

BYLAWS
OF
THE ACREAGE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

ARTICLE I – OFFICES

The principal office of the Corporation shall be established and maintained as designated in the Articles of Incorporation. The Corporation may not have offices at such places outside the State of Florida as the Board of Directors may from time to time establish.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

1. The purpose for which the Corporation is formed are those set forth in its Articles of Incorporation, as from time to time amended. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income, or profit of the Corporation distributable to, or inures to the benefit of its members, directors, or officers except to the extent permitted under the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

2. The Corporation may lease, gift, devise, purchase, own, and/or operate real estate for such Corporation's purpose; and to solicit donations and to accept money or personal property in aid of such purpose and to maintain the same.

ARTICLE III – BASIC POLICIES

The following are the basic policies of the Corporation:

1. The Corporation shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
2. The name of the Corporation or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest or for any purpose not appropriately related to the promotion of the object of the Corporation.
3. The Corporation may cooperate with other organizations and agencies concerned with charitable, religious, educational or scientific matters but persons representing the Corporation in such matters shall make no commitments that bind the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV –MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. A member is defined as any officer, director, coach, or sport board member (Sports Chairman, Vice Chairman Secretary, Or Treasurer) who subscribes to the purposes and basic policies of the Corporation may become a member of the Corporation subject to compliances with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. League Members Defined:

- Charter Members: Any individual that has served 5 or more consecutive years on a sport board or Executive Committee for the Acreage Athletic League.
- Regular Members: Any individual that is currently serving on or has less than 5 years of service on a Sport Board or Executive Committee for the Acreage Athletic League.
- Conditions of membership include strict adherence to these Bylaws.

Membership in the Corporation shall be available without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin.

2. The Corporation shall conduct an annual enrollment of members but persons may be admitted or omitted to membership at any time.

3. Only members in good standing of the Corporation shall be eligible to participate in its business meetings or to serve in any of its elective or appointive positions. Good standing is defined as members who have passed the background check and have not had a level 3 violation for 3 years or any Level 4 violations or who participates in administration of or sits on any board competing against the Acreage Athletic League.

4. If the Board of Directors requires, each member of the Corporation shall pay Annual dues to the Corporation in the amount determined by the Corporation's Board of Directors from time to time.

5. All board and committee members must attend the monthly meetings of their board or committee. Failure to comply and missing three consecutive meetings may be considered abandonment of sport or sport run ineffectively as determined by the AAL Executive Board.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

1. Officers.

1.1 The officers of the Corporation, also known as the Executive Committee, or Board of Directors, shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Director of Equipment/Safety Director, a Director of Marketing and a Sports Administrator.

1.2 Officers shall be elected on the first non-legal holiday Tuesday in July. However, if there is but one nominee for any office, it shall be in order to move that the Secretary cast the elective ballot of the Corporation for the nominee.

1.3 Officer's official duties will be determined by a majority vote of the remaining officers. If a sport or a sport committee is abandoned, or run ineffectively, then that sport or concession operation will be run by the Corporation, until a successor Commissioner or President is appointed.

1.4 Officer positions of the corporation (President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Director of Equipment/Safety Director, a Director of Marketing and Sports Administrator) shall be elected by the Board Members on the second non-legal holiday Tuesday of July.

1.5 Board Member terms are four years from the date elected. If appointed to serve an open position the term shall expire at the end of the original four-year term.

1.6 The Board shall consist of seven members at large representing seven individual seats on the Board – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Seats 1, 2, 3, 4 shall be elected during odd numbered years and Seats 5, 6 and 7 shall be elected during even numbered years.

1.7 The Board will appoint or dismiss the Assistant Treasurer and/or the Sergeant of Arms as necessary by majority vote at our regular open meeting. The Assistant Treasurer and the Sergeant of Arms are to be non-voting board members.

2. Election.

2.1 If warranted, there shall be a nominating committee composed of three members, two of whom shall be selected by the Board of Directors, and one of whom shall be appointed by ITID/Parks Director at a regular meeting at least one month prior to the election.

2.2 The nominating committee shall nominate one eligible person for each office to be filled and report its nominees at the regular meeting one month before the election at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

2.3 Only those who have signified their consent to serve if elected shall be nominated for or elected to such office.

3. Vacancy.

3.1 A vacancy occurring on any board or committee office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by a majority vote of the remaining members of the executive committee, notice of such election having been given. In case a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice-President shall serve notice of the election.

ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and the Board of Directors at which he may be present; shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed in these Bylaws or assigned to him by the Corporation or by the Board of Directors and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the Corporation in order that the purpose of the Corporation may be promoted. The President will assist in the responsibility of the Secretary in being a Liaison to all sport divisions and collect monthly minutes from the sports. He/she is also responsible to monitor the Informational Guidelines for each sport. He/she will also advise of field closures to all sports divisions at Community Park. He/she will handle permits for the Acreage Athletic League.. He/she may also attend any board meetings held by the Board of Directors and Sports.

2. The Vice-President shall act as aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability that officer to act. He/she will investigate all written complaints along with the appropriate sport board. He/she may also attend any board meeting held by the Board of Directors and Sports. He/she will keep control of all Executive Board meetings, maintain the official logbook at all Executive Board meetings and enforce all rules and policies of the Executive Board as necessary. He/she shall serve as an authorized signer on all AAL bank accounts including all Sports Board Accounts.

3. The Secretary shall record or retain the minutes of all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him or her. . He/She will assume in the responsibility in being a Liaison to all sport divisions and collect monthly minutes from the sports. He/She may also attend any board meeting held by the Board of Directors and Sports. They will also provide local newspapers with Coropration's updates and assist the Treasurer with all legal and insurance documentation processing and recording in the Corporation's interests.

4. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds of the Corporation; shall oversee the independent position of bookkeeper in order to produce a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; and shall make disbursements in accordance with the approved budget, or as authorized by the Corporation, Board of Directors, or a Special Committee. The Treasurer shall provide access to bank accounts, with a reasonable timeframe as appropriate among sports members in addition to the Executive Vice President. present a current bank statement at every regular meeting of the Corporation and at other times when requested by the Board of Directors. He/She shall serve as an authorized signer on all AAL bank accounts including all Sports Board Accounts. He/She may also attend any board meeting held by the Board of Directors and Sports. The Corporation's sport account and operating account checkbooks (corporation assets) will be held and managed by an independent bookkeeper to ensure separation of assets from authorization to access (bank account signors). The Bookkeeper is under authority of the entire Executive Board and is to report to the Board any suspicious activity or deviation from financial procedures. The Treasurer's accounts shall be examined annually by an outside individual or accounting firm, not affiliated with the Corporation, if applicable.. They will also supervise and guide the Assistant Treasurer position to ensure its compliance and tasks set forth, and ensure the Vice President is a signor on all of the Corporation's bank accounts.

5. The Director of Equipment/Safety Director will assume full responsibility for all equipment within the Association. He/She will ensure proper maintenance and care of all the Association's equipment. He/She will require to receive an inventory report from each sport board at season end. He/she may also attend any board meeting held by the Board of

Directors and Sports. He/she will also be responsible for processing all sports background and concussion screenings and maintaining an accurate log of volunteers per sport, per season, that have been processed.

6. Sports Administrator will assume the responsibility of handling permits for the Corporation at Samuel Friedland Park. He/she will also advise of field closures to all sports divisions at Samuel Friedland. He/she is to comply with PBC Parks and Recreations procedures at all times. He/she may also attend any board meeting held by the Board of Directors and Sports.

7. Director of Marketing will promote the Corporation's interests, including presenting a positive image through media, advertising, website and any means available. They will maintain the Corporation's website, internet, web pages, Facebook and all other means of media outlets. They will also update media outlets to promote the Corporation's interests. This director position may also seek out contributions, donations or sponsorships for general corporate purposes. He/she may also attend any board meeting held by the Board of Directors and Sports. They will also coordinate with the Sports boards to promote their individual and collective interests as is in the best interest of the Corporation.

9. Acreage Athletic League reserves the right to add a Non Committee Member at any time as an advisor.

10. All officers shall perform the duties prescribed in the parliamentary authority in addition to those outlined in these Bylaws and those assigned from time to time.

11. Deliver to their successors all the official material not later than ten (10) days following the election of their successors, and assist with the transition of duties, thereafter as necessary.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the officers of the Corporation. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve until the election and qualification of the successors.

2. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be:

2.1 To transact necessary business in the intervals between meetings of the Corporation and such other business as may be referred to it by the Corporation.

2.2 To appoint the president of each individual sport board for a two-year term.

2.3 To approve the nominated boards of each individual sport as nominated by each sport board president and to approve the plans of work of each individual sport board

2.4 To present a report at the regular meetings of the Corporation.

2.5 To appoint an individual or accounting firm, not affiliated with the Corporation, at least three months before the annual meeting to prepare an annual (previous calendar year) accounting and reconciliation of all the Corporation's accounts, including the accounts of all subsidiaries' or divisions of the Corporation. The Corporation's Treasurer will provide to the appointed individual or accounting firm all documents necessary to conduct an accounting and reconciliation as described above.

2.6 To prepare and submit to the Corporation for approval a budget for the fiscal year.

2.7 To approve routine bills within the limits of the budget.

2.8 . The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may request an audit or agreed upon procedures to assist the Board with applicable financial matters.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first non-legal holiday Tuesday of every month from 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm.

2. Workshops. There is one workshop per month held on the fourth non-legal holiday Tuesday of each month. This meeting will not be open to the public.

3. Special Meetings. Special meetings may only be called by the President , in his/her absence, the Vice-President . The time and location will be posted at the concession stand at least one (1) week prior to the meetings. If applicable, notice will also be given to the local media.

4. The annual meeting shall be the first Tuesday, which is not a legal holiday, in the month of July.

5. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business in any meeting of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IX – INDIVIDUAL SPORT BOARDS

1. The Board of Directors may create individual sport boards, as it may deem necessary to promote the purposes and carry on the work of the Corporation. The term of each sport board president shall be two-year or until the election and qualification of his/her successor.

2. The president of each sport board shall for a two year term, appoint and present a sport board of directors to the Executive Board Committee for approval. The sport board president can renominate any unapproved or vacant positions. The Executive Committee may fill any sport board vacant for more than one month, pending background approval.

3. Each sport must present a plan of work to the Board of Directors for approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the Board of Directors.

4. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all except the nominating committee.

ARTICLE X – COLORS, INSIGNIA, AND SLOGAN

1. The official colors of the Corporation are red, black, silver, and white.
2. The official insignia of the Corporation is a Hawk.
3. The official slogan of the Corporation is “Play hard, Play smart and have fun”.

ARTICLE XI – MISCELLANEOUS

1. Policies. The Executive Board will from time to time set forth policies to govern by. The policies will be in addition to the Bylaws.

2. Interpretation. Bylaws or Policies whose meaning or intent is not clearly defined will be interpreted by the majority of the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Any objection to a meaning or intent of any Bylaw or Policy will be dealt with in a special meeting called for the purpose of defining the Bylaw or Policy. It should be the understanding of all members that not all Bylaws and/or Policies will conform to all situations that may from time to time arise.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by majority vote at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments related specifically to sports operations have been updated in the Sports Bylaws.

REVISION DATES

- March 4, 2008 - Add Article XIII to By Laws
- February 3, 2009 Amend Article V, 1.1 By Laws; add Sports Administrator
- February 3, 2009 Amend Article V, 1.3 By Laws; term length to four years from five
- February 24, 2009 Amend Article IV, delete Darin DeCosta as Equipment Mgr.
- February 24, 2009 Amend Article IV, add: OR those officers currently on record and file with Florida Department of State Division of Corporations.
- March 24, 2009 Amend Article V - 1.3 By Laws; delete 2nd sentence re 4 year term
- Add to Article V - 1.4 Officer positions elected in July
- Add to Article V- 1.5 Board terms are 4 years from date elected
- Add to Article V - 1.6 Seats 1, 2, 3, 4 elected odd numbered years and Seats 5, 6 and 7 elected even number years.
- Amend Article V - 2.1 delete: from its body and The person receiving the highest number of votes by the Corporation shall serve as Chairman. Change: selected by the Corporation to read: appointed by the ITID/Parks Director.
- Add Article VII - 2.8 To serve on the Executive board, your child may not participate in an alternate league sports that are currently offered by the AAL.
- November 10, 2009 Amend Article IV- 1, 3 & 5
- Amend Article V 1.1, 1.3 and 3.1
- Amend article VII 2.2 & 2.3
- Amend Article IX 1, 2 & 3 delete 4
- Amend Article XII 2, 3
- July 6, 2010 Add Article XIII – must have representative during games
- August 10, 2010 Amend Article VI (1-7) Any EXBOD can attend any monthly meeting
- May 22, 2012 Amend Article V 1.6 change from seven to nine members and terms
- October 6, 2015- Article 4 of Articles of Incorporation–Officer and Directors
- Article 5 of Articles of Incorporation and Article 12- Updated PMB #

Article V (1.4) of Bylaws- Deleted Assistant Treasure

Article V (1.6) deleted seats 8 and 9

Article V – Created 1.7)

Article VI- (#2) Included Sergeant of Arms to Vice President description

Article VI- Combined #5 and #6 together (description of Director of Equipment and Safety Director as one

Article VI- (#7) inserted AP coordinator and the non-voting, paid position board member clause.

Article VI- (#8) inserted additional description that they will handle Facebook page to promote the league’s interests.

Article VI- (#9) deleted collecting and reviewing financials sentence

Article XIII

December 5, 2017 Amend Articles of Incorporation Article I – define “AAL”

Article IV -Add seat #s term dates and appointed directors

Amend Bylaws Article IV (5) – replace will with may

Article V (1.1, 1.4, 1.7) – update position titles

Article V (1.5, 1.6) – fix formatting and remove “two” year term

Article V (2.1) – Nominating committee appointed “if warranted”

Article VI (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8) – update and further define Executive Board Officer responsibilities

Article XI (2) and Article XIII (1, 3) – Typos, clarification and consistency

November 9, 2021 Article 4 – OFFICERS and DIRECTORS: Board Member Executive/officer positions and term expirations removed and will be maintained in a separate addendum. Seat #'s remain.

Article V (1.1) and (1.4) Replaced Park Administrator with Sports Administrator

Article VI (1) – Replaced assume with assist

Deleted “He/She will share concession administrator duties with the Treasurer.

Article VI (2) – Inserted “He/she shall serve as an authorized signer on all AAL bank accounts including all Sports Board Accounts”.

Removed They will maintain the Corporation’s website, internet, web pages, Facebook and all other means of media outlets. They will also update media outlets to promote the Corporation’s interests.

Article VI (3) - . Added “He/She will assume in the responsibility in being a Liaison to all sport divisions and collect monthly minutes from the sports”.

Removed “He/She shall serve as an authorized signer on all AAL bank accounts including all Sports Board Accounts

Article VI (4) Replaced keep with “oversee the independent position of bookkeeper in order to produce”

Added “provide access to bank accounts, with a reasonable timeframe as appropriate among sports members in addition to the Executive Vice President”

Added “The Corporation’s sport account and operating account checkbooks (corporation assets) will be held and managed by an independent bookkeeper to ensure separation of assets from authorization to access (bank account signors). The Bookkeeper is under authority of the entire Executive Board and is to report to the Board any suspicious activity or deviation from financial procedures”

Added “if applicable” and “Vice President”

Removed “They will share concession administrator duties with the President.

Article VI (6) Replaced Park with Sports

Article VI (7) Added They will maintain the Corporation’s website, internet, web pages, Facebook and all other means of media outlets. They will also update media outlets to promote the Corporation’s interests.

Corrected spelling of Corporation

Article VI (2.8) Deleted previous 2.8 section with .The Board of Directors, by majority vote, may request an audit or agreed upon procedures to assist the Board with applicable financial matters.

Article VIII (3) Replaced Chairman with President

Article XIII (1) Replaced entire article with Amendments related specifically to sports operations have been updated in the Sports Bylaws.