

Constitution

Purpose

The Ola Athletic Association, Inc. is committed to providing and promoting a positive sports environment for the youth of Henry County, Georgia. To that end, our focus is on exposing our youth to the fundamentals and skills of their sport, along with the concepts of teamwork, leadership, sportsmanship, and citizenship. Our primary goal as an organization is to provide each child with an opportunity to develop in an environment where growth is measured by individual effort. Our members will be committed to developing good citizens and success will not be measured by winning games or attaining athletic excellence.

Article I – Name

Section 1: This organization will be known as the Ola Athletic Association, Inc., herein known as OAA or organization.

Section 2: OAA will operate under the guidelines set forth by the Henry County Parks and Recreation Department.

Article II – Membership

Section I: Membership is open to anyone who has attained the age of eighteen years or older.

Section II: Individuals wishing to join membership will be required to submit an application. The board of directors must approve the application; however, any member of the executive board may approve an application until the full board reviews the request.

Section III: The cost of membership is five (5) dollars (\$5) for a single membership and seven (7) dollars (\$7) for a family. The Family Membership is defined as two individuals living in the same house and exercising parental control over the child to be registered.

Section IV: Members must attend three (3) membership meetings within a twelve (12) month period in order to be eligible to vote in any election.

Section V: Membership is valid for the calendar year commencing on the date of paid membership and expiring one calendar year after.

VI: Members of OAA may resign at any point by submitting a letter of resignation to the President of the association. Membership may be revoked or terminated for violation of OAA rules and regulations or any other governing procedures or policies.

Section VII: Denial of membership shall be based on reasonable cause and cannot be based on any federally or state defined protected group.

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Article III – Officers of the Executive Board

Section I: The officers of OAA Executive Board shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Directors.

Section II: Officers of OAA must be residents of Henry County, Georgia, be a member in good standing, and comply with all rules and regulations of the association and of the Henry County Parks and Recreation department. Officers of OAA shall not serve as an officer in another association during their tenure on the board of OAA.

Section III: The qualifications for each office are as follows:

1. President – In order to be elected to this office, the person must have been a member of the Executive Board or the Board of Directors within the past 24 months and must have attended ten (10) membership meetings in the past twenty-four (24) months.
2. Vice-President – In order to be elected to this office, the person must have attended six (6) membership meetings in the past twenty-four (24) months.
3. Secretary – In order to be elected to this position, the person must have attended six (6) membership meetings in the past twenty-four (24) months.
4. Treasurer – In order to be elected to this position, the person must have attended six (6) membership meetings in the past twenty-four (24) months.
5. Board of Director – In order to be elected to a position, the person must have attended two (2) membership meetings in the past twelve (12) months.
6. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will serve for a two (2) year period and the Board of Directors will serve for a one (1) year period.
7. Members of the association elected to these positions may resign from their position by submitting a letter to the President. Members elected to these positions may be removed for misconduct, misappropriation of funds, criminal conduct, violation of rules and regulations, or conduct deemed to be detrimental to the association. The method of removal will be through impeachment.

Section IV: The Executive Board will consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These positions are to be elected by membership and individuals elected will serve a two (2) year term commencing on July 1st of each year and ending on June 30th of each year. The Executive Board is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the association and for carrying out the policies passed by the Board of Directors.

Section V: The Board of Directors will be elected by membership and once elected, will serve for a one (1) year term commencing on July 1st of each year and ending on June 30th of each year. The Board of Directors will be responsible for establishing policies and procedures for the association. The Board of Directors will serve as the governing body for the association.

Section VI: If a member of the Executive Board is unable to complete their term of office and the member has not served at least 50% of their term, a special election will be conducted to name a replacement. If the member is in the second year of the two-year term and vacates the position, the President will name a replacement. In the event the President vacates the office prior to the 50% demarcation point, the Vice-President will assume the position of President and a special election will be held to elect a Vice-President. If the 50% demarcation point has been passed, the Vice-

President will assume the role of President and the President will name a replacement Vice-President.

Section VII: If a member of the Board of Directors vacates the position prior to the normal election cycle, the President will name a replacement for the vacated position.

Article IV - Election

Section I: Officers of the association will be elected in June of each calendar year by members who are eligible to vote. The election will be held at the regular monthly meeting and will be monitored by the Henry County Parks and Recreation representative. Elected officials will assume office on July 1st after the election. Election results will be announced at the end of the regularly scheduled membership meeting in which the election took place.

Article V – Meetings

Section I: The Ola Athletic Association will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the location designated as the meeting place at the North Ola Field or any other place designated by the President provided that membership receives a two-week notice of the meeting place and time. A schedule is to be released on January 1st of each year. The Board of Directors for the association will meet on the Sunday following the regular membership meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the place designated as the field house at North Ola Park or any other location designated by the President provided the Board of Directors receive 72 hours notice of the time and place designated. A quorum for conducting business at board meetings is a simple majority and for membership meetings is a simple majority of board members plus one or any combination of ten (10) members. Special board meetings may be called from time to time by the President of the association and board members will be given twenty-four (24) hours notice of special meetings. There will be no special called membership meetings.

Section II: Robert's Rules of Order will govern all meetings conducted by the Ola Athletic Association.

Article VI – Amendments

Section I: In order to amend the constitution of this association, the proposed amendment must be mailed or delivered to all members of the association who are in good standing. Each member will vote for or against the proposed amendment and will not offer any substitute for that issue. The ballot will be returned to the official mailing address of the association and collected by the President. The proposed amendment must be mailed to the most current address and members will have sixty (60) days to return the ballot. The ballots will remain sealed until opened at the regular board meeting after the expiration of the sixty-day window. The number of votes in the affirmative must represent seventy-five (75) percent of the eligible members. Ballots that are not returned will be counted as a negative vote. If the amendment fails for a lack of sufficient votes, the proposal, in any form, may not be brought for a vote for a period of two (2) years.

Section II: In order to amend the by-laws of the association, the proposed amendment must be mailed to the members who voted in the last election. The proposed amendment must be mailed to

the last known address of the member and the member will have thirty (30) days to return the ballot. The ballot must be mailed to the official mailing address of the association and the ballots are to be collected by the President. The ballots are to remain sealed until the regular board meeting after the thirty-day window. In order to amend the by-laws of the association, a 2/3rd majority of the members who voted in the last election must vote in the affirmative. Ballots not returned will be counted as a negative vote. If the amendment fails due to insufficient votes, the proposed amendment can be brought forth for a vote one (1) year from the date of the denial.

Section III: In all cases, membership must be notified of the results of the amendment vote in a manner consistent with other association communications.

Article VII – Dissolution of Association

Section 6.1: The dissolution of this association may be accomplished in a manner consistent with the procedures outlined in the amendment of the Constitution. Furthermore, this association will be subject to the policies and procedures of the Henry County Parks and Recreation department including the procedures for maintaining good standing as a youth sports association. Failure to comply with these policies and procedures may result in the dissolution of the association.

Section 6.2: In the event of dissolution of the association, any funds remaining in the association's checking account will be contributed to a charity in Henry County as designated by the Henry County Parks and Recreation department. Distribution of these funds will be completed after all outstanding debts of the association have been finalized.