

NORTH RIDGEVILLE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Bylaws



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ARTICLE I: NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1: Name

Corporate Name; **NORTH RIDGEVILLE RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB** (the "Organization") is organized and shall at all times be operated exclusively for charitable purposes outlined in Article 1, Section 2 of this document.

Section 2: Purpose

A. The purpose of the **NRRFC** is to promote and support the sport of football in North Ridgeville, foster community engagement, encourage youth development, and provide resources for players, coaches, and teams.

B. The **NRRFC** has been organized and formed for the exclusive purpose of engaging in charitable activities within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, and the charitable purposes of the Organization also include encouraging and supporting football related activities within the City of North Ridgeville and its City Schools.

C. Solely for the above purposes, the **NRRFC** is empowered to take and hold by bequest, devise, gift, contribution, purchase, lease or any other form, either absolutely or in trust, any property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, without limitation as to amount or value; to sell, convey, use, apply and dispose of any such property and to invest and reinvest the income and principal thereof; to deal with and expend the income and principal of the Organization; to make gifts or contributions to other entities or persons; and to exercise all other rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Ohio and the United States of America upon non-profit, tax exempt (501(c)(3)) corporations.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership in this organization shall be open to all individuals interested in the progress and development of the **NRRFC**, including students over the age of 17, after the last game of the season.

All members are encouraged to attend General Membership meetings, join committees and bring forth issues and recommendations for the good of the organization. The General Membership is responsible for the election of the Officers, the approval of the organization's annual budget and any amendment to the **NRRFC**'s bylaws.

Section 2: Year

The membership year is from January 1st through December 31st.

Section 3: Membership Dues

Dues, membership tiers and benefits shall be determined and approved annually by the Executive Board.

Section 4: Rights and Responsibilities

- Members in good standing (a *current paid member who has attended at least 1 meeting other than the meeting a vote is being held within the prior 6 months*) shall have the right to vote on designated club matters.
- Members must adhere to the NRRFC Code of Conduct and support club activities.

ARTICLE III: GOVERNANCE

Section 1: Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the following officers:

1. **President** – Oversees club operations and represents NRRFC publicly.
2. **Vice President** – Assists the President and presides in their absence.
3. **Secretary** – Maintains records and handles communication.
4. **Treasurer** – Manages financial affairs.
5. **Football Program Liaison** – Acts as a bridge between NRRFC the City of North Ridgeville and City School officials.

Section 2: Elections

- Officers shall be elected biennial by a majority vote of the members at the last meeting of the calendar year.
- Nominations shall be submitted at least one month before elections.

Section 3: Meetings

- The Executive Board shall meet monthly and/or as determined by the president.
- General Membership meetings shall be held monthly or as needed.
- A quorum for voting shall consist of a majority of present members in good standing.
- A majority of the Executive Board is required for General Membership meetings.

Section 4: Order of Business

Order of all business meetings shall be defined as follows:

- **Call to Order**
- **President's Report**
- **Secretary's Report**
- **Treasurer's Report**

- **Fundraising Report**
- **Membership Report**
- **Allocation Requests**
- **Projects**
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
- **Adjournment**

ARTICLE IV: COMMITTEES

Section 1: Standing Committees

- **Fundraising Committee** – Plans and executes fundraising efforts.
- **Events Committee** – Organizes club-related events and outreach to include the home gameday experience.
- **Player Development Committee** – Focuses on training and youth involvement.
- **Player Support Committee** – Focuses on player comfort to include team apparel, equipment, locker room upgrades, stadium upgrades, etc.
- **Team Mom Committee** – Focuses on player support at each grade level to include game day meals, schedule management and player/family outreach, etc.
- **Team Dad Committee** – Managing gameday logistics, including the operation of the inflatable entry tunnel and game ball preparation. This crew handles the "heavy lifting" and sideline technicalities to ensure a high-energy environment for the players and seamless support for the head coach.

Section 2: Ad Hoc Committees

The President may establish temporary committees as needed.

ARTICLE V: FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Section 1: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year shall align with the calendar year (January 1st - December 31st).

Section 2: Budget and Expenditures

- The Treasurer shall prepare an annual budget.
- All expenditures under \$25,000.00 requires only the approval of the Executive Board.
- All expenditures over \$25,000.00 require approval by a general vote of all members.
- The club shall maintain transparency in financial matters.

ARTICLE VI: CODE OF CONDUCT

Section 1: Respect for All Members

- Treat all members, volunteers, coaches, players, and supporters with respect and dignity.
- Maintain a positive, inclusive, and collaborative atmosphere in all meetings and events.

Section 2: Commitment to the Club's Mission

- Support and promote the mission of the booster club, which is to enhance the football program through fundraising, volunteer efforts, and community involvement.
- Participate in booster club meetings and activities whenever possible to contribute to the program's success.

Section 3: Integrity and Honesty

- Avoid conflicts of interest and disclose any potential conflicts to the booster club leadership.

Section 4: Support for Players and Coaches

- Foster a positive environment for the players by encouraging sportsmanship, hard work, and dedication.
- Show support for the coaches' decisions and efforts in developing the team, and refrain from criticizing coaches publicly.
- Promote a team-first mentality and discourage any behavior that undermines team cohesion or morale.

Section 5: Sportsmanship

- Promote good sportsmanship both on and off the field, setting an example for players and fans.
- Demonstrate positive behavior at games, practices, and other events, and ensure that all participants adhere to these standards.

Section 6: Discipline

- Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions, including suspension or expulsion, as determined by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Proposal and Approval

- Any member may propose amendments to the bylaws.
- Amendments must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a general meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: INDEMNIFICATION AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

To the fullest extent permitted by Ohio law, the Club shall indemnify and hold harmless its directors, officers, committee members, and authorized volunteers from and against any claims, liabilities, and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of acts performed in good faith and within the scope of their duties.

The Club shall have the power to purchase and maintain liability insurance to provide such coverage. No individual shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of the Club solely by reason of their service. This protection shall not apply in cases of fraud, willful misconduct, bad faith, reckless disregard for the Club's best interests, or acts knowingly in violation of the law. The Board may authorize the advancement of legal expenses, provided the recipient signs a written agreement to repay such advances if it is ultimately determined that they did not meet the standard of conduct required for indemnification.

ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION

Section 1: Procedure

In the event of dissolution, remaining assets shall be donated to a local youth sports program or charitable organization as determined by the Executive Board.

These bylaws serve as the governing document for the North Ridgeville Rangers Football Club. Any revisions shall be made in accordance with the amendment procedures outlined above.