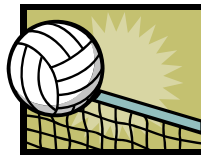




The mission of Arlington Youth Sports (AYS) is to provide all participants with a positive introduction to youth sports and an opportunity to learn fundamentals in an organized and supervised environment by promoting and encouraging sportsmanship, participation, safety, recreation and friendship of its members. (2005)



# ARLINGTON YOUTH SPORTS BY-LAWS

## Coaches Code of Ethics (2005)

1. Establishing player safety and welfare as the highest priority.
2. Providing proper supervision of athletes and properly instructing players in the safe use of equipment.
3. Emphasizing and modeling good conduct, respect, sportsmanship and fair play to all athletes, coaches, parents, and officials.
4. Reviewing and practicing basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries.
5. Respecting the integrity and judgment of game officials.
6. Being knowledgeable in and teach the basic fundamentals of the sport.
7. Being knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my athletes.
8. Enforcing a strict rule against bad language, abusiveness to other players or referees, and rules violations by the players, parents, spectators or other coaches.
9. Providing a sports environment that is free from tobacco, drugs, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports competitions.
10. Encouraging shaking hands between teams at the game's end
11. Communicate & coordinate with APS varsity coaches & attend training clinics when possible.

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**ARTICLE I**  
Offices

The Principle office of the corporation in the State of Nebraska shall be located in the City of Arlington, county of Washington. The corporation may have such offices, either within or without the State of Nebraska as the Board of Directors may determine or as the affairs of the corporation may require from time to time.

The corporation shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Nebraska a registered office and a registered agent whose office is identical with such registered office, as required by the Nebraska Non-Profit Corporation Act. The registered office may be, but need not be, identical with the principal office in the State of Nebraska, and the address of the registered office may be changed from time to time by the board of directors.

**ARTICLE II**  
Members

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS. A member of this corporation shall be an adult of legal age whose child is a participant in the activities (sporting or otherwise) of the corporation or other adult of legal age interested in the activities (sporting or otherwise) of the corporation.

Section 2. MEMBERSHIP. Any person meeting the membership qualifications will have assumed membership into the corporation.

Section 3. VOTING RIGHTS. Each member shall be entitled to vote on each matter submitted to a vote of members.

Section 4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of all of the members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing, and may, by majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership, or suspend or expel any member who shall be in default in the payment of dues for the period fixed in ARTICLE XI of these By-Laws.

Section 5. RESIGNATION. A member may resign at any time, but such resignation shall not relieve the member so resigning of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

Section 6. REINSTATATEMENT. Upon written request signed by a former member and filed with the Secretary, the Board of Directors may, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board, reinstate a terminated member to membership upon such terms as the Board of Directors may deem appropriate.

Section 7. BACKGROUND CHECKS All members that hold a designated position in the corporation such as, but not limited to, Director, Commissioner, Board member, coach, committee member, or other position that results in a member having direct contact with youth or decisions with direct influence on youth are subject to a possible background check. All members taking a designated position in the corporation must agree to this possible background check. Any crimes committed against youth will result in immediate removal from this position. The person removed may appeal their removal to the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE III** Meeting of Members

Section 1. ANNUAL MEETING. An annual meeting of the members shall be held in the month of January, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transition of such other business as may come before the meeting. If, due to whatever reason, the election of directors is not held at the annual meeting, the Board of Directors will hold a special meeting of the members at the soonest convenient time to hold election of Directors.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETING. Special meetings of the members may be called by the president, the Board of Directors, or a petition of 20 members having voting rights.

Section 3. PLACE OF MEETING. The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or out of the State of Nebraska, as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting called by the Board of Directors

Section 4. NOTICE OF MEETINGS. Notice stating the place, day and hour of any meeting of members shall be made in advance and available to members entitled to vote at such meeting, by or at the direction of the President, or Secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting. In case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated in the notice.

Section 5. QUORUM. A reasonable number of members must be present at any meeting of the members for a vote on action to take place. This number will be agreed to by the voting members present and the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will have the authority to rule there is not an acceptable quorum.

### **ARTICLE IV** Board of Directors

Section 1. GENERAL POWERS. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. Directors need not be residents of the State of Nebraska, but will be members of the corporation.

Section 2. NUMBER TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS. The number of directors shall be *five (5) standing positions*, each of whom shall hold office for respective two (2) year terms, but on an alternating basis, and such that the respective two (2) year terms of three (3) of said directors shall expire each (*even numbered*) year, with (2) directors to be elected each (*odd numbered*) year at the annual meeting of members. *In addition, each recognized sport and/or committee shall appoint/elect a commissioner which will serve on the Executive Board.* Only the Board of Director officers will have voting rights.

Section 3. EXECUTIVE BOARD The Executive Board shall consist of the Board of Directors and commissioners that have been designated by each sport. Executive

Board meetings will be held quarterly throughout the year. All Executive Board meetings will be open to the public and notice will be made available to the public prior to the meetings.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the president or any two directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the board may designate any place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by them.

Section 5. NOTICE. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each director with the agenda items that are to be discussed at that meeting. Any director may waive notice of any meeting.

Section 6. QUORUM. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board; but if less than a majority of the Directors are present at said meeting, a majority of the Directors may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 7. MANNER OF ACTING. The act of majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these By-Laws.

Section 8. COMPENSATION. Directors as such shall not receive any stated salaries for their services.

Section 9. VACANCIES. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors and any directorship to be filled by reason of an increase in the number of Directors shall be filled by the Board of Directors. A Director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers

Section 1. OFFICERS. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a vice president, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a member at large. The Board of Directors may elect or appoint such other officers, including one or more Assistant Secretaries and one or more Assistant Treasurers, as it shall deem necessary and will perform duties assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. After election of New Board of Director members at the annual meeting, a meeting will be held at that time or as soon as convenient for the members to elect officers of the Board. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and shall have been qualified.

Section 3. REMOVAL. Any officer elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby, but any such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the officer removed.

Section 4. VACANCIES. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 5. PRESIDENT. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the corporation and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the corporation. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors

and Executive Board. He/She may sign, with any other proper officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed

Section 6. VICE –PRESIDENT. In the absence of the President or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. Any Vice-President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. TREASURER. If required by the Board of Directors, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties, as the Board of Directors shall determine. He/she shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of ARTICLE VII of these By-Laws; and in general perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. SECRETARY. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors in one or more books provided for that purpose; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; be custodian of the corporate records and in general perform all duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Section 9. MEMBER AT LARGE. The Member at Large will be responsible to carry out other duties so assigned by the Board of Directors.

Section 10. ASSISTANT TREASURERS AND SECRETARIES. If required by the Board of Directors, the Assistant Treasurers shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of their duties in such sums and with such sureties as the Board of Directors shall determine. The Assistant Treasurers and Assistant Secretaries, in general, shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to them by the Treasurer or the Secretary or by the President or the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Individual Sports**

Section 1. COMMISSIONER Each individual sport in the corporation will elect a commissioner to the Executive Board. The commissioner will be elected by the members of the corporation that have youth participating in that sport. The Commissioner will attend Executive Board meetings and report on their sport. Each commissioner will be responsible for the needs of their sport and all assistance needed by that sport from the Board of Directors or the Executive Board will be communicated through the commissioner.

Section 2. INDIVIDUAL SPORTS BOARDS Each individual sport will have a Sports Board comprised of a minimum of 2 adult members of which one will be Commissioner\President and one a Secretary\Treasure. The size of the Sports Board can be determined by the commissioner based on the needs of that sport.

Section 3. COACHES Each Sports Board or Commissioner will assign the coaches in their sport. Coaching candidates will fill out an information form prior to being

designated as a coach. All coaches must be appointed by the commissioner of that sport. Directors may be called.

**ARTICLE VII**  
Committees

Section 1. COMMITTEES OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors in office, may designate and appoint one or more committees, each of which shall consist of at least one Director.

Section 2. OTHER COMMITTEES. Other committees not having and exercising the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the corporation may be designated by a resolution adopted by a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Funds

Section 1. CONTRACTS. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation, in addition to the officers so authorized by these By-Laws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC. All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer and countersigned by the President or a Vice-President of the corporation.

Section 3. DEPOSITS. All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

Section 4. GIFTS. The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest or devise for the general purposes or form any special purpose of the corporation.

**ARTICLE IX**  
Certificates of Membership

Section 1. CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP. The Board of Directors may provide for the issuance of certificates evidencing membership in the corporation, which shall be in such form as may be determined by the Board. Such certificates shall be signed by the President or a Vice-President and by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary. All certificates evidencing membership of any class shall be consecutively numbered. The name and address of each member and the date of issuance of the certificate shall be entered on the records of the

corporation. If any certificate shall become lost, mutilated or destroyed, a new certificate may be issued therefore upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may determine.

Section 2. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES. When a member has been elected to membership and has paid any initiation fee and dues that may be required, a certificate of membership shall be issued in his/her name and reasonably delivered to such member if certificates are issued.

## **ARTICLE X**

### Books and Records

The corporation shall keep appropriate books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member, or his agent or attorney for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### Dues

Section 1. ANNUAL DUES. The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable to the corporation by members of each class.

Section 2. PAYMENT OF DUES. Dues shall be payable in advance on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January in each fiscal year and delinquent March 1<sup>st</sup> of that year.

Section 3. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. When any member of any class shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of two (2) months from the beginning of the fiscal year of period for which such dues become payable, his/her membership may thereupon be terminated by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in Article III of these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### Waiver of Notice

Whenever any notice is required to be given under the provisions of the Nebraska Non-Profit Corporation Act or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of the By-Laws of the corporation, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
Adoption and Amendment

The initial By-Laws of this Corporation shall be adopted by its Board of Directors, with said Board of Directors, by not less than a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote, to have the power to alter, amend or repeal said By-Laws or otherwise adopt new By-Laws.

**ARTICLE XV**  
Voluntary Dissolution

In the event of a voluntary dissolution of this corporation, the net assets (after payment of all legal and reasonable liabilities and obligations of the corporation) shall be paid and distributed to (a) non-profit corporation(s) and/or non-profit organization(s) similar in its/their organization and/or purpose to this corporation and as selected by the then current Board of Directors of this corporation.