

**OHIO GRIDIRON YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

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ARTICLE 1 – NAME

1.0 The name of this non-profit organization shall be known as the “OHIO GRIDIRON YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION” (OGYFA).

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE

2.0 The purpose of this association shall be:

2.1 To afford the youth of the area an opportunity to engage in healthy competition with proper physical training, adequate protective equipment, and qualified adult guidance.

2.2 To provide and enforce suitable rules and conduct for players, coaches and parents while protecting proper moral, mental, and physical values.

2.3 To teach and encourage clean living, teamwork, fair play, and sportsmanship.

2.4 All rules and decisions to be fair and in the best interest of all youth involved.

ARTICLE 3 – MEMBERSHIP

3.0 Membership shall be composed of existing teams and of any future teams deemed acceptable to the league. All future accepted teams must meet the following requirements:

3.1 No team may apply for new membership from a defined area that a current member of Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association already represents. An exception to this rule will require approval of two thirds of the active directors in which a mandatory approval vote of the current member who represents the defined area of which new membership is being sought.

3.2 Willingness to accept and follow the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association.

3.3 Acceptance date for all new teams must be no later than March 25th of the year they first participate. There will be an entrance fee of \$500 for each new team which will be applied towards their first year league registration fee.

(initial)_____ An exit fee of \$1000 will be assessed to any organization that chooses to leave OGYFA WITHOUT 90 days prior notification to the Executive Board. (initial)_____

3.4 Each team shall pay an annual registration fee to cover the assigner, play-off expenses, awards, insurance and other Association operating expenses. This shall be paid prior to the start of season at a date determined by the President.

3.5 All teams affiliated with this Association must adequately equip, field, and finance a Freshman (3rd grade), Sophomore (4th grade), Junior Varsity (5th grade), and Varsity (6th grade). Any team that fails to meet these obligations will be considered as a new team requesting new membership in this Association.

ARTICLE 4 - GOVERNMENT

4.0 The Government of this Association shall be vested in the participating teams as covered under Article 3.

4.1 The Executive Board will consist of all association officers, directors, and all eligible voting members of the association.

4.2 On all Association matters the Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Head Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner, Assignment Commissioner, Trustees, and each Director (one per community) will have one (1) vote with no Associate having more than one (1) vote. No individual may vote as an officer of OGYFA and Community Director.

4.3 On all Association matters the President votes only in cases of a tie.

- 4.4 On all Football matters only the football directors shall vote with the Head Commissioner voting in case of a tie.
- 4.5 On all Cheer matters only the cheer directors shall vote with the Cheer Commissioner voting in case of a tie. The OGYFA Vice President will be an advisor on cheer matters.
- 4.6 Any Director shall hold only one position with Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association (i.e. Holding position on Executive Board while still Director).
- 4.7 Each member of the Executive Board is required to adhere to the constitution and bylaws of the Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association.

ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS

5.0 The elected officers of the Association shall be in office for a term of two (2) years:

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| 1- PRESIDENT | 1- HEAD COMMISSIONER |
| 1- VICE PRESIDENT | 1- ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER |
| 1- RECORDING SECRETARY | 1- CHEER COMMISSIONER |
| 1- TREASURER | 2- TRUSTEES |
| 1- ASSIGNMENT COMMISSIONER | 1 - SOCIAL MEDIA DIRECTOR |

5.1 The two (2) Trustees shall be elected for a period of two (2) years.

5.1.1 The Trustees have the power to veto any action of the body within seven (7) days of the vote. It shall require a 2/3 majority vote of all Directors present at the next meeting to override this veto. The Trustees may not veto any action to override a veto.

5.1.2 The Trustees shall act as the Auditors for the Association. The Trustees shall audit books during the month of January and report the results of the audit to the Executive Board at the February meeting.

5.2 The Head Commissioner may appoint as many additional Assistant Commissioners as they deem necessary. Assistant Commissioners are subject to approval by the Executive Board. The Assistant Commissioner will provide support as directed by the Head Commissioner.

5.3 If any elected Association Officer shall fail to be present to discharge his duties at two (2) consecutive monthly meetings without an acceptable excuse, they shall forfeit their office and a special election shall be held to fill their vacancy.

ARTICLE 6 - OFFICER DUTIES

6.0 The officers, as set forth in the prior article, shall have the following duties:

6.1 The President shall preside at all meetings during the transaction of any Association business and shall preserve order at said meetings and ensure that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association are followed. In case of his absence the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or Commissioner, in that order, shall preside. The President only votes in case of a tie. The President shall appoint any committee he deems necessary for the operation of the Association and they shall be an Ex-Officio Member of the Committee.

6.2 The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President when the President is unable to perform said duties. The Vice President shall also act as Association Historian and keep all records.

6.3 The Secretary shall notify all members of meetings, take attendance and minutes at meetings, and keep legal and appropriate records. The Secretary shall keep all records in an Association book and bring to all meetings and distribute to all members records of meetings and minutes of previous meetings.

6.4 The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Association and account for all monies received. Treasurer shall also OGYFA Bylaws

pay all Association bills, keep financial records, provide monthly meeting Treasurer's report and shall be subject to Trustees annual audit in January.

6.5 The Head Commissioner shall be the highest authority on all questions involving games and players eligibility. They shall also perform the following duties:

6.5.1 Rule on all protests. This must be submitted to them in writing.

6.5.2 Determine all penalties to be assessed on protests, after a hearing attended by all concerned parties at a time and place designated by the Head Commissioner.

6.5.3 Conduct and supervise the weigh in and certification procedures.

6.5.4 Present a schedule of games for approval by the Executive Board.

6.5.5 Establish rules and issue directives for the operation of the Head Commissioner's office.

6.5.6 The Assistant Commissioner, as well as any other Commissioners shall assist the Head Commissioner in the performance of the duties of that office and perform the said duties while the Head Commissioner is absent.

6.5.7 The Assignment Commissioner is responsible to procure officials for all games.

6.6 The Elected Officers (as described in Article 5.1) shall conduct the business of the Association during the period between regular meetings and shall have the following duties.

6.6.1 Investigate all new teams applying for membership and present their findings to the Executive Board at a regular Association meeting.

6.6.2 Act as a Steering Committee in the planning and performance of the annual playoffs and championship games and other Association events.

6.6.3 Study potential event sites, review written bids, and make recommendations of pre-season, post season games, and scrimmages.

6.7 Screen all proposed new Directors and all other Association positions, including and up to fingerprinting, background checks, etc. as deemed necessary. Individuals rejected shall be notified by mail of the decision and the reasons for said decision.

6.8 Purchase all items necessary for the operation of the Association, after approval of such purchases by the Board of Directors.

6.9 Request the Executive Board suspend any team that fails to fulfill its monetary obligations to the Association. Directors of teams facing suspension shall be given a hearing before the Executive Board. If the problems cannot be resolved at that time, a vote will be conducted and if the Executive Board votes a 2/3 majority vote for suspension, the team will be suspended until the unsatisfactory condition is corrected.

ARTICLE 7 - RESPONSIBILITY OF DEBTS

7.0 The Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association shall not be responsible for any debts incurred by its member's teams.

ARTICLE 8 - AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION OR BYLAWS

8.0 The Constitution or Bylaws of the Association will be reviewed annually and can be amended in the following ways.

8.1 A written copy of the proposed amendment changes must be submitted between January 1 and March 31 to the

Executive Board. Changes must be voted on and passed by a 2/3 majority vote. Any changes submitted after this period must pass by a 100% vote.

ARTICLE 9 – MEETINGS

9.0 Regular Association meetings shall be held monthly, January through December at a place most convenient for all members and designated by the President.

9.1 Association meetings for the purpose of election and installation shall be held bi-annually (odd years) for Executive Board Officers in December.

9.2 The President, at their discretion, may call special meetings as necessary.

9.3 All Officers and Directors who have two unexcused absences at consecutive meetings and are not represented by an authorized alternate, may be removed by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board. Any vote by an authorized alternate is representing the member league.

9.4 All meetings are to be conducted under Robert's Rule of Order.

9.5 A simple majority of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

9.6 The agenda of each meeting shall be as follows.

- A. Roll call of Officers and Directors by the Reporting Secretary
- B. Approval of minutes of prior meeting by the Reporting Secretary
- C. Approval of the Treasurer's report
- D. Review communications and bills
- E. Report of Executive Directors
- F. Reports of Committees
- G. Report of Head Commissioner
- H. Old Business
- I. New Business
- J. Adjournment

ARTICLE 10 – ELIGIBILITY

10.0 This League operates under the rules of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, except for the items included in the By-Laws of the Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association.

10.1 All participating players must complete a league approved third party registration program, which must include a picture of the head and shoulders, birth certificate, and current year physical examination. The registration must be completed before the player can be weighed in and certified to play in OGYFA. No player may practice without a current physical.

10.2 The Director of an opposing team may challenge the eligibility of any player, with respect to age, weight, and residence provided said Director gives notice to the Head Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner.

10.3 Any player signed to play Ohio Gridiron Youth Football Association shall not play organized football elsewhere.

10.4 Eligible players must go to school in the community in which they desire to play. To be eligible to play in a different community a waiver must be signed by both directors.

10.5 All players of all teams must weigh in and/or check-in before the start of every game. Weigh-ins will be at half-time of the game prior to the start of said game. Players are not permitted to "early" weigh-in. Players who are not present during

the authorized weigh-in are not eligible to play in the first half of the game. The player may weigh-in at their own game half-time to play in the second half of the game. All players must present their helmet and jersey at the time of weigh-in for roster verification.

10.6 Teams who knowingly use players that do not meet all requirements may have to forfeit all games the known player competes in.

10.7 Players' ages for certification will be the player's age before November 1st.

10.8 The division of teams and ages will be as listed below:

- A. **Flag** team consists of 1st grade
- B. **Rookie 7 on 7** team consists of 1st and 2nd grade age and can not be over 9.
- C. **Freshman 9 on 9** team will consist of 3rd graders and age can not be over 10 years old.
 - Line-Only players will be any weight above 100.
- D. **Sophomore** team will consist of 4th graders and age can not be over 11 years old.
 - Line-Only players will be any weight above 115.
- E. **Junior Varsity** team will consist of 5th graders and age can not be over 12 years old.
 - Line-Only players will be any weight above 130.
- F. **Varsity** team will consist of 6th graders and age can not be over 13 years old .
 - LineOnly players will be any weight above 140.
 - Communities can only add 7th graders under 100lbs to get your 11 year old team up to a total of 20 players.
 - This must be approved by OGYFA board members and (2) opposing directors.
 - Once approved an OGYFA board member can make the decision to remove the player if dishonest.

10.9 Line only players are players exceeding a weight limit and at no time may advance or carry the ball.

10.9.1 Line only players must play from line tackle to line tackle on either side of the ball. Tackle line box – Head up on Third player removed from the ball, hand in the dirt (defensively).

10.9.2 All 11v11 Line only players must play in down position in 3-point stance at the snap of the ball. Rookie and Freshman teams can play in a 2-point or 3-point stance.

10.9.3 Line only players must move forward the snap of the ball and pursue the ball carrier from there. They may not drop back to defend a pass or act in the manner of a linebacker or defensive back.

10.9.4 Line only players will be identified with a league provided helmet sticker.

10.9.5 Line only players have until the second week of season to recertify as a regular player if they are certified as a line only player at pre-season certification.

10.9.6 Players who are Line Only after the second week weigh-in shall remain Line Only for the remainder of the season.

10.9.7 Stickered players can receive, field, and punt the ball.

10.10 Teams from Youth Football will be eligible to play games against Ohio Gridiron teams

ARTICLE 11 - EQUIPMENT

11.0 Each team shall ensure that every member of said team has the necessary and proper equipment that is in safe and with current certification, as appropriate.

11.1 All equipment shall be property of each individual team.

11.2 Cleats must be made of nylon or similar synthetic material without metal tips. Any player found to be wearing illegal cleats will be ejected from the game. The Head Commissioner will review all violations for additional player or community penalties.

11.3 a. Varsity and Junior Varsity will use the following balls as game balls: Wilson TDJ, Nike Vapor Jr, Rawlings Youth Edge and Spalding JR Edge or J5V.

11.3.b. Sophomore and Freshman will use the following balls: Wilson K2, Nike Vapor Pee Wee, Rawlings Pee Wee Edge and Spalding Jr Pee Wee.

11.4 Each team may have their own set of headphones if they wish to use them. The home team must have available to the visiting team a spotting area of their own, if so desired.

11.5 Clear visors may be used by players. Exceptions must be approved by OGYFA. The Head Official must be notified prior to the game if there is an approved exception to this rule.

ARTICLE 12 - AWARDS

12.0 There shall be a trophy for each team participating in a championship game on the Varsity, Junior and sophomore levels. All players and cheerleaders from the respective teams will also receive individual trophies.

12.1 The Association will not provide any trophies for the Freshman 9 on 9 or Rookie 7 on 7 levels.

12.2 Each year the Association will hand out the Sean Clark Sportsmanship Award to the organization who receives the most points determined by officials on a game to game basis. A vote from the Executive Board will also be factored in.

ARTICLE 13 - TEAM ORGANIZATION

13.0 Each member team shall have the following table of organization:

13.1 One (1) elected Director

13.1.1 Assistant Directors, as many as deemed necessary by the director

13.1.2 One (1) Head Coach, appointed by the director

13.1.3 Up to 5 Assistant Coaches for a team of 25. Up to 6 for a team of 26 or more.

13.1.4 One (1) or more qualified first aid persons, appointed by the Director. First Aid persons must have the appropriate training for CPR/First Aid and Concussion identification.

13.1.5 Up to 2 water assistants are permitted on the bench. No additional children are permitted to be on the field or designated area as assigned by the director. There is to be no horseplay or controlled activities permitted on the field or designated area (i.e. playing catch) by children or adults.

13.2 Each team shall have a minimum of sixteen (16) players to start a game. Any less must be approved by the Head Commissioner.

13.3 Teams may start non-contact physical conditioning at the discretion of each team's Director but no earlier than the last three (3) weekdays of July. All players must have the same year physical before they start any type of conditioning. A minimum of five (5) days conditioning is required by each player before the player may start full contact drills.

13.4 OGYFA will determine the season approved start date.

ARTICLE 14 - TEAM ROSTER

14.0 Each Director must submit one (1) team roster to the Treasurer on the date league fees are paid via the league approved third party program. These rosters must have player's names, age, grade, address and jersey numbers. After player certifications, these rosters will be available to each Director.

14.1 The official roster cannot be changed unless approved by the Head Commissioner for the following reasons:

14.1.1 A player becomes injured or unable to play for medical reasons.

14.1.2 A player moves or quits.

14.2.3 A Player is removed for disciplinary reasons.

14.1.4 The Head Commissioners office authorizes a player's number change, and all future opponents are notified.

14.2 All Directors must carry or provide through electronic program a copy of their official roster to all games for the opposing Director to have for reference. All Directors will have access to electronic rosters prior to the game through the approved third party program.

14.3 A player may be moved upward from one class of team to another, but a player may not be moved downward. Unless the OGYFA President approves due to a safety concern.

14.3.1 If an organization does not have enough to make a full team the players are to be moved up to the next team. Teams will not be moved down.

14.4 Players may be added to Freshman 9 on 9 and Rookie 7 on 7 rosters up until the last scheduled game. Players must be certified by the Head Commissioner. No Players on other teams may be added after the second game unless a player is moved up to make minimum player requirements.

14.5 A player may transfer from one district to another as long as such transfer is approved by both team Directors and the Head Commissioners office, providing issued equipment be returned to the Organization player is transferring from before Directors approval.

14.6 In the event of an increase in registration numbers, programs will make all reasonable efforts to develop fair and reasonable teams for the development and safety of all athletes.

14.7 If a community is unable to field a team at every level, Directors can approve a community to remain in good standing with limited teams.

ARTICLE 15 - GAMES

15.0 The Head Commissioner shall make a game schedule, select the fields, select the day and time the games shall be played and will assist with the Assignment Commissioner to select Officials for the game. All consideration is to be made as far as field availability, Officials availability, and special events. All games must not start with less than two officials.

15.1 There shall be at least a five (5) day period between games and/or scrimmages unless approved by the Executive Board.

15.2 Amount of Conferences will be determined yearly by the amount of teams in the Association.

15.3 Four officials will be on the field for all regular season games through playoffs, including championship games, except for Rookie Tackle.

15.4 There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmage or exhibition games per team per season. All scrimmages or exhibition games need to be against OGYFA teams.

15.5 A scrimmage shall last for no more than four (4) regular quarters or forty (40) offensive plays per team.

15.6 In the event of inclement weather conditions, the home team may request that the game be canceled providing four (4) hours' notice given to the visiting team and Head Commissioner. Should this ever occur the Head Commissioner shall make the final decision and he must be contacted early enough so that he may be present to make the decision in good judgment.

15.7 If an illegal player is used in any game this will result in forfeiture of that game and all games played with the ineligible player on the roster.

15.8 Playoffs will be based on overall record, not division record.

15.9 There shall be a maximum of ten (10) minutes half-time intermission. No Director, Coach, or Official is permitted to reduce the amount of time for half-time. Half-time is reserved for cheerleaders.

15.9.1 Rookie 7 on 7 will be fifteen (15) minutes half-time intermission to accommodate additional cheer squad teams.

15.10 Playoff teams will consist of the top eight (8) teams in each eligible division. The number eight (8) seed will play at the number one (1) seed; the number seven (7) seed will play at the number two (2) seed; the number six (6) seed will play at the number three (3) seed and the number five (5) seed will play at the number four (4) seed in the quarterfinal round. Winners will face one another in the semifinals, with Championships to follow the next week. No reseeding will take place. Semi-final game sites to be determined by OGYFA Head Commissioner. Seeding does not determine sites. Turf fields will be chosen over grass fields exhausting all attempts.

15.11 Quarters are to be nine (9) minutes in duration for all levels Rookie - Varsity.

15.11.1 There will be a ten (10) play minimum for ALL divisions. Players must attend practices during game week to qualify for this minimum. This applies to all games and playoffs, including championship.

15.12 In the case of a tie at the end of regulation there shall be a tie break procedure as follows:

15.12.1 Regular Season: Each team will start at the ten (10) yard line and have four downs to achieve a score. If a touchdown is scored then the team will attempt an extra point of their choice until a winner is declared. Starting in double or triple overtime, the team must attempt their extra point from 5 yard for 2 points. If tied at the end of the triple OT, the game will end in a tie. There will be no extra time for Freshman 9 on 9 or Rookie 7 on 7 levels.

15.12.2 Play-off: OT will include 15.12.1 then beginning a fourth OT, teams will have one play for one point with the ball placed at the 3 yard line. This will continue until a clear winner has been decided.

15.13 No kick-offs for any age group. The ball will start at the 35-yard line.

15.13.1 Any team sophomore through varsity may attempt a field goal. All field goals will be a "dead ball" and time will stop once the offense has declared they will attempt a field goal. There will be a 5 second count by the referee starting at the snap of the ball, with a 5 yard penalty if 5 second count is reached.

15.14 Freshman 9 on 9 teams will be the only team to have the option on fourth down to either punt or move the ball 20 yards downfield from the line of scrimmage but not move the receiving team any further than their own 30 yard line.

15.14.1 Sophomore through varsity may declare a dead ball punt. Offense has a full complement of the play clock. Time will only stop at declaration (no timeout needed) of punt by offense. Once punt is declared it cannot be reversed.

15.14.2 Punter has 5 second count y referee and must take no more than 3 steps and stay inside the tackle box with a 5 yard penalty if not.

15.14.3 Punt return team may only have 3 players in the back to field the punt. All other punt return team players must be within 10 yards of L.O.S.

- 15.15 Rookie 7 on 7 and Freshman 9 on 9 teams will be allowed to have one coach on the field with them on offense and defense. The coach's position at the snap of the ball will be a minimum of five (5) yards behind their deepest player. He must not at any time after the huddle breaks attempt or influence the play. If a coach attempts or influences the play there will be a first warning by an official and then all after that will result in a five (5) yards loss penalty.
- 15.16 All facemask penalties will result in a 15-yard penalty.
- 15.17 Points after a touchdown will be earned as follows:
- 15.17.1 Kick for points after touchdown will be a dead ball play, good for 1 point. Time limit is 5 seconds after the snap and will be snapped from the 3 yard line.
 - 15.17.2 Run or pass from the 3 yard line for points after touchdown will be good for 1 point.
 - 15.17.3 Run or pass from the 5 yard line for points after touchdown will be good for 2 points.
 - 15.17.4 The kick will be from the 10 yard line.
 - 15.17.5 Point after must be declared, regardless of penalties.
- 15.18 Any age group from Ohio Gridiron Youth Football may represent the league in the postseason.
- 15.19 No games may be protested on an official's ruling or decision.
- 15.20 When any freshman 9 on 9 team attains a lead of 24 points or more they must play defense until the other team scores then regular play will resume. Unless both coaches at the game agree to continue a normal game. A continuous clock will take place regardless.
- 15.21 No overtime period shall be allowed for any Freshman 9 on 9 and Rookie 7 on 7 games.
- 15.22 No blindsides/crack backs of any kind are allowed.
- 15.23 Both Rookie 7 on 7 and Freshman 9 on 9 players must line up in a 2 point stance center uncovered. They cannot shoot the gap. Guards are required to automatically shade to the outside.
- 15.24 Head Coaches will receive the following warnings for unsportsmanlike conduct by them or anyone on their staff. 1) First offense – Official Warning 2) Second offense – 15 Yard penalty 3) Third offense – Head Coach and Third offender ejected.
- 15.24.1 Any coach or player ejected from a game for unsportsmanlike conduct will be ineligible for all games that day, as well as, the next scheduled game for all levels. A coach who is ejected must leave the premises immediately. Neither player nor coach will be allowed on the premises for the one game suspension.
- 15.25 Striped players on defense must line up inside the tackle box, first step must be forward and must be in a 3 or 4 point stance.
- 15.26 Onside rules for sophomore, junior varsity, and varsity. A coach can request one onside play (only 1 time per game) in the 4th quarter if down or tied.
- 15.27. Onside Play - the team requesting the onside play will get the ball on their own 35 yard line It will be 4th and 10. If they get the first down, they keep the ball and continue in normal play. If they do not get the down on the single play, then the other team gets the ball at the down spot.
- 15.28 There is no overtime rule for 7v7 or 9v9.
- 15.29 There are no playoff games for 7v7 or 9v9.
- 15.30 Home Game Directors will communicate all game day information via chat in the Band app.

15.31 Clock Management: 7v7 will allow up to 45 seconds to run a play from the time the ball is set.

15.32 Clock Management: 7v7 Clock stops in the final 2 minutes of each 20 minute half. Each team is permitted 2 time-outs.

15.33 Drones are permitted per hosting community discretion. All hosting community rules must be followed to use drones.

ARTICLE 16 – FIELDS

16.0 All home teams shall furnish and be responsible for lining of the fields, providing down markers, announcer, and score/timekeeper. They shall also have adequate restroom facilities, public address system which can accommodate music for halftime routines by the cheerleaders, flag raising or national anthem ceremony, and concession supplies.

16.0.1 Chain and chain gangs will be provided by the home team. Host site will determine which side of the field chains will be on. Host site director will be responsible for monitoring issues with chain gang volunteers.

16.0.2 There will be No Communication with coaches on either side, any official, or players. This includes Halftime. OGYFA reserves the right to determine appropriate consequences for the violation.

16.1 Each team will provide their own game ball for every game.

16.2 All fields must be marked at a minimum of sidelines,goal lines,endlines, all five yard lines and team area markings. In addition,corner and goal line pylons shall be provided.

16.2.1 Spectators must remain off the field and sidelines at all times, unless escorted by the Director. This includes 7v7 and 9v9 modified fields.

16.3 Home teams must furnish weigh-in facilities which are enclosed and away from public area scrutiny. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the game by the home team.

16.4 Semifinals and Championship game fields will be voted on by the Executive Board. Any team wishing to host either game must do so in a sealed bid to the Executive Board.

16.5 Both game sites will be voted on by the Executive Board.

16.6 Showcase 7v7 and Championship game are the only events permitted to charge an admission fee. This fee will be established by the OGYFA in advance. Directors are responsible to communicate with their league members the cost of the fee.

16.7 Per OHSAA, megaphones, cowbells, or other distractionary sounds are not permitted during OGYFA games.

ARTICLE 17 - FUNDRAISING

17.0 Monies to be raised by any legal way providing it does not tie any team to any sponsor or conflict with any state or local law.

ARTICLE 18 - COMMITTEES

18.0 The President shall select any committee that they deem necessary to operate this association.

ARTICLE 19 – DIRECTORS

19.0 The voting eligible Executive Board members will vote a Director into their office. A temporary Director may be appointed by the organizing group to serve until a Booster Club or committee submits a regular Director for the Association's approval. New Directors shall have voting rights at their third (3) consecutive meeting.

19.1 The term of the office of Director shall be for as long as he/she desires to serve with the exception of the following:

19.1.1 If the Association Executive Board or Booster Club finds just cause to relieve the Director or Directors it shall be submitted in writing to the Booster Club President and to the Association President in writing. The Association President shall have the duty to assemble the Executive Board and Board of Directors within no less than seven (7) days and no more than thirty (30) days for the purpose of hearing the charges and Directors defense. At the end of the hearing, a vote shall be taken to decide whether the Director shall be released.

19.1.2 A Director wishing to resign must notify the Association Board in writing. He/She must also notify their Booster Club so that they may submit a regular Director for the Association's approval.

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19.3 There will only be one (1) voting director per organization.

19.4 Director duties are as follows:

19.4.1 To be responsible for the team's gear at the end of each season. To have it stored, request funds from booster clubs to repair, replace, certify, and clean the gear.

19.4.2 At the beginning of the year release all gear to the Head Coach who shall be responsible for gear during the entire football season.

19.4.3 They shall be responsible to keep the Team's Booster Club active.

19.4.4 They shall act as a liaison between his team and Association.

19.4.5 They shall have the final approval on all team fundraising projects in keeping with the association policy.

19.4.6 The Director shall have the team vote at all Association meetings.

19.4.7 They shall select as many Assistant Directors as he/she deems necessary. Assistant Directors may attend meetings if the Director is absent or with prior approval of the President of the Association.

19.4.8 In their absence Assistant Director shall be in charge at Association meetings. The Director shall post on Band stating who is present and eligible to vote in their absence.

19.4.9 They shall be responsible to keep an up-to-date team roster, turning in one (1) non-certified copy to the Treasurer at time League Fees are paid. Director shall then turn in one electronic Official Certified copy to the Head Commissioner prior to the start of season.

19.4.10 They shall furnish spotters and first-aid at each game.

19.4.11 They shall be responsible to the Commissioner and/or his staff to maintain order on their side of the field among their team, their coaches on the bench, and their fans at the field.

19.4.12 They shall have the duty each year to select their Head Coaches and the Head Coach shall select his Assistants, subject to the approval of the Team Director.

19.4.13 They shall have scheduled meetings with all coaches and discuss any concerns or problems the coaches may have.

19.4.14 They can discharge any coach for any detrimental conduct.

ARTICLE 20 - COACHES

20.0 There shall be one Head Coach per team and up to 5 assistant coaches for a team of 25. Up to 6 for a team of 26 or more.

20.0.1 Each team will be permitted one (1) media personnel permitted near the field during the game. This personnel is not a coach and is not permitted in the coaches box or end zone.

Coaches will do the following:

20.1 Select his Assistant Coaches with the Director's approval

20.2 The Head Coach shall furnish to the Team Director the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all Assistant Coaches.

20.3 He will report any team, coaching or any other problems to his team Director, who will be responsible to help him solve any and all his problems.

20.4 Under no circumstances will a coach play his team against a non-OGYFA team unless approved through the Executive Board for postseason play. Violation of this clause will justify dismissal from this Association.

20.5 All coaches are required to obtain a proper coaching certification and/or training requirements. It is recommended that certification be done through USA Football. All Coaches must be Return to Play (Concussions) Certified.

20.6 All Coaches are required to get a background check.

20.7 Head Coaches or Assistant Coaches shall not be disrespectful to any director, officer of Association, or any game official. Violation of this can cause just reason for dismissal.

20.8 All Directors, Coaches and Team Media Personnel must wear a league provided lanyard with credentials to be on the sidelines of any game. OGYFA Board Members will distribute the lanyard to approved credentials. All Media Personnel must remain outside of the Coaches Box. There will be No Communication with coaches on either side, any official, or players. Violation of this rule will result in forfeiture of lanyard and credentials. There is One (1) Media Personnel Credential per Community.

ARTICLE 21 – OFFICIALS

21.0 All game officials will be selected from the Assignment Commissioner with assistance from the Head Commissioner if necessary, who will furnish state certified officials.

21.1 All game officials will be paid at the conclusion of games and shall be at a rate of \$55.00 per game at each level. The home team shall be responsible for this payment. Payment of any Assigner Groups will be the responsibility of the Association.

21.2 If the correct number of officials is not present for a game, the home team will only pay for the amount of officials who are present.

21.3 If numerous complaints about an official are received by the Assignment Commissioner, he shall investigate said complaints and if the complaints are found to be valid he shall remove the official's name from the Roster of Registered Officials.

21.4 All officials or crew chiefs must attend a yearly rules interpretation meeting to be eligible to officiate in the OGYFA.

ARTICLE 22 - CHEERLEADING

22.0 All Cheerleading protocol shall be defined in reference C - OGYFA Cheer Bylaws) as voted in by Cheer Directors.

22.1 Cheer Commissioner shall preside over all cheerleading meetings. Cheer Commissioner must work with existing OGYFA cheer directors on any and all cheerleading matters.

22.2 On all Cheer matters only the cheer directors shall vote with the Cheer Commissioner voting in case of a tie. The OGYFA Vice President will be an advisor on cheer matters.

ARTICLE 23 - BOOSTER CLUB

23.0 The Booster Club sole responsibility is to raise funds for all teams in their community program. They shall have no voice on the running of the team or teams or make any decisions concerning any football matter. Booster Club must notify the Director/Directors of the balance of money and how money has been allocated.

ARTICLE 24 - Rookie (7v7) TACKLE GUIDELINES

24.0 Offense always begins on the 40-yard line.

24.1 Only OGYFA approved off/def formations allowed. (see Appendix A)

24.2 Ball is always placed in the middle of the field for each down.

24.3 Seven players on the field – no number restriction – encourage position rotation. 1st and 10 – 4 downs to get the first down.

24.4 Turnover on downs goes back to the 40-yard line.

24.5 No special teams.

24.6 Interception/defensive fumble recovery – ball is blown dead – defense's ball on the 40- yard line.

24.7 15-yard penalties are enforced as 10-yard penalties.

24.8 Loss of yardage behind the 40-yard line – ball is placed at the 40-yard line with loss of down.

24.9 All personal fouls – immediately sub the player for at least one play.

24.10 Game will consist of 20 minute halves with a continuous clock. Clock will only stop within the last 2 minutes each half.

24.10.1 Each 7v7 team will have two (2) timeouts per half.

24.11 Halftime will be 15 minutes to allow for all cheer squads to perform.

24.12 Offensive Adjustments

24.12.1 4 players on the line – 3 interior linemen are ineligible.

24.12.2 Maximum 1 yard split – two-point stance.

24.12.3 3 interior linemen raise their hand as they come to the line (identify).

24.12.4 No quarterback sneaks.

24.12.5 No trips formation.

24.12.6 No motion is allowed in Rookie Tackle.

24.12.7 No blocking below the waist.

24.12.8 An offensive huddle is required for each play.

24.13 Defensive Adjustments

24.13.1 2 defensive linemen head up to outside of the 2 guards – two-point stance – no one over the center.

24.13.2 Defensive lineman is free to read and react to the ball in pursuit after contact with the guard – no A gap stunts.

24.13.3 Free safety 10 yards back directly over the ball.

24.13.4 All non-linemen must be five yards off the ball with safeties being an additional five yards from the line of scrimmage unless the line of scrimmage is within the 5-yard line then the safety must be one yard back.

24.13.5 No blitzes – only the two defensive linemen rush.

ARTICLE 25 - Freshman (9v9) TACKLE GUIDELINES

25.1 Field Size: Seventy-yard field (dimensions) are from one endzone to the opposite field hash.

25.2 Time: Time will consist of four nine-minute quarters with a ten-minute halftime for cheer.

25.2.1 Each 9v9 team will have three (3) timeouts per half.

25.3 Game ball will be what is allowed in the current bylaws. (K2 or peewee)

25.4 After the coin toss, the ball will be spotted at the twenty-five-yard line to start play of game. Onside kick play and safeties will also start at the twenty-five-yard line.

25.5 Punt rule will be twenty yard walk off and can't go past the twenty-five-yard line.

25.6 Freshman will be allowed to have one coach on the field on both offense and defense. A coach on the field attempting to influence a play after the huddle breaks will receive an initial warning and will be penalized five yards for any subsequent infraction.

25.7 All personal fouls, roughing or unsportsmanlike fouls will be fifteen-yard penalties. Also, any unsportsmanlike penalties will result in the penalized player being assessed an immediate "cooling off period" of at least one play.

25.8 Only OGYFA approved off/def formations allowed. (see Appendix B)

25.9 Offensive Adjustments

25.9.1 Offensive formation of a minimum of five men allowed on the line within the tacklebox.

25.9.2 All linemen are required to be in a two-point stance (three or four point are allowed but not required).

25.9.3 No unbalanced offensive formations allowed. (see 9v9 modified formations diagram)

25.9.4 No quarterback draw or sneak plays. The quarterback may take one step forward then must go left or right.

25.9.5 Quarterback must run off tackle.

25.9.6 No trips allowed.

25.9.7 Motion is allowed but cannot at any time create trips; therefore, if a player is motioning to twins the ball must be snapped prior to the motioning player crossing the Center.

25.9.8 An offensive huddle is required for each play.

25.10 Defensive Adjustments

25.10.1 Defense can have up to but no more than four players on the line of scrimmage head up lined up directly across from the opposing player. The center is to be uncovered.

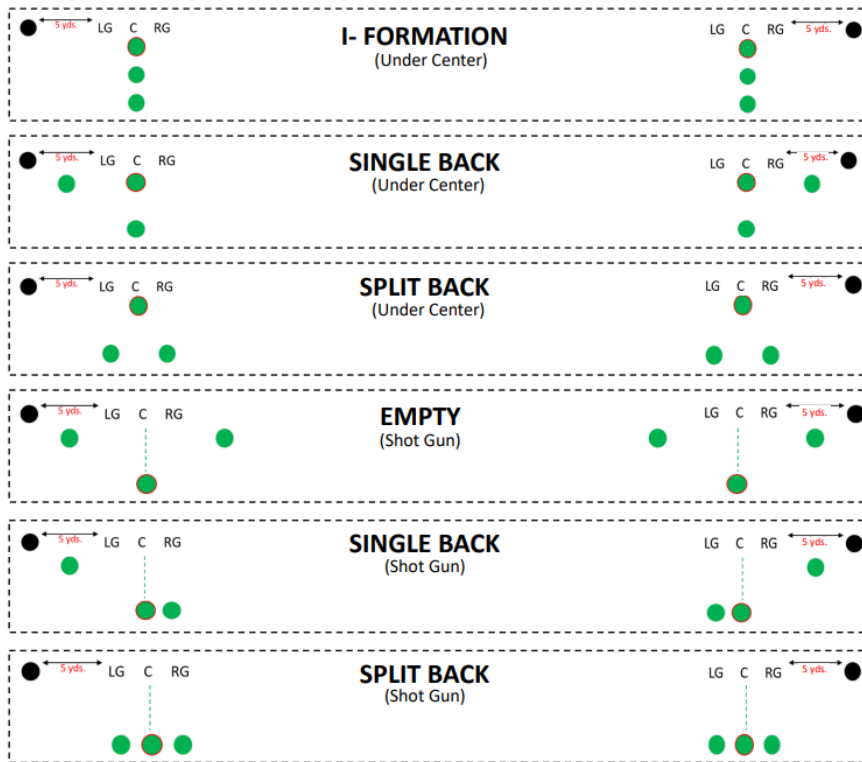
25.10.2 The defensive linemen must make contact with the player directly in front of them first, then is able to shed the player.

25.10.3 No shooting the "A" gap.

25.10.4 No shading. All Defensive Line players must be "heads-up".

25.10.5 All non-linemen must be five yards off the ball with safeties being an additional five yards from the line of scrimmage unless the line of scrimmage is within the 5-yard line then the safety must be one yard back.

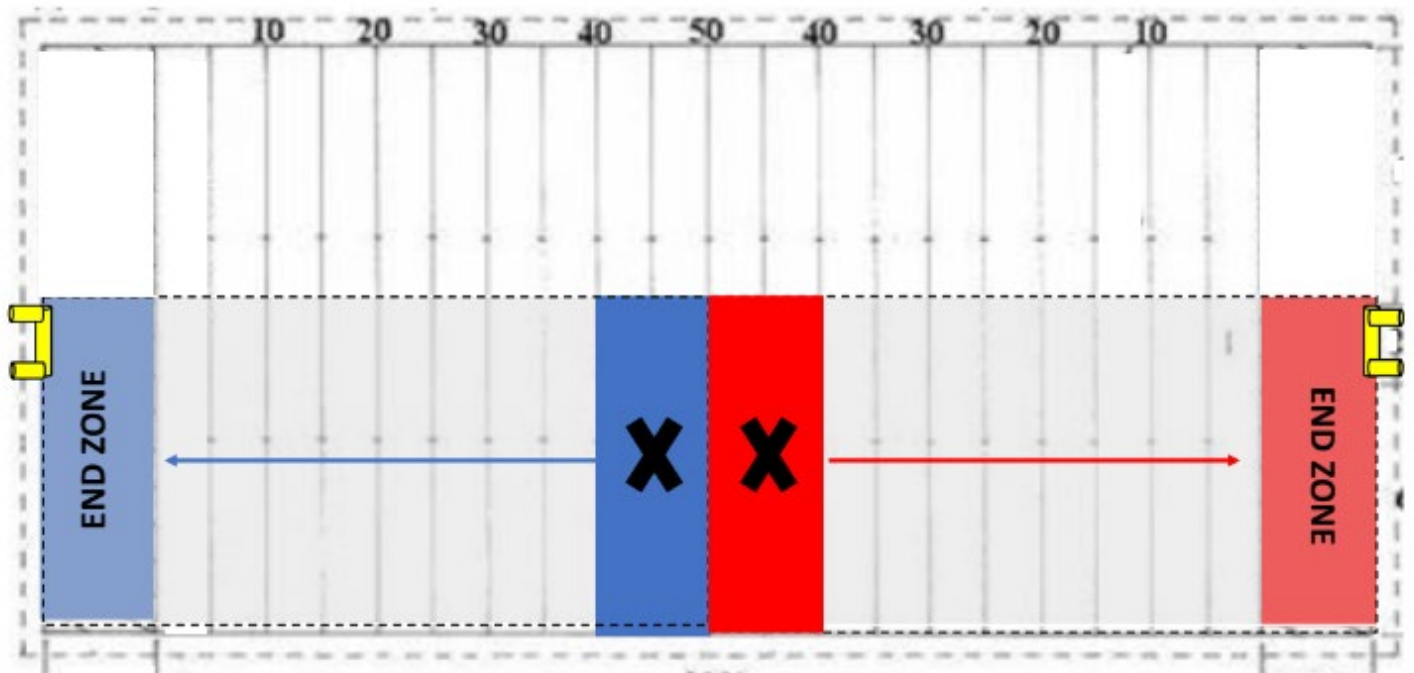
7 on 7 Modified Formations



Rookie Tackle

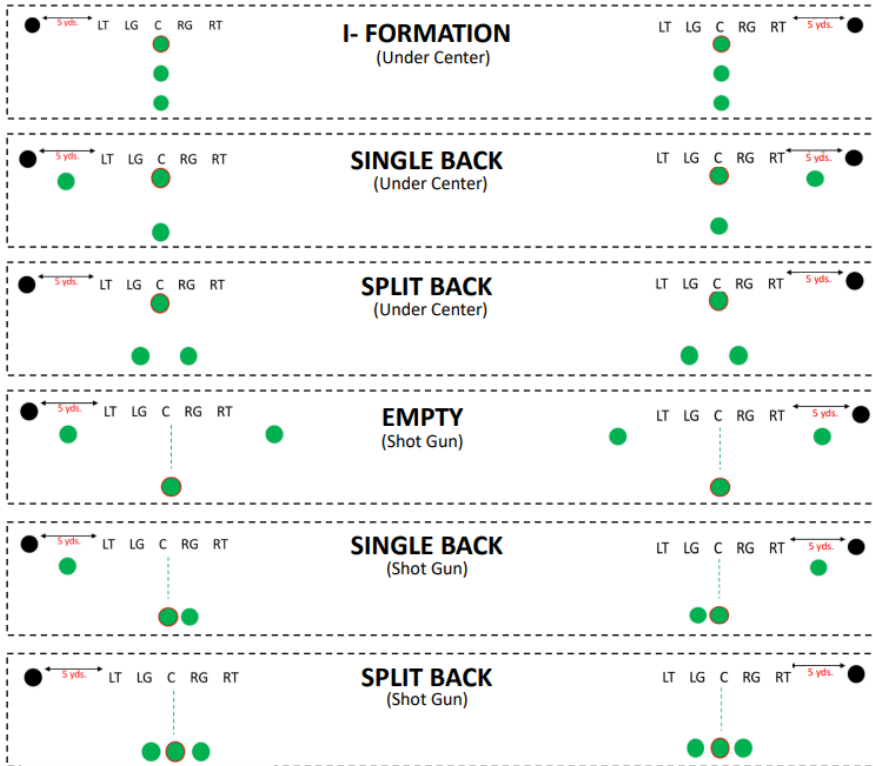
- Indicates a player in the backfield
- Indicates a player split out on L.O.S

- All teams must abide by using only the listed formations for Rookie Tackle.
- All Lineman (G...C...G) must line up in a 2 pt. stance. Lineman are not eligible to go out for or catch a pass.
- Wideouts must lineup on the L.O.S. Must be a minimum of 5 yds. off Guard
- NO PRE SNAP MOTION is allowed at Rookie Tackle.



7 v 7: 120 ft. long (not including End Zone) x 90 ft. wide (Hash to Far Goal Post)

9 on 9 Modified Formations



Freshman Tackle

- Indicates a player in the backfield
- Indicates a player split out on L.O.S

- All teams must abide by using only the listed formations for Freshman Tackle.
- All Lineman (T..G..C...G..T) must line up in a 2 pt. stance. Lineman are not eligible to go out for or catch a pass.
- Wideouts must lineup on the L.O.S. Must be a minimum of **5 yds.** off Guard.
- **PRE SNAP MOTION** is allowed at Freshman Tackle. Motion cannot create an unbalance (Trips) and therefore, when motioning to twins side the ball must be snapped prior to motion crossing the Center.



Cheerleading Protocols
Revised 04/2024
Article I - Meetings

Section 1.

Regular mandatory meetings - Shall be held once a month. Date and time to be communicated through the Band App.

Section 2.

Directors cannot miss more than (2) meetings in a row. If you are not able to attend, you must have a representative either a director or assistant director in your place. You must advise the Cheer Commissioner of your absence.

If a Director (Community) misses 2 meetings in a row, the community is ineligible for competition. They are required to pay the no-show competition fee. See Article V, Section 3.

If a Director (Community) misses 2+ meetings in a row, there will be a motion brought to the OGYFA board to move for that Director to no longer be a part of the OGYFYA organization.

Section 3.

Each organization is granted one vote.

Section 4

Business will be conducted and voted upon by directors in attendance. Issues will require 2/3 majority of those Directors in attendance to pass.

Section 5.

An appointed representative can be authorized by the cheer director to attend the monthly meeting in their absence. A representative may be an Assistant Director, Adult Coach, or an appointed cheer rep for your community, or the Football Director.

Expectations for Cheer Director to communicate to their community board and/or parent volunteer.

Section 6.

The minutes will be sent out by the Cheer Commissioner (or appointed cheer director).

Section 7.

At the January meeting of every odd year, the Cheer Directors will elect or re-elect the Cheer Commissioner for a term of 2 years. The Cheer Directors will present to the OGYFA Board, their elected commissioner for the board's approval. The Board will accept or have an opportunity to object with valid reason.

Section 8.

The Cheer Commissioner is to know who the cheer directors and assistant cheer directors are for each organization.

Article II - Cheerleading Eligibility

Section 1.

All Cheer Directors will have full control of all cheer decisions. This will include but is not limited to: the sizes of all squads, this includes tryouts, sign-ups, registration, competition squads, uniforms and community protocols.

Section 2.

To be eligible to cheer a girl or boy must reside in the community they are signing up for. She/he must be between 5 years old & Kindergarten - 8th grade by July 1st .

Section 3.

Any girl/boy wishing to cheer for another OGYFA organization in a given season must get a written release from the cheer directors for both organizations.

Section 4.

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If for any reason a cheerleader moves out of the community for which she/he successfully tried out for, they may continue to stay in the community for the remainder of the season. The following season they must try out for the community they will be living in. (unless written consent is received)

Section 5.

Squads must consist of
Flag - Kindergarten and 1st grade
7 on 7 - 2nd Grade
Freshman 9 on 9 - 3rd Grade
Sophomore - 4th Grade

Junior Varsity - 5th Grade

Varsity 6th Grade

7th grade squads will be 7 th grade only.

Exceptions can be considered on an individual basis.

Section 6.

All game day rosters are to be given to the cheer commissioner by the August meeting.

Section 7.

All cheerleaders must provide for the current season to be allowed to participate in the OGYFA organization per the OGYFA by-laws and insurance policy.

Current Physical

Signed Lindsay's Law

Signed Concussion Form

Birth Certificates

Report Card

Picture

Article III - Game Day

Pregame

Section 1.

Cheerleaders must arrive dressed and ready in league approved uniform, any adaptations must be approved by director and commissioner.

Section 2.

10 minutes before the game, but no later than the end of 1 st Quarter, the home team will go to the visitors side and do their hello cheer

Section 3.

The home team will then invite the visiting team to go to the home side and do their hello cheer

Section 4.

Then each squad will go to their own side and do their hello cheer

Section 5.

Get ready for the run thru if time allows. Home team sets the protocol

Section 6.

The home team will play the National Anthem.

Section 7.

It is the cheer directors responsibility to teach all team coaches and team moms the pregame and halftime protocol.

Halftime

Section 1.

Cheer directors (or appointed person) are to be in the press box before halftime 1-2 minutes before - girls are to be lined up and ready to perform before halftime - Please have girls continue to watch and cheer on the football game.

Section 2.

As soon as the game stops, the visitors will come to the home side and do their dance. Home team will go second, facing home side.

Section 3.

Dance will be no longer than 1.5 minutes

Section 4.

After both sides perform, get ready for the run-thru if not done during pregame.

Section 5.

Once the second half of the game begins - All cheerleaders must be ready to cheer.

Article IV - Cheer Championship

Purpose

Section 1.

Gridiron Cheer Competition will be held on the last Sunday in September with the first Sunday in October being our rain date

Section 2.

The competition will be held at an organization that is voted upon with a majority vote by our February meeting. Each organization will host for one season.

We have 5 years voted on at this time an organization can forfeit without penalty by February meeting and will go to the next in line.

Order for 5 year line-up:

2024 – Revere

2025 – Nordonia

2026 – Medina

2027 – Kent

2028 – Stow

If an organization forfeits - voting will occur sooner.

Section 3.

The cost of competition for all organizations to enter is \$100.00 per squad for Open, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Varsity, and Varsity. All squads not competing can showcase \$25.00 per squad up to 3 showcases. \$50.00 per each additional squad showcasing. If an organization chooses to not participate in the competition, or has been disqualified from participation, the organization must still pay a mandatory fee of \$250.00.

Section 4.

There is no admittance fee to be charged for cheer competition.

Section 5.

Choreography - This will be up to the individual organization about obtaining and paying for an outside choreographer and or having their own coaches/trainers prepare the dance/cheer routines.

Section 6.

Lyrics/Music - The Cheer commissioner must approve all music with the stipulation that there are to be "no swear words". Music does not have to be mixed. No organization shall be penalized for using one song during their performance. Cheer commissioner must have all music for approval by the August meeting. Unless arrangements have been made.

Section 7.

Host will give all information to all cheer directors regarding cheer competition. Themes, performing times, and where the cheer competition is being held.

Section 8.

Each squad will be given 4 minutes to perform their routine, which consists of a cheer, chant, and dance. Each squad can use poms, megaphones, and signs only in their routines - these can be OGYFA Bylaws

placed by the team coaches. Time shall begin when the first cheerleader passes over the cone on the field and end once the last girl leaves the field. All to exit to the left or right. No point to be taken out for outside the cones and table.

Section 9.

Music - If a squad's music should stop after 30 seconds due to DJ, tech or sound system issues, that squad will be allowed to stop their routine and go to the end of the schedule for that group or perform again - they can also restart their music at the point and begin again. It is the organization's choice - cheer director to advise cheer commissioner.

Section 10.

There shall be no tunnels or any other persons (football players) or mascots touching the performing area, mats, or walking with the squads. There shall be no movement by any patrons behind the performance area (points will be deducted). Bench area is for the competing squad only.

Section 11.

No members of any organization are to speak to other organizations in a demeaning manner. This is grounds for removal and immediate forfeit of competition.

Section 12.

Wristbands are to be worn by directors, coaches, or helpers on the field. If a wristband is not worn - you are not allowed on the field.

Section 13.

There shall be a roped off area for all directors and coaches to sit while their organization is performing. All coaches must sit on the bench - there is to be no movement or coaching during the performance point will be deducted.

Section 14.

Judges-there will be 3 judges at the competition. The cheer commissioners responsible for getting them. They will not have any affiliation to OGYFA or the organizations in OGYFA. Each judge will be paid \$75.00 and be served a minimum of a complimentary lunch, drinks and a gift. The Cheer commissioner will give judges questionnaires to directors without the names of each judge.

Section 15.

We will have 2 divisions: non tumbling and tumbling

Non tumbling will be Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior Varsity, Varsity and 7 th grade.. The girl's feet cannot pass over her head. There will be no mounting - this means that there is to be no total weight bearing stunts. This includes entrance and exits.

Tumbling (open) The girls can tumble per insurance policy. this is open to freshman – 7 th grade. There will be 2 categories: Category 1 for 3 rd and 4 th graders and Category 2 for 5 th and 6 th graders. This is NOT mandatory - but MUST be coached by an adult.

Section 16.

Scoring - Football director or person designated by the football director for each organization shall serve as a competition score counter. Each score sheet is to be counted by (3) directors and signed off on by the OGYFA president or vice president

Section 17.

Spirit Award - this will be given to the organization with the most spirit and sportsmanship at the annual competition. We will only have one winner. Each football director in attendance will be given one vote to cast for the most spirited group of the day. The football director can NOT vote for their own organization. The trophy will be the biggest of the day. This trophy will be kept by the winning team. A new trophy will be purchased by the hosting each year.

Section 18.

Overall Award - There will be one overall organization award. This will be decided by the total points, which will include the cheer and dance portion. This trophy will be kept by the winning

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organization. A new trophy will be purchased by the hosting each year.

Section 19.

Trophies - There will be trophies given out for open, Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Varsity, Varsity and 7th grade. There will be one 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophy for each squad that places. Each girl will also receive a medal for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. There will be an adjustment for trophies depending upon the number of participants in each category. Only showcase will receive a participation ribbon

Three additional small trophies are to be purchased for the following: (1) Best Tent, (1) Best adult super fan, and (1) best child superfan the winners of the best superfan will receive the 25.00 gift cards and a trophy - these will be voted on by the Gridiron President and Vice President.

Section 20.

Score Sheets - the score sheets include all areas in which the girls will be judged. In each category, there are up to 5 points that can be scored. Each individual section will be totaled and then grand totaled. If there is a tie, we will add the technical portions of the score sheets. If there is a tie after that it will stand and the hosting team will need to order more trophies to accommodate the winners.

All score sheets will be given to the directors at the end of the day.

Cheer commissioner will NOT discuss any concerns until the next meeting.

Section 21.

Deductions - Any infractions noticed by the designated judge will be given a 5 point deduction for each.

The judge will be chosen by the cheer commissioner the day of competition. There will be a deduction paper that will explain the process for deductions. When the judge is done scoring the deduction sheet will be added to the top of the pile of score sheets.

Hosting Directors Checklist

Hosting director will rope off and label areas for each organization making sure there is enough room for visitors.

Hosting is

responsible for giving the commissioner and all directors the location of each organization and time they are allowed to arrive to decorate their area and stands.

Hosting director is responsible for getting trophies, medals, and participation awards. You are to order the highest number of

each based on the highest number of cheerleaders for each category.

Hosting director is to provide lunch for the judges, commissioner, score runner, and any gridiron member that is there assist the

Gridiron in cheer competition (counting football directors)

Hosting director will provide tents, tables, and chairs for judges, commissioner, and any gridiron member that is there to assist

the Gridiron in cheer competition (counting football directors) If there is an available scoreboard, counters can use the score box.

Hosting director must provide programs for cheer competition. Programs must be approved by the commissioner.

Programs

are to include but not limited to: all organizations with names of each cheerleader, coach, and director. Available merchandise (shirts, candy grams, etc.) with cost, All gridiron members including all directors and the organization they are with. Any person / company who sponsored. A thank you note from the Gridiron thanking all parents, coaches, directors, etc for everything they do during the season.

Hosting director is responsible for getting cheer comp shirts made. This along with pricing is to be approved by the cheer

commissioner. Pre-order forms can be sent out to directors. Hosting director is responsible for collecting any pre-order money.

Hosting director is responsible for providing the name of a local charity that 10% of the profits made by the hosting organization

will donate in the name of OGYFA Gridiron Organization.

Hosting director is to supply 20-30 pencils, 10-15 black permanent markers, Manilla envelopes, and all score and

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deduction

sheets (the actual amount will be provided by the cheer commissioner).

Hosting director will provide gift bags with a cheer comp shirt and little goodies for the judges.

Hosting director will provide a raffle basket and raffle tickets to be raffled off - Proceeds will go back to the gridiron.

Hosting director will provide the cheer commissioner with \$100.00 worth of gift cards (2 25.00 cards and 5 10.00 cards) along

with extra comp shirts (2 small 2 medium 2 large and 2 xlarge)

Hosting director purchases small trophies for the following: (1) Best Tent, (1) Best adult super fan, and (1) best child superfan

the winners of the best superfan will receive the 25.00 gift cards and a trophy - these will be voted on by the Gridiron President and Vice President.

Hosting director is responsible for concessions for the day of cheer comp.

Hosting director is responsible for goodie bags and delivery of goodie bags for cheerleaders. Please speak with commissioner

regarding contents for approval

Hosting director is to provide people to hand out programs, take money for goodie bags, raffle baskets, delivery and line up

guidance for the cheerleaders before they perform. (high school cheerleaders are an option)

Hosting director is responsible for a theme - Theme must be approved by the cheer commissioner. Hosting directors must

advise once approved all directors of the theme.

Hosting director must have an announcer - they must be capable of announcing all cheer squads, winners, and playing music

for the performances and throughout the day to get the crowd excited. The announcer must be energetic and enthusiastic.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR JUDGING OGYFA

YOUTH CHEERLEADING COMPETITION

The OGYFA youth cheerleading competition was created to give all an opportunity to come together to promote camaraderie in a healthy, competitive forum for OGYFA Cheerleading squads to acknowledge their cheerleading skills and spirit as they represent their communities.

Judge # _____

Cheer or Dance Experience:

Judge Experience:

Coaching Experience and Ages:

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Judges Informational Sheet

All the Cheer Directors would like to thank you for judging our competition.

A. Music

If an organizations' music should stop after 30 seconds, that squad will be allowed to stop their routine and go to the end of the schedule for that group and perform it again or restart their music at that point and begin again. It is the organization's choice. There shall be NO deduction on music - it has all been approved by the Cheer Commissioner.

B. Deduction Sheet

If for any reason an organization is not adhering to all rules outlined in our protocols, there will be a 5-point deduction. One judge will be selected to watch for deductions only. If you determine that this is needed you will fill out the deduction score sheet.

C. Approaching Judges

No judge shall be approached by any organization's cheer director. The only person that approaches a judge is the cheer commissioner. There will be a meeting at the beginning of the competition with the judges and the cheer commissioner.

D. Divisions

We will have 2 divisions: Tumbling and Non-tumbling. It will be for Sophomore, JV and Varsity. Non- tumbling means that no girl's feet are to go over their head. There is also no mounting, this means there is to be no total weight bearing stunts including entrancing

Judge # _____ Squad _____ Organization _____

Competition Judges Sheet - NON Tumbling

Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Varsity, Varsity
Overall Performance

Appearance 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Uniformity Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
 Audience Appeal 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Smile, Personality, Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
 Eye Contact, Facials
 Enthusiasm 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Peppy, Energetic, Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
 Exuberant
 Precision/Execution 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Overall Skill, Group Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
 Togetherness

Technical Category

Motions 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Extremely Sharp Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
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& Distinct
 Choreography 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Age Appropriate Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
 Music Interpretation
 Voice 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Strong, Clear. Loud Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
 Poise 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Confidence, No show Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
 of nervousness
 Originality/Creativity 5 4 3 2 1 0
 New Ideas, Entrance Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
 & Exit
 Timing/Rhythms 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Knowledge or sequence Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
 Uniformity dance skills
 Jumps 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Variety, Execution , Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not
 Attempted
 Togetherness
 Formation Changes 5 4 3 2 1 0
 Spacing, Use of floor Excellent Very Good Average Fair Poor Not Attempted
 space

TOTAL _____ GRAND TOTAL INCLUDING DEDUCTIONS _____
 *****TO BE FILLED OUT BY OGYFA ONLY*****

_____ 1st Count - Directors Signature: _____
 _____ 2nd Count - Directors Signature: _____
 _____ 3rd Count - Directors Signature: _____
 _____ Final Count - President or Vice President Signature: _____
 Judge # _____ Squad _____ Organization _____

Deduction Paper - NON Tumbling

A deduction is given by the designated judge that will be solely watching for rule infractions. You may give a deduction score for each infraction. One deduction is worth 5 points. You may give a deduction for the following infractions

- Points:
- _____ 1. Props-The only props allowed are poms, megaphones, flags (need to add size) and signs.
 - _____ 2. Over the 4-minute time limit.
 - _____ 3. If there is mounting, 5 points per girls for each mount
 - _____ 4. If there is tumbling, 5 points per girl -including entrance & exits.
 - _____ 5. Any of the participations pass the cone.
 - _____ 6. Not having all three Cheer, Chant and Dance in routine
 - _____ 7. Improper moves or movement from bench

Comments:

Total Deductions: _____
 *****TO BE FILLED OUT BY OGYFA ONLY*****

_____ 1st Count - Directors Signature: _____
 _____ 2nd Count - Directors Signature: _____
 _____ 3rd Count - Directors Signature: _____
 _____ Final Count - President or Vice President Signature: _____

Judge # _____ Squad _____ Organization _____

Competition Judges Sheet - Tumbling - Open

Open

- Required Cheer & Dance Score (0-10)
- Motion Placement / Precision _____
- Timing / Synchronization _____
- Incorporation (toe touch, BHS, or BT) _____
- Required Cheer & Dance Score (0-10)
- Voice / Inflection / Volume _____
- Knowledge or Material _____
- Timing / Synchronization _____
- Confidence - Recoveries _____
- Appearance / Smile _____
- Entrance / Exit _____
- Tumbling Score (0-10)
- Creativity / Showmanship _____
- TOTAL _____

GRAND TOTAL INCLUDING DEDUCTIONS _____

Comments:

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- _____ 1st Count - Directors Signature: _____
- _____ 2nd Count - Directors Signature: _____
- _____ 3rd Count - Directors Signature: _____
- _____ Final Count - President or Vice President Signature: _____

Judge # _____ Squad _____ Organization _____

Deduction Paper - Tumbling - Open

A deduction is given by the designated judge that will be solely watching for rule infractions. You may give a deduction score for

each infraction. One deduction is worth 5 points.

You may give a deduction for the following infractions

Points:

- _____ 1. Props-The only props allowed are poms, megaphones, flags (need to add size) and signs.
- _____ 2. Over the 4-minute time limit.
- _____ 3. If there is mounting, 5 points per girls for each mount
- _____ 4. Any of the participations pass the cone.
- _____ 5. Not having all three Cheer, Chant and Dance in routine
- _____ 6. Improper moves or movement from bench

Comments:

Total Deductions: _____

OGYFA Bylaws

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Ohio Gridiron Youth Football / Cheerleading Waiver Form

_____ is released from cheering with _____
Cheerleader's Name Releasing Organization
For the _____ Season. She will cheer with _____.
Year Receiving Organization

Both the receiving and the releasing organization agree to this release from cheering.
Parents and/or guardians of this cheerleader agree to this release.

Cheerleaders Name: _____
Address of cheerleader: _____

Address, City, State, Zip Code
Telephone #: _____

Releasing Organization: _____
Releasing Directors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Receiving Organization: _____
Receiving Directors Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents Signature _____ Date: _____

- *Original is to be kept with the receiving organization
- *Copy to be given to the releasing organization for records
- *Copy is to be given to the Cheer Commissioner for records