



# GRAND VALLEY YOUTH FOOTBALL

## Bylaws

### Article I – Name

1.1 - The entire non-profit organization shall be Grand Valley Youth Football, also known as GVYF or the League.

### Article II – Purpose

2.1 - The purpose of the GVYF Governing Board of Directors is to manage the operations of the GVYF football program(s). This includes providing procedures, guidelines, rules, and direction for the football program. GVYF looks to elevate the knowledge and sportsmanship of its coaches while enhancing the overall team experience for parents and participants.

2.2 - The mission of GVYF shall be to provide quality structured tackle and non-contact football activities to the children ages 4-14 of the Grand Valley. The developmental programs will teach sports fundamentals, good sportsmanship, character, discipline, competitiveness, and teamwork in a positive, caring, and safe environment. GVYF strives to ensure that all players are given the opportunity to compete and encourages participants to maintain high scholastic grades in school and to develop a compassionate attitude.

### Article III – Statement of Policy

3.1 - It shall be the policy of GVYF to conduct its activities so that the physical and moral welfare of the young people whose benefit it is organized shall remain paramount and all matters of policy shall be determined on that basis.

3.2 - All matters that would require amendment to the GVYF Bylaws shall be decided by a vote of the majority of the Governing Board.

3.3 - It shall be the policy of GVYF to implant firmly in the youth of the community the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and courage.

3.4 - No person who is a member of the League, or who is in any way connected with the league, shall receive any personal financial benefit there from beyond the reasonable value of services in carrying out the purpose for which the League has been organized.

3.5 - It shall be the policy of the League to prohibit any direct advertising of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products in connection with the League or any of its programs.

3.6 - GVYF firmly opposes and strictly prohibits any form of discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, ethnic or national origin.

### Article IV – Membership

4.1 - Membership consists of players, volunteer adult leaders, parents or guardians of players, coaches, and board members. Membership for coaches starts with board approval as a confirmed coach and ends on December 31st of each year or at the conclusion of post season play. Membership for board members starts with placement on the board and terminates upon resignation, documented failure to perform duties, and/or removal by board action.

4.2 - No individual shall be denied membership, nor shall they be refused recognition, because of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, pregnancy, national origin, religion, ancestry, or age.

4.3 - There shall be no dues or assessments for membership in the League, except for fees charged for participating. The Governing Board of Officers shall set the amount of fees annually.

4.4 - Communication about GVPF will occur on an ongoing and annual basis by way of, but not limited to school flyers, articles in community newspapers, the GVPF Facebook page, email, and the GVPF website.

4.5 - Membership may be terminated by resignation, failure to complete payment of fees, or action from the Governing Board of Officers.

## Article V – Government of GVPF

5.1 - The Government of the League shall be under the direct supervision of the Executive Director and the Governing Board of Officers.

## Article VI – Governing Board of Officers

6.1 – The Officers of the League shall include a minimum of:

- Executive Director
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Community Board Member
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Additional Board advisors to cover functional needs as may be required year-to-year based on need and available volunteers.

### 6.2 – Method of Selection

All applicants interested in becoming an Officer of the Governing Board must complete an application, submit it to the Executive Director of GVPF, and adhere to an interview process conducted by the Governing Board of Officers.

### 6.3 – Board Member Duties and Responsibilities

Board members must attend board meetings, scheduled GVPF events, Saturday game day scheduled work shifts, and GVPF hosted events. Specific position responsibilities are outlined herein with service to include but not necessarily limited to these solely:

- A. Executive Director - Shall exercise supervision over the organization and all its activities. Shall preside at all meetings of the Governing Board of Officers. Shall make an annual report thereon to the Officers of the League. Shall appoint all committees and designate an executive officer to serve as ex-officio member of all committees. Responsible for GVPF public relations in the community. Two years of previous GVPF board experience or three years of GVPF committee participation is required.
- B. Secretary - Responsible for taking careful and accurate notes of the proceedings of the meetings as a basis for preparing minutes, shall prepare and certify the correctness of the minutes. With direction of the presiding Officer, prepares a detailed agenda prior to each meeting. Prepare an Officer List and call the roll when needed or directed by the presiding Officer. Must bring to each meeting the Minute Book, a copy of the Bylaws, rules, and policies. One year of previous GVPF board experience or two years of GVPF committee participation is required.
- C. Treasurer - Responsible for the collection, safekeeping, and expenditure of all funds of GVPF, and for keeping accurate records of all financial transactions. Responsible for preparing, presenting, and maintaining the annual operating budget. Collects and disperses funds only as directed by Law, the Bylaws, Governing Board of Officers, the Executive Board, or other Authority provided in the Bylaws. Shall give treasurer's update at all regularly scheduled meetings and shall give a final update to the Governing Board of Officers at the annual meeting. The Treasurer does not have the power to borrow money or issue funds or checks except as authorized to do so by the Bylaws of GVPF, Governing Board of Officers or Executive Board of Directors. Two years of previous

experience serving as an Officer of the GVYF Governing Board or three years of GVYF committee participation is required and the candidate must be bondable.

- D. Community Board Member - Community Board members have 3 primary responsibilities: “Duty of Care”, “Duty of Loyalty”, and “Duty of Obedience”. “Duty of Care” is to ensure prudent use of all assets, including facility, people, and good will. “Duty of Loyalty” ensures the GVYF’s activities and transactions are, first and foremost, advancing its mission. This includes recognizing and disclosing conflicts of interest. “Duty of Obedience” ensures that the nonprofit obeys applicable laws and regulations, follows its own Bylaws, and that GVYF adheres to its stated purpose/mission.

#### 6.4 – Resignation

An Officer of GVYF, who resigns his or her position for that year, will forfeit his or her position for that year.

#### 6.5 – Removal from Office

Any Officer of the Governing Board, including the Executive Director, may be removed by a 2/3 vote of all members of the Governing Board, or by disciplinary action progressive process defined in section 7.6.

#### 6.6 – Method of Filling Vacancies

A special election may be called in the event of death, resignation, or inability to perform the duties of office for any reason of any Officer of the Governing Board. Such a member shall serve in that capacity until the end of the remainder of that term. If no suitable replacement is elected, that position may remain vacant until the next regular election.

### Article VII – Meetings

7.1 – All meetings of the Governing Board of Officers will be conducted in accordance with “The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure.”

7.2 - At the annual, special, or regularly scheduled meetings of GVYF, every eligible Officer of the Governing Board present shall be entitled to vote. There shall be no proxy voting. All information discussed and voting action taken regarding GVYF functions during the annual, special, or regularly scheduled GVYF meetings will be made available upon request. All voting is done by a voice or show of hands except Player Rules, which must be done by Roll Call. All election voting must be done by Ballot. Copies of minutes for the annual, special, or regularly scheduled GVYF meetings will be kept in the Official Minute Book and will be made available upon request.

#### 7.3 – Annual Meeting

A. 7-day advance notice by email or text message shall be provided.

B. Order of Business

1. Executive Director’s end of year report
2. End of year Treasury update
3. End of year football equipment update
4. Initial planning for new season – duty assignments

#### 7.4 – Regular Meeting

A. 2-day advance required notice by phone and/or email unless waiver of notice is received.

#### 7.5 – Special Meetings

A. All members required to attend shall be notified by phone or email with at least 24-hours advance notice.

## 7.6 – Meeting Attendance

A. Any officer of the Governing Board missing two consecutive or three out of five regular or special meetings will be placed on probationary status.

B. Any Officer being placed on probation twice in a season can be removed from office by majority vote of the Governing Board; to exclude the Officer in which the vote is being made to determine status.

C. Any Officer missing more than 50% of regularly scheduled meetings during the calendar year will be removed from office.

7.7 – Any coach or member of the league may attend board meetings for a specific reason upon request in advance and with the approval of the Governing Board of Officers.

## Article VIII – Parliamentary Authority

8.1 – The purpose of Parliamentary Authority is to facilitate the transition of business and to promote cooperation and harmony.

8.2 – The most recent edition of “The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure” by the American Institute of Parliamentarians, governs this organization in all parliamentary situations that are not provided for in the Bylaws or adopted rules.

## Article IX – Committees

9.1 – The Executive Director, with the approval of the Governing Board of Officers, may appoint any Special Committee for purposes as deemed necessary.

## Article X – Officer Elections

10.1 – A majority of the Governing Board of Officers that is entitled to vote and present shall be required for an election. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

### 10.2 – Nominations

A. Self-nominations for vacant positions are accepted by application.

B. Applications are accepted during the GUYF playoffs and during the following off-season with a deadline of August 1st. All applications must be turned in to the League’s Executive Director.

C. Interviews will be held during the next regular meeting following receipt of the application and elections will be during the same meeting.

### 10.3 – Method of Voting

A. By Ballot

B. Executive Director and Secretary must count all votes simultaneously in the presence of all voting members of the Governing Board of Officers.

## Article XI – Quorum

11.1 – A Majority of all Officers entitled to vote will constitute a quorum for transaction of Business, and a majority vote will govern.

## Article XII – Disciplinary Action

12.1 - The Governing Board of Officers shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any player, referee, league official, parent, or other person whose conduct is in violation of the Rules, Policies and Regulations of Grand Valley Youth Football, these Bylaws, and/or at such time as it is considered to be in GUYF's best interest.

12.2 - Persons dismissed, barred, or suspended for longer than a game period shall have the right to request an appeal hearing before the Governing Board of Officers. Written requests for appeals must be delivered to an Officer of the League within 24 hours of notification of disciplinary action. Upon receipt of such a request, a hearing will be scheduled within 48 hours.

12.3 - In the event of disciplinary procedure involving a player or other person under the age of 18, that person's parent or guardian and coach shall be required to attend the hearing with the person concerned.

12.4 - The Governing Board of Officers may impose any of the following penalties which, in their opinion, appears to match the severity of the offense:

- WARNING: The offending person is to be advised of the offense and further advised that the repetition of the offense will result in a more severe penalty.
- SUSPENSION: The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been suspended from all GVYF activity for a specific number of games or days.
- DISMISSAL: The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been dismissed from GVYF for the remainder of the current season.
- BARRED: The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been barred from current and future participation within GVYF permanently or for a specific number of years.

12.5 - The Governing Board of Officers by majority vote shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any coach whose conduct is in violation of the Coaches Rules, Policies and/or Regulations of GVYF, these Bylaws, and/or at such time as it is considered to be in GVYF's best interest.

### Article XIII – Financial Policy

13.1 - The Governing Board of Officers shall administer GVYF finances and shall cause all monies belonging to GVYF in such a common GVYF treasury. The Governing Board shall direct expenditures in such a manner as to give no individual or team an advantage over another.

13.2 - All registration and fund-raising is to replenish the common league treasury. The common league treasury will be used for all GVYF expenses including but not limited to purchasing advertising, player uniforms, insurance, fields, and equipment. The balance of funds shall be used for improvement to the GVYF program.

13.3 - The Governing Board of Officers shall not permit the contribution of funds to individuals. GVYF shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in 13.1 hereof (i.e. referees, etc.). Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, GVYF shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to the corresponding section of any future tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

13.4 - The Governing Board of Officers shall institute a policy relative to the preparation of financial reports, and an annual audit of the books of GVYF.

13.5 - Budget proposals must be submitted to the Governing Board for Administrative Expense, Insurance, Fields, Player Uniform & Equipment, Fundraising, and Advertising.

#### 13.6 – Purchases

- A. All purchases up to the amount of \$500 must be approved by the Budget Committee assigned by the Executive Director.
- B. All major purchases, excluding normal operating expenses, exceeding \$500 for Capital or operational expenditures must be approved by a majority vote by the Board of Officers with the presence of a quorum at a duly constituted meeting.

- C. Normal operating expenses include utilities, fields, etc. In Emergency instances: A quorum of the Governing Board of Directors will make the necessary decision and review the decision at the next Board meeting.
- D. Only Officers who are specifically authorized shall be permitted to commit the organization to expenditure. By right of office those include the following: Executive Board of Directors, Treasurer, and specifically identified Community Board members.

13.7 - Officers eligible to sign on behalf of GVYF to finance improvements or equipment purchase is limited to the Executive Director, Treasurer, or Secretary. Prior to signing any contract or loans the Board of Directors must approve the terms of financing.

#### 13.8 – Indemnification

GVYF will not be responsible or liable for injuries to Players, Coaches, Volunteers, Parents, or Visitors, either in practices, in regular games, to and from practices, or any GVYF sponsored activity. GVYF shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who may serve or who has served at any time as an officer or volunteer of GVYF against all expenses and liabilities, including, without limitation, counsel fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes, penalties and settlement payments, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon such person in connection with any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may become involved by reason of his or her service in such capacity; provided that no indemnification shall be provided for any such person with respect to any matter as to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interests of GVYF; and further provided that any compromise or settlement payment shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of directors who are not at that time parties to the proceeding.

The indemnification provided hereunder shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of persons entitled to indemnification hereunder. The right of indemnification under this Article shall be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which any person may be entitled.

No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified person under this Article shall apply to such person with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal, unless such amendment or repeal was voted by or was made with the written consent of such indemnified person.

This Article constitutes a contract between GVYF and the indemnified officers, directors, and employees. No amendment or repeal of the provisions of this Article which adversely affects the right of an indemnified officer, director, or employee under this Article shall apply to such officer, director, or employee with respect to those acts or omissions which occurred at any time prior to such amendment or repeal.

#### 13.9 – Conflict of Interest

For purposes of this provision, the term "interest" shall include personal interest, interest as director, officer, member, stockholder, shareholder, partner, manager, trustee, or beneficiary of any concern and having an immediate family member who holds such an interest in any concern. The term "concern" shall mean any trust, partnership, limited liability entity, firm, person, or other entity.

No executive committee member shall be disqualified from holding any office by reason of any interest in any concern. An executive committee member shall not be disqualified from dealing, either as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, or contracting or entering into any other transaction with the organization or with any entity of which the organization is an affiliate. No transaction of the organization shall be voidable by reason of the fact that any director or officer of the Committee has an interest in the concern with which such transaction is entered into, provided:

- The interest of such an executive member is fully disclosed to the board of directors.
- Such a transaction is duly approved by the executive committee not, so interest connected as being in the best interests of GVYF.

- Payments to the interested executive committee member are reasonable and do not exceed fair market value.
- No interested executive committee member may vote or lobby on the matter or be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at the meeting at which such transaction may be authorized.

The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention, and rationale for approval.

#### Article XIV – Fundraising

14.1 - All fund-raising activities undertaken for the benefit of GVPF shall be subject to the approval and supervision of the Governing Board of Officers.

14.2 - No funds or accounts may be established on behalf of GVPF, except by authority of the Governing Board.

#### Article XV – Scholarship Fund

15.1 - The scholarship fund may award scholarships yearly when funds are available. Individuals applying for scholarships must have participated in GVPF as a Player.

15.2 - Applicants may apply for scholarship more than once and receive scholarship more than once, however preference will be given to those who have not previously received a Scholarship from GVPF.

15.3 - The value of the scholarship shall be determined based on fund availability.

15.4 - The Governing Board of Officers can solicit donations to the scholarship fund.

#### Article XVI – Amendments to Bylaws

16.1 - Any Bylaws consistent with the Constitution, embodying additional provisions for the Government of GVPF, shall be adopted and may be amended by the Governing Board of Officers.

16.2 - A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote is required of the Governing Board of Officers of those that are entitled to vote.

#### Article XVII – Dissolution

17.1 - In the event of the dissolution of GVPF (as described below) it shall be donated to another 501(c) (3) non- profit organization, as long as it is not necessary to sell the property in order to satisfy any debts still owed by GVPF.

#### Article XVIII – League Rules

18.1 - All rules governing the playing of football, the legality of the players and related questions shall be in accordance with the Colorado High School Activities Association and local ground rules, with such modification as adapted by the GVPF Governing Board of Officers.

18.2 - The Governing Board of Officers shall adopt the local playing rules of GVPF.

18.3 - The local playing rules of GVPF will be published on the GVPF website and distributed to coaches prior to the start of the season.

18.4 - the Governing Board of Officers shall adopt the rules for coaches to be provided prior to the first practice and will include but are not limited to; position requirements, discipline, assistant coach selection, playoff protocols, post season protocols, equipment maintenance, behavior with parents, officials, players, Governing Board, and fans.

18.5 - All GVPF Representatives (Coaches, Team Moms, Referees, chain crew and Officers of GVPF) will not use or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs in the presence of GVPF Players during GVPF Games, Practices and Meetings.

## Article XIX – Eligibility

19.1 – Any child residing in the Grand Valley and surrounding areas, ages 4 to 14 on the published cut-off date, grade 8 and below, and having permission of his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) is eligible to participate in GVYF. All participants must complete an application, sign an injury waiver, sign a parent and player code of conduct, and furnish a copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of school of attendance.

A. Players that attend a school that is not established in GVYF's team boundaries must also provide proof of home address.

19.2 – Parents, players, or legal guardians will be required to furnish all pertinent information on players wishing to participate.

## Article XX – Coach Selection

20.1 - Prior to each season, the Governing Board of Officers will accept applications from volunteer adult leaders wishing to serve as team coaches submitted through the GVYF website. Potential applicants must provide a valid Colorado Driver's License, agree to a background check, and complete the USA Football Youth Coach Certification prior to consideration as a candidate for head coaching or assistant coaching positions.

20.2 - The Governing Board of Officers shall review and interview applicants to determine the placement of coaches for all teams. The factors that will be considered in selecting coaches will be as follows:

- A. General character and conduct.
  - i. Satisfactory background return
  - ii. Current Coaching Certification through USA Football
  - iii. Past conduct in GVYF
- B. Coaching Knowledge and Experience.
- C. Seniority - Seniority is defined as the number of years a person has held a coaching position with GVYF.
- D. Good Standing – Good standing includes:
  - i. Ensuring the coach has met or will meet all certification requirements.
  - ii. Consideration is also given to the number of complaints, problems, issues, missing equipment, etc. received in prior years for a returning coach.
  - iii. Attends meetings on a regular basis.
- E. Volunteerism - Volunteerism is defined as ensuring the prospective coach:
  - i. Fills his/her assigned time slot at fund raisers.
  - ii. Solicits and receives at least 1-2 team sponsors each year.

### 20.3 – Head Coach Seniority Determination

- A. A head coach returning to their existing team in the same division will be given priority when assigning a team (subject to all criteria above).
- B. A head coach moving up a division with their existing team will be given priority immediately following fulfillment of 20.3.D (subject to criteria above).
- C. Assistant coaches wishing to take over their returning team as head coach will be given priority over a brand new head coach (subject to criteria above).
- D. New head coaches will be assigned to a team if there is a vacant position available (subject to criteria above).

### 20.4 – Head Coach Seniority Communication

- A. A master list of coaches requesting teams for the upcoming season will be shared with the Governing Board of Officers until coaching selections are made. Coaches within each division will be listed in order of seniority. Any concerns/questions with the order of this list should be brought to the attention of the Executive Director to be discussed at the next regular meeting. The Governing Board will review each head coach against the criteria defined above prior to making final team assignments for the coming season. Typically, the name listed at the

bottom of the division will be dropped if there are not enough teams for each coach request. The Governing Board reserves the right to change the order of the list and make final assignments based on review of the full criteria outlined above (i.e., a coach at the top of the list may not receive a team based solely on seniority. If a coach has not fulfilled the other criteria in the past year, a less experienced coach or new coach may be assigned in his/her place).

- B. Should any situations arise that are not explicitly outlined above, GVVYF Governing Board will make the final team assignment decision.

20.5 – All appointed coaches are required to attend the following:

- Annual Mandatory Coaches Meeting with the purpose of reviewing existing GVVYF rules and Bylaws regarding coaches, officials, players, and games.
- Coaches Clinics
- Registration Event(s) specified as mandatory

20.6 – If an insufficient number of players sign up to support the existing number of teams, one or more teams may be combined or dropped.

## Article XXI – Preseason and Practice Rules

21.1 - Equipment provided by the league must be returned to GVVYF at the end of each post-season, within established equipment check-in dates. Failure to comply with timely equipment return will result in GVVYF pursuing all legal channels to recover equipment costs.

21.2 - GVVYF will allow up to five (5) meetings per week during preseason and four (4) meetings per week for the regular season and playoffs. At least one of those meetings must be non-padded. A meeting consists of the following:

- Practices
- Player meetings
- Scrimmages or practice games

- A. Teams in the 8U division are allowed up to five (5) meetings per week during preseason and three meetings per week during the regular season. At least one of those meetings must be non-padded.

Any meeting, with a coach's supervision or direction, of two (2) or more team members for the purpose of running plays, throwing passes, running pass routes, any form of scrimmaging, film review, drills or contact will constitute practice. Teams are allowed to have an outing or any other type of meeting as long as the aforementioned activities are not involved.

21.3 - No meeting may exceed two (2) hours in length, including practice scrimmages. No player meeting can exceed 9:00pm except playoff games.

- A. Team meetings in the Flag and 8U tackle divisions may not exceed one and half (-1/2) hours in length, including practice scrimmages.

21.4 - Parent orientation meeting must be held at least 4 days prior to or 4 days after the first scheduled team practice. GVVYF may elect to determine the date, time, and place for Coach/Parent meeting year-by-year.

21.5 – All players must follow the below practice progression plan before being eligible to participate in a live contest

- A. A minimum of three (3) practices in helmet only with no contact drills.
- B. A minimum of two (2) practices in helmet and shoulder pads with no contact drills
- C. No intersquad scrimmages until each team has completed at least three (3) practices in full pads.
- D. Players may not compete in a live game contest until they have completed a minimum of four (4) padded practices. An intersquad scrimmage counts as one of four padded practices.

21.6 – Practices must be held at the location(s) set by GVYF. Practice locations will be provided to coaches prior to the start of the season.

21.7 - Any violation of the rules set under this ARTICLE shall result in a penalty or punishment, as determined by the Governing Board of Officers.

## Article XXII – Player Rules

22.1 – There will be four (4) tackle divisions by age in GVYF: 8U non-competitive (ages 7 and 8), 10U (ages 9 and 10), 12U (ages 11 and 12), and 14U (ages 13 and 14). There will be four (4) flag football divisions by age in GVYF: 6U non-competitive (ages 4, 5, and 6), 8U (ages 7 and 8), 10U (ages 9 and 10), and 12U (ages 11 and 12). Age will be determined by published CHSAA age cut-off date (July 31st).

22.2 - Once a player has been assigned to a team, he/she must finish their eligibility with that team for that year. Refunds will only be issued for 50% of registration costs, for those players that provide a physician-excused written medical note for non-participation due to injury or medical condition prior to the first game. No player may be dropped from a team assignment without the approval of the Governing Board. If a player quits after the first game, the Head Coach must notify the Executive Director with written notice.

22.3 - All players are required to wear a helmet with face guard, shoulder pads, and football pants with pads during practices and games. GVYF will provide a helmet, shoulder pads, game jersey, and a mouthpiece as part of the registration fees. Players must always wear jerseys inside pants and are required to wear full equipment during practices and regular games. Players must provide their own athletic support w/cup. Mouthpieces will be provided by the League and must be tethered to the helmet (a tether is not required if the League receives a doctors/dentist excuse in which case a non-tethered mouthpiece will be authorized). Players must wear the GVYF provided game jersey for all contests.

- A. Players may provide their own helmet, shoulder pads, and mouth pieces. Any helmet or shoulder pad equipment that is not league-issued is required to be inspected and approved by a Board Member.
- B. It is the responsibility of the player to provide their own practice jersey, practice football pants with pads, game football pants with pads, and cleats.
- C. No modifications to the game jersey are permissible except for the ability of the player and/or team to embroider or heat press the player's last name or appropriate nickname on the back of the jersey.
- D. No stickers other than those approved by the GVYF Board shall be applied to helmets. This applies to helmets provided by GVYF as well as furnished by individual players.
- E. Unless otherwise approved due to specified medical conditions with accompanying signed documentation from a licensed doctor, visors must be completely clear – lacking any tint. Visors must also be quick release – meaning they can be removed from the helmet without any tools or specialized equipment.
- E. All contests will be played with a football of the following size:
  - i. 6U and 8U – Wilson K2 or GVYF approved equivalent
  - ii. 10U – Wilson TDJ or GVYF approved equivalent
  - iii. 12U – Wilson TDY or GVYF approved equivalent
  - iv. 14U – Wilson TDS or GVYF approved equivalent

## 22.4 – Player Participation Rules

- A. As GVYF is a competitive league for 10U through 14U, there are no rules that govern playing time in the fall season. It is highly encouraged to all coaches that all players get playing time.
- B. For non-competitive 6U Flag and 8U Tackle, all players will receive equal playing time. Coaches that do not follow the equal play time rule will face disciplinary action, up to but not limited to, suspension and/or expulsion from the League.
- C. For competitive Flag (8U through 12U), players will receive a minimum of 10 plays per game. However, it is the expectation of GVYF that if a player attends practice and is not subject to discipline, they will receive beneficial playing time amounting to a near equal amount for all players.

## Article XXIII – Game Rules

23.1 – GVPF will follow all game rules as established by the Colorado High School Activities Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations. For any conflicts with the GVPF Bylaws, the GVPF Bylaws take precedent.

A. Division specific game rules will be published on the GVPF website and distributed to coaches prior to the start of the season.

## Article XXIV – Playoffs and Superbowl

24.1 - GVPF will follow Playoff and Superbowl rules as established by the Colorado High School Activities Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations. For any conflicts with the GVPF Bylaws, the GVPF Bylaws take precedent.

24.2 - Teams shall be seeded for the playoffs based on their overall win percentage.

- A. In the event that 2 or more teams are tied at the end of the regular season, the following procedure will be used to break the tie:
- i. Head-to-head outcomes will be the first tiebreaker.
  - ii. If head-to-head outcomes cannot break the tie, then the team with the greatest point differential between the tied teams will be awarded the tiebreaker. The point differential shall be determined based only on the head-to-head contests between the tied teams.
  - iii. If head-to-head point differential is equal, a coin flip will determine playoff seeding. The choice of heads or tails will be given to the team that won the most recent head-to-head contest.

## Article XXV – Post Season Tournament Teams

25.1 – No team shall engage in any Post Season game or Tournament other than those set up, sanctioned, or approved by GVPF.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names to these updated Bylaws on this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

GVPF Football Board of Directors

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Will Jones  
Executive Director

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Heather Cochrane  
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Voting Member

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Shane Page  
Voting Member

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Carlito Clarke  
Non-Voting Member

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Christopher King  
Non-Voting Member

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Jennifer Lathrop  
Non-Voting Member

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Rachele Stogsdill  
Non-Voting Member