

Bylaws of the LaVerne San Dimas Pop Warner Youth Football & Cheer Association, Inc.

(A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation)

Article I – Name and Purpose

Section 1: Name The name of this organization shall be LaVerne San Dimas Pop Warner Youth Football & Cheer Association, Inc. (“the Association”), a local chapter affiliated with Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. (“PWLS”) and operating under the San Gabriel Valley Youth Football Conference (SGVYFC). Section 2: Purpose The Association is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its purposes are to promote and administer youth football and cheerleading programs in accordance with Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. rules and philosophy; foster the ideals of sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play, and academic achievement; provide a safe, supervised environment emphasizing physical fitness, character development, and community involvement; and encourage academic excellence through the Pop Warner Little Scholars program.

Article II – Nonprofit Status and Governance

Section 1: Nonprofit Nature The Association shall be a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation and shall not be organized for the private gain of any person. All assets are permanently dedicated to the Association’s nonprofit purposes. Section 2: Compliance The Association shall operate in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of California, the rules of Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc., and the regulations of the San Gabriel Valley Youth Football Conference (SGVYFC).

Article III – Membership

Section 1: Eligibility Membership shall consist of all duly registered participants (players and cheerleaders), their parents or legal guardians, and approved volunteers and coaches in good standing with Pop Warner, SGVYFC, and the Association. Section 2: Good Standing Members in good standing shall have fulfilled all registration, financial, and conduct requirements established by the Association. Section 3: Suspension or Termination of Membership Membership may be suspended or terminated for violation of the Association’s Bylaws or Code of Conduct; conduct detrimental to the welfare of players or the organization; or non-compliance with Pop Warner or SGVYFC policies. All suspensions or terminations shall follow due process as provided in Article XI – Disciplinary Action and Appeals.

Article IV – Executive Board

Section 1: Composition The Executive Board shall consist of: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Football Coordinator, Cheer Coordinator, Scholastics Coordinator, Equipment Manager, Player Agent, and Safety Coordinator. Section 2: Duties Each officer shall perform duties as assigned, including overall governance, financial management, safety compliance, and program coordination. Section 3: Terms of Office Board members shall serve for two (2) years or until successors are elected. Elections occur annually with staggered terms. Section 4: Vacancies Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the Executive Board until the next general election. Section 5: Compensation Board

members serve without compensation except for approved expense reimbursements.

Article V – Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held monthly during the season and quarterly during the off-season. Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Board with 72 hours' notice. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Executive Board. Decisions require a simple majority vote.

Article VI – Fiscal Management

The fiscal year shall run from January 1 to December 31. The Treasurer shall maintain financial records and provide quarterly statements. An independent audit may be conducted annually. Upon dissolution, assets shall be distributed to another youth sports nonprofit or to Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc.

Article VII – Code of Conduct

All coaches, players, parents, volunteers, and Board members must adhere to Pop Warner National, SGVYFC, and local Codes of Conduct. Members shall act respectfully, avoid profanity or threats, promote safety and fairness, and abide by all organizational policies.

Article VIII – Scholastics

All participants must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher in accordance with Pop Warner Little Scholars requirements. Academic Progress Forms are accepted for those below the minimum standard.

Article IX – Boundaries and Player Eligibility

The Association serves La Verne and San Dimas, California, within SGVYFC boundaries. Player residency shall be verified per Pop Warner standards. Transfers or waivers must be approved by SGVYFC.

Article X – Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board with two weeks' prior written notice.

Article XI – Disciplinary Action and Appeals

Section 1: Grounds Violations of the Code of Conduct, safety rules, or Pop Warner policies are grounds for discipline. Section 2: Procedure Complaints must be in writing. The Board reviews, requests statements, and may impose sanctions including warning, suspension, or dismissal. Section 3: Appeal Process Individuals may appeal in writing to the President within five (5) days of notice. The President shall convene an Appeals Committee of 3–5 unbiased badge-holding members to review and decide within ten (10) days. The decision is final.

Article XII – Indemnification

The Association shall indemnify its officers, directors, and volunteers to the fullest extent permitted by California law, provided they acted in good faith and in the best interests of the organization.

Article XIII – Parliamentary Authority

All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order unless otherwise specified.