

**MARTINEZ YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER
ASSOCIATION**

2026 BYLAWS

Martinez Bulldogs

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ARTICLE 1 - ORGANIZATION

A-1-1 - Name

The official name of the Association is Martinez Youth Football and Cheer Association. "MYF" and "Martinez Bulldogs" may be used as accepted references to the Association. MYF shall operate in accordance with applicable East Bay Youth Football & Cheer Conference (EBYFC) rules while maintaining its own Board governance, Bylaws, and Policies & Procedures.

A-1-2 - Eligibility and Geographic Requirements

Participant eligibility, geographic boundaries, releases, and related requirements shall be governed by current applicable MYF and EBYFC rules and procedures.

A-1-3 - Colors

The official Association colors are Navy Blue, Gold, and White.

A-1-4 - Purpose

MYF is organized and operated for charitable and educational purposes consistent with those contemplated by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including the development of youth through football, cheer, sportsmanship, teamwork, education, and positive community participation.

A-1-5 - Dissolution

Upon dissolution, assets remaining after payment of lawful obligations shall be distributed for one or more purposes qualifying under Section 501(c)(3), as determined by the Board and consistent with applicable law.

A-1-6 - Conflict of Interest

MYF shall maintain a conflict-of-interest policy. Board Members shall disclose actual or potential conflicts and shall refrain from voting when appropriate. Detailed procedures may be maintained in a separate policy.

ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES

A-2-1 - Objectives

MYF shall promote participant safety, sportsmanship, fair play, development, football and cheer fundamentals, participation, teamwork, positive youth development, learning, and fun. Participation and development shall remain central program objectives.

A-2-2 - Participation Standards

Minimum-play and other season-specific participation requirements shall be governed by current applicable EBYFC rules and MYF Policies & Procedures.

ARTICLE 3 - BOARD-GOVERNED ASSOCIATION AND FAMILY PARTICIPATION

A-3-1 - Board-Governed Association

MYF is governed by its Board of Directors. Registration, payment of fees, volunteering, coaching, committee participation, donations, sponsorship, or attendance at meetings does not create a general governance voting right.

A-3-2 - Parent and Guardian Participation

Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to volunteer, serve as approved coaches or designated Team Parents, participate on committees when appointed, assist with events and fundraising, provide feedback, ask questions, and raise concerns through appropriate MYF channels. Such participation does not create governance voting authority.

A-3-3 - Financial Good Standing

Families shall satisfy applicable financial and property obligations to MYF. Board-approved scholarships, sponsorship assistance, payment arrangements, fee reductions, and fee waivers are recognized forms of good standing and shall not cause a family to be treated as lesser within the Association.

A-3-4 - Privacy

MYF shall reasonably protect participant and family information and shall limit access to confidential information to individuals who need it for legitimate Association purposes.

ARTICLE 4 - DISCIPLINE, SUSPENSION AND REMOVAL

A-4-1 - Board Authority

The Board retains final authority over Association discipline, subject to these Bylaws, applicable MYF policies, EBYFC requirements, and applicable law.

A-4-2 - Participants, Families, Coaches and Volunteers

Participants, parents or guardians, coaches, advisors, and volunteers may be subject to appropriate corrective or disciplinary action for violations of MYF or applicable EBYFC requirements. Detailed procedures and penalties may be established through MYF Policies & Procedures.

A-4-3 - Fair Process

Before serious discipline is imposed, the affected individual should ordinarily receive notice of the concern and a reasonable opportunity to respond. Immediate protective action may be taken when reasonably necessary for safety, participant welfare, legal compliance, or protection of MYF.

A-4-4 - Board Member Removal

Removal of a Board Member from office shall follow the Board process established in Article 7 and is separate from participant, family, coach, advisor, or volunteer discipline.

ARTICLE 5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A-5-1 - Board Composition

The Board shall consist of the voting Directors and officers established by the Board in accordance with these Bylaws. One individual shall have no more than one vote regardless of the number of operational duties assigned.

A-5-2 - Authority

The Board has ultimate control and management of MYF, including governance, policy, financial oversight, program administration, discipline, contracts, property, and other Association business.

A-5-3 - Quorum and Voting

A majority of the currently seated voting Directors constitutes a quorum. Unless these Bylaws or applicable law require a higher threshold, Board action requires a majority vote of voting Directors present when quorum is established.

A-5-4 - Vacancies

The remaining Board may appoint a qualified replacement to fill a vacancy by Board vote for the remainder of the applicable term or until a successor is selected in accordance with these Bylaws.

A-5-5 - Parent and Guardian Access

Parents and legal guardians may submit questions, concerns, or requests to address the Board through procedures established by MYF. Such access does not create a right to participate in Board deliberations or vote.

A-5-6 - Board Meetings

The Board of Directors shall meet as reasonably necessary to conduct the business of MYF. The Board is not required to hold a meeting during every calendar month. During the active season, meeting dates, times, locations, and formats may vary based upon practices, games, events, facility availability, and the operational needs of the Association.

A-5-7 - Meeting Format

Board meetings may be conducted in person, by telephone, by video conference, or through another electronic method that allows the Board Members to participate as permitted by applicable law.

A-5-8 - Electronic Board Action

When appropriate, Board Members may discuss Association business through electronic communications, including text message or electronic messaging. Formal Board action conducted outside of a meeting shall be documented and completed in the manner required by applicable law and these Bylaws. Electronic communications involving Board business shall be preserved when reasonably necessary as part of MYF's organizational records.

A-5-9 - Parent & Guardian Meetings

MYF may conduct parent and guardian informational meetings throughout the year, including in connection with orientations, practices, Association events, or other activities. The timing, location, format, and frequency of these meetings shall be determined by MYF based upon operational needs. These meetings are intended to provide information, answer questions, communicate expectations, and encourage family participation and shall not constitute meetings of the Board or create governance voting rights.

A-5-10 - Requests to Address the Board

Parents and legal guardians may submit questions, concerns, or requests to address the Board through procedures established by MYF. The Board may provide an opportunity to address the Board when appropriate. Participation does not create a right to vote or participate in Board deliberations.

A-5-11 - Confidential Sessions

The Board may conduct closed or confidential discussions when reasonably appropriate for matters involving participant or family privacy, discipline, personnel, legal matters, financial confidentiality, or other sensitive Association business.

ARTICLE 6 - BOARD QUALIFICATIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POSITIONS

A-6-1 - Qualifications and Service

Board Members shall be dependable, act in MYF's best interests, fulfill assigned responsibilities, follow applicable MYF and EBYFC requirements, maintain appropriate conduct, and actively participate in Association operations.

A-6-2 - Demonstrated Involvement

Candidates for Board service should demonstrate meaningful prior involvement with MYF through coaching, committee service, events, fundraising, administration, game-day operations, or other substantial contributions. No rigid volunteer-hour formula is required.

A-6-3 - First-Year Parents and Guardians

A first-year MYF parent or legal guardian shall not ordinarily serve as a Board Member unless unanimously approved by the voting Board based upon exceptional involvement, qualifications, and alignment with MYF's needs.

A-6-4 - Board Responsibilities

Board Members shall maintain appropriate confidentiality, disclose conflicts of interest, attend Board activities consistently, complete accepted assignments, and return MYF property, records, credentials, and information when service ends.

A-6-5 - Position Descriptions

Detailed job descriptions and operational responsibilities for individual Board positions may be maintained in MYF Policies & Procedures.

A-6-6 - Additional Board Positions

The Board of Directors may establish, combine, modify, or discontinue Board positions as reasonably necessary to meet the evolving operational needs of MYF. New positions may be created by a majority vote of the Board, provided the change does not conflict with these Bylaws or applicable law. The Board shall determine the duties, responsibilities, voting status, and term of any newly established position.

A-6-7 - Related Board Members

Spouses or members of the same household may serve on the Board of Directors at the same time when the Board determines that their service is in the best interests of MYF. Such service shall require approval of the voting Board. Each Board Member shall exercise their duties and vote independently and remains subject to MYF's conflict-of-interest requirements.

ARTICLE 7 - BOARD SELECTION, CONTINUATION, APPOINTMENTS AND TERMS

A-7-1 - Board Selection and Appointments

Directors and officers shall be selected or appointed by the Board at a properly noticed meeting with quorum. Unless a higher threshold is required by these Bylaws, appointment requires a majority vote. No individual Board Member, including the President, may independently appoint a voting Director unless these Bylaws expressly authorize it.

A-7-2 - Qualifications

Individuals considered for Board service shall satisfy the qualifications and service expectations established in Article 6. Volunteering, coaching, or committee service does not create an automatic right to a Board position.

A-7-3 - Annual Board Review and Continuation

The Board shall review Board composition and service at its January meeting each year. Board Members in good standing may continue serving for the upcoming season without requiring reappointment when the Board determines that no change is necessary. The annual review does not require removal, replacement, or reappointment solely because a new season or calendar year has begun.

A-7-4 - Removal at Any Time

A Board Member may be considered for removal at any time during the year and removal is not limited to the annual January Board review. When concerns arise regarding a Board Member's failure to substantially fulfill their agreed duties, commitments, attendance expectations, conduct standards, confidentiality obligations, or other responsibilities, the Board may initiate the removal process at a properly noticed Board meeting.

A-7-5 - Removal Procedure

Except when immediate action is reasonably necessary to protect participant safety or MYF, the Board Member shall be informed of the concerns and provided a reasonable opportunity to respond before a final removal vote. Removal requires a two thirds (2/3) vote of the other voting Board Members present at a meeting where quorum is established. The Board Member whose removal is being considered shall not vote on their own removal.

A-7-6 - Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Article 5.

ARTICLE 8 - BYLAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE

A-8-1 - When Established

The Board of Directors may establish a Bylaws Review Committee when the Board determines that review, clarification, amendment, or updating of the Bylaws is necessary or appropriate. MYF is not required to establish or convene a Bylaws Review Committee annually.

A-8-2 - Composition

When established, the Committee shall consist of individuals appointed or approved by the Board from among current MYF Board Members, approved coaches, and designated Team Parents. Participants should be selected based upon active involvement with MYF, knowledge of the Association, reliability, and ability to contribute to the review.

A-8-3 - Role

The Committee may research, organize, compare governing documents, identify conflicts, and recommend revisions. Committee participation is advisory and does not create a Board position or voting authority. Final approval of Bylaw amendments remains with the Board under Article 16.

A-8-4 - Incomplete Historical Records

The absence of complete historical organizational records shall not prevent MYF from reviewing or updating its governing documents. The Board and any authorized Bylaws Review Committee may rely in good faith upon governing documents, government records, Association records, applicable rules, and other reasonably reliable information available at the time. Proposed revisions should be prospective and should not represent that unavailable historical records or provisions never existed.

A-8-5 - Custody of Governing Documents

MYF shall maintain current approved copies of its Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, and other official governing documents as part of the Association's organizational records. The Board may designate one or more Board Members responsible for maintaining and preserving these records.

ARTICLE 9 - INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

A-9-1 - Insurance Coverage

MYF shall maintain insurance coverage as reasonably appropriate for Association activities and operations and as required by applicable law, facility agreements, EBYFC requirements, or other governing obligations.

A-9-2 - Board Oversight of Insurance

The Board shall oversee insurance coverage and may authorize appropriate representatives to obtain, renew, maintain, and administer required policies and certificates of insurance.

A-9-3 - Financial Oversight

MYF funds shall be used for legitimate Association purposes. The Board shall oversee Association finances, maintain accurate financial records, require expenditures to follow Board-approved procedures, and receive regular financial reporting.

A-9-4 - Separation and Financial Procedures

Whenever reasonably possible, financial responsibilities shall be separated so that one individual does not have unrestricted authority to authorize, spend, record, and reconcile the same transaction. Detailed purchase limits, reimbursements, receipts, cash handling, deposits, fundraiser reconciliation, and similar procedures shall be maintained through MYF Policies & Procedures.

A-9-5 - Financial Record Continuity

Each Treasurer and responsible Board Member shall preserve and transfer MYF financial records, account information, reports, supporting documentation, and other Association financial materials to their successor or the Board at the conclusion of service.

A-9-6 - Financial Record Review

MYF is committed to appropriate financial transparency while protecting confidential, personal, banking, donor, participant, and other sensitive information. Upon a reasonable written request, the Board may make appropriate current fiscal-year financial records available for in-person review at a mutually agreed-upon time and location.

MYF is not required under this provision to prepare, print, reproduce, distribute, or provide copies of internal financial records. Records made available for review may be redacted as reasonably necessary to protect confidential or sensitive information. This provision does not limit access to any document that MYF is otherwise required by applicable law to make available for inspection or copying.

A-9-7 - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Association shall be January 1 to December 31.

ARTICLE 10 - APPOINTMENT OF COACHES AND CHEER ADVISORS

A-10-1 - Selection and Appointment

Head Football Coaches and Head Cheer Coaches/Advisors shall be evaluated through a process established by MYF. Appropriate Football or Cheer leadership shall make recommendations to the Board. Final appointment requires Board approval under the ordinary voting rule unless a higher threshold is required by these Bylaws.

A-10-2 - Coaching Eligibility, Screening and Certification

All coaches, assistant coaches, advisors, and other applicable staff shall satisfy all screening, training, certification, background-check, Live Scan/fingerprinting, mandated-reporter, child-safety, and other requirements imposed by applicable California law, MYF, and EBYFC before serving in a position for which those requirements apply.

A-10-3 - Completion Does Not Guarantee Appointment

Completing an application, Live Scan, background check, certification, training, or any other eligibility requirement does not guarantee appointment or placement on an MYF coaching staff. MYF retains discretion to select and recommend coaching staff based upon qualifications, conduct, experience, program needs, available positions, and the best interests of MYF and its participants.

A-10-4 - EBYFC Deadlines, Approval and Credentials

MYF shall comply with EBYFC deadlines and requirements governing the submission, addition, approval, or certification of coaches. Once EBYFC determines that additional coaches may no longer be submitted, added, approved, or credentialed for the applicable season, MYF shall follow that determination.

Selection or approval by the MYF Board does not by itself authorize an individual to coach when EBYFC approval or credentialing is also required. Coaches approved by MYF must additionally satisfy applicable EBYFC requirements and receive any required EBYFC authorization, badge, credential, or other evidence of eligibility before participating in an official coaching capacity.

MYF shall recognize and enforce EBYFC's final eligibility and credentialing determinations when required under the rules governing MYF's participation in EBYFC.

A-10-5 - Assistant Coaches and Advisors

Head Coaches and Head Cheer Coaches/Advisors may recommend assistant and junior staff. All coaching personnel remain subject to applicable MYF and EBYFC eligibility, certification, screening, safety, and approval requirements.

A-10-6 - Coaching Authority, Removal and Vacancies

Appointment does not create a permanent right to a coaching position. Coaches and advisors serve under MYF authority and may be suspended or removed for failure to fulfill responsibilities, violation of MYF or applicable EBYFC requirements, inappropriate conduct, safety concerns, or when continued service is not in MYF's or participants' best interests. Except when immediate protective action is reasonably necessary, the individual should be informed of the concern and given a reasonable opportunity to respond. Vacancies may be filled through the applicable MYF approval process.

A-10-7 - Coaching Procedures

Application deadlines, interviews, appointment timelines, staff limits, certifications, background checks, training, and other operational procedures shall be established through MYF Policies & Procedures and applicable EBYFC requirements.

ARTICLE 11 - CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES & ADVISORS

A-11-1 - Professional Conduct

All MYF coaches, cheer advisors, and coaching staff shall represent MYF professionally and responsibly and promote safety, sportsmanship, teamwork, respect, good citizenship, and positive youth development.

A-11-2 - Compliance With MYF and EBYFC

Coaches and advisors shall comply with these Bylaws, MYF Policies & Procedures and Codes of Conduct, and all applicable EBYFC rules, requirements, certifications, and directives. Where EBYFC establishes requirements or restrictions concerning the number of teams or squads on which an individual may coach, advise, or otherwise serve, MYF and its coaching staff shall follow the current applicable EBYFC rules and regulations.

A-11-3 - Responsibility for Staff and Participants

Head Coaches and Head Cheer Coaches/Advisors are responsible for helping ensure that their staff and participants follow applicable MYF and EBYFC requirements. Serious or repeated violations shall be reported to appropriate MYF leadership or the Board.

A-11-4 - Games, Competitions and Official Activities

Coaches and advisors shall not intentionally withdraw a team or squad from an official game, competition, or required activity except when authorized by appropriate MYF leadership or when immediate action is reasonably necessary to protect participant health or safety.

A-11-5 - Disputes and Rule Concerns

Coaches and advisors shall follow established MYF and EBYFC procedures for protests, eligibility questions, officiating concerns, rule disputes, or other potential violations and shall not independently take action that could unnecessarily cause a team or squad to forfeit or violate applicable rules.

A-11-6 - Meetings and Required Responsibilities

Coaches and advisors are expected to attend required MYF and EBYFC meetings, trainings, certifications, and other mandatory activities unless excused by appropriate MYF leadership. Repeated failure to fulfill these responsibilities may result in discipline or removal under Articles 4 and 10.

A-11-7 - Additional Coaching Standards

Detailed sideline procedures, game-monitor responsibilities, attendance expectations, team staffing requirements, communication procedures, and other operational coaching standards may be established through MYF Policies & Procedures and applicable EBYFC rules.

ARTICLE 12 - PARENTS & LEGAL GUARDIANS

A-12-1 - Parent and Guardian Responsibilities

Parents and legal guardians are expected to support MYF standards of safety, sportsmanship, respect, teamwork, and positive youth development and to comply with applicable MYF policies, Codes of Conduct, and EBYFC rules and regulations.

A-12-2 - Participant Transportation and Supervision

Parents and legal guardians are responsible for arranging appropriate transportation to and from practices, games, competitions, events, and other MYF activities and for complying with applicable drop-off, pick-up, supervision, and safety procedures.

A-12-3 - Equipment and Uniform Responsibility

Parents and legal guardians are responsible for reasonable care and timely return of MYF-owned uniforms, equipment, and other property issued to their participant. Personally purchased items remain family property unless otherwise agreed.

A-12-4 - Conduct and Cooperation

Parents and legal guardians are expected to communicate respectfully and cooperate with coaches, Board Members, volunteers, officials, participants, opposing organizations, and other families. Conduct violating MYF's Code of Conduct, applicable EBYFC requirements, or threatening program safety or orderly operation may result in appropriate action under Article 4 and MYF policies.

A-12-5 - Parent and Guardian Involvement

MYF encourages parents and legal guardians to support the Association through volunteering, designated Team Parent service, coaching when approved, committees, fundraising, events, game-day operations, and other opportunities. Parents and guardians are encouraged to provide constructive feedback, ask questions, and bring concerns through appropriate MYF communication channels. Participation does not create a Board position or general governance voting rights.

ARTICLE 13 - PARTICIPATION & PLAYERS

A-13-1 - Participant Eligibility and Opportunity

MYF shall provide participation opportunities to eligible youth consistent with available roster space, facilities, staffing, safety considerations, MYF policies, and applicable EBYFC rules. Participants shall not be excluded based solely upon athletic ability.

A-13-2 - Conditions of Participation

The Board may establish reasonable registration, financial, eligibility, safety, attendance, conduct, documentation, equipment, and participation requirements. Applicable requirements shall be communicated through registration materials, policies, or other official communications.

A-13-3 - Rosters and Eligibility

MYF shall maintain accurate participant rosters and required eligibility documentation in accordance with MYF and applicable EBYFC requirements. Responsibility may be delegated to appropriate coaches, coordinators, or Board Members.

A-13-4 - Participant Conduct

Participants shall comply with MYF's Code of Conduct, safety requirements, team expectations, and applicable EBYFC rules. The Board may establish appropriate disciplinary procedures through MYF policies consistent with Article 4.

A-13-5 - Participation and Minimum Play Requirements

Minimum Play Requirements (MPR) shall be established and governed by EBYFC and shall be followed by MYF in accordance with current applicable EBYFC rules. MYF may establish reasonable procedures for monitoring, documenting, and administering MPR compliance but shall not establish an MPR that conflicts with EBYFC requirements. MYF may establish and enforce reasonable practice-attendance requirements and participation consequences through its Policies & Procedures, including reduced game participation or sitting designated portions of a game, provided that any attendance consequence is administered in accordance with applicable EBYFC rules, including MPR. Uniform requirements, transfers, and other season-specific participation or eligibility requirements shall be governed by current MYF policies and applicable EBYFC rules.

ARTICLE 14 - SPONSORS

A-14-1 - Sponsorships and Donations

MYF may accept sponsorships, donations, grants, and other contributions that support the charitable and operational purposes of the Association. The Board retains authority over acceptance and appropriate use of such funds or contributions.

A-14-2 - Designated Sponsorships

A sponsor or donor may request that a contribution support a particular MYF program, event, activity, equipment need, scholarship opportunity, or other purpose. Any designation must be accepted or approved by MYF. MYF shall not accept a restriction inconsistent with its purposes, obligations, policies, or applicable law.

A-14-3 - Advertising and Use of MYF Name

No individual, team, coach, parent, volunteer, sponsor, or outside organization may use MYF's name, logo, teams, participants, or official communication channels for commercial advertising, sponsorship solicitation, or fundraising on behalf of MYF without Association authorization.

A-14-4 - Handling of Funds

Money or other financial contributions collected or represented as being collected on behalf of MYF shall be processed and accounted for through MYF in accordance with Association financial policies.

ARTICLE 15 - FEES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & REFUNDS

A-15-1 - Fees

The Board shall establish registration fees and other reasonable program-related fees based upon MYF's financial and operational needs. Fees may be reviewed and adjusted as necessary.

A-15-2 - Financial Assistance

MYF may provide scholarships, sponsorship assistance, payment arrangements, fee reductions, or fee waivers through procedures established by the Board. Assistance shall be administered fairly and confidentially based upon available resources and circumstances. A family receiving approved assistance remains entitled to the same respect, participation opportunities, and treatment as other MYF families.

A-15-3 - Confidentiality

Requests for financial assistance and information concerning a family's financial circumstances shall be treated as confidential and shared only with individuals reasonably necessary to review, approve, administer, or document the assistance.

A-15-4 - Refunds

Registration and other program fees shall be subject to the refund policy established by the Board. The Board may establish deadlines, nonrefundable amounts, administrative charges, and circumstances under which full or partial refunds may be considered.

A-15-5 - Financial Assistance Procedures

The number and amount of scholarships or sponsorships available, application procedures, payment-plan requirements, volunteer commitments associated with financial assistance, deadlines, and other operational requirements shall be established through MYF Policies & Procedures rather than these Bylaws.

ARTICLE 16 - AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

A-16-1 - Proposed Amendments

Amendments, additions, or deletions may be proposed by any voting Board Member or by a Bylaws Review Committee established under Article 8. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the President and/or Secretary for distribution to the Board.

A-16-2 - Notice and Review

Voting Board Members shall ordinarily receive at least ten (10) days' notice of a proposed Bylaw amendment before final Board action and shall have a reasonable opportunity to review and discuss it.

A-16-3 - Approval

Adoption of a Bylaw amendment requires approval by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the voting Board Members present, provided quorum has been established.

A-16-4 - Amendments During the Year

Bylaws may be reviewed and amended at any time during the year when the Board determines that a change is reasonably necessary or appropriate. MYF is not required to wait until the end or beginning of a football and cheer season.

A-16-5 - Urgent or Required Amendments

When an amendment is reasonably necessary because of applicable law, an EBYFC or other governing requirement, participant health or safety, insurance requirements, or another urgent operational need, the Board may act on less than ten (10) days' notice when reasonably necessary. The reason for expedited action shall be documented.

A-16-6 - Documentation and Effective Date

Approved amendments shall be documented in Board records and incorporated into the official Bylaws maintained by MYF. Unless the Board specifies a later effective date, an approved amendment becomes effective upon adoption.

A-16-7 - Compliance With Applicable Law

Nothing in this Article authorizes MYF to adopt or amend a provision in a manner prohibited by applicable law. If applicable law requires additional approval, notice, filing, or another procedure for a particular amendment, MYF shall comply.

ARTICLE 17 - CHEER PROGRAM

A-17-1 - Cheer Program

MYF may operate cheerleading programs for eligible youth consistent with the purposes of the Association, available staffing and resources, MYF policies, and applicable EBYFC rules and regulations.

A-17-2 - Eligibility and Squad Placement

Cheer participant eligibility, age divisions, squad placement, roster requirements, and other participation requirements shall be governed by current applicable EBYFC rules and MYF policies. MYF shall not establish requirements that conflict with applicable EBYFC requirements.

A-17-3 - Safety and Supervision

Cheer practices, games, competitions, performances, and other activities shall be conducted under appropriate supervision and in accordance with applicable safety, training, certification, and EBYFC requirements.

A-17-4 - Competition and Participation

Competition requirements, choreography, routines, attendance expectations, uniforms, performance standards, practice requirements, and similar cheer-specific operational matters may be established through MYF Policies & Procedures and applicable EBYFC rules.

A-17-5 - Equal Organizational Standing

The MYF Cheer Program is an official program of the Association and shall remain subject to the governance and oversight of the MYF Board of Directors in the same manner as other MYF programs.

ARTICLE 18 - CHEER PROGRAM RULES

A-18-1 - Applicable Rules

Cheer participants, coaches, advisors, and families shall comply with current MYF Policies & Procedures and all applicable EBYFC cheer rules and regulations.

A-18-2 - Operational Cheer Requirements

Requirements concerning practices, attendance, competitions, performances, uniforms, choreography, sideline participation, safety, certifications, squad activities, and other cheer-specific operational matters shall be established through current MYF policies and applicable EBYFC rules rather than permanently established in these Bylaws.

A-18-3 - EBYFC Requirements Control

When EBYFC establishes a mandatory cheer eligibility, safety, competition, roster, certification, or participation requirement applicable to MYF, MYF shall comply with the current EBYFC requirement. MYF may establish additional reasonable program procedures provided they do not conflict with applicable EBYFC requirements.

A-18-4 - Commitment and Continued Participation

Participation in the MYF Cheer Program requires reasonable commitment to practices, games, competitions, performances, and other required team activities. Participants and their parents or legal guardians are expected to maintain reasonable communication with applicable coaching staff and MYF leadership. A participant may be removed from a squad or competition team for excessive or repeated absences, failure to meet established participation commitments, continued lack of communication, or other substantial failure to comply with MYF Cheer Program requirements. Specific attendance requirements, notification procedures, warnings, deadlines, exceptions, and removal procedures shall be established through MYF Policies & Procedures and communicated to families. Any removal shall comply with applicable EBYFC requirements and disciplinary protections established elsewhere in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE 19 - EQUIPMENT & ASSOCIATION PROPERTY

A-19-1 - Ownership of MYF Property

All equipment, uniforms, supplies, mats, training equipment, storage items, technology, documents, records, and other property purchased, donated, or otherwise acquired for MYF shall remain Association property unless specifically sold, transferred, or disposed of through an authorized MYF process.

A-19-2 - Issued Equipment

Participants and their parents or legal guardians are responsible for reasonable care and timely return of reusable MYF equipment issued to them. MYF may establish reasonable charges or other consequences for equipment that is lost, intentionally damaged, damaged beyond ordinary wear, or not returned.

A-19-3 - Safety and Condition

MYF shall make reasonable efforts to maintain Association equipment in safe and serviceable condition. Equipment subject to applicable manufacturer, safety, certification, reconditioning, or EBYFC requirements shall be handled in accordance with those requirements.

A-19-4 - Equipment Management

The Board shall oversee acquisition, inventory, storage, maintenance, issuance, recovery, replacement, sale, transfer, and disposal of MYF property and may delegate day-to-day responsibilities to the Equipment Manager or another authorized individual.

A-19-5 - Association Property May Not Be Personally Controlled

No Board Member, coach, volunteer, participant, parent, or other individual acquires personal ownership of MYF property merely because the property is stored, maintained, used, purchased, ordered, or managed by that individual. MYF property and organizational records shall be returned to the Association when requested or when the individual's service or authorized use ends.

A-19-6 - Equipment Procedures

Equipment deposits, replacement charges, distribution and return dates, inventory procedures, fitting, cleaning, storage, reconditioning, and other operational requirements shall be established through MYF Policies & Procedures and applicable EBYFC requirements.

ARTICLE 20 - 7V7 FOOTBALL PROGRAM

A-20-1 - 7v7 Football Program

MYF may operate a 7v7 football program and/or league for eligible youth consistent with the purposes of the Association, available facilities, staffing and resources, MYF policies, insurance requirements, and applicable law.

A-20-2 - Organizational Status

The MYF 7v7 Football Program is an official program of Martinez Youth Football & Cheer Association and shall remain under the governance, financial oversight, and authority of the MYF Board of Directors. Operation of the program does not create a separate legal entity.

A-20-3 - League Operations

The Board may establish rules governing age divisions, eligibility, rosters, competition, scheduling, officials, coaching, registration, fees, uniforms, conduct, discipline, safety, championships, and other 7v7 operational matters through MYF Policies & Procedures or separate Board-approved 7v7 League Rules.

A-20-4 - Participating Organizations

MYF may permit teams or organizations not otherwise affiliated with MYF to participate in an MYF-operated 7v7 league. Participation in the league does not make an outside team or organization part of MYF or grant any governance rights within MYF. The Board may establish insurance, registration, safety, financial, conduct, eligibility, and participation requirements for outside organizations.

A-20-5 - Insurance and Safety

MYF shall maintain insurance reasonably appropriate for its 7v7 activities. No 7v7 season, practice, competition, tournament, or other activity shall be conducted unless the Board has reasonably confirmed that applicable insurance requirements have been satisfied.

BOARD REVIEW AND ADOPTION

These Bylaws remain proposed until adopted through the amendment process stated in Article 16 and any additional procedure required by applicable law.

Board Review Date: 9/17/2026

Board Approval Date: 9/17/2026

Effective Date: 9/17/2026

President:  Date: 9/17/2026
Secretary:  Date: 9/17/2026