

**Washita Valley  
Football Association  
BY-LAWS**

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**I. PURPOSE**

1. To provide a safe and healthful environment for the youth of the WASHITA VALLEY area, to learn the skills and sportsmanship of competitive sports.

**II. NAME**

1. The name of the organization shall be **WASHITA VALLEY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (WVFA)**.

**III. BASIC POLICY**

1. Shall be nonprofit, nonsectarian and nonpartisan.
2. The parliamentary authority shall be **“Roberts Rules of Order”**.
3. The President of WVFA is responsible for the record keeping of all meetings.
4. Meeting shall be recorded and then placed on hard copy.
5. Copy of meeting minutes must be readily available at the next meeting or one week following which ever comes first. Minutes may be faxed upon request.

**IV. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

1. To be a member of the organization, a town must make an application to the WVFA. The member towns will review the application and membership will either pass or fail by majority vote.
2. Only the member town(s) representative shall be eligible to vote on official business. There shall be only one vote for each member town(s).
3. When a WVFA vote is taken place, each town shall issue town name to the record and voting decision.
4. The member town(s) in line to host the Round Robin will be considered the HOST TOWN.
5. Host town for the WVFA will pay \$350.00 to the Referee Coordinator.
6. League fees will be set at the end of season meeting each year, and are currently set at \$200.00 per member town(s). The fee is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February prior to that year's football season.
7. Each member town(s) of the organization shall pay the annual league fees.
8. The WVFA shall conduct meeting monthly as necessary, beginning in July, through the football season.
9. A meeting must be held after the final league game of the season to set up the play-off schedule and to set the date for the review of the By-Laws.
10. By-Law changes are to be considered at the meeting, and the WVFA President and WVFA Vice President must notify all member town(s) representative one week prior to the meeting.
11. A member town is not eligible to play in the WVFA until the league fees are paid.
12. Membership towns include Alex-1999, Dibble-1999, Lexington-1999, Purcell-1999, Washington-1999, Rush Springs-1999 and Maysville -2000.

**V. OFFICERS**

1. The Officers of this organization shall consist of President, Vice President and Protest Committee.
2. The President of this organization shall be determined by rotation of the office by the member town(s). The member town shall determine who will be the WVFA President within the organization. The WVFA President cannot hold the office of President in his /her own Town(s).
3. The WVFA Vice President will be the representative from the next member town hosting the Round Robin.

4. The protest committee shall consist of one representative from each of the member town(s). The Protest Committee will hear all protest, disciplinary action, and any other cases that will promote the good of the organization. Following comments from each side of the protest, the Protest Committee shall have the option of going into Executive Session. It is at this time comments from the Protest Committee will be heard.
5. If the protest is found to be valid by vote of the Protest Committee and a member town(s) is caught in flagrant violation of Rules or By-Laws the member town(s) will be on probation for (3) years and/or fined. If caught with another violation during that (3) years the member town(s) will be suspended and/or terminated, and may also be fined.
6. If the protest is found to be **invalid** by vote of the Protest Committee, the member town(s) being protest shall receive the protest fees forfeited by the member town(s) who filed the protest.
7. Protest towns will be allowed to vote in the protest.

## VI. PROTEST RULES

The Head Official of the game shall be notified immediately, the protest is being lodged. The head coach must make the protest. The protest must be sent to the local representative of both team involved in the protest. The protest must then be put in writing, specifically addressing the rule or situation being protested and mailed to the WVFA President. The protest must be notarized or postmarked no later than 48 hours of the **scheduled** game time under protest, and must be accompanied by \$100.00. The ruling and notification will be made prior to the next scheduled league game. The protest committee will be made prior to the representatives of each of the town(s). A coach from the team the protest is lodged against needs to be present.

**NOTICE:** All fines will be paid to the order of the WVFA Present's member town(s).

## VII. GENERAL FEES

1. Gate admission is \$2.00 for adults, and \$1.00 for grades K-12.
2. Cheerleaders in uniform are admitted free.
3. Maximum number of coached per team is four (4) Football and Two (2) cheerleader. These coaches will have coach pass. If coordinators are not coaches, they also receive a pass. **All others will pay at the gate.**
4. Player and Cheerleader Team Cokes will be free and subject to distribution by the home team.
5. Official's fees are: 1 game (\$40.00), 2 games (\$55.00), 3 games (\$70.00) and for games (\$90.00). Officials are to receive amount scheduled, regardless of completion. The standard scheduled games are three (3). The six and under will need a minimum of one official and any more than that is at the host town discretion. To avoid the additional fees, officials must be notified of the reduction in number of games 24 hours prior.
6. Any team that does not show for their game shall pay the host team \$200.00 forfeiture fee. Said team shall forfeit the rest of their season games until said fee is paid. All notification is to be through WVFA President.
7. All protest fees will be paid to the Washita Valley League President in the amount of \$100.00
8. There will be \$100.00 fine per team that does not show up for the Round Robin.
9. There will be 8 officials at the Round Robin Tournament and will receive 70.00 each for the tournament.

## VIII. ELIGIBILITY

1. The coaches shall conduct themselves as Gentlemen/Ladies at all times. They shall consider the example they set for the young people they are coaching.
2. A coach that repeatedly does not comply with this rule shall be subject to action by the protest committee.
3. It is highly recommended each player's parents secure a physical examination for each child before they begin practice each year. If a child has any physical problems, the parents should notify the coaches of this respective team.
4. **A player must play for the schools he attends, or the town nearest to him, if his town does not have a little league tackle football.**
5. A player must participate in at least four (4) games prior to the play-offs, to be eligible for the play-offs. Exceptions: Injured player.

6. Age and weight regulations:

Age	Weight
6 & Under	70 lbs. for ball carrying positions
7 & 8	90 lbs. for ball carrying positions
9 & 10	110 lbs. for ball carrying positions
11 & 12	140 lbs. for ball carrying positions

Player participation is as such:

Player cut-off is **July 1** for 6 & Under, 8 & Under and 10 & Under.

Player cut-off is **January 1** for 12 & Under.

7. Player registration cut-off date is the first Saturday following Labor Day.
8. A Player participating on more that one team form his/her own town must have a picture and birth certificate for each team and be on each roster. Each team coach should also have a picture and birth certificate.
9. Any player eligibility rule changes during the WVFA football season will go into effect the following year.
10. All eligible ball carriers, i. E. backs, ends, receivers and punters must weigh in before each game. Players may weigh in gym shorts. Scales will be used to weigh players before each game. Weights of a set amount will be used to balance scales before each age division. **The host team will have the responsibility of notifying the other coach about weighing.**
11. Two (2) Birth Certificates and two (2) pictures (current year) will be required. One (1) will be for WVFA and the other for the coach of that team, must be carried to each game.
12. Following Round Robin, the Host Town shall copy and distribute a copy of each team's roster that is participating in the WVFA. Additions to the team roster must be phoned/copied by the WVFA President to each town(s) representative. These additions include move-ins or late registers before cut-off date.
13. There shall only be one team roster format. The format shall be used on all teams participating in the WVFA. (format attached)
14. All teams will have a first aid kit.
15. The "Blood Rule " is in effect
16. No Tobacco products are allowed on the playing field.
17. Any wavier(s) that are required will be on a case by case basis and must be routed through the WVFA League President and addressed on a case by case basis by the WVFA Representative and approved by a majority vote.
18. Players that have been associated with WVFA since the birth of the organization and are considered ineligible under Sec. VIII, Item 4, have been grandfathered until they are no longer eligible due to age only.

## IX. GENERAL RULES

1. The WVFA will play by the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activities Association's High School rulebook, except for the rules specified in the WVFA By-Laws.
2. The playing field is as follows :

Field Length	80 yards
Kick Off	32 yard line
First Down	8 yards
Length of Quarters	8 minutes (8's, 10's & 12's)
	6 minutes (6's)
Half Time	5 minutes
Between Games	10 minutes
Game Times	3:30pm, 5pm, 6pm, 7pm
Overtime play begins on the 8 yard line.	
3. The official ball shall be a junior size ball. The offensive team shall use their ball if it meets the requirements of junior size by a reputable manufacturer. The 6,7 and8 Year olds may use Pee Wee size ball manufactured by a reputable Manufacturer.
4. Visiting Team will Target jersey in season games. In Play-offs hometown will call if target jerseys are needed.
5. The 6-7-8 year old teams have the option to punt, take 20 yards, or go for it on 4<sup>th</sup> down. If a team elects to take the twenty (20) yards, this then considered a dead ball possession change. **Inside the 30 yard line will be half the distance to the goal.**

6. In the 6 & Under and 8 & Under there is no crashing on the center (means can't line up over or in the gaps between the center and guards. You may have a linebacker off the line of scrimmage but you cannot blitz him. The offense can not run up the middle unless the ball carrier is more than two yards behind the line of scrimmage. The QB can not do sneaks, he must go back two yards before going towards the line of scrimmage. The purpose of this rule is so that teams can get the QB and center exchange. A team may blitz from over the guard and out.
7. A player injured at the end of the quarter may return at the beginning of the next quarter.
8. Knee braces must be completely covered.
9. Offensive linemen cannot block with open hands.
10. 6 & Under is allowed two (2) Coaches on the field during the game. While 8 & Under is allowed just one coach. The coaches must be five yards behind his deepest player, so as not to interfere will the play.
11. It is the responsibility of the representative of each member town to call in scores to the WVFA President no later than 9:00pm Sunday following the Saturday games. This should give the WVFA President two Scores to compare for accuracy.
12. Coaches are eligible to wear headphones while on the playing field and during the huddle of the 6-7-8 year olds games and play-offs.
13. Concessions are one of the only fundraisers each home team is allowed. There will be absolutely **NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGES ALLOWED**, at any WVFA activity. If the home team does not furnish water coolers, teams are allowed one water cooler, but must accompany a coach and coach's pass. Coolers and ice chest can be confiscated by the host town and disposed of as host town sees fit.

**X. THE PLAY-OFFS**

1. If two teams are scheduled to play twice during the regular season, the won or loss of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) game will be used to determine the record for the play-off. The first (1<sup>st</sup>) time the teams meet is an exhibition game for funding purposes of the home team program.
2. Four (4) teams will be selected to participate in the play-offs. The selection of the teams will be determined by:
 

Win/Loss  
Head to Head
3. The Host Town of Round Robin will host the Championship. 8 & Under will be played in the next town in line for the Round Robin. 10 & Under will be played at the next town in line for the Round Robin. 12 & Under will be played at the next town in line for the Round Robin. 6 & Under will be played at the next in line for Round Robin.
4. **The Championships and play-offs require Mandatory weight in and birth certificate checks. This is not an option.** Both coaches and a league representative(s) need to be present at weigh-in.
5. If one of the town(s) chooses not to host a play-off round, it would go to the next town in line. The town that chose no to host, must give a 14-day notice before the game or pay a fine of \$100.00. The town that takes the play-off will not lose their turn in line.
6. **First and Second place trophies must be 12 inches minimum**
7. If a Third and Fourth place game is agreed upon. The two (2) member town(s) participating for each age division will split the cost and organization of the trophies.

**XI Latest Updates**

Mth/Yr	Type	Sec#	Item #	Description
08/03	ADD	VIII	1	Six & Under will be treated as any other team w/minimum one Referee
08/03	ADD	VIII	6	Six & Under Ball carrier 70 lbs weight limit.
08/03	ADD	IX	1	Six & Under; 6 min Qtrs,
08/03	Modified	IX	6	6's & 8's no crashing on center nor blitzing over center or Gaps over Guards. No running QB's Sneaks Must take 2 steps backwards before going over guard, center area.
12/01	Modified	VIII	17	Waivers on a case by case basis
12/01	Modified	VIII	18	Grandfathered until to old
12/01	Modified	VII	6	Changed date for 11 – 12 yr olds from Jul 1 to Jan. 1
12/01	Modified	IX	13	Added confiscation and disposal of cooler/ chests
12/01	Modified	VII	6	Changed no show fee to \$200

**2003**  
**WVFA Representatives**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>Pres.</b>	<b>Vice Pre.</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>Lexington</b>	<b>John Somers</b> <b>Home # (405) 527-7130</b> <b>Work # (405) 527-4832</b>	<b>Jason Vinson</b> <b>Home # (405) 527-4000</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>Rush Springs</b>	<b>Kenneth Barrington</b> <b>(580) 476-3846</b>	
<b>2005</b>	<b>Dibble</b>	<b>Ruben Ruiz Jr.</b> <b>(405) 344-6324</b>	
<b>2006</b>	<b>Maysville</b>	<b>Dean Winchester</b> <b>(405) 867-1672</b>	
<b>2007</b>	<b>Washington</b>	<b>Randy Manning</b> <b>(405) 288-0283</b>	
<b>2008</b>	<b>Purcell</b>	<b>Tracy Mc Elhaney</b> <b>(405) 527-</b>	
<b>2009</b>	<b>Alex</b>	<b>Rick Reid</b> <b>(405) 224-7819</b>	
<b>Referee</b>	<b>Coordinator</b>	<b>Marty York</b>	