

River Falls Youth Football Association (RFYFA)

Guiding Principles

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Our Mission

RFYFA is focused on building community and helping kids realize a passion for the game, gain knowledge and experience, and have fun. In addition, RFYFA supports football at the middle school and high school levels.

Key Pillars of our Program

RFYFA strives to provide the framework, organization, and resources to help ensure the River Falls Youth Football program is a positive community experience. The RFYFA Board of Directors and Coaches are all volunteers but are guided by our three key pillars of success.

Our Key Pillars and Guiding Principles listed below are the foundation of the league. They are not to be modified or changed unless there is complete unanimous board approval in doing so and may only be a change that abides by the general mission of our league.

Framework

- Goal of each RFYFA season is always equity amongst teams at each grade level. As such:
 - Friend requests are not allowed, although family requests may be considered.
 - Coach requests are not allowed, unless doing so would ensure RFYFA has enough coaches for the season. If this occurs a strong player placement review needs to occur to help ensure equity amount teams are maintained.
- Sportsmanship above all else. This includes Coaches, Players, and Parents.

Organization

The Elected/Voted on RFYFA Board of Directors (BoD) roles will consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Director of Operations/Technology
- Director of Communications
- Treasurer

Process of electing RFYFA Board of Directors (BoD) roles:

- Should an elected role be taken, and another board member wishes to take on that role, a motion must be made at a board meeting and majority board approval must be had to make such a change of role. Should there be a tie, the role will stay the same.
- Upon exit by a BoD member in one of the elected major roles, there must be a motion made by a new member wanting to take on that role. Majority board approval must be had to "elect" the new role.
- All new members in the elected roles must abide by the League's guiding principles and key pillars.
- New roles may be re-established only once per year and must take place in the offseason (November to July).
- The elected/voted on BoD roles will determine the amount of non-voted/elected roles on the BoD each year to ensure the program is successful each year.

RFYFA BoD each year will coordinate:

- Combine to access player skills.
- RFYFA Regular Season
- RFYFA Playbook Development
- RFYFA Game Play Rules

RFYFA BoD has discretion on any other events. Such as:

- Summer Camp & Season Kickoff
- Player/Team Photos
- Practice Times/Schedules
- Falcon Night
- Under the Lights
- Halftime with the Wildcats
- Season Ending Tournament.

The RFHS Football Head Coach is a part of the RFYFA Board as well. The Board will take significant direction and input from the RFHS Football program on RFYFA program, player, and coach development to ensure that it aligns with the high school program.

Resources

RFYFA will provide support to RFHS and MMS football programs in various ways depending upon time and resources available. The RFYFA Board has final say on how and what that support will be as they have the responsibility for sustaining the RFYFA program year after year.

The RFYFA Board has a duty to be a good partner with the following organizations, as there are many shared resources and experiences between each organization.

- River Fall School District
- River Falls Athletic Department & Teams
- UWRF Athletics Department & Teams
- River Falls Park & Recreation.

The guiding principles document will not have the answer to every question that may be presented to RFYFA Board Members, but it is intended to provide direction on key decisions that may be needed and ensure that the core components and intentions of the RFYFA Program are maintained.