

CHESTERFIELD CHEERLEADER LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I Definitions

- Board of Directors consists of one representative (cheering director unless otherwise specified) from each association
- Executive Board consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and County Liaison
- Governing Body consists of the Executive Board and Commissioners
- League consists of Governing Board & Members
- Members consist of all athletic associations in Chesterfield County & Powhatan

ARTICLE II Name and Objective

Section I This organization shall be known as “Chesterfield Cheerleader League” and will be operated in accordance with the governing body with changes thereto or the establishment of new policies.

Section II The objective of this League shall be to promote the general welfare of eligible youth as provided by the governing body.

Section III The Chesterfield Cheerleader League does not advocate the infringement of any fraternal or civic club, does not discriminate with regard to race, sex, color, creed or national origin, and is not subject to corrupt influences or influences opposed to basic democratic principles.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section I Membership in the Chesterfield Cheerleader League shall be limited to athletic associations within Chesterfield County.

Section II Membership will be extended to ~~Powhatan Youth Athletic Association~~ organizations participating in the Chesterfield Quarterback League.

Section III Each member shall have full voting rights in business matters.

Section IV Each eligible athletic association shall have one vote (one person = one vote). In the event there are multiple cheerleading groups within one athletic association (for example: Powhatan Youth Athletic Association has 2 – 3 separate cheerleading associations within their association), each group will be afforded a separate vote but

only one vote per person will be allowed.

Section V In order to cast a vote, the athletic association must be in good standing with Chesterfield Cheerleader League.

Section VI League fees must be paid by each athletic association. If league fees are not paid by August 1st of the current year, the association with unpaid league fees will lose their voting rights until league fees are paid. Further disciplinary action may be taken by the Executive Board up to and including dropping the association from the insurance provided by the League and not allowing them to engage in ANY cheerleading events.

Section VII In order to conduct business, one-third of the athletic associations must have a representative present.

ARTICLE IV **Board of Directors**

Section I Each association representative shall be responsible for giving rules set forth by the Chesterfield Cheerleader League to their respective athletic association members. This includes rules relative to games, fields, pep rallies, camps, competitions, etc. and behavior at such events. Attendance at league meetings is MANDATORY. Failure to attend league meetings will result in disciplinary actions.

ARTICLE V **Meetings**

Section I Executive Board meetings will be held once a month or called by the President.

Section II Governing Board meetings will be held once a month and any additional meeting shall be called by any member of the Governing Board.

Section III League meetings will be determined by the Executive Board of Chesterfield Cheerleader League. Additionally, special meetings may be called by the Executive Board.

Section IV Attendance at league meetings is MANDATORY. Failure to attend league meetings will result in disciplinary actions.

ARTICLE VI **Duties of Officers**

Section I The President shall preside at all meetings and make committee member recommendations. He/She shall decide all questions according to Parliamentary Rules herein and shall be the deciding vote in case of a tie. The President shall be guided by the wishes of the majority of the Governing Body in any matter requiring attention between meetings. The term of this office shall be for two years starting January to

January of the election year.

Section II The Vice President shall assist the President in all capabilities whenever and wherever possible. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall perform all duties of the President. The Vice President shall mentor new commissioners. The term of this office shall be for two years starting January to January of the election year.

Section III The Secretary shall keep accurate, written notes of all meetings, transactions and records. The Secretary shall also keep the website updated with the most current information for the League. The term of this office shall be for two years starting January to January of the election year.

Section IV The Treasurer shall account to the League for all income and expenses of the League and such records will be maintained in a professional and accurate manner. The term of this office shall be for two years starting January to January of the election year.

Section V The County Liaison shall act as a liaison between Chesterfield County and the Chesterfield Cheerleader League to ensure facilities are acquired for meetings and association practices. He/she shall also attend Parks and Rec meetings on behalf of the league and shall manage insurance claims for the league. The term of this office shall be for two years starting January to January of the election year.

Section VI The League commissioners are to act as a liaison between their assigned athletic associations and Chesterfield Cheerleader League.

Section VII The Governing Body shall exercise sole responsibility for the interpretations of all cheerleader rules and for decisions on all related questions which may arise.

Section VIII The Governing Body may be present at all committee meetings with the exception of the nominating committee.

Section IX The Governing Body will determine what behavior is detrimental to the League and will decide disciplinary action to be taken for such behavior to include but not limited to warnings, probation, suspension and expulsion from the league.

ARTICLE VII Election of Officers (Nominating Process & Election Process)

Section I A nominating committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board ~~in~~by August of an election year.

Section II The nominating committee shall be comprised of three commissioners and two athletic associations Cheering Director.

Section III The nominating committee shall present a slate of officers to the Board of Directors at the September/October meeting of an election year.

- Section IV** The slate of officers shall include nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary ~~and~~ Treasurer, and County Liaison.
- Section V** In order to serve as an elected officer, the person must have served as Commissioner for a minimum of two years.
- Section VI** Nominations from the floor may be made at the September/October meeting. Any person nominated must be present to accept/decline the nomination.
- Section VII** All nominating committee meetings are closed.
- Section VIII** An Election Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board in September/October.
- Section IX** The election committee will be chaired by a Commissioner from the nominating committee.
- Section X** The election committee will provide the detailed steps of the election at the November meeting the night of the election.
- Section XI** The election of officers is by secret ballot and only one vote will be given to each athletic association representative and Governing Body member.
- ARTICLE VIII** **By-Laws**
- Section I** The By-Laws of Chesterfield Cheerleader League shall be in effect on their adoption date and shall remain in effect until such time they are amended.
- Section II** Proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted in writing to members of the Executive Board. Action on proposed amendments shall be taken by the Board of Governors at the next league meeting.
- ARTICLE IX** **Parliamentary Rules**
- Section I** Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the Chesterfield Cheerleader League.
- ARTICLE X** **League Representatives & Coaches**
- Section I** The Head Cheering Coach , Voting Representative and/or Cheering Director must be 21 years of age or older.
- Section II** A cheering squad shall have one Head Coach and no more than two Assistant Coaches, but may have as many ‘helpers’ as they feel necessary.
- Section III** Rosters shall be given to the assigned Chesterfield Cheerleader League Commissioner for

the athletic association. The roster must be filed by the dates provided by the Executive Board. NO squad will be allowed to participate in any activity until this requirement is met.

ARTICLE XI Cheerleader Ages

Flag Football Cheering: 5 – 7 years old with age being determined as of 9/30 of the current year. Flag cheerleaders shall be non-competing members of the Chesterfield Cheerleader League.

Football Cheering: Effective 1/1/2012, 8 – 14 years old with age being determined as of 9/30 of current year for minor, junior and senior cheerleaders who are not aging out. Age for seniors cheering during their last year of eligibility will be determined as of 12/31 of current year.

Basketball Cheering: 8 – 17 years old with age being determined as of 12/31 of the previous year.

ARTICLE XII Conduct and Responsibilities of Squads and Coaches

Section I A cheering squad’s first responsibility is to cheer at all scheduled games and makeup games. This includes Wednesday night games but excludes Monday night games.

Section II The cheering squad MUST cheer for the duration of the game.

ARTICLE XIII Background Checks and Disciplinary Action

Section I Coaches (18+) must possess a current background check card issued by Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation. This card must be on their person when serving in their coaching position or when working with minors under the age of 18 during all Chesterfield Cheerleader League activities.

Section II Any participant in League activities is subject to disciplinary action for any behavior deemed detrimental to the League by the Governing Body. Disciplinary action includes but is not limited to warnings, probation, monetary fines, suspension and/or expulsion from the League.