

**American Renaissance Youth Athletic Association
Bylaws**

Article I

NAME

Section I The name of the Organization shall be American Renaissance Youth Athletic Association (ARSYAA).

Article II

PURPOSE

Section I The mission of the American Renaissance Youth Athletic Association is to provide a sports program to the students of American Renaissance School that teaches teamwork, fair play, and the rules of individual sports in an encouraging and positive manner.

Article III

BOARD MEMBERS AND TERMS

Section I All activities of the Association will be governed by this board.

Section II The board will be comprised of a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Fundraiser, Board Members at Large, and a minimum of one Coordinator for each sport. Job descriptions are as follows:

President: The President will preside over all meetings. His/her main job is to make sure the meetings follow an agenda and time is used properly to get objectives accomplished. The president should attend games in each sport offered to show support of the association and to be a visible representative to the student body and their families. The President will represent ARSYAA at league meetings and other league functions. Nominations for President must be current or past board members.

Vice President: The Vice President will facilitate meetings in the absence of the President and will provide support as needed to the different aspects of the organization. The Vice President will work with other board members and to identify new potential board members. Nominations for Vice President must be current or past board members.

Sports Coordinators: Each coordinator will be responsible for the advertisement of opportunities for that sport to the entire student body. Coordinators will be responsible for working with other local organizations to organize practice and game schedules. Coordinators will be responsible for organizing volunteer coaches and overseeing team selections. Each coordinator must report to the ARSYAA about his/her specific sport and be willing to work with other coordinators for the overall good of the Association.

Assistant Coordinators: Assistant Coordinators may be elected if needed by the Coordinator and approved by the board.

Treasurer: The Treasurer will be responsible for maintaining good records of the Association's checking account. The Treasurer will provide monthly financial reports to the ARSYAA board. The Treasurer has the authority to sign checks for the Association.

Secretary: The Secretary will take minutes at each board meeting. This position will maintain minutes and other required documentation for the ARSYAA. This position will be responsible for communicating with the school regarding Association-wide announcements.

Fundraiser: This position will coordinate all fundraising activities for the board. The fundraiser will be responsible for communicating with the school about fundraising activities.

Board Members at Large: Up to 2 Board Member at Large positions may be filled at any one time.

Section III All members will be elected to a term of 2 years. Board members are eligible to serve up to 4 consecutive terms. Terms shall begin on August 1 of each year. The ARSYAA should not be compromised solely of new board members at any time.

Section IV Whenever a vacancy occurs, the position will be posted and/or announced in advance. The Board may fill the vacancy at any regularly or specially called board meeting by a majority vote. The individual filling a vacancy shall serve the remaining term of the former board member who held that position and will be eligible for re-election.

Section V All Board positions are volunteer positions. Board members will not be compensated for their work.

Article IV

MEETINGS OF THE ARSYAA BOARD

Section I Meetings will be held each month that school is in session, and one meeting during the summer. Regularly scheduled meetings will be held in the evening.

Section II Meeting date, time and location will be posted/announced to parents and staff of American Renaissance School.

Section III Specially called meeting can be called with 48 hours notice to board members.

Section IV All board members are expected to attend each meeting. The President will be notified in advance of any conflicts. Missing two or more consecutive meetings and/or missing more than 4 meetings in a school year may result in a Board Members removal from the board. This may be voted on at any regularly scheduled board meeting.

Section V A motion may be made at any time during a regularly scheduled or specially called meeting, by any board member, except for the President.

Section VI Each board member present, except for the President may cast one vote. No absentee voting will be permitted. The President will cast a vote only in the event of a tie. All votes will be made openly in the meeting.

Section VII Email voting will be allowed for decisions that must be made before the next scheduled board meeting. All current board members must be included on the email, and vote responses should be sent to all board members. Email voting will not be allowed for votes on new member positions. Any board member may request that a proposed email vote be postponed until the next scheduled meeting or request a specially-called meeting.

Article V

SPORTS AND LEAGUES

Section I The ARSYAA will provide opportunities for the following sports: Football/Flag Football, Basketball, Cheerleading, Volleyball, Softball, Baseball/T-Ball, Soccer, and Track. Any new sports must be approved by the board in advance.

Section II The ARSYAA board will approve the leagues and associations that each sport will be played through.

Section III The coordinator has discretion of participating in tournament play within the approved league. However, all teams must be invited to participate if the decision has been made to play. Any tournaments outside of the approved leagues must be approved in advance by the board.

Article VI

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Section I The Coordinator for each sport is responsible for arranging registration each season. Registration should be advertised in advance and provide parents with several registration dates/times.

Section II At a minimum, each player must complete an ARSYAA participation form and required waivers. Each coordinator is also responsible for collecting any league required forms and documents, including but not limited to: registration forms, waivers, physicals, birth certificates, etc.

Section III The Coordinator will provide parents with information regarding fees, practice schedules, game schedules, team assignments, coach assignments, and all Association or League policies including but not limited to the grievance process, parental behavior at sporting events, etc. at the time of registration or as soon as it is available.

Article VII

TEAM AND COACH SELECTION

Section I The Coordinator is responsible for recruiting and identifying volunteer coaches.

Section II If a coach has a child playing, he/she may automatically have their child on their team.

Section III Returning Coaches will keep the players he/she had in the previous season for that same sport. All other players will be divided into teams at the discretion of the Coordinator.

Article VIII

REGISTRATION FEES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Section I The Coordinator is responsible for setting a rate that covers the cost of providing the sport.

Section II Players may not participate in practices or games until registration fees have been paid in full, or until alternate payment arrangements have been made with the coordinator.

Section III The Coordinator must submit all registration money to the Treasurer within 1 week of collecting it. The Coordinator will also provide a copy of the team rosters to ensure that funds have been collected for each player.

Section IV Any checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be reported to the Coordinator. The amount of the check and any bank fees must be paid in cash within 30 days. Families with outstanding returned checks or returned check fees will not be permitted to play or register for other sports until the payment is received.

Section V All families are required to pay the full registration fee unless they have requested and been approved for a scholarship. Scholarships may be requested by completing a scholarship application. Approval of the request and the level of the scholarship (25%, 50%, 75%, or 100%) will be decided by a designated member of the board. Approval is based on need and available funds.

Section VI The registration fee will be waived for any parent who serves as a head coach or coordinator for the team (coach) or sport (coordinator) for/in which their child participates. Assistant coaches and assistant coordinators are excluded from this benefit. There will only be one waived registration fee per team. Coaches and coordinators may still be responsible for costs that are outside of the advertised registration fee (eg cheerleading uniforms are separate from the registration fee and would have to be paid by the coach/coordinator).

Article IX

FUNDRAISING

Section I The Fundraiser is responsible for coordinating fundraising activities throughout the year. The ARSYAA Board must be made aware of all fundraising activities in advance.

Section II Dollars raised will be used to help keep costs affordable for families, provide scholarships for those in need, purchase needed equipment, and cover other expenses that will directly benefit participants.

Article X
GRIEVANCES

Section I Parents should address team or player specific concerns to the coach first. If concerns are not resolved satisfactorily, concerns should be brought to the Coordinator. If the Coordinator is unable to resolve the concern, the parent should bring the matter to the President.

Section II If parents have been unable to get their concerns resolved, a formal grievance may be filed with the board. This may be done in writing or in person at a board meeting.

Section III Parents, Coaches and Board Members will wait at least 24 hours after a game before addressing issues or concerns.

Article XI
CONFLICTS OF INTERST

Section I All Board Members must fully disclose to the board any real or perceived conflicts of interest to the full board. Board Members must abstain from voting on any matters where there is a real or perceived conflict of interest.

Section II Board Members may not benefit financially from any decisions made by the board or through activities of the ARSYAA.