

## ***SFPSL By Laws***

### **Article I.**

#### **NAME**

The name of the league is the South Florida Private Schools League.

### **Article II.**

#### **OBJECT**

The SFPSL exists to provide a Christ centered athletic league for Christian Schools in Miami-Dade County to compete against each other in Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, and Flag Football.

### **Article III.**

#### **MISSION**

Our mission is to promote an atmosphere where athletes can participate, compete, and learn while strengthening their core values of Christian faith. The SFPSL is designed to teach our student-athletes that victory is accomplished through fair play, effort and good sportsmanship, reinforcing the core values of love, humility, integrity, and faith.

### **Article IV.**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS AND GOVERNMENT**

1. The Board will consist of the President, Vice President, and Executive.
2. The government of the league shall be democratic. Each school participating shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote by its delegate by voice or by ballot at the discretion of the President; a majority vote of members present is required to carry any measure.

### **Article V.**

#### **ETHICS**

Each member school should act in accordance modeling Christian character. Coaches, players and spectators will refrain from profanity, abusive language, outbursts and any physical abuse or fighting directed at teammates, opposing players, coaches, spectators and officials. All present at SFPSL contests should conduct themselves in the most professional manner possible.

1. Coaches are the heart and soul and have primary responsibility of carrying out and accomplishing the goals of the SFPSL. Therefore, conduct of the coach should be above reproach. Infractions by a coach should be reported to that school's athletic director. At that point, if the issue is not resolved, it should be taken to the league president. The president and member schools will determine what sanctions are to be levied on coaches or schools in violation.
2. Players are representative of Christ, their school and the SFPSL. Any inappropriate behavior should be dealt with by the member school, with the exception of an ejection of a player for any of the above.
3. Spectators are the supporters of the players and member schools and are expected to conduct themselves in a Christian manner. Any misconduct on the part of spectators needs to be addressed by the coach or administrator of the member school and to the league president.

### **Article VI.**

#### **GENERAL LEAGUE POLICIES**

##### **A. Eligibility**

1. A student shall be eligible for SFPSL athletics at a maximum of 8th grade/14 years old and must be enrolled at the member school.

2. If the student/athlete turns 15 anytime during the school year, he/she is allowed to play even if he/she turns 15 after the season but during the school year.
3. JV Teams consist of students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or below. Varsity teams consist of any student 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above. Schools discretion to use lower grade students on Varsity teams and will assume all responsibility for younger student playing against older students.

#### B. Rosters

1. Each participating school must submit a team roster to the League President before the first regular season game. This will be strictly enforced. Any team not providing a team roster before the 1st game (without a written exemption from the Director of Athletics) will forfeit their games until the roster is submitted.
2. Roster Forms will be sent out to all schools and must be filled out with names of all players, grades, birthdays, and jersey numbers.
3. It is the responsibility of each member school to ensure the accuracy of the information provided on the league roster. The information provided on the submitted roster is considered official and will be the evidential basis of any eligibility challenges.
4. Changes to the roster cannot be made after it is submitted to the league office without the written consent of the AD and Commissioner. Roster changes will be approved/denied solely at the discretion of President and/ or Board Members.