



World Champion Football League

"Beyond your potential"

World Champion Football League By-Laws

World Champion Football League is sponsored by the Erik Williams Foundation a faith-based organization begun for the empowerment of youth through: (1) athletics, (2) job training, (3) religious faith, and (4) educational development.

ARTICLE I – NAME SECTION 1

- This organization shall be known as the World Champion Football League. Hereinafter referred to as the "WCFL".

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

SECTION 2.1 –The purpose of the League shall be to organize and supervise organized cheer and the playing of competitive football games under specialized rules and regulations.

SECTION 2.2 - Create a proper interest; develop enthusiasm for the sport of football and cheer, teaching the fundamentals, through practice, competition and sportsmanship.

SECTION 2.3 - Ensure that all players are given the opportunity to participate in each game.

SECTION 2.4 - To encourage participants to maintain high scholastic grades in school and develop a compassionate attitude.

ARTICLE III - STATEMENT OF POLICY

SECTION 3.1 - It shall be the policy of the League to conduct its activities so that the physical and moral welfare of the young people for whose benefit it is organized shall remain paramount and all matters of the Policy shall be determined on that basis.

SECTION 3.2 - All matters that would require amendment to the League By-Laws shall be decided by a vote of the majority of the Governing Board.

SECTION 3.3 - It shall be the policy of the League to implant firmly in the youth of the community the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and service.

SECTION 3.4 - No person who is a member of the League, or who is employed or who is in any way connected with the league, shall receive any personal financial benefit there from beyond the reasonable value of services in carrying out the purpose for which the League has been organized.

SECTION 3.5 - It shall be the policy of the League to prohibit any direct advertising of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or firearm products in connection with the League or any of its programs.

SECTION 3.6 – WCFL firmly opposes and strictly prohibits any form of discrimination on the basis of gender, age, race or religious preference.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 4.1 – Players and cheerleaders, volunteer adult leaders, parents or guardians of players and cheerleaders, managers, coaches, and board members. Membership is annual initiating with paid dues for participants and their parents and/or guardians terminating on December 31st of each year or at the conclusion of post season play. Membership for coaches starts with board approval as a confirmed coach and ends on December 31st of each year or at the conclusion of post-season play. Membership for board members starts with placement on the board and terminates upon resignation, documented failure to perform duties, and/or removal by board action.

SECTION 4.2 - There shall be no dues or assessments for membership in the League, except for fees charged for participating. The Governing Board of Officers shall set the amount of fees annually.

SECTION 4.3 - Membership may be terminated by resignation, failure to complete payment of fee or action from the Governing Board of Officers.

ARTICLE V - GOVERNMENT OF THE LEAGUE SECTION

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ARTICLE VI – WCFL GOVERNING BOARD OF OFFICERS (WCFL)

SECTION 6.1 - The Officers of the League shall include a minimum of:

President- Erik G. Williams

Vice President of Administration- Darryl L. Jones

Operations Vice President of Football- Wayne Roane Jr.

Secretary-

Treasurer-

Facilities Director-

Junior Midget Commissioner-

Pewee Commissioner-

Junior Pewee Commissioner-

Senior Clinic Commissioner-

Junior Clinic Commissioner-

Future Commissioner-

Cheerleaders President-

Presidents Assistant-

Additional board members to cover functional needs as may be required year-to-year based on need and available volunteers.

SECTION 6.2 - Method of Selection

All applicants interested in becoming an Officer of the Governing Board must complete an Application, submit it to the President of the League and adhere to an interview process conducted by the Governing Board of Officers.

SECTION 6.3 - Board Member Duties and Responsibilities.

Board members must attend board meetings, scheduled league events, Saturday game day

scheduled work shifts, and League hosted tournaments and events.

Specific position responsibilities are outlined herein with service to include but not necessarily limited to these solely;

A. **President** – Shall act as Chief Executive Officer of the League. Shall exercise supervision over the organization and all its activities. Shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board of Directors and the Governing Board of Officers. Shall make an annual report thereon to the Officers of the League. Shall appoint all committees and designate an executive officer to serve as ex-officio member of all committees. Two years of previous WCFL board experience is required.

B. **Vice President of Administration/Operations**- Shall assist the President in the performance of the President's duties, shall preside at meetings in the absence or incapacity of the President and becomes the Interim President on the death, resignation, or permanent incapacity of the President until a new President can be elected (See Section 6.6). Shall serve as Chairman of the By-Laws and Disciplinary Committees. Responsible for organizing of officer duty schedule. Shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President. One year of previous experience serving on the WCFL Governing Board is required.

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C. **Operations Vice President of Football** - Shall assist the President in the performance of duties. Will appoint the Division Commissioner that will be the liaison between the WCFL and (WCFLA) World champion Football League Association. Is to attend association meetings as the League's official representative and will speak on behalf of the League as well as relay to the league officers and coaches all rules in connection with the Association. Playoff practice schedules and games, post-season games and regular season games as needed. Shall serve as Chairman of the Coaches Selection Committee, Player Uniform Committee and shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President. One year of previous experience serving on the WCFL board is required.

D. **Treasurer/Secretary** - Responsible for the collection, safekeeping, and expenditure of all funds of the League, and for keeping an accurate financial record. Collects and disperses funds only as directed by Law, the By-Laws, Governing Board of Officers, the Executive Board or other Authority provided in the By-Laws. The Treasurer does not have the power to borrow money or issue funds or checks except as authorized to do so by the By-Laws of the League, Governing Board of Officers or Executive Board of Directors.

Secretary- Shall give treasurers update at all regularly scheduled meetings and shall give a final update to the Governing Board of Officers at the annual meeting. Responsible for taking careful and accurate notes of the proceedings of the meetings as a basis of preparing minutes, shall prepare and certify the correctness of the minutes. Assists presiding Officer before each meeting in preparing a detailed agenda. Prepare an Officer List and call the roll when needed or directed by the presiding Officer. Must bring to each meeting the Minute Book; a copy of the By-Laws, rules and policies. Shall perform other duties as assigned by the President. Shall serve as Chairman of the Budget and Finance committee. Members of the committee to be appointed by the President. Two years of previous experience serving as an Officer of the World Champion Football League Governing Board

is required and the candidate must be bondable.

E. Facilities Director - Is responsible for maintenance, repair and general upkeep of all League buildings including Field-house dressing rooms, restrooms, concession and announcers' booth area as well as the Office and storage areas of the Field house. Shall organize a cleaning program of all League restrooms and Field-house dressing rooms. Responsible for coordinating facility care with the officials of the Middle Town Sports Complex etc. Shall be responsible for all maintenance of mowers, striper machine as well as the water sprinkler system of the League. Shall coordinate the cleaning program of all grandstand and outlying ground areas. Shall serve as Chairman of the Facilities Maintenance and Improvement Committee (if one is designated by the President) and must submit a Facility Maintenance and Improvement budget proposal to the Governing Board of Officers. Shall perform other duties as assigned by the President.

F. Division Commissioners - May not have a son in the Division in which he is the Commissioner. The Commissioner may not be a Head Coach in the Division in which he is the Commissioner. The Commissioners duties are as follows:

1. Serve on Coaches Selection Committee.
2. Conduct coaches meeting for the division, in which he is the Commissioner,
3. Manage, organize and supervise tryout sessions.
4. Conduct annual Draft (open and blind) for his division.
5. Monitor conduct of Coaches on field during games.
6. Ensure adherence to terms of coach's agreement
7. Responsible for giving notice to coaches in their division for the purpose of meetings, work days and schedule changes.
8. Actively participate in the maintenance of the WCFL fields, facilities and grounds.
9. Shall perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

G. Cheerleaders President- Communication and meet regularly with cheer coordinators.

1. Stay in the know and attend cheer parent meetings ,mandatory!!
2. Complaints-Develop an in-house protocol for handling complaints
3. Over see and monitor cheer program organization.
4. Develop a unified organization with football and cheer.
5. Visibility-Be visible and transparent to parents cheerleaders at all times.

H. President Assistant- Conserves President's time and promotes the WCFL image by representing the president internally and externally; providing liaison between the president, WCFLA (World Champion Football League Association) governing board members and whatever duties the president may assign.

Other members with specific duties will have duties assigned by the President to include but not limited to those for:

1. Public Relations-
2. Marketing-
3. Director of Football-
4. Team Mom Coordination-
5. Cheer Coordination-
6. Fund Raising-
7. Concessions-
8. Administration or Operational Support-
9. Officiating Liaison-
10. Others as may be required year-to-year

SECTION 6.4 – Resignation An Officer of the League, who resigns his or her position for that year, will forfeit his or her position for that year and the following year. However, an Officer of the League with a Head Coach position decides to resign his/her Officer position but keeps his/her Head Coach position will be allowed to reapply as Head Coach the next year, but not an Officer of the League

SECTION 6.5 - Removal from Office

Any Officer of the Governing Board, including the President, may be removed by a 2/3 vote of all members of the Governing Board, or by disciplinary action progressive process defined in section 8.6. The only exception is the Founder-President Erik Williams. He cannot be removed.

SECTION 6.6 - Method of Filling Vacancies

A special election may be called in the event of death, resignation, or inability to perform the duties of office for any reason of any Officer of the Governing Board. The Executive Board of Directors will make nominations for the vacated position. Such member shall serve in that capacity until the end of the remainder of that term. If no suitable replacement is elected, that position may remain vacant until the next regular election.

ARTICLE VII- EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS=(ERIK WILLIAMS FOUNDATION BOARD)

SECTION 7.1 - Membership

A. Ex-Officio Members - President, Vice President of Administration/Operations, Vice President of Football, Secretary/Treasurer.

B. No more than one member of a household, who is currently a member of the League's Governing Board of Officers, shall serve as a member of the Executive Board of Directors

SECTION 7.2 - Duties and Responsibilities

A. Approve and ratify all business of the Governing Board of Officers.

B. Approve all contracts and terms of financing.

C. Supervise and manage all Player Drafts, regular and blind drafts.

D. Secure and oversee any legal support as may be required by the League.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

SECTION 8.1 – Meetings of the Governing Board of Officers are not required to be conducted in accordance with “The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure”.

SECTION 8.2 - At the annual, special or regularly scheduled meetings of the League, every eligible Officer of the Governing Board present shall be entitled to vote. There shall be no proxy voting. All information discussed and voting action taken regarding League functions during the annual, special, or regularly scheduled League meetings will be made available upon request. All voting is done by a voice or show of hands except Player Rules, which must be done by Roll Call. All election voting must be done by Ballot. Copies of minutes for the annual, special or regularly scheduled League meetings will be kept in the Official Minute Book and will be made available upon request.

SECTION 8.3 - Annual Meeting- 7 day advance notice by E-mail. Order of Business:

1. President's year-end report.
2. End of year Treasury update.
3. End of year Football Equipment update.
4. Initial planning for new season – duty assignments

SECTION 8.4 - Regular Meetings

2-day advance required notice by phone and/or email unless waiver of notice is received.

SECTION 8.5 - Special Meetings

The President or a Quorum of the Executive Board of Officers (at least two) will call special meetings.

A. How notified:

1. Telephone
2. E-mail B. 24 Hours Advance Notice

SECTION 8.6 – Meeting Attendance

A. Any officer of the Governing Board missing two consecutive or three out of five regular or special meetings will be placed on probationary status and lose voting privileges for the next two called meetings (either Regular or Special).

B. Any Officer being placed on probation twice in a season can be removed from office by the President.

SECTION 8.7 Any Head Coach or any member of the league may attend board meetings for a specific reason upon request in advance and approval of the Governing Board of Officers.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY SECTION 9.1 – Not applicable.

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

SECTION 10.1

The President, with the approval of the Executive Board of Officers, may appoint any Special Committee for purposes as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE XI – OFFICER ELECTIONS SECTION

11.1 – At least two of the Governing Board of Officers that is entitled to vote and present shall be required for an election. No voting by proxy.

SECTION 11.2 - Nominations

A. Self-nominations are accepted by application.

B. Applications are accepted during the League playoffs and during the following off season with a deadline of May 1st. All applications must be turned in to the League President.

C. Interviews will be held the First week of May and Officer Election will be on or before the 1st of June of the upcoming year.

SECTION 11.3 - Method of Voting

A. By Ballot.

B. President and Secretary must count all votes simultaneously in the presence of all voting members of the Governing Board of Officers

ARTICLE XII – QUORUM

SECTION 12.1 - Meetings of the Governing Board of Officers

A At least two Officers entitled to vote will constitute a quorum for transaction of Business, and a majority vote will govern.

SECTION 12.2 - Meetings of the Executive Board of Directors

At least two Directors entitled to vote will constitute a quorum for transaction of Business, and a majority vote will govern.

ARTICLE XIII –DISCIPLINARY ACTION

SECTION 13.1 - The Governing Board of Officers shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any player, referee, league official, parent or other person whose conduct is in violation of the Rules, Policies and Regulations of **World Champion Football League**, these By-Laws, and/or at such time as it is considered to be in the League's best interest.

SECTION 13.2 - Persons dismissed, barred, or suspended for longer than a game period shall have the right to request an appeal hearing before the Governing Board of Officers. Written requests for appeals using must be delivered to an Officer of the League within 24 hours of notification of disciplinary action. Upon receipt of such request, a hearing will be scheduled within 7 days.

SECTION 13.3 - In the event of disciplinary procedure involving a player or other person under the age of 18, that person's parent or guardian and coach shall be required to attend the hearing with the person concerned.

SECTION 13.4 - The Governing Board of Officers may impose any of the following penalties which, in their opinion, appears to match the severity of the offense:

WARNING: The offending person is to be advised of the offense and further advised that the repetition of the offense will result in a more severe penalty. **SUSPENSION:** The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been suspended from all League activity for a specific number of games or days.

DISMISSAL: The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been dismissed from the League for the remainder of the current season. **BARRED:** The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been barred from current and future participation within the League permanently or for a specific number of years.

SECTION 13.5– The Coaches Discipline Committee by majority vote shall have the authority to suspend, discharge, or otherwise discipline any coach whose conduct is in violation of the Coaches Rules, Policies and/or Regulations of **World Champion Football League**, these By-Laws, and/or at such time as it is considered to be in the League's best interest.

ARTICLE XXV - PLAYOFFS AND SUPER BOWL SECTION

25.1 - All teams in all divisions will advance to the playoff tournament.

SECTION 25.2 - Playoff Tournament Brackets will be based on your regular season record excluding/ Non Franchised games.

World Champion Football League Tournament Bracket

	Round 1		Round 2	
4 Team Division	1 st Place vs. 4 th Place			Winner advance to Super Bowl
	2 nd Place vs. 3 rd Place			Winner advance to Super Bowl
5 Team Division	1 st Place vs. 5 th Place			Winner advance to Super Bowl
	2 nd Place Bye		Plays winner of 3 rd & 4 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	3 rd Place vs. 4 th Place		Plays 2 nd Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
6 Team Division	1 st Place Bye		Plays winner of 4 th & 5 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	4 th Place vs. 5 th Place		Plays 1 st Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	2 nd Place Bye		Plays winner of 3 rd & 6 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	3 rd Place vs. 6 th Place		Plays 2 nd Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
7 Team Division	1 st Place Bye		Plays winner of 4 th & 5 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	4 th Place vs. 5 th Place		Plays 1 st Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	3 rd Place vs. 6 th Place		Plays winner of 2 nd & 7 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	2 nd Place vs. 7 th Place		Plays winner of 3 rd & 6 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
8 Team Division	1 st Place vs. 8 th Place		Plays winner of 4 th & 5 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	4 th Place vs. 5 th Place		Plays winner of 1 st & 8 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	3 rd Place vs. 6 th Place		Plays winner of 2 nd & 7 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	2 nd Place vs. 7 th Place		Plays winner of 3 rd & 6 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
9 Team Division	8 th Place vs. 9 th Place	1 st plays winner of 8 th & 9 th	Plays winner of 4 th & 5 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	4 th Place vs. 5 th Place		Plays winner of 1 st & 8 th & 9 th	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	3 rd Place vs. 6 th Place		Plays winner of 2 nd & 7 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	2 nd Place vs. 7 th Place		Plays winner of 3 rd & 6 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
10 Team Division	7 th Place vs. 10 th Place	1 st plays winner of 9 th & 10 th	Plays winner of 4 th & 5 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	4 th Place vs. 5 th Place		Plays winner of 1 st & 7 th 10 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	3 rd Place vs. 6 th Place		Plays winner of 2 nd & 8 th & 9 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl
	8 th Place vs. 9 th Place	2nd plays winner of 8 th & 9 th	Plays winner of 3 rd & 6 th Place	Winner advance to Super Bowl

SECTION 25.3 – In the event of a tie in final League records, the standings will be determined based on the following:

- Record vs. tied teams.
- Fewest points allowed vs. tied teams.
- Point Differential between tied teams.
- Record within Conference.
- Finally a coin toss will determine it.

ARTICLE XXVI - POST SEASON TOURNAMENTS

WCFL INVITATIONAL / WORLD CHAMPION BOWL

SECTION 26.1 - No team shall engage in any Post Season game or Tournament other than those set up, sanctioned or approved by the League.

SECTION 26.2 - Objective

WCFL Invitational

The WCFL Invitational will invite the best All-Star team champions to compete in state, regional and national competition, the winners will play in the World Champion Bowl in Delaware.

The WCFL All Stars from each division (Future, Junior Clinic, Senior Clinic, Junior PeeWee, PeeWee, Junior Midget) will get a automatic (**Exemption**) to the World Champion Bowl! (No need for the kids to participate in two All Star games.)

3. World Champion Bowl

The World Champion Bowl will host the best All Star team champions from around the country starting with the Mid-Atlantic Region Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey to compete in national competition, Hosted by 3X Super Bowl Champion Erik "Big E" Williams.

SECTION 26.3 - Coach Selection

The Governing Board of Officers reserves the right to approve all coaches representing the League in Post-Season play.

To qualify to coach the Post Season Team, the proposed coach must have no Disciplinary Action taken against him the current or past season. If the Super Bowl winning Head Coach in each Division qualifies, he will be offered the position of Head Coach of the Post Season Tournament Teams. If this person declines the position or does not qualify, it will be offered to the Super Bowl runner up Head Coach. He must qualify with the above criteria as well. Assistants will be chosen by the Head Coach and will be limited to (3) Assistants.

SECTION 26.4 - Player

A. Selection to and playing on the Post Season Tournament Team is not guaranteed as a part of registration.

B. Head Coaches from regular season teams will meet to determine selection of post season tournament teams. Final decision on roster makeup will be solely up to the Head Coach of the Post-Season Tournament Team.

C. There will be a fee to play on this Post Season team. **There are no guaranteed playing times in post season tournament play.** A maximum number of 33 players per team are allowed.

D. Due to the short time for preparation to put a team together, Head Coaches may schedule practices as needed. Practices are to be no longer than 2 1/2 hours and must not exceed 8:30 pm for Future 5-6, Junior Clinic 7-8, Senior Clinic 9-10, Junior PeeWee 11 and 9:00 pm for PeeWee 12, Junior Midget 13-14) teams.

