first offense, warning; second offense, 5 yards; subsequent offenses, 15 yards.
- NOTE:** The three coaches allowed outside the team box are to remain between the thirty yard lines and are allowed in the two yard belt between the front of the team box and the sideline marker only.
- SECTION 23.** In the peanut, peewee, tynymite, and midget divisions, stripers are **ONLY** permitted to play tackle to tackle in a down position with at least one hand on the ground, on both offense and defense allowed. Only **FOUR** stripers per team are permitted on the playing field at one time. A Striper cannot advance the football. Stripers must be identified and marked properly at weigh in, in order to participate in the game. Stripers will not be allowed to participate in kick-off or kick-off return play. The penalty for a striper playing out of position is a 15 yard personal foul USLC. On Offense, a striper tackle **may be** uncovered (but the striper is **still not** an eligible receiver)-

ARTICLE XIV GAME OFFICIALS

- SECTION 1.** Game officials shall be obtained by the Conference and assigned to Conference games. Conference members (Park Assn.) must make their own arrangements for officials for practice games. It is the responsibility of each Conference member (Park Assn.) to pay each official for each scheduled Conference game on their home field unless Conference members (Park Assn.) are notified in advance of other arrangements for payment of assigned officials by the Conference. Each Conference member (Park Assn.) will be notified by the Conference of the amount to be paid per official per scheduled game before season's start.
- SECTION 2.** The conference will obtain such number of officials for each game as can conveniently be obtained under the circumstances. It is the intent of the Conference to obtain, if practical, not less than two (2) officials for games in the Peanut & Pee Wee divisions. Not less than three (3) officials for games in the Tynymite, Midget & Junior divisions. The number of officials mentioned is field officials. These recommended numbers are the minimum allowed.
- SECTION 3.** Problems or complaints about the attitude or manner in which officials handle Conference games should be reported to the President of the Conference in writing.
- SECTION 4.** All coaches and officials of Conference members (Park Assn.) are required to assist game officials in maintaining control of the game and continuity of play by discouraging unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the coaches, players, parents, and other persons present at the game. The Conference strongly recommends that its members attend meetings with officials in order to clarify rules.
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- SECTION 5.** Every effort will be made to rotate game officials each week so that the quality of officiating will be enhanced for all conference members.
- SECTION 6.** No certified coach at any member park will be allowed to officiate/referee any conference game, whether regular season, pre-season, or post season, including playoffs and championships.

ARTICLE XV UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT

- SECTION 1.** Each player must have and utilize in every Conference game full uniform and equipment. THIS includes A NOCSAE approved helmet with facemask and mouthpiece, pants, under pants or supporter. knee pads, thigh pads, hip pads, tail pad, shoulder pads, jersey, undershirt, shoes, socks, and any special pads necessary for the player's condition at the time SHALL BE REQUIRED. The Conference encourages the use of a padded athletic supporter, but this piece of equipment is optional. A mouthpiece is required for every player except the "quarterback" in the Peanut & Peewee divisions only.
- SECTION 2.** Only approved shoes may be worn. Approved shoes are tennis shoes or other soft sneaker type shoes and soccer type shoes with molded plastic or rubber cleats. Metal, fiberglass, or other composition cleats are strictly prohibited. No type of screw-in cleats will be allowed.
- PENALTY FOR BREAKING THIS RULE ANY TEAM FOUND TO BE PLAYING WITH A NON APPROVED SHOES WILL RECEIVE AN AUTOMITC USLC FOUL WITH A 15 YARD PENALTY AND THE COACH WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY EJECTED FROM THE GAME.
- SECTION 3.** Shoes and mouth pieces must be worn not only in all Conference games, but in all practice games, and in all occasions of contact practice
- SECTION 4.** Each Park Assn. shall have only one (1) standard uniform THAT shall be properly on file with the Conference and shall not be changed or altered without permission of the conference.
- SECTION 5.** MOBILE YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE WILL ALLOW THE USE OF BELT CUT JERSEYS. THE LOGO WILL NOT BE REQUIRED.
- SECTION 6.** Any substance that gives you an advantage (i.e.: Pam or Stickem) will make your player ineligible. The game is automatically forfeited on the spot.

ARTICLE XVI CANCELLATION GAMES

- SECTION 1.** Any game may be canceled without forfeit due to inclement weather or dangerous or emergency conditions by agreement of **both head coaches and the senior Conference official** present at the game site or by direction of the President of the Conference.
- SECTION 2.** A game may be canceled without forfeit by agreement of both head coaches due to the minimum recommended number of official not being provided (see Article XIV Section 2).
- SECTION 3.** THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE WILL HANDLE RESCHEDULING OF CANCELLED GAMES. It is recommended that opposing coaches agree on a time and place to play the game and submit to the President for approval.
- SECTION 4.** The Conference member (Park Assn.) team causing a forfeited game will be penalized the amount of the game officials' fees for that game or games and a **fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fine** for each game FORFEITED. Games will be forfeited due to lack of a player roster book, an insufficient number of players, failure of the team to show, etc. **If the game is scheduled at the forfeiting team's home field the fee for the official shall not be paid to the Conference but shall be paid directly to the officials. This penalty and fine must be paid to the Mobile Youth Football Conference prior to this Conference member (Park Assn.) participating in any further conference activity.** After a forfeit is declared, if a practice game is agreed on and played, the forfeiting team shall not be required to pay for game officials nor a fine to the Conference. **Violation of this rule can and WILL BE enforced according to Article XXI of the MYFC By-Laws.** Games forfeited at a later date due to discovery of an ineligible player, are not subject to the monetary penalty of this rule.
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NOTE FOR CLARIFICATION: If a practice game is agreed on and played within thirty (30) minutes of the end of the preceding game, then scheduled game officials shall be required to officiate the game in order to be paid. However, if the start of a practice game is delayed by more than thirty (30) minutes, the scheduled game officials will have their option as to whether or not to officiate the game but they must be paid. In the event the forfeited game is the first game of the day, the same thirty (30) minute delay rule applies starting from time scheduled for the first game.

SECTION 5. Games may be forfeited without penalty by giving notice to the Conference Executive Committee at least seven (7) days before the scheduled date of the game.

ARTICLE XVII WON/LOSS RECORDS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

SECTION 1. The Presidents of the Conference Members (Park Assn.) will maintain a record of the won/loss standings of every team in the Conference. RESULTS OF GAMES ARE TO BE CALLED INTO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLICITY NO LATER THAT 12:00 NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY BY THE HOST PARKS.

SECTION 2. Determination of Division Champions will be based on final standing, except in the case of an unequal number of games; the "LOSS COLUMN" will be used to determine the Division Champion or co-champion.

ARTICLE XVIII WEIGH-IN

SECTION 1. The weigh-in for each game will begin thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled game time. No player will be allowed to weigh-in unless he/she is present and ready to be weighed at a point in time of not more than TEN (10) minutes from the beginning of weigh-in time. The player will be allowed to weigh-in if for some reason the beginning of weigh-in has been delayed and the player arrives before the weigh-in has otherwise been completed.

SECTION 2. All official weigh-ins will be made immediately prior to the start of each scheduled game and all players listed on a team's roster must be accounted for by either being weighed-in and approved or is marked absent from weigh-in.

SECTION 3. The official scales for each weigh-in shall be those at the playing approved by the Conference. The President of the Conference will designate the company that will verify the accuracy and uniformity of all scales prior to the first week of the Conference season. During the season the scales may be spot checked by placing a fifty (50) pound weight on them and verifying their accuracy. Prior to and as a part of each weigh-in, the scales will be balanced in the presence of both team coaches.

SECTION 4. Each head coach must have in his/her possession at each pre-game weigh-in HIS/HER official team roster approved by the Conference and his/her individual player personnel records with **Digital photograph/up to date picture** attached which has been certified (stamped) by the Conference. These records must be ~~bound~~ presented in a loose leaf notebook in the following manner;

- Team Roster(s)
- Player Record Page w/Waiver on back
- Coaches Applications for each coach

SECTION 5. At the weigh-in, the scales will be set on the proper weigh-in weight. Each team may have a maximum of two (2) coaches or assistant coaches present that will line the players up in alphabetical order and will proceed to place each player individually on the scales. The opposing coach will check the player's weight and also examine the roster and individual personnel record for the player and picture.

SECTION 6. A determination will be made at the weigh-in of the eligibility or ineligibility of each player submitted at the weigh-in for approval to play in the game. No player shall play in a game unless he/she takes part in the weigh-in process and that it has been determined that he/she is eligible to play.

SECTION 7. Officers of the Conference members whose teams are concerned in the weigh-in and officers of Conference members where the game is being played are authorized and encouraged to assist in the weigh-in process. MYFC Officials present at the site are authorized and encouraged to attend weigh-INS. unusual circumstances will be considered as having weighed-in

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overweight unless HIS/HER absence is explained to and approved by the MYFC President or one of the MYFC Presidents in his absence.

SECTION 8. ANY PLAYER WHO IS ABSENT FROM WEIGH-IN DUE TO ILLNESS, INJURY OR UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING WEIGHED-IN OVERWEIGHT UNLESS HIS/HER ABSENCE IS EXPLAINED TO AND APPROVED BY THE MYFC PRESIDENT OR ONE OF THE MYFC PRESIDENTS IN HIS ABSENCE.

SECTION 9. A player who is found to be overweight or who is otherwise ineligible to play in the game and who is present at the weigh-in and-or the game will be instructed to remove his/her equipment (helmet and shoulder pads). He will be allowed on the sidelines with his/her team during the game but must remain seated on the bench wearing his/her game jersey without pads.

SECTION 10. Each player will have only one (1) legal weigh-in at each game. (Subject to all Sections of Article XVIII) if pads or equipment are missing, this does not constitute a legal weigh-in. The player will be required to obtain the missing item or items and present himself/herself for a legal weigh-in. Any player may remove their helmet and/or shoulder pads while at the scales and re-weigh immediately.

SECTION 11. Any team that has not presented itself for weigh-in at the game site within fifteen (15) minutes after the scheduled weigh-in time shall, at the option of the opposing coach, be required to forfeit the game.
(A) BOTH TEAMS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL WEIGH IN BEFORE A FORFEIT MAY BE DECLARED
A second (2nd) occasion of forfeit by the same team will be sufficient basis to suspend the team from further participation in the Conference for the current year, if in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Conference, such suspension is warranted.

SECTION 12. To speed up the weigh-in process, each player will be allowed to weigh-in with a portion of their playing uniform and equipment which must include: socks, shoes, under pants or supporter, pants, knee pads, thigh pads, hip pads, tail pad, and game jersey. **All players must remove their helmets to weigh-in.**

Exception: If a player weighs out, he may remove his cleats and re-weigh immediately for his one official weigh-in.

SECTION 13. Each player must weigh-in all the uniform and equipment specified in Section 12 which must be a part of their own regular game uniform and equipment. Players shall not change or add to any part of such equipment after the weigh-in. Shoulder pads, jersey, helmet, facemask, chinstrap, mouthpiece, and special pads not referred to in Section 12 can be added after the weigh-in. REPLACEMENT JERSEYS WILL BE ALLOWED WITH PROPER NOTIFICATION OF PRIOR OPPOSING HEAD COACH TO WEIGH-IN. It is recommended that the opposing coach be advised of any special pads or braces to be added by a player which is not normally worn by all players, especially if such equipment must be added in other than public view. Any piece of player equipment or uniform which is broken or torn during the course of the game may be replaced after the need to do so has been called to the attention of the opposing coach and the head game official.

SECTION 14. Any coach, player, or other person who manipulates or permits manipulation of a player's equipment or otherwise abuses the spirit of this and other weigh-in rules for the purpose of enabling a player to make the weigh-in limit will be suspended from participation in all Conference activities. The suspension will be for such time as may be required by the Board of Directors of the Conference which shall be not less than ten (10) days from the date of the infraction. Two (2) such infractions by the same coach, player, or Conference official shall automatically suspend this person for the remainder of the year.

SECTION 15. The home team shall weigh-in first. The visiting team will not report to the scale area until the home team has completed weighing those players present and has left the scale area.

SECTION 16. For players failing to make the weigh-in for two (2) consecutive weeks, see Article VI, sections 2 & 3.

SECTION 17. There shall be a weigh-in at season's end playoff games AND YOUTH BOWL with regular season rules applicable.

SECTION 18. All players weighing in who fail to meet the maximum weight allowed for that week can be weighed in as a striper. A striper will be declared during the weigh in process. All regular weigh in rules will still apply.

Once a player weighs out of the official weigh in, he/she will go to the back of the line for a striper weigh in. All players must be marked by a 3 inch or more MYFC issued orange stripe across the front and back of their helmet. Players who are marked as stripers will not be permitted on the field of play without this stripe. Players must also be marked appropriately in the weigh in books as a striper with the letter "S" in the weigh in block. Any player weighing in as a striper can weigh as a non-striper the following week if they meet the weight requirements. There are NO STRIPERS in the Junior division.

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ARTICLE XIX ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- SECTION 1.** No player participating on a football team in any other organized program at any time during the current football season is eligible to play MYFC football while still participating in the other program. Players that try out for and/or play or practice on a football team in any other organized program must completely and wholly withdraw from participation or affiliation with the other organization before being permitted to register with a conference member. This must be completed before the conference dead line for certification each year. Allowance will be made for players in both Midget divisions and the Junior division who are cut by a school program.
- SECTION 2.** No player will be eligible to play in the Conference unless he/she meets all the following requirements:
- A. Is properly registered with a Conference member.
 - B. Is properly registered with the Conference.
 - C. Has been approved by the President of the Conference to play in the DIVISION, WHICH he/she participates.
 - D. Meets the age limitation of that division.
 - E. Weigh-in at the game site at the specified time and meets the weight limitation of that division.
 - F. Has and uses a full set of uniform and equipment which shall include all those items specified by the rules of the Conference relating to uniforms, equipment, and weigh-in.
 - G. Is in good standing and not on suspension.
- SECTION 3. AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER'S TEAM WILL FORFEIT ANY GAME IN THAT AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER PARTICIPATES.**
- SECTION 4. Any coach who allows a player to participate in a game knowing that the player is ineligible will be suspended from all conference activities for the remainder of the season.** If the coach is advised by the President of the Conference or someone in position of authority in the Conference that the player is ineligible he shall be suspended from participation in Conference activities for the remainder of the season.
- SECTION 5.** Any striker not recognized as a striker during the weigh in process and is discovered playing out of position will be considered an ineligible player (refer to Article XIX, Section 3). Any coach who knowingly allows a striker to play out of position during the game will be ejected from the game and suspended 2 weeks from all conference activities.
- SECTION 6. A PLAYER MUST BE PRESENT AT WEIGH-IN FOR AT LEAST HALF THE REGULAR SEASON GAMES TO PARTICIPATE IN POST SEASON.**

ARTICLE XX INJURED PLAYERS

- SECTION 1.** Any player injured in a game shall be removed from the game when in the judgment of the head official the player's health or safety is in jeopardy.
- SECTION 2.** Any player injured to the extent that he/she is taken to a doctor as a consequence of the injury, shall present to the Athletic Director of the Conference member (Park Assn.) concerned, a written statement from the doctor certifying that he/she is in condition to resume participation on the team before he/she can return to practice or play in a game.
- SECTION 3.** Each Conference member (Park Assn.) is required to have a complete Medical Kit in the concession stand or designated area.
- SECTION 4.** Each Conference member (Park Assn.) shall arrange to have a telephone or other emergency communications available if needed.

ARTICLE XXI IMPROPER CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- SECTION 1.** All officials of each Conference member (Park ASSN.), all coaches and assistant coaches, and other personnel associated with any team, and all players, are subject to the specific provisions of the **BY-LAWS** of the Conference relating to the suspension of officials, coaches and players, and disciplinary procedures of the same.
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- SECTION 2.** Any coach or park official who physically abuses or mishandles any player will be subject to disciplinary action by the Conference.
- SECTION 3.** No monetary compensation or gifts shall be given to any player.
PENALTY: IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION FROM THE CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE XXII SUBMISSION OF LIST OF OFFICIALS AND COACHES

- SECTION 1.** At the time prescribed by the President of the Board of Directors of the Conference each year, Conference members (Park ASSN.) shall submit to the Conference Board of Directors such information as is prescribed by the By-Laws of the Conference regarding officials, coaches, and other personnel.

ARTICLE XXIII PROTEST

- SECTION 1.** There shall be a protest committee composed of six, (6), members of the Conference Board of Directors. Directors of the members of the Conference concerned in the protest and any other director with a direct interest in the protest shall be excluded. The protest committee shall be authorized to consider and act upon protest made by a Conference member (Park ASSN.). This will be a standing committee. **THE PRESIDENT WILL APPOINT MEMBERS.**
- SECTION 2.** Protest on matters of judgment calls rendered by any game official will not be considered. Protest concerning matters of eligibility of players, Conference rule interpretations and applications will be considered.
- SECTION 3.** A TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR (\$25.00) FEE MUST ACCOMPANY ALL PROTESTS. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- SECTION 4.** Each protest shall be made in writing and submitted to the President of the Conference not later than forty-eight (48) hours after the completion of the game. The protest **must** be made known to one of the game officials handling the game **immediately**; opposing coach may be informed at anytime during or immediately following the completion of the game. Notification to the game official and to the coach must be that the game is being played under protest and in general the reason for the protest. The game official shall not be expected to act upon the protest, **although, HE MUST BE NOTIFIED.**
- SECTION 5.** Upon receiving written notice of the protest, the President of the Conference will, as soon as practical under the circumstances, call a meeting of the protest committee to consider the protest. The President of the Conference will gather information relating to the circumstances of the protest and shall submit such information to the protest committee at the time of its meeting. The protest committee may, if it so desires, hear from the coaches of the teams concerned in the protest and from anyone else who may have been present when the protest action took place, but it is not obligated to do so.
- SECTION 6.** The MYFC President shall appoint a Director for each Conference Play-off game. Any protest concerning rules (YOU CANNOT PROTEST officials' judgment CALLS) shall be resolved by that director on the spot prior to the next play in conference with opposing head coaches and game officials. No protest shall be allowed after the game ends and the game officials have departed the game site.

ARTICLE XXIV CONDUCT OF COACHES, EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS (REVISED: 3-8-17)

- SECTION 1.** Coaches shall be governed by the Rules of Conduct applied to coaches by the Alabama High School Athletic Assn. The following provisions in SECTION 2 through 4 of this Article shall also apply.
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- SECTION 2.** Coaches shall remain on the sidelines between the 25 yard lines and shall not go on the field during the course of the game. Coaches will be allowed on the field by the rules of the Conference or when he has authorization from the game official to be there. Coaches are also allowed on the field to assist an injured player.
THERE IS NO OTHER EXCUSE FOR BEING ON THE FIELD DURING A GAME.
- SECTION 3.** **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS (REVISED: 3-8-17)** OR Coaches shall not use foul, abuse, or profane language at any time in connection with any game, practice session, or any other Conference activity.
- SECTION 4.** No **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, BOARD OF DIRECTOR (REVISED: 3-8-17)** OR coach shall, during the course of any game, practice session, or any other Conference activity partake of any alcoholic beverage, narcotic, or hallucinogenic drugs. No coach shall come to any game, practice session, or other Conference activity while under the influence of the same, or while exhibiting any appearance of any influence of it.
- SECTION 5.** Only the head COACHES or the coach on the field with the team shall be allowed to discuss a call or a play situation with the referee.
- SECTION 6.** Application forms are required on all head coaches and assistant coaches by member parks, with a copy submitted to MYFC by certification date. The APPLICATION shall contain the statement **“coaches agree to abide by park and league rules”**. The application of all team coaches will be marked with the official certification stamp and will be displayed in the official player book for each team. The officials for the game will be instructed to verify that only coaches who have certified applications in the player book will be allowed to coach in the game. ONLY coaches that are certified for that age group/division will be allowed on the sidelines during that age group/division's game. Any coaches that coach multiple age groups/divisions will need to be certified in each. The officials will also be instructed not to start the game until only certified coaches are on the field. Any variance of this rule could result in FORFEITURE of the game.

ARTICLE XXV ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF BIRTH

- SECTION 1.** Documents acceptable to the Conference as proof of birth for Conference purposes shall be those as specified from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Conference.
- SECTION 2.** Any player born in Alabama must obtain a certified birth document. Any player born outside of the State of Alabama must have a birth document that is approved by a member of the Executive Committee of the Conference.

ARTICLE XXVI LEGAL LIABILITY

- SECTION 1.** Mobile Youth Football Conference, its Officers, Directors and Members, and the Officers, Directors, coaches, and personnel of its members assume no responsibility of liability for any injury to persons or damage to property occurring as a consequence of any activity of the Conference or any of its Conference members. All players, coaches, and other participants, participate in Conference activities at their own risk.
- SECTION 2.** Each **“COACH”** shall be a properly registered member of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA) or a conference administered certification program and shall attend the annual clinic as established by MYFC for the purpose of certification, youth understanding, and first aid. ****Cheerleader coaches and cheerleader coordinators of Conference members are to attend the annual NYSCA Clinic. Coaches who have obtained lifetime membership status in the NYSCA are not required to attend the annual clinic, but are required to produce current documentation of the renewed and current membership.

ARTICLE XXVII RESPONSIBILITIES

- SECTION 1.** The Officers and Directors of each Conference member (Park ASSN.) are responsible for insuring that all Conference By-Laws, Rules, Regulations are complied with. ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE PROMPTLY AND FULLY, and all others connected with their respective organization.
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- SECTION 2.** It is the responsibility of the Athletic Director of each Conference member (Park ASSN.) to submit official game information to the President of the Conference concerning each game played by each team of his association.
- SECTION 3.** It is the responsibility of the Conference member (Park ASSN.) whose park is used for Conference games, to see that weigh-in scales, down marker, chains, field marking equipment and supplies are available at the game site for all Conference games played at that park. They are also responsible to see that the field is properly marked for each Conference game scheduled at the park.
- SECTION 4.** It is the responsibility of the President of each Conference member (Park Assn.) to see that required documentary information, with regards to each of his/her teams and the players of each of his/her teams, is submitted to the Conference and in the manner prescribed by the Conference.
- SECTION 5.** It is the responsibility, jointly, of each head coach of each team and the Athletic Director of each Conference member (Park Assn.) to see that the playing equipment used by his/her players is of the proper type and size to provide maximum protection against injury.
- SECTION 6.** It is the responsibility of all coaches to be fully familiar with the playing rules of the Alabama High School Athletic Assn. (AHSAA), the official rules of the Mobile Youth Football Conference (MYFC), and the By-Laws of the MYFC. Additionally, it shall be the responsibility of each Conference member (Park ASSN.) to furnish each head coach with at least one (1) copy of the official rules of the MYFC and one (1) copy of the National Federation of High Schools rules under which AHSAA members participate. MYFC shall furnish these rulebooks to all Conference members (Park ASSNS.).
- SECTION 7.** It is the responsibility of the Officers of each Conference member (Park Assn.) to be familiar with the official rules of the Mobile Youth Football Conference and the By-Laws of the Mobile Youth Football Conference.
- SECTION 8.** The President of the Mobile Youth Football Conference shall host each year a clinic on first aid and youth understanding in sports. It is the responsibility of each park President and Athletic Director to see that all their coaches attend this clinic.
- SECTION 9.** It is the responsibility of the teams opposite the press box, or visiting team in the absence of a press box, to provide a competent chain crew. If a competent chain crew cannot be obtained, the HOME TEAM ON THE PRESS BOX SIDE OF THE PLAYING FIELD SHALL MAN THE CHAINS.
- SECTION 10.** It is the responsibility of the head coach of each team of each Conference member (Park ASSN.) to furnish a **NUMERICAL ROSTER OF PLAYERS** to the press box at each Conference game played.
- SECTION 11.** Each coach of each team of each Conference member (Park ASSN.) shall attend a mandatory rules meeting annually before being certified as a coach by the Conference. The meeting shall be held in such a manner as to afford each person attending at least three opportunities to participate. The meetings shall be conducted by the MYFC Vice-President (Rules).
- SECTION 12.** MYFC Executive Board strongly recommends all conference member's TEAM head coaches shall be responsible to insure that all players participate for three (3) plays in each half, per peanut, peewee and Tynymite "B" divisions; five (5) PLAYERS per half per Tynymite "A", Midget and Junior divisions, in all games played by that conference member team.
- NOTE: The Executive Committee of Mobile Youth Football Conference ask that all Conference members' team coaches strive for a goal to insure that all players participate in all games played by that Conference member team. This will give each child a feeling of responsibility and of being a part of the team.
- SECTION 13.** All member parks are responsible for all information and actions taken at conference meetings WHETHER they have a representative present or not.
- SECTION 14. PENALTIES:**
1. Written reprimand to park, and/or team.
 2. Depending on severity of infraction; suspension, monetary PENALTY (not to exceed \$100.00) and /or both.
 3. 3rd offense by any one (1) coach will result in immediate suspension.
 4. All PENALTIES and suspensions will be at the DISCRETION of the executive board of the MYFC.
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ARTICLE XXVIII EXPANSION PROGRAMS

- SECTION 1.** This article will apply to expansion programs within Mobile Youth Football Conference for their inaugural year only.
- SECTION 2.** A player transferring from one conference member park association to another must conform to all applicable transfer rules as set forth in Article VI.
- SECTION 3.** A player transferring from one conference member park association to another will be eligible for post season play if he/she transfers to an expansion program and the expansion program park is physically nearest his/her residence in relation to all other existing conference member parks.
- SECTION 4.** Proof that the player's residence is closer to the expansion park program than to any other existing conference member park association must be presented to the conference. If proof is acceptable then that player will be eligible for post season play.
- SECTION 5.** Mobile Youth Football Conference will establish a committee that will determine the area of eligibility for each expansion program.
- SECTION 6.** Mobile Youth Football places the burden of proof on the expansion member park association.
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By Laws 2017

MOBILE YOUTH FOOTBALL INCORPORATED AND MOBILE YOUTH CONFERENCE REVISED 2017

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation is Mobile Youth Football, Inc. The name of the football conference conducted by Mobile Youth Football, Inc. is Mobile Youth Football Conference.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives and purposes of the corporation and the conference are: to provide an organized recreational football program for the youth of the city of mobile and mobile county. A major emphasis is placed on fun and enjoyment for boys and girls interested in playing football and learning the skills of football. Other objectives will be to teach boy's and girl's football skills and techniques and to encourage, foster, and promote good sportsmanship and physical fitness through athletic endeavor.

ARTICLE III RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOBILE YOUTH FOOTBALL, INC., AND MOBILE YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

The legal name of the organization is Mobile Youth Football, Inc. and as an organization shall conduct its activities through the program known as Mobile Youth Football Conference. Membership in the Mobile Youth Football, Inc. also carries with its membership in the conference and vice versa. In a similar manner all officers of the corporation and the conference shall be referred to collectively in these by-laws as the conference.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

The conference shall be composed of such local parks, schools, community areas, or other organizations as may choose to affiliate with the conference and are permitted by the conference to do so under the terms of these by-laws and the article of incorporation of Mobile Youth Football, Inc.

ARTICLE V COUNCIL OF MEMBERS

DELETED BY AMENDMENT ON JANUARY 15, 1974.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Except as otherwise provided herein, the business and affairs of the conference shall be governed by a board of directors composed of persons selected as follows. (a) each member of the conference shall **designate** two (2) persons from its organization to serve as a member of the conference board of directors, and to be known as its current directors. (b) in addition to the current directors approved in (a) above, each year the board of directors shall select and designate certain persons to serve a term of office of one year as directors at large. The number of directors at large shall be such numbers, as the by-laws shall from time to time provide, but in no event is more than five (5). An effort will be made to include among the directors at large: a physician, one person in the field of education, and one person in field of athletics. All directors will be elected to serve a regular term of office of one year and there shall be no restrictions on the number of terms that a director may serve.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

The officers of the conference shall be as follows: president, who shall also be designated as chairman of the board of directors, two (2) vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, athletic director and cheerleader director, webmaster and immediate past president. The officers shall be referred to as the executive committee. The officers shall be elected by the board of directors, from among the members of the board of directors and shall be elected for a term of one year. Exception, secretary, webmaster and cheerleader director may be selected from any member park. The board of directors will approve the nominations. The president shall be elected at a special year end meeting in December by the then existing board and shall take office January 1. Upon his or her election, he/she shall automatically be reappointed as director at large for the next year. The two vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, athletic director, webmaster and cheerleader director shall be elected at the annual meeting in January, and shall take office upon election. These officers shall be referred to as the executive committee. **There shall be no more than 2 officers from the same Conference Member (park association) serving on the EXECUTIVE BOARD.** (REVISED: 3-8-17; Effective: 2018)

ARTICLE VIII VACANCIES IN OFFICE

A vacancy in the office of president during a term of office shall be filled by elevation of one of the vice presidents selected by the board of directors to the presidency for the remaining portion of the unexpired term. Any vacancies during a term of office of any other officer shall be filled by the board of directors by appointment from among the members of the board. A vacancy in the term of office of a director serving in accordance with the provisions of article VI hereof must be filled by elevation to that directorship of some other person selected by the conference member (park assn.) concerned. Exception: secretary and cheerleader director may be selected from any member park. The board of directors will approve nominations. A vacancy in the term of office of a director at large shall be filled by the selection and designation of a replacement by the board of directors.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

The board of directors shall meet in regular meetings at a date, time, and place determined by the board of directors. The board of directors shall meet in special meetings at any time upon the call of the president or any other officer acting with authority in the absence of the president. In addition to the regular and special meetings referred to above, the board of directors shall meet in annual meetings in January of each year. The latest revision of *Roberts's rules of order* shall be the governing parliamentary procedure in all conference and special meeting held by officers of the conference. Notice of the date, time and place of meetings shall be given to each conference member park. Each member of the executive board shall have a vote. The president shall only vote in the event of a tie. Each of the conference member parks shall have a vote for each member that is present or by written proxy. One voting proxy will be allowed per park as long as one voting member is in attendance at the meeting in which the voting is taking place. **A written proxy from the voting member who is absent must be present for the records before voting takes place. Proxies are to be turned in at the beginning of the meeting.**

No MYFC Executive Officer member should not miss more than two consecutive scheduled meetings.

Each member park will be allowed to appoint two alternate members for voting purposes, in addition to their two primary members. Two voting members are required at all regularly scheduled meetings. In the event a member park does not have two voting representatives present, they will be issued a written reprimand. Upon the ~~second~~ first offense the park will be fined ~~\$50.00~~ \$100.00, (The fine should be paid prior to the next scheduled conference meeting), Upon the second offence the park will lose conference voting privileges, and be required to attend two consecutive conference meetings to regain voting privileges. Voting privileges will be reinstated at third meeting. (The park will forfeit all regularly scheduled and post season games until the fine is paid)

The Board of Directors (Primary or Alternate voters) will be the ONLY persons allowed to speak on issues during a Conference Meeting. Any other individual may speak on issues only when granted permission to Do so by the Executive Board.

The Secretary will produce an agenda, which will be strictly adhered to during all regular Conference Meeting. Any additions to the agenda must be submitted by email to the Secretary By 6 pm, two (2) days prior to the meeting to guarantee inclusion. All approved outside Speakers must be listed on the agenda.

No motions shall be entertained other than those arising from discussion of agenda business.

Motion/Discussion Process: When the board is going to discuss an issue that may require a Motion, the following process will be used:

- a) A Board of Directors (Primary /Alternate Voter)/Executive Board Member will make a motion.
- b) The motion then must be seconded A Board of Directors (Primary /Alternate Voter)/Executive Board member
- c) The discussion phase will be conducted in the following format:

(i) Each Board of Director's Representative will be granted an opportunity to speak to the issue in order by Utilizing the voting roll call order and then a second time using the same order so that Each Conference Member may respond to comments offered during the first round of discussion. At the discretion of the Executive Board, the second round of discussion may be limited to only those members with additional statements to make. A voting Conference Member may defer either or both the first and second round of discussion to their alternate, if desired. Only Primary or Alternate Voter will participate in discussion on behalf of any Conference Member. The Executive Board must grant non-voters permission To participate in discussion, unless neither the Conference Primary nor Alternate Voter is Present.

(ii) Board of Directors /Executive Board Members will be allotted 3 minutes maximum to speak during each opportunity. Board of Directors may defer some or all of their allotted time to another member, in order to extend that members time. (This is not intended to allow additional opportunities to speak, it is only intended to extend their time during their two opportunities).

(iii) Executive Board Members who have not already had an opportunity to speak will be offered an opportunity to speak to the issue after the Conference Member discussion has concluded. (3 minute maximum will apply).

NOTE: The Vice President will keep the time and will notify the Speaker when their time is up. Any member not adhering to the time limit after being advised will be removed from the meeting.

Any outbursts or disrespectful behavior during a Conference Meeting will result in the party or parties being immediately removed from the meeting at the request of the executive board, for the duration of the meeting.

Any member not leaving after requested to do so shall be fined \$25.00 for every five minutes from the time asked to leave. Party or Parties removed and fined will not be allowed to attend further meetings until fine is paid. (revised 3-8-17)

ARTICLE X ANNUAL MEETING

At its annual meeting the board of directors shall elect its officers to serve for the year except the president who shall have been elected at the special year-end meeting in December. Receive and hear reports of retiring officers and any out standing committee reports; organize and appoint committees for the year, and conduct other such business as may be desirable. The president shall appoint all committees. Participation on committees shall not be restricted to members of the board of directors.

ARTICLE XI TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office of all members of the board of directors and all officers shall be for a term of one year, or so much of as remains at the time of their election. A term will begin upon the date of the annual meeting and continuing until the election or certification of their successors upon the date of the next annual meeting or as soon thereafter as possible. The term of office of the president shall begin upon his election and end when his successor has been elected.

ARTICLE XII QUORUM FOR TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

At any meeting of the board of directors there must be a quorum present in person. A written proxy submitted to a member of the executive committee for authorization from an absent board member shall be accepted for the purpose of transacting business. A quorum shall consist of not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of those persons actively engaged in the duties of their office at the time. Except as may be provided by these by laws from time to time, any matters requiring a vote of the board of directors or any committee or subcommittee thereof, shall be carried by simple majority vote.

ARTICLE XIII

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

~~Additional members may be admitted to the conference upon the basis of written application submitted to the board of directors and approved by three-fourths, (3/4), majority vote of the members present. Any such application for membership may be presented to the board of directors by any officer of the organization at any regular meeting of the board of directors. The president shall refer the application to the standing committee on membership that shall investigate the application and render a report of its investigation at the next regular meeting of the board of directors. The application shall be submitted to the board of directors for a vote. No organization shall be admitted into membership unless the board of directors shall determine that it is a stable organization with sound leadership and a satisfactory structure, financial and otherwise. The organization must meet all of the obligations of membership, have acceptable coaches and show that their admission will be in the best interest of the conference.~~

No conference member shall be added to MYFC unless assurance is given that the organization under consideration for conference membership can field at least four (4) teams on an annual basis. Beginning with the 1991 season, any conference member failing to field four, (4), teams for two (2) consecutive seasons shall be terminated as a conference member. Any conference member failing to field four (4) teams in any season shall have its teams designated as traveling teams with no home games scheduled at the conference member's home park. Any conference member's membership can be terminated for sufficient cause by a three-fourth (3/4) vote of conference members excluding the conference member or members under consideration for termination of membership.

Additional members may be admitted to the conference upon the basis of written application submitted to the board of directors and approved by three-fourths, (3/4), majority vote of the members present. Any such application for membership may be presented to the board of directors by any officer of the organization at any regular meeting of the board of directors **during the months of May-October. The said application for membership will be considered for the next season rather than the current season the application is submitted during.** (revised: 3-8-17)

The president shall refer the application to the standing committee on membership that shall investigate the application and render a report of its investigation at the next regular meeting of the board of directors. The application shall be submitted to the board of directors for a vote. No organization shall be admitted into membership unless the board of directors shall determine that it is a stable organization with sound leadership and a satisfactory structure, financial and otherwise. The organization must meet all of the obligations of membership, have acceptable coaches and show that their admission will be in the best interest of the conference.

No conference member shall be added to MYFC unless assurance is given that the organization under consideration for conference membership can field at least four (4) teams on an annual basis **and the conference member has an established park location that is considered their home park in order to host games. Any said organization that is already a participating conference member without a home park (LGY, Prichard, and Toulminville) will be "grandfathered" in, but will be required to meet all other qualifications and adhere to all other circumstances of membership.** (revised: 3-8-17)

Beginning with the 1991 season, any conference member failing to field four, (4), teams for two (2) consecutive seasons shall be terminated as a conference member. **Any conference member that is already part of the conference that does not meet this qualification (Mims) will be "grandfathered" in, but will be required to meet all other qualifications and adhere to all other circumstances of membership.** (revised: 3-8-17) Any conference member failing to field four (4) teams in any season shall have its teams designated as traveling teams with no home games scheduled at the conference member's home park. Any conference member's membership can be terminated for sufficient cause by a three-fourth (3/4) vote of conference members excluding the conference member or members under consideration for termination of membership.

ARTICLE XIV

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers of the conference (except the president) shall, as provided for by article vii, be elected by the board of directors. The officers will be selected from among the members of the board of directors. The elections will take place at the annual meeting of the board. The election shall be held on the basis of the report of a nominating committee appointed by the president and nominations

from the floor. The newly elected officers shall take office immediately upon election. The president shall, as provided by article vii, be elected at a special year-end meeting in December and shall take office upon his/hers election.

ARTICLE XV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: the president shall also be designated as chairman of the board of directors, and shall be the chief executive officer of the conference. He shall preside at all meetings of the conference board of directors and be an ex-officio member of all committees. He shall take the initiative in directing the business and affairs of the conference and shall carry out the duly expressed directions of the board of directors.

VICE PRESIDENT: on a rotating basis, preside in the absence of the president. One of the vice president, designated by the president, shall serve as chairman of conference publicity. The other vice president shall serve as chairman of a committee on bylaws, rules and regulations. Both vice presidents shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to them by the president or the board of directors.

SECRETARY: the secretary shall keep minutes of all of the meetings of the board of directors and when directed by the president to do so of any meeting of the various committees. He/she shall at each preceding meeting of the board of directors read the minutes of the preceding meeting and if directed to do so shall furnish to each member of the body concerned a written copy of the minutes of the preceding. He/she shall keep a list of all committees, and articles of incorporation of the conference. He/she shall call the roll at each meeting of the board of directors and keep appropriate records with regard thereto. He/she shall issue notices of all meetings. He/she shall perform such other duties as directors.

TREASURER: the treasurer shall receive all moneys of the conference, keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures and shall pay out funds as authorized and directed by the board of directors. He/she shall present a financial report at every regular meeting of the board of directors and shall make a complete financial report for the proceeding year at each annual meeting. He/she shall deposit the funds of the conference in a bank approved by the board and perform duties as assigned by the president of the board.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: the athletic director shall be responsible for all forms required by the conference that involve the registration and certification of conference member teams. The athletic director shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the president or board of directors.

CHEERLEADER DIRECTOR: the cheerleader director shall be responsible for all forms required by the conference that involve registration of conference member cheerleader squads. The cheerleader director shall be responsible for all matters concerning conference member cheerleaders. The cheerleader director shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to her by president or board of directors.

WEBMASTER: provide the conference, under direction from the board of directors, a presence on the internet to be used for communications with the conference as a whole. The Webmaster shall also perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the president or board of directors.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: assist the board of directors and the president in an orderly transition from the past administration to current administration.

ARTICLE XVI FINANCIAL

At the regular meeting of the board of directors for the month of February each year the president with the assistance of the treasurer and other officers of the conference shall submit to the board of directors for its adoption a proposed financial budget for the year. Thereafter, revised budgets may be presented and adopted as necessary. Any expenditure included within the provisions of the operational budget or any revision thereof shall be promptly made without further action of the board of directors. Any expenditure not included within an approved budget but not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00) maybe made by the president or upon his direction. Any such expenditure exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00) must have specific approval of the board of directors. All checks drawn against the account of the conference are required to have the signature of at least two executive board members. The conference is a non-profit corporation under the laws of Alabama. All the funds and assets of the corporation together with the earnings thereof and income realized thereon shall be exclusively devoted to the objects and purposes of the conference. No director, officer or other member of the conference shall receive or be entitled to receive under any circumstances any pecuniary benefit from the operation or liquidation of the conference. No person, officer, or member of the board of directors may purchase on credit in the

name of the conference unless such purchase has been approved by the president. The president may approve the purchase if the amount is less than two hundred (\$200.00) or the board of directors shall approve the purchase if the amount of the purchase is in excess of that amount.

ARTICLE XVII-A RULES AND REGULATIONS

The board of directors shall adopt appropriate by-laws, rules and regulations governing the operation of the conference. This will include but is not limited to rules having to do with team composition, age/weight, divisional structure, playing fields and playing rules. The conference is also responsible for time, schedules, eligibility and ineligibility of players, injured players, protest, uniforms and equipment. The conference shall govern game cancellations, forfeits, standard formations, boundaries, home team responsibilities and disciplinary procedures as to coaches, players and other persons. Post season games, all other matters in the nature of playing rules, and all other matters of interest to the conference will be governed by the conference. No rules or regulations shall be added, amended or adopted for the current playing season after acceptance of the rules by the board of directors. The rulebook will then be published. Any rules changes will be carried to the next playing season.

ARTICLE XVII-B PLAYING DIVISIONS

The board of directors shall adopt a structure for the conference setting up playing divisions based on maximum allowable weight, maximum allowable age, and other such factors, if any, as may from time to time be considered appropriate. Once a structure of playing divisions has been adopted by the board of directors it shall remain the same, (without creation of additional divisions and without changes in weight, age, or any other factor of existing divisions), from year to year. The board of directors can make changes to the existing playing division structure in the following way:

- A. By two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present at any meeting of the board during the month of February.
- B. By three fourths (3/4) majority of the entire membership of the board or before publication of the rulebook, whichever comes first, during the months of March, April, May, the board can at any time establish, in the manner provided elsewhere in these by-laws and duly adopted rules or regulations of the conference, a team and b team subdivisions within any playing division.

ARTICLE XVII-C PLACEMENT OF TEAMS INTO DIVISIONS, SUBDIVISIONS, AND SECTIONS

The placement of team into age/weight playing divisions and "A" team and "B" team subdivisions shall be made by the board of directors each year. Any age weight division of the conference can be divided into "A" team and "B" team subdivisions if in the judgment of the board such action is in the best interest of the conference. This dividing into "A" team and "B" team subdivisions can be done at any time prior to the opening game of the year. If a conference member has two teams in a playing division, one such team shall be placed in the "A" team subdivision. The remaining team shall be placed in the "B" team subdivision if there is "B" team subdivision. If a conference member has three or more teams in a playing division, one team shall be placed in the "A" team subdivision. The remaining such teams shall be placed in the "B" team subdivision if there is a "B" subdivision. If a conference member has a single team in a playing division, that team shall be placed in the "A" team subdivision. **Exception:** such a team shall, at the option of the conference, be placed in the "B" team subdivision if the conference member also had only one team in that playing division the previous year and that team did not win a conference game (for purposes of this by-law section the award of a game by forfeit is not considered as a game won). No team can be moved from subdivision to another subdivision after the opening day of the season.

ARTICLE XVII-D TEAM SIZE LIMITATION

In order to encourage participation, the number of players permitted on each team shall be not more than thirty (30). No conference member shall submit a team roster containing more than thirty, (30), players and the conference shall not accept nor certify a team roster with more than thirty, (30), players. No team with more than thirty, (30), players shall be permitted to play in any conference game or participates in any conference activity.

ARTICLE XVIII AMENDMENTS

The board of directors may amend the by-laws by a two-third, (2/3), majority vote of those present at any meeting of the board of directors at which there is a quorum present. Due notice must be given to each conference member. Written notice of the proposed amendment must be given to each member of the board of directors by depositing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to him/her at his address as shown by the records of the conference. This must be done not less than five (5) days in advance of the meeting at which such action is taken or during the February meeting assigned for consideration of changes to by-laws, rules, and regulations of which due notice is given by the secretary. These bylaws may also be amended by a three-fourth, (3/4), majority of the entire board at any regular meeting with or without notice. No amendments to the by-laws will be allowed after acceptance of the by-laws or after the rulebook goes to publication.

ARTICLE XIX SUBMISSION OF LIST OF OFFICIALS AND COACHES

At a time designated by the president or the board of directors at least ten (10) days prior to the first regularly scheduled game of the conference season each year, each conference member shall submit to the board of directors a complete list of officers. The name, specific capacity, address and telephone number of the officers, directors and other officials of its organization will be submitted. Every coach connected with its organization will be submitted. The term coach shall include: coaches, managers, trainers, and every other person by whatever name called who will work directly with teams and players in any way. Anyone not holding such a position at the time original lists are submitted but subsequently undertakes any such position shall be submitted to the conference on a supplemental list immediately upon undertaking any such position. No conference member shall permit the participation of any person in its activities or in conference activities unless the requirements of this article are met with regard to such person. Upon violation of or noncompliance with the requirements of this article the conference member concerned shall be assessed the penalty by Section (2) of Article XXI. Each member park will provide in the official player book a certified copy of the head coach's application and all assistant coach's applications. The game officials prior to each game will review these documents.

ARTICLE XX SUSPENSION OF OFFICIALS, COACHES AND PLAYERS

1. Any official of any member of the conference, any coach (as coach is defined in article xix), and any player whose conduct in connection with any conference activity is thought to be unsportsmanlike, ungentlemanly/unladylike, unbecoming, or in violation of the letter or the spirit of these by-laws, rules and regulations of the conference, and any such person who use profanity in public in connection with any conference activity, shall, upon reliable report thereof from a conference board member to the president or the board of directors, be directed to submit to the executive committee and within a specific time a written explanation of his/her conduct. If he/she fails to submit a written explanation within the time directed such person shall be automatically suspended for two (2) weeks without further action by the executive committee and by majority vote of the board of directors he/she may be suspended for such additional length of time as the board of directors may direct. If written explanation is submitted within the time required the said explanation along with all other available reports, written or verbal, of the occurrence shall be taken under consideration by the executive committee, and by majority vote the board of directors may order suspension for such length of time as it deems appropriate, if any.
 2. Any official or any conference member, any coach (as coach is defined in article xix) who strikes a game official, or who makes physical contact with a game official in a rough or angry manner, or who by word or action threatens a game official with harm, shall upon reliable report and verification by the board of directors, shall be automatically suspended from all conference activities for **life**. Any player who strikes a game official, or who makes physical contact with a game official in a rough or angry manner, or who by word or action threatens a game official with harm, upon reliable report and verification by the board of directors, shall be automatically suspended from all conference activities for **the remainder of the season**. Any official, coach or player who unreasonably refuses to comply with the command of a game official given in connection with any conference activity shall upon reliable report and verification, be automatically suspended for one (1) week without further action by the board of directors. In each case the suspended person shall be directed to submit to the executive committee a written explanation of his/her actions and the board, upon consideration of his/her explanation. If any and all other available information may, by majority vote extend or reduce the suspension for such time as the board deems appropriate, or void the suspension entirely.
 3. Any official of any conference member, any coach (as coach is defined in Article XIX) or any player who is suspended (and such suspension was not subsequently voided) on two such occasions in any one (1) conference year (July 1 through June 30) shall be automatically barred from participation in the conference activities for the remainder of the conference year.
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4. Any official of any conference member, any coach (as coach is defined in article xix) or any player who is suspended (and such suspension is not subsequently voided) on three occasions shall be automatically barred from participation in conference activities for life, subject only to reinstatement by unanimous vote of all members of the board of directors approving a written request for reinstatement, and which reinstatement shall be automatically canceled upon any subsequent suspension that is now thereafter voided.
5. **Any player, who is ejected from a game ANY reason, shall be suspended from participation in his teams next regularly scheduled game.**
6. **Any coach ejected from a game for ANY reason shall be suspended from participation in all conference activities, on the week of their team's next MYFC scheduled game.**
7. **Any coach ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct that involves the use of profanity or indecent gestures shall be suspended from participation in all conference activities for two weeks.**
8. The executive committee may require that charges of rule violations be presented in written, signed, notarized form. Any person knowingly and willfully bringing false charges against any other conference member (park assn.), coach, official, officer or anyone associated with the conference shall be subject to a maximum of three, (3) years suspension from all conference activity.

**ARTICLE XXI
PERSONS UNDER SUSPENSION OR BARRED FROM
PARTICIPATION**

A person under suspension or barred from participation must not participate in any way, directly or indirectly, in any conference activity or any conference member during the term of the suspension or bar.

Any conference member that allows (or fails to take every reasonable step to prevent) any official, coach (as coach is defined in Article XIX) or player under suspension or bar to participate in any way, directly or indirectly, in any conference activity or any activity of the conference member with knowledge, actual or constructive, that the suspension or bar exist, shall upon first violation of this rule in any conference year (July 1 through June 30) the conference member concerned shall be assessed and shall pay to the conference a cash penalty of five hundred dollars, (\$500.00). If any cash penalty assessed remains unpaid ten (10) days after written notice of assessment thereof have been given to the conference member concerned then from that date forward, all games scheduled for the teams of that conference member shall be automatically forfeited until the cash penalty has been paid.

Written notice of every suspension and bar shall be given as soon as possible to the person concerned, the conference member concerned and every other conference member, by written notice & certified mailed to each such person and conference member at his/her last address according to conference records.

Cheerleading Rules and Addendums 2017

**MOBILE YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
CHEERLEADING
ADDENDUM TO MOBILE YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
RULES AND BY-LAWS**

1. Article XIII Playing Rules

Section 22. The only non-players allowed outside the team box on the sidelines are three coaches, the chain crew, cheerleader coaches, and cheerleaders. All other certified coaches will remain in the team box. These non-players shall only be allowed outside the team box provided they do not interfere in any way with the playing of the game. Keeping unauthorized non-players behind the restraining ropes or markers is the responsibility of the member parks. The penalties will be assessed against the head coach. The penalty for violations: first offense- warning, second offense- 5 yards, subsequent offenses- 15 yards.

NOTE: Cheerleader coaches, cheerleaders, and the chain crew are not allowed to enter the team box. The three coaches allowed outside the team box are to remain between the thirty yard lines and are allowed in the two yard belt between the front of the team box and the sideline marker only.

RESOLUTIONS

- R1. Mobile Youth Football Cheerleading Rules govern all participants cheering for any Mobile Youth Football Team. Mobile Youth Football provides an opportunity to cheer in an organized, supervised, safety-orientated manner, emphasizing fun for all and encourages the development of qualities important long after cheering days. MYFC Cheerleading should never lose sight of the fact that the program is for the youth of the community and was established for this purpose.
- R2. Mobile Youth Football Conference rules take precedence over rules set forth by the individual associations except where allowed in the following rules.
- R3. The Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading rules are set forth as part of the Mobile Youth Football Conference Corporation. The Mobile Youth Football Conference rules and by laws shall be an integral part of the Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading Rules and shall be used in conjunction with each other.
- R4. Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading is primarily established to promote cheer, spirit and team support at all preseason, regular season and post season games.
- R5. Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading is secondarily established to prepare and enter into competition at the end of the regular season.

ORGANIZATION

- O1. **Team Level**
 - O1A. The cheerleading coach or applicable title of each team must be at least 18 years of age, hold a NYSCA certification for cheerleading and attend 1 rules clinic per person.
 - O1B. A high school age instructor or applicable title may be used to teach cheers. However, the individual, as well as the squad, shall be under the direct authority and supervision of the adult cheerleading coaches specified in Rule O1A. The minimum age allowed for a junior coach is fifteen ~~(15)~~ (14) (Revised: 3-8-17) except for girls who are middle school cheerleaders and are therefore ineligible to cheer at the park level. Junior coaches are required to attend all rules clinics required of adult coaches.
 - O1C. Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading instructors may not receive pay or any other type of benefits or compensation.
 - O1D. No coach, sponsor or applicable title may represent more than one park association.
 - O2. **Association Level**
 - O2A. Each association shall have a cheerleading director to whom all team cheerleading personnel report. The Associations Board of Directors appoints or elects their director of cheerleading.
 - O2B. Each Association shall have a cheerleading committee that is appointed by the Park Administration.
 - O2C. Each MYFC Association shall have its cheerleading director or designated alternate attend at all MYFC Cheer meetings (Revised: 3-8-17). A written reprimand/warning will be issued after missing the 1st meeting. All other meetings thereafter the park will be responsible to pay a \$50.00 fine for each meeting missed.
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- O2D.** All Mobile Youth Football Conference Associations participating in post season games shall have their respective cheer teams present for all practices and games. Girls must participate in post season games to be eligible to participate in the Division 1 Championship and Youth Bowl games. Only girls who are certified for the division playing will be eligible cheerleading squads who to receive an award. ~~Participate at the youth bowl will receive youth bowl trophies. There shall be no exception to this requirement.~~
- O2E.** All Cheerleading Directors shall abide by all of the Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading rules and regulations.
- O3.** **Mobile Youth Football Conference Level**
- O3A.** Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading shall have a Cheerleader Director who is a voting member of equal status on the Mobile Youth Football Conference Executive Board. Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading shall also have a Competition Director.
- O3B.** The Cheerleading director as defined in O3A shall chair all Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading meetings.
- O3C.** Only Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading representatives, alternates or invited guests (by the Cheer Director) shall attend the Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading meetings.
- O3D.** Any Mobile Youth Football Conference Association breaking Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading rules shall be subject to a fine to be determined by the Mobile Youth Football Conference Board of Directors. Other disciplinary action as established in the Mobile Youth Football Conference by-laws shall be followed.
- O3E.** All rules pertaining to cheerleading will be voted on and approved by two third, (2/3) majority votes, at the Annual MYFC Rules meeting in March at which a quorum is present.

RULES

R1. Formation of Cheerleading Squads

- R1A.** Every Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading Association shall have the right to determine its own method of forming Cheerleading Squads for regular and post season games.
- R1D.** Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading will not hold Try-Outs. Any Park belonging to the Mobile Youth Football Conference shall not hold try-outs for regular season or competition teams. Try-outs or any form of placement based on talent-level that results in the formulation of a competition squad will be subjected to disqualification of the same for the current season's competition.
- R1E.** Mobile Youth Football Conference strictly forbids the recruiting of cheerleaders or cheerleader coaches for other Mobile Youth Football Conference associations as prescribed in the Mobile Youth Football Conference rules. Disciplinary actions will parallel Mobile Youth Football Conference.

R2. Registration

- R2A.** Parental Consent: A Mobile Youth Football Conference registration form completely filled out and signed by the parent or legal guardian.
- R2B.** Proof of Age: A birth document that is approved for use by the Mobile Youth Football Conference must be submitted at registration.
- R2C.** Registration Fee: Each Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading association will establish their individual fees and inform the parents of the use of these fees upon registration.
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- R2D.** Any participant making who is participating on an active roster in football or cheerleading at his/her school cannot cheer or play for Mobile Youth Football Conference associations. MYFC cheerleaders may participate in competitive Cheerleading squads at private gyms.
- R2E.** Transfers: Any participant transferring from one conference member to another must have a transfer form completed and certified. All transfers will be certified on the team declaration Sunday. There will be no exceptions to this rule. All transfers are ineligible for post season activity with the exception of junior cheerleaders whose park doesn't have a team or cheerleaders from a park that had no competition squads the prior year.
- R2F.** Any cheerleader that transfers from a Non-MYFC conference park will be allowed to compete in pre-season, regular season, and post-season games including youth bowl and cheer competition.

R3. Certification (Regular Season squad)

- R3A.** There shall be certification of all Cheerleaders on each squad by the Mobile Youth Football Conference. Certification shall be in parallel with the Mobile Youth Football Conference certification. All certification practices, policies, dates and times for the Mobile Youth Football Conference Association shall apply to the associated Cheerleading program.
- R3B.** Each Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading squad must maintain a certification book as prescribed by the rules governing Mobile Youth Football Conference.
- R3C.** Each Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading coach shall have the certification book in her possession for all Mobile Youth Football Conference activities. There shall be no exception to this requirement. If the coach does not have the certification book in her possession, the squad will not be allowed to cheer.
- R3D.** The signing of the certification books will take place at the weigh in scale fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled game time. A host park board member will be at the scale to assist with the signing of the books. Should a member park not have a cheer squad present the host park board member will be responsible for signing the book. Any cheerleader not cheering the entire game will be counted absent. Once the book has been signed it will be up to the Cheer Coach to ensure the girls participate all four quarters. If the girl does not participate all four quarters the cheer coach should contact the MYFC Cheer Director to have the book corrected. No cheerleader will be allowed to be signed in unless she is present and ready at a point in time of not more than TEN (10) minutes from the beginning of scheduled game. The player will be allowed to be signed in if for some reason the beginning of the game has been delayed and the player arrives before the signing of the books has otherwise been completed. Cheer Directors will collect all books after the last regular season game. There will be no exception to this rule.
- R3E.** If there is no opposing cheerleading squad, an Executive Officer or coach from the opposing team should sign the certification book.

R5. Ages

- R5A.** The ages of all cheerleaders in the program shall correspond to the ages and cut-off date set by Mobile Youth Football Conference.
- R5B.** Cheerleaders must be at least 4 years old on or before August 31st and less than 14 years old before August 31st of the current year. NO EXCEPTIONS!

R6. Squad Size

- R6A.** No more than 20 participants are allowed per each Saturday game squad.

R7. Safety

- R7A.** Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading shall follow the Mobile County Public High School Football Cheerleading rules.
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- R7B.** Mobile Youth Football Conference cheerleaders shall not build above ground formations and shall be ground bound. IN ADDITION, CHEERLEADERS' FEET MAY NOT LEAVE THE GROUND WHILE IN CONTACT WITH ANOTHER CHEERLEADER.
- R7C.** Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading shall permit all tumbling routines.
- R7D.** Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading shall follow all Mobile Youth Football Conference rules governing general safety.
- R8. Mascots**
- R8A.** All Mobile Youth Conference Cheerleading mascots must be certified according to their age. Mascots age 4-14-13 must be certified as a MYFC cheerleader. Mascots age 14-14 and older must be certified as a MYFC cheerleading coach and attend all required clinics for the season. Mascots will NOT be allowed to compete in MYFC Cheerleading Competition.
- R9. Practice**
- R9A.** Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading shall not allow pre-season practice prior to the first official date of football practice, as set by the Mobile Youth Football Conference in the annual calendar.
- R9B.** At least 10 minutes of warm-up exercises shall be included prior to the cheerleading practices, games and competition.
- R9C.** Cheerleading practice shall not exceed twelve hours per week before the start of the school year and six hours per week after the start of the school year. A week is considered 7 consecutive calendar days Monday through Sunday.
- R9D.** Additional practice time will be allowed 2 weeks before the Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading Competition. This shall not exceed two (2) additional hours.
- R9E.** Mobile Youth Football Conference cheer teams shall practice for the entire season, which includes preparation for post season games, Play Off Games, Youth Bowl and Division 1 championship Games.
- R9F.** The Mobile Youth Football Conference Park Associations shall establish practice locations. It is recommended that practices be held at the park association's facility.
- R10. Camp**
- R10A.** No Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading Association or personnel associated there with shall require a Mobile Youth Football Cheerleading squad in whole, with or without, coaches to attend a cheerleading camp. There shall be no exceptions.
- R10B.** The term "camp" shall be defined as meaning one or more training sessions provided by an "outside organization" and all camps must be advertised to all MYFC parks through the MYFC web site.
- R11. Park Courtesy**
- R11A.** Opposing squads cheering within twenty yards or less of each other will alternate cheering/chanting throughout the game.
- R11B.** During inclement weather, each Park Association will follow the AHSAA rule in regards to playing. Should it be deemed necessary to cancel a game(s), the girls must participate in the makeup game or she will be counted absent (unexcused) for that game. Each Park Association will have the option not to participate in inclement weather preferably playing games in the rain. However, if you choose not to participate, the cheerleader will be marked as "OUT".
- R11C.** There will be no offensive or insulting cheers or chants performed at any time during MYFC football activities. This includes, but may not be limited to any language, body motions, etc. that may appear intimidating to the crowd or visiting team. This rule shall be strictly enforced.
- R11D.** Mobile Youth Football Conference does not allow spirit wars of any fashion.
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- R11E.** If any coach, sponsor, or representative observes a cheerleader conducting herself in a questionable manner, it shall be that person's obligation to notify Mobile Youth Football Conference Board of Directors.
- R11F.** All routines shall be in good taste. No vulgar lyrics or lyrics that imply vulgarity shall be permitted. Words to cheers must be in good sportsmanship, not offensive or intimidating. If questionable, the Mobile Youth Football Conference President and /or Board of directors shall make the final decision. Should this occur during competition, said squad may be disqualified from competition and may result in further disciplinary action for both the squad and the Park Association.
- R12. Competition**
- R12A.** All Mobile Youth Football Park Association cheer teams are encouraged to participate in the Annual Cheerleading Competition.
- R12B.** Any child not desiring to participate in competition shall notify the coach no later than the certification date as set forth by Mobile Youth Football Conference.
- R12C.** Each Mobile Youth Football Conference Association shall send two (2) park members to help with competition or that Association will be fined \$100.00. This rule applies to all Associations with or without Cheerleading Squads. Any Association with certified cheerleaders during regular season that chooses not to participate in cheer competition will still be required to pay (\$50 judges) (\$100 sponsor) as well as (\$150 non participant fee).
- R12D.** Cheerleaders must be at least 4 years old on or before August 31st and less than 14 years old before September 1st of the current year. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- R12E.** There shall be certification of all Cheerleader Competition squads by the Mobile Youth Football Conference. Certification shall be in parallel with the Mobile Youth Football Conference certification. All certification practices, policies, dates and times for the Mobile Youth Football Conference Association shall apply to the associated Cheerleading program. The roster will be placed in a book for Competition, which will have each Certified Cheer page from the regular season squad inserted in the book for inspection at competition.
- R12F.** Each Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading Competition team must maintain a certification Roster as prescribed by the rules governing Mobile Youth Football Conference.
- R12G.** Each Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading coach shall have the certification roster in her possession for all Mobile Youth Football Conference regular season games. There shall be no exception to this requirement.
- R12H.** For competition purposes only: Each age division will be further broken down into the following divisions: There will be a small squad division (2-10 girls) and a large division (11-20 girls).
- R12I.** Cheerleading Squads for competition shall have the following age structure:
- Peanut Ages 4 & 5**
PeeWee Ages 6 & 7
Tiny-Mite Ages 8 & 9
Midget Ages 10 & 11
Junior Ages 12 & 13
- Regular season squad age divisions will not be affected and will continue to be at the discretion of the Association's Cheerleading Director or Executive Board.
- A Member Park may request in writing permission for one (1) cheerleader to move up **ONE** age Division **ONLY** if the cheerleader will not be able to compete in the age Division she belongs in. This move must be approved by the Mobile Youth Football Conference Executive Committee and shall be answered in writing. Should there be one (1) girl age twelve (12) or thirteen (13) she will be allowed to cheer down. There shall be no exception to this requirement.
- R12J.** Any child missing more than two (2) of their regular season games and/or any child missing more than 25 % of the scheduled competition practices from the start date of scheduled practice to current date at the time in question shall
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not be allowed to perform at competition. Any prior competition fees paid will be forfeited by participant. A daily attendance roll for all participating members of each squad should be maintained so that it is available for presentation in the event any cheerleader is in violation of this rule. The record should not be prepared in whole for the purpose of this disciplinary action.

- R12K.** Additional practice time will be allowed 2 weeks before the Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading Competition. This shall not exceed two (2) additional hours.
- R12L.** All Mobile Youth Football Conference Association Cheerleading fees will be paid to Mobile Youth Football Conference. Fees shall be submitted to the Mobile Youth Football Conference in the form of a park check from the individual Association general fund. Checks should be made out for the full amount due for either registration fees or competition fees. No individual checks shall be accepted. Fees will be due 2 weeks prior to the competition date as set forth in the Mobile Youth Football Conference annual calendar.
- R12M.** Competition among squads shall be limited to squads from the same division of play competing against one another.
- R12N.** No Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading squad may engage in more than one competition per week. Said competition shall count as one practice for the week.
- R12O.** Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading shall charge an admission to the event. All parents must be notified in advance. Mobile Youth Football Conference cheerleaders and football players will be allowed admission free of charge. In addition, ALL children 14 and under will be free of charge to the MYFC Cheer Competition. Adult admission will require a reasonable entry fee to the event.
- R12P.** Competition judges desiring to judge a MYFC competition will be interviewed by the MYFC Cheer Director committee. Competition judges will be qualified, professional, or collegiate level cheerleaders. A meeting will be arranged for said judges. At said meeting the judges shall state who they are, where they are from, why they desire to be a judge, as well as answer any questions pertaining to their ability to judge asked by any of the present members. The MYFC Cheer Director will notify the candidates of the results. Chosen judges are to be notified that any contact with the affiliated parks or its members is strictly prohibited and any violation will result in termination as a judge. All parks and their members are strictly prohibited from contacting any of the judges prior to the MYFC competition that they will be judging. Violations of this rule will result in a \$250 fine to the park as well as suspension from the MYFC Cheer Competition and associated activities for 1 year.
- R12Q.** Mobile Youth Football Conference competition coaches may receive assistance from high school or collegiate level cheerleaders. He or she may not receive assistance from any professional dance, cheerleading, or gymnastics instructor.
- R12R.** Mobile Youth Football Conference will only hear protests involving the interpretation of the competition rules, safety rules, or the eligibility of a cheerleader. All protest must be made to the Mobile Youth Football Conference Cheerleading Director or her committee prior to trophy presentations for that division. The Mobile Youth Football Cheerleading Director and her committee will make a ruling prior to trophy presentations for that division. A twenty five dollar non refundable fee must be paid at time of protest.
- R12S.** Judging shall be subjective. Mobile Youth Football Conference in approving the judges shall stand behind the judges subjective scoring of each team in each category. A judge's subjective score shall not be challenged or protested.
- R12T.** Park Cheer Directors shall receive a copy of judges' score cards at the MYFC Board Meeting held after the competition.
- R12U.** Trophies shall be awarded in each division as follows: 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place squad trophies. All cheerleaders participating shall receive a participation award. The cost of any unusable trophies ordered due to submittal of incorrect rosters, will be the responsibility of the Association that submitted said roster.
- R12V.** All squad head coaches must present their certified book at competition for team composition approval by the Mobile Youth Football Conference Board or its representative. Certification books must be presented or squads will not be
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allowed to compete. There is no exception to this rule. The book will be set up alphabetically. The certification book shall follow the Mobile Youth Football Conference format for certification books.

- R12W.** Each squad will perform an original routine that has not been performed by any squads at that park the previous year. The routine shall include a Cheer, Chant and Dance in the following order: Cheer, Chant, and Dance. **Chant and cheer is define as the following: A chant is a short phase that is repeated three times. A chant is an easy set of phrases with specific crowd encouraged participation. A cheer is longer than a chant with longer phrases to encourage crowd participation. A cheer is more complex (not specific phrases repeated in a required three time method) and does not encourage specific crowd participation but rather engagement such as but not limited to yelling, clapping, and repeated cheer phrases. (Revised: 3-8-17)** During the routine, squads must adhere to the official Cheer and Chant words set forth by the Conference Cheer Director and Competition Committee. Official words to the Cheer and Chant shall be determined by the Conference Cheer Director and Competition Committee and shall be provided to the Park Cheer Directors as soon as they are available. There will be no time restrictions applied to the Cheer and Chant portions of the routine. The Dance portion of the routine shall not exceed 2 minutes. All Dance music shall contain no vulgar lyrics or lyrics that imply vulgarity, and Dance music must also be age appropriate as determined by the Conference Cheer Director and Competition Committee. All squads participating in competition must submit two copies of music to be reviewed. Competition music and/or CDs that have been previously approved and/or used the prior year for a participating squad at a park will be prohibited from being used the following year, two years consecutively, by any squads at that park that will be participating in competition. All Dance music shall be certified prior to a date and time set forth by the Conference Cheer Director and Competition Committee. Squads shall be judged on the following categories: cheer, chant, dance, and overall appeal of each category. The MYFC will give each Park Cheer Director a list of all the areas being judged and the total possible points allowed for each area, prior to the date of competition.
- R12X.** Each squad shall move onto the competition area when the announcer say "Association Team, take the floor". The squad must begin their routine within 30 seconds after the announcer say "Association Team you may begin". ~~No penalty will be applied to a squad that does not start within 30 seconds of placement on mat.~~ There will be no introduction of names.
- SPIRIT MAY BE SHOWN DURING ENTRANCE AND EXIT TO PERFORMING AREA BUT NOT IN THE FORM OF AN ORGANIZED CHEER OR CHANT. Chants during the formation transitions and body of the routine may consist of park recognition only. For example: Go Raiders Go!!! Or M P R! These chants are subject to approval by the cheerleading committee during competition certification. **Organized spirit and tumbling will not be allowed when entering and exiting the mat!!! (Revised: 3-8-17)**
- R12Y.** Approved props will be pompoms, megaphones, signs and flags. There will be no tumbling over any prop! Any prop that comes off the matt will be a 10 point deduction from total score. Tumbling with prop in hand or over prop will be a 10 point deduction from total score.
- R12Z.** Mobile Youth Football Conference cheerleaders shall not build above ground formations and shall be ground bound. **IN ADDITION CHEERLEADERS' FEET MAY NOT LEAVE THE GROUND WHILE IN CONTACT WITH ANOTHER CHEERLEADER.** Due to violation of the safety issues, ground bound violation may result in Automatic disqualification. Said violation is to be determined by penalty judge and/or Conference Cheerleader Director and Mobile Youth Football Conference Executive Board.
- R12AA.** No hats or other headgear may be worn. Simple hair ribbons are permitted.
- R12BB.** No objectionable body markings will be permitted. Spirit facial tattoos are permitted as long as every squad member has one of the same.
- R12CC.** No cheerleader may compete with a hard cast on their body. Knee braces with hardware must be covered with a soft wrap. Any participant wearing these must have a Doctors release.
- R12DD.** If a cheerleader is injured during competition the routine will stop at the time of injury and the squad will have up to a ten-minute delay. The routine and competition will restart after the delay.
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R12EE. Squads are allowed no more than ~~four (4)~~ two (2) certified coaches per squad to accompany them to competition. All accompanying coaches must have wristbands in order to sit with the girls and/or be allowed in the preparation area before performance. No more than two (2) certified Cheer Coaches per squad may enter the competition arena once the squad has been asked to take the floor. A certified Cheer Coach for the Peanut and PeeWee Divisions will be allowed to place the cheerleaders on the mat once the squad has been asked to take the floor. Cheerleaders competing in the Tiny Mite, Midget and Junior Divisions must take their places on the mat without any assistance from a certified Cheer Coach.

After the squad is in position and ready to begin, Cheer Coaches must immediately move to a Designated Viewing Area in order to view the routine. The Designated Viewing Areas will be made available to no more than two (2) certified Cheer Coaches per squad in order to view the squad's performance. The location of the Designated Viewing Areas will be determined by the MYFC Cheer Director and Competition Committee, and all Park Cheer Directors and Cheer Coaches will be informed of the locations of the Designated Viewing Areas before the competition begins.

There will be no coaching allowed during the performance from the sidelines and/or from the Designated Viewing Areas; however, crowd response is encouraged. Any coaching from sidelines and/or from the Designated Viewing Areas will result in immediate team disqualification. Disqualification shall be determined by MYFC Executive Board Members present. See Disqualification Section

R12FF. The competition area shall be the same size for all squads competing. Points will be deducted if any cheerleader steps outside of the marked area.

R12GG. Cheerleaders may not perform their routine in the competition arena before or after their performance. Warm ups are allowed prior to performing outside the arena at scheduled times in designated areas.

R12HH. All squads shall be courteous and respectful to other squads during their performance. Squads that show unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to disqualification as per the Mobile Youth Football Conference Rules. Disqualification shall be determined by MYFC Executive Board Members present.

R12II. Cheerleader coaches who show unsportsmanlike conduct may be disqualified as per the Mobile Youth Football Conference Rules. Disqualification shall be determined by MYFC Executive Board Members present.

R12JJ. It shall be the responsibility of the Park Association and the team coaches to maintain control of its own spectators. Uncontrolled unsportsmanlike activity shall result in the removal of the spectators, possible removal of the coach and possible disqualification of the squad.

R12KK Performing tumbling during competition chant will not provide squad additional points other than judges overall performance score. (Revised: 3-8-17)

Penalties:

P1. Penalties and deduction amounts are outlined below.

P1A. Approved props will be pompoms, megaphones, signs and flags. There will be no tumbling over any prop.

P2B. The competition area shall be the same size for all squads competing. A penalty will apply if any cheerleader steps outside of the marked area once the routine has begun.

P3C.

Violation	Points to be Deducted	Per	From
Performing Routine Out of Order: Cheer, Chant, Dance	5	Category	Total Combined Score
Not reciting words of Cheer and Chant Verbatim	5	Category	Total Combined Score

Any prop that comes off the mat	10	Category	Total Combined Score
Tumbling with prop in hand over prop	10	Category	Total Combined Score
Illegal Props	5	Category	Total Combined Score
Cheerleader steps outside marked area	5	Category	Total Combined Score

Disqualifications:

P1. Procedure and Items that can cause disqualification:

Penalty Judge Comments will be used to determine if a squad should be disqualified for reasons described in R7B, R12EE, R12V, R12X (Revised: 3-8-17), R12Z, R12AA, and R12BB. Possible disqualifications should be reported to the Cheer Competition Director immediately following the last routine in the current performing division. Cheer Competition Director shall inform Park Cheer Director and Head Coach in person of the disqualification infraction. Head Coach and Park Cheer Director shall be allowed to give an explanation of said disqualification infraction to the Cheer Competition Director. Cheer Competition Director, Competition Committee, and the MYFC Board will then review and determine whether a squad shall be disqualified based on its findings. Cheer Competition Director shall inform the Park Cheer Director and Head Coach in person as soon as a decision has been made.

DQ1A: Mobile Youth Football Conference cheerleaders shall not build above ground formations and shall be ground bound. In addition, cheerleaders' feet may not leave the ground while in contact with another cheerleader. Disqualification shall be determined by MYFC Executive Board Members present.

DQ2B: There will be no coaching allowed during the performance from the sidelines and/or from the Designated Viewing Areas; however, crowd response is encouraged. Any coaching from sidelines and/or from the Designated Viewing Areas will result in immediate team disqualification. Disqualification shall be determined by MYFC Executive Board Members present. See R12V.

DQ3C: All squads shall be courteous and respectful to other squads during their performance. Squads that show unsportsmanlike conduct will be subject to disqualification as per the Mobile Youth Football Conference Rules. Disqualification shall be determined by MYFC Executive Board Members present.

DQ4D: Cheer Coaches who show unsportsmanlike conduct may be disqualified as per the Mobile Youth Football Conference Rules. Disqualification shall be determined by MYFC Executive Board Members present.

DQ5E: It shall be the responsibility of the Park Association and the team coaches to maintain control of its own spectators. Uncontrolled unsportsmanlike activity shall result in the removal of the spectators, possible removal of the coach and possible disqualification of the squad. Disqualification shall be determined by MYFC Executive Board Members present.

DQ5F. Performing/Reciting Cheer and Chant for incorrect age/division (e.g., Tiny Mite, Midget, or Junior Divisions cheerleading squad performing cheer and chant that is designated or assigned to/for Peanut and Pee Wee Division for said cheer competition) will result in immediate disqualification.

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Municipal
Grand Bay

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NOTE: ACTUAL PLAYOFF ROTATION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE MYFC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
