

# Constitution of the Grosse Ile Devils Junior Football Club

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## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be GROSSE ILE DEVILS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB.

## **ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS**

As used in this document, the word "Organization" shall mean Grosse Ile Devils Junior Football Club. The word "Board" shall mean the Executive Board, the Board of Directors and the General Board Members. The term "Good Standing" is defined as members of the Board that have attended a minimum of eight (8) board meetings within a rolling twelve (12) month period and has not missed two (2) consecutive meetings. Once a member has missed the required number of meetings and/or two (2) consecutive meetings, they are removed as a good standing board member and will lose their voting rights. A member can regain good standing status by attending three (3) consecutive meetings.

## **ARTICLE III – LOCATION**

This principle and registered office of the Organization will be located in Grosse Ile, Michigan.

## **ARTICLE IV – AFFILIATION**

This Organization is hereby affiliated with the Downriver Junior Football League (DJFL) and the Grosse Ile Youth Recreation Association (GIYRA) and is subject to the Constitution and Bylaws of those bodies insofar as they prescribe the functions and purpose of this local football club.

## **ARTICLE V – PURPOSE**

This Organization is formed and maintained primarily to teach sportsmanship, team play, citizenship and physical/mental development to children, eight (8) through thirteen (13) years of age. Emphasis shall not be placed primarily on the winning of football games and/or cheerleading competition, but rather on teaching the fundamentals of football, cheerleading, team discipline and sportsmanship to the children. Coaches will be instructed to attempt, as far as possible, to give all team members an equal opportunity to participate in each game.

## **ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to any adult person residing in Grosse Ile or within the local club boundaries as prescribed by the DJFL or any waiver participant who agree with the purposes of the organization and desire to have their child(ren) participate in the football and/or cheerleading programs of the Organization.

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## **ARTICLE VII – CALENDAR YEARS**

The calendar year shall be so designated as January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> and will also be considered the fiscal year. The only exception to this is that the appointments of the Executive Board and the Board of Directors will have a calendar year of February 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> for voting purposes only.

## **ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS**

The dates of the regular meetings will be established by the new (incoming) Board as soon as possible after the election of the new Board and appointment of same. They shall be held on a monthly basis, bi-monthly during August, September, October and November. Said meeting dates will be established by any criteria so desired, but will consider the DJFL meeting dates and also the football schedule for the current season. Regular meetings shall be open to all Board Members and guests of the local club.

Special meetings may be called by the President or Secretary or by petition of at least three members of the local organization (not necessarily members of the Board). In case of special meetings, at least three (3) days notice of time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be given to all members of the Board.

The Annual Meeting should be held in December of each year and shall include the following:

- Election of Executive Board, Board of Directors and General Board Members; and
- The presentation of next year's anticipated budgets.

The Secretary shall furnish the results of the Board elections to GIYRA no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> of the new calendar year.

## **ARTICLE IX – DUTIES AND AUTHORITY**

The governing body of this Organization shall be its Board. The Board is made up of three levels detailed as follows:

*Executive Board* - the Executive Board shall be considered the offices of: President, Vice President of Football, Vice President of Cheerleading, Secretary and Treasurer. In order to be nominated and elected to the Executive Board, you must have served one (1) term as a Board of Director or General Board Member. If an eligible Board member is not identified for one of these positions, the Executive Board can decide to open the position to new members. The Executive Board shall meet only to decide on personnel matters, or at times, as may be requested by the Board of Directors and/or General Board Members to decide on specific matters. All such matters requiring decisions shall be based on the majority vote.

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*Board of Directors* – the Board of Directors shall be considered the offices of: Head Football Coaches, Head Cheerleading Coaches, Registrar, two (2) League Representatives, Head Weigh Master, Head Medical Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Business Manager and Equipment Manager. In order to be nominated and elected to the Board of Directors, you must have served one (1) term as a General Board Member. If an eligible Board member is not identified for one of these positions, the Executive Board can decide to open the position to new members.

*General Board Member* – a General Board Member is any adult person residing within the league boundaries or any waiver participant who expresses a willingness to serve and is elected to the Board. A General Board Member in good standing shall have full voting rights except where it may be limited by the Organization's Constitution.

The Board Members all have the complete and sole power to determine policy, rules and decisions affecting the Football Club. All such decisions shall be based upon a majority vote of the Board Members present at any meeting.

All Board Members in good standing are entitled to one (1) vote in all board matters except for election of Head Coaches. That election is restricted to the Executive Board and Board of Directors only. The only exception to this rule is the President, who shall only cast a vote in the event the voting by the Board has resulted in a tie. In these cases, the President's vote shall break the tie.

For complete job descriptions of the above mentioned positions, please refer to the Organization's By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE X – NOMINATION PROCESS**

At the second September General Meeting, the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee of at least three (3) people. The Committee shall present the membership list of no less than eleven (11) candidates for the position of Board Members, nine (9) of which are candidates for Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall ascertain the willingness of the candidates to serve, if elected. All nominations shall be presented to the Board at the second General Meeting of November. Further nominations for Board Members and Board of Directors shall be taken from the floor during the second General Meeting in November. These nominations shall receive equal consideration with those presented by the Nominating Committee.

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## **ARTICLE XI – FINANCIAL**

Prior to the last meeting of December of each year, the Board of Directors will meet to review the actual expenses from the previous year to prepare a proposed budget for the following year. This proposed budget will be presented to the Board for approval at the January Meeting, and then to GIYRA at their Annual Meeting in February for final approval. The Board shall decide, with GIYRA approval, all matters pertaining to the finances of the Club.

## **ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution shall become effective upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board Members present at a regular or special meeting, providing the quorum section is met.

This Constitution, or any section thereof, may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the Board Members present at any duly constituted meeting, providing the quorum section is met and providing that written notice of amendments are sent to all Board Members two weeks prior to the actual vote being called for.

Upon approval of the Board Members, the Secretary will record such changes in an official Club copy and make copies available to each member.