***WEST JERSEY YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE***

***CONSTITUTION AND BY - LAWS***

2016

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this League shall be the West Jersey Youth Football League (“the League” or “the WJYFL”).

**ARTICLE II**

**Preamble**

West Jersey Youth Football League (WJYFL) has been established by small programs, for small programs, by invitation and sponsorship, to promote fair play, competitive games, good sportsmanship and a place for all youth to play football regardless of race color or creed.

**ARTICLE III**

**GOVERNMENT**

1. Government of the League shall be under direct supervision of the Elected Officers
2. Officers of the League that shall constitute the Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant At Arms.
3. The President, Secretary and Sergeant-At-Arms will be elected in even years. The Vice President and Treasurer will be elected in odd years.
4. Officers shall be nominated during the last meeting of November for a period of two years. The officers will then be elected at the next meeting.
5. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION AS AN OFFICER, NOMINEE MUST ATTEND AT LEAST 60% OF SEASONAL MEETING (AUGUST THRU NOMINATING MEETINGS.
6. Each franchise entered in any weight division shall be entitled to have two delegates represent their franchise at League meetings.
7. EVERY FRANCHISE MUST ABIDE BY THE BY-LAWS SET FORTH BY THE LEAGUE TO BE A MEMBER OF GOOD STANDING.
8. MEMBERS OF GOOD STANDING SHALL HAVE ONE VOTE PER FRANCHISE IN MATTERS CONCERNING THE LEAGUE.
9. Only one member from one Franchise can serve on the Board of Directors at one time.
10. Board of Trustees
11. The WJYFL, in order to maintain the integrity of the league and to promote the enforcement of its by-laws, shall establish a Board of Trustees, consisting of one representative from each of the founding six (6) members of the league (“Founding Fathers” or “Founders”). The Board of Trustees acts as an advisory board to promote the goals of the league and to maintain the integrity of both the league and its by-laws.
12. The Board of Trustee representative is appointed by the Member Team and serves a two (2) year term.
13. A Board of Trustee Member may not serve on the Board of the WJYFL. Board of Trustee members must be notified of any meeting whereby their veto powers could be exercised.
14. The Board of Trustees may veto, if convened, certain specific actions of the League’s body. The Board may exercise a veto, by a 5-1, over the following specific areas:
	1. The admission of any team to the league may be vetoed by the Board of Trustees.
	2. Any amendment to the weight limits may be vetoed by the Board of Trustees.
	3. Any amendment to the Size of Program may be vetoed by the Board of Trustees.
15. Succession
	1. The Founding Fathers, who will comprise the Board of Trustees, as of January 2011 are Trustees from Robbinsville, Maple Shade, Haddon Twp., Westville, Logan and Bordentown.
	2. Any Trustee team that leaves the league for any reason will be replaced by the team with the next longest tenure in the league. Tenure in the league is the date of admission as recorded by the Secretary.
16. Voting Rights
17. In 2011, except where otherwise noted, only teams entering the WJYFL by invitation or sponsorship before April 17, 2011 will be permitted to vote with the full WJYFL body. Teams entering on or after April 17, 2011 will serve a one calendar year probation period (from the date of their admission) with no body voting rights.
18. All meetings shall be run by Robert’s Rules of Order, unless superseded by WJYFL By-Laws.

**ARTICLE IV**

**LEAGUE MEETINGS**

1. Meetings shall be held each month.
2. Quorum for League meetings shall consist of not less than 2/3 of the League‘s membership.
3. Majority vote will rule on all matters except those specified in the By-Laws. The president will vote in case of a tie. The President has the right to veto any vote. A Presidential veto may be overridden by majority vote by the Board of Directors.
4. Franchises not represented shall be fined $25 per offense
5. Franchises arriving 30 minutes after the start of the meeting may be marked absent at the discretion of the Board. If any franchise fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings, SAID FRANCHISE MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISCLIPLINARY ACTION.
6. ALL Fines must be paid by the next meeting or said Franchise will relinquish their right to vote, unless an alternate payment arrangement has been agreed upon by the Board and said Franchise
7. ALL ATTENDEE’S MUST SIGN ATTENDENCE REGISTER.
8. There are no excused absences.

**ARTICLE V**

**DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. President
2. Be executive officer of the organization.
3. Preside at all meetings.
4. Shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.
5. Shall appoint all committees.
6. Shall have general supervision over all officers and shall sign all checks and levy fines.
7. Have veto power
8. Vice President
9. Assumes all the duties of the President in his absence.
10. Shall also carry out special assignments and details as directed by the President
11. Serve on such committees as may be directed by the President.
12. Secretary
13. Be responsible for recording attendance at all meetings.
14. Supervise the handling of all applications for membership.
15. Keep a record of all members of the League and their date of admission.
16. Notify applicants of their acceptance or rejection in the League.
17. Record minutes of all meetings.
18. Handle all correspondence.
19. Certify eligibility for voting.
20. Treasurer
21. Keep records of accounts in books belonging to the Association?
22. Collect all moneys that the Association is entitled to.
23. Disburse such funds as are authorized by the Association and these

 By-Laws.

1. Upon vacating office, shall deliver to his/her successor all funds, books, accounts, vouchers, and all other Association property in his/her possession.
2. Sign checks along with other officers.
3. Sergeant At Arms.
4. Know the by-laws
5. Help executive board control meetings.
6. Rule on amendments or proposals that are out of order during the meeting.
7. SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING ATTENDANCE
8. REGISTER.
9. CERTIFY ELIGIBLE NOMINEE’S FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP.
10. Maintain a fine ledger and report said fines at monthly meetings.
11. Referee Commissioner **(A sitting Board member)**
12. In charge of referees during the season and playoffs.
13. Handles game and schedule changes
14. Also handle scheduling of referees for games each week.
15. Manage referee related complaints
16. Board of Trustees
17. Work with Board to resolve matters pertaining to the League.
18. Maintain the integrity of the League, the league’s purpose and mission and By-Laws.
19. Enforce specified powers of the Board of Trustees
20. Shall not be Board Members

ALL OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS. IF ANY OFFICER FAILS TO ATTEND THREE CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS, SAID OFFICER MUST APPEAR BEFORE A HEARING BOARD CONSISTING OF REMAINING BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THREE FRANCHISE APPOINTEE’S FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS.

**ARTICLE VI**

**BY - LAWS**

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting from January 1 through May 1 when the following requirements are met:
2. It shall require a 2/3 vote of all Franchises for the approval of any amendment.
3. Amendments must be in writing and addressed to the League.
4. Amendments must be read at two (2) regular meetings before being approved.
5. All By-Law changes approved by the League must be kept in practice for at least one season before a second related change can be submitted. Season shall be defined from August 1 until the last game of the year.
6. Upon expiration of the founding year, By-Laws shall be amended on all even years.

**ARTICLE VII**

**FINANCIAL POLICY**

1. The Board of Directors shall place all income in a common treasury or approved trust fund directing expenditures of same in such a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over the others.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. New membership shall be granted only by a 2/3 majority vote of Founding Members in the first year of league operation (2011) and, in subsequent years, by 2/3 majority vote of League members attending any regularly scheduled meeting. This vote shall be by secret ballot.
2. New members approved by 2/3 majority vote of League members must complete a probationary period of 12 months from the date of acceptance into the League, during which voting rights on all League matters are prohibited. Once the probationary period is completed the new member will have full voting rights.
3. Upon interest expressed by any new franchise, said franchise shall submit an application and a refundable $250.00 to the WJYFL at which point an interview will be arranged at the next league meeting.
4. The number of memberships shall be at the discretion of the League members.
5. WJYFL has been established by small programs for small programs. (See Article II Preamble) A small program, by definition established by the founders of the WJYFL is a program that does not exceed 150 players.
6. Upon completion of all weigh-ins, any program that exceeded the 150 player maximum established in Article VIII section E shall be notified by the President that said program will be discussed and voted on by the body as to whether to be placed on probation for the upcoming season. Probation may only be imposed with a simple majority vote of the Body in attendance. (See Article XIV section 4) Programs placed on probation in the first year of violation of Article VIII section E shall NOT lose their voting rights during first year of probation. This provision is an exception to Article XIV Section A #1.
7. Upon completion of all weigh-ins, any program that has exceeded the 150 player maximum for a second consecutive season shall be subject to the following penalties. Probationary status will be discussed and voted on by the Body as defined in Article VIII section F. Any program, regardless of its probationary status, that is in its second consecutive year in violation of the 150 player maximum rule shall lose voting rights for the upcoming season. Any program that has be placed on probation for (2) consecutive years will be subject to expulsion from the WJYFL. (See Article XIV section A #5)

**ARTICLE IX**

**FEES**

1. The Executive Board shall determine the dollar amount of the league fees and franchise fees.
2. Any team desiring membership in the League is required to submit the following fees:
3. Effective for teams joining the League after 4/17/2011, the Franchise fee will be $250.00 per organization. This is a non returnable, one-time fee paid at the time a Franchise is accepted into the association.
4. Annual operating fee shall be determined annually by Board of Directors by the February meeting. The annual fee is $400.00 and is not returnable.
5. Annual operating fee is due to the League by the April meeting. A fee of $25.00 per month will be added if not paid by the April meeting. Any franchise that does not pay their annual operating fee by the date specified shall be declared an ineligible franchise and must reapply for membership and pay a new franchise fee. The provisions of this paragraph can be waived in cases of hardship by a majority vote of all League members attending any scheduled meeting.

**ARTICLE X**

**RULES**

1. The official rules and regulations governing the new Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) shall be binding upon this Association except where the League rules specifically differ from the NJSIAA rules.
2. The playing rules (Article XI, Rule 5) of the League shall be amended and adopted by the membership at least one (1) month prior to the first game.

**ARTICLE XI**

**PLAYING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**Rule 1**

**Member Liability**

1. All teams must have insurance to cover the period from August 1 to December 31. Certified proof of insurance must be furnished to the League prior to August 1.
2. Every franchise must have at least one league certified coach on the field with the athletes during games, scrimmage games, practice and practice games.

**Rule 2**

**Player Eligibility**

1. Each organization is responsible for the completion and execution of player registration forms and WJYFL player contracts by parents / guardians for participation in the form of WJYFL player contracts each of their players.
2. Each player must present proof of age from among the following items:
3. Birth certificate
4. Naturalization papers, passport, and/or visa
5. Baptismal papers, original or sealed copy.
6. D.D. Form 1173 (Military)
7. Adoption papers
8. School transcript/report card or school identification card that states grade (for 13 and 14 year olds only)

(Note: Individual player appeals regarding identity, name, and proof of date of birth must be submitted in writing to the Board no later than 10 days prior to the pre-season weigh-in held in September for review and ruling. No player with proof of school and age documentation that has not been approved by the Board will be permitted to weigh-in.)

1. Player age on September 1 is the player’s League Age for that season.
2. Weight Divisions
3. The League will include the following weight divisions:
	1. 60lb (ages 4, 5 and 6) (Exceptions: A 4 and 5 year old can weigh up to 70lbs, a 6 year old can weigh up to 65lbs but a player that turns 7 after September 1st can only weigh 60lbs.)
	2. 85lb (ages 7 and 8)
	3. 100lb (ages 9 and 10)
	4. 115lb (ages 11 and 12)
	5. 135lb/Modified (ages 13 and 14)
		1. Any player over 135lbs and no more than 155lbs must play from tackle to tackle on offense and defense. These players are not allowed to return kick offs or punts.
		2. Any player that is eligible to play high school football must weigh in at 135lbs or less.
		3. All 13 and 14 year old players will be required to provide a school transcript/report card or school identification card that states grade level.
		4. Younger heavier can weigh up to 155lbs, must play from tackle to tackle on offense and defense and must not be older than 12 years of age for the remainder of the calendar year.
	6. Younger/Heavier for 85lb, 100lb and 115lb teams. A player that is not of a weight class age can be up to 10lbs heavier. (Ex: a 9/10 year old weighing 126lbs max. can play on the 115lb team with ages 11 and 12 year olds.) The player must play tackle to tackle on Offense and Defense. A team may only have a maximum of (2) of these younger/heavier players on the field at a time. Younger/heavier player helmets will be marked on the back with a circular sticker. Coaches will notify opposing team before the game of such players and both teams will exchange rosters with numbers and these players will be clearly highlighted.
	7. Core teams will consist of 85lb, 100lb, 115lb and 135lb teams, 60lb will not be considered a core team.
4. Once a player qualifies for their weight class there shall be no further weigh-in requirement for that season.
5. Weigh-ins: All teams in all weight divisions shall weigh in on registration day at the prescribed weight for their division. All boys must meet the prescribed weight or less for their division at the weigh-ins.

G. Any player who is absent or who is overweight at the first weigh-in shall be eligible to attend a "make-up" weigh-in that shall be scheduled one week after the initial weigh-in. Any athlete weighing more than 5 pounds over his weight class at the first weigh-in CANNOT weigh in at the second weigh in.

H. The Executive Board may schedule a hardship weigh-in for any team with less than 15 players. **Those players cannot play offensive skill positions (quarterback, running back, any position where a receiver is eligible to receive a pass) for three calendar weeks following the hardship weigh-in Date.**

 - Any player attending either of the first two weigh-ins is not eligible for the hardship weigh-in.

 - Must be accompanied by a league certified coach.

 - One step on the scale

 - Teams requesting a hardship due to injuries must submit player ID cards of the injured players to the Executive Board.

 - No hardship weigh-in after Week 4 of the season.

I. Once a player has entered the designated Weigh-In area – outside or inside of the building where the Weigh-In will occur – they are not permitted to leave that area to use the restroom or any type of “sweat-down” tactic.

J. Athletes will have 2 chances on scale, one at the first weigh-in and one at the second weigh-in, with stripping down to shorts allowed.

K The League scales or other scales approved by the Board of Directors will be the official scales.

L. The President shall appoint a weigh-in committee who shall be responsible for weigh-ins.

M. A representative from each team must accompany his team to all weigh-ins.

N. No member of the Board of Directors or Board of Trustees will be permitted to supervise, assist and/or participate in any way with any aspect of their organization’s weigh-in from check-in to departure, including but not limited to check-in, stepping on the scale and ID photo session.

O. Players will be photographed for I.D. cards at weigh-ins. The I. D. cards will consist of League Name, Date of Birth, Player Last Name, Player First Name, Organization Name, Weight Class and Season.

P. The league shall be furnished a complete roster consisting of the boys’ names AT THE WEIGH-IN. A player’s contract signed by a parent/guardian & player must be furnished to the League AT THE WEIGH-IN.

Q. The I.D. card of any boy who is no longer a member of any team after the season starts shall be forwarded to the League president immediately.

R. The I.D. cards mentioned in section F of this rule shall be used in the following procedure to make any boy eligible to play. Ten minutes before game time he shall stand at attention with his I.D. card in front of him so that he can be identified by the opposing coaching staff. No athlete will be permitted to play any League game without his I.D. card. ($6.00 a card)

S. All players of a member franchise must be rostered in the WJYFL and may not be rostered nor play for any other football league or high school while registered in the WJYFL. No team shall be permitted to roster a team in another league at any level. (Exception: if a weight level is not in our league. i.e. Unlimiteds)

**Rule 3**

**Equipment**

1. Each boy must be fully equipped as required by National Federation rules including helmet, faceguard, mouthpiece, shoulder pads, football pants including thigh and knee pads, one piece (non-detachable), cleated footwear or sneakers and jersey with number on front and back to be worn by same player all season.

**Rule 4**

**Player Removal for Injury / Safety**

1. Officials will not let any player continue in any game if he is injured, exhausted or out of condition. Any injured player(s) must remain out of their game at least one play.

**Rule 5**

**Playing Rules**

NJSIAA rules in all games with the following exceptions:

1. All Levels
2. Four timeouts per half
3. Extra point via kick: two points; run or pass: one point
4. Kickoff from the 40 yard line
5. Four 10-minute quarters (no running clock at any time unless mutually agreed by head coaches and game officials)
6. Play clock: 35 seconds from the spot of the ball between plays
7. 10 minutes for halftime
8. “Fair Play Rules:”
9. Operating Committee shall determine “Fair Play Rules” to prevent routs, keep scores respectable and respect the players and coaches who volunteer hours to this sport and deserve to leave the field with honor, if not with a victory.
10. 60lb Only
11. Both head coaches must agree on kickoffs; if not agreed, the ball is placed on the offensive team’s own 40 yard line after a score.
12. No more or less than two coaches on the field for all plays.
13. 12-minute running quarters
14. 45-second play clock.
15. Offensive team has the option to advance the ball 20 yards in lieu of attempting a punt, but only when the ball is marked inside the offensive team’s own 40 yard line.
16. After a safety, the kicking team has the option to kickoff or advance the ball 20 yards to the opponents’ 40 yard line.
17. No defensive lineman or linebacker may line up within three yards of the line of scrimmage head-up on the center or in either A gap.
18. No plays of deception. (Play of deception is defined as a trick play; options, ball fakes and bootlegs are not deception.)
19. No quarterback sneaks.
20. 80lb Only
21. 40-second play clock
22. Offensive team has the option to advance the ball 20 yards in lieu of attempting a punt, but only when the ball is marked inside the offensive team’s own 30 yard line.

**Rule 6**

**Facility and Playing Field Rules**

1. All divisions will use a regulation field as prescribed in NJSIAA rules, or as close as possible.
2. Coaches, Managers and players must remain within the 25 yard lines on side of field.
3. The home team is responsible for having field properly marked, Field to be marked at five yard intervals and inbound markings.
4. Players’ benches will be for official players, coaches and managers only.
5. Home team shall rope or fence off spectators from playing field.
6. Home teams shall provide adequate police protection for each game and will have access on site or via phone to fire and emergency medical departments.
7. Coaches will be required to wear a their coaching ID. All coaches IDs will be checked by a referee prior to the start of each game. Only two coaches will be able to talk to the referees.
8. Down markers and down box will be on the home team side.

**Rule 7**

**Official Ball**

The following shall be the official ball used during games:

1. 60lb & 80lb - Wilson K2
2. 95lb & 110lb - Wilson TDJ
3. 130lb - Wilson TDY
4. A BALL EQUIVALENT TO CORRESPONDING BALLS ABOVE MAY BE SUBSTITUTED WITH PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**Rule 8**

**Game Officials**

1. All officials refereeing WJYFL will be experienced members in good standing of a recognized, accredited football officials organization.
2. Minimum crew requirements
3. 60lb and 80lb: Two officials
4. 95lb., 110lb and 130lb: Three officials
5. All championship games: Four officials with in-season game experience at the given level.

**Rule 9**

**Forfeit Time**

1. Each team has 30 minutes after official starting time before forfeiting any game. FORFEITING TEAM MUST PAY FOR THE REFEREES.

**Rule 10**

**Postponements**

1. Home team and League official must agree at least two hours before official game time to postpone any league game.
2. Home team shall notify officials one and a half (1 1/2) hours before game in case of postponement.
3. In the event that the teams involved cannot agree on postponing a game the officials will have the authority to call game if weather is inclement of field is not playable.
4. Any game postponed must be played by Wednesday. If the home field is not available, a neutral field must be chosen.

**Rule 11**

**Preseason and Regular Season**

1. No team shall hold pre-season practice before August 1st of each year.
2. Members will receive a draft version of league-wide schedules prior to final approval and the Scheduling Committee must accept team input on scheduling.
3. The Board will have final approval authority of all schedules.
4. Preseason play shall start no earlier than August 15 and will conclude no later than Labor Day Weekend.
5. Regular season League play shall start after Labor Day.
6. The regular season schedule for all teams and levels will consist of eight games – four home games and four away games.
7. Once the final schedules have been approved by the Board, changes of opponents cannot be made.
8. Start times and/or venue changes to scheduled games can be made with:
	1. 72 hours of notice prior to kickoff
	2. Approval by all involved parties – secured by the team making the request – from an authorized representative of the opposing organization, game officials and the WJYFL president or, in the event the WJYFL cannot be reached, a League Board member.

J. Home and Away games will be switched every other year within the Division.

**Rule 12**

**Playoffs**

1. The Executive Board shall determine formatting of playoffs. That Committee shall report back to the full body with recommendations. Those recommendations may be adopted by the body.
2. Executive Board will determine Order of play, seeding and tiebreakers.
3. Executive Board will determine format of playoffs dependent upon number of teams in the WJYFL.

B. Playoffs shall culminate in a championship game to be played at a neutral site.

**Rule 13**

**Publicity**

1. All home teams must report each game to the appropriate League official no later than Sunday at 8pm of each weekend during the season. Failure to report scores on time may result in fines.

**Rule 14**

**Protests**

1. All protests must be filed with the League President within 48 hours accompanied with $50.00. If protest is upheld, the $50.00 will be refunded. No protests involving decision of game officials will be allowed.

 **Rule 15**

 **Referee Complaints**

1. Any and all refereeing issues should be addressed in writing by the complainant and the complaining franchises league representative to the Board Member who is referee liaison.

**ARTICLE XIII**

**CONDUCT**

1. General
2. PLAYERS AND PARENTS / GUARDIANS SIGN THE WJYFL PLAYER CONTRACT PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PRESEASON.
3. CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENTS MUST BE SIGNED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PRESEASON BY ALL PARTIES INVOLVED WITH THEIR ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING COACHES, PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS.
4. THE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AUDIT THESE AGREEMENTS EACH SEASON TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE.
5. Coaches
6. Coaches will conduct themselves in the presence of their players, parents, officials, and spectators in such a manner as to be a credit to themselves, their Organizations, the League and the Coaches Code of Ethics.
7. ALL coaches on the sidelines must have clean criminal background checks conducted by local or state law enforcement and must attend WJYFL Code of Conduct meetings with the frequency designated by the league. At least one coach on each team – preferably the head coach – must be certified by an accredited, recognized youth sports coaching entity, such as Rutgers, USA Football or NYSCA, via an in-person or online course.
8. All opposing coaches shall meet each other on the field after the game for a sportsmanlike exchange of congratulations, and lead their respective teams in doing the same.
9. Any Coach who is named in a formal complaint presented to the Board regarding inappropriate conduct before, during or after a game to any party, including but not limited to players, coaches, referees or spectators, may be subject to a Board investigation and penalties.
10. Any Coach who is ejected from a game will be subject to further discipline up to and including expulsion from the League.
11. Officials assigned to League games are charged by the League to expel from the playing field the coach or coaches who are penalized three times in any one game for unsportsmanlike conduct. Expulsion from the playing field is defined as being physically removed to a location where any verbal communication (including telephone, intercom and radio) is impossible. Refusal to obey such expulsion order of violation of the order by establishing lines of communication will result in forfeiting of the game to be called by the head official at the game.
12. Players
	1. Game officials will report all player ejections to the Board.
	2. Any player who is ejected shall be reported to the Board by his head coach. The report to the Board may be presented by the League Rep.
	3. Game officials and/or representative from Members may reports other behavioral incidents of note in their judgment to the Board
	4. All such reports must be submitted no later than the Monday (by 9am) that immediate follows the weekend of the game in which the ejection or incident occurred.

**ARTICLE XIV**

**PROBATION, FINES AND EXPULSION**

1. Probation
2. Member Organizations placed on one year of probation will not have any League voting rights during that year.
3. Member Organizations placed on two years of probation may be subject to a vote on continuing membership in the League or expulsion.
4. Probation of any duration may be waived on appeal by majority vote of the Board in cases of hardship.
5. **Probation may only be imposed with a majority vote of the Body.**

B. **Fined Violations**

1. **Operating Committee designated by the President shall convene to establish a fee schedule for violations. The following list of violations is not exhaustive. The Executive Board shall review all violations and reserve the right to levy monetary fines and disciplinary action. The following offenses are subject but not limited to the coinciding fines and disciplinary action**
* Violations of weigh-in rules (multiple)-**maximum combined fine not more than $250**
* Use of an illegal / ineligible player in any game**-$100 franchise fine, 2 game suspension for the Head coach, forfeiture of game**
* Player ejection – **one game suspension**
* 1 or more players ejected from games during a given season-**Board review, up to $100 franchise fine**
* 4 or more personal foul penalties in a given season-**Board review**
* Unable to provide safe, clean and otherwise suitable / playable facilities-**Possible loss of Home Games**
* Unable to field a “core” team in one or more weight class for one season will result in probation
* Franchise not fielding one or more “core” teams for two consecutive seasons will not be eligible for any home playoff games
* Failure to pay League dues and/or fines on time-**Face possible playoff ineligibility**
* Refusal to pay League dues and/or fines-**Program will not be included in scheduling and entire program will be playoff ineligible.**
* Failure to pay game officials-**Forfeit**
* Refusal to pay game officials-**Forfeit**
* Repeated failure to report game results by deadline-**Subject to $25 fine per incident**.
* Coach found not to have a WJYFL ID Card on the sidelines for a game – **first offense (individual and organizational penalties)-$50 each**
* Coach found not to have a WJYFL ID Card on the sidelines for a game – two or more offenses (individual and organizational penalties)- **2nd offense, $100 each. 3rd offense-removal of coach, $200 franchise fine.**
* One or more player ID cards missing at game – **First offense-$25 Head Coach fine**
* One or more player ID cards missing at game – two or more offenses-**2nd offense $50 Head Coach fine, 3rd offense-$75 Head Coach fine**
* Falsifying any player documents-**Expulsion of entire coaching staff, $500 franchise fine**
* Physical alterations to equipment-**Board review, up to $100 fine**
* Use of performance enhancing drugs-**Expulsion of player, Board review**.

2. All fines must be paid in full at the regular business meeting prior to play-off schedule or the organization in question will not be eligible for play-offs and the next eligible team will fill the said open play-off spot.

 **ARTICLE X**

 **MISCELLANEOUS**

 **Rule 1**

1. ALL-STAR PRACTICE AND GAME RULES
2. Operating Committee to determine validity of All-Star Game and rules of construction, selection and play of All Star Game.

 **Rule 2**

1. 5th Quarter Rules
2. Operating Committee to determine validity of All-Star Game and establish rules of play for 5th Quarter.

**The Board reserves the right to amend the By-Laws if necessary to preserve the integrity of the league and maintain the safety of their players.**