



# Rules

# Football

**BURLESON YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

[www.bya.org](http://www.bya.org)

***All teams will adhere to the official rules of the association for which we play through 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.***

## **Regular Season**

Teams will play 8 to 10 games

## **Draft Rules**

Team sizes are regulated by the rules of the association for which we play through; therefore, registration may be capped by division to adhere to those limits with open spots being filled by the waiting list, when applicable. The draft will be run per official draft rules as noted in the current bi-laws for the association for which we play through.

## **Siblings**

Siblings will be drafted to the same team when the ages of the siblings coincide with the ages per division as noted by the association's official rules for which we play through. Siblings may elect to play up one age group, but may not play down. A "Play Up" form must be completed and approved by the Football VP or designee.

## **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. **All final decisions on coaching positions are made at the discretion of the VP of Football.**

Coaches are required to be in attendance for mandatory coaches meetings and expected to assist during sign-ups, clinics, special events, and during the season when called upon. Head Coaches, and/or their designee, are required to fulfill a minimum of two (2) Directors on Duty (DoD) positions for the league per season. The DoD is responsible for checking in players, crowd control, managing the game clock, documenting the game score as well as any issues that may arise for reporting back to the league. There will be 2 DoD's on shift per game.

## **Practice Schedules**

All teams will be required to follow practice schedules as noted by the association for which we play through. Practice information must be reported to the BYA VP of Football, including the

location, time and days of week practice is being held. For insurance purposes, practices must be held only on BISD school or city owned (i.e. parks) properties.

### **Player Disciplinary Action**

A player may be excluded from one game for continual unexcused absence from practice(s) or game(s), 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. Player ejections during a game are handled per the guidelines set by the league for which we play through.

### **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 Director on Duty 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. If necessary, the BYA Board will review the case and the findings of the Football 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 Conduct, the Committee can dismiss it and no record will be made.

### **Coach Disciplinary Action**

Coaches must acknowledge the BYA Code of Conduct and complete a background check to participate in BYA and league activities. Background check information is shared with the league association for which we play through. All volunteers must wear and display the BYA and league badge while at the field. If no badge is present, the volunteer may not be on the field.

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

The VP of Football 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. If

appealed, the BYA Board 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 Conduct, the Committee can dismiss it and no record will be made.

The Code of Conduct guidelines are for the benefit of our members. The BYA cannot list every ethical or moral violation 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 the 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 VP of Football 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 assistant) the following season.

### **Uniforms**

For Tackle: BYA provides uniforms consisting of integrated pad pants and game jersey(s). Parents may choose to purchase a metallic silver helmet (includes decal) from BYA or supply one of their own. All helmets must be metallic silver in color and contain the official BYA Raiders decal (available for purchase). All teams will be required to wear these uniforms as provided.

For Flag: BYA provides uniforms consisting of shorts, game jersey(s) and flag belts. All teams will be required to wear these uniforms as provided. Flag players must also wear headgear for protection. The headgear should be similar to a sparring/martial arts headgear and must be BLACK in color. The headgear can be purchased from BYA at registration (for an additional cost). For additional information, please contact the VP of Football.

### **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, on the specified return date(s), and the deposit check will be returned. 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 passed.

### **Playoffs**

At the completion of the regular season, all flag/tackle teams will be required to participate in playoff games for which they are eligible (no forfeits allowed). Eligibility is determined by the guidelines set by the league association for which we play through. Playoffs will continue for a series of weeks until the team is eliminated or proceeds to the Super Bowl.

### **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. All requests for cheerleaders to be assigned to the football team of a sibling who are not of the same age group, are granted at the discretion of the VP of Cheer.



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Date: \_\_\_\_\_