



Rules

Football

BURLESON YOUTH ASSOCIATION

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All teams will adhere to the official Rules of the North Texas Youth Football Association (NTYFA). In addition to any rules noted herein drafted and approved by the Burleson Youth Association (BYA).

Coaches, players and parents will adhere to the BYA Bi-Laws, including the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics.

Season

Fall will play 8 to 10 Games

Draft Rules

The draft will be run per North Texas Youth Football Association's (NTYFA) official draft rules as noted in the current NTYFA Bi-Laws.

Siblings

Siblings will be drafted to the same team when the ages of the siblings coincide with the ages per division as noted by NTYFA official rules.

Coaches

Returning BYA Football coaches in good standing with BYA with returning teams to the same division as the previous year will receive first coaching positions over returning coaches moving up to the division as well as over new individuals applying to coach for the season. Returning BYA Football coaches in good standing with BYA that are moving up a division will receive first selection for a coaching position in the new division followed by returning division coaches and over new individuals applying to coach for the season.

Practice Schedules

All teams will be required to follow practice schedules as noted by NTYFA. Practice information must be reported to the BYA VP of Football, including the location, time and days of week practice is being held.

Player Disciplinary Action

A player may be excluded from one game for continual unexcused absents from practice or games, profanity or violent behavior. The Coach must show this is a persistent problem and not an isolated incident. When possible, a parent or guardian must be warned before action becomes eminent. The Coach **MUST** obtain approval from the Football Committee **BEFORE** using this action. That officer must initial the game summary at the time of the game in question. The failure of the coach to follow this procedure will result in disciplinary action being taken against the coach.

Parent/Fan Disciplinary Action

Parents/fans must follow the BYA Code of Conduct. In the event that a parent or fan becomes unruly at a game or practice, the coach, BYA Representative or NT Director may ask the parents

to leave the practice or game area. Any parent/fan that is requested to leave the area may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including prohibited from attending one or more game and/or practices. A report will be made and the parent/fan will be notified within reasonable amount of time with regards to any disciplinary measures that have been decided upon by the Football Committee. The parent/fan does have the right to file an appeal with the BYA Board.

The Executive Board of the BYA shall review the case and the findings of the Committee and decide on the final discipline, if any. This decision will be final and not subject to further appeal.

If a submitted grievance is found to be frivolous or not pertaining to the Code of Ethics, the Committee can dismiss it and no record will be made.

Coach Disciplinary Action

The following information was taken directly from the BYA Coaches/Volunteer Code of Ethics.

“For a coach, assistant coach, or BYA volunteer to remain in that capacity, they must, at all times, adhere to the BYA Code of Ethics. Any deviation from that code may result in a grievance against the individual. Volunteers will portray a positive role model for youth by maintaining an attitude of respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, tact and maturity. Volunteers are expected to teach fair play and good sportsmanship as well as the rules and techniques of the sport.

The Code of Ethics is as follows:

1. Abuse of anyone by BYA volunteers is absolutely forbidden. Abuse includes:

Physical Abuse- strikes, spansks, slap or shake

Verbal Abuse- humiliates, degrades, or threatens

Sexual Abuse - including inappropriate touching and exposure

Mental Abuse

2. Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs is absolutely forbidden.

3. Smoking or the use of tobacco products on the playing field or in the gym is prohibited. This includes dugouts, during practices or games.

*4. Volunteers may not use threats, humiliation, harsh language, or frightening discipline techniques as reinforcement. **Volunteers SHALL NOT use profanity in the presence of children, parents, or game officials.** Volunteers should use positive reinforcement and encouragement as coaching techniques.*

5. Volunteers shall treat children of all races, religions and cultures with equal respect. Discrimination of any kind regarding children will not be tolerated.

*6. Each player has paid his or her fee and is entitled to participate. **Each player will play at least the required minimum time for each game** and should be given every opportunity to play more. Volunteers will not accept monetary or expensive gifts in return for allowing more playing time. They will report any such attempt to curry favor to the BYA board as soon as possible.*

7. All coaches will wear appropriate dress during games and practice. This dress must be modest and in good taste. Shirts with inappropriate wording, advertising for alcohol or tobacco, or otherwise inappropriate shall not be worn. For softball, and baseball during game play, coaches must conform to the rules found in the PONY rule book.

If a Coach, assistant Coach or BYA volunteer is alleged to have violated any point of the Ethics Code, a grievance may be made against them. Anyone may submit a grievance. A form is included in each rules packet. The grievance must be submitted in complete, written form to a member of the BYA Board. The Board member will immediately notify the head of the Grievance Committee. If the Committee deems it necessary to meet regarding the issue, a meeting will be scheduled.

The Committee Chairman shall have authority to administer disciplinary actions prior or subsequent to the Committee's meeting. The disciplined individual may appeal the ruling by the Committee. The Executive Board of the BYA shall review the case and the findings of the Committee and decide on the final discipline, if any. This decision will be final and not subject to further appeal.

If a submitted grievance is found to be frivolous or not pertaining to the Code of Ethics, the Committee can dismiss it and no record will be made.

If a submitted grievance is found to be a violation of the Code (other than point #1) the individual may receive a verbal warning and a documented record of the grievance shall be placed in the individual's file. If this is the second upheld grievance against this individual, they will be suspended from participation in BYA activities for a time to be decided by the Committee. If this is the third upheld grievance against this individual, they will be immediately suspended from participation in BYA activities for the remainder of the season. They may also be barred from further participation in future BYA activities if so decided by the Committee. If an upheld grievance is found to be in violation of Ethical Code #1, the individual will be immediately suspended from participation in BYA activities for the remainder of the season. The Committee will decide on the eligibility of the individual to participate in future BYA activities.

These guidelines are for the benefit of our members. The BYA cannot list every ethical or moral item that would not be considered portraying a positive role model for youth by maintaining an attitude of respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, tact and maturity. In the event that a Committee or the BYA Board feels that an individual(s) is acting in a way that is detrimental to the Association or its members the individual(s) may be reprimanded, suspended or barred from further participation in future BYA activities."

Upon receipt of a complaint, written or verbal from a parent, spectator or coach about a BYA Football Coach or volunteer, the Vice President will contact the Head Coach to discuss the issue. Should additional complaints be received with regards to the same team or coach, the head coach of the team will be called before the Football Committee to discuss the issues. If the complaints, written or verbal continue after the coach meets with the Committee, the Committee may call for a suspension of the coach for a specified number of games or the remainder of the season. Any coach that is suspended for the remainder of the season will not be considered in good standing with the BYA Football Program and will not be considered for a coaching position (head or Assist) the following season.

Uniforms

BYA provides uniforms consisting of pants, jersey (2) and socks. All teams will be required to wear these uniforms as provided.

Equipment

Head Coaches shall give a check, payable to the "BYA" for \$300.00 as a deposit before receiving equipment for his team. Coaches shall turn in all equipment at the completion of their season and the deposit check will be returned. Equipment must be returned to the Equipment Manager or an individual designated by the Equipment Manager. Any Coach not fulfilling their responsibilities as described above will not be in good standing and will not be eligible to be a volunteer in any capacity for the BYA. Deposit Checks will be deposited after scheduled turn in dates have past.

All-Star Teams

Player Selection:

- 1) The Vice President of Football or designee will notify Head Coaches when All-Star Nominations from his team are due.
- 2) All-Star players will be determined by the All-Star Coaches from the list of nominees.
- 3) If a coach feels a player from another team should have been nominated that coach can nominate that player.
- 4) The All-Star Coach will contact the All-Star team players.
- 5) If a player refuses to play the coach will contact the Vice President or designee to determine other available players.
- 6) After the players have agreed to play; the coach will be free to add any nominated player(s) to complete the team.
- 7) If there are "B" and "C" teams they will be chosen in the same manner.
- 8) If a player declines to play all stars, the replacement player shall come from the remaining all star draft pool. If no one is left in the draft pool, then a new nominee may be approved by the football committee.
- 9) Every effort will be made to include players from each team.

Coach Selection:

The Head Coach from each division with the team highest rank in that Division for the BYA Football Program will be awarded the All Star team for that division. Should the coach refuse the opportunity to coach the All Star team, the All Star team will go to the Head Coach with the next highest rank and will continue until a coach is selected.

Should there be a tie, we will defer to the NTYFA seeding rules. If a tie still exist a coin toss will be used to determine the Head Coach.

The coach of the All-Star team will have the right to choose his or her own coaching staff as long as they were active coaches, head or assistant, within the B. Y.A. during the regular season. Any other candidates must have prior approval from the Football Committee before being named as an assistant.

Cheer Squads

Teams are assigned Cheer Squads based on availability of participants to the Cheer Program. Not all teams are guaranteed a Squad. Those teams that are paired with a Squad should treat the Cheer Coaches, participants and parents with respect and as members of their team.