

Greater Puget Sound Youth Football League

By-Laws

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Unified Franchises

Northwest Cougars Football Club	NW Tacoma Rams Youth Football Club
Kent Knights Youth Football	Sumner Wolfpack
Parkland Raiders Football	Tacoma Panthers Jr Football & Sports Assoc
Federal Way Hawks	Puyallup Roughriders

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE STATEMENT

1. The Greater Puget Sound Youth Football League (hereafter referred to as GPSYFL) is established for the purpose of governing the collective body of youth football team clubs/franchises. Our purpose is to provide the youth of the greater Puget Sound area, regardless of race, gender, or creed:
 - A. The opportunity to participate in controlled athletic competition of football and become acquainted with the fundamentals of the game rules, passing, running, kicking, blocking, and tackling as defined by the National Federation of State High School Associations and league special rules.
 - B. To instill good sportsmanship, values of fair play, and good conduct.
 - C. To promote tolerance between youth through their common interest.
 - D. To encourage adults to behave in an exemplary manner when supervising youth while keeping the welfare of youth foremost and free from any adult compulsion for power and glory.
 - E. To uphold the constitution and By-Laws of the governing conference.

ARTICLE II

UNIFIED FRANCHISE / FRANCHISE /COMBO CLUB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS / FEES

1. A **UNIFIED FRANCHISE** is defined as an individual and independent organization or club that is structured to provide a minimum of five youth football teams to participate at specific age levels, which shall be 8U through 14U; must have completed a one-year probation period at an exemplary level; and sign a two-year (consecutive) commitment contract with the GPSYFL. Upon satisfactorily completing these conditions, and by the approval of the GPSYFL Board, said organization shall be considered a **UNIFIED FRANCHISE**. A **UNIFIED FRANCHISE** member will consist of the traditional one team per grade. Any deviation from the traditional make-up will require approval by the Board prior to the beginning of the season. Each **UNIFIED FRANCHISE** shall be responsible for its own organization and will be represented on the Board of Directors for the GPSYFL, with voting power of one.
2. A **FRANCHISE** is defined as an individual/independent organization that is structured to field a minimum of five youth football teams that are organized to participate at a specific age level 8U through 14U. It is assumed a Franchise member is made up of the traditional 1 team per age level any deviation from the traditional make up will need a vote by the board prior to the season beginning The FRANCHISE will be required to sign a one-year commitment letter, and serve on a probationary period. The FRANCHISE will play in competition in a schedule that best fits the GPSYFL. The FRANCHISE is allowed to play in the Jamboree, the playoffs and the championship games. They will not have voting rights in league business.
3. A **COMBO CLUB** is defined as a team (or teams) that will be responsible for its own organization and will be mentored and guided by a **UNIFIED FRANCHISE** of the GPSYFL. A **COMBO CLUB** shall be required to sign a one-year commitment contract with the GPSYFL and must serve a one-year probation term. A **COMBO CLUB** will be allowed to compete in the regular season, participate in the Jamboree, the playoffs, and the championship games. The schedule for said participation shall be assigned by the GPSYFL. A **COMBO CLUB** shall have no voting privileges in League business.
4. A **FILLER TEAM** is defined as a team that belongs to a league different from the GPSYFL, but is serving a position in the GPSYFL regular schedule to fill a “bye” game only. A **FILLER TEAM** may not play in the Jamboree, the playoffs, or the championship games. The **FILLER TEAM** will abide by all rules and guidelines set forth by the GPSYFL. A **FILLER TEAM** shall have no voting privileges in League business.
5. New Membership(s): A Franchise, Combo Club, or Filler Team must complete an application for admittance into the GPSYFL. The approval for membership will be held at each annual GPSYFL review. A new Franchise, Combo Club, or Filler Team shall be allowed to join the GPSYFL upon satisfactorily acquiring the required 2/3 vote by the Unified Franchises. The Board will consider the number and grade levels of the organizations or teams who are seeking membership. Any Combo Club seeking membership may not have had any prior participation in a Unified Franchise or any other organization affiliated with the GPSYFL. The voting process for

allowing a Combo Club to join the GPSYFL will include a background check. A Combo Club may proceed to the Franchise level by completing the steps necessary and outlined at the Combo Club level. Upon satisfactorily completing the Combo Club requirements, the Combo Club may advance to the Franchise level. Subsequent to reaching the Franchise level and upon fulfilling all of the Franchise requirements satisfactorily, then said Franchise shall have the opportunity to become a Unified Franchise, set forth by the established voting process.

6. Combo Clubs and Franchises seeking membership must complete the application process which includes accepting these By-Laws and Rules in writing prior to admittance into the GPSYFL.
7. All GPSFYL participants must adhere to the General Membership rules. In the event that the rules set forth by an individual Unified Franchise, Franchise, Combo Club, or Filler Team conflicts with the rules set forth by GPSYFL, the rules established by the GPSYFL will supersede all other rules.
8. Unified Franchise members of the GPSYFL are eligible for candidacy to any elected or appointed office or position of the GPSYFL.
9. All competition will comply with the rules set forth by the GPSYFL.

10. FEES

Each Unified Franchise or Franchise will pay a set league fee to cover expenses for:

- a. Referees/Officials
- b. Championship Trophies
- c. Stadium fees for:
 - i. Jamboree
 - ii. Playoffs
 - iii. Championships
 - iv. All Star Games (if applicable)
- d. Miscellaneous operational expenses

Each Combo Club will pay a set league fee for each of its teams to cover expenses for:

- a. Referees
- b. Championship Trophies
- c. Stadium fees for:
 - i. Jamboree
 - ii. Playoffs
 - iii. Championships
 - iv. All Star Games (if applicable)
- d. Miscellaneous operational expenses

ARTICLE III

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

Section I: QUALIFICATIONS AND TERMS FOR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

General membership in the Greater Puget Sound Youth Football League is limited to adults of good moral character and standing in the community and who qualify for membership under the conditions provided herein and who express an interest in the League's objectives.

1. The parents and/or legal guardians of any child who actively participates in the Greater Puget Sound Football League shall be considered a member.
2. Coaches and Managers of the current year, whether having a child in the program or not, shall be considered an active member.
3. To be issued a field badge by the GPSYFL, all coaches, shall be Certified thru the vendor recognized by the league as the standard for player safety, blocking, and tackling, to include head and assistant coaches and coordinators; i.e. offense, defense, special teams, or any other assigned titles. Fees/dues must be paid on the date(s) established by the GPSYFL. If they are not paid in full and/or on the time and/or the funds do not clear the bank the franchise gives up all rights to participate in postseason play and rights to host any post season games.

Unified Franchises that owe fees (past due from current season or previous seasons) will have league voting privileges suspended until they are caught up.

4. All coaches and managers must submit to a background check and may be eliminated from working with children if they are confirmed to have a criminal record relating to children, the elderly, and/or people with disabilities. A list of the crimes that will eliminate an individual is attached and is known as Appendix A.

Section II: MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

1. Membership in the GPSYFL requires participation of its members.
2. Membership in the GPSYFL is an agreement to abide by GPSYFL rules. In the event that the rules set forth by an individual Unified Franchise, Franchise, Combo Club, or Filler Team conflicts with the rules set forth by GPSYFL, the rules established by the GPSYFL will supersede all other rules
3. *Game contracts need to provide a forfeiture fee to be paid should there be a failure on the part of either party to carry out arrangements agreed upon. (A team cannot forfeit for any reason other than lack of players as outlined in the High school federation rules.*
4. *If two weeks (14 calendar days) notice is not provided before the cancellation of a Game/contest/event, a forfeiture fee will be imposed. (Fee's to be*

determined by the board at least \$250 not to exceed \$1500), by board agreement, the forfeiture can be waived due to unforeseen circumstances i.e... Death of a player/coach or natural disaster. If a team is caught playing with ineligible players (based on age, grade, and suspension status), said team will forfeit all games in which the ineligible players participated. In addition, said team will be subject to disciplinary actions or sanctions set forth by the Board.

Section III: CANCELLATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the GPSYFL may be canceled for the following reasons:

1. A written resignation submitted by the Franchise to the GPSYFL Board of Directors.
2. Failure to pay any moneys owed to the GPSYFL within thirty (30) days after due date.
3. Terminations for Cause. This action requires a concurring vote by the Board of Directors, quorum present. The member in question shall have first been given written notice of the accusation(s) against him/her and an opportunity for a hearing before the GPSYFL Board of Directors. Witnesses, on behalf of the concerned member, may be present for said hearing.
4. Any member of a Unified Franchise/ Franchise/ Combo Club, Filler Team, and general member, participant, parent or guest who does not act in accordance with the GPSYFL By- laws can be banned from any common game or practice venues by request of the GPSYFL Board.

Section IV: NEW MEMBERSHIP

1. New Membership admittance must be approved by a majority vote of 2/3 (two-thirds) by the Unified Franchises (i.e. 10 Unified Franchises in league membership would require 7 votes to approve a new Unified Franchise; 12 Unified Franchises in league membership would require 8 votes to approve a new Unified Franchise; 14 Unified Franchises would require 9 votes in favor to approve a new Unified Franchise).
2. Combo Club and Franchises seeking membership must complete the process for application and accept these By-Laws and Rules in writing prior to a vote for admittance. Combo Club and Franchises will be evaluated for acceptance via the application process.
3. All new membership must commit by a date established by the board of application year and all fees will be due at set date(s) for the upcoming season and are non-refundable.
4. GPSYFL will not accept expansion by merger with other leagues. All expansion and growth will be by individual UNIFIED FRANCHISE/FRANCHISE/COMBO CLUB as defined in Article III, Sec. 4. Paragraph 2.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section I: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will consist of one (1) voting member from each UNIFIED FRANCHISE and one (1) non-voting member from each FRANCHISE/COMBO CLUB as designated by Article II. This representative will be designated by their respective organization.

Section II: QUORUM REQUIREMENTS

A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the UNIFIED FRANCHISE representatives must be present at any regular or special meeting to constitute a quorum for the transaction of official business or the GPSYFL.

Section III: AUTHORITY TO ACT

Every act and/or decision made by the Board of Directors at a meeting duly held, with which a quorum was present, is regarded as a decision of the Board of Directors and is thus binding on the GPSYFL as a whole; unless such decision is specifically prohibited by these By-Laws. A request to table a motion until the next scheduled meeting may be requested at any time, by any UNIFIED FRANCHISE/FRANCHISE/COMBO CLUB on any issue. This action will allow representatives to discuss issue with their own UNIFIED FRANCHISE/FRANCHISE/COMBO CLUB prior to voting.

Section IV: TERM OF OFFICE

Executive Board members hold office for a term of two (2) years, or until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed. Each UNIFIED FRANCHISE/FRANCHISE/COMBO CLUB will have one representative and one alternate representative on the Board of Directors.

The President, Vice President, and Treasurer are voted on every two years on **odd years**. The Athletic Director and Secretary are voted on every two years on **even years**.

Section V: REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

A member of the Executive Board of Directors may be removed from office accordingly:

1. By resignation, in writing, to the Board of Directors at any regular or special board meeting duly held at which a quorum is present.
2. By an affirmative recall vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special board

meeting duly held at which a quorum is present.

3. By being absent without excuse from two (2) duly called board meetings within a twelve (12) month period. Alternate representative attending in lieu of representative is accepted as franchise representation.
4. By official request made in writing by the represented organization signed by its board officers.
5. Any Executive Board of Directors Member may removed due to meeting absenteeism and may be reinstated for his/her remaining term as director by a concurring vote of the Board of Directors.
6. A Director is not regarded absent from any meeting if before said meeting he/she was excused by the President or any other Director presiding at said meeting.

Section VI: METHOD OF FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In the event a vacancy should occur on the Board of Directors, the franchise creating the vacancy must fill the vacancy prior to the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section I: EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

From the Board of Directors of the UNIFIED FRANCHISE will be elected an Executive Board consisting of:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Athletic Director
5. Treasurer

A UNIFIED FRANCHISE may not have more than one (1) representative on the Executive Board. Elections of the Executive Board Positions are for a two (2) year appointment.

Section II: MAIN RESPONSIBILITY

The Executive Board's main responsibility is to convene on league matters unresolved by the Board of Directors. After gathering all relevant facts and making a recommendation on how to resolve the issue, the Board of Directors will vote on the recommendation. In the event of a tie, the Executive Board's recommendation shall carry the vote.

1. **President:** The duties of the President shall be those normally associated with this office, and include his/her acting as the principle executive officer of the League. He/She shall preside at all League meetings. It is the President's duty to administrate the League, and to run the League meetings in accordance with the Bylaws. The President will not voice an opinion during an Incident/Complaint Hearing. The President will vote only to break a tie on any issue voted on by the League. He/She may sign all legal documents with the Secretary. The President's primary duty is to work to improve the GPSYFL. He/She must provide the vision for the League, and always be looking throughout the country for innovative ways to enhance the GPSYL, both on and off the field of play and present to board. The President in coordination with Treasurer and Athletic director will review and validate the annual invoice from the Officials Association for accuracy prior to payment.
2. **Vice President:** shall be those normally associated with his/her office and include being the presiding Executive Officer over all appeals hearings, ensuring that the proper process is followed as stated in the Bylaws. He/She shall also have such duties as are assigned to him/her by the President and shall preside in the absence of the President. The Vice President is the chairman of the Appeals/Complaint committee and the Bylaws committee.
3. **Treasurer:** shall be those normally associated with his/her office and include his/her having charge of all moneys and receipts of the League, and depositing the same in the name of the League in a depository designated by the GPSYFL Board. He/She shall disburse said funds as is necessary and is ordered or authorized by the GPSYFL Board. He/She shall keep accurate records and collect all charges due from League Members and shall keep regular account of receipts and disbursements. He/She shall submit such records when requested, and give a financial statement of the same at all Board meetings. He/She shall cause to be prepared all checks and withdrawal slips on behalf of the League for any of its bank accounts, of which shall be honored on both his/her and the Presidents signatures. If In the case of the inability of the Treasurer to be present there is an immediate need for payment of an obligation by check, the Secretary shall sign in the place of the Treasurer. Two (2) signatures shall be required on all checks. These signatures will only be from the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Treasurer will have available at each League meeting a list of those League Members that owe monies, so as to keep current an eligible voting list. The Treasurer will provide a written report of all deposits and expenditures at every regular League meeting. The report will be read into the record and voted on for acceptance by the Board. The report will then be given to the Secretary to be included with the minutes and files, and an electronic copy will be forwarded to the GPSYFL webmaster and placed in the member's area of the GPSYFL website within 48 hours of the meeting. The Treasurer is the chairman of the Events committee. The Treasurer will turn over all organizational correspondence and property to his/her successor.
4. **Secretary:** shall be responsible for those duties normally associated with this office to include the keeping of minutes at all League meetings. The Secretary shall perform such duties as may be required of him/her by the Executive Board. The Secretary shall keep a record of each League Members attendance at all League meetings, by having each League Member Representative sign an attendance sheet. The Secretary shall keep an updated list of all League Members voting status. Meeting Minutes shall be captured in Word/PDF format and emailed to all

franchise representatives within one week of meeting. Minutes of the previous League meeting will be read to, and approved by, the GPSYFL Board at the beginning of each League meeting. An electronic copy of the minutes will be forwarded to the GPSYFL webmaster and placed in the member's area of the GPSYFL website within 48 hours of the meeting. *The Secretary will secure the use of a fireproof filing cabinet, and will secure all documents, contracts and copies of League files for safekeeping.* The Secretary will be responsible to keep the League Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws current and filed with state/federal agency as required. A copy of the current By-Laws will be provided to GPSYFL Webmaster for publication on leagues website. The Secretary will coordinate with Athletic director (and

board members) for date and time for roster reviews. The Secretary will turn over all organizational correspondence and property to his/her successor.

5. **Athletic Director:** duties include scheduling the regular season games, makeup games, filler games, post season games, and receive any game protest. Initial schedules will be generated at one of the regularly scheduled GPSYFL board meetings. Final Schedules will be provided to the franchises no later than the 2nd Tuesday in July League meeting. The Athletic Director will coordinate with Officials Association for scheduling of game officials at all GPSYFL sanctioned games. The Athletic Director will ensure that a copy of the weekly official assignments is provided to each franchise representative a week before games are played. The Athletic Director will be in charge of all team and player eligibility requirements in accordance with bylaws. The Athletic Director, in conjunction with the Secretary, will have all certified franchise team rosters available for the distribution no later than the week prior to the first game. The Athletic Director will designate time, date, and place of the annual coaches clinic. The Athletic Director will receive regular season game scores each Sunday following a scheduled event. Game scores will be compiled weekly with standings emailed to each Franchise or posted on the League website no later than the Monday following the game weekend. The Athletic Director may have a Co-Athletic Director to assist in routine annual duties. The Athletic Director will turn over all organizational correspondence and property to his/her successor.

Section III: POSITION APPOINTMENTS

A quorum must be established in order to proceed with position appointments. A simple majority vote of the Board of Directors shall suffice in appointing officers to the Executive Board. A nomination process will be developed after the initial Board of Directors are assigned this responsibility.

Section IV: TERM OF OFFICE

Executive Board members hold office for a term of two (2) years, or until their respective successors are duly elected or appointed. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer are voted on every two years on **odd years**. The Athletic Director and Secretary are voted on every two years on **even years**. This will provide better continuity for executive board positions.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section I: MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will meet at least once a month unless there is a lack of business. These meetings are open to the general membership unless the Board calls a closed meeting.

Section II: MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

1. Meetings of the general membership of the GPSYFL are scheduled for the calendar month of January.
2. Additional meetings of the general membership may be called at the discretion of the Board of Directors
3. The general membership is informed, by the GPSYFL Secretary, of any general meetings via newspaper advertising, phone committee, electronic medium, newsletters, and/or club representatives.
4. It is the responsibility of each franchise representative to inform franchise members of time, place, and date of said meetings.
5. To maintain the meeting times and length, ONLY the Unified Franchise/ Franchise/ Combo Club designated representative should address the board during the meetings. Individuals wishing to address the GPSYFL in meetings must ask to do so in writing and be placed on the agenda by the league secretary prior to the scheduled meeting.
6. If an issue must be addressed prior to the next board meeting each Unified Franchise can place a vote pertaining to the issue via email.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Section I: CHECKS, DRAFTS AND/OR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.

1. All checks and/or drafts issued in the name of the GPSYFL for any purpose of league business must be signed by two of the following members of the GPSYF Executive Board of Directors; President, Vice President, and/or Secretary.
2. All financial records are the responsibility of the GPSYFL Treasurer. Disbursements of funds, accounting procedures, etc. are to be performed with good accounting practices.

3. If, at the end of the season, the GPSYFL financial account exceeds \$10,000, all league fees shall be adjusted downward.

Sections II: CONTRACTS

1. Any contracts that may be executed in the name of the GPSYFL must be consistent with these By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, and RCW 24.03 of the State of Washington.
2. The Board of Directors must approve all such contracts with a simple majority vote and a quorum present.

Section III: FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the GPSYFL is from January 1st to December 31st.

Section IV: AUDITS

1. The Board of Directors will request additional audits whenever the Treasurer is replaced or such other times as the Board of Directors deem necessary.
2. At any time, an outside, private, unaffiliated accounting firm may be hired by majority vote of the Board of Directors in order to perform a financial audit of the GPSYFL financial records and presented to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII **COMPLAINTS**

Any member having a complaint or grievance with the GPSYFL involving its operation must submit the complaint or grievance in writing to the Executive Board of Directors to request a hearing. The complainant must appear in person to present said complaint to the Board of Directors.

Every attempt shall be made to resolve a complaint or grievance against any part of a Unified Franchise, Franchise, or Combo Club by the respective Unified Franchise, Franchise, or Combo Club. If proper attempts at resolution have not been made prior to referral to the GPSYFL, the GPSYFL may defer the situation back to the representative of said Unified Franchise, Franchise, or Combo Club for proper resolution.
All decisions by the GPSYFL Board are final and not subject to further appeal.

ARTICLE IX

GPSYFL STANDING RULES

Youths Ages 8U through 14U

Section I: ELIGIBILITY

- 8U – Cannot be 9 years old before July 31st
- 9U – Cannot be 10 years old before July 31st
- 10U – Cannot be 11 years old before July 31st
- 11U – Cannot be 12 years old before July 31st
- 12U – Cannot be 13 years old before July 31st
- 14U - Cannot be 15 years old before Dec 31st and no 9th grade

1. NO AGE WAIVERS SHALL BE ALLOWED DOWNWARD.

Any special situation shall be reviewed and approved by the GPSYFL Board of Directors.

2. It shall be required for each Unified Franchise, Franchise, or Combo Club to submit records of each eligible player registered within its organization. All records will be kept by each individual Unified Franchise, Franchise, or Combo Club, and shall be made available to the GPSYFL upon request. These records must accompany each respective team during competition of League play. The GPSYFL Board of Directors shall have discretionary authority to address any unforeseen circumstances. All documents shall be reviewed personally by a designated League Representative prior to the first regular season scheduled game. The documents shall be reviewed or inspected prior to any and all playoff games, and at any time the Board deems necessary. There shall be a minimum of two days notice of any random inspection of said documents. The following are the items each Unified Franchise, Franchise, or Combo Club shall be required to submit to the GPSYFL:

- A. Roster: *An official roster listing all players for the current season.*
- B. Birth Certificate: *Each player shall provide a state certified copy of his/her birth certificate, military identification, or passport, official medical records.*
- C. Head Photo: *A head photo shall be provided of each player.*
- D. Player/Parent Consent Form: *An appropriate consent form signed by the player and the player's parent or guardian.*
- E. Physical Examination: *It is the individual franchises responsibility to manage the sports physical/well child examination requirements for players registered in their program.*

F. Concussion Form: *Each player shall provide a signed concussion form.*

G. The GPSYFL Board of Directors will have discretionary authority to address unforeseen circumstances.

Section II: RULES

National Federation of State High School Associations regulations, using the most current published rulebook, will direct league play. GPSYFL Referee Liaison will brief the Board of Directors on an annual basis on all new rule additions and or deletions when become known.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Nine (9) minute, stop clock quarters will apply to all games, playoffs, and championships for ages 8U through 12U. 14U games shall have 10 minute quarters.
2. The half-time break shall be no less than six (6) minutes and no longer than ten (10) minutes.
3. The game officials shall keep the official game times and scores.
4. Each Unified Franchise, Franchise, or Combo Club shall designate a game day field representative or representatives for all games. The field representative(s) shall provide contact information to the GPSYFL prior to game day. The GPSYFL will provide each franchise with the contact information of their opponent's field representative or representatives.
5. The field representatives for both teams will work with the game officials regarding any problems or issues with parents or spectators. A Franchise Representative must be present @ each game.
6. The home field franchise shall be responsible for reporting all game scores, sportsmanship conduct, and any other observations made to the Executive Board's Athletic Director by 5:00P.M. Monday of the following week.
7. The field representatives will inform game officials of the specific league rules set forth by the GPSYFL and remind them to keep as close to possible the kick-off schedule.
8. Field Reps will be assigned to supervise all contests. The Field Representative of the home team shall notify the opposing team of any unnatural playing conditions.
9. All franchise/club representative, officers, and coaches will be issued a league photo ID with current season's year displayed.
10. Punt Rule: For 8U, 9U, 10U only, on 4th down, the offensive team must declare their intentions to punt or go for first down yardage. No player may leave the line of scrimmage until the ball is kicked. All players must remain stationary until the ball is kicked. (Punt Rule) Once the punter gains possession of the ball he/she must

immediately punt the ball. Violation of this rule will be a 5-yard delay of game penalty.

11. For 8U only, teams may have one coach on the field during play. The coaches must be 10 yards behind the deepest offensive and defensive players on the field. If the coach is not in the correct position a 5 yard penalty will be assessed to the offensive or defensive team in violation of the rule.
12. Certified Team Rosters with the eligible player's name, jersey number, must be submitted to league prior to league play commences.
13. Mercy Rule – In accordance with the **WIAA HS #11: 57.6.0** – Establishes a 40-point differential game ending procedure in the second half in football. The game clock shall run continuously for the remainder of the game except for an official's time-out, a charged team time-out, time between quarters, or a score. While the Mercy Rule is in effect, there shall be no rules on passing or the on-side kick.
14. Kansas City Overtime Rules: The GPSYFL has adopted that each team receives a possession starting at the defense's 10-yard line. This possession takes place like any other, so the offense has 4 downs to make a touchdown. The offense can also choose to attempt a field goal to acquire points. If a touchdown is scored, the scoring team can attempt a 1-point or 2-point conversion

In this way, a team can score between 3 and 8 points on their possession. The winner is the team with the most points after each team has had a possession. If there is a tie, then each team receives another possession until a winner is determined. (During the regular season, if games end in a tie after 2 possessions the game will be a tie, unless it is a winner in and loser out situation, in the postseason or championship game a winner must be determined.)

15. Only GPSYFL approved badged coaches are allowed on the field. Parents and other family members must be in the stands or behind the contained area. League Issued ID Badges require all coaches/team trainers/board members/team parents who are on the field of play worn on a lanyard around their neck and must be visible at all times.
16. Extra points shall be considered: two (2) points for successful field goal kick and one (1) point for a successful run or pass. If 8U, 9U, and 10U teams are attempting a kick, no rush is allowed.
17. Unsportsmanlike Behavior: The GPSYFL stands by a zero-tolerance to fighting, verbal or physical abuse, and/or any threatening manner by any player, parent, coach, manager or affiliate of any Franchise or Club. The head coach of each team will be responsible for the behavior of their sideline; this includes coaches, players, parents, family, and anyone else on their sideline. Each respective franchise representative(s) are responsible for enforcing the rules of behavior for his or her own side of the field. A fifteen (15) yard penalty may be assessed to the unsportsmanlike team, if behavior warrants. If a game, in the judgment of the referee, has gotten out of control and the safety of his crew or the safety of the players is in question, he/she has the authority to call an end to the game. Reports

from other franchises of unsportsmanlike behavior will be displayed for review by the Board. The Board of Directors may request suspensions of the offending member(s). The voting criterion which has been set forth by the GPSYFL within these By-Laws will govern the decisions and possible disciplinary actions. Repeat behavior by any team of any franchise may be grounds for forfeiture of the remainder of their games of the season. It is expected that all spectators and fans will be held to the same standards as above. Any spectator or fan deemed to be acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, per the observation of the field representative(s), the head coach shall be notified and it shall be the head coach's responsibility to remedy the situation. It is the responsibility of each member franchise to ensure their parents/families/fans act in accordance with the goals of the GPSYFL. The GPSYFL reserves the right to sanction any member franchise for a violation of these rules.

18. Home teams will provide "Chain Crews" of adults, or high school football players may be allowed if approved by officials. Chain Crews will work on the home team side of each scheduled game. Chain Crews are considered part of the officiating crew. Chain Crews on the visitor side are subject to GPSYFL approval and the approval of the visiting team's head coach.
19. Each Franchise shall be allowed to host home games. The home venue must be secured by the franchise when the schedule has been set. The home franchise will be responsible for:
 - a. Field set up – A minimum of 25 foot roped-off area required around the playing field.
 - b. Grounds set up and cleanup.
 - c. Toilet facilities
 - d. Concession stands (optional to home team)
 - e. Official regulation and size Field, Equipment, Goal Posts and all other items to make for a regulation football field i.e. chains, yard markers, proper and visible lines etc.
20. Authorized Football sizes and brands
8U & 9U: UA 495, Wilson GST Leather, Wilson K2 "Pee Wee" football.
10U & 11U: UA 495, Wilson GST Leather, Wilson TDJ "Junior" football.
12U & 14U: UA 495, Wilson GST Leather, Wilson TDY "Youth" football.
21. During the Jamboree, teams may have no more than two (2) coaches in the huddles for all teams. The coaches will observe the five-yard rule during scrimmage.
22. Only Head Coaches may talk with referees during the game and must be done in a highly professional manner. Officials will submit a brief report after the games regarding conduct and communication to the Board.
23. Film/video tapes cannot be used for the purpose of a protest, but may be used for disciplinary action by the Football League Board of Directors.

Section III: ROSTERS

1. There is a cap to all rosters at 35 players per team.

2. Official Team rosters will be provided to the GPSYFL board of directors before the start of league games commence. Additional players cannot be added after Labor Day. Team rosters will be provided to the GPSYFL Roster Committee two Fridays before the Jamboree/Pre season weekend. Final Rosters changes/adds MUST be submitted no later than Friday before the first official GPSYFL Game. Additional players may be added after this date. All roster changes/adds must be submitted to the roster committee along with all proper documentation before the player can play in any GPSYFL sanctioned game. Jamboree and Preseason included. Any changes in jersey number must be submitted to the roster committee before the player can play in any game. Any players that are dropped must be submitted as well. The Roster Committee will have an official roster at all times and only those rosters are approved to check in players.

In order to have an approved roster each franchise must submit proof of age, grade, photo along with a signed concussion & registration forms to the committee. First due date is Friday before the first League game. Once your roster is approved you will be given an official copy of along with all your paperwork. This roster will be used to check in each player before every game. Once the roster is approved documentation will not be used at check in as the committee already approved and verified each document to add each player to the roster.

Roster will consist of Player name age, date of birth, jersey number photo and GPSYFL approval

Rosters will be used to check in players one hour before every GPSYFL sanctioned game. If any players are not checked in play in a contest that team will forfeit the game.

3. There will be a roster pre-date at which time all Franchises must submit the required paperwork to the Athletic Director/President for review. For each team, all player information packets need to be 100% complete prior to submission to the Athletic Director/President; incomplete player information packets will not be reviewed. Refer to Article IX Section 2 for required player registrations-items. A GPSYFL meeting will be held to exchange certified GPSYFL rosters between every franchise.
4. At the final roster date; rosters must be set and no player can be added after set final date. Only with a written request from any team may a player be considered as a new member on any roster after the final roster date. The Board will notify all Team Reps regarding the addition if such addition is approved by the board. There will be another GPSYFL meeting dedicated to roster review and the exchange of the final rosters between franchises.
5. A "red flag list" of any player(s) who have not returned equipment to their respective franchise will be submitted by the franchise that has incurred the loss. The GPSYFL will govern the list and no player on "red flag list" will be allowed to participate with any other franchise until restitution to the prior franchise has been made to their satisfaction and that-said franchise removes the player from the "red flag list".

There is also a dropped player list of all players who have been removed from a

team's roster. No one on this list may play for another GPSYFL franchise until the next season, unless there is sufficient cause (such as moved out of area change schools etc) and all transfers must be voted on by the Board of Directors

6. GPSYFL does not apply boundaries, however, players cannot change franchises during their current football season. A player cannot switch from one team/club/franchise to another during the season. The official season begins with the preseason event.
7. If Rosters are not submitted by cutoff dates above these teams will not be allowed to participate in games.
8. Photos and names of all the coaches must be included on the roster All coaches must check in with players only coaches with badges and listed on one of the 6 team rosters may be on the sidelines during game play See section IV for coach requirements.

Section IV: COACHES

1. Coaches Conduct: The head coach is responsible for the behavior of the players, and assistant coaches. The coach should be a good example for the players. Coaches shall treat parents and players in a respectful manner and expect the same type of treatment in return. Coaches should avoid critical comments to any league official, game official and/or player in the presence of the team.
2. A Coach's roster will be required at the roster deadline. Any changes to the coaching staff will require a background check of the new staff member(s) and notification to the League in writing with a coach's roster revision. A coach roster will be part of the official team roster
3. All Coaches within the GPSYFL will be certified by an appropriate; League approved certification process and will also at all times during the course of their participation remain certified and have a completed national criminal history background check on file with the League. It is the policy of the GPSYFL that the League maintain a standard of conduct and credibility among the participants, staff and volunteers in reference to clear criminal history checks to include a ZERO tolerance level for any listing or offenses related to children and/or sexual misconduct up to and all inclusive to registered sex offenders of all levels as mandated by the State of Washington sex offender registration classifications.
4. All crimes listed in Appendix " A" is automatically disqualifying if the applicant will or may be involved with any child. By-Law Article III, Section 1. Paragraph 4 applies.
5. It is mandatory that all Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, League Representatives, and Field Representatives from each Franchise or Club attend a GPSYFL coaches meeting covering the following areas:
 - a. All GPSYFL specific rules
 - b. Hydration and conditioning of athletes
 - c. Any additional topics deemed necessary by the GPSYFL

The GPSYFL will provide two (2) dates to host the mandatory meeting; attendance

is required at one of them. One meeting shall be held during a weekend and one during a week night. The time and date of a make-up meeting shall be determined by the GPSYFL and there shall only be one make-up meeting offered.

Section V: PRACTICE & PLAY

1. Practices will begin no sooner than July 5th. Practices must be scheduled at approved practice sites and within the field contract times. No member franchise may conduct pre-season workout or agility camps before May 1st. Any franchise wishing to conduct such camps must open up registration to members of all other member franchises and without requirements to play for that franchise fall football program. Workouts or camps must not include traditional fall football team offense/defense type plays (team specific).
2. Schedules will be set by the age level with the age group that has the most teams being the deciding factor in the schedule layout. The bye games created by the holes in the other age groups will be left as byes.
3. Filler games can be scheduled by the franchise with the bye. No ill effect to the schedule already in place by the league will be permitted. I.e.: the normal games will still be played at the scheduled times, unless prior written approval from both teams and the Athletic Director no less than 48 hours before the first game is scheduled to start. Filler games do not effect League standings or play-off seeding.
4. Franchise arranged filler game referee expenses will be covered by the league if referee association is notified one week prior to competition. League will not cover referee expenses if filler game is scheduled at a venue outside of the league.
5. Scheduling: League and play-off schedules shall be set by the GPSYFL Board of Directors. The GPSYFL Board of Directors shall provide the schedule to the franchises or clubs prior to August 15th of the football season. It is the intent of the League that regular season games will commence on the weekend prior to the Labor Day weekend. The regular season will consist of eight (8) games, with the playoffs and championship games concluding no later than the first weekend in November. The playoffs will follow a week after the end of the regular season and consist of two (2) cross-over games: one game between the first place team of the North/West Division and the second place team of the South/East Division; the second game between the second place team of the North/West Division and the first place team of the South/East Division. The two (2) winners will advance to the championship game one week later. No consolation games will be scheduled.
6. Games will be played at 8:30A.M. for 8U; 10:00A.M. for 9U; 11:30A.M. for 10U; 1:00P.M. for 11U; 3:00P.M. for 12U; and 5:00P.M. for 14U. If there is a vacant kick-off time with no fill-in game, the regular scheduled games shall have the option of moving to the earlier kick-off time pending confirmation by both teams of each grade.
7. Any Injury requiring medical attention during league play will require a league provided "injury report" filed with the Board of Directors. This report will be submitted from the team of the injured player.
8. During League games, only players, coaches, game/league officials, and

emergency responders shall be allowed on the field. All spectators must remain in the grandstand/spectator area. Only football players, cheerleaders, their approved badged coaches, game officials, emergency medical personnel, chain crew, ball boys, badged franchise and league board members are allowed outside the spectator areas. A maximum of seven (7) adults with official GPSYFL Badge neck identification shall be allowed on the playing field or a team's sideline nine(9) adults, i.e. seven (7) coaches and (1) photographer and one medical personnel/trainer with neck identification are allowed on or around the playing field at any venue.

9. Home field franchise is responsible for field clean up and maintenance. All teams strive to police sidelines upon completion of practice and play.
10. **Divisions:** The age level with the least amount of teams will be used to determine the split of divisions. The teams will be split evenly based on that number of teams from the Franchises within the League. This will create a pool of Franchises based on the amount of teams. The division will be selected randomly from the pool as to provide the same amount of teams for each division.
11. Playoffs and championship games will be scheduled at available venues. The venues maybe split by grades and or divisions. The Championship games shall be hosted by the League, with all revenues to pay for trophies awarded to runner-up and champions, as well as the costs of game-day operations.
12. It will be the goal and expectation of The Board to schedule each Franchise / Club with the equal number of Home Games.
13. In the event that a scheduled game cannot be completed for unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances i.e.: inclement weather, etc. the game will be rescheduled, based on the following criteria: If less than 3 quarters of a game has been completed the league AD will schedule a makeup game and venue. If a franchise does not show up for the rescheduled game they will forfeit the game and the other team will be declared the winner. If 3 quarters or more of a scheduled game has been completed and the game is called for the same set of circumstances, then the official score will be determined to be final at the time the game is called.

GAME MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

1. All teams, with the exception of the 14U, will play nine (9) minute quarters. The 14U game will be 10 minute quarters.
2. Field Reps will be assigned to supervise all contests. *The Field Representative of the home team shall notify the opposing team of any unnatural playing conditions.*

There shall be no less than six (6) minutes between halves and no more than 10 (ten) minutes.

Section VI: DISCIPLINE

UNSPORTSMANLIKE

BEHAVIOR

1. The GPSYFL stands by a zero tolerance to fighting or verbal abuse, physical or threatening manner, of any player, parent, coach manager or affiliate of any club/franchise. The head coaches of teams playing are responsible for the behavior of their sideline. This includes coaches, players, parents & family, and anyone else on their sidelines. Each franchise field representative is responsible for enforcing the rules of behavior at their venue. A fifteen (15) yard penalty may be assessed to a team if behavior warrants. If a game, in the judgment of the referee, has risen to an unsafe level, the referee may call end to the game. Only football players, cheerleaders, their approved badged coaches, game officials, emergency medical personnel, chain crew, ball boys, badged franchise and league board members are allowed outside the spectator areas.
2. If a head coach or one of his assistants is penalized for being unsportsmanlike, the head coach (and or the offending coach) will be on probation for the remainder of the season. A second offense in the same season will result in suspension of the head coach for a period of one week. If this coach commits a third offense then he will be relieved of all coaching duties for the remainder of the season.
3. There will be absolutely no abusive behavior or abusive language to players, coaches, Field Representatives, referees or Board members at any time.
 - a. If this occurs, the guilty party may be banned from games or the team will take a forfeit.
 - b. If guilty party refuses to adhere to ban, child may be released from football, cheer or dance team.
4. Fans should not interfere with players, coaches, Field Representatives, referees or board members at any time.
 - a. At no time shall a fan come to the sidelines or fence to talk to players, coaches, Field Representatives or referees during games unless requested by the coaching or Field Representatives.
 - b. Anyone approaching a player, coach, sponsor, referee or Board member before or after a game in a threatening way will be subject to immediate ejection from GPSYFL Association.
5. Coaching and Sponsoring Staff –
 - a. Coaches and Field Representatives should never use profanity, Abusive language, or abusive behavior to players, parents, referees, or board members.
 - b. Violation of this policy will result in immediate dismissal.
 - c. Coaches and Field Representatives should always conduct themselves in a proper manner consistent with GPSYFL Association Rules.

REPORTS

1. Reports from other franchises of unsportsmanlike behavior will be reviewed by the board. The board may require Suspension(s) by the offending member(s). The board voting criteria already in place as indicated by these By-Laws will govern the decisions. Repeat behavior by any team of any franchise will be means of forfeiture of the rest of their games for the season.

DISCIPLINARY SITUATIONS

1. Discipline for unsportsmanlike behavior by a coach shall result in disciplinary action by the League. Unsportsmanlike behavior by a parent or other fan shall be disciplined by the franchise.
2. Parents may request a conference with the franchise. The conference must be set up at a mutual time and place and not in the presence of players. At the request of either party, it may be held in the presence of the Board of Directors.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

1. The president will preside over a disciplinary committee of the entire GPSYFL board of directors. This committee will be responsible for reviewing any complaints and incidents that pertain to the possibilities of disciplinary actions regarding all GPSYFL members, players, coaches, parents, and board members. The franchise(s) the complaint is pertaining to will not be allowed to vote. All decisions by the disciplinary committee are final.
2. Film/video tapes cannot be used for the purpose of a protest, but may be used for disciplinary action by the Football League Board of Directors.

EJECTIONS

3. Any ejection of a player or coach by an official from a game will result in disqualification for the next game. A player or coach may petition the board concerning any ejections. The GPSYFL President must receive petitions no later than 5:00 P.M. Monday following the ejection. Disciplinary action will apply under the rules of the league in which the coach is participating.

A minimum of immediate game suspension shall be issued, with the potential for dismissal for the entire season. Suspension of a coach shall include any play venue in which the players will be practicing or playing.

CONTACT

1. At no time shall any head coach or assistant coach, have any physical contact in an angry or threatening manner with any player, parent, or official at any GPSYFL event.

NO TOLERANCE

1. GPSYFL Association has a NO TOLERANCE Rule for abusive behavior toward any

person at any GPSYFL Association function. This behavior will result in possible suspensions or banishment from all GPSYFL Association functions. If a parent refuses to adhere to disciplinary actions, his or her children will be released from GPSYFL Association. This is only after their franchise has been officially notified.

2. Parents, step-parents, grand-parents or other family members etc... should conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times.

Section VII – Fundraisers

1. No player, coach, administrator, or parent may organize, participate in, or sponsor any fundraising event in the name of the GPSYFL without specific written approval by the GPSYFL Board of Directors.
2. No parent group may organize or sell any products or services in the name of the GPSYFL without specific written approval from the GPSYFL Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Amendment to the By-Laws or Articles: Portions of these By-Laws that are not governed by Washington State RCW Laws may be amended, altered or repealed, by a majority vote of the quorum present at any annual meeting, with prior notice. Majority of members desiring changes of the By- Laws must prepare a resolution, in writing, setting forth the proposed changes to the By-Laws. Such resolutions must be in the hands of Secretary of the Corporation at least seven (07) days prior to the next scheduled meeting. The Secretary shall, in its regular notice of planned meeting to the membership, set forth such proposed By-Law change as an action item within the meeting agenda. These By-Laws may also be amended by a 2/3 majority (quorum) vote of the membership (2/3 of league membership) at any regular scheduled or special meeting. The notice of such meeting shall include reference to the Article and Section of the By-Laws to be amended, and the general nature of the proposed amendment, at the written request of twenty (20%) percent of the members, or by a resolution of the Board of Directors. A special meeting of the members shall be called for the purpose of voting on a proposed amendment. Representatives and Alternates will be given notice of special meeting via email with at least three (3) days notice.

ARTICLE XI

AUTHORITY TO CREATE STANDING RULES

Authority to Create Standing Rules and Codes of Conduct: The Board of Directors was given the authority to create Standing Rules (Article IX) and Code of Conduct (Appendix B) for the administration and operation of the Corporation on the 31st day of July, 2006. Standing Rules (Article IX) and Code of Conduct (Appendix B) established by the Board of Directors will follow the same process for changes and additions as outlined in Article X.

BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES REVISION ONE (1) ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES on the 26th day of February, 2007.

BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES REVISION TWO (2) ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES on the 23rd day of March, 2010

BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES REVISION THREE (3) ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES on the ____ day of _____, 2013

BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES REVISION FOUR (4) ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES on the ____ day of _____, 2019

Rodney Jackson, President

Tony Liberal, Vice President

Marie Angel, Secretary

Appendix A

List of Disqualifying Crimes

Arson (1st degree)
Assault (1st, 2nd, 3rd degree) (3 or more years)
Burglary (no degree or 1st degree)
Carnal Knowledge
Child abuse/neglect as defined by RCW 26.44020
Child Molestation (1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree)
Child buying or selling
Child abandonment
Child abuse (violating a restraining order)
Communication with a minor for immoral purposes
Criminal Mistreatment (1st or 2nd degree)
Custodial Assault
Custodial Interference (1st or 2nd degree)
Custodial Sexual Misconduct
Dealing in Depictions of Minor Engaged in Sexual Explicit
Conduct Extortion (1st or 2nd degree)
Incest
Indecent Exposure/Public Indecency (Felony) Indecent Liberties
Kidnapping (1st or 2nd degree)
Malicious Harassment
Manslaughter (1st or 2nd degree)
Murder/Aggravated Murder
Patronizing a Juvenile Prostitute Promoting Pornography
Promoting Prostitution Prostitution (3 or more years)
Rape (1st or 2nd degree)
Rape of a Child (1st, 2nd or 3rd degree)
Registered Sex Offender
Robbery (1st or 2nd degree)
Distributing or Possession of Drugs (Felony)
Selling or Distributing Erotic Material to a Minor Sending or Bringing into the State
Depictions of a Minor Sexual Exploitation of Minors
Sexual Misconduct with a Minor Unlawful Imprisonment
Unlawful Possession of a Firearm (1st or 2nd degree)
Vehicular Assault
Vehicular Homicide (negligent homicide)

Appendix B

GPSYFL CODE OF CONDUCT

The GPSYFL Code of Conduct applies to all personnel associated with this League. To include: All franchise and league administration personnel, all coaches assistant coaches, team managers and trainers, all cheer staff and cheerleaders, all parents, relatives and friends of players, and all players.

Members of the GPSYFL have become very important personnel amongst a very special and unique organization. As a member your conduct and behavior reflects directly upon our youth football league. Every person listed above is an ambassador of the GPSYFL.

1. All personnel listed above are expected to conduct themselves with sportsmanship, fair play, and friendly competition at all times.
2. Alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are strictly prohibited at any franchise/league practice, game, and/or function by members of the GPSYFL.
3. Any form of physical, emotional, and/or verbal abuse is prohibited by anyone listed above.
4. "Foul" language, ethnic/racial slurs, and/or inappropriate language are strictly prohibited.
5. League members and guests may not yell and/or argue with officiating personnel.
6. League members are expected to treat others with respect and kindness.
7. Any violation of the Code of Conduct may lead to suspensions and/or removal from the League. All serious violations will be brought to the league Board of Directors for review and recommendation for action.

Appendix C

GPSYFL Coaches Conduct and Rules

The Coaches Rules that have been adopted by the Greater Puget Sound Youth Football League for 2008 and beyond is designed to hold All Coaches/Managers to a higher standard. Creating teamwork, sportsmanship and camaraderie. The following plan means "Zero Tolerance".

Coaches using foul language towards or in the presence of, Parents, Players, Kids or any other organizations will be **SUSPENDED** for two games on first infraction. (This means the game you are currently coaching plus the following 2 games. During the suspension you will not be allowed to conduct or attend practice/games at any venue. You will be **REMOVED** permanently from the league on a second infraction.

Drinking, Smoking is prohibited on all fields. You will wear your league badge during the games or you will not be allowed on the sidelines.

In the case of a "Bad Call" or Loss, or Another franchise's parent's ill behavior, **DO NOT LOSE YOUR TEMPER**, the league has franchise reps at every game to handle situations with parents.

FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED; REGARDLESS OF WHO THROWS THE FIRST PUNCH, ALL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING PLAYERS/PARENTS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LEAGUE.

I will lead, by example, in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will do my very best to provide a safe playing situation for my players as well as other franchise's players.

I will insure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of Football, and that I teach these rules to my players.

I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children and not adults.

I will respect the Referees.

This is your first and only warning. By signing this form you agree to the Greater Puget Sounds Youth Football Leagues Rules. By electing not to sign you will not be allowed to coach in this league.

UNIFIED FRANCHISE / FRANCHISE /COMBO CLUB _____

Coaches Name (print)_____Grade level_____

Coaches Signature_____Date_____

President Name (Print)_____

Signature_____Date_____

League Athletic
Director_____Signature_

League President's Initial _____

GPSYFL Exceptions from NFHS

1. For 8U, 9U, 10U only, on 4th down, the offensive team must declare their intentions to punt or go for first down yardage. No player may leave the line of scrimmage until the ball is kicked. All players must remain stationary until the ball is kicked. (Punt Rule) Once the punter gains possession of the ball he/she must immediately punt the ball. Violation of this rule will be a 5-yard delay of game penalty.
2. Nine (9) minute, stop clock quarters will apply to all regular season, playoff, and championship games for ages 8U through 12U. 14U games have 10 minute quarters
3. For 8U only, teams may have one coach on the field during play. The coaches must be 10 yards behind the deepest offensive and defensive players on the field. If the coach is not in the correct position a 5 yard penalty will be assessed to the offensive or defensive team in violation of the rule.
4. Mercy rule will be in effect after **a team** establishes a 40-point differential game ending procedure in the second half in football. The game clock shall run continuously for the remainder of the game except for an official's time-out, a charged team time-out, time between quarters, or a score.

In the case of a tie at the end of regulation time, the "Kansas City" overtime rule shall start possession at the 10 yard line. During possession, the offense will have four (4) downs to make a touchdown. The offense can also choose to attempt a field goal or acquire points. If a touchdown is scored, the scoring team can attempt a 1-point or a 2-point conversion. The winner is the team with the most points after each team has had at least one possession. If there is a tie after each team has had at least one possession, then each team receives another possession starting at the 10 yard line. If, during a regular season game, the score is tied after two (2) possessions, the game will result in a tie and be recorded as such. Games that determine a playoff berth are playoff games, or championship games, must have a winning team.

5. Only GPSYFL Badged staff are allowed on the field. Spectators must be in the stands or viewing area. All coaches, team trainers, board members, or team parents who are in the team's sideline area must wear a League-issued badge that is visible at all times. Coaches will also display their NYSCA certification cards.
6. Extra points will be: 2 pts for a successful kick. Rushing to block the kick by the defense is not allowed for 8U, 9U, 10U. 1 pt is awarded for a successful run or pass. If a 8U, 9U, 10U team wishes to run or pass on fourth down, they must declare they are not punting or kicking.
7. Unsportsmanlike like Behavior, The head coach of each team will be responsible for the behavior of their sideline; this includes coaches, players, parents, family, and anyone else on their sideline. Each respective franchise representative is responsible enforcing the rules of behavior on his or her own side of the field. A fifteen (15) yard penalty can be assessed to the team if behavior warrants. If a game, in the judgment of the referee, has gotten out of control and the safety of his crew or the safety of the players is in question, he has the authority call an end to the game.
8. Authorized Football sizes and brands
8U & 9U: UA 495, Wilson GST Leather, Wilson K2 "Pee Wee" football.
10U & 11U: UA 495, Wilson GST Leather, Wilson TDJ "Junior" football.
12U & 14U: UA 495, Wilson GST Leather, Wilson TDY "Youth" football.
9. Use of electronic communication devices between a coaches and/or players on the field is prohibited.
10. Only Head Coaches should talk with referees during the game and must be done in a highly respectful manner.