

San Fernando Valley Football Unit Affiliates Of The
California Football Officials Association

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name of this organization shall be the San Fernando Valley Football Unit of the California Football Officials Association, here in after referred to as the “Unit”.

Article II

Objectives

The objectives of this organization shall be three-fold:

1. To establish and maintain a high standard of football ethics among players, coaches, school administrators, spectators, and officials by a strict interpretation of the spirit as well as the accepted football rules and the recognized patterns of impeccable sportsmanship.
2. To train and maintain at a high level of knowledge and efficiency, anyone interested in the officiating of football games, by means of a carefully planned and conducted program of study, discussion, analysis and examinations of the rules and mechanics.
3. To promote the advancement of amateur football in Southern California by spreading the spirit of good sportsmanship and friendship among the schools, spectators, players, coaches, and officials.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership in the Unit shall be open to any person who is interested in officiating football, provided the person fulfills the obligations of membership.

Section 2. Classification

A member shall be classified as Qualified, Non-Qualified or Honorary.

A Qualified member is one who attends the required number of meetings, who fulfills all requirements of the instructional program approved by the Board of Directors, and pays the fees as set by the Unit. All Qualified members shall have the right to vote, to hold office, and enjoy full privileges of membership.

A Non-Qualified member is one who does not meet the above mentioned requirements for Qualified Membership.

An Honorary member is one who has rendered distinguished service to the game of football or to this Unit or who has been a member in good standing of this Unit and is no longer active as an official.

Section 3. Forfeiture of Membership

Membership may be forfeited for unprofessional conduct, failure to pay the dues, and/or other acts detrimental to the welfare of the Unit or the game of football. Such forfeiture shall require the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Reinstatement

Reinstatement shall be initiated by the written application of the person seeking reinstatement. Such application shall require the approval of the Board of directors before the reinstatement is effected.

Article IV

Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. Officers

The officers of this Unit shall be: President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Secretary-Treasurer, and three members-at-large. They shall constitute the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Voting

All members of the Board shall have the right to vote. A quorum of not less than four Board members must be present to conduct Unit business.

Section 3. Duties

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Unit and the board of Directors. All meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. The President will appoint the chairperson of all committees, call special meetings, and execute the will of the Unit. He shall ask that the Constitution be revised when necessary.

The Vice President shall serve in the place of the President in the event of the Presidents absence, inability of disqualification.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the business transacted by the Unit; give notice of meetings; maintain a current roster; deposit and hold in

trust, all funds remitted to him in behalf of the Unit; accounting for them annually and at any other time upon demand of the Board of Directors.

The Immediate Past President shall serve on committees as requested by the President.

The Board of Directors shall exercise general supervision of the officers and committees of the Unit. They shall consider questions affecting the Unit and shall submit their recommendations to the Unit; declare any office vacant and shall call for an election to fill such vacancy, including an additional member at large in the event there is no Immediate Past President; they shall constitute a Board of Appeal to review decisions of any committee or ruling of any officer. A decision of the Board of Directors may be reversed only by a two-thirds vote of the members voting at any regular meeting subsequent to a written notice having been given to the Board of Directors and the membership of the Association.

Section 4. Qualifications

All candidates for office in this Unit shall be qualified members in good standing.

Section 5. Assignor

The Assignor will be a qualified or honorary member of the San Fernando Valley Unit. The Assignor will be elected by the San Fernando Valley Unit membership every three (3) years and will be accountable to the Board of Directors in all aspects of the position. The Assignor will be responsible to ensure

that all schools assigned by the San Fernando Valley Football Unit are provided with qualified officials for each game as requested by each school.

Section 6. Instructional Chairperson

The Instructional Chairperson will be elected by the membership. This election will take place concurrent with the election for the board of directors. Each appointment will be for a period of three years. The Instructional Chairperson will be a Qualified Member of the San Fernando Valley Football Unit. The Instructional Chairperson will choose the instructional staff as deemed necessary to meet the needs of the San Fernando Valley Football Unit. The instructional program will include both rules and mechanics in a manner that will provide qualified football officials to all games officiated by the San Fernando Valley Football Unit.

Article V

Elections

The procedure for the election of officers shall be as follows:

Section 1. Election Schedule

The election process shall begin the next to last required meeting; prior to the adjournment for the year. The Vice President will chair the election process. In his absence of the Vice President a Board member appointed by the President will chair the election. The appointee will not be any member who is on the ballot to be voted on.

Section 2. Nominations

The Vice President will submit the nominees recommended for office to the General Membership. Additional nominations for the candidates for officers and the Board of directors may be made from the floor.

Section 3. Voting

On the second night of Election process all qualified and honorary members of the San Fernando Valley Football Unit who are present and have attended at least two (2) San Fernando Valley Football Unit meetings that year shall vote for the candidates. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A majority vote of those voting shall be required for election for all offices. This would be defined as a minimum of 50% of the total vote plus one vote of those voting, and it may necessitate a run off vote of the top two candidates. Run off voting shall be performed the same night as the general election.

Article VI

Section 1. Tenure of Office

All officers shall hold office for a period of one year with the exception of the Board of Directors Members –At-Large, each of whom shall hold office for a period of two years. All officers shall be eligible to serve for two consecutive terms only, except for the Secretary-Treasurer, who may at the pleasure of the membership, serve for any number of successive terms. The one-year periods shall begin and end on January 1 of each year.

Article VII

Amendments

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members voting provided: (1) Such proposed amendment, signed by five percent (5%) of the membership, has been presented in writing to the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting, or the board of Directors by two-thirds vote may propose an amendment: (2) The proposed amendment has been presented to the membership at a regularly scheduled meeting: (3) A vote, taken and approved by the general membership.

The above mentioned constitution of the San Fernando Valley Football Unit includes all amendments voted on and approved by the Unit at the July 5, 2006 meeting. The above mentioned constitution will supersede and all previous constitutions.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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President

San Fernando Valley Football Unit