

Maryland Exiles Youth Rugby Club, Inc

Bylaws

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Maryland Exiles Youth Rugby Club, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as Maryland Exiles).

Article II – Mission Statement & Affiliations

The mission of the Maryland Exiles shall be to promote rugby as a sport, to organize youth and high school teams, to provide training and development in the sport of rugby, for elementary school, middle school and high school youth, and to receive gifts or donations to promote the health, welfare and recreation of the general public through the sport of rugby.

The Maryland Exiles shall be affiliated with the Rugby Maryland, the State Based Rugby Organization (MRO); USA Rugby, the national governing body for the sport of rugby in the United States; and World Rugby the international governing body of *rugby* union. The Maryland Exiles shall maintain current membership in the MRO and USA Rugby to ensure compliance and appropriate insurance coverage.

The Maryland Exiles is a nonprofit organization.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Members are players who join the Maryland Exiles.

Section 2. Members must remain in good standing with regard to payment of fees, dues, submitting required registration forms and maintaining current status as members of USA Rugby as either a youth or high school rugby player.

Section 3. Membership may be terminated by a two-thirds vote of the eligible voters at a membership meeting.

Article IV – Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as Officers or the Board) shall be composed of four officers elected by the membership and one officer appointed by the Board.

Section 2. The officers of the Maryland Exiles shall be elected on even or odd years as follows:

- A. President Even
- B. Vice President Odd
- C. Secretary Even
- D. Treasury Odd
- E. Varsity Head Coach (appointed annually)

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the members in good standing in attendance. All officers shall serve for a term of two years (except the appointed Head Coach). No person shall hold more than one office.

Section 4. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings; and shall be the general manager of the Maryland Exiles.
- B. The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President with the same authority, shall be in charge of the game & practice fields, and shall perform other duties as assigned by the membership.
- C. The Secretary shall be responsible for all communications, both internal and external, and shall keep the official records of the Maryland Exiles, including minutes of all meetings; and shall act as the Registrar to ensure all players and coaches are properly registered.
- D. The Treasurer shall be responsible to receive, disburse, and account for all funds of the Maryland Exiles which shall be kept in a bank designated by the Board.
- E. The Varsity Head Coach shall manage the rosters, practices and will oversee game day of the teams; shall coordinate with the Head Coaches of the Junior Varsity and Middle School teams in regards to selections of players and overall strategy.

Section 5. Any officer failing to attend meetings in such a manner as to consistently cause a quorum to not be established shall have their continued tenure subjected to a vote of the membership in no less than ten nor more than thirty days from the last Board meeting where a quorum was not established. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the membership which may be done electronically (votes cast by email or social media).

Article V – Membership & Board Meetings

Section 1. Meeting of the membership shall be held at the call of the Board provided that at least four membership meetings are held each year.

Section 2. The meeting normally held in the month of May shall be called the annual meeting and shall be for the election of officers and presentation of the budget.

Section 3. The meeting normally held in the month of January shall be called the registration meeting and shall be for the collection of dues, forms and announcing the schedule for the upcoming spring season.

Section 4. The meeting normally held in the month of September shall be for announcing the fall sevens season.

Section 5. A 4th membership meeting will be called by the Board to announce participation in national level tournaments or traveling tours.

Section 6. Board meetings will be conducted on a regular basis to conduct the business of the club including approval of proposed schedules, disbursements, appointment of coaches or formation of committees.

Section 6. A quorum of officers is required at all meetings to conduct business. A quorum is defined as three or more officers present.

Article VI - Committees

Committees may be appointed as needed by the President with advice and consent of the Board for an active life to be specified in the appointment.

Article VII - Voting

Section 1. Each officer shall have one vote with the President voting to break a tie to conduct club business during board meetings.

Section 2. Membership voting: each household shall have one vote. A parent will normally vote for players who are under the age of 18.

Section 3. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote.

Article VIII – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Maryland Exiles shall be from July 1 to June 30 the following year.

Article IX - Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members provided that the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at the previous membership meeting.

Article X – Rules of Order

The rules in the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern meetings of the Maryland Exiles in all cases in which they are applicable and do not conflict with these bylaws.

Article XI – Effective Date

These bylaws shall be in effect as of May 15th, 2015