

Glenwood City Blue Thunder Youth Football and Cheerleading

By-Laws

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Article I – Name

Section 1

This organization shall be known as “Blue Thunder Youth Football” hereinafter referred as “BTYF”. BTYF is a non-profit organization.

Article II – Objective

Section 1

The objective of BTYF is to offer the youth of Glenwood City with the opportunity to play (within the rules) competitive flag (Division 1) or full contact (Divisions 2 and 3) in an organized and supervised environment. We will teach them the fundamentals of football. We will strive to instill in them the concepts of good sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, and respect for authority.

Section 2

To achieve this, BTYF will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations incorporated herein and referenced in any addendum to this document.

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility

The membership of the BTYF shall consist of parents and the elected Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Board of Directors

The BTYF is governed by a Board of Directors. The executive board shall consist of a president, vice president, treasurer and secretary, each serving a two-year term.

Section 3 – Election of Board Members

The Board of Directors shall be elected by the members of BTYF at the annual meeting and shall serve a two-year term. All voting shall be done by paper ballot and tallied by a member not running for election. Election years will alternate, with the President and Vice-President elected in even-numbered years, and the Secretary and Treasurer elected in odd-numbered years.

Article IV – Coaches

Section 1 – Consistency

Each division in cheerleading and football shall have a head coach and assistant coaches, and shall serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Application

Each coach and assistant coaches must submit to a confidential background check. Information contained on the authorization form will serve as the application. (Pursuant to the rules and by laws of the TCYFL, all head and assistant coaches shall submit to a background check annually. Volunteers also interacting with the children may be subject to a background check as well.)

Section 3 – Tenure

All coaches shall lose tenure immediately at the end of the season including playoffs and championships. Coaches must reapply each year.

Section 4 – Background Checks

The purpose of the background check is to determine if a coach or volunteer is deemed suitable to interact with children. A background check will be completed by the Board of Directors. Any applicant that has an unfavorable background check will be notified by the President or Vice-President of BTYF and will be given the opportunity to explain or dispute the record.

ARTICLE V – Powers and Duties of Officers

Section 1 President.

The President shall preside at all meetings BTYF. In the event of his absence or disability, the Vice-President shall preside and in the absence or disability of both the President and Vice-President, the Treasurer shall preside. President shall maintain Blue Thunder trailer or appoint the Vice-President.

Section 2 - Financial Decisions

The President and Treasurer shall execute and deliver all financial decisions voted on by the Board of Directors. In the event of the absence or illness of either of said officers to perform the aforesaid duties, the Directors, by a majority vote at a special meeting shall designate a Director to act for such officers during any such period of absence or illness.

Section 3 - Voting

In any meeting of BTYF the President may vote only in the event of a tie. There must be a quorum of at least three board members with two-thirds votes to pass.

Section 4 - Vice-President

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities of the President's office, excepting as otherwise provided herein.

Section 5 - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually incident to the office under the supervision of the Board of Directors. He or she shall have the custody of all the financial books and papers. He or she shall sign all checks for the disbursing funds of BTYF. At each Annual Meeting He or She shall render a report of the financial conditions of BTYF. He or She shall render financial reports to the Directors, whenever requested, and shall give them full information as to the financial condition of BTYF at all times. At the termination of his term of office, He or She shall turn over all property of BTYF held by him or her as Treasurer to his or her successor in the office. He or She shall be responsible for securing insurance.

Section 6 - Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of BTYF, and shall record the proceedings thereof. He or She shall notify the members of BTYF of the annual and special meetings in a manner. In the absence of the Secretary at a meeting, a Secretary Pro-Tempe may be chosen.

Section 7 – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall have charge of the practical matters of BTYF. They shall have the care and management of the property of BTYF and shall have full power to carry out and execute the purpose for which the BTYF was formed. They are empowered by a vote of at least three of the members of the BTYF Board of Directors to authorize the President and Treasurer to purchase or otherwise acquire any personal property for the BTYF over \$500.

The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint committees from their membership as necessary and advisable to fulfill the objectives of BTYF.

ARTICLE VI – Meetings

Section 1 – Coaches Meeting

The President shall conduct an informational meeting with all coaches before the first night of practice to outline expectations.

Section 2 – Parent Meeting

The President shall also conduct an informational meeting for all parents before the start of each season.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

The President may call special meetings at any time a vote is needed. A quorum of at least three members is needed. Meetings may be called upon in person or by phone call of notification at least three days in advance of the meeting being called.

Section 3 – Annual BTYF Meeting

The annual meeting of BTYF shall be held at the conclusion of the season for the purpose of electing a new board of directors and electing officers. This meeting may coincide with the season-ending party.

Section 4 - Annual TCYFL Meeting

Any coach who is a director may attend the annual TCYFL meeting. Three votes will be comprised of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer at the meeting. Secretary may vote in place of absence of the aforementioned officers.

ARTICLE VI – Fees and Insurance

Section 1 – Registration/Fundraiser

The Board of Directors shall set registration fees and at least one fundraiser annually. No player shall participate in the program of BTYF without payment of such registration fees and participation of such fundraiser, unless such fees and/or participation are waived, in part or full, by direction of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Refund of Registration

Refunds of registration will only be given up to 14 days from the date of the first scheduled practice.

Section 3 – Insurance

Insurance will begin on the first night of official practice and will conclude at the end of the playoffs.

ARTICLE VII – Playtime

Section 1 – Open Enrollment

Blue Thunder Football allows open enrollment. (Pursuant to Rules and Bylaws of Tri-County Youth Football League no child may enroll in another town’s team if that town has a TCYFL team of their own.)

Section 2 – Regular Season Play

All children will have an opportunity to participate each game. Attendance, willingness to perform and participation during practice may have an effect on the amount of time played during regular season games.

Section 3 – Parental Concerns/Complaints

Parents should bring concerns regarding their child’s play to the direction of a board member--not the coach. Parents shall wait a minimum of 24 hours in non-emergency situations.

ARTICLE VIII - Tri-County Youth Football League

All Rules and Bylaws of Tri-County Youth Football League will be followed.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments

By-Laws may be added to, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the BTFL by an affirmative vote of not less than three of the members present, provided such proposed addition, amendment, or repeal shall have been submitted to the members in writing, in the notice of the meeting, at least seven days before the date of the meeting.