

RIVER VALLEY JR FALCONS

BYLAWS

The River Valley Jr 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 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 Jr 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 Jr Falcons, hereinafter referred to as RVJF and shall operation under the umbrella affiliation of Sacramento Youth Football. RVJF EIN is 83-**3813784**

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 selected members, which shall include the SIX (6) Executive Officers of Association, namely; a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Football Coordinator and Cheer Coordinator. The positions will be held indefinite, unless any board member resigns or is removed. All Board Members 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 Executive 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) Executive 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. 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. 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.

Football Coordinator: The Football Coordinator will report to the president and Vice-President. Football Coordinator will oversee and assist all coaches/teams as needed. It is the Football Coordinator responsibility to maintain and follow all duties as described in the Football Coordinator's job description.

Cheer Coordinator: The Cheer Coordinator will report to the president and Vice-President. The Cheer Coordinator will oversee all cheer squads and offer support as needed. It is the Cheer Coordinator 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 positions such as Fundraising/Volunteer Coordinator, Snack Bar Coordinator, Field Manager, Merchandise, Advertising/Sponsorships, or any other task that requires extra attention as seen fit by the Board of Directors. Every member on the board will have a job and is expected to fulfill that duty to support the growth and sustainability of our organization. All Board Members will sign a Code of Conduct and understand that closed session meetings will not be discussed outside of the Board. Members of the Board shall act solely in the best interests of the Organization and shall not allow personal beliefs, opinions, or interests to interfere with objective decision-making. General Board understands that their position is a volunteer "At Will" position.

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 President's Executive Authority: Executive Authority empowers the Associations President and/or his/her designated representatives, to take whatever action they deem necessary to preserve good order and proper government. for the protection of the Corporation, Association and its program.

Scope of Executive Authority: Executive Authority simply means the President may take any actions he/she deems advisable for the benefit of the Association to insure good order and proper government. Those actions included in Executive Authority include, but are not limited to, Removal/Suspension of any Board Member, Individual, Director, Officer, Agent, Employee, Volunteer or representative whose actions, words or deeds are not in the best interest of the Corporation or its programs from the Organization or program, without an individual hearing. If any badge is pulled, it will remain pulled for the remainder of the current season, plus an additional year. Notice can be given in person and/or through email. (All email addresses should be kept current with the Board).

The President's Responsibility: The President has the ultimate responsibility for all branches of the Corporation, Association or programs. As such, The President may exercise his/her Executive Authority in all matters pertaining to the Association and its Directors, Officers, Agents, employees, volunteers, representatives, Parents, players and any volunteer personnel.

The Executive Officers of the Association: Has the authority to remove the President from said position if the President is no longer fulfilling the duties as set forth in these bylaws. At any point the President position is open, the Executive Board has the right to nominate and vote another member to fill the position. Executive Board only 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 VII: VACANCIES/MEMBERSHIP

Board Membership in the Association — If a position on the RVJF board should become available, 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 (Volunteers and/or RVJF Coaches) can submit an application. (Application to be provided by RVJF) To apply for the RVJF board, you must 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. All applications will be reviewed by current board members. An interview could be requested by the board based on your application. The current RVJF Board members will vote on applicants. Qualified Applicant/Applicants will be offered position based on the vote outcome.

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

A minimum of nine (9) board meetings will be held annually, date and time to be determined by the Board of Directors. This meeting Will be open to Association Members in good standing. The Presidents report, Treasurer's report, and any Executive board report will be given at all meetings. Minutes will be taken and approved or modified by the RVJF Board present at the meeting prior to the following board meeting. A presence of majority (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 on with the remainder of his/her term. Majority vote will decide the outcome. Meetings will be posted on organization website with date, location and time five (5) days prior.

ARTICLE IX: 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 three (3) days prior to such meeting. Such notices shall specify the me 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 three (3) day notification, and call for a special meeting immediately or prior to the three (3) 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.

ARTICLE X: 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 closed session only in cases that involve confidential matters or confidential issues concerning discipline of members, offices and/or members of the Board. Closed session meetings will be disclosed by The Executive Board.

ARTICLE XI: 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. Record of all expenses must be documented.

ARTICLE XII: INDEMNIFICATION

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

ARTICLE XIII: AFFILIATION

The River Valley Jr 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 XIV: DISCIPLINE

RVJF Board of Directors will have the discretion to discipline, suspend or remove any 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.

ARTICLE XV: 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 XVI: 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 XVII: AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended by the RVJF Board or at the request of the Sacramento Youth Football league at any time and will be reviewed and approved annually. Amendments to these by-laws go into effect immediately upon Board Vote Approval.

ARTICLE XVIII: 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 Jr Falcons

Signed: Kari Johnson
President Kari Johnson

Signed: Anthony Redmond
Vice President Anthony Redmond

Signed: David Mendoza
Treasurer David Mendoza

Signed: Arianna Mendoza
Secretary Arianna Mendoza

Signed: Izaya Johnson
Football Coordinator Izaya Johnson

Signed: Gina Artist
Cheer Coordinator Gina Artist

DATED: 2-5-2024