

Galveston Island Hurricanes and Whirlettes

The following are the Bylaws set forth by the Galveston Island Hurricanes and Whirlettes Football organization as adopted by the Board.
We will follow the By laws of GCPFL

ARTICLE I – NAME

Section 1.01 The name of this organization shall be Galveston Island Hurricanes and Whirlettes hereinafter called the Hurricanes.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 2.01- To create a safe, clean and competitive atmosphere through teaching teamwork and character to young men, boys and girls.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERS/MEMBER’S MEETINGS

Section 3.01- Eligibility

Must be in good standing with the GCPFL and Galveston Hurricanes Board of directors

Section 3.02- Membership Termination. Any member may be removed for misconduct by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the board. Any member may resign by written resignation mailed to the remaining members or files with the Secretary of the Hurricanes.

Section 3.03 - Monthly Meetings. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month throughout the year.

Section 3.04 – Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Hurricanes may be called at any time by a majority of the General Board. The General Board shall call a special Hurricanes meeting when furnished with a written request of the majority of Hurricane members eligible to vote. The purpose of the special meeting shall be included in the written request and no business other than that specified in the written request shall be covered at the special meeting.

Section 3.05 – Meeting Places. The Hurricane board will set the meeting place.

Section 3.06 – Quorum. The presence of a majority of Hurricane members entitled to vote shall constitute a meeting quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members of the Hurricanes.

Section 3.07 – Voting. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote in person on the matter in question.

Section 3.08 – Meeting President and Secretary. The President or in the President's absence the next position of the board as listed in 4.04 shall preside over the meeting, with the Hurricanes serving as meeting secretary. The meeting President shall appoint a meeting Secretary if the Hurricane secretary is absent.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 4.01 – General Powers. The property, business, and affairs of the Hurricanes shall be managed by and under the direction of the General Board.

Section 4.02 – Term Limits – All board members shall serve two-year terms but are eligible for re-election.

Section 4.03 – Members must be present at board meeting to be nominated to a board position during an election. Member must have been active volunteer within the league to be considered a board candidate. Member must also have had no form of disciplinary action taken against them in the past game season, formal (i.e. letter, suspension, etc.) nor informal (i.e., involved in situation needing mediation, etc.)

Section 4.04 – The Hurricanes General Board shall have __up to 17____ members consisting of the following:

General Board

- A) President**
- B) Vice President**
- C) Vice President**
- D) Director of Cheer**
- E) Treasurer**
- F) Secretary**
- G) Athletic Director**
- H) Equipment Manager**
- I) Game Coordinator**
- J) Concessions Manager**
- K) Player safety coach**
- L) Fundraising Chair**
- M) Head coach of each team**

Head coaches and assistant coaches are eligible to serve on the General Board.

Section 4.05 – Resignations. Any General Board member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board or to the Secretary. Any resignation will become effective immediately upon receipt and does not require acceptance to be effective.

Section 4.06 – Vacancies. Any vacancy in the General Board regardless of the circumstances causing the vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining General Board members. Each General Board member chosen in this fashion shall fill the remaining term of the vacant General Board member.

Section 4.07 – Meeting Place. The General Board may hold any of its meetings at locations the General Board may designate.

Section 4.08 – Regular Meetings. The General Board shall meet regularly at such times as designated by the President or by resolution of the General Board. Any business may be transacted at meetings where a majority all of the General Board members are in attendance. Notice of regular meetings need not be given.

Section 4.09 – Compensation. Individual General Board members shall not receive any compensation for their services. However, the General Board may approve reimbursing individuals for direct operation expenses incurred on behalf of the organization. Expenses of attending General Board meetings shall not be reimbursable.

Section 4.10 – Committees. The General Board may, by resolution passed by a majority of the whole General Board, designate one or more committees. Any such committee, to the extent provided in the resolution of the General Board, shall have and may exercise all powers authority of the General Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Hurricanes, and may authorize the seal of the Hurricanes to be fixed to all papers which require it. No committee shall have power or authority to amend the By-laws, encumber property or assets of the Hurricanes, or to enter into contracts on behalf of the Hurricanes. Any such committee shall keep written minutes of its meetings and report the same to the Board at the next regular General Board meeting. The General Board shall also have the authority to designate one or more committees, as he or she shall deem necessary. Committees designated by the General Board shall be governed by the same rules as those governing committees designated by General Board resolution as described earlier in this section.

B. The General Board shall appoint the members of all special or other committees or standing committees of the Board. The committee members shall be members of the Hurricanes.

In the absence or disqualification of a member of a committee, the members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not they constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member of the Board to act at a meeting in the place of any such absent or disqualified member.

Dismissal of Coaches

Coaches may be relieved of their head coaching duties with or **without** cause.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 5.01 – Officers. The officers of the Hurricanes shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Director of Football Operations, Director of Cheer, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, the General Board may elect such other officers as, from time to time. The President shall have general supervision, direction, and control, of the officers, grade representatives, coaches, volunteers, business, and affairs of the Hurricanes, unless directed otherwise by the General Board. To hold a position as the Hurricane President or a director position, you must have served the previous year as a Hurricane Board Member (Coaches Board or General Board). To hold a position as Hurricane Secretary or Treasurer you must have served the previous year as an active volunteer to the Hurricanes.

Section 5.02 – President. The President shall exercise the duties as customarily pertain to the office and shall have general and active supervision over the property, business, and affairs of the Hurricanes, and over its other officers, coaches, and volunteers. The President may sign, execute and deliver, in the name of the Hurricanes, powers of attorney, contracts, bonds, and other obligations. Term shall run from ____ for 2 years_____.

The President shall enforce the following rules:

The President shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the General Board or the Bylaws.

Section 5.03 Vice President

Section 5.04 Vice President

Section 5.05 Athletic Director.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate committee for screening new coaches.
- Review questionnaire with board
- Perform background checks on all coaches every year and submit findings to board
- Setup and conduct interviews with new youth coaches
- Turn in questionnaire and results of screening to board
- Organize and coordinate training and certification for coaches
- Setup Correspondence with high school coaching staff to get defensive and offensive schemes
- Organize and submit playbook requirements to coaches
- Organize football camp, which includes training coaches and players
- Participate in coaches reviews and evaluations as needed
- Document Hurricane training certification and communicate to board
- Develop and coordinate coach's camp (camp to focus on development and improvement in the areas of team competitiveness, practice and game strategy, offensive and defensive schemes, coaching and teaching techniques, getting the best out of players and developing a winning attitude)
- Assure that all coaches are aware of Hurricane rules and regulations, weight limits, participation, behavior, etc.
- Secure practice locations
- Organize and conduct drafts
- Organize team game schedules
- Be a positive Hurricane representative
- Term shall run from January 1st of even year to December 31st of odd year.

Section 5.06 Director of Cheer.

Responsibilities:

- Submit/administer budget for uniforms and equipment
- Setup uniform fittings start date and cutoff date
- Review questionnaire with board
- Setup and conduct interview with new youth coaches
- Appoint coaches
- Setup camp clinic for youth and coaches
- Provide budget for camp wear
- Secure practice locations
- Document Hurricane training certification and communicate to board
- Assure that all coaches are aware of INFC rules and regulations for cheer
- Provide squads with team game schedules
- Be a positive Whirllette representative
- Term shall run from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 5.05 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the members of the General Board and Executive Board, and to the extent ordered by the President, the minutes of the meetings of all committees. The Secretary shall give notice of special meetings of the General Board. The Secretary may sign and execute contracts with the President or other officers and perform other duties customarily assigned to the office. Term shall run from

Section 5.07 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have general custody of the funds and securities of the Hurricanes and have general supervision, under supervision from the President, of the collection and disbursement of Hurricane funds. The Treasurer shall endorse on behalf of the Hurricane for collection, checks, notes, and other obligations, and shall deposit said items in a designated bank or banks. The Treasurer may sign with the President or other officers all bills of exchange or promissory notes of the Hurricanes. The Treasurer shall keep accurate entries of all receipts and disbursements of all monies received by the Hurricanes. The Treasurer shall be prepared to present to the General Board a balance sheet and income statement at all monthly meetings and to make these two financial statements available to the President upon request. The Treasurer shall perform such duties as designated by the President.

Section 5.08 Game Coordinator.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinates volunteers to prepare field for game day
- Plan and schedule volunteers to work the gate and run scoreboard for each game.
- Coordinate cleanup crew after game and in between
- Setup hospitality area for referees (Cold drinks and snacks)
- Term shall run from January 1st to December 31st.

Section 5.09

Equipment Manager

Responsibilities:

- Maintain and inventory all equipment related to Hurricanes Youth Football
- Responsible for reconditioning of equipment (helmet, pads, etc.)
- Responsible for developing repair kits for each team

- Responsible for distribution and collection of equipment
- Responsible for player equipment checkout forms
- Development of policies to govern distribution and return of equipment
- Responsible for storing equipment during offseason
- Responsible for coordinating with Game Coordinator for field setup
- Term shall run from _____.

Section 5.10 Member at Large.

- Advertise for coaches and club name
- Responsible for distributing flyers throughout appropriate school systems
- Have banners and posters made to be posted throughout the community
- Place notification in paper for registration and signup
- Submit weekly articles and action photos, etc. to newspaper
- Term shall run from _____.

Section 5.11 Amendments. Amendments to the existing Bylaws can be made at any General Board meeting by a 2/3 vote of the Directors present at said meeting, provided that the amendment is submitted in writing at a prior General Board meeting. The Bylaws of the Hurricanes shall be subject to change only by action of the General Board.

THE GALVESTON ISLAND HURRICANES FOOTBALL **WHIRLETES ORGANIZATION**

CODE OF CONDUCT

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Galveston Island Hurricanes Youth Football organization is to provide a safe, clean and competitive atmosphere through teaching teamwork and character to young men, boys and girls.

The Hurricanes require that the following Code of Conduct shall apply to ALL PARTICIPANTS in our programs. This includes players, coaches, referees and parents in attendance at games, practices, or events.

The Hurricanes shall in all instances related thereunto be guided by the core values of SAFETY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP, and FAIR PLAY. All participants are expected to exhibit behavior that adheres to these core values at all times, in any activity or situation that is related to the Hurricanes.

PLAYERS

I will:

1. Have Fun!
2. Be a good sport (win or lose), be honest and fair.
3. Learn the value of commitment to the team: sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
4. Show courtesy and respect to my teammates, opponents, coaches and officials.
5. Know that athletic contests are educational experiences.
6. Give complete attention to the instructions of my coaches and league officials.

VIOLATIONS

1. Use of profanity, talk "trash", or taunt others before, during or after any game.
 2. Display any unsportsmanlike behavior.
 3. Criticize my teammates or players from other teams.
 4. Act in any way that may incite spectators.
 5. Willfully harm or harass any of my teammates.
 6. Arguing or showing disrespect to football officials or coaches
- Violations of the above may result in a verbal and/or written warning (1st offense) suspension (2nd offense): and/or expulsion (3rd offense).**

ADULTS/COACHES

1. At any Hurricanes event, practice or competition, anyone who: verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude, cannot control their language or actions with an official, coach, player, volunteer or fellow parent, will be asked to leave that event. They will then receive a written warning regarding their behavior. In addition, his or her child (children) will be immediately removed from that Hurricane event.
2. Anyone who commits a second, similar offense that is pursuant to a preceding offense during the same season will be banned from attending the Hurricane events for the remainder of that season. In addition, the offending adult's child (children) may be barred from participating for the remainder of that season. If this should occur, the Hurricanes organization will not refund registration monies.
3. Anyone who physically assaults an official, coach, player fellow parent or volunteer will be banned effective immediately from the Hurricanes participation and their child (children) removed from participation for one full calendar year from the date of the offense. Upon the culmination of the 1-year suspension, parents may reapply for reinstatement of their child (children). If the adult commits a subsequent offense, he or she will be permanently banned from participation in the Hurricane program with no opportunity for appeal.
4. Parents/fans are prohibited from being on the playing fields/ during practice/games unless they are a coach-appointed volunteer serving a specific purpose.
5. Failure to pickup your child (children) in a timely manner after a Hurricane practice game, or event may result a review for disciplinary action.

Coaches

As a Hurricane Coach, I understand and embrace the responsibility that I have to provide a safe, educational, and positive environment for ALL players and parents involved in the youth sports program.

By taking the responsibility of head coach for a Hurricane team, I agree to the following:

1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

2. I assure that each player plays a minimum of plays required on offense and defense, during every game, playoff game, and championship game.
3. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
4. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
5. I promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
6. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
7. I will lead by example demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
8. I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and at all Hurricane events.
9. I am responsible for the actions of my players, parents, and fans during all Hurricane events and understand that disciplinary action may be taken against me for their behavior.
10. I have received the rules and regulations for the sport league for which I am coaching.
11. I will abide by these rules and will inform the players and parents on my team of these rules. If I feel that a rule is unclear, I will ask a Hurricane Representative to clarify it to me.
12. I will ensure that all my assistant coaches are informed of and will abide by all rules and standards set forth in this agreement.

The following behaviors will will not be tolerated and result in discipline by the Board

Fights, scuffles, etc.

Any parent, guest, spectator, coach or official at any youth sports event who initiates a fight, scuffle, or any type of physical abuse or threats of abuse towards any player, coach, official, parent or spectator shall be banned from attendance at all youth sports events within the Hurricane/Whirlette organization for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date of the incident.

Entering field of play.

Any parent, guest, coach, or official at any youth sporting event who enters the field of play, court or rink during any youth sporting event for the purpose of physically or verbally abusing or confronting coaches, players or officials shall be banned from attendance at all youth sports events within the Hurricane/Whirlette organization for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date of the accident.

Obscene or profane language, etc.

Any parent, guest, spectator, coach or official at any youth sports event who verbally abuses officials, players or spectators, including the use of obscene or profane language or gestures or racial, ethnic or sexual slurs, may be banned from all youth sports events for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date of the incident and shall be subject to such discipline as provided for by the applicable team's Code of Conduct.

Throwing objects on field of play.

Any parent, guest, spectator, or official at any youth sports event who throws or causes to be deposited any object on the field of play, court or rink during any youth sports event may be banned from attendance at all youth sports events for a period of 12 months from the date of the incident and shall be subject to such discipline as provided for by the application sports team's Code of Conduct.

Authority to remove violators from premises.

Any parent, official, coach or spectator at any youth sporting event shall be subject to the authority of all filed officials, including umpires, referees, and elected league officials or coaches of the youth sport activity. This authority shall also include any youth teams practice or instructional event, and such authority shall include the authorization to direct any person or persons involved in any incident in violation of this chapter or applicable code of conduct to immediately remove themselves from the premises.

HURRICANES/WHIRLETTES Player Code of Conduct

- Show my coaches, opponents and teammates a high level of respect at all times.
- Play and Practice this sport with energy and enthusiasm but never in an unsportsmanlike manner.
- Emphasize team success over individual accomplishments.
- Refrain from talking back or arguing with a coach or official.
- Understand that I am representing the Hurricanes/Whirlettes and as such my actions must be exemplary.
- Treat my teammates with respect and at no time verbally, physically or mentally abuse any club member.

HURRICANES/WHIRLETTES Parent Code of Conduct

- Give constructive criticism during a private moment, never in front of other parents, players, officials, spectators, etc.
- Refrain from criticizing the job done by officials or coaching staff and set an example of good sportsmanship.
- Support your coach, and refrain from excessive “sideline coaching” from the stands.
- Avoid saying or doing anything, which will degrade or insult a player.
- Be supportive of our team and your child’s teammates and encourage your child to follow the Code of Conduct.
- Refrain from physically touching or verbally threatening an official, coach, parent or other child.
- Any parent asked by an official or coach to leave the Practice or game Facility due to your behavior, must report the incident to the Board.

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I hereby acknowledge that I have received the Hurricanes Code of Conduct and by signing it agrees to abide by it.

Player's
Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's
Signature _____ Date _____

Coaches
Signature _____ Date _____