

Texoma Youth Football League By-Laws

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Amendment History

Document Version #	Approval Date	Modified By	Section, Page(s)and Text Revised
V 1.0	June 2003		Initial creation of document
V 2.0	July 25, 2005		
V 3.0	August 8, 2007		<p>Multiple Updates including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Change to team size · Cutoff date for registration · Extra point values · Coaches Suspension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Added 2005 & 2006 Super Bowl champions
V 3.1	August 28, 2007	Dan Sims	Corrected Extra Point (#7) and Overtime (#8) sections
V 3.2	August 23, 2008	Dan Sims	<p>Multiple Updates including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · By-laws, Bullet #9 - Change to team size · Increase Official's pay \$5.00 per game · By-laws, Bullet #12 – Changes to how teams are formed. · Added “TYFL is a grade pure league” to the first sentence of the by-laws.

V 3.3	August 7, 2009	July 13, 2009	<p>Multiple Updates including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · By-laws, Bullet #21 – Added · Running Back weight limit has been updated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Rules of Play, Bullet #4 – updated time per quarter · Rules of Play, Bullet #6 – added sentence regarding when “on field” coaching must stop.
V 4.0	July 23, 2012	Clint Pennington-VP Chris Hickson- President	<p>Multiple Updates including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Playoff structure · Coaches per team · Game balls allowed · Updated history
V 5.0	September 22, 2015	Chris Hickson - President James Johnson III - VP	<p>Multiple Updates including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Bylaws · Coaches Badges · Executive Board · 1st/2nd punt · Playing Time · Game balls · Forfeiting games · Security · Updated History

V 6.0	April 26, 2017	Chris Hickson - President James Johnson III – VP Denny Mathis- Head Referee	<p>Multiple Updates including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Bylaws – 13,14,15 (player eligibility) · Playoff Structure · Mercy Rule – i, ii
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			Updated League History
V 7.0	September 5, 2019	Chris Hickson - President James Johnson III – VP Denny Mathis- Head Referee	Multiple Updates including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Bylaws – 6 Coaches/Personnel · Bylaws – 7 Ejections · Bylaws – 9 Entry Fees · Bylaws – 10 Referees pay · Bylaws – 15 Weight Limits/Weigh-Ins · Game Play – 10 “A” Gap Rule · Game Play – 11 Ten Second Runoff Rule · Game Play – 12 Horse Collar Tackle · Game Play – 13 Blind-side Block · Game Play – 14 Targeting · Updated League History
V 8.0	November 2, 2020	James Johnson III – President Valerie Whitehill – VP Denny Mathis – Head Referee	Multiple Updates including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Bylaws – 1 League Fees · Bylaws – 7 Ejections · Game Play – 4 Game Play Time · Game Play – 8 OT Rules · Game Play – 10 Offensive Tackle to Tackle Rule · Forfeiture of Games · Security at games · Updated League History

V 9.0	July 11, 2022	James Johnson III – President Valerie Whitehill – VP Denny Mathis – Head Referee	Multiple Updates including: Bylaws – 9 Gate Fees Bylaws – 10 Referees On Field Bylaws – 10 Referees Pay Game Play – 1 Kickoffs 1 st /2 nd Grade Updated League History
V 10.0	May 26, 2023	James Johnson III – President Valerie Whitehill – VP Denny Mathis – Head Referee	Multiple Updates including: Bylaws – 6 Sideline personnel Bylaws – 7 Ejection Suspension Bylaws – 15 Skilled Player Definition Bylaws – 15 Punter Exception Bylaws – 15 Weigh-in Attempts Game Play – 5 Mercy Rule: Timeouts Game Play – 10 Game Balls
V 11.0	August 2, 2024	James Johnson III – President Valerie Whitehill – VP Bill Dixon – Head Referee	Multiple Updates including: Bylaws – 1 League Fees Bylaws – 5 Badges Bylaws – 6 Sideline Personnel Bylaws – 7 Disqualifications Bylaws – 9 Gate Fees Bylaws – 10 Referee Fees Bylaws – 11 Referee Requirements Bylaws – 18 Full Pad Practice Bylaws – 20 Playoff Structure Game Play – 10 Game Balls Protests

V 12.0	June 1, 2025	James Johnson III – President Valerie Whitehill – VP Bill Dixon – Head Referee	Multiple Updates including: · Article Three- New Officers Elected · Article Five- Established Rules of Competition vs Bylaws · Rules of Competition- Updated overtime rules to include turnover provision
V 13.0	December 1, 2025	Bryan Washington- President Clark Miller- VP Rachel Cummings- Secretary Donnie Wood- Treasurer	Multiple Updates including: · Bylaws- Article Two- Fee Due Date · Bylaws Article Five- Revised wording around zoning of eligible players · Rules of Competition- Updated overtime rules to include turnover provision · Rules of Competition- Several rules changes · Rules of Competition- Adopted Sport Thread for TYFL

**BYLAWS
TEXOMA YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

ARTICLE ONE

NAME, PURPOSES, POWERS AND OFFICES

1.1. Name. The name of this organization is Texoma Youth Football League (“TYFL”).

1.2. Purpose. The purpose of the TYFL is to foster and promote competitive, instructional football for K-6th graders from the respective member towns of this organization.

1.3. Organization. These Bylaws shall be organized into numbered Articles and numbered Sections and Sub-Sections within the Articles. Comments, if any, at the end of any Section of these Bylaws are meant to interpret the provisions in that Section and shall not override any plain language of any Section or Article. The headings used in these Bylaws are for convenience only and do not constitute matter to be construed in the interpretation of these Bylaws.

1.4. Precedence. These Bylaws control the operation of TYFL. The TYFL Board of Directors shall implement the Policies and Procedures identified in this document as well as others necessary for the proper operation of TYFL. Such Policies and Procedures are subordinate to these Bylaws and shall not override, conflict, or be inconsistent with any provision in these Bylaws. All Bylaws provisions and all Policies and Procedures adopted by the TYFL Board of Directors are binding on all TYFL Members. If any part of these Bylaws shall be held invalid or inoperative for any reason, the remaining parts, so far as is possible and reasonable, shall remain valid and operative.

1.5. Notice Provisions. Except where otherwise stated, any required notice expressed in days shall be calendar days.

1.6. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the TYFL shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE TWO

MEMBERSHIP

2.1. Membership. A member in TYFL shall consist of any participating local youth football league or “Town” or Commissioner or Designated Representative of a Town. A member in good standing is one who has paid all dues and fees, has no outstanding balance due to TYFL, and has not been removed or suspended in league play or from TYFL within the last twelve months.

2.2. Membership Fee. Each town will pay an annual league fee of a minimum of \$500.00 for the first three (3) teams for that town, and \$150.00 per additional team in excess of three. Any new town entering the league will pay an annual league fee of a minimum of \$750.00 for the first three (3) teams for that town, and \$150.00 per additional team in excess of three. This fee is due by August 1st each year. If dues are not paid by August 1st, the TYFL member will be assessed a late fee of \$25 per week until the balance is paid. All dues must be paid no later than September 1st of

each year, or that TYFL participating town may be subject to further penalties such as loss of hosting privileges or additional fines.

2.3. Voting Towns/Members. TYFL will recognize, and approve, one (1) youth sports organization per participating town. Each member town will have one (1) recognized voting member by the TYFL Board of Directors. This voting member will also list with the TYFL Secretary an alternate voting member if the town's voting member is not present at a TYFL meeting or able to vote.

2.4. New Town Membership. Any new member towns will be admitted in the TYFL by a majority vote of existing voting members. The TYFL will only recognize the head coach or coaches appointed by the voting member of that town. The TYFL will only recognize the league approved Youth or Sports Association from each town.

ARTICLE THREE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1. General Powers. The TYFL Board shall manage the activities, property, and affairs of TYFL and may exercise all such powers and do all lawful acts and things that are permitted by law or by these Bylaws. The terms, "Board Members" and "Directors" shall be used interchangeably.

3.2. TYFL Board of Directors. The TYFL Board shall consist of: (1) President, (2) Vice President, (3) Secretary, (4) Treasurer, (5) Head Referee, and (6) Advisor.

3.3. President. The President of TYFL shall have general powers and duties of supervision and management. The President shall perform all other duties incident to the Board of Directors according to these Bylaws, and in conjunction with the purpose of TYFL.

3.3.1. The President shall preside at all TYFL meetings and TYFL Board meetings.

3.3.2. The President shall preside over all elections of TYFL Board Members.

3.3.3. The President shall have the authority to act on behalf of TYFL on any matters necessary to effectuate the purposes of the TYFL.

3.3.4. The President is a voting member of the TYFL Board.

3.3.5. The President shall be elected by a vote of the TYFL Members each year. The President may be reelected.

3.4. Vice President. The Vice President shall preside at all TYFL and TYFL Board meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall generally assist the President and shall have such powers and perform such duties and services as shall from time to time be prescribed or delegated to such office by the President or the TYFL Board.

3.4.1. In the event the position of President becomes vacant for any reason other than the completion of a term of office, the Vice President shall assume the office of President for the remainder of that term. In the temporary absence or incapacity of the President, the Vice President shall have the same corporate responsibilities and authority.

3.4.2. The Vice President is a voting member of the TYFL Board.

3.4.3. The Vice President shall be elected by a vote of the TYFL Members each year. The Vice President may be reelected.

3.5. Secretary. The Secretary shall generally perform all duties usually pertaining to the office of secretary of a corporation. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping the minutes of all meetings, records, and correspondence of TYFL. The Secretary shall keep and account for all books, documents, papers and records of TYFL, except those for which some other TYFL Board member is properly accountable. The Secretary may have other duties as shall from time to time be prescribed or delegated to such office by the President or the TYFL Board.

3.5.1. The Secretary shall see that notice is given of all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall keep and attest true records of all proceedings at all meetings of the Board.

3.5.2. The Secretary shall have authority to attest to any and all instruments of writing.

3.5.3. The Secretary is a voting member of the TYFL Board.

3.5.4. The Secretary shall be elected by a vote of the TYFL Members each year. The Secretary may be reelected.

3.6. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial duties of the TYFL. The Treasurer may collect all monies due the TYFL. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds into a banking institution designated by the TYFL Board. The Treasurer may have other duties as delegated to such office by the President or the TYFL Board.

3.6.1. The Treasurer is a voting member of the TYFL Board.

3.6.2. The Treasurer shall be elected by a vote of the TYFL Members each year. The Treasurer may be reelected.

3.7. Head Referee. The Head Referee shall be responsible for the game officials of the TYFL. The Head Referee shall maintain a roster of game officials and shall schedule game officials during the TYFL season. The Head Referee may have other duties as delegated to such office by the President or the TYFL Board, and is a recognized voting member of the TYFL as it pertains to rules of competition.

3.8. Advisor. The Advisor shall be responsible for assisting the TYFL Board in all league matters. The Advisor may have other duties as delegated to such office by the President or the TYFL Board but is not a voting member of the TYFL.

ARTICLE FOUR

CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. Code of Conduct. The TYFL Board of Directors shall maintain a Code of Conduct for its Members. The TYFL Secretary shall ensure that the Code of Conduct is noticed to all TYFL members and is available on the TYFL website. In the absence of the Secretary, the TYFL President shall ensure that the Code of Conduct is noticed to all TYFL members and is available on the TYFL website.

4.2. Violations. The Head Coach or Coaches and/or Commissioner(s) of each member town are responsible for the actions of their teams while in uniform, both on and off the field, as well as the actions of their spectators, while engaged in TYFL activities. Any report of misconduct of a participant(s) that is not considered in the best interest of the TYFL is to be forwarded, in writing, to the TYFL Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will give the matter immediate attention

to resolve the matter. A decision will be made within one (1) week of the incident, and the offending participant(s) will be advised of the decision and consequences.

4.3. Sanctions. In resolving a report of misconduct, the TYFL Board of Directors may assess penalties against the Member as outlined in this Article. The penalties that may be assessed include a reprimand, probation, suspension, expulsion, or any combination of the above.

ARTICLE FIVE

TEAM ELIGIBILITY & RULES OF COMPETITION

5.1. Zoning. Players must play for the TYFL town that coincides with where they are zoned to go to school based on their physical home address. If a player does not go to a school in a TYFL town, the player may petition the TYFL Board, in writing, to be eligible to participate in the given town. The TYFL Board will then decide if the player is eligible to participate in the given town and/or where the player should actually play. The player will need verifiable proof of residence and school enrollment. There will be no “Grandfather Clause”.

5.2. Rosters. The TYFL Board shall maintain policies and provisions governing the size of rosters for teams in the TYFL.

5.3. Rules of Competition. The TYFL Board shall maintain policies and provisions governing the rules of competition for the TYFL.

ARTICLE SIX

AMENDMENTS

6.1. Bylaws Amendments. The TYFL Bylaws may be amended or repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the member towns. The Secretary (or in the Secretary’s absence, the President) shall provide notice to TYFL members and place the proposal(s) as an agenda item(s) at the next TYFL meeting. This meeting shall occur at least seven (7) days after notice has been given. The Amendment process may be initiated by the TYFL Board or by one or more Active and Eligible TYFL members.

6.2. Policies Amendments. The TYFL Policies (e.g., Rules of Competition) may be amended or repealed, or new Policies may be adopted by a majority vote of the TYFL Board of Directors subject to the provisions in this Article. The Secretary shall notice all TYFL Members of any amendments of the TYFL Policies. Any Amendment to the TYFL Policies shall take effect the following calendar week after the TYFL Board approves the amendment.

ARTICLE SEVEN

MEETINGS

7.1. Meetings. The TYFL Board shall schedule Membership meetings to discuss and conduct TYFL business relating to the budget, dues, elections and such other business that may arise from time to time. There will be a minimum of three (3) TYFL league meetings per year.

7.2. Regular Meetings. The TYFL Board shall make all meeting arrangements, including the dates, times and location(s) for such meetings. The Board shall give at least fourteen (14) days' notice to all Members prior to any meeting. Meetings may be held at one or more locations.

ARTICLE EIGHT

LEAGUE HISTORY

TYFL was founded in June 2003, by the towns of Bells, Blue Ridge, Celina, Melissa, Pottsboro, and S & S. The inaugural season was played with 3rd & 4th grade divisions only. TYFL has been designed for smaller market towns.

In November 2003, by a 5-0 vote Sherman was not accepted into the league.

2004 – The league expanded by adding 6 additional towns: Anna, Van Alstyne,

Gunter, Howe, Whitewright, and Tom Bean. The league also began play with K-6th

grade divisions.

2005 – Participating towns were Anna, Bells, Blue Ridge, Bonham, Celina, Gunter, Melissa, Pottsboro, S&S, Tom Bean, Van Alstyne, and White Wright. (12)

2006 – Participating towns were Anna, Bells, Blue Ridge, Bonham, Celina, Gunter, Melissa, Pottsboro, S&S, Tom Bean, Van Alstyne, and White Wright. (12)

2007 – Participating towns were Anna, Bells, Blue Ridge, Bonham, Celina, Gunter, Melissa, Pottsboro, S&S, Tom Bean, Van Alstyne, and White Wright. (12)

2008 – Participating towns were Anna, Bonham, Celina, Gunter, Melissa, Pottsboro Sanger, and Van Alstyne. (8)

2009 – Participating towns were Anna, Bonham, Celina, Gunter, Melissa, Sanger, and Van Alstyne. (7)

2010 – Participating towns were Anna, Bonham, Celina, Gunter, Melissa, Princeton, Sanger, and Van Alstyne. (8)

In December 2010, by unanimous vote – Sherman was accepted into the TYFL for the 2011 season.

2011 – Participating towns were Anna, Bonham, Celina, Gunter, Sanger, Sherman, Tom Bean and Van Alstyne (8)

2012 – Participating towns were Anna, Bonham, Celina, Gunter, Melissa, Sanger, Sherman, and Van Alstyne. (8)

In May 2013, by unanimous vote – Denison and Little Elm was accepted into the TYFL for the 2013 season.

2013 – Participating towns were Anna, Bonham, Celina, Denison, Gunter, Little Elm, Melissa, Sherman, and Van Alstyne. (9)

2014 – Participating towns were Anna, Bonham, Celina, Denison, Gunter, Little Elm, Melissa, Sherman, and Van Alstyne. (9)

In March 2015, by unanimous vote – Princeton and Prosper was accepted into the TYFL for the 2015 season.

2015 – Participating towns were Anna, Bonham, Celina, Denison, Gunter, Little Elm, Melissa, Princeton, Prosper, Sherman and Van Alstyne. (11)

2016 – Participating towns were Anna, Bonham, Celina, Denison, Gunter, Little Elm, Melissa, Prosper, Sherman and Van Alstyne. (10)

2017– Participating towns are Anna, Bonham, Celina, Denison, McKinney, Melissa, Prosper, Sherman and Van Alstyne. (9)

In June 2018, by unanimous vote – Lake Dallas, The Colony, Little Elm & Denton were accepted in the TYFL for the 2018 season.

2018 – Participating towns are Anna, Bonham, Celina, Denison, Denton, Lake Dallas, Little Elm, McKinney, Melissa, Prosper, Sherman, The Colony, and Van Alstyne. (13)

In June of 2019, by unanimous vote – Paris was accepted into the TYFL for the 2019 season.

2019 – Participating towns are Anna, Bonham, Celina, Denison, Denton, Lake Dallas, Little Elm, McKinney, Melissa, Paris, Princeton, Prosper, Sherman, The Colony, and Van Alstyne. (15)

In December 2019, by unanimous vote – Howe was accepted into the TYFL for the 2020 season.

2020 – Participating towns are Anna, Bonham, Celina, Denison, Denton, Howe, McKinney, Melissa, Paris, Princeton, Prosper, Sherman and Van Alstyne. (13)

2021 – Participating towns are Anna, Bonham, Celina, Denison, Denton, McKinney, Melissa, Paris, Princeton, Prosper, Sherman and Van Alstyne. (12)

2022 – Participating towns are Anna, Celina, Denison, Denton, McKinney, Melissa, Paris, Princeton, Prosper, Sherman and Van Alstyne. (11)

In June 2023, by unanimous vote – Ardmore was accepted in the TYFL for the 2023 season.

2023 – Participating towns are Anna, Ardmore, Celina, Denison, Denton, McKinney, Melissa, Paris, Princeton, Prosper, Sherman and Van Alstyne (12).

2024 – Participating towns are Anna, Ardmore, Celina, Denison, Denton, McKinney, Melissa, Paris, Princeton, Prosper, Sherman and Van Alstyne (12).

In June 2025, by unanimous vote- Gunter was accepted into TYFL for the 2025 season.

2025 – Participating towns are Anna, Ardmore, Celina, Denison, Denton, Gunter, McKinney, Melissa, Paris, Princeton, Prosper, Sherman and Van Alstyne (13).

The undersigned, being the duly elected and qualified Secretary of TYFL, hereby certifies that the foregoing Bylaws were duly adopted by the Members of TYFL effective ___ day of _____, 2025.

By: /s/ Rachel A. Cummings
TYFL Secretary