

## Junior Indians Football Organization Bylaws

### Article I: Name and Purpose

1.1 Name: The name of this organization shall be the Junior Indians Football Organization, hereinafter referred to as Junior Indians Football.

1.2 Purpose: The purpose of Junior Indians Football shall be to provide an organized and safe environment for children to learn and play the game of football, emphasizing skill development, sportsmanship, teamwork, and physical fitness.

### Article II: Membership

2.1 Eligibility: Membership in the Junior Indians Football shall be open to all children within the designated age range determined by the organization's guidelines.

2.2 Registration: All players must register with Junior Indians Football prior to participation. Registration requirements may include parental consent, proof of age, and medical clearance.

### Article III: Code of Conduct

3.1 Players, coaches, parents, and spectators shall adhere to a code of conduct that promotes respect, fair play, and positive sportsmanship at all League activities.

3.2 All parents, coaches, fans, and attendees are expected to adhere to a high standard and code of conduct. All parents and coaches will sign such a standard before the start of the season. Players, parents, and coaches **MUST** all sign a Code of Conduct Form at the beginning of each season.

3.3 It is the responsibility of any board member to adhere to this standard of conduct. Any issues with conduct shall result in a possible suspension/expulsion of problem individuals.

3.4 Junior Indians Football has a strict policy for “NO HAZING”, “ No ABUSE”, and “NO BODY SHAMING”. These policies do not permit any mental or physical abuse by any coach, parent, athlete, or board member. Such actions will not be tolerated and are in no way acceptable under the standards of Junior Indians Football.

#### Article IV: Eligibility

4.1 Participation is open to any boys or girls that properly register and pay the required registration fees. There is no limitation on where the players live and all are permitted to register for Junior Indians Football.

4.2 **ALL** Junior Indians Football players are required to participate in at least half of their team’s practices to be able to play on game days. This ensures that all players are being treated fairly and also falls under safety precautions. Players need to be aware of their team's plays and their positions on the field during offensive and defensive possessions.

#### Article V: League Structure

5.1 Divisions: The organization may be divided into age-appropriate divisions based on the number of registered players and league guidelines.

5.2 Teams: Teams shall be formed by the organization administration and may be composed of players from various geographic areas.

5.3 Coaching Staff: Each team shall have a designated coach responsible for teaching fundamental skills, organizing practices, and guiding players during games. No more than 6 coaches shall be allowed to assist with an individual team. No more than 6 coaches shall be allowed on the sideline during games.

5.3a Coaches: ALL HEAD COACHES should keep in constant communication with their player's parents throughout the season. Parents must be informed and up to date on all information involving their child and Junior Indians Football.

5.3b Coaches: Coaches may have individual sets of rules and discipline for their individual teams. As long as they don't conflict with Junior Indians Football By Laws.

5.3c Coaches: Coaches must have approval of the Junior Indians Football Board in order to be a coach on a team run by the Junior Indians Football Organization.

## Article VI: Rules and Regulations

6.1 Game Rules: Junior Indians Football shall adopt and enforce rules of play consistent with age-appropriate standards and safety guidelines established by governing bodies such as USA Football.

6.2 Equipment: All players shall be required to wear appropriate safety equipment including helmets, pads, and mouthguards during practices and games.

6.3 Playing Time: Each player shall be guaranteed a minimum amount of playing time per game, as determined by the current conference rules.

6.4 Safety: Junior Indians Football shall prioritize player safety and may establish protocols for concussion management, hydration, and heat-related illness prevention.

## Article VII: League Administration

7.1 Board of Directors: Junior Indians Football shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of volunteers elected by voting league members. Each year the Board of Directors positions shall be voted on for a term of one year. Board of Directors positions will be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Director of Fundraising, and Director of Cheerleading.

7.2 League Officials: The Board is responsible for scheduling games, maintaining records, and resolving disputes.

7.3 Fees: The Board may establish registration fees and other financial requirements necessary for the operation of the League.

7.4 League Meetings: League meetings will be held quarterly throughout the year and once a month during the football season. League meeting months will be in the following months. January, April, July, August, September, October, and December.

7.4a Treasurer's Report: The league treasurer will give a financial report at each league meeting. A financial statement will be made available for all league board of directors and members of the public.

7.4b League Financial Account: The league treasurer and the league president will be the names of the league bank account. Both league treasurer and league president must sign off all league checks.

7.4c Conflict of Interest: No league board of directors can vote on any issue that they could personally benefit from. The league treasurer can not work for any financial institution where the league finances are.

#### Article VIII: Season Schedule

8.1 Season Duration: The Junior Indians Football season shall consist of a predetermined number of weeks for regular season games as determined by the current conference rules.

8.2 Scheduling: Junior Indians Football shall establish a game schedule, including dates, times, and locations, and shall communicate this schedule to all participating teams.

#### Article IV: Amendments

9.1 Amendment Process: These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the League's Board of Directors, provided that notice of proposed amendments is given to all League members in advance.

#### Article X: Dissolution

9.1 Dissolution: In the event of dissolution, any remaining assets of the League shall be distributed to one or more nonprofit organizations dedicated to youth sports as determined by the Board of Directors.

These bylaws were adopted by the Junior Indians Football Organization on March 5, 2024.