

GNCKYFL BY-LAWS 2019

Bracken County Tigers
Grant County Braves
Trimble County Raiders

Switzerland County Pacers
Owen County Rebel
Frankfort Warriors

Gallatin County Wildcats
Pendleton County Wildcats
Frankfort Raiders

THE G.N.C.K.Y.F.L. was ESTABLISHED IN 2003

(originally began as the North Central Kentucky Youth Football League, but on October 1, 2012 the directors voted to change the name in order to license the name with the State of Kentucky.)

By-laws and Rules of the Greater North Central Kentucky Youth Football League, Inc.

ARTICLE I

Name: Greater North Central Kentucky Youth Football League is the name of the organization, hereinafter referred to as GNCKYFL. The organization was founded in 2003. The GNCKYFL is the governing body of the following: Bracken County Youth Football, Gallatin County Youth Football, Grant County Youth Football, Owen County Youth Football, Pendleton County Youth Football, Switzerland County Youth Football, Trimble County Youth Football, Frankfort Youth Football.

A. LEAGUE STRUCTURE

1. The governing body of the GNCKYFL is the League Directors from each county/team along with the appointed GNCKYFL Representatives/President & Vice President.
2. The League Directors are voted in or chosen by their respective county/team or by vote of the current League Directors.
3. All teams/organizations will abide by the By-Laws set forth by the GNCKYFL. The GNCKYFL By-Laws supersede any individual team/organization By-Laws and/or rules.
4. The GNCKYFL will not tolerate any conduct by a Director, Coach, Player, or Parent (Family) that is considered by the GNCKYFL to be detrimental to the league. The GNCKYFL directors have the authority to dismiss any said person(s) from being a part of the GNCKYFL should the need arise.
5. The League Directors (or their designated representative) have the power to vote on matters brought before the GNCKYFL.
6. Each organization/county may not have more than one vote unless that county has more than one group of teams playing in the league (i.e. Grant Co. had a Blue and Gold set of teams with a director for each group, which gave them two votes). If unable to break a tie, the President will be the tie breaking vote (see page 2 Section F).
7. A Quorum will consist of one (1) more than half (1/2) of the voting directors (or designated representatives) at a league meeting. If there is a tie the issue at hand will become dead.
8. There will be at least one (1) meeting of the League Directors designated for prior to the start of each playing season and at least (1) meeting at the close of each playing season, at the date and time set by the President.
9. NO Alcohol will be allowed after the start of any league meeting and will last until adjournment.
10. GNCKYFL governs all organizations.
11. No child fitting the age, weight, territory and code of conduct will be denied the right to participate in the GNCKYFL as long as they sign up within the time frame for that season.

B. LEAGUE DIRECTORS

1. League Directors will be responsible to see that they themselves (or a designated representative) are at every meeting called by the GNCKYFL. (If this rule is not complied with, the organization will lose voting rights at the meeting where they have no representation as well as the following meeting.)
2. League Directors will be responsible for the actions of all persons within their organization. The GNCKYFL does recognize that some counties/teams may have appointed Presidents for their organization and reserve the right to hold them responsible as well.
3. The League Directors are responsible for the equipment required at home games, i.e. game balls in good condition, down markers, chains, copy of rules, copies of rosters of players/cheerleaders.
4. League Directors will see to it that all scores and play time forms are emailed to the league president no later than the Monday proceeding game.
5. League Directors are responsible to contact the League Director/Assigner and advise him or her of any changes of regular scheduled games or changes, such as postponed or rained-out games, and give all new information for rescheduling.
6. League Directors and all GNCKYFL Representatives will have full authority to stop any unpleasant uprisings (on and off the field) of a fan, player, coach, assistant coach, or referee, if, in their judgment, one's conduct is detrimental to the League. Said offenders will be subject to action in accordance with the League Disciplinary policy (see page 11-12)
7. When playing home games League Directors will be responsible to see that all referees are paid for their time.
8. League Directors are responsible for making sure, in a timely manner, background checks are done on anyone in their organization that has contact with the children. This includes all coaches and other volunteers. They should be prepared to present the required background check for any/all coaches should the GNCKYFL ask to see it. Anyone associated with the league is subject to random drug testing.
9. League Directors are responsible to send their organizations roster information, by the date requested each season, to the GNCKYFL President for League Weigh-ins to be logged.

C. COACHING STAFFS- Duties and Responsibilities

1. Coaches will carry themselves above reproach and will be of the highest caliber.
2. Head Coaches are required to attend the Annual League Meeting dealing with the updated League Rules and updated Kentucky High School Rules. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** You must have at least one (1) representative per division/team. Any team that does not have representation will forfeit any post season play. ***This rule will be strictly enforced.**
3. Coaches will not be allowed to use foul language, drink alcoholic beverages, participate in drug abuse, or display foul gestures as deemed by the league during any league scheduled event.
4. Head Coaches will be responsible for the action of all assistant coaches and players on their team, at all times.
5. All Coaches will be required to sign and abide by the rules listed on the GNCKYFL Coaches Code of Conduct Form and are required to pass a background check.
6. Coaches are required to abide by the League Playing Rules, which will be provided to them.

F. ORGANIZATIONS

1. All Organizations must agree to abide by all the rules and By-Laws set forth by the GNCKYFL. The director from each organization will sign the required **League Contract To Participate** in the GNCKYFL prior to the start of each season. A **league fee of \$250** per organization will be paid at the time of the signing of the **League Contract To Participate**.
2. THE LEAGUE FEES will be used to pay the annual NKOAA scheduling fee per county, purchasing Super Bowl Trophies, Coach of the Year Trophy, End of Season All-Star Powerhouse Tournament Fee, over the weight limit helmet stickers, the supplies for the coaching sideline badges, CPA fee for annual taxes, and other league appropriate expenditures deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.
3. Each Organization will appoint an active League Director to represent them within the League.
4. Each Organization will see that each team entered in the League will have coaches of the highest caliber in every division.
5. Each Organization must be able to maintain the supervision of their crowds. In the event that a problem exists, that is not in the best interest of the League, either the League Directors or any League Officer will have the authority to stop the game until the problem is corrected or persons removed from the premises.
6. Each team can only have a max of 35 players on the roster for that team. A waiting list can be used and should a player quit the alternates will be weighed in and allowed to play.
7. All Organizations will lose voting rights for the meeting following any meeting missed as well as the missed meeting should a League Director or County Representative not be present.
8. Each Organization will be responsible for the marking of fields (according to the Rules of Football) to be played on in their area.
9. All Organizations will be required to play all scheduled or rescheduled games at the times and places designated by the Home Team and this time and place must also be arbitrated by the President of the GNCKYFL with a twenty-four (24) hour notice.
10. In event of a forfeit, a fine of two hundred fifty-dollars (\$250.00) per team can be awarded to the organization affected by the forfeit, if, in judgment of the GNCKYFL Directors, the forfeiture could have been avoided.
11. Any Organization failing to pay fines by the next regular League meeting will lose their voting power until payment is made.
12. If the need should arise that a team may need use of another field (outside their normal home field or territory), it is required that you must contact the GNCKYFL President.

G. LEAGUE

1. The League will post the season schedule on the League official website (once one is established) or disperse via email to the League Directors. Each Organization will be responsible for printing and distributing copies.
2. The League will furnish each Organization copies of the Official League Weigh-Ins, and League By-Laws and/or Playing Rules. Each Organization will be responsible for printing and distributing copies to the appropriate members.
3. The League will conduct an Official League Weigh-In and will give all necessary information needed to each organization.

H. ORGANIZATION STATUS:

1. New Organizations may only be admitted into the League if they receive two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the existing organizations in the League and providing a vacancy exists in the League, and that the League has the facilities to handle the new organization(s), and providing that the proposed new organization does not intend to be located and draw players from the same territory as an existing organization in the League.
2. Removal from the GNCKYFL can occur if:
No representation for 3 consecutive meetings in one calendar year.
Cannot field teams in all divisions on a regular basis unless approved by 2/3 majority vote of all league directors. You must have teams in at least 2 divisions in order to even be considered to join the GNCKYFL.
Organizational conduct detrimental to the GNCKYFL.
Organization does not follow a directive issued by the GNCKYFL.
Removal requires at least a 2/3 vote of all League Directors.

J. ORGANIZATION'S COLORS:

The following jersey colors of the respective teams as listed are hereby established, and any teams wishing to change to another color must get approval of the majority of the Board to do so.

1. Gallatin County	Blue & White	Wildcats
2. Grant County	Navy & Gold	Braves
3. Owen County	Maroon, Black, & White	Rebels
4. Pendleton County	Red, Black, & White	Wildcats
5. Bracken County	Blue, Black, & White	Tigers
6. Switzerland County	Orange & Black	Pacers
7. Trimble County	Blue & Yellow	Raiders
8. Frankfort	Black, White & Silver	Raiders
9. Frankfort	Blue, White & Black (Primarily White)	Warriors

K. LEAGUE RULES (the below is supplied to each official and head coach)

***Any violation of the rules will be reviewed by the League Directors. Penalties from any violation could result in suspension from game and/or forfeiture of game.**

I. GENERAL RULES – See General Rules Attachment. Changes will be conducted by the same process as bylaw changes

L. INELIGIBLE PLAYERS or CHEATING:

1. All League Directors and Head Coaches are responsible for reviewing each player's information for accuracy and validating appropriate age in conformance with the league rules and By-Laws.
2. Any team player or member of this league found to have an ineligible player or found to be cheating the rules and By-Laws of this league, will forfeit all previous games won (that resulted from this violation) and will be punished in accordance to the findings of the Governing body. These findings could result in banishment from the league, fines, or probation of any person or organizations affiliated with the league.

M. PROTESTS:

1. The league, or any team in the league, through its duly authorized representative, may protest the violation of the league rule or By-Laws by the league or a team coach, player, or sponsor. The protest must only pertain to the protest and not to a recommendation on the decision of the board. Protests concerning decisions on calls will automatically be denied.

2. Protests shall be in writing within forty eight (48) hours of infraction and shall be filed with the GNCKYFL. Upon receipt of a protest, the GNCKYFL shall call a special meeting with the League Directors and GNCKYFL Representatives to hear the protest and make a ruling thereon.

3. The GNCKYFL at its special meeting shall hear the protest, and a decision will be made by a majority vote of the GNCKYFL members present. The decision of the GNCKYFL is FINAL.

4. The GNCKYFL may dismiss the filed protest, warn or censure a coach, forfeit a game or games involved in the protest, terminate a team's membership in the league, prohibit an individual to be associated with a team in the league, declare a player to be ineligible to play permanently or temporarily, or disqualify a team.

5. The decisions of the GNCKYFL shall be in writing and signed by all members of the Board present and in agreement therewith. A copy of the decision shall be mailed to the affected parties and coaches.

N. FINAL:

1. By-Laws and Rules cannot be altered or changed during the playing season.
2. Any changes made to these Rules and By-Laws must conform to the Roberts Rules of Order and any State Laws in effect at that time.
3. ALL THE RULES AND BY-LAWS SET FORTH BY THE GNCKYFL WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED!
4. All the above By-Laws are understood to also apply to all cheerleading squads and cheerleaders in the GNCKYFL including the fees for not showing up at games without prior approval. (fee of \$250 fined to team who forfeits game)

O. G.N.C.K.Y.F.L. CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY POLICY

All individuals in attendance at GNCKYFL events or visiting the League official website (if they have one) will adhere to the GNCKYFL conduct and disciplinary policy as noted below and in the league contract. This includes any electronic communication (i.e. email, blog, message forum, etc.)

The GNCKYFL will not tolerate any conduct by a Director, Coach, Player, or Parent (family) that is considered by the GNCKYFL to be detrimental to the League. The following penalties may be assessed for any such conduct at any GNCKYFL game or function, or any conduct that in any way effects the overall reputation, spirit, and best interests of all participants in the GNCKYFL. Any such penalties:

- Will only be assessed following an official written complaint to the GNCKYFL League President, specifying the allegations and requesting action.
- Will be decided by the majority vote of League Directors/GNCKYFL Representatives at the next regularly scheduled league meeting, or at a special meeting if necessary. The League Directors and GNCKYFL Representatives will decide the severity and/or duration of any penalty, and their vote is FINAL.
- Will be specific to the various participants, as follows:

PARENTS:

- Any parent may be prohibited from attending any number of future GNCKYFL games.
- The Organization may be held accountable and fined for the parent's conduct, if it determined that the organization (or representatives of that organization) either condoned or encouraged such conduct.
- No penalty shall be levied against any other participant for a parent's conduct.

PLAYERS:

- Any player who is ejected from an GNCKYFL game is automatically suspended for their next scheduled league game, to include Play-Off games, Super Bowl, & All-Star games. This penalty will carry over from season to season.
- Any player who is ejected from two games, in any given season is automatically suspended for the remainder of that season, including the Play-Off games, Super Bowl, and All-Star games.

COACHES:

- Any coach who is ejected from an GNCKYFL game is automatically suspended for their next game, to include Play-Off games, Super Bowl, and All-Star games. This penalty will carry over from season to season.
- A coach may be suspended or relieved of his/her duties as a head coach for any number of future GNCKYFL games for conduct deemed unacceptable by the League Directors and GNCKYFL Representatives. The number of games will be determined by the GNCKYFL officials and will be based on the severity of the infraction.
- The Organization may be held accountable and fined up to \$500 for the coach's conduct, if it is determined that the organization (or representatives of that organization) tolerated, condoned, or encouraged such conduct.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

Any action against a League Director or Officer (as a director or officer or league representative) will be decided by the remaining Directors, as per GNCKYFL By-Laws.

- Any director or officer may be suspended from attending any number of future league meetings. The number of meetings will be determined by the remaining League Directors and officers and will be based on the severity of the infraction.
- The affected organization will be responsible for appointing a replacement for their League Director for any suspension period. Replacement of Officers for any suspension period will follow by the By-Law procedures.
- The applicable organization may be held accountable and fined up to \$500 for the director's conduct if it is determined that the organization (or representatives of that organization) tolerated, condoned, or encouraged such conduct.

The above listed policy is designed to protect the best interests of all participants in the GNCKYFL. Any attempt to use it as a vehicle for any other purpose will be considered a gross violation of the policy and will be dealt with severely. Any complaint that is filed that is considered to be frivolous or not in the spirit of the policy can and will generate disciplinary action as outlined above.

Any appeals regarding any penalties or suspensions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The League Directors and GNCKYFL Representatives/Officers will rule on all appeals, by a majority vote, and their vote is FINAL.

REMEMBER.....THIS IS YOUR LEAGUE, SO THE STRONGER THESE BY-LAWS AND RULES ARE ENFORCED AND FOLLOWED, THE MORE STABLE AND ACCOMPLISHED THE LEAGUE WILL BECOME.