



Bermudian Springs Youth Athletic Association Bylaws

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
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Article I: Definition of Bylaws

These Bylaws constitute the code of rules adopted by the BSYAA and YAEFL organization for recreational purposes of excellence for the regulation and management of its affairs. The name of the corporation shall be BSYAA, the business of the corporation may be conducted as Bermudian Youth Athletic Association or BSYAA Youth Football and Cheer.

Changes to the By-Laws are accepted by majority vote each calendar year. Proposed changes or amendments must be presented in writing to the league at the January meeting to be considered in the upcoming season. All proposed changes will be recorded and held for discussion at the February meeting.

The President may call an emergency league meeting to present and vote if necessary on any proposed changes by the Board. Verbal, electronic or written communication must be received by all board officers no less than 48 hours of proposed meeting day and time.

Article II: Purposes and Powers

2.1 Purpose

BSYAA is a non-profit corporation and shall be operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code.

The purpose of the BSYAA is to promote a youth football league establishing a program of supervised football for youth with the following objectives:

1. Develop character.
2. Promote sportsmanship, both on and off the playing field.
3. Develop physical and mental health.
4. Develop an understanding of the game of football through the proper application of the Fundamental rules and conditions of football playing.
5. Create an atmosphere of enjoyment and self-satisfaction through competitive sports and activities.

2.2 Powers

The corporation shall have the power, directly or indirectly, alone or in conjunction or cooperation with other to do any and all lawful acts which may be necessary or convenient to affect the charitable purposes, for which the corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations or persons who activities further accomplish, foster or attain such purposes. The powers of the corporation may include, but not be limited to, the acceptance of contributions from the public and private sectors, whether financial or in-kind contributions.

2.3 Nonprofit Status and Exempt-Activities Limitation

- (a) Nonprofit legal status BSYAA is a Pennsylvania non-profit public benefit corporation , recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

(b) **Exempt Activities Limitation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, no director, officer, volunteer, member or representative of this corporation shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of the corporation not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as it now exists or may be amended, or by organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and Regulations as it is now exists or maybe be amended. No part of the net earnings or the corporation shall insure to the benefit or be distributable to any director, officer, member or other private person, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporations and these Bylaws.

(c) **Distribution Upon Dissolution.** Upon termination or dissolution of the BSYAA, any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

The organization to receive the asset of the BSYAA hereunder shall be Bermudian Springs School District Sports Clubs, in the care of the Football team.

Article III, Membership

3.1 No Membership Classes

The corporation shall have no members who have any right to vote or title or interest in or to the corporation, its properties and franchises.

3.2 Non-Voting Affiliates

The board of directors may approve classes of non-voting affiliates with rights, privileges and obligations established by the board. Affiliates may be individuals, businesses and other organizations that seek to support the mission of BSYAA. The board, a designated committee of the board, or any duly elected officer in accordance with board policy, shall have authority to admit any individual or organization as an affiliate, to recognized representatives of affiliates, and to make determinations as to affiliates' rights, privileges and obligations. At no time shall affiliate information be shared with or sold to other organizations or groups without the affiliates consent. At the discretion of the board of directors, affiliates may be given endorsement, recognition and media coverage at fundraising activities, clinics, other events or at the BSYAA website. Affiliates have no voting rights and are not members of BSYAA.

3.3 Dues

Any dues for affiliates shall be determined by the board of directors.

Article IV, Board of Officers

4.1 Number of Officers

BSYAA shall have a board of officers consisting of at least 8 but no more than 10 officers. To be listed as follows;

- (a) One (1) President
- (b) One (1) Vice President
- (c) One (1) Secretary
- (d) One (1) Treasurer
- (e) Two (2) Contact Football Directors, also to be part of YAEFL
- (f) One (1) Contact Concessions Coordinator
- (g) One (1) Contact Cheer Director
- (h) One (1) Flag Football Director
- (i) One (1) Flag Cheer Director

Within these limits, the board may increase or decrease the number of officers serving on the board, including for the purpose of staggering the terms of officers.

4.2 Board Member Requirements

All Board members are required to submit a Pa background check and child abuse clearance, prior to their term beginning.

4.2 Powers

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of the board and the affairs of the BSYAA. Shall be managed under the direction of the board, except as otherwise provided by law.

4.3 Terms

All officers shall be elected to serve at least a one-year term, preferred to serve two-year term. Officers shall be able to continue to serve as long as willing to do so, unless multiple interest in selected officers positions arises, then the board position shall be subjected to an election by majority vote of existing board officers.

- (a) The President shall facilitate monthly Board Meetings. The president shall supervise all chairmen and committees. Shall serve a two-year term.
- (b) The Vice President shall assist the President as requested and shall succeed to the Presidency in the case of a vacancy in that office. Shall serve for a two-year term.
- (c) The Secretary shall record attendance of Board Meetings; record, maintain and make available minutes from each meeting; maintain an updated membership roster. Shall serve for a two-year term.
- (d) The Treasurer shall receive all money and other paid property of funds donated to the league and to disburse said funds as and when directed by the league. A Treasurer's Report of all financial activity must be provided to the Board as requested and presented at monthly League meetings. The

Treasurer shall have the authority to assess each team for financial obligations. Shall serve for a two-year term.

(e) Directors shall be responsible for education, monitoring and enforcing the objectives of YAEFL. They will be responsible to manage the team at all times during games to handle any problems associated with their team coaches, players, parents, and/or spectators. The Directors are responsible to represent their team at all scheduled league games and practices.

4.4 Qualifications and Election of Officers

In order to be eligible to serve as an officer on the board, the individual must be 18 years of age or older and affiliated within affiliates classifications created by the board of officers. Officers may be elected at any board meeting by majority vote of the existing board of officers. The election of officers to replace those who have fulfilled their term of office shall take place in January of each year.

4.5 Vacancies

The board of officers may fill vacancies and/or unexpected vacancies due to the expiration or of an officers term of office, resignation, death, or removal of an officer or may appoint new directors to fill a previously unfilled board position, subject to the maximum number of officers under these Bylaws.

4.6 Removal of Officers

An officer may be removed by majority vote of the board of officers then in office, if:

- (a) The officer is absent and unexcused from two or more meetings of the board of officers in a twelve (12) month period. The board president is empowered to excuse officers from attendance for a reason deemed adequate by the board president. The president shall not have the power to excuse him/herself from the board meeting attendance and in that case, the board vice president shall excuse the president. Or:
- (b) For cause or no cause, if before any meeting of the board members at which a vote on removal will be made the officer in question is given electronic or written notification of the board's intentions to discuss her/his case and is given the opportunity to be heard at a meeting of the board.

4.7 Board of Officers Meetings

- (a) Regular meeting, the board of officers shall have a minimum of four (4) regular meetings each calendar year at times and places fixed by the board. Board meeting shall be held upon no less than a 48 hour notice via email, verbal or text communication, to specify the place, day and hour of the proposed meeting.
- (b) Special Meetings of the board may be called by the President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer. A special meeting must be preceded by at least a 24 hour notice, to each officer with place, date, and time.
- (c) All Officers of the board except the President have voting rights. The President will vote in the event of a tie. In order to have a vote a quorum must be present.

4.8 Manner of Acting

- (a) Quorum, is the majority of the officers in office, for a 10 officer board, there must be no less than six (6) officers, immediately before a meeting a quorum shall be constituted.
- (b) Majority vote is permitted at all meetings containing a quorum.
- (c) Participation at meetings as required by law or these Bylaws, officers may participate by any means of communication as listed: call, zoom, or in person.

4.9 Compensation of Board Officers Services

- (a) No board officers or volunteers shall be compensated with money for carrying out their duties. The board of officers may provide required uniforms for their position and reasonable end of season gifts, as an appreciation of volunteerism in accordance with the law and this bylaws.

4.10 Non-Board Member Volunteering Positions

All volunteers are committed their time when they consent to a position. Consent may be verbal, written, or via email and/or text. By this consent they are confirming they will follow all league rules and regulations by these bylaws. No further signature or action will be mandated as proof of consent or notice to volunteer.

- (a) All volunteers shall strive to provide a qualified, well trained coaching staff for each team. Coaches and support staff shall conduct themselves at all times with sportsmanship, integrity and exemplify the League values and objectives within these bylaws. Prior to the start of each season coaches must review PIAA and league rules.
 - (i) All volunteer coaches will be required to submit a Pa Background check and child abuse clearance, prior to start of the season. For Pennsylvania residents, please go to the Pennsylvania Access to Criminal History ("PATCH") website located at <http://epatch.state.us/home.isp> and follow the instructions under "RECORD CHECK." Volunteer clearances are free of cost. They will also need a cleared PA Child Abuse History Clearance. The cost for this is free under a volunteer check. If you have not lived in the state of PA for more than 10 years then you will also need to be fingerprinted at your own cost.
 - (ii) Contact level coaches and board officers will be required to complete and pass a heads up training.
- (b) Each team will require the following:
 - (i) A head coach: one (1) for Varsity Football and Cheer, one (1) for JV Football and Cheer, one (1) head coach per Flag Football and Cheer teams, in accordance to participant rates year to year, with the number of teams that are required year to year.
 - (ii) Number of assistant coaches will be deemed by the board officers each year, as they see fit according to registration numbers. Although each team is not to exceed a total of three (3) coaches, including the head coach.

- (c) All volunteers may be subject to removal from their positions by majority vote of board officers. Volunteers may be subject to removal by:
 - (i) Not acting in a respectable manner in accordance of these bylaws
 - (ii) Missing two (2) practices and/or games in a row without proper notification to the board officers.
 - (iii) Refusal to uphold their volunteer duties as they agreed to, as listed in these bylaws.

- (d) The board of officers have the rights within these bylaws to add, remove or change volunteer positions as needed, as they see fit confirmed by majority vote.

Article V, Financial Policies

5.1 Budget

The annual Operating Budget will be prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the board officers during a meeting for approval. Set to be scheduled within a January Meeting. A Treasurer's Report must be presented at each meeting. Dispersing league funds will require one signature. Signature on file must be maintained by the President or Treasurer.

5.2 Refund Policy

Many fees go into our season, we understand that players may have mixed feelings about the sport. Registration is due at time of sign up, to be included in rosters.

Full refunds will only be granted if a player decides to leave the program during the first week of the season or before the season starts, only after all equipment is returned.

Partial refunds will only be granted if a player decides to leave the program during the second week of the season before the third week begins, only after all equipment is returned.

If a player decides to leave the season during the third week of the season or later, there will be no refunds, all equipment is expected to be turned in immediately.

If equipment is not turned in immediately, no refunds will be granted and/or equipment fees will be added to the player(s) account. Registration will be restricted for next season until fees are paid or equipment is returned.

5.3 CAMP

The league offers a camp before each season for players to experience contact level football. Please use this camp as a time to determine if your player would be interested in joining the season.

Contact football grades 4-6 the camp is free of charge.

Flag football for 3rd graders is offered at half price.

Camp is not offered to those below 3rd grade.

Contact cheer camp grades 4-6 the camp is offered free of charge.
Flag cheerleaders 3rd grade is offered at half price.
Flag cheerleaders 2nd grade camp will be offered at full price to players.

Article VI, Start of a Season

6.1 Start Date

The league will set the date of the first practice each year and the first game. No organized or unorganized practice or classroom orientation may be started before this date. This includes calisthenics and/or running plays with or without body contact.

6.2 Registration

Once 55 players are reached a waiting list may be created. Teams may choose to close registration prior to reaching 55 players. The Commissioner must be contacted within 24 hours of closing registration. Once closed registration may not be reopened.

6.3 Rosters

Varsity must consist of a 40% minimum of total participants. A copy of this list must be presented to the Commissioner prior to the start of the season and to the opposing coach prior to the playing of all league games. The teams are encouraged to keep their rosters open until they have 55 players. Each team will notify the Commissioner when they close their roster.

Team roster must be submitted prior to the August meeting. Official rosters must be maintained by the Commissioner. Changes must be submitted to the Commissioner for approval within two days.

All six graders are only eligible to play on Varsity. Parental consent must be granted prior to a fourth grader playing on Varsity.

6.4 Player Movement between Rosters

A Varsity player moving to junior varsity must be done prior to the third game. Any upward movement between varsity and junior variety (5th grader, special 4th grader) players must be submitted in writing to the Commissioner. Players may only be moved once during the season.

6.5 Insurance

The League will carry liability insurance for all teams, Directors and Board Members.

Article VII, Player Policies

7.1 Player Eligibility

A child is eligible to play for the YAEFL for three (3) years starting in the 4th grade year or ten (10) years of age by August 1. Any player listed on the roster of a given team may not play for another team during the course of the playing season.

7.2 Requirements

- (a) **Residency**- Must reside in designated territory. Special circumstances may be examined by the YAEFL Board of the Directors.
- (b) **Minimum Age Requirement** - Players must be ten (10) years of age before August 1 or entering fourth grade.
- (c) **Maximum Age Requirement** - Players can only play for three years. No child can register if the age of thirteen (13) is reached prior to August 1. Players must not be thirteen (13) years old on or before August 1st or be attending the seventh grade during the current school term. A player will be eligible to play football for three (3) years, starting with their 4th grade year, or ten (10) years old.
- (d) A player not choosing to play for the team they did last year, must sit out for one year prior to resigning. NOTE: Special circumstances may be examined by the YAEFL Board of Directors.

There will be no exceptions to the above player eligibility rules.

- (e) **Forms**- Required forms must be submitted to the player records chairman prior to the start of practice. Forms will be provided by the league. No child may participate until forms are received. *An on-line registration form and code of conduct form are acceptable provided they meet all the requirements of the league forms.
 - (i) **Medical Release form**
 - (ii) **Registration Form**
 - (iii) **Code of Conduct**
- (f) Each player is required to carry medical insurance. Each player must have a current physical examination given by a qualified physician within one year.
- (g) **Weigh In**- Each child is required to be weighed prior to the first game by the Commissioner or an appointed representative. A midseason weigh-in will be scheduled by the Commissioner for participants that weigh with-in 8 pounds of the limits. (See weight restrictions) The second weigh-in will be scheduled at the beginning of the week. Any player found to be over the limit will be excluded from playing a skilled position for the remainder of the season. Proper attire shall consist of gym shorts and t-shirt.
- (h) **Weight Restrictions** - There will be no weight limit for players to tackle. The weight limit for offensive and defensive ends, backs, linebackers, defensive backs and safety shall not exceed 100 pounds for junior varsity players and 107 pounds for varsity players at the first weigh-in.

Players requiring a second weigh-in shall not exceed 105 pounds for junior varsity or 112 pounds for varsity. Punters are considered an offensive back (a skilled position)

MAXIMUM WEIGHT		
	1ST WEIGH-IN	2ND WEIGH-IN
JUNIOR VARSITY	100 LBS	105 LBS
VARSITY	107 LBS	112 LBS

- (i) **Contact** - A player must have participated in seven practices to be eligible to play in a game or scrimmage and three practices before contact.
- (j) **Teams** may consist of a maximum of 55 players with a minimum of 18 players on varsity and 18 on junior varsity. If a team fails to meet the minimum requirement an exception may be granted. Written notification to the Commissioner is required if any time the minimum level is not reached i.e. illness, dropouts, etc.

7.3 Game Policies

Games are scheduled as double headers with junior varsity playing the first game followed by Varsity.

(a) **Game Facilities** -The home team is responsible to have proper game and field equipment available and have the field in a safe playing condition Governing Rules.Fields must comply with PIAA rules at all times.

(b) **School Facilities** - School rules must be followed when playing on school fields and property.

(c) **Rosters** - Coaches are to exchange approved rosters prior to the start of all games. The eleven (11) best athletes will be marked on the junior varsity roster; all other players must play in the 2nd quarter. If there are not enough junior varsity players to field a team in the second quarters, coaches may fill in with some of those 11 players as long as they are playing another position. Should a team need to use those 11 best players in the ball handling positions, they shall not handle the ball. The opposing team directors can decide where to play those players.

Each participant must play a minimum of ten plays. The Head Coach will be held responsible to ensure this requirement is met for each participant.

Directors must agree to any special circumstance prior to the start of the game.

(d) **Game Ball** - The official football is a TDJ for Varsity and a K2 for junior varsity or like size of different brand. The game ball must be leather or composite in new or like new condition. Home team provides the game ball.

(e) Scheduling - When a playing field is unplayable for any scheduled game or for whatever reason a game is postponed the home team Directors must notify the opposing team Directors before the scheduled playing time.

(i) Games disrupted or halted by a power failure or act of God shall not be delayed in excess of forty-five (45) minutes.

(ii) The home team Directors are responsible to call a game due to inclement weather just prior to or during the game.

(ii) All postponed games must be rescheduled the same day of postponement if possible. The game must be played within four (4) days of the postponement and the starting time (if played Monday through Thursday) must be no later than 6:30 PM.

(iii) In the event no makeup date is agreed upon the day of the postponement by the directors of the both teams, the home team Directors must notify the Schedule Chairman the same day to determine the date, site, and time to play the game, if possible. If the Schedule Chairman is unable to arrange the makeup game the game will not be rescheduled.

(iv) No team shall play back-to-back games. There must be a minimum of 48 hours between games.

(v) The last week of the season schedule shall be set aside for makeup game(s).

(f) Coaches - Coaches must comply with all PIAA rules in regards to etiquette on the sideline during the game. Foul language will not be tolerated.

(g) Field Coaches - Two (2) coaches from each team may be on the field during junior varsity games to provide instruction between plays. Field coaches will be behind the deepest player at the start of any play. Field coaches may not coach once the play is started. Every effort must be made to not be involved or interfere in the play. The Commissioner may suspend a team's right to have coaches on the field if they cannot conform to this rule. All other coaches and players must remain on the sidelines.

All game rules will be in accordance with PIAA rules with the exception of those listed in Game Policies.

(h) Officials- It shall be the responsibility of the PIAA referee chairman to assign officials for the all league games, determine the number of officials and the cost thereof. Their recommendations will be brought before the board prior to the first scheduled league game for approval.

(j) Score Management - There will be no standing or league championship in the YAEFL. No team shall publicly recognize standings. Scores can be posted on the scoreboard if available. Once a team reaches a 35-point lead the score will be removed from the scoreboard and may not be displayed again.

(i) As an instructional league running up the score will not be tolerated. Field reports will record scores for each game. If a pattern of running up a score is documented, teams may be brought before the board to discuss the leagues sportsmanship policies.

(k) **Safety** - In the case of a safety the defensive team is awarded two points and possession of the ball on the 50-yard line.

(l) **Time Management** - Official time is kept by the PIAA officials. Time may be displayed on the scoreboard if the officials deem an adequate timekeeper is present. If at any time during the game, the Officials deem the clock improper the official time will be kept on the field.

(i) Regularly scheduled games will be 8-minute quarters with a 10-minute half time. A two-minute warning will be given prior to the start of each half.

(m) **Play Clock** - A 35 second period will be allowed for junior varsity: 25 seconds for varsity. While there will be no penalties during the game for play clock violations, the field report will contain any complaints of misuse of the play clock. If a pattern of behavior is established, teams may be brought to the board for disciplinary action.

(n) **Announcing** - All announcements must be appropriate for fundamental youth football and announce as fairly as possible.

(o) **Time Outs** - Time outs will follow PIAA regulations

Article VIII, YAEFL Position Rules

A linebacker is considered a back.

8.1 Defense

1. All Varsity & JV defenses shall align in a 5-4 defense as per figure 1 when the line of scrimmage (LOS) is not at or inside of the defense's 10 yd line.
2. Linebackers may not align within 3 yds of the LOS.
3. Safeties may not align within 5 yds of the LOS.
4. All defensive tackles (DT) and one guard (NG) must align in a 3 or 4-point stance at all times.
5. No more than two NG/DT's may be on the same side of the midline of the offensive formation.
6. When the LOS is at/inside of the defense's 10 yd line, the defense may align in a "non-5-4" defense provided that all players weigh greater than 107.0 lbs (varsity) and 100. Lbs (jv) are aligned inside of a head-up alignment of the offensive tackles.

8.2 Offense

1. The offensive midline is established as shown in figure 2.
2. All Varsity and jv offensive alignments shall be as follows:
 - a. Two offensive linemen (OG's & OT's) must be aligned on both sides of the midline.
 - b. The offensive tackle (OT) must be covered by a skilled player aligned as the end man on the LOS.
 - c. All offensive linemen must align in a 3-pt. stance.
 - d. No more than 3 skilled players may align on the same side of the offensive midline.

- e. Players aligning on the midline are neutral and thus not considered to be on either side of the midline.
- 3. All tight ends must align in a 3-pt stance, all other skill players (excluding quarterbacks) may align in either 2-pt or a 3-pt stance.

There will be no kickoff; instead a coin toss will start the game with the team calling the toss of the coin correctly given the choice of either offense or defense. The offense team will start on its own 40-yard line.

There will be no punting in junior varsity games. If a team elects to punt the ball during a game, the officials will place the ball twenty (20) yards down the field and the other team will take possession at that spot. If a team elects to punt inside the 30-yard line of the opposing team, the ball shall be placed half the distance from the goal.

A successful conversion will be scored as two points. A successful conversion may include a run, pass or ball kicked through the goal post.

Article IX, Equipment Policies

9.1 Required Participant Equipment

Any player not having the required equipment will not be allowed to play.

Full safety equipment is required for each participant and must consist of the following:

- Helmet with face guard and chin strap
- Jersey
- Hard rubber molded cleat shoes (no screw in cleats or sneakers)
- Shoulder pads and rib pads
- Mouth protection-must be colored and not be clear
- Athletic supporter
- Pants with a provision for hip pads, knee pads, tailbone and thigh pads.

9.2 Optional Equipment

Face shields must be clear and are allowable only with a prescription, proof of prescription must be available for review at all games.

Article X, Safety Policies

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Each team must provide its own medical kit at all league games and practices. The home team will have a doctor (Trained in Emergency Care) or a qualified EMT in attendance during games. A cell phone or other means of communications to contact additional emergency personnel must be present on site during practice and games. Directors will ensure the doctor or EMT is in close proximity to the field during games to respond in a timely manner to all injuries.

10.1 Ambulance

The league will pay up to two hundred dollars (\$200) directly to the ambulance company, in the event a player requires ambulance transportation from a game or practice. The league will only consider expenses not paid by the insurer's insurance. All payments require approval of the board.

10.2 Conduct Policies

Directors shall be responsible for the conduct of all players, members of the coaching staff and spectators for his or her team. This includes the time before, during and after League games and other events. Improper conduct, in the judgment of the game officials, on the part of the players, coaches or spectators may result in penalties, expulsion, and suspension. A League Board Member or YAEFL Field Official shall have the responsibility to assist the game officials in maintaining proper conduct of players, coaching staff and spectators.

10.3 Player Warnings

Any Player exhibiting any form of unsportsmanlike conduct may, at the discretion of the game officials, be sent off the field for a "cool down" period of minimum of ten plays after which the Player shall be allowed to return to the field. Player warnings shall not be considered as being ejected from the game. Players shall not receive more than one "cool down" period per contest.

10.4 Player Ejections

- a) Fragrant unsportsmanlike conduct, at the discretion of the game officials, or a second Player Warning from the officials shall be cause for Player disqualification and ejection from the game. Any Player so disqualified by the officials shall remain on the bench for the remainder of the game, or if deemed necessary by the officials, ejected from the permitted facility and prohibited from any further contact, direct, or indirect with the Team during the remainder of the game. For failure to comply, the officials may forfeit the game.
- b) Any Player allowed by the game officials to return to a game shall not be considered as being ejected from a game.
- c) Player removed from the game on the final play of the game shall be considered ejected from the game.
- d) Game officials shall document any ejections at the conclusion of the contest. Player name and number shall be recorded and submitted to the League along with the Field Report.
- e) Any Player disqualified in a League game shall be ineligible for the following game.

10.5 Coach Ejections

- a) Flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct by the Head Coach or any member(s) of the coaching or sideline staff result in disqualification of those involved. Any person disqualified by the officials shall be ejected from the permitted facility and prohibited from any further conduct, direct or indirect, with the Team during the remainder of the game.
- b) Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, abusive, disrespectful, or profane language, intimidation, fighting, physical confrontations, or other unsportsmanlike acts before, during or after the game.
- c) Any member of the Team's coaching staff so ejected may not return to their coaching position with the permission of League Commissioner after a minimum of a one game suspension.

10.6 Spectator Ejections

Any spectator who uses abusive, disrespectful, or profane language or who otherwise exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after any ball game shall be ejected from the permitted facility and could be subject to banning and/or criminal prosecution. Directors are responsible to maintain control of all attending the event.

10.7 Penalties

Penalties for the failure of team or coaches to follow the rules and regulations set forth herein shall include sanctioning of either the coach or the entire team as the infraction dictates. Specific sanctions may include fines, loss of League voting rights, suspension of teams, and expulsion from the league by the board.

10.8 Reporting

The director of the home team shall be responsible for completing and submitting the Field Report which includes game scores, information shall be reported to the Commissioner within twenty-four (24) hours of the game.

Article XI, BSYAA & YAEFL Disciplinary Policy

Inappropriate behavior at any time will not be tolerated, such as, but not limited to, not listening to Coaches, foul language, creating problems with teammates, disregarding personal or private property, disregarding league facilities or disrupting team activities.

Continued disciplinary problems throughout multiple seasons and any violent behavior (even a first offense) could result in the suspension of participation in any and all YAEFL activities for any period of time (including permanently) as determined by BSYAA Officers.

Any violations of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes will be documented by the team's director and referred to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

11.1 Individual Offense

- (a) **First Offense:** will result in a verbal warning by the team's Director. If the matter involves a minor, the verbal warning will be to both the child and the parent or guardian. The verbal warning will be documented in a correspondence to the BSYAA Board.

- (b) **Second Offense:** will result in a written warning from the team's Director and a one game suspension. A copy of the written warning will be provided to the BSYAA Board.
- (c) **Third or Subsequent Offense:** if there is no change in behavior after the written warning, the subject will receive a written reprimand and two game suspension. The reprimand will be provided to the YAEFL Commissioner. The YAEFL Commissioner will refer the matter to a special YAEFL Officers meeting for potential expulsion of the offending party from the league without a refund. YAEFL Officers will have the final vote.

Upon a majority vote by the BSYAA officers, a certified letter to the subject advising them that they have been expelled from the league and that they are not permitted at any YAFEL events for the remainder of that calendar year.

If a player is expelled they may write a letter to the board asking them to allow them to play the following year. The letter will be discussed with the player and voted on at a Board Meeting. The player will be allowed to return with a majority vote.

11.2 Coaching Offenses

- (a) **First Offense:** will result in a verbal warning by the BSYAA Director. The verbal warning will be documented. A copy will be provided to the BSYAA Officers for their records.
- (b) **Second Offense:** will result in a written warning from the BSYAA Director. A copy of the written warning will be provided to the Board. Upon a 2/3rds vote by the Board one of the following actions will be taken
 - (i) Suspension of team's head coach for one game; or
 - (ii) Suspension of team's JV head coach for one game
- (c) **Third or Subsequent Offense:** will result in a written reprimand from the Team Director. A copy of the written warning will be provided to the YAEFL Commissioner. Upon a 2/3rds vote by the Board, one of the following actions will be taken:
 - (i) Removal of team's head coach for the rest of the season; and/or
 - (ii) Removal of team's JV head coach for the rest of the season; and/or
 - (iii) Removal of any other coach as deemed appropriate

If a coach is expelled they may not return as a coach that season or in the future.

11.3 Practice/Game Attendance Policy

The difference between an excused and an unexcused absence is a phone call to the Director. If a player misses practice(s) it will be up to their Coach and Director if it is safe for them to play in the next game. It will be up to the participant to learn what they missed (i.e. cheers, stunts, or plays).