

RIVER VALLEY JR FALCONS

BYLAWS

The River Valley Junior Falcons (RVJF) organization places great importance upon helping young people by involving them in an athletic program that builds character, self-esteem, and emphasizes teamwork. Discipline, hard work, and cooperation act as the cornerstone of this effort. RVJF is dedicated to the athletic and academic development of our student athletes through football and cheerleading. We will conduct all our business with the athlete's safety in mind. RVJF promotes character building, personal accountability, self-discipline, respect, integrity and sportsmanship towards our fellow competitors. Each player or cheerleader will also work hard to earn their spot on the team as we are a competitive organization.

The River Valley Junior Falcons goals are to:

- Teach children the fundamentals of football and the art of cheerleading while promoting discipline, dedication and teamwork in a fun and safe environment.
- Provide youth with organized competition in a safe environment.
- Bring our youth closer together through common interest in sportsmanship, competition and completion.
- Instill the values of education.

ARTICLE I: NAME

SECTION 1.1: We will be known as River Valley Junior Falcons, hereinafter referred to as RVJF and shall operation under the umbrella affiliation of Sacramento Youth Football. RVJF EIN is **83-3094900**.

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

SECTION 2.1: The principal office/address of RVJF for the transaction of business is located at Post Office Box 1802, Yuba City, CA 95992. The Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as Board may change the principal office may change the principal office location from one location to another. Any change of location of the principal office shall be noted by the Secretary.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

Section 3.1: The purpose of RVJF will be to facilitate and run a league of affiliate youth football and cheer associations/teams; this includes assisting with fundraising, volunteering for charitable causes and working with various community services organizations to support the growth and development of our local youth.

ARTICLE IV: LEADERSHIP-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RVJF will be governed by an elect Board of Directors consisting of fifteen (15) maximum elected members, which shall include the five (5) Executive Officers of Association, namely; a President, Vice President, Cheer Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer. All Board Member shall be voting members of the Association in good standing. The decisions of the Board of Directors shall be final in all matters (unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation of the Association). The Board of Directors shall have general control over all officers and committees and shall have full power

and authority to do any and all things that are proper to be done by the Association, except as otherwise provided herein or in the Articles of Incorporation. No elected Officer or Board Member shall receive any remuneration for his or her official services. The five (5) Officers of the Association can make instant decisions when deemed necessary, if and when said decision does not fall beyond a \$500.00 financial impact to the Association. All decisions must be reported to the Board of Directors by the next monthly meeting. No Officer of the Association or Board of Director member, coach, or instructor can profit from the day-to-day operations of the RVJF organization, as it is a direct conflict of interest.

President: It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and RVJF membership. The President shall, with the Vice President, sign all obligations, contracts, deeds, mortgages, promissory notes, and other instruments; unless, otherwise provided by the Board of Directors. The President, with approval of the Board of Directors, shall designate from among the Members of the Board, chairman for the various committees authorized by the Board of Directors, or by these Bylaws. The committee chairmen shall appoint their committee members subject to approval by the Board of Directors. The President shall perform all such other duties incident to the office of President and duties of a Director.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform all the duties of the President and, when so acting, shall have the power of, and shall be subject to the restrictions on the President.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the monies of RVJF and for the keeping of all accounting records. Such accounts and financial records of RVJF shall be subject to the inspection of the Board of Directors. In addition, the Treasurer shall have such other duties and responsibilities as given by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer may delegate such of his or her responsibilities to an assistant as approved by the Board of Directors.

Secretary: The Secretary shall be responsible for recording meeting notes and votes. The Secretary shall give all notices as required by law or by the order of the Board of Directors. Subject to the Board of Directors, the Secretary shall manage the business and affairs of the Association. The Secretary shall have, and may exercise, all rights and function, which a Secretary may legally have and exercise by law and under the RVJF Bylaws.

Cheer Coordinator: The Cheer Coordinator will report to the President and Vice President. It is the Cheer Coordinator's responsibility to maintain and follow all duties as described in the Cheer Coordinator's job description.

ARTICLE V: GENERAL BOARD

Additional board members may be in charge of executing other tasks required in the day-to-day operation of the Association. This includes heading or managing committees such as Fundraising Coordinator, Snack Bar Coordinator, Equipment Manager, Field Manager, Merchandise, Registration, or any other task that requires extra attention as seen fit by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI: GENERAL POWERS

Subject to any limitations set forth in the Bylaws regarding actions that require approval by members, the Association's activities and affairs shall be managed, and the Association's power shall be exercised by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII: SPECIFIC POWERS

The Executive Offices of the Association shall have the power to enter into contracts, open bank accounts and execute any instruments in the name of and on behalf of the Association for the purpose of conducting financial and business affairs of the Association as set forth in the Bylaws. Any instrument or other obligations entered into or established on behalf of the Association shall be authorized or ratified by a majority of the Board of Directors and shall require two (2) signatures of at least two (2) Officers and shall also be required for the purpose of opening or closing bank accounts, transferring funds, signing checks or the negotiable instruments, making withdrawals or conduction of any other bank transaction that requires signature authority.

ARTICLE VIII: VACANCIES

If the office of any Board Member becomes vacant during a term for any reason whatsoever, a majority of the remaining Directors shall elect a successor who shall hold office as a member of the Board of Directors until the next voting period (pending live scan approval).

ARTICLE IX: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Association – RVJF shall be open to the parents or legal guardians of youth participants in good standing who are actively participating in the Association, and those individuals 18 years or older who actively participate in the Association in some other capacity during the current calendar year (RVJF Board Members and RVJF Coaches). To be nominated to the RVJF board, you must be a parent in good standing which includes but is not limited to; completing all volunteer hours, participating in mandatory fundraising, setting a good example for the youth in our program, following all rules set forth by RVJF, SYF and Parent Code of Conduct and all outstanding fees are paid.

ARTICLE X: MEETINGS

A minimum of one (1) Board meeting will be held monthly, day and time to be determined by the Board of Directors and will be posted on the RVJF website. This meeting will be open to Association Members. The Treasurer's report and minutes will be reviewed and approved or modified by the RVJF Board present at the meeting. A presence of at least one-half (1/2+1) of the General Board shall constitute a quorum. If a total of three (3) meetings are missed, the Board Member will be placed on review and the rest of the full Board of Directors will determine eligibility for continuation with the remainder of his/her term. Majority vote will decide the outcome.

ARTICLE XI: SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of members may be called by the President and may also be called upon request by one-half of the membership or one-half of the Board of Directors.

Written or phone notification of each special meeting shall be given to each member involved at least five (5) days prior to such meeting. Such notices shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the specific nature of the business to be transacted. The President at his/her discretion, the membership or the Board of Directors, at their discretion, may waive the five (5) day notification, and call for a special meeting immediately or prior to the five (5) day when a situation arises that needs immediate attention. In case of an emergency meeting every effort will be exhausted to ensure that all members required to attend be notified of the time and place and nature of business to be transacted at said meeting. Such meetings shall have no power to transact any business not specifically stated in the meeting notice.

ARTICLE XII: CLOSED SESSION MEETINGS

Except, as expressly set forth herein, all sessions of the Board and/or Board of Directors shall be open to the members. Meetings of the Board and/or Board of Directors may be held in closed session only in cases that involve confidential matters or confidential issues concerning discipline of members, offices and/or members of the Board. A closed session requires a vote of the majority of the members of the Board and/or Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII: ASSOCIATION FUNDS

The money, funds, check and draft of Association shall be deposited in such banks or trust companies as the Board of Directors shall designate and shall be drawn only by check signed by at least two (2) Officers or other persons and/or ATM card issued by designated financial institution, as the Board of Directors may authorize. No check shall ever be signed by a party on one's own behalf. The Board may retain certified public accountants to audit the books and records of the Association and make such report and statement as the Board of Directors shall require. Prior to any Association funds, checks or drafts to be drawn upon, all members of the Board of Directors must be notified.

ARTICLE XIV: INDEMNIFICATION

The Association is authorized to indemnify the Officers to the fullest extent possible under California law.

ARTICLE XV: AFFILIATION

The River Valley Junior Falcons are exclusively affiliated with Sacramento Youth Football League (SYF). RVJF incorporates by reference herein the Bylaws, policies, procedures and rules of SYF. It is also known and accepted that SYF invites associations to participate on a 2-year basis and the Association can be terminated or dissociated by either party at the end of each two (2) years as set forth in the above-mentioned Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVI: DISCIPLINE

RVJF Board of Directors will have the discretion to discipline, suspend or remove any RVJF board member, coach, instructor, player or parent/fan from RVJF practices, games, competition or any other event at any time for violating RVJF or SYF rules, philosophy or code of conduct. Removal will be based on a majority vote of the current RVJF Board of Directors. The disciplined party will have the right for a grievance session with the Board of Directors immediately following the decision. If any badge is pulled, it will remain pulled for the remainder of the current season, plus an additional year. The Board at any

time with or without assigning any clauses, therefore, may remove any officer, committee, agent or employee appointed by it or by any such officer, committee or agent.

ARTICLE XVII: PAYMENTS

RVJF Board of Directors has the discretion to allow payment for equipment, supplies, uniforms, facilities, use legal advisors and/or consultants who render services to and benefit the RVJF association upon a majority vote by the RVJF Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XVIII: DISSOLUTION

If at any time the Board deems it necessary to dissolve this organization, all funds and assets shall be donated to a State recognized non-profit organization of their choosing.

ARTICLE XIX: AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by the RVJF Board at the request of the Sacramento Youth Football league at any time but will be reviewed and approved yearly. Association members in good standing with RVJF may make recommendations at any time. Amendments to these by-laws go into effect the following season.

ARTICLE XX: NON-LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

Members of RVJF shall not solely, because of membership, be personally liable for the debts, obligations, or liabilities of RVJF.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I wrote, read and agreed to uphold these by-laws to the best of my ability. I also take seriously the role and responsibility of the Officer of the Association position of River Valley Junior Falcons.

President _____

Vice President _____

Cheer Coordinator _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Date _____