

BY LAWS OF THE MAVERICK FOOTBALL AND CHEER

ARTICLE I

NAME

This organization shall be known as the Maverick Football and Cheer.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this organization shall be to teach safety, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and the basic fundamentals of football and cheerleading, and to stimulate young boys' and girls' interest in sports while providing constructive recreational use of their leisure time.

ARTICLE III

GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1 MANAGEMENT: The government of the Maverick Football and Cheer shall be under the supervision of its officers; Executive Board.

SECTION 2 OFFICERS: The officers of the Maverick Football and Cheer shall consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, 2 Directors and a Treasurer. Any officers appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve the remainder of the term from date of his or her appointment. The Executive Board shall make all appointments of Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairpersons. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board to fill all vacancies by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

SECTION 3 DUTIES: The officers shall perform the duties and exercise the powers prescribed by Articles of Incorporation set forth in these by-laws. These duties and powers shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. **PRESIDENT:** The President's term of office shall be two (2) years and is contingent upon at least one (1) year Board Membership. The President shall act as Chairperson of the Executive Board and Ex-Officio member of all committees. The President shall be responsible for conducting the affairs of the Maverick Football and Cheer, and for executing the policies established by the Executive Board. The President shall also review the Club's activities at the annual adult member (parent) meeting. In addition, the President shall be responsible for the conduct of the Maverick Football and Cheer Team, and be in strict conformity of the policies, principles and rules and regulations of said club. The President shall have the authority to sign checks. The President shall also represent the Maverick Football and Cheer Team at all I.V.Y.T.F.L. meetings and shall be required to present a report of League discussions
- B. **VICE-PRESIDENT INTERNAL:** The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall work with other Officers and Committee members relating to the Internal Affairs. The Vice-President shall also assist the Registration in verifying registration requirements. The Vice-President shall carry out such duties and assignments as may be delegated by the President. In absence of the president the vice president shall represent the Maverick Football and Cheer Team at all I.V.Y.T.F.L. meetings and shall be required to present a report of League discussions.

- C. **SECRETARY:** The Secretary shall maintain a register of members and directors, record the minutes of each meeting, inform members of said meetings and maintain a record of the club's activities. The Secretary shall make available copies of the medical form for the Team Parent and/or Head Coaches. The Secretary shall be responsible for Board correspondence.
- D. **TREASURER:** The Treasurer shall have the authority to sign checks and disperse club funds as approved by the Executive Board. The Treasurer shall maintain financial records, prepare budgets, and present financial reports at each board meeting, as well as an annual report at the January meeting.
- E. **DIRECTORS:** The Director of Football/Cheer term of office shall be one (1) year. Terms of office shall begin January 1 or first meeting in January. The director of football/cheer shall be allowed one (1) vote per resolution pertaining to football and/or cheer. The Directors are responsible for coordinating the mandatory coaches meetings and clearing all dates and times with the executive board.

FOOTBALL DIRECTOR: Responsible for coordinating home game field preparation including but not limited to roping off the sidelines, striping the field, and making sure water is available for each level. The Football Director must coordinate with the Cheer Director in organizing garbage pick-up at the end of each game (level). The duties of the director of football shall consist of overseeing all division teams and their respective coaches at practices and games. The director of football shall act as liaison between the committee members (parents) and shall also act as liaison between the committee members and the Executive Board. The director of football shall assist in assigning players to their appropriate team according to age/weight. The director of football shall have at least two (2) years' experience as a coach and shall be probation their first year. The director shall have the authority to recommend suspension and/ or disqualification of members to the executive board.

CHEER DIRECTOR: Responsible for overseeing all squads and their respective coaches at all practices and games. The Head of cheerleading shall act as a liaison between members of Maverick Football and Cheer Team and cheerleading coaches committee. The director of cheer shall act as liaison between the committee members (parents) and shall also act as liaison between the committee members and the Executive Board. The director of cheer shall also represent the Maverick Football and Cheer Team at all I.V.Y.T.F.L. meetings and shall be required to present a report of League discussions. The director shall have the authority to recommend suspension and/ or disqualification of members to the executive board.

- F. **BOARD MEMBERS:** Board members are automatically accepted by attending two (2) consecutive board meetings. As a board member you are entitled to one (1) vote. Each Board member will be required to chair a Committee during his or her term. After four (4) absences in the course of a year (beginning January 1 or the first meeting in January), a Board member's term will cease. Any Board member not fulfilling his or her duty will not be asked to return to the Board and will be required to remain off the board for a minimum of one (1) year before being eligible for re-instatement. No board member shall receive any compensation for serving on the board.

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES

SECTION 1 FOOTBALL COACHES: The Football coaches Committee shall consist of the Director of Football appointed by the Maverick Football and Cheer Executive Board. The Committee shall also consist of five (5) head coaches and all team coaches. The purpose of the committee shall be to implement the objective of the Maverick Football Team and to enforce the rules and regulations set forth in the by-laws. All Head Coaches must be board members.

SECTION 2. CHEERLEADING COACHES: The Cheerleading Coaches Committee shall consist of the Director of Cheerleading appointed by the Maverick Football and Cheer Executive Board. The Committee shall also consist of all Squad coaches. The purpose of the committee shall be to implement the objective of the Maverick Football and Cheer Team, and to enforce the rules and regulations set forth in these by-laws. All Head Coaches must be board members.

SECTION 2A. COACH APPLICATION APPROVAL: All coach applications will be reviewed and approved by the Executive Board regarding position and level.

SECTION 3A. EQUIPMENT FOOTBALL: The football equipment manager shall work closely with the Directors to issue and collect all football equipment, as well as maintain said equipment to the highest safety standards at all times. It shall be the duty of the Equipment Manager to maintain the storage unit. In addition, the Equipment Manager submits purchase requisitions as new equipment is needed to replace badly worn items as soon as possible. The purchase of first aid equipment and supplies shall also be the duty of the Equipment Manager.

SECTION3B. EQUIPMENT CHEERLEADING: The equipment manager shall work closely with the Directors to issue and collect all cheerleading uniforms and props, as well as maintain said uniforms and props. It shall be the duty of the Equipment Manager to maintain the storage unit. In addition, the Equipment Manager submits purchase requisitions as new equipment is needed to replace badly worn items as soon as possible. The purchase of first aid equipment and supplies shall also be the duty of the Equipment Manager.

SECTION3C. EQUIPMENT MANAGERS: In the event that an equipment manager cannot be determined it shall be the responsibility of the Director to maintain the equipment and said duties.

SECTION 4: CONCESSION: The Concession Committee shall coordinate all aspects of the Concession stand including but not limited to keeping the storage area in order. It shall be the duty of the committee to maintain an accurate inventory of all items in the concession stand at all times. It is the responsibility of the concession committee to prepare and submit the purchase requisition for needed food items, cleaning supplies, and paper goods.

SECTION5: TEAM PARENT: The Committee of Head Team Parent shall coordinate division of team parents, records, and coordinate communication for said level/team. The head team parent shall coordinate with the Executive Board for any emergency contact/medical information needed for the team parents to have readily available for the coaching staff.

SECTION 6: FUND RAISING: These Committees shall raise money for the benefit of the Maverick Football and Cheer Teams. The Executive Board shall approve all fund raising efforts and all money raised by these Committees shall become part of the Treasury of the Maverick Football and Cheer Team.

SECTION 7: SPECIAL EVENTS: The Special Event Committee shall coordinate all special activities with the Executive Board. Each event shall have its own Chairperson. These committees include Camps, Homecoming, Cheer Competition, Playoffs, Super bowl and/or Banquet.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ADULT MEMBERS: Any person who has a child enrolled in the program or has an active interest shall be a member of the Maverick Football and Cheer Team.

SECTION 2. YOUTH MEMBERS: Any child meeting the requirements as set forth in the by-laws of the Maverick Football and Cheer Team, shall be eligible for participation. If equipment is available, no child will be refused the opportunity to participate, provided that they conform to the Team By-Laws and the Illinois Valley Youth Tackle Football League (I.V.Y.T.F.L.) rules of play.

SECTION 3. FOOTBALL COACHES MEETING: Football Coaches Committee meeting shall be called at the discretion of the director of football. A minimum of three (3) meetings during the season shall be called. The first meeting shall be prior to the first practice.

SECTION 4. CHEERLEADING COACHES MEETING: Cheerleading coach's committee meeting shall be called at the discretion of the Director of Cheerleading. A minimum of three (3) meeting during the season shall be called. The first meeting shall be called prior to the first practice.

SECTION 5. ADULT MEMBERS (PARENTS/GAURDIAN) MEETING: Adult member (parent/guardian) meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Executive Board. A minimum of one (1) meeting shall be called each year.

SECTION 6. DISQUALIFICATION: Any member not conforming to the by-laws of the Maverick Football and Cheer Team may be disqualified at the discretion of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SECTION 1. FOOTBALL: All coaches, players, cheerleaders, and parents/guardians shall conform to the rules, regulations as prescribed by the Articles of Incorporation and the Code of Conduct passed by the board, and the by-laws which has been adapted by the Maverick Football and Cheer for the I.V.Y.T.F.L. The responsibilities shall include but not limited to the following.

- A. **HEAD COACHES:** The head coaches shall be directly answerable to the director of football. The head coaches shall instruct the players in the basic fundamentals of football and shall stress safety, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play. The head coaches shall assist the director of football in preparing the field for home games. In addition, each head coach shall be expected to submit an injury report to the safety committee within five (5) days of any injury. All head coaches shall have at least one (1) year experience.
- B. **TEAM COACHES:** The team coaches shall be directly answerable to the head coach. They shall assist the head coach in implementing the objective of the Maverick Football and Cheer Team, and enforcing the rules and regulations set forth in these by-laws.
- C. **PLAYERS:** The rules and regulations governing personnel are as follows:
 1. Any player can be dropped from the team because of missing five (5) practices without an excuse or for disciplinary reasons. No refunds will be given. This rule also pertains to any player who will be ineligible to play because of being over the prescribed weight at weigh-in time.

- Any player over the team prescribed weight limit will risk the chance of not playing during the season. The placement of overweight players for practice purposes will be at the discretion of the head coaches of the teams involved. The following weight chart is the prescribed weights for the Illinois Valley Youth Tackle Football League and will be implemented into the Maverick Football and Cheer Organization:

LEVEL	RESTRICTION/AGE	WEIGHT
Super Lightweights	6 - 8	80 pounds
	6 – 8 Striper*	90 pounds
	9	65 pounds or under
	****double striper	league approval
Lightweight's	7 – 10	100 pounds
	7 – 10 striper*	110 pounds
	11	85 pounds
	**** Double striper	league approval
Junior Varsity/JV	9 – 12	125 pounds
	9 – 12 striper	135 pounds
	13	95 pounds
	****double striper	league approval
Varsity	10 – 14	160 pounds
	10 – 14 stripe	195 pounds
	10 – 14 double striper	275 pounds or under

Required Equipment at all weigh ins:

Game shoes
Socks
Game pants
Knee and thigh pads
Girdle and all girdle pads
Game jersey

Equipment NOT required at weigh ins.

Helmet
Shoulder pads
Rib pads
Neck rolls

All weigh-ins will be held at halftime of the game in progress, except for the first game of the day. They will be held one hour prior to start time.

All required papers- physical, birth certificate, registration forms, release waivers, and fees must be in before uniforms will be issued. (No child will be refused the opportunity to participate if fees cannot be obtained). The Maverick Football and Cheer Organization is obligated to make arrangements or waive fees for indigent individuals.

- Controlled scrimmages: Parents must be notified prior to any controlled scrimmage outside of his/her weight division.
- Uniforms must be kept clean and presentable. Any damaged uniforms returned due to improper care will require just compensation. All uniforms should be cleaned before they are returned at the end of the season.
- All required safety equipment issued to players must be worn at all practices and games. Mouthpieces must have attached strap and carry on automatic one thousand dollar insurance policy with its purchase. Mouthpieces should be properly fitted according to accompanying instructions.
- Regular checks by the coaches will be taken to assure that every player wears a support cup. This shall be done by having the player strike his support cup with closed fist.
- All players shall participate in a minimum of five (5) plays per game.

SECTION 2 CHEERLEADING: All coaches and cheerleaders shall conform to the rules and regulations as prescribed in the Articles of Incorporation set forth by these by-laws. The responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. **CHEERLEADING COACHES:** The squad coaches shall be directly answerable to the director of cheerleading. They shall instruct the cheerleaders in the basic fundamentals of cheerleading. They will stress safety, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play. The squad coaches shall also be required to contact the team parent in regard to details concerning practices, games and other special activities. In addition, they will be required to keep accurate attendance reports to be turned in at the first practice of the week. The squad coaches shall assist the cheer equipment manager with issuance, maintenance, and collection of uniforms. They shall also insure that the cheerleaders are wearing proper uniform attire to games and other special activities as directed by the head of cheerleading. In addition, each squad coach shall be expected to submit an injury report to the safety committee within five (5) days of the injury. All squad coaches shall have one (1) year experience.

- B. **CHEERLEADERS:** The rules and regulations governing cheerleaders and personnel are as follows:
 - 1. All cheerleaders must wear proper uniform attire at all games and special activities as directed by the head of cheerleading. The head of cheerleading shall designate proper uniform code.
 - 2. Uniforms must be kept clean and presentable. Any damaged uniforms returned due to improper care will require just compensation.
 - 3. Any cheerleader can be dropped from the squad because of missing five (5) practices without an excuse, or for disciplinary reasons. No refunds will be given.
 - 4. All forms-physical, birth certificates, registration forms, release waivers, and fees must be turned in before uniforms will be issued. (No child will be refused the opportunity to participate if fees cannot be obtained). The Maverick Football and Cheer Organization is obligated to make arrangements of waive fees for indigent individuals.
 - 5. All cheerleaders shall attend all practices, games and other special activities as directed by the head of cheerleading unless excused by the coaching committee. Five (5) unexcused absences shall be reason for dismissal.
 - 6. All excused absences are to be reported to the coaching committee at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance to the planned absence.
 - 7. Cheerleaders shall be prompt to practices, games and other special activities as directed by the head cheerleader.
 - 8. All cheerleader and pompoms shall be expected to display sportsmanship at all times, on and off the field.
 - 9. Participants shall be expected to pay attention to instruction from the coaches without excessive and continued disturbances.
 - 10. Cheerleaders shall be expected to support their team, their squad, and the organization by displaying their spirit, their enthusiasm, their loyalty and their maintenance of high standard of moral and ethical behavior.

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