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## **BY-LAWS**

### **I. ARTICLE I - PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized for the following purposes:

- To educate and inspire youth, regardless of race, creed or color, to practice the ideals of sportsmanship and physical fitness.
- To bring youth closer together by education through the means of a common interest in sportsmanship, fellowship and athletic competition.
- To encourage adults by education to behave in an exemplary manner when supervising youths.
- To keep the welfare of the youth foremost and free from any adult compulsion for power and glory through education.
- To promote safety-first play by educating and encouraging local, national and international programs with strict controls over age and weights, equipment and behavior of adult coaches.
- To acquaint and educate youth with the fundamental techniques associated with football such as blocking, tackling, running, passing and maintaining a sound physical, mental and moral condition.
- To acquaint and educate youth with the fundamental techniques associated with cheerleading such as coordination, timing, voice, jumps, building, tumbling, cheers and maintaining a sound physical, mental and moral condition.
- And for such other purposed that are consistent with the Articles of Incorporation.

### **II. ARTICLE II - OFFICES**

The Corporation may have such office as the Board of Directors may require. The principal office shall be located at the address of the registered agent, in the County of Pinellas and the State of Florida.

### **III. ARTICLE III – MEMBERS**

A. The initial members of the corporation shall be as follows:

Azalea Jr. Football Association  
Clearwater for Youth, Inc.  
Countryside Jr. Cougars, Inc.  
Dunedin Jr. Falcons, In.  
Northeast Bandits Youth Football, Inc.  
Seminole Youth Athletic Association  
Tarpon Springs for Youth, Inc.

Each of these members shall henceforth be known as ‘CHARTER MEMBERS’ and shall have such rights and privileges as may hereafter be set out.

- B. Other than the Charter members, any organization sponsoring youth football and/or cheerleading programs or any other organization or group interested or involved the education or promotion of youth football and or cheerleading and who are willing to comply with the By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the SYFC will be eligible for membership.
- C. Applications for membership shall be made in writing on such form or forms as may be prescribed by the President and shall be presented to the SYFC President and to all members of the Executive Board prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- D. Applications for membership shall be reviewed and considered by the Executive Board at its first meeting following receipt of the application by the SYFC President and all of the members of the Executive Board.

- E. Any organization applying to the SYFC for membership must have at least two members sponsor them in writing and be submitted with their application.
- F. Copies of the application and sponsor letters shall be given to each organization before the next meeting.

#### **IV. ARTICLE IV - MEETING OF MEMBERS**

- A. **ANNUAL MEETING** - An annual meeting of the membership shall be held on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursday in the month of February in each year beginning with the year 1995. The Executive Board shall determine the time and place of the meeting and may change the time and date if needed with a minimum of twenty (20) days' notice to members. The meeting will be for the purpose of holding elections of Officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.
- B. **REGULAR MEETING** – Regular meetings shall be held on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Thursday of each month. Members shall be deemed to have been notified upon attendance of annual meeting.
- C. **SPECIAL MEETING** – Special meetings of the members of the Executive Board may be called by the President or upon written request by a majority of the members of the Executive Board and Board of Directors.
- D. **NOTICE** – Each member shall be given a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours' notice for all meeting by telephone, email or standard mail. A schedule of all regular meetings will be provided at the annual meeting. Any meeting of members may be adjourned from time to time. In such event, it shall not be necessary to provide further notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting if announcement of the time and place of the adjourned meeting is given at the meeting so adjourned.
- E. **QUORUM** – At least fifty-one percent (51%) of the board of directors must be present at any Board of Directors meeting before business may be conducted except for a meeting called specifically for amending these by-laws and for new membership, in which case all members, less one shall be required to be present. However, if at any meeting, a quorum is not present, a majority of the members present at the meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.
- F. **VOTING** - At all SYFC meetings, unless these by-laws specifically provide otherwise, the membership will vote by simple majority for approval of an action or choice by a showing of hands. Written ballots will be used for all elections and when otherwise requested by a simple majority of the members present. The following guidelines will govern all voting situations:
  - 1. Each organization shall have one vote.
  - 2. All votes MUST be present to be considered.
  - 3. Proxy votes may be used, but the organization must notify the SYFC secretary prior to the meeting.
  - 4. No telephone votes will be considered.
  - 5. No SYFC Officer or Commissioner can cast a proxy vote for any organization.
  - 6. The Roberts Rules of Order govern all voting / not covered in this rule.
- G. **MEETINGS** - On or before the annual meeting of each and every year, the Secretary of the Corporation shall cause to be published and delivered to every member of the Board, a list, specifying the dates of all Board and Executive Board meetings.
  - 1. The President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the SYFC Executive Board uniform shall have (one) 1 vote each at all SYFC board meetings.

- The Secretary and Treasurer's vote is counted with the President's vote
2. All meetings of the organization, whether Executive Board, Board or other shall be open to the public.

## V. ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. **GENERAL POWERS** - The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors.
- B. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** - The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the President, Chief Executive Officer or Primary Leader, (or their designate), of the Member Organizations, subject to the provisions of these by-laws, the Executive Board shall fix rules to govern its procedure and meet in accordance with such rules.
  1. The Board of Directors shall consider all new applications for membership as provided for in these by-laws.
  2. The Board of Directors shall sit as the Rules and Grievance Committee for the purpose of a.) Recommending by-law and Rules and Regulation changes, b) as a hearing body to screen, hear and make preliminary rulings with regard to rule violations and grievances and c) new members.
  3. An affirmative vote of eighty-five percent (85%) of all the members of the Board of Directors is needed in regard to membership or by-law changes.
  4. Each Member Organization shall have one vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
  5. The attendance of all the members of the Board of Directors, less one, and the President of SYFC shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of amending these by-laws and for new membership. President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – each one vote.
- D. **VACANCIES** - Vacancies shall be filled by the member organization in good standing for whom there exists a vacancy. Any vacancies other than on the Board may be filled by the Board for any reason.
- E. **COMPENSATION** - The board shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the provisions of Article III of the Articles of Incorporation. The Board of Directors may also provide by resolution that any corporate agent be indemnified for expenses and costs, including legal fees which were necessarily incurred in connection with any claim asserted against him or her by reason or his or her being or having been a corporate agent. However, no indemnification shall be allowed if the director or corporate agent was guilty of misconduct or malfeasance regarding the matter in which indemnification is sought.
- F. **REMOVAL** - The Board of Directors, by two-thirds (2/3) vote, may remove, from the corporation, any individual, director, executive board member, officer or employee at any time, if in its judgment, the best interest of the corporation would be served thereby.

## VI. ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

- A. **OFFICERS** - The officers of the Corporation shall be as follows:
  1. President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
  2. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person except the offices of President and Secretary. The Board shall have the power to appoint such other officer and employees, as the Board may deem necessary for the transaction of the business of the SYFC.

- B. **QUALIFICATIONS** - The officers of the SYFC shall be individuals qualified to perform the duties of the office and be duly nominated by the Nominating Committee, or any of the Board of Directors, at the Annual Meeting, except for the initial position of President where the initial Executive Board and Board of Directors voted that office be filled until the next organizational meeting held for election of officers. Said nominees may be on the Executive Board, however, nominees are not required to be members of the Member organizations.
- C. **TERM** - The initial officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at their organizational meeting. Thereafter, the officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term. President, Second Vice President and Secretary - even years; First Vice President and Treasurer – odd years. All elections shall take place at the annual meeting and voted on by the Board of Directors in good standing. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall remain in office until his or her successor is elected and qualified, subject to earlier termination by removal or resignation.
- D. **PRESIDENT**- The President shall:
1. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and Board of Directors;
  2. Make all committee appointments other than the nominating committee;
  3. Be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee;
  4. Be chairperson of the Executive Board and Board of Directors; and,
  5. Perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office of President.
- E. **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** - The First Vice President shall:
1. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and Board of Directors in the absence of the President; and,
  2. Perform all such other duties usually pertaining to the office of Vice President.
- F. **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** - The Second Vice President shall:
1. Preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and Board of Directors in the absence of the President and First Vice President; and,
  2. Perform all such other duties usually pertaining to the office of Vice President.
- G. **SECRETARY** - The Secretary shall:
1. Record the minutes of all meetings;
  2. Write up the minutes the day following the meeting;
  3. Have custody of the seal of the Corporation;
  4. Give notice of all meetings required by statutes, By-Law or resolutions
  5. Carry on all necessary correspondence of the Corporation
  6. Perform such other duties as may be delegated to the Secretary by the Board or President.
- H. **TREASURER** - The Treasurer shall:
1. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Suncoast Youth Football Conference. S/He shall receive and issue receipts for all monies due and payable to the Suncoast Youth Football Conference. S/He shall disburse funds due and payable to creditors in a timely fashion within the restrictions of the operating budget and/or at the direction of the Board of Directors and perform all duties incident to the Office of Treasurer. S/He shall provide a written profit/loss and balance statement reports at each Regular meeting unless reports have been emailed a minimum of 24 hours prior to the Regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Reconciliation Report shall be made available upon request. S/He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors. S/He shall be available at all times for all games hosted by the Suncoast Youth Football Conference.



2. Keep a record of accounts of the Corporation and report thereon at each regular meeting of the Board;
  3. Make a report at the annual meeting and special reports when requested by the President or Board.
  4. Deposit all moneys of the Corporation in the name of SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE, INC. in the bank or banks selected and designated by the Board subject to withdrawal for the authorized purposes, upon joint signature of two of the officers of the Corporation; and,
  5. Give a bond in such amount as the Board may require; the costs of the premium of such bond will be paid for by the Corporation; and,
  6. Prepare and file reports and returns required by governmental agencies;
  7. Each year, at the first meeting after the annual meeting, the Treasurer shall cause to be published and delivered to each member organization a proposed budget for the upcoming year which shall be discussed by the Board of Directors and who shall approve same including any changes, modifications, or other as the Board of Directors deems appropriate. Unless reflected in the budget provided by the Treasurer, the Board of Directors shall approve any single conference expenditure, in excess of \$250.
  8. The Treasurer's accounts and records shall be audited annually by any person or persons that the Board may appoint or employ
- I. **COMMISSIONER** - A commissioner may be appointed by the President of the SYFC as deemed necessary. The purpose of the Commissioner is to assist the elected Officers of the Corporation during the course of the season. A commissioner shall represent the Conference and adhere to the same standards of conduct as any person within conference. He/she must attend the monthly board meetings missing no more than 2. A commissioner shall perform all other such duties as may be assigned by the President and/or Board of Directors. The appointment of a commissioner(s) can be challenged by the member organizations with a majority vote.

## **VII. ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES**

### **A. NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

1. The President shall appoint a chairperson for the nominating Committee at the regular meeting of the Board held at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Board shall select two (2) additional members to this committee.
2. A slate of officers as nominees will be prepared and presented at the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations for officers may be from the floor at the Annual Meeting.
3. Nominations shall not be made for officers without first having obtained approval from the nominee prior to the submission of the nominations report.

### **B. STANDING COMMITTEE**

1. With the exception of the Nominating Committee, the President shall, within one (1) month of elections, make appointments to all appointive committees of the Board of Directors. In addition to the standing committees hereafter establish, the President may appoint special committee, as the need arises.

- C. A playoff committee consisting of one or more members of each organization shall handle playoff planning and procedures.

## **VIII. ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

- A. These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by an affirmative vote in the following manner:

1. Written proposed amendments to the By-Laws from Member Organizations in good standing will be submitted to the Rules and Grievance Committee, through the SYFC President, by midnight on February 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the Annual Meeting. The member organization submitting the proposed amendment shall provide at least one copy of each proposed amendment to each member organization and one copy to the SYFC no later than the Annual Meeting
2. Any organization in good standing or a member of the Executive Board of Directors (officers) may submit a proposed amendment.
3. The Rules and Grievance Committee will review the proposed amendments at the regular meeting in February. The proposed amendments cannot be altered from the initial submission except for the purpose of clarity or to resolve a conflict within existing by-laws. Directors at the regular meeting in February will vote for final approval. An affirmative vote of 85% is required of the members of the Board of Directors for final approval.
4. Proposed amendments may be considered after February 1<sup>st</sup> if deemed necessary for the SYFC to function. In order for a proposed amendment to be accepted under these conditions a eighty-five percent (85%) affirmative vote is required of all members of the Board.

**IX. ARTICLE IX – RULES OF ORDER**

- A. **ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER** shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not specifically covered by these By-Laws. Any Scribner's errors in or on any SYFC printed document does not in any way change a rule.

**X. CONTROL OF FUNDS**

- A. Deposits: All funds belonging to the organization shall be promptly deposited within 24 hours from the end of the business day or on non-banking days to the credit of the Suncoast Youth Football Conference in a checking, savings, or passbook account with a FDIC insured financial institution.
- B. Accountability of Funds: No less than two different members of the Board of Directors shall pick-up Game Day revenue on an hourly basis. All revenue shall be counted immediately and will be documented on a revenue sheets and signed by members receiving the revenue. All revenue should be put in a locked box in separate accountability deposit bags. End of the day revenue shall be recounted and compared to previous revenue sheets by at least two Board members. Regardless of unforeseen circumstances on game days and the availability of Board Members, good faith effort should be made to adhere to the accountability of funds.
- C. Purchases: In emergency situations, anything over a value of \$150 dollars must be passed by the Board of Directors. Non-emergency spending over \$150 dollars shall be brought to the entire Board for approval. This can be in the form of oral or electronic forms of communication. This does not apply to the normal course of purchases that are made throughout the season. The details of the purchase and who provided authority will be provided to the Secretary for documentation.
- D. Check and Disbursements: All checks from the Suncoast Youth Football Conference shall be signed by two (2) members of the Board of Directors and such checks shall not be signed unless the name of the recipient is preprinted in non-erasable manner. In addition, checks can be issued by the designated FDIC insured bank being used by the Suncoast Youth Football Conference to pay debts owed through online bill pay. In general, this will be conducted by the Treasurer who will provide details through monthly Financial Statements.

- E. Gifts: The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Suncoast Youth Football Conference any contributions, gifts, bequests, or other devices for the benefit or general/special purpose of the organization.
- F. Audit: Any officer having control of any funds of the Suncoast Youth Football Conference shall be subject to internal or external audit at the discretion of the Board or other legal authority and shall provide all records and receipts to auditors at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **I. FISCAL YEAR**

- A. The fiscal year of the SYFC shall be the calendar year.
- B. Annual Reports - The President and Treasurer shall present their respective reports of the operation of the SYFC for the preceding year, at the Annual Meeting.

### **II. MEMBERSHIP**

- A. All MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS in good standing are prohibited from allowing their teams to play any SYFC MEMBER ORGANIZATION'S team whose organization is not in good standing with the SYFC.
- B. Each and every MEMBER ORGANIZATION, including any new organization applying to join the SYFC, must have an acceptable playing field.
- C. Each SYFC MEMBER ORGANIZATION, as a condition of continuing membership in the SYFC, acknowledges the objectives stated herein and agrees that each MEMBER shall be fully responsible for compliance with the SYFC By-Laws, Rules & Regulations (as amended from time to time), and the conduct and behavior of their spectators and all personnel in their organization. Any SYFC MEMBER will be subject to a penalty if a formal complaint is brought before the Board of the SYFC and ruled on in favor of the complaining member. Any fines are to be paid to the SYFC treasury.
- D. Loss of Membership - Any MEMBER ORGANIZATION of the SYFC may have their membership suspended or revoked for good cause. Good cause shall consist of any one of the following:
  - 1. Infractions of the SYFC Rules & Regulations,
  - 2. Infractions of the SYFC By-Laws, or for
  - 3. Conduct deemed detrimental to the best interest of the SYFC.
- E. The conduct of any MEMBER ORGANIZATION'S officers, representatives, members of any coaching staff, players or parents shall be construed as conduct of the MEMBER ORGANIZATION itself.
- F. All new MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS will be put on a **three (3) year mandatory** probationary period from admission to SYFC. The probationary period shall be made and determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. These organizations shall be known as "Probationary Member Organizations". During this period all Probationary Member Organizations shall have the same rights as Member Organizations, except the right to vote. **The probationary period cannot be reduced.**
- G. Probationary Member Organizations may have their membership in SYFC terminated at any time during their probation period by majority vote of the Rules & Grievance Committee.

### **III. DUES**

- A. The Suncoast Youth Football Conference may initiate a certification fee. The amount of such fee is to be determined each year by the Board of Directors.

Payment of certification fees shall be made on or before August 1st. The amount shall be determined based upon the previous years' to the previous years' total certifications per organization. The balance of any certification fees due shall be paid prior to week 9 of the season. A refund will be issued to the organization if over payment is made after week 9 of the season.

- B. At the annual meeting, each MEMBER ORGANIZATION shall sign an agreement to voluntarily follow the By-Laws and Rules & Regulations of the SYFC or surrender their membership. Any organization failing to meet this obligation will be considered in bad standing.
- C. Admission to all SYFC games will be set prior to the start of each season.

#### **IV. STRUCTURE**

- A. **THE SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE (SYFC)** is the highest local authority and encompasses all age/weight classifications; its purpose is to govern the conduct of all MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS within its jurisdiction.
- B. **MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS** are comprised of teams playing within specific age/weight classifications. Each MEMBER ORGANIZATION is self-governing; it elects its own officers and oversees its wellbeing within the framework established by the SYFC. Each local organization must field a Varsity Flyweight, Mighty Mite, Pee Wee and Midget team.

#### **C. THE TEAM**

The Team is the basic unit of the MEMBER ORGANIZATION and is comprised of players, which shall include football players and cheerleaders.

- 1. The teams form the nucleus of the MEMBER ORGANIZATION and are responsible to the MEMBER ORGANIZATION and it's duly appointed authorities.
- 2. The player relates to the Team and not directly to their MEMBER ORGANIZATION or SYFC. He or she is a member of the team.
- 3. The team relates to the SYFC through their MEMBER ORGANIZATION. All supervision is the responsibility of the MEMBER ORGANIZATION and not the Team.
- 4. There are three types of TEAMS within the SYFC:
  - a. VARSITY TEAMS
  - b. JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS
  - c. FLAG TEAMS

#### **V. TEAM REGISTRATION**

- A. A standard registration form shall be furnished by the SYFC to be used by all organizations.
- B. Parental or Guardian consent must be witnessed by a registrar.
- C. Copy of registration form on each individual shall become a part of player eligibility requirements.
- D. Parent/legal guardian will sign a liability waiver and letter of parental conduct to be supplied by SYFC.

#### **VI. SCHOOL TEAMS**

- A. Players or Cheerleaders who have previously participated in any Junior or Varsity high school football game are ineligible to participate in the SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE during the same season. However, if a player or cheerleader has tried out for a school team and has failed to make the squad, their SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE eligibility is not impaired. High School football is defined as a team that includes 9<sup>th</sup> grade participants and above.

#### **VII. INSURANCE**

- A. LIABILITY INSURANCE is mandatory to protect all local organizations, teams' sponsors and personnel from lawsuits for injury or negligence. Such coverage can provide protection for the local organization. If an organization is not using the SYFC policy, a certificate of liability coverage must be filed with the SYFC one week before the issuance date of the SYFC policy.

## **VIII. PLAYING SEASON**

### **A. TERM OF SEASON**

1. The SYFC season shall begin on the first day of practice each year as determined by the approved functional makeup schedule. The SYFC season ends December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. During the SYFC season, all rules and regulations of the SYFC will be in force. No variations will be permitted without the specific approval of the Board of Directors by a 2/3 vote.
2. All organizations must adhere to the SYFC rules and regulations in any events in or outside of the SYFC during the SYFC season.

### **B. OFF SEASON PRACTICE**

1. Each member organization may host and/or conduct ONE non-contact combine and with no equipment, football clinic or training session not to exceed FIVE (5) consecutive days per season. This clinic/training session must be held BETWEEN March 1 and June 30 of the current season.
2. Coaches may hold pre-season work outs with potential players provided a liability waiver is signed by a parent or legal guardian. No contact or season plays may be worked on or established (this is strictly for agility, strength training etc.).
3. The member organization must notify the SYFC President in writing no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the event and a copy to the SYFC Secretary. No changes to the event dates will be permitted without approval of the SYFC President and with notice to all remaining member organizations. Any approved change to the dates will be sent to the SYFC secretary by the member organization.
4. All participants must be registered with the host member organization for the clinic and must be playing age for the current playing season. If the participant is not registered to play with the host organization, a waiver must be signed for them to participate.
5. Cheerleaders from any organization, who have been certified from the previous season or are certified for the upcoming season AND must be or remain at an age eligible status for both seasons, may practice together, in the off season, with any coach or coaches for the purpose of engaging in cheer camps or preparation for cheer competitions or for any other purpose.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that practice sessions not exceed a total of two (2) hours a day and that they should not exceed eight (8) hours a week. It is further recommended that since the local organizations will be held responsible by the SYFC for any violations of practice rules that they in turn discipline any coach guilty of violations by suspensions.

### **C. GAMES**

1. The schedule of the SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE shall be voted on at the APRIL meeting. A committee appointed by the SYFC PRESIDENT shall make recommendations at the April meeting.
2. Scheduling Committee shall at least include:
  - a. Regional breakdown and method;
  - b. How standings shall be kept.

- c. Length of season (i.e. number of games)
  - d. Format to be used in Playoffs to determine Championship.
  - e. The scheduling and the conduct of games are the responsibility of the SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE. One of the competing teams shall be designated HOME (HOST) TEAM and accept the related responsibilities.
  - f. A committee will be formed to schedule all VARSITY games. The first game shall be scheduled by the SYFC and the last game shall not be scheduled later than the third week in DECEMBER. Any non-SYFC pre-season games shall be declared 14 days prior to the scheduled event. Any non-SYFC preseason games can include teams / organization from outside of the SYFC. Any non-SYFC preseason games are managed by the local organization (gates, referees etc.).
3. VARSITY TEAM SCHEDULE
- a. Two (2) Flag teams shall ALWAYS follow the Varsity Team Schedule.
4. JUNIOR VARSITY / FLAG SCHEDULING- junior varsity scheduling shall be completed prior to Kickoff classic and procedure shall be:
- a. Scheduling committee will obtain the number of teams to be scheduled in each age/weight division in August.
  - b. First to be scheduled will be those JV and FLAG TEAMS of home organization with the JV teams of away organizations based on the SYFC VARSITY TEAM SCHEDULE.
  - c. Excess teams of away-game organizations will be scheduled with excess teams of home organizations without regard to the VARSITY TEAM schedule except that a HOME game organization will host AWAY game organizations to the limit of available facilities.
  - d. After the above, only one of two possible conditions will exist:
  - e. There will be an excess of home team organizations; or
  - f. There will be an excess of away team organizations. These teams will be scheduled according to:
  - g. Available facilities anywhere within the SYFC with the organization providing the facility being the host organization, within reason to Organizational size and amount of teams registered; OR
  - h. In the event no facilities are available at all, then the excess teams will have an open date as far as SYFC scheduling is concerned.
5. Varsity, JV & Flag standings shall be kept in each division. Each week the host organization shall call in the scores of all JV/Flag and VARSITY games playing on their field. At the end of the season a JV and Flag Playoff will be conducted, specifications to be outlined by the Playoff Specification Committee. The EXECUTIVE BOARD shall determine the dates and places of Playoff and shall be responsible for scheduling.
6. Scheduling of "Post Season" games shall be left to the individual organizations. Dates, games, sites and names of opponents playing the "post season" games shall be registered with the SYFC President and SYFC Secretary in writing or by email PRIOR to participation. All post season games MUST be held during the "term of season" defined under Section VII – Playing Season, (A) Term of season. Organizations may combine members from other SYFC teams for a post season game, IF the member from the other team is certified with the SYFC.

7. For all post-season and bowl games played in SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE jurisdiction, SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE rules and regulations shall apply.
8. All-Star teams may be selected by the SYFC ONLY. No other All-Star or pick-up teams will be permitted.
9. No organization shall schedule other games on play-off dates unless they are completed one hour prior to the first play-off game. Two or three Saturdays and Sundays will be set aside for play-offs. Play-off sites shall be as previously determined by the SYFC and remain on a rotating basis. New member organizations shall be added to the bottom of the list in the appropriate order.
10. There shall be a Pre-season kickoff classic for VARSITY, JV and Flag Teams. It shall be hosted by designated organizations and at designated sites on the Saturday before regular season play begins. Varsity teams shall be selected at random. JV and Flag teams shall be assigned to the site of their Varsity teams where possible.
11. Host organizations shall be selected from a list starting from the top to the bottom. This list shall be perpetual. New organizations shall be added to the bottom of the list. Organizations leaving the SYFC shall be deleted. Once the list is exhausted, it shall be started over. The initial list shall be determined by the SYFC. An organization can, for good cause, petition the SYFC and if approved, be excused as host to the Kickoff classic for one year without losing their turn.
12. Any team who does not appear for a scheduled game shall be responsible for payment of a \$250.00 fine payable to the host organization, the referees for the game and subject to fines and penalties as determined by the Rules and Grievance Committee.
13. At the quarter, semi, final and All Star games, it is the responsibility of the host organization to provide at least two (2) uniformed police officers for the Pee Wee and Midget division games with the SYFC paying the fees.
14. Junior Varsity and Flag scheduling - The goal should be for all teams in the same division to play each other at least one time so that playoff seeds are all equal.
15. Scheduling of the SYFC Cheer Competition should include a back- up date, time and venue in the event the original scheduled competition is unable to take place due to unforeseen issue (weather). It is mandatory that all leagues attend and participate during the alternate date, time and venue with their teams declared prior to the championship games. The alternate date, time and venue, must be declared prior to the start of the regular season
16. Only if the original venue is held outside.
17. Scheduling of a post-season event (Football and Cheerleading) should include the following options: High-School Site (Indoor and Outdoor), Indoor Facility (Non High-School) or Organizational Host Site. Final decisions on where to host post-season event should be agreed upon by organizational presidents in accordance with all SYFC by-law rules of scheduling.

## **IX. AWARDS AND TROPHIES**

### **A. PHILOSOPHY**

The philosophy or recognition for achievement should be seriously evaluated by each organization. Criticism of some youth sports programs for over emphasis is justified. The monetary value of the award is poor criterion for control. Therefore common sense must be the determining factor.

1. An award program should be developed around the fundamental concept that the SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE is for the majority, not for the talented few. Under no circumstances should the value exceed that of the awards presented by the local high schools.
2. No award shall be made at the SYFC level other than the All Star team selections. The All Star awards will be determined annually by the Board of Directors.

## **B. TROPHIES**

1. Individual awards (to be determined by the SYFC) shall be awarded to players, cheerleaders, and coaches of the teams winning the final playoff games and designated as the SYFC CHAMPION. Each winning championship team shall receive an individual team trophy as well as possession of the traveling team trophy belonging to SYFC. This traveling team trophy can be retired if it is won three consecutive times by the same team. The SYFC PRESIDENT shall be advised as to the location of each traveling trophy at all times. Respective organizations are charged with the care and upkeep of the traveling trophies in their possession.
2. Traveling trophy presentation will take place at the final playoff games. The SYFC will be in charge of all awards.
3. Championship awards to be determined by the SYFC shall be presented to the players, cheerleaders and coaches of the championship winning teams. These awards will be presented at the final playoff games.
4. Play-off awards in the form of either a medal or pin, determined by the SYFC Board of Directors, will be given to the players, cheerleaders and coaches of the eliminated teams of the quarter, semi and championship games.
5. There will be a cheerleading competition (Varsity and JV) held toward the end of the season. There will be two different levels in the cheer division:
  - a. Small division = 10 participants or less
  - b. Large division = 11-20 participants
6. It is recommended that the Cheerleading Coordinators meet and review the competition specifications, date and format for Cheerleading Competition.
7. Each organization must submit in writing to the SYFC a list of all cheerleading teams who intend to participate in the cheerleading competition no later than week 10 of the regular season. Any team who withdraws or does not show up for the event, shall pay a fine/fee to the SYFC in the amount of \$500.00.
8. Cheer awards shall be presented by the SYFC for this competition. There shall be team trophies and awards to the Top 3 places. Each team shall be presented with a participation medal or pin for each cheerleader.

## **X. AMENDMENTS**

### **A. METHOD FOR AMENDING RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Rules & regulations may be changed or amended in the following manner:
2. Written proposed amendments to the Rules & Regulations from member organizations in good standing will be submitted to the Rules and Grievances Committee, through the SYFC President prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, before the Annual Meeting.
3. Any organization in good standing may submit a proposed amendment.
4. The Rules & Grievances Committee will review and vote on the proposed amendments(s) and make recommendations or suggested compromise to the Board.



5. Proposed amendments may be considered after February 1<sup>st</sup> if deemed necessary for the SYFC to function. In order for a proposed amendment to be accepted under these conditions a seventy-five percent (75%) affirmative vote is required of all members of the Board.

## **XI. ETHICS**

### **A. CONDUCT**

1. Any individual in the SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE program using profanity, under the influence of intoxicants or engaging in any unethical activity at any SYFC function shall be subject to suspension by the President of the SYFC for a term of one week for any offense to assure safety and to maintain order. In the event the President of the SYFC is unavailable, the authority is passed to the First Vice President of the SYFC and in the event the First Vice President is also unavailable, the authority passes to the Second Vice President. The suspended person shall have the right of grievance, as defined under “violations and Protests”.
2. All coaches, sponsors, parents and spectators must remember that this program is for our youth and that they learn from example: therefore, they should always conduct themselves in an exemplary manner.
3. No tobacco, e-cigarettes or alcoholic beverages will be permitted on ANY playing/practice field, sidelines and/or designated parking area of any facility.
4. Any coach ejected from a game, in addition to any other sanction permitted under these rules or by-laws may be suspended for one full playing season.
5. A coach who has been found to have taken, hidden or thrown away an opposing team’s property, will be ejected immediately and suspended for the next week’s practice and game. This includes equipment and/or apparel, wrist coaches and/or play cards, play sheets and/or any other item that provides an unfair competitive advantage. Determination of the violation would be determined by the referee on the field.
6. Any league representative (badged volunteer, coach or Board Member) who purposely bad mouths a league player (football or cheer ) league representative (BADGED VOLUNTEER, Coach or Board Member) or organization in an open social media forum – shall be subjected to the same sanctions as listed in item 1 shall be subject to suspension by the President.
7. League and Individual Organizational executive /general board members are highly recommended/encouraged to refrain from engaging in and/or promoting any conversation on “Trash Talk” related social media pages. Our league and individual organization executive/general board members should be setting an example for our coaches and children. Abuse of this rule will be subject to the same sanctions listed in item 1.

### **B. BACKGROUND CHECKS**

1. Any and all people who volunteer and have contact with the youth who are enrolled with the Suncoast Youth Football Conference, Inc. AND in order to receive a field pass issued through the Suncoast Youth Football Conference, Inc. MUST complete an application every year for coach/volunteer and successfully pass a background check/screening for criminal offenses and sexual predator and sexual offender.
2. Effective July 1st, 2014 the Florida law, Sec. 943.0438 F.S., requiring that all youth coaches must submit to:
  - a. Level 1 background screening
  - b. Through the FDLE / requires a \$41.00 fee + applicable housing fees
  - c. National sexual predator and sexual offender

- d. A successful background check/screening MUST be completed prior to any contact with any child enrolled with the Suncoast Youth Football Conference in any capacity including casual contact.
  - e. If an applicant does not pass the background check/screening, it's automatically reviewed by the SYFC review committee. This committee will be comprised of the SYFC President and any available SYFC officer.
  - f. The decision may be made by both or one of the reviews committee members. The decision of the SYFC President and/or 2nd Vice President is FINAL and BINDING.
  - g. An applicant's request may also be denied, after approved by the SYFC review committee, if the organization's President finds the applicant ineligible for any reason that may be found as being not in the best interest of the organization or the SYFC.
  - h. The background check company shall notify each denied applicant of their initial status, where and how to file for an appeal, and exemption for that season.
3. The law authorizes the Conference to allow certain disqualified individuals to coach if the person:
    - a. Has had 3 years elapse since completion of all sanctions for felony offenses.
    - b. Has completed their sanctions for a misdemeanor conviction
    - c. Is NOT a career criminal offender, registered sex offender, or sex predator.
  4. If your application to coach in the SYFC is denied, you must be notified in writing within 10 days and you will be made aware of the written appeal process at that time.
  5. The following is a complete list of disqualifying offenses:
    - Section 393.135, relating to sexual misconduct with certain developmentally disabled clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.
    - Section 394.4593, relating to sexual misconduct with certain mental health patients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.
    - Section 415.111, relating to adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation of aged persons or disabled adults.
    - Section 777.04, relating to attempts, solicitation, and conspiracy to commit an offense listed in this subsection.
    - Section 782.04, relating to murder.
    - Section 782.07, relating to manslaughter, aggravated manslaughter of an elderly person or disabled adult, or aggravated manslaughter of a child.
    - Section 782.071, relating to vehicular homicide.
    - Section 782.09, relating to killing of an unborn child by injury to the mother.
    - Chapter 784, relating to assault, battery, and culpable negligence, if the offense was a felony.
    - Section 784.011, relating to assault, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
    - Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
    - Section 787.01, relating to kidnapping.
    - Section 787.02, relating to false imprisonment.
    - Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.

- Section 787.04(2), relating to taking, enticing, or removing a child beyond the state limits with criminal intent pending custody proceedings.
- Section 787.04(3), relating to carrying a child beyond the state lines with criminal intent to avoid producing a child at a custody hearing or delivering the child to the designated person.
- Section 790.115(1), relating to exhibiting firearms or weapons within 1,000 feet of a school.
- Section 790.115(2) (b), relating to possessing an electric weapon or device, destructive device, or other weapon on school property.
- Section 794.011, relating to sexual battery.
- Former s. 794.041, relating to prohibited acts of persons in familial or custodial authority.
- Section 794.05, relating to unlawful sexual activity with certain minors.
- Chapter 796, relating to prostitution.
- Section 798.02, relating to lewd and lascivious behavior.
- Chapter 800, relating to lewdness and indecent exposure.
- Section 806.01, relating to arson.
- Section 810.02, relating to burglary.
- Section 810.14, relating to voyeurism, if the offense is a felony.
- Section 810.145, relating to video voyeurism, if the offense is a felony.
- Chapter 812, relating to theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony.
- Section 817.563, relating to fraudulent sale of controlled substances, only if the offense was a felony.
- Section 825.102, relating to abuse, aggravated abuse, or neglect of an elderly person or disabled adult.
- Section 825.1025, relating to lewd or lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of an elderly person or disabled adult.
- Section 825.103, relating to exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult, if the offense was a felony.
- Section 826.04, relating to incest.
- Section 827.03, relating to child abuse, aggravated child abuse, or neglect of a child.
- Section 827.04, relating to contributing to the delinquency or dependency of a child.
- Former s. 827.05, relating to negligent treatment of children.
- Section 827.071, relating to sexual performance by a child.
- Section 843.01, relating to resisting arrest with violence.
- Section 843.025, relating to depriving a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer means of protection or communication.
- Section 843.12, relating to aiding in an escape.
- Section 843.13, relating to aiding in the escape of juvenile inmates in correctional institutions.
- Chapter 847, relating to obscene literature.
- Section 874.05, relating to encouraging or recruiting another to join a criminal gang.
- Chapter 893, relating to drug abuse prevention and control, only if the offense was a felony or if any other person involved in the offense was a minor.

- Section 916.1075, relating to sexual misconduct with certain forensic clients and reporting of such sexual misconduct.
- Section 944.35(3), relating to inflicting cruel or inhuman treatment on an inmate resulting in great bodily harm.
- Section 944.40, relating to escape.
- Section 944.46, relating to harboring, concealing, or aiding an escaped prisoner.
- Section 944.47, relating to introduction of contraband into a correctional facility.
- Section 985.701, relating to sexual misconduct in juvenile justice programs.
- Section 985.711, relating to contraband introduced into detention facilities.
- The security background investigations under this section must ensure that no person subject to this section has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any offense that constitutes domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28, whether such act was committed in this state or in another jurisdiction.

## **PLAYERS - FOOTBALL AND CHEERLEADING**

### **I. PLAYING RULES**

#### **A. BASIC RULES**

1. All games shall be played and cheered under the rules of the NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION aside from the exceptions listed in these rules.
2. Every organization may have at least 2 flag teams.
3. Flag games will be played prior to the start of the first tackle football game of the day.
4. Score will be kept.
5. Flag will participate in the playoff and championship games with the tackle program.
6. The SYFC will schedule 2 referees.
7. The visiting team will provide chain crews.

#### **B. FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM PLAYING RULES**

1. The flag program is designed to provide a safe and structured recreation for children too young to play contact football or cheer for a contact football team in the SYFC. It is designed to teach basic fundamentals of football and cheerleading and act as an instructional program.
2. It is recommended that each team have between 12 and 14 players.
3. Players must be four (4) years old and must not turn seven (7) years old prior to September 1st of the current year. Players with SYFC eligibility at the Flyweight or older division will not be eligible to participate in the flag program.
4. All participants will certify with the SYFC in the same manner as tackle football and cheerleading.
5. All teams will be balanced by age per conference JV rule and rosters will be provided at request of the SYFC.
6. Each team is required to check in between ½ hour to 5 minutes prior to scheduled game. Each team will have a printed roster containing player information and photos.

7. The playing field shall be forty (40) yards long and forty (40) yards wide. Fields can be adjusted to accommodate more games if necessary as long as both organizations approve changes. The field shall be divided into ten (10) yard zones marked by lines or cones. End zones shall be ten (10) yards deep. 10 yard zones will be in place – No Chains used during game.
8. A game ball shall be provided by the home team. The game ball shall be a Wilson Pee Wee (K2) or approved equal.
9. Mouth guards are mandatory. Each team shall wear flags that contrast in color. Players must wear a set of approved flags (minimum of 10”) on their hips with their shirt tucked into their shorts/pants. Shirts are not permitted to hang over the flag belt and are to be tucked into their shorts. The flag belt is on one-piece construction and will fall completely off when pulled. The belt must be clipped. It is illegal to tie or tamper with the belt.
10. Illegal Equipment:
  - a. Headgear containing any hard, unyielding, or stiff material, including billed hats
  - b. Jewelry
  - c. Pads or braces with the exception of those used to protect existing injury and then only with the approval of the game official
  - d. Shoes with metal, ceramic, screw in or detachable cleats
  - e. Shirts that do not remain tucked in and any hood on a coat or sweatshirt
  - f. Pants or shorts with any belt, loops or exposed drawstrings
  - g. Towels attached to the players waist
11. One coach from each team is allowed on the field during game play except for time outs
12. The game shall consist of two twenty (20) minute halves with a running clock, with ten (10) minutes between halves. The clock ONLY stops for when a player is injured and may not be safely removed from the field. Coaches are not allowed to coach their teams during these periods.
13. The ball must be snapped within forty (40) seconds of the ball being made ready for play.
14. Only the officials or referee can delay a game for injuries, equipment repair, in cases where the ball cannot be put into play, or any other time they deem necessary.
15. One administrative timeout may be called by a team simply to clarify rules only. This is not to be used for disputed calls or contesting the officials’ ability to do their job. In the event the official deems this time out as disruptive of the flow of the game, used for dispute, or any other purpose than rule clarification, the official shall announce a warning and request resumption of play. If the team or coaches persist in the time out, it will then become a charged time out as listed below. Additionally, further warnings will result in unsportsmanlike like conduct and will be penalized as prescribed below.
16. Charged time outs or regular time outs are allowed to further instruct a team, etc. Two (2) are allowed per half with no carry over. Each time out will not exceed one (1) minute. Time-outs do NOT stop the clock.
17. NO prolonged celebrations after touchdowns are allowed.
18. Teams: Seven (7) players shall constitute a team. A team can start a game with as few as five players providing the other team honors this and plays the same number of players until a full seven player team is available. A team not ready to play with a minimum of five players at the scheduled game time must forfeit the game. Both teams not ready to play constitute a double forfeit.

- Unlimited substitution is allowed as long as there is no delay of the game. The offensive team must have all players in the huddle. No sleeper plays. All players must play except for disciplinary or injury reasons.
19. Playing Regulations: A coin toss to determine preference for possession and for choice of goals will be conducted before each game. A team that wins the first half-coin toss may defer their choice to the second half.
  20. Second Half: Before the second half, the loser of the pre-game toss or the team that deferred its' choice to the second half shall have its choice of the possibilities above. The other team shall then have the remaining choice.
  21. Beginning Play: NO KICK-OFFS OR PUNT PLAYS ALLOWED. Play begins from the line of scrimmage, at the offensive teams' ten - (10) yard line. This eventuates into a snapped ball from the center position and. is referred to as placing or putting the ball in play. Each offensive play will begin at the snap of the ball and will be put into a subsequent downed spot.
  22. Line of Scrimmage (offensive): The offensive team must line up with at least four (4) players on the line of scrimmage for each offensive play. More than four players may line up on the line of scrimmage.
  23. Line of Scrimmage (defensive): Defensive teams must honor a five (5) yard neutral zone between both five (5) yard lines. Inside the defensive team's five (5) yard line, the neutral zone is reduced to three (3) yard. Within the five (5) yard line & Goal Defensive toe on the goal line. The referee determines the neutral zone to the above specifications.
  24. First Downs: Four (4) downs shall be allowed in which to advance the ball ten (10) yards for a first down and to maintain the offensive position.
  25. Offensive Play: All players are eligible to receive passes and laterals only after the quarterback has full possession of the ball. A forward pass shall be defined as any ball thrown forward of the passer and must pass the line of scrimmage before it is caught. This can be done either overhand or underhand. Receivers need only one foot in bounds for a legal catch. The ball earner must make an attempt to avoid contact with a defensive player. Intentional contact with a defensive player is illegal.
  26. Downed Ball: A player is considered "tackled" or downed when an opposing player removes his/her flag. The ball will be put in play at the point where the ball was when the flag was removed. The tackler should immediately drop the flag. When the flag or the flag belt unintentionally falls off of a player, a one-hand touch is necessary to stop the play.
  27. Taunting or throwing the flag will constitute a penalty. Any pushing, holding or tackling will constitute a penalty.
  28. Fumbles: The ball shall be considered dead when it hits the ground. It remains the possession of the fumbling team and is placed into play at the point of the fumble.
  29. Interceptions: Upon interception, the ball is considered dead, the offense turns the ball over at the point of interception, and the ball is put into play at that point from a center snap. This means that an interception is not "returned" by the intercepting team.
  30. Flag Guarding: Runners or ball carriers shall not flag guard by using their bodies or the ball to deny the opportunity for the opponent to pull or remove the flag belt or flag. This includes:
    31. Swinging the hand or arm over the flag belt.
    32. Placing the ball over the flag belt.
    33. Straight arming.

34. Running with the head down.
35. Lowering the shoulders in such a manner which places the arms over the flag belt.
36. Blocking: Offensive screen blocking shall take place without contact. A player may hold his/her arms in front of his/her body to avoid collision with other players but is not allowed to run into, push, shove, or otherwise initiate contact with a defensive player. Defensive players must run around offensive players and are not allowed to run into offensive players or to otherwise initiate contact either.
37. Contact: A player may use his/her arms or hands to break a fall, maintain balance, or to avoid contact. The application of this rule depends entirely upon the judgment of the game officials.
38. Defensive players may not use "bump and run" tactics on the receivers. Defensive players shall not hold, grasp, or obstruct the forward progress of the runner when attempting to remove the flag.
39. Rushing: The defensive team is allowed to rush only one (1) player when the ball is snapped. Other defensive players may rush after a completed hand off, attempted lateral, attempted pass, or run beyond the line of offensive scrimmage.
40. Conduct: Any player, coach or spectator using abusive or insulting language, disputing or arguing a call is displaying "unsportsmanlike" conduct. Any person displaying "unsportsmanlike" conduct or intentionally engaging in personal fouls, as determined by the game official or officials, will be automatically ejected from the game and required to leave the game site immediately. NO warnings are necessary or required. Conduct is further specified in the SYFC rulebook.
41. Fouls and Penalties:
42. Illegal Equipment: No Warning.
43. Delay of Game: No Warning.
44. Substitution Infraction: No Warning.
45. Encroachment, Dead Ball: No Warning. First - Five (5) yard penalty second and subsequent occurrence from line of scrimmage.
46. False Start, Dead Ball: No Warning. First - Five (5) yard penalty second and subsequent occurrence from line of scrimmage.
47. Unsportsmanlike Conduct five- (5) yard penalty first offense, second offense results in an ejection from the game and suspension from the next game. Any subsequent offense results in the player suspension for the remainder of the season.
48. Tripping: from point of infraction.
49. Illegal Contact: No Warning. First - Five (5) yard second and subsequent occurrence from point of infraction.
50. Flag Guarding: No Warning. First - Five (5) yards each subsequent occurrence from point of infraction.
51. Safety – In the event a safety occurs. There are NO points awarded. The ball is turned over to the opponent.

### **C. END OF YEAR TOURNAMENTS**

1. Rules pertaining to scoring can be amended for end of year tournaments. The scoring amendments must be agreed to by all participating organizations in writing and must be on file with the Conference Secretary.
2. If trophies or awards are given they must include all teams participating to include cheerleaders.

## D. RULE ENFORCEMENT

Organizational field officials shall be responsible for enforcing the following rules:

1. Each organization shall be given field passes as needed. Up to eight (8) field passes per football team and five (5) field passes per cheerleading squad. Ten (10) additional passes per organization may be given for the use of organizational official. A total of eight (8) persons with appropriate field passes shall be allowed on the sideline during a SYFC game. These eight passes do not include the red President's pass, or whomever coverage deemed by the President of the organization in the absence of the President. Organizational passes are not for the purpose of coaching, assisting, or other game related functions except as deemed necessary by the SYFC President.
2. Coaches and players are confined to the area as defined in the high school rulebook.
3. Unauthorized person or persons without appropriate passes will not be permitted along the sidelines or within the coaches/player's area.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and/or players will not be tolerated. Each organization will be held responsible for the conduct of its own fans.
5. Intimidation or taunting by a team at SYFC games is not permitted. This includes, for example, practices such as running or walking a team in front of the other teams' bench prior to game time. Teams and coaches should observe rules of good sportsmanship. Guilty finding may result in a fine or penalty as decided by the RULES & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.
6. Falsifying any documents submitted to or pertaining to SYFC will be deemed a violation and result in a fine or penalty as determined by the RULES & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. All knowledgeable parties involved in falsifying documents will be expelled from the SYFC.
7. Each member organization shall be given one (1) additional field pass for Varsity and one (1) additional field pass for Junior Varsity to be designated as an organizational FILM pass and one (1) additional field pass to be a SIDELINE PHOTO pass. The FILM pass is to be used for advanced scout filming. These passes shall be a different color than all other SYFC passes.
8. Each organization will process background checks for ALL persons requesting or requiring a field pass. Any applicant with any convictions involving sexual offender or sexual predator related charges will not be issued a field pass and will not be eligible to participate within the Suncoast Youth Football Conference. This rule will be changed to satisfy any local law or ordinance if local laws or ordinances require such change.

## E. PLAYING RULE VARIATIONS

The exception to the NATIONAL FEDERATION HIGH SCHOOL RULES is made to ensure the safest possible conditions of play for players in the SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE.

### 1. PLAYING TIME – QUARTERS:

- Flyweight Division ..... 8 minutes
- Mighty Mite Division..... 8 minutes
- Pee Wee Division ..... 9 minutes
- Midget Division ..... 10 minutes

### 2. PLAYING TIME – HALVES:

- Flag Division (running clock ..... 20 minutes

### 3. SCORING OF POINTS:

- Touchdown ..... 6 points
- Point after touchdown (kicked)..... 2 Points



- Point after touchdown (other) .....1 point
  - Safety ..... 2 points
  - Field Goal ..... 3 points
4. **BALL:** Official Football shall be made of good grade leather, tan in color. Ball striping will be according to HIGH SCHOOL RULES. Length (long axis 10.5” by 11”), Circumference (long axis 19.5” by 20”), Weight (13-14 ounces) and Air Pressure (between 12.5-13.5 lbs.). Listed below are the balls approved for each division:
    - Flag Wilson K 2 (or approved equivalent)
    - Flyweights: Wilson K 2 (or approved equivalent)
    - Mighty Mites and Pee Wee: Wilson TDJ (or approved equivalent)
    - Midgets: Wilson TDY (or approved equivalent)
  5. **PLAYING FIELD:** The playing field for Varsity and Junior Varsity games will be a regulation-size high school field and meet specifications as defined by the HIGH SCHOOL RULE BOOK.
  6. **PLAYING FIELD – FLAG:** The playing field shall be forty (40) yards long and forty (40) yards wide. The field shall be divided into ten (10) yard zones marked by lines or cones. The end zones shall be ten (10) yards deep.
  7. **TIE GAMES:** A tie game will be counted as one-half win and one-half loss in the SYFC standing. There will be NO tie games in playoffs. Tied games will be conducted as specified by the scheduling committee, in its recommendations, to determine a winner.
  8. **GAME JERSEY:** Team colors – selections of organization colors shall be based on seniority of color. Any change of colors shall be based on seniority of color. Any change of team colors must have SYFC approval. All VARSITY teams in each respective organization shall use the same colors.
    - a. No duplicate numbers are permitted on the team.
    - b. HIGH SCHOOL RULES apply to numbering system.
  9. **WATER ATTENDANTS:** A maximum of 2 and must be league age.
  10. **WARM-UPS:** During half time may take place on the playing field between the 20-yard line and the end zone and be limited to field goal practice only.
  11. **RUNNING CLOCK:** Any time during the game a team is thirty points ahead; there will be a running clock the rest of the game. This also applies to play-offs.

**F. HOME (HOST) TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. All organizations hosting the SYFC Football Championships and Cheerleading Competition must submit a completed contract, no later than 90 days prior to the schedule date of the event. Also a basic list of menu items with prices and a detailed map with the following items marked:
  - a. Spectator parking
  - b. Spectator seating
  - c. SYFC parking
  - d. Referee parking
  - e. Judges parking for cheer competition
  - f. Concession stands 1/football 1/cheer competition
  - g. Cooking areas 1/football 1/cheer competition
  - h. Bathrooms
  - i. Port-o-lets for cheer competition
  - j. Football warm up areas (lights for evening games)

***\*Subject to review and final approval by the SYFC President***

2. The home (host) team shall have a responsible person in charge present at their field at all times. This person may not be a coach on the field. The home (host) team shall post at the concession stand the names of a minimum of five people in charge: two of these must be the Athletic Director and the Cheerleading Coordinator. The visiting organization shall provide a name at the concession stand of a person in charge who is to be present at all times while their organization is participating. The home (host) team shall provide a safe environment around their field for their own and for visiting teams and spectators.
3. The host organization shall be responsible for supplying the game ball in good condition for all games.
4. The home (host) team shall provide a field properly lines off and cleaned of all dangerous obstruction.
5. The home (host) team must provide down and yard markers on the field and the visiting team will provide someone capable of operating same.
6. The home (host) team will be responsible through the SYFC for obtaining game officials. It is desired that there be four (4) qualified and experienced State Registered Officials for all games except Varsity Peewees and Varsity Midgets, five will be required. However, if unavoidable, a game may proceed with three (3) officials. Additionally, one (1) State Registered Timekeeper shall be provided for all games.
7. For JV games, four (4) State Registered Officials will be provided. However, if unavoidable, a game may proceed with three officials.
8. The home (host) team will be responsible for providing at least one uniformed policemen for protection.
  - a. The police are only required for the last two (2) Varsity games.
  - b. A uniformed policeman is a policeman from any city, county, or state governmental agency with lawful arrest powers within the jurisdiction in which the game is played.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** It is recommended that when you secure police protections that they be advised as to the nature of their duties and recommend that they bring some method of communications with them. It is recommended that the home team provide ambulatory service, if possible, and the presence of a physician and/or medically trained person (i.e. a nurse, paramedic, etc.).

9. The home (host) team shall provide serviceable and well-lighted restroom facilities.
10. Failure to comply with home (host) team responsibilities shall result in a fine or other penalties as determined by the RULES & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.
11. The home team is responsible for making sure that their announcer plays no music while the game clock is running.
12. The host team will call in, text or email the scores of all Flag, JV, and Varsity games played at their site to the SYFC office no later than 12:00 P.M. the day following the games.
13. Home (host) sideline will be the press box/home bleacher side of the field. To be designated by the SYFC prior to the Kickoff classic for all SYFC playing sites.

14. The home (host) team shall provide two (2) SYFC approved scout film locations for the opposing teams for the next scheduled game (usually the press box).

#### **G. VISITING TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The visiting team will provide a chain crew for each game consisting of 3 persons with the minimum age of 16.
2. For all SYFC playoff games, an SYFC badged coach or board member are required for the all chain crew.
3. A visiting team may have up to 2 tents in the vicinity of their sideline for badged Board members and their child/children, provided they are not disruptive to the field of play.

### **FOOTBALL**

#### **I. TEAM REQUIREMENTS**

##### **A. TEAM COMPOSITION**

1. Each Varsity team shall have a maximum of 30 and a minimum of 18 players on its active roster.
2. Junior Varsity teams shall have a maximum of 35 and a minimum of 17 players on its active roster.
3. Flag teams shall have a maximum of 20 and a minimum of 7 players on its active roster.
4. It is mandatory that all persons who receive a field pass for coaching or any other purpose **MUST** attend a clinic/training sponsored by the SYFC as determined by the SYFC. Coaching passes will be issued accordingly. All SYFC coaching passes **MUST** be worn while their prospective team is on the playing field. Coaches will be removed if passes are not visible or if the pass is not for the correct team.

##### **B. TEAM ROSTER**

1. Each Team shall submit a complete initial roster of CERTIFIED (See Certification System) players and coaches on forms provided by or format approved by the SYFC showing the full name, birth date and a unique identification number assigned by SYFC for each member of the team.
  - a. The names and phone numbers of the entire coaching staff shall be submitted **on the initial rosters**.
  - b. The INITIAL ROSTER shall be verified and signed by the Head Coach of that team or the President of the organization and submitted to the SYFC by 8 P.M. on the Saturday prior to the Kick-off Classic.
  - c. There will be no additions or deletions to any team roster for week one except those necessary to rebalance due to play down requirements.
  - d. Additions and deletions to a team roster must be submitted to the SYFC on the proper forms **on** the day or days specified by the Executive Board and prior to the players participating in a SYFC game.
  - e. Any player/cheerleader listed on a SYFC Team roster must play for that organizational league and no other. **Organizational League is defined as any organized football/cheerleading league other than the SYFC.** Each organization shall maintain proof of birth for all players/cheerleaders listed on the current year's official team rosters for satisfying any challenges by opposing coaches.

**Note:** This rule is intended prevent any football/cheerleader from participating in more than one **league** at the same time. (I.e. SYFC & Pop Warner, etc.)

- f. All teams shall make available two (2) rosters prior to weigh-in, one for the opposing weigh master and one for the press box.
2. No organization shall add to a team roster a player, cheerleader, or coach who was listed on another organizations initial roster or added to a roster. Once a player, cheerleader or coach signs up and is listed on the initial roster or added to a roster of an organization, he/she must stay with that organization for the remainder of that season. The presidents of each effected organization must agree to the exception of this rule. Written notification of agreement between the effected organizations' president must be sent to the SYFC President and SYFC secretary. Notice may be email.
3. No team player shall be moved up or down after the fifth week of regular season.
4. The rosters of the VARSITY teams and the specified number of JUNIOR VARSITY and FLAG TEAMS (as defined within the functional makeup) within each division qualifying for playoff competition will be turned in the first Sunday after the end of regular season play for review and recertification by a committee with a minimum of three (3) members appointed by the SYFC President. Teams failing recertification at this meeting will be disqualified. All remaining player rosters will be returned to SYFC at this time.
5. Failure to comply with initial roster turn-in procedures shall result in forfeiture of all organizational games played and placement of the entire organization in bad standing until such time as this regulation is complied with.
6. All player/cheerleader (weigh-in/check-in) deletions shall remain with the host organization at all times.
7. Failure to comply with this section, TEAM REQUIREMENTS, shall result in fines or penalties as determined by the Rules & Grievance Committee.
8. Special team rosters are used for organizational purposes at sanctioned events including Kickoff classic, Schedule Games, Cheerleading Competition, Playoff Games and All Star Competitions and are restricted to use of certified players and coaches. (Exception: Team mother/father may be listed.)
9. No player/cheerleader may be moved up more than one level from their assigned/basic age group.
10. All organizations must submit a team roster for each team of certified (See Certification System) players and coaches on forms provided or format approved by the SYFC showing the full name and birth date for each member of the team. This roster should be provided to the SYFC prior to the start of week 6. This roster will be used to verify player/team eligibility during the playoff and championship games.  
Any player added after week 5 (through verification of roster and weigh-in book) will not be eligible to play during playoff and championship games.

The submitted roster will be used to validate teams (comparison) to each team's official online roster during each weigh-in. Any player that does not match up with the submitted roster is not eligible to play in the playoffs and/or championship games.

11. Championship Game: All players will be checked in by an SYFC official at weigh-ins for their respective divisions and again prior to going on the field to play the championship game.

### **C. TEAM ROSTER: JUNIOR VARSITY**

1. Team roster regulations and penalties are the same as the VARSITY teams.
2. EXCEPTION: Organizations having a sufficient number of players to form more than one JUNIOR VARSITY team in each weight division will use a draft system to assign players to their teams. The draft system will be by age to ensure that each JUNIOR VARSITY team, as appropriate, has as nearly equal number of players by age group as possible. Both age group and team total must be within 1 to balance.
3. ADDITIONS: Shall be determined as follows:
  - a. By the number of players on the teams/ by age
  - b. By random selections
4. No VARSITY team player actively playing shall be added to a JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM (in the same weight division) roster after the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) week of regular season play.

### **D. TEAM ROSTER: FLAG**

1. Team roster regulations and penalties are the same as the VARSITY, JUNIOR VARSITY and Flag teams.
2. Exception: Organizations having a sufficient number of players to form more than one FLAG team will use a draft system to assign players to their teams. The draft system will be by age to ensure that each FLAG team, as appropriate has as nearly equal number of players by age group as possible. Both age group and team total must be within 1 to balance.
3. Additions: Shall be determined as follows:
  - a. By number of players on the teams by age
  - b. By random selections

## **II. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

### **A. AGES:**

1. MIDGET DIVISION: A player must be born between August 31, 2004 and September 1, 2005 to be eligible to play in this division. (league age 13-14)
2. PEE WEE DIVISION: A player must be born between August 31, 2006 and September 1, 2007 to be eligible to play in this division. (league age 11-12)
3. MIGHTY MITE DIVISION: A player must be born between August 31, 2008 and September 1, 2009 to be eligible to play in this division. (league age 9-10)
4. FLYWEIGHT DIVISION: A player must be born between August 31, 2010 and September 1, 2011 to be eligible to play in this division. (league ages 7-8)
5. FLAG DIVISION: A player/cheerleader must be born between August 31, 2012 and September 1, 2014 to be eligible for this division. (league ages 4-6)

***\*\* Children that will be 7 by end of the calendar year @ parent's discretion***

### **B. PLAYER IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM:**

1. The player identification system shall consist of:
  - a. A RECENT COLOR photograph of each player clearly showing the facial features. Pictures must be uploaded online and meet proper 'visual' requirements.
  - b. PROOF OF BIRTH – Copy or original of BIRTH CERTIFICATE ONLY shall be accepted as proof of birth. Birth certificate shall be defined as Certificate of Birth from a Hospital, State or Government Agency. The Birth Certificate MUST contain the full name of the parent(s) on the birth

certificate. Exceptions shall only be approved upon a majority vote of the EXECUTIVE BOARD, and their decision shall be final and binding. The SYFC President or his designated representative has the right to examine proof of age at any time.

- c. New midget players must submit an original birth certificate at the time of registration. The organizational registrar will review the original birth certificate and initial the copy submitted to the SYFC.
- d. Proof of legal guardianship, if other than parent.
- e. ID with pictures attached.
- f. Assumption of Risk and Parental Conduct Agreement.

**C. CERTIFICATION SYSTEM:**

1. The certification system for new participants shall consist of:  
Verification and certification by the SYFC of the approved Registration forms, including SYFC Online System - issued number, date of birth, by established means (i.e. Birth Certificate), appropriate legal guardian signature, assumption of risk/parental conduct agreement, proper witnesses, player picture (color) uploaded and all other forms deemed necessary by SYFC.
  - a. Additions shall be completed before a player is eligible to participate.
  - b. "CERTIFIED" player must meet all guidelines herein and are the only players approved to be listed on the initial roster.
  - c. No certifications will be done after the 5<sup>th</sup> week of the season.

**D. WEIGHTS AND WEIGH-INS:**

Before a weigh-in can be conducted, a printed roster containing player information must be presented to the opposing weigh master. Weigh-in rosters shall be submitted in a legible and orderly manner. Jersey numbers shall be listed in the weigh-ins rosters in numerical sequence. These weigh-in roster forms are provided by the online SYFC system. The WEIGHMASTER will use the printed roster from Online System as the OFFICIAL ROSTER for the weigh-ins. He or she will validate the roster via scan system in the appropriate places for each player's approval or disapproval, immediately following the players' weigh-in. If a player is not listed on roster for validation - the player is considered to be ineligible for play, regardless of weight compliance. The opposing weigh master for that game shall have access to the roster at half time and at the end of the game for the purpose of player identification in an orderly fashion. The team being questioned as to player identification must be notified before the game ends.

*UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY PLAYING TIME BE AFFECTED!*

1. **SCALES** – The SYFC shall affix a CONTROL NUMBER to all scales being certified. The SYFC shall collect all scales to be certified on a date and location set by the SYFC. The SYFC shall handle the scale certification process and notify each organization as to the cost and pick-up site. No organization shall have their scales certified except through the SYFC. MEDICAL DIGITAL SCALES are the only type of scale to be used for weigh-ins.
2. **PRE-WEIGH-INS** - There will be NO "PRE-WEIGH-INS" permitted for any reason by any player or team.
3. **WEIGH-INS** – ONE (1) official weigh-in will be conducted on the day of the game any time after three (3) hours before the scheduled game time, but no later than ½ hour (30 minutes) before the scheduled game time. **If the team**

**does not weigh-in within the ½ hour (30 minutes) before scheduled game time, the Head Coach of that team shall be suspended from participation for that game.** This will serve in the same capacity as an ejection with the same sanctions imposed if the Head Coach was ejected. The ejection will apply if the Head Coach is not present and will be imposed for the next scheduled game. Every player with his/her jersey shall be weighed prior to game time of each VARSITY GAME and must not exceed to any degree the applicable weight limit. Scales must be set at the prescribed weight limit and each player shall be weighed subject to that limit. NO allowance shall be made for equipment or clothing. A player may strip his clothing **ONCE** to the extent necessary to make the weight limit, however, undergarments **MUST** remain on. NO EXCEPTIONS! Weigh-ins are to be conducted by weigh masters appointed by each organization. Any player unable to comply with the maximum weight requirement will be ineligible for that game and will be so informed by the weigh master. Once a player has been identified as being overweight, HIS/HER COACH is responsible to ensure that the player does not participate in that game. Any Varsity player not participating in THE TEAM weigh-in cannot play in that day's game.

A weigh master shall be any coach or person deemed weigh master by an organization. A weigh master **MUST** be available.

#### **4. JUNIOR VARSITY WEIGH-INS**

Junior Varsity Weigh-ins will be conducted in the same manner as the VARSITY teams except for the time. A weigh master must be available so that teams can have one (1) official weigh-in any time after two (2) hours before their scheduled game time, except for the 8 AM game where weigh-ins will be one hour, and not later than 30 minutes before their scheduled game time. **If the team does not weigh-in within the ½ hour (30 minutes) before scheduled game time, the Head Coach of that team shall be suspended from participation for that game.** This will serve in the same capacity as an ejection with the same sanctions imposed if the Head Coach was ejected. The ejection will apply if the Head Coach is not present and will be imposed for the next scheduled game. Every player with his/her jersey shall be weighed prior to game time of each JUNIOR VARSITY GAME and must not exceed to any degree the applicable weight limit. Scales must be set at the prescribed weight limit and each player shall be weighed subject to that limit. No allowance shall be made for equipment or clothing. A player may strip his clothing **ONCE** to the extent necessary to make the weight limit, however, undergarments **MUST** remain on. NO EXCEPTIONS! Weigh-ins is to be conducted by weigh masters appointed by each organization. Any player unable to comply with the maximum weight requirement will be ineligible for that game and will be so informed by the weigh master. Once a player has been identified as being overweight, HIS/HER COACH is responsible to ensure that the player does not participate in that game. Any Junior Varsity player not participating in THE TEAM weigh-in cannot play in that day's game.

A weigh master shall be any coach or person deemed weigh master by an organization. A weigh master **MUST** be available.

#### **5. CHECK IN - JERSEY ORDER**

Players are to line up for team weigh-in in jersey number order. Any player with more than one jersey number will line up according to the lowest number

assigned and present the jersey with the alternate number. A late player MAY participate in the weigh-in if he/she arrives PRIOR to the completion of the weigh-in of HIS/HER team.

**6. ARTIFICIAL WEIGHT LOSS**

Weight loss of players may be obtained only by normal physical conditioning. Use of artificial means to obtain weight loss by any player is prohibited unless specifically prescribed in writing by a licensed physician for reasons of health. Any COACH or other SUPERVISION advising or condoning the use of artificial means to obtain weight loss will be DISMISSED as an SYFC coach or supervisor. The player WILL BE declared ineligible and DISMISSED from that team and all other teams with the SYFC for the remainder of the season AND the team will be required to forfeit any and all games in which the player has participated. When a coach suspects or knows that a player has or is – on his own- or at the direction of his parents- using artificial means to obtain or maintain weight loss, it shall be the responsibility of that coach to take immediate positive action to have the player discontinue such practices. Methods which are considered to be artificial means of weight loss include, but are not limited to the following: Sweat boxes (steam or sauna baths,); use of heated cars; water pills; excessive dieting (players are expected to be able to eat two or three balanced meals each day); running in rubber or plastic suits or similar clothing; excessive physical exercising; diet or appetite suppressant pills, etc.

**7. MAXIMUM WEIGHTS**

| <b>Weeks</b>      | <b>Flyweight</b> | <b>Mighty Mite</b> | <b>Pee Wee</b> | <b>Midget</b> |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Season Week 1     | 105              | 125                | 150            | UNL           |
| Season Week 2&3   | 106              | 126                | 151            | UNL           |
| Season Week 4&5   | 107              | 127                | 152            | UNL           |
| Season Week 6&7   | 108              | 128                | 153            | UNL           |
| Season Week 8&9   | 109              | 129                | 154            | UNL           |
| Season Week 10&11 | 110              | 130                | 155            | UNL           |

\*PLAY-OFFS: All players who weigh-in at/or below the requisite weight for week 11, will weigh-in for subsequent games at Season week 11 weight, plus an additional five (5) pounds. (Week 10 if Week 11 is bye week)

**E. PHYSICAL CONDITION:**

1. A player/cheerleader/mascot must achieve and sustain sound physical conditioning.
2. In the event of an injury requiring a physician’s treatment, written approval of the physician must be obtained prior to the player’s/cheerleaders/mascot’s/ drill team member’s return.

**III. PLAYING SEASON**

**A. CONDITIONING & TRYOUT:**

1. It is all right to practice plays and perfect timing during the first week of practice; however, NO CONTACT may begin until the first Thursday of practice. The main emphasis during the first week should be on conditioning and developing skills. During this period every effort should be made to assess and develop the talents of the youngsters “trying out” for the team.
2. NO PADS/EQUIPMENT (EXCLUDING HELMET) DURING THE FIRST 3 DAYS OF PRACTICE. NO BODY- TO – BODY CONTACT PRACTICE MAY



BE HELD PRIOR TO THE FIRST THURSDAY OF PRACTICE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

#### **IV. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

##### **A. OFFICIAL EQUIPMENT:**

There is no official SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE equipment. The SYFC does recommend that every effort be made by local authorities to purchase quality protective equipment. All equipment must be specifically manufactured for contact purposes. Each organization shall be responsible for the quality of its own equipment.

##### **B. MANDATORY EQUIPMENT:**

Each player must have the mandatory equipment listed in the NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS RULE BOOK.

##### **C. ILLEGAL EQUIPMENT:**

Any type of court ordered ankle monitoring system, device etc. may not be worn during any and all SYFC scheduled events by a badged or certified member of the SYFC.

##### **EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Football Jersey with numbers of at least 6 inches high displayed on front and back.
2. Shoes must meet specifications as per High School Rulebook.
3. No jewelry shall be worn by football players, including piercing of any type. Exceptions would be medical or religious reasons.

**NOTE:** Any player not having mandatory equipment listed or illegal equipment shall be reported to game officials. NO GAME PROTEST WILL BE ALLOWED FOR EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS.

##### **D. UNIFORMS:**

1. Teams are to only wear their conference approved colors as defined within the SYFC by-laws (with the exception of white, black or gray). Exceptions may be made for specific reasons or requirements.(Ex: Color conflict with other teams; such as JV teams playing same organization and one is required to wear different primary color).
2. PRIOR approval must be made by the SYFC President and the SYFC President must notify the opposing team(s) prior to the game(s) affected. If the SYFC President is unavailable, then approval will be made by the SYFC First Vice President.
3. Any team violating this provision shall be suspended for the next scheduled regular season or playoff game and a forfeit will be entered into the standings.
4. Prior to every season each member organization must submit a full color mockup of their upcoming season's game jersey for approval from the SYFC president.
5. Breast cancer awareness month, only pink accessories can be added. No new uniforms.

**Accessories defined as:** Pink shoelaces, pink helmet stripes, pink undershirts, pink shoes, pink socks, pink shorts, pink tee shirts, and pink wrist bands

## **CHEERLEADERS**

Cheerleaders, coaches and instructors are subject to the rules and regulations of the SYFC and the following:

### **I. TEAM REQUIREMENTS**

#### **A. TEAM COMPOSITION:**

1. Any organization must have as many **VARSITY** cheerleading squads as respective football teams in the SYFC.
2. Each VARSITY team shall have a maximum of 20 and a minimum of 5 cheerleaders on its active roster.
3. Junior Varsity teams shall have a maximum of 20 and a minimum of 3 cheerleaders on its active roster.
4. Each Flag team shall have a maximum of 20 and a minimum of 3 cheerleaders on its active roster.
5. A maximum of two (2) mascots per team is permitted as long as they are less than minimum age of Flyweights and must be flag age. (Tackle teams only)

#### **B. TEAM ROSTER:**

1. Each Team shall submit a complete initial roster of CERTIFIED (See Certification System) players and coaches on forms provided by or format approved by the SYFC showing the full name, birth date and a unique identification number assigned by SYFC for each member of the team.
  - a. The names and phone numbers of the entire coaching staff shall be submitted **on the initial rosters**.
  - b. The INITIAL ROSTER shall be verified and signed by the Head Coach of that team, the Cheerleader Coordinator or the organization president and submitted to the SYFC by 8 P.M. on the Saturday prior to the Kickoff classic.
2. There will be no additions or deletions to any team roster for week one.
  - a. Additions and deletions to a team roster must be submitted to the SYFC on the proper forms **on** the day or days specified by the Executive Board and prior to the players participating in a SYFC game.
  - b. Any player/cheerleader listed on a SYFC Team roster must play for that organizational team and no other. Each organization shall maintain proof of birth for all players/cheerleaders listed on the current year's official team rosters for satisfying any challenges by opposing coaches.
  - c. All teams shall make available two (2) rosters prior to check-in, one for the opposing team and one for the press box.
3. No organization shall add to a team roster a player, cheerleader, or coach who was listed on another organizations initial roster. Once a player, cheerleader or coach signs up and is listed on the initial roster of an organization, he/she must stay with that organization for the remainder of that season. The presidents of each effected organization must agree to the exception of this rule. Written notification of agreement between the effected organizations' President must be sent to the SYFC President and SYFC Secretary. Notice may be by email.
4. A cheerleader may be moved up in accordance with the following list: Junior Varsity to Varsity of the same division (example: JVMM to VMM) or any of the older age of each division up one level:

8 year old FW to MM  
10 year old MM to PW  
12 year old PW to Midget

5. No team player shall be moved up or down after the fifth week of regular season.
6. The rosters of all cheerleading teams within each division will be turned in the first Sunday after the end of regular season play for review and recertification by a committee with a minimum of three (3) members appointed by the SYFC President. Teams failing recertification at this meeting will be disqualified. All remaining player rosters will be returned to SYFC at this time.
7. All player/cheerleader (weigh-in/check-in) deletions shall remain with the host organization at all times.
8. Failure to comply with this section, TEAM REQUIREMENTS, shall result in fines or penalties as determined by the Rules & Grievance Committee.
9. Special team rosters are used for organizational purposes at sanctioned events including Kickoff classic, Schedule Games, Cheerleading Competition, Playoff Games and All Star Competitions and are restricted to use of certified players and coaches. (Exception: Team mother/father may be listed.)

**C. TEAM ROSTER- JUNIOR VARSITY:**

1. Team roster regulations and penalties are the same as the VARSITY teams.
2. EXCEPTION: Organizations having a sufficient number of players to form more than one JUNIOR VARSITY team in each weight division will use a draft system to assign players to their teams. The draft system will be by age to ensure that each JUNIOR VARSITY team, as appropriate, has as nearly equal number of players by age group as possible. Both age group and team total must be within 1 to balance.
3. ADDITIONS: Shall be determined as follows:
  - a. By the number of players on the teams/ by age
  - b. By random selections

**D. TEAM ROSTER – FLAG:**

1. Team roster regulations and penalties are the same as the VARSITY and JUNIOR VARSITY teams.
2. EXCEPTION: Organizations having a sufficient number of players to form more than one FLAG team will use a draft system to assign cheerleaders to their teams. The draft system will be by age to ensure that each FLAG team, as appropriate, has a nearly equal number of cheerleaders by age group as possible. Both age group and team total must be within 1 to balance.
3. ADDITIONS: Shall be determined as follows:
  - a. By the number of cheerleaders on the teams/by age
  - b. By random selections

**E. CHECK IN:**

1. Cheerleader squad check-in time will be conducted between thirty (30) minutes before, and no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to game time. All cheerleaders shall be in full uniform, except when a prior agreement has been made.
2. Cheerleading squads are required to appear and perform at all regular season games in its entirety (unless an agreement is made between the president or designee). If a cheerleading squad does not appear and perform at a regular season game, in its entirety without extreme circumstance, the organization of that squad will pay a fee to the host organization in the amount of \$250.00 per offense.
3. Failure to have the cheerleader roster available for check-in will be deemed a violation.

4. Any cheerleader not participating in the check-in cannot participate in that day's game, unless approved by the Cheerleading Coordinator or Head Coach of the opposing team.
5. Uniform Agreement – The President/Cheer Coordinator must provide notice no less than 2 days prior to game of any exception to not bring in full uniform on upcoming Game Day. All parties must have agreement in place.

**F. SUPERVISION:**

1. Coordinators, Organizational Board Members, or their designated representative must be at all games, home and/or away.
2. Five instructors or coaches will be allowed on the field during a game.

**II. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

**A. AGES:**

1. MIDGET DIVISION: A player must be born between August 31, 2004 and September 1, 2005 to be eligible to play in this division. (league age 13-14)
2. PEE WEE DIVISION: A player must be born between August 31, 2006 and September 1, 2007 to be eligible to play in this division. (league age 11-12)
3. MIGHTY MITE DIVISION: A player must be born between August 31, 2008 and September 1, 2009 to be eligible to play in this division. (league age 9-10)
4. FLYWEIGHT DIVISION: A player must be born between August 31, 2010 and September 1, 2011 to be eligible to play in this division. (league ages 7-8)
5. FLAG DIVISION: A player/cheerleader must be born between August 31, 2012 and September 1, 2014 to be eligible for this division. (league ages 4-6)

**B. PLAYER IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM:**

1. The player identification system shall consist of:
  - a. A RECENT COLOR photograph – Uploaded online of each player clearly showing the facial features
  - b. PROOF OF BIRTH – Copy or original of BIRTH CERTIFICATE ONLY shall be accepted as proof of birth. Birth certificate shall be defined as Certificate of Birth from a Hospital, State or Government Agency. The Birth Certificate MUST contain the full name of the parent(s) on the birth certificate. Exceptions shall only be approved upon a majority vote of the EXECUTIVE BOARD, and their decision shall be final and binding. The SYFC President or his designated representative has the right to examine proof of age at any time.
  - c. Proof of legal guardianship, if other than parent.
  - d. ID with pictures attached.
  - e. Assumption of Risk/Parental Conduct Agreement.

**C. CERTIFICATION SYSTEM:**

1. The certification system for new participants shall consist of:  
Verification and certification by the SYFC of the approved Registration forms, including social security number or SYFC issued number, date of birth, by established means (i.e. Birth Certificate), appropriate legal guardian signature, assumption of risk/parental conduct agreement, proper witnesses, A RECENT COLOR picture – uploaded online and all other forms deemed necessary by SYFC.
2. The certification system for returning participants shall consist of:
  - a. Verification and certification by the SYFC of the completed Player Picture ID Card with assigned Player ID # and 2 color pictures attached, assumption of risk/parental conduct agreement, and all other forms deemed necessary by SYFC.

- b. All team certifications must be complete in accordance with team roster procedures.
- c. Additions shall be completed before a player is eligible to participate.
- d. "CERTIFIED" player must meet all guidelines herein and are the only players
- e. Approved to be listed on the initial roster.
- f. No certifications will be done after the 5th week of the season.

**D. PHYSICAL CONDITION:**

- 1. A player/cheerleader/mascot must achieve and sustain sound physical conditioning.
- 2. In the event of an injury requiring a physician's treatment, the approval of the physician must be obtained prior to the player's/cheerleader's/mascot's return to participation.

**E. MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS**

- 1. No jewelry shall be worn by any cheerleader, including piercings of any type.
- 2. No clinics and or camps after the start of the official SYFC season.
- 3. All stunts must be performed between the 25-yard lines. No stunts are to be performed between the 25-yard line and the goal line.

**III. CHEER COMPETITION SPECIFICATIONS**

The Presidents of the Suncoast Youth Football Conference have compiled the following competition specifications in the hopes we can provide a safe, effective and fun measure of each organizations cheerleading squads progress for the year.

Competition is only one part of cheerleading; our main function still lies in the interaction between the team on the field and the fans in the stands.

Every participant that has ever put on a uniform and walked onto our competition field has worked extremely hard to get here.

In 1996; Florida high schools recognized cheerleading as a sport and the SYFC has recognized this fact since its inception in 1995.

Please keep in mind that this is meant to be fun. Our emphasis should be placed upon the entire season and not just competition. We encourage coaches to find ways to measure their squads' success weekly.

**A. GENERAL RULES**

- 1. FLAG teams will be comprised of flag age cheerleader league age 4, 5, and 6 years old. The Team will be made up of no more than 20 girls
- 2. Varsity competition shall consist of the following conference divisions:
  - a. Flyweight
  - b. Mighty Mite
  - c. Pee Wee
  - d. Midget
- 3. Junior Varsity competition shall consist of the following conference divisions:
  - a. Flyweight
  - b. Mighty Mite
  - c. Pee Wee
  - d. Midget

4. All participants must be current, up to date squad members. Each cheerleader to be eligible to compete must have cheered for at least 50% of games she was eligible to cheer for. A review of the check in rosters will determine the eligibility. No Mascots will be allowed to participate with a team.
5. Check in rosters will be turned in by each organization at the playoff meeting.
6. Check-in time for flyweight divisions shall start promptly at 8:00am. All Flyweight cheerleaders will enter the gate before any other division and will go directly to the box for a walk thru. Once the Flyweights have entered, the remaining divisions will enter and go to their organization's designated area. All remaining divisions check in time will be as designated by the SYFC presidents at the playoff meeting. Competition start time shall be 9:00am. This is subject to field conditions to be determined by the Executive Board of the SYFC. Check-in time for FLAG teams will be determined by the competition schedule. (Potentially, flag would show up later at the half way mark so they not to have to be there all day long)
7. Divisional schedule will begin with Junior Varsity flyweights then Varsity flyweight squads followed by mighty mites, pee wee, midgets, and break/intermission activities.
8. No changes can be made to these specifications without the SYFC board of Directors approval.
9. Cheerleaders will remain in the designated area from the division check-in until their division is finished and no ties have been determined.
10. Coaches/Instructors may be with the team during line-up, but must go to a designated area during their teams' routine or performance. This area will be set up to the right of the judges.
11. There will be no coaching from the sidelines.
12. Awards shall be given per the SYFC rules. With the exception of the Spirit Award, no additions, "team" awards or special presentations other than those approved by the SYFC Executive Board is allowed. The award will be determined by the SYFC Executive Board member and one (1) judge as defined in #17 of these Cheer Specifications.
13. Spirit Squads shall consist of individuals whom are within the organization and a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophy will be awarded to the winning squad.
14. All cheerleaders, coaches, instructors, fans, etc. are expected to follow the rules regarding conduct and all other rules in accordance with the SYFC rule book.
15. A sound system will be provided but not guaranteed. Be prepared. The coaches will be responsible for the "queuing" and starting of the music.
16. In the event there is a mechanical failure of CD, DVD, or other electronic means or any other error where the music does not play, the team will be given 1 time to re-do their routine at the end of the division rotation. The SYFC will discuss and approve each instance.
17. The SYFC will be responsible for checking the safety of the field.
18. The SYFC will be responsible for supplying qualified spotters, four (4) judges (to include 1 safety judge), score tabulators and (2) time keepers, not affiliated with any organization or the conference for the competitions day with a majority of the cheerleader coordinators and SYFC approval.
19. There will be no practice of any kind during the "pre-competition" walk through.

## **B. TIME**

1. A total of 2 timers and 2 people will be used to keep record of time.

2. Time for the entire routine (including dance) should not exceed three (3) minutes. Two (2) timers and two (2) people will be used to measure this time period. Should a discrepancy occur between the two timers, the total time will be added, and then averaged for the exact time of the routine.
3. All members of the squad must be in the box before the timing begins. Timing will begin upon first word, movement or music, after announcement of the team name followed by "in Competition". This will take place after the team competing is staged.
4. If a squad exceeds the time limit for routine, 1 point per judge will be deducted from the total score (4 pt. per occurrence).
5. Time will stop with the last motion or when the music stops.
6. Routine time will be recorded directly on the score sheet where provided.

### **C. ROUTINE**

1. The routine should have as many cheers, jumps and chants as can be worked into the allotted time comfortably.
2. The routine must have one squad jump. (The deduction judge is to note on the score sheet where indicated that the team has fulfilled this requirement) Failure to comply will result in a 10 point deduction.
3. The routine must have one cheer and one chant without music. (The deduction judge is to note on the score sheet where indicated that the team has fulfilled this requirement. **Failure to comply will result in a 10 pt. deduction.**)
4. Routines are viewed by audiences of all ages. Vulgar or suggestive music or material is restricted and will result in a 1 point deduction for each incident. Vulgar or suggestive material is defined as any or movement or choreography implying something improper or indecent, offensive or sexual in content, and/or relaying lewd or profane gestures, implications or lyrics. Vulgarity will be determined at the discretion of the judges.
5. The only partner stunts, pyramids, jumps, tumbling and gymnastics not permitted are those which are listed as illegal in the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) Spirit Rules book. Each coach or instructor should have a copy of this book.

### **D. PROPS**

1. Props may include the following:
  - a. Pom poms
  - b. Megaphones
  - c. Signs as defined herein
2. NO SPIRIT BEARS, DOLLS, ETC... ALLOWED
3. Signs, banners, boxes, etc., may be used if each is small enough to be carried on and off the field or station safely by one squad member. Signs may not have framework or other detachable supports made of any material foreign to, separate from, or other than the actual plain, flat material used to convey the intended message or part thereof.
4. Props may not be attached to any part of the uniform.
5. (Any team with illegal props/banners/signs will receive a 20 point deduction.)
6. No glitter, face painting, nail polish, long nails or MAKE UP of any kind may be worn at competition by any squad member. ONLY SKIN TONED FOUNDATION/COVER-UP AND EYE LINER CAN BE WORN, Failure to comply will result in a 10 point deduction.

7. No jewelry can be worn unless specifically approved in the High School Rule book and properly taped to the body. Failure to comply will result in a 20 point deduction.

**NOTE: HAIR ACCESSORIES SHALL HAVE NO GLITTER, OR ANY OTHER DETACHABLE MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT APPROVED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL RULE BOOK.**

#### **E. STATION, ENTRANCE, EXIT**

1. Competition shall take place wherever the SYFC pre-schedules the event.
2. The size of the station/box shall be 54 feet wide by 42 feet deep and will be denoted by cones and if possible outlined by field paint. Deductions for stepping outside of the station/box will result in a 1 point deduction per occurrence.
3. Cheer squads will be placed on deck prior to their turn and will be moved into box by the designated representative. All routines will start from within the box so there will be no walking into the box to start a routine. Also, it will not matter if the team is brought into the box from the back or the side all teams will set up inside before the routine begins.
4. Before or after performance cheer squads will proceed with cheer coordinator or organization representative of that squad to the Conference tent for official check-in by SYFC officials. The cheer coordinator or organization representative of that squad will not interfere with the check-in process/ONLY to assist the process.

### **VIOLATIONS AND PROTESTS**

#### **I. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THESE RULES**

- A. GENERAL: There exists an understanding by all Member Organizations that these Rules and Regulations and By-Laws are for the benefit and interests of all the youths participating in this program and that adherence to these rules provides the best possible methods to insure a safe and enjoyable experience for them. Willful violation(s) can only mean that the youth's best interests are not being considered and therefore the assessed penalties can be expected to be very severe in nature.
- B. PENALTIES: All SYFC members understand and acknowledge that the Suncoast Youth Football Conference, its Officers and Board of Directors, also known as the Rules and Grievance Committee, have the ultimate right to make and enforce the Suncoast Youth Football Conference bylaws, rules and regulations. The Suncoast Youth Football Conference, its Officers and Board of Directors require that its members refrain from conduct injurious to the SYFC or its purposes. Any member organization found to be in violation of these principles can be placed in a finding of Bad Standing with the SYFC as a whole. Jurisdiction, enforcement powers, and interpretations of the SYFC by-laws, rules and regulations will be the sole responsibility of the Suncoast Youth Football Conference Board of Directors, also known as the Rules and Grievance Committee. PENALTIES prescribed by the Board may include but not be limited to the following:
  1. Infractions of the SYFC rules and regulations.
  2. Infractions of the SYFC by-laws.
  3. Conduct deemed detrimental to the best interest of the SYFC.
    - a. Fines not to exceed \$500.00 per violation.
    - b. Game and/or practice suspension.
    - c. Individual and/or team suspension.
    - d. Probationary status – Specify length and terms of probationary period.



- e. Season suspension.
  - f. Playoff/Competition sanctions.
  - g. Revocation of Organization's good standing status.
  - h. Expulsion from the Suncoast Youth Football Conference.
- C. BAD STANDING:** A member organization will be considered to be in bad standing if all the requirements for membership in good standing are not met. Members in bad standing lose all membership privileges accorded to active Suncoast Youth Football Conference organizational members to include, but not limited to, voting privileges, right to hold office and possible further disciplinary action.

**Note:** An organization can be placed on probation without being in bad standing.

- D. PROBATIONARY STATUS:** A member organization found to be placed on probation will be known as a member organization in Bad Standing. A member organization may be placed on probation by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors, also known as the Rules and Grievance Committee.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** It is recommended that violating party (individuals) be penalized, punished or sanctioned and that affiliated faultless member organizations will not be jeopardized by the individual's actions.

## II. PLAYING SEASON PENALTIES

- A. Any coach or player ejected from a game by an official for a violation and reported to the SYFC by the Officials Association shall be suspended for at least one (1) game for the first offense. A season suspension shall be applicable for the second offense and the offenders must appear before the SYFC Board of Directors prior to further participation in the SYFC.
- B. Any coach or player who causes a game to be terminated for other than normal reasons and reported to the SYFC by the Officials Association shall be suspended for at least one (1) game for the first offense. A season suspension shall be applicable for the second offense and the offenders must appear before the SYFC Board of Directors prior to further participation in the SYFC.
- C. Any player or coach ejected from a SYFC game shall be reported to the SYFC office by his Head Coach and/or his organization on a form provided by the SYFC. This form with the player(s) information and/or coach(s) pass must be submitted to the SYFC office no later than Tuesday following the game. Failure to do so will result in a one-week suspension of the head coach for the first offense. A season suspension shall be applicable for the second offense and the offenders must appear before the SYFC Board of Directors prior to participation in the SYFC.
- D. Any player or coach ejected from a SYFC game or sanctioned function shall leave the premises, playing site or competition site. The player or coach will also be suspended for at least their next game.
  - 1. Coaches or players will leave the site the day of the ejection and cannot return to their next week's game site at all. They are also suspended from all SYFC activities for the time designated. This suspension includes practices, games and all SYFC function.
  - 2. Should a player not have an adult at the site or a way to get home safely, then they will be turned over to the organization's rep at the site to remove them or hold them away from everyone till they can be released to the coach and then removed.

## III. PROTESTS

- A. All protests and/or unresolved disputes related to these principles, Rules and Regulations or rule violations will be determined pursuant to the By-Laws of the SYFC.
- B. The RULES & GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE of the SUNCOAST YOUTH FOOTBALL CONFERENCE will have complete jurisdiction over protests involving rules and interpretation and player eligibility. Their findings and recommendations will be referred to the Board and their decision will be final and binding. Under NO circumstances shall an official's judgment be protested.
- C. Protests shall be submitted no later than Saturday following the game under protest. Copies of the protest must be submitted to the PRESIDENT of the SYFC. The SYFC will review the protest and forward to all presidents of member organizations. A protest fee of \$50.00 per protest (one violation per protest) will be required as a bond. If the protest fails, the bond will be forfeited to the SYFC. Only Presidents can file a protest. The following information must be included in the letter of protest:
  - 1. What organization is being protested?
  - 2. By what authority the protest is being filed.
  - 3. Date on which the violation occurred or, if violation is one that is not dated, state the date the violation was discovered.
  - 4. List rules and/or by-laws (article, section, paragraph and page) that were violated and a description of your proof.
  - 5. List penalties being requested, this should include whether or not you are requesting a game reversal.
  - 6. If game officials were involved, you must so state since organization is not to contact individual officials for their testimony. The EXECUTIVE BOARD shall contact the Officials Association to make the proper arrangements for testimony.
  - 7. Any OFFICER of the SYFC shall have the power of filing a protest without the \$50.00 protest fee. All other procedures will be followed. A protest can be filed by an officer of the SYFC if the PRESIDENT had directed the officer to investigate an organization for possible infractions of the rules, regulations and by-laws. Any officer of the SYFC can file a protest against an organization; however, the protest must be filed with the consensus of the EXECUTIVE BOARD of the SYFC.
- D. It is encouraged that organizations resolve their disputes at the playing sites.

# **APPENDIX**

## **2018 ELECTED OFFICERS**

|                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| PRESIDENT             | RON WIMBUSH<br>(727) 599-6828  |
| FIRST VICE PRESIDENT  | TONY MONTANA<br>(727) 871-9726 |
| SECOND VICE PRESIDENT | MARIO ORTIZ<br>(727) 520-6881  |
| SECRETARY             | REGAN HARVEY<br>(727) 480-0329 |
| TREASURER             | CHRIS TAYLOR<br>(727) 620-0497 |

## **APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS**

|              |                                 |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| COMMISSIONER | KENA BRYANT<br>(727) 249-6420   |
| COMMISSIONER | RENEE HENSLEY<br>(727) 642-9471 |
| COMMISSIONER | JOHN LEWIS<br>(727) 418-1280    |
| COMMISSIONER | RICK ORTIZ<br>(727) 290-0944    |
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## **2018 ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS**

|                             |                  |                |
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| AZALEA BULLDOGS             | DANA IVES        | (727) 742-5862 |
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| DUNEDIN JR. FALCONS         | CHARLES SATCHER  | (727) 254-7944 |
| EAST LAKE JR. EAGLES        | JOSEPH CHARLES   | (407) 925-7870 |
| GIBBS JR. GLADIATORS        | BERT CLEMONS     | (727) 510-4757 |
| LAKESWOOD JR. SPARTANS      | TAWANA MAYBELL   | (727) 504-8786 |
| NORTHEAST BANDITS           | TANYA BARBER     | (727) 647-9420 |
| PINELLAS PARK THUNDERBIRDS  | SHANNON LATHAN   | (727) 424-6811 |
| SEMINOLE CHIEFS             | CHRIS TAYLOR     | (727) 642-0497 |
| ST. PETE LIL DEVILS         | DEXTER DAUGHTRY  | (727) 455-8300 |
| TARPON SPRINGS JR. SPONGERS | ANTHONY CROXTON  | (727) 692-0182 |

## **ORGANIZATION SITES**

### **AZALEA BULLDOGS**

Playing Site: Azalea Middle School  
7855 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. N. 33710

### **CLEARWATER JR. TORNAOES**

Playing Site: Joe DiMaggio Sports Complex  
2450 Drew St. 33764

### **COUNTRYSIDE JR. COUGARS**

Playing Site: Countryside Sports Complex  
3060 McMullen Booth Rd. 33761

### **DUNEDIN JR. FALCONS**

Playing Site: Dunedin High School  
1651 Pinehurst Rd. 34698

### **EAST LAKE JR. EAGLES**

Playing Site: Upper Pinellas Youth Football  
3555 Old Keystone Rd. 34688

### **GIBBS JR. GLADIATORS**

Playing Site: 31<sup>st</sup> St. Sports Complex  
4801-B 31<sup>st</sup> St. S 33712

### **LAKEWOOD JR. SPARTANS**

Playing Site: 31<sup>st</sup> St. Sports Complex  
4801-B 31<sup>st</sup> St. S. 33712

### **NORTHEAST BANDITS**

Playing Site: Northeast Bandits  
5840 16<sup>th</sup> St. N. 33703

### **PINELLAS PARK THUNDERBIRDS**

Playing Site: Davis Field Complex  
6050 78<sup>th</sup> Ave. 33781

### **SEMINOLE CHIEFS**

Playing Site: SYAA Field  
12100 90<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. 33773

### **ST. PETE LIL' DEVILS**

Playing Site: Richard Turner Field  
601 14<sup>th</sup> St. S. 33705

### **TARPON SPRINGS JR. SPONGERS**

Playing Site: Tarpon Springs Sports Complex  
150 Jasmine Ave. 34689

## **2018 ORGANIZATION COLORS**

### **AZALEA BULLDOGS**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| White         | Black/Gold     | Black/Gold   | Black         |

### **CLEARWATER JR. TORNAOES**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Gray          | Black/Red      | Gray/Black   | Silver        |

### **COUNTRYSIDE JR. COUGARS**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u>   | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Garnet        | Las Vegas Gold | Las Vegas Gold | Garnet        |

### **DUNEDIN JR. FALCONS**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Black         | Red            | Black        | Black         |

### **GIBBS JR. GLADIATORS**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Royal Blue    | Gold           | Royal Blue   | Royal Blue    |

### **EAST LAKE JR. EAGLES**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Blue          | White          | Blue         | Blue          |

### **LAKEWOOD JR. SPARTANS**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Gold          | Platinum       | Black        | Black         |

### **NORTHEAST BANDITS**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Red           | White          | Black/Red    | Red           |

### **PINELLAS PARK THUNDERBIRDS**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Orange/Blue   | White/Chrome   | Orange/Blue  | Kansas Blue   |

### **SEMINOLE CHIEFS**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Orange        | Dark Green     | Dark Green   | Dark Green    |

### **ST. PETE LIL' DEVILS**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Green         | White          | Green/Black  | Black         |

### **TARPON SPRINGS JR. SPONGERS**

| <u>JERSEY</u> | <u>NUMBERS</u> | <u>PANTS</u> | <u>HELMET</u> |
|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| White         | Maroon         | Maroon       | White         |

## **KICK OFF CLASSIC HOSTS**

|      |  |      |  |
|------|--|------|--|
| 2018 | COUNTRYSIDE<br>CLEARWATER<br>LAKEWOOD<br>NORTHEAST<br>SEMINOLE<br>ST. PETE | 2025 | DUNEDIN<br>PINELLAS PARK<br>EAST LAKE<br>TARPON SPRINGS<br>AZALEA<br>GIBBS |
| 2019 | DUNEDIN<br>PINELLAS PARK<br>EAST LAKE<br>TARPON SPRINGS<br>AZALEA<br>GIBBS | 2026 | COUNTRYSIDE<br>CLEARWATER<br>LAKEWOOD<br>NORTHEAST<br>SEMINOLE<br>ST. PETE |
| 2020 | COUNTRYSIDE<br>CLEARWATER<br>LAKEWOOD<br>NORTHEAST<br>SEMINOLE<br>ST. PETE | 2027 | DUNEDIN<br>PINELLAS PARK<br>EAST LAKE<br>TARPON SPRINGS<br>AZALEA<br>GIBBS |
| 2021 | DUNEDIN<br>PINELLAS PARK<br>EAST LAKE<br>TARPON SPRINGS<br>AZALEA<br>GIBBS | 2028 | COUNTRYSIDE<br>CLEARWATER<br>LAKEWOOD<br>NORTHEAST<br>SEMINOLE<br>ST. PETE |
| 2022 | COUNTRYSIDE<br>CLEARWATER<br>LAKEWOOD<br>NORTHEAST<br>SEMINOLE<br>ST. PETE | 2029 | DUNEDIN<br>PINELLAS PARK<br>EAST LAKE<br>TARPON SPRINGS<br>AZALEA<br>GIBBS |
| 2023 | DUNEDIN<br>PINELLAS PARK<br>EAST LAKE<br>TARPON SPRINGS<br>AZALEA<br>GIBBS | 2030 | COUNTRYSIDE<br>CLEARWATER<br>LAKEWOOD<br>NORTHEAST<br>SEMINOLE<br>ST. PETE |
| 2024 | COUNTRYSIDE<br>CLEARWATER<br>LAKEWOOD<br>NORTHEAST<br>SEMINOLE<br>ST. PETE |      |  |

## **PLAYOFF / COMPETITION HOST**

|      |  |      |                                       |
|------|--|------|---------------------------------------|
| 2018 | DUNEDIN<br>LAKEWOOD<br>PINELLAS PARK           | 2029 | CLEARWATER<br>LAKEWOOD<br>COUNTRYSIDE |
| 2019 | SEMINOLE<br>DUNEDIN<br>LAKEWOOD                | 2030 | DUNEDIN<br>CLEARWATER<br>LAKEWOOD     |
| 2020 | ST. PETE<br>SEMINOLE<br>DUNEDIN                | 2031 | SEMINOLE<br>DUNEDIN<br>CLEARWATER     |
| 2021 | GIBBS<br>ST. PETE<br>SEMINOLE                  | 2032 | ST. PETE<br>SEMINOLE<br>DUNEDIN       |
| 2022 | AZALEA<br>GIBBS<br>ST. PETE                    | 2033 | GIBBS<br>ST. PETE<br>SEMINOLE         |
| 2023 | NORTHEAST<br>AZALEA<br>GIBBS                   | 2034 | AZALEA<br>GIBBS<br>ST. PETE           |
| 2024 | EAST LAKE<br>NORTHEAST<br>AZALEA               | 2035 | NORTHEAST<br>AZALEA<br>GIBBS          |
| 2025 | TARPON SPRINGS<br>EAST LAKE<br>NORTHEAST       | 2036 | ST. PETE<br>NORTHEAST<br>AZALEA       |
| 2026 | PINELLAS PARK<br>TARPON SPRINGS<br>EAST LAKE   | 2037 | GIBBS<br>ST. PETE<br>NORTHEAST        |
| 2027 | COUNTRYSIDE<br>PINELLAS PARK<br>TARPON SPRINGS | 2038 | AZALEA<br>GIBBS<br>ST. PETE           |
| 2028 | LAKEWOOD<br>COUNTRYSIDE<br>PINELLAS PARK       |      |                                       |



## **SYFC CHAMPIONS - VARSITY FOOTBALL**

| YEAR | FLYWEIGHT     | MIGHTY MITE   | PEE WEE        | MIDGET         |
|------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1995 | AZALEA        | SEMINOLE      | CLEARWATER     | TARPON SPRINGS |
| 1996 | CLEARWATER    | COUNTRYSIDE   | CLEARWATER     | AZALEA         |
| 1997 | CLEARWATER    | CLEARWATER    | AZALEA         | TARPON SPRINGS |
| 1998 | COUNTRYSIDE   | COUNTRYSIDE   | COUNTRYSIDE    | CLEARWATER     |
| 1999 | CLEARWATER    | SEMINOLE      | COUNTRYSIDE    | CLEARWATER     |
| 2000 | CLEARWATER    | COUNTRYSIDE   | DUNEDIN        | COUNTRYSIDE    |
| 2001 | CLEARWATER    | COUNTRYSIDE   | NORTHEAST      | CLEARWATER     |
| 2002 | CLEARWATER    | COUNTRYSIDE   | CLEARWATER     | NORTHEAST      |
| 2003 | DUNEDIN       | LAKEWOOD      | COUNTRYSIDE    | AZALEA         |
| 2004 | DUNEDIN       | CLEARWATER    | NORTHEAST      | DUNEDIN        |
| 2005 | EAST LAKE     | LAKEWOOD      | AZALEA         | DUNEDIN        |
| 2006 | CLEARWATER    | LAKEWOOD      | TARPON SPRINGS | LAKEWOOD       |
| 2007 | NORTHEAST     | NORTHEAST     | LAKEWOOD       | COUNTRYSIDE    |
| 2008 | LAKEWOOD      | CLEARWATER    | DUNEDIN        | AZALEA         |
| 2009 | NORTHEAST     | LAKEWOOD      | NORTHEAST      | COUNTRYSIDE    |
| 2010 | NORTHEAST     | LAKEWOOD      | AZALEA         | LAKEWOOD       |
| 2011 | NORTHEAST     | SEMINOLE      | EAST LAKE      | NORTHEAST      |
| 2012 | NORTHEAST     | PINELLAS PARK | LAKEWOOD       | AZALEA         |
| 2013 | LAKEWOOD      | AZALEA        | COUNTRYSIDE    | COUNTRYSIDE    |
| 2014 | ST. PETE      | PINELLAS PARK | LAKEWOOD       | LAKEWOOD       |
| 2015 | NORTHEAST     | PINELLAS PARK | LAKEWOOD       | ST. PETE       |
| 2016 | ST. PETE      | ST. PETE      | PINELLAS PARK  | COUNTRYSIDE    |
| 2017 | PINELLAS PARK | AZALEA        | PINELLAS PARK  | COUNTRYSIDE    |

## **SYFC CHAMPIONS - VARSITY CHEERLEADING**

| YEAR       | FLYWEIGHT                | MIGHTY MITE   | PEE WEE       | MIDGET        |
|------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1995       | COUNTRYSIDE              | COUNTRYSIDE   | CLEARWATER    | CLEARWATER    |
| 1996       | COUNTRYSIDE              | COUNTRYSIDE   | CLEARWATER    | COUNTRYSIDE   |
| 1997       | COUNTRYSIDE              | COUNTRYSIDE   | AZALEA        | COUNTRYSIDE   |
| 1998       | COUNTRYSIDE              | COUNTRYSIDE   | COUNTRYSIDE   | CLEARWATER    |
| 1999       | COUNTRYSIDE              | COUNTRYSIDE   | COUNTRYSIDE   | COUNTRYSIDE   |
| 2000       | COUNTRYSIDE              | COUNTRYSIDE   | AZALEA        | COUNTRYSIDE   |
| 2001       | COUNTRYSIDE              | COUNTRYSIDE   | DUNEDIN       | CLEARWATER    |
| 2002       | PINELLAS PARK            | CLEARWATER    | NORTHEAST     | COUNTRYSIDE   |
| 2003       | DUNEDIN                  | PINELLAS PARK | NORTHEAST     | NORTHEAST     |
| 2004       | CLEARWATER               | PINELLAS PARK | COUNTRYSIDE   | COUNTRYSIDE   |
| 2005       | CLEARWATER               | PINELLAS PARK | AZALEA        | NORTHEAST     |
| 2006       | PINELLAS PARK            | PINELLAS PARK | AZALEA        | PINELLAS PARK |
| 2007 SMALL | EAST LAKE                | EAST LAKE     | N/A           | AZALEA        |
| 2007 LARGE | PINELLAS PARK            | PINELLAS PARK | PINELLAS PARK | EAST LAKE     |
| 2008 SMALL | NORTHEAST                | SEMINOLE      | SEMINOLE      | AZALEA        |
| 2008 LARGE | PINELLAS PARK            | PINELLAS PARK | DUNEDIN       | EAST LAKE     |
| 2009 SMALL | CLEARWATER               | LAKWOOD       | LAKWOOD       | SEMINOLE      |
| 2009 LARGE | CLEARWATER               | PINELLAS PARK | AZALEA        | PINELLAS PARK |
| 2010       | PINELLAS PARK            | CLEARWATER    | PINELLAS PARK | PINELLAS PARK |
| 2011       | LAKWOOD                  | LAKWOOD       | SEMINOLE      | SEMINOLE      |
| 2012       | NORTHEAST                | PINELLAS PARK | PINELLAS PARK | LAKWOOD       |
| 2013       | NORTHEAST                | PINELLAS PARK | PINELLAS PARK | PINELLAS PARK |
| 2014       | NORTHEAST                | PINELLAS PARK | PINELLAS PARK | PINELLAS PARK |
| 2015       | CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER |               |               |               |
| 2016       | PINELLAS PARK            | PINELLAS PARK | PINELLAS PARK | COUNTRYSIDE   |
| 2017       | PINELLAS PARK            | PINELLAS PARK | AZALEA        | EAST LAKE     |

## **2018 VARSITY GAME SCHEDULE**

| DATE | AUG 11 | AUG 18 | AUG 25 | SEPT 1   | SEPT 8 | SEPT 15 | SEPT 22 | SEPT 29 | OCT 6 | OCT 13 | OCT 20 | OCT 27 |
|------|--------|--------|--------|----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| WEEK | 1      | 2      | 3      | NO GAMES | 4      | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8     | 9      | 10     | 11     |
| HOME | DN     | CS     | LW     | OFF      | SM     | PP      | NE      | GB      | CW    | LW     | AZ     | TS     |
| AWAY | AZ     | EL     | SM     | OFF      | AZ     | CS      | TS      | AZ      | NE    | GB     | SP     | AZ     |
|      |        |        |        |          |        |         |         |         |       |        |        |        |
| HOME | LW     | SM     | AZ     | OFF      | PP     | AZ      | GB      | EL      | CS    | NE     | EL     | GB     |
| AWAY | NE     | TS     | PP     | OFF      | NE     | CW      | SM      | PP      | SM    | AZ     | NE     | EL     |
|      |        |        |        |          |        |         |         |         |       |        |        |        |
| HOME | CS     | AZ     | NE     | OFF      | GB     | LW      | EL      | SP      | PP    | SM     | PP     | CW     |
| AWAY | GB     | LW     | GB     | OFF      | CW     | DN      | LW      | LW      | LW    | PP     | TS     | LW     |
|      |        |        |        |          |        |         |         |         |       |        |        |        |
| HOME | TS     | GB     | CW     | OFF      | TS     | TS      | PP      | TS      | DN    | EL     | DN     | DN     |
| AWAY | EL     | PP     | EL     | OFF      | LW     | GB      | SP      | CW      | TS    | DN     | GB     | PP     |
|      |        |        |        |          |        |         |         |         |       |        |        |        |
| HOME | PP     | NE     | CS     | OFF      | DN     | EL      | CW      | SM      | AZ    | CS     | CW     | SM     |
| AWAY | CW     | DN     | TS     | OFF      | CS     | SM      | DN      | DN      | EL    | CW     | SM     | NE     |
|      |        |        |        |          |        |         |         |         |       |        |        |        |
| HOME | SP     | SP     | DN     | OFF      | EL     | SP      | AZ      | NE      | GB    | TS     | LW     | SP     |
| AWAY | SM     | CW     | SP     | OFF      | SP     | NE      | CS      | CS      | SP    | SP     | CS     | CS     |

QUARTER FINALS NOV 3-4 @ DUNEDIN  
 SECOND SITE FOR JV SUNDAY NOV 4 @ SEMINOLE

SEMI FINALS NOV 10-11 @ LAKEWOOD (NO SECOND SITE)

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES NOV 17 @ TBD - PINELLAS PARK HOST

CHEER COMPETITION NOV 18 @ TBD - PINELLAS PARK HOST

## 2019 VARSITY GAME SCHEDULE

| DATE        | AUG 10 | AUG 17 | AUG 24 | AUG 31 | SEPT 7 | SEPT 14 | SEPT 21 | SEPT 28 | OCT 5 | OCT 12 | OCT 19 | OCT 26 |
|-------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| WEEK        | 1      | 2      | 3      | OFF    | 4      | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8     | 9      | 10     | 11     |
| <b>AWAY</b> | LW     | SM     | PP     | OFF    | NE     | GB      | CW      | LW      | AZ    | TS     | DN     | CS     |
| <b>HOME</b> | SM     | AZ     | CS     | OFF    | TS     | AZ      | NE      | GB      | SP    | AZ     | AZ     | EL     |
| <b>AWAY</b> | AZ     | PP     | AZ     | OFF    | GB     | EL      | CS      | NE      | EL    | GB     | LW     | SM     |
| <b>HOME</b> | PP     | NE     | CW     | OFF    | SM     | PP      | SM      | AZ      | NE    | EL     | NE     | TS     |
| <b>AWAY</b> | NE     | GB     | LW     | OFF    | EL     | SP      | PP      | SM      | PP    | CW     | CS     | AZ     |
| <b>HOME</b> | GB     | CW     | DN     | OFF    | LW     | LW      | LW      | PP      | TS    | LW     | GB     | LW     |
| <b>AWAY</b> | CW     | TS     | TS     | OFF    | PP     | TS      | DN      | EL      | DN    | DN     | TS     | GB     |
| <b>HOME</b> | EL     | LW     | GB     | OFF    | SP     | CW      | TS      | DN      | GB    | PP     | EL     | PP     |
| <b>AWAY</b> | CS     | DN     | EL     | OFF    | CW     | SM      | AZ      | CS      | CW    | SM     | PP     | NE     |
| <b>HOME</b> | TS     | CS     | SM     | OFF    | DN     | DN      | EL      | CW      | SM    | NE     | CW     | DN     |
| <b>AWAY</b> | DN     | EL     | SP     | OFF    | AZ     | NE      | GB      | TS      | LW    | SP     | SP     | SP     |
| <b>HOME</b> | SP     | SP     | NE     | OFF    | CS     | CS      | SP      | SP      | CS    | CS     | SM     | CW     |

QUARTER FINALS: NOV. 2-3 @ SEMINOLE  
SECOND SITE FOR JV SUNDAY 11/3 @ ST. PETE

SEMI FINALS: NOV. 9-10 @ DUNEDIN (NO SECOND SITE)

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES: NOV. 16 @ LAKEWOOD HOST  
CHEER COMPETITION: NOV. 17 @ LAKEWOOD HOST

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