

Bylaws for Harry D. Jacobs Golden Eagle Athletic Booster Club, Inc.

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ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1: The official name of this non-profit organization shall be the HARRY D. JACOBS GOLDEN EAGLE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB, INCORPORATED (herein known as the Booster Club).

Section 2: It shall be the responsibility of the Vice President of this Booster Club to cause to be filed, recorded and/or registered and maintained in a current status such statements of certification and whatever steps necessary to preserve the rights of the corporation in the name of the Booster Club.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1: The purpose and intent of this Booster Club shall be to promote, support, encourage and financially assist the Athletic Department of Harry D. Jacobs High School. It is also to generate public awareness of, and promote participation for the athletic programs of H.D. Jacobs High School, consistent with school policy and Community Unit School District 300 policies.

Section 2: This organization is organized exclusively for charitable or educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Types of Membership

- a) General Membership is open to any individual who is interested in the athletic programs of H. D. Jacobs High School.
- b) Voting membership is extended to any parent/guardian whose child currently attends or will be attending H. D. Jacobs High School within the next Booster Club year.

Section 2: To be eligible to have voting rights on issues for the Booster Club, you will have needed to attend a minimum of five (5) of the last ten (10) Booster Club meetings. This will equal to a minimum of 50% attendance over the previous ten (10) meetings. If the issue of attendance comes up at a Booster Club meeting, that current Booster Club meeting will count as one (1) of the (10) eligible meeting in which five (5) attendance's are required to have voting rights. At any point going forward, the ten (10) meetings will be

thought of as a moving window of Booster Club meetings. This window can and will span the Booster Club year.

Section 3: The Booster Club year shall run from July 1st to June 30th of each year.

ARTICLE IV - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: The Board of Directors (Board) shall consist of the four officers, and the chairpersons of standing committees (i.e. committees that conduct the on-going business of the Booster Club). The officers of this Booster Club shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: The Principal, the Athletic Director of H. D. Jacobs High School (AD) or their representatives shall act as advisors to the Board.

Section 3: The Board shall be the final arbitrators in any conflict arising within the Booster Club, and shall be members ex-officio of all committees seeking assistance.

Section 4: Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by appointment by the President.

Section 5: The President shall only vote in the event of a tie vote at Board meetings.

Section 6: The Board may require an officer or agent to file a satisfactory bond conditioned for faithful performance of his or her duties. The cost of such bonds shall be borne by the Booster Club.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1: The Booster Club shall hold monthly meetings for the purpose of carrying out the business of the Booster Club. These meetings will be held on a pre-determined schedule to be set by the President.

Section 2: By order of the President or a majority vote of the Board, a special meeting can be called. An officer of the Booster Club shall assume responsibility to give notice to the membership.

Section 3: The Board shall meet as a group whenever deemed necessary.

Section 4: At any Board Meeting there must be two (2) officers and two (2) chairpersons of standing committees to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5: At any General Meeting, a minimum of one (1) Voting Member, two (2) Officers and one (1) Chairperson of a Standing Committee shall be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. b. At any General Meeting, a minimum of one (1) Voting

Member, two (2) Officers and one (1) Chairperson of a Standing Committee shall be present to constitute a quorum for voting measures.

Section 6: All meetings will be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, where they are applicable and not in conflict with these bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - VOTING

Section 1: Voting Requirements

- a) Requests for items require a vote of the Voting Members.
- b) Requests for items exceeding \$1,000.00 require a ballot vote.
- c) An exception may be made for emergency capital purchases to replace or repair an item in an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00. An emergency capital purchase must be approved by the agreement of at least three of the four officers without the approval of the members.

Section 2: The Secretary will acknowledge all voting members.

Section 3: In the event of a ballot vote, one ballot will be given directly to each eligible voter as outlined in Article III, by the Secretary of the Booster Club.

Section 4: Voting Members must be present to vote on a measure, no other voting methods will be accepted.

Section 5: Two tellers appointed by the President will be responsible for counting the ballots.

Section 6: The President will announce the vote.

Section 7: All proposed requests for the May vote must be presented to the Booster Club as an itemized list on a single sheet (ballot), with each item to be voted on individually.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Section 1: A Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates at the April meeting. The Board members shall be elected by ballot from the slate presented by the Nominating Committee and/or from nominations made from the floor at the May meeting.

Section 2: Permission must be secured from the nominees before their names may be placed on the ballot. A Board member must have a child who is attending or will be attending H. D. Jacobs High School within the next calendar year.

Section 3: All voting members may vote at the May meeting.

Section 4: A voting quorum must exist to conduct the election of officers for the Booster Club. Those candidates receiving the plurality of votes cast shall be elected to the Board position for which they were nominated. (Plurality is defined as the largest number of votes obtained in a situation when three or more choices are possible).

Section 5: The newly elected officers shall be introduced and take office at the end of the regular meeting in June.

Section 6: Officer Terms

- a) The term of a Board member shall consist of one (1) year.
- b) Any officer cannot be elected for a fourth consecutive term.
- c) If the Nominating Committee is unable to locate a candidate for any office, the current Officer may be elected to a fourth term.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: **PRESIDENT**

- a) The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the Booster Club and be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- b) The **President** shall provide a written agenda for all meetings and shall exercise general supervision of the affairs of the Booster Club.
- c) The **President** shall be prepared to speak about Booster Club activities at Awards Nights and Special Events.
- d) The **President**, in collaboration with the Booster Club Treasurer, shall prepare a Financial Report yearly, including anticipated expenditures and revenues, to be used as a guide for the next Booster Club year.
- e) The **President** shall review checking account transaction activity at least monthly. Unusual activity will be brought to the attention of the full Board.

Section 2: **VICE PRESIDENT**

- a) The **Vice President** shall assume all duties of the President in his or her absence or as directed by the President.
- b) The **Vice President** shall be responsible for all official correspondence of the Booster Club (i.e., Certification of Incorporation, Insurance, and Bonding).
- c) The **Vice President** shall coordinate the administration of the Booster Club Scholarship, including forming a scholarship committee. The Scholarship Committee shall consist of at least 3 voting members who do not have a child eligible for the scholarship in the current year. The Scholarship Committee shall recommend the number and amounts of the scholarships as well as the selection criteria.
- d) Public Relations is the duty of the **Vice President**. They shall send press releases to local newspapers and otherwise work to publicize the events of the Booster Club, keeping membership and the community aware of the Booster Club functions.

Section 3: **SECRETARY**

- a) The **Secretary** shall take the minutes at each meeting and present them for approval at the following meeting.
- b) The **Secretary** shall maintain attendance records for all meetings, including a record of all eligible voting members.
- c) The **Secretary** shall maintain records, including any documents distributed during a regular or special meeting, in permanent form and will assist in the preparation of correspondence when requested or required.
- d) The **Secretary** shall write thank you letters for the Booster Club.

Section 4: **TREASURER**

- a) The **Treasurer** shall be responsible for all funds of the Booster Club; shall receive all monies and shall deposit same in a bank approved by the Board; shall pay promptly all financial obligations; shall have the authority to counter-sign checks to carry out the duties outlined above; shall preserve and maintain records and vouchers for the purpose of audit and preparation of financial reports; shall report at all meetings.
- b) The **Treasurer**, in collaboration with the Booster Club President, shall prepare and present an annual budget to the Board prior to the August meeting.
- c) The **Treasurer** shall be bonded for a minimum of \$ 100,000 (or the average balance in the checking account) if required by the Board.
- d) The **Treasurer**, President, Secretary, and Vice President are authorized to sign checks.
- e) The **Treasurer** will prepare an end-of-the-year financial report to be presented at the August meeting.
- f) The **Treasurer** shall arrange for a financial review to be conducted in the month of July by a qualified representative who has been approved by the Board. The Treasurer must be available to the representative conducting the financial review and supply all requested information. The findings of the financial review should be signed by the representative and a copy submitted to each of the members of the Board prior to the August meeting and reported to the membership at the August meeting.
- g) The **Treasurer** shall turn over all funds and accounting records to the incoming Treasurer upon completion of the audit in July.
- h) The **Treasurer** shall keep all annual reports and financial records archived for 7 years or as recommended by the auditor.

ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1: The following are the Standing Committee Chairperson positions. Each shall be responsible for their respective functions and keep documentation regarding the operation and activities of their respective committee. All documentation shall be turned over to the new chairperson(s) at the June meeting.. All Chairpersons shall present a report at each monthly meeting, and submit a written detailed end-of-the-year report in June to the incoming chairperson(s) and the Secretary for the year in review document.

Manpower
Concessions

Fund Raising
Apparel/Spiritwear
Team Parent
Communications
Purchasing

Any of these above stated positions may be held by more than one general member, and one general member may hold more than one of these positions, as determined by the voting members.

Section 2: **MANPOWER**

The Manpower Chairperson(s) shall coordinate its activities with those of other committees to provide volunteers for Booster Club activities (i.e., scheduling concession workers, calling members to help out at specific functions, etc.) and shall keep centralized records of volunteers.

Section 3: **CONCESSIONS**

- a) The Concessions Chairperson(s) shall be responsible for operation, maintenance, and clean-up of the concession stands for the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons.
- b) The Concessions Chairperson(s) shall train and assign volunteers to open and close the concession stand at each event.
- c) The Concessions Chairperson(s) shall coordinate with the Manpower Committee to ensure that volunteers are available.
- d) The Concessions Chairperson(s) shall maintain records of dates, events, and supplies.
- e) The Concessions Chairperson(s) shall be required to fulfill the requirements of the County Board of Health.

Section 4: **FUNDRAISING**

The Fundraising Chairperson(s) shall coordinate all Booster Club fundraising events.

Section 5: **APPAREL/SPIRITWEAR**

- a) The Apparel Chairperson(s) shall coordinate all purchases and sales of apparel at sporting events and other opportune times during the year.
- b) Purchases of inventory items must not exceed the Spiritwear assigned yearly budget.
- c) Each season's inventory line must be approved by the Board prior to submitting initial order to vendors.

Section 6: **TEAM PARENT**

- a) The Team Parent Chairperson(s), in conjunction with the coach, shall appoint Team Parents to represent each sport/team, who in turn shall serve as liaison between the coach and parent of each team.
- b) The Team Parent Chairperson(s) shall recruit and find ways to increase membership and promote participation of the Booster Club.
- c) The Team Parent Chairperson(s) shall inform each sport's Team Parent what has been purchased by the Booster Club within the past year.

Section 7: **COMMUNICATION**

The Communication Chairperson(s) shall be responsible for coordination of the maintenance for the Booster Club's electronic communication, and keeping the Booster Club's electronic communication current with news and information on a timely basis. All electronic communication information needs to be approved by a Board member prior to publication.

Section 8: **PURCHASING**

The Purchasing Chairperson(s) shall be responsible for maintaining inventory lists, for ordering all supplies and for overseeing delivery.

ARTICLE X - REQUESTS FOR BOOSTER CLUB FUNDING

Section 1: Funding Procedures

- a) Varsity coaches, or designee, must submit the request for all levels of their sport to the AD for review. This request must include a cost estimate. The AD must submit, in writing, an itemized request for funding for the April meeting. Requests for funding must be presented to the Booster Club by the AD with the varsity coach or designee in attendance to answer questions.
- b) Only AD reviewed requests may be presented to the Booster Club membership for funding consideration. The requests will be submitted to the Booster Club President no later than one week prior to the scheduled April Booster Club meeting. The requests will be discussed and prioritized between the AD and the Booster Club President prior to the April meeting. All approved items must be purchased within the upcoming/current school year
- c) The AD is responsible for placing the orders for Booster Club approved items following D300 policies. In the event that an approved item is no longer needed, the AD will notify the Booster Club at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- d) A one time, one year funding extension may be requested by the AD. Specific reasons why the extension is necessary will be required for extension consideration. Booster Club President must be notified by the April meeting of the following school year.
- e) Other funding requests, including those from organizations not related to athletics, may be submitted to the Booster Club President. A presentation must be made to the Booster Club at a regularly scheduled meeting. The Booster Club will vote on the funding request at the following regularly scheduled meeting unless the President feels there is a time constraint. In the case of a time constraint the vote may be taken at the meeting in which the presentation occurs.
- f) The Booster Club may not approve purchases to exceed unencumbered funds at any time. In the case that approved purchases exceed unencumbered fund, the items receiving the least amount of votes will be removed from the approved list.

ARTICLE XI - LEGAL COUNSEL

Legal counsel shall be obtained if deemed necessary by the Board.

ARTICLE XII - COMPENSATION, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, PROPAGANDA

Section 1: This organization is a volunteer organization and as such no salaries or compensation of any kind will be paid to any member, trustee, officers or other private persons, except the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for outside services rendered, such as legal services, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

Section 2: No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding, any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION

Section 1: Upon dissolution or termination of this organization, any remaining assets shall be distributed to Harry D. Jacobs High School, a 501(c)(3) organization under the Internal Revenue Code, for use by the Athletic Department in accordance with District 300 Board Policy.

Section 2: If for any reason the remaining assets cannot be distributed to Harry D. Jacobs High School, then assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These bylaws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Booster Club by a two-thirds vote of the voting membership present provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing at a regular meeting, and then to be voted on at the next regular membership meeting of the Booster Club.

Section 2: Approved amendments to the bylaws shall become effective upon adjournment of that same meeting

Section 3: Amendments to the bylaws may be approved outside of any regular meeting by a majority of the board members if the amendments are necessary to conform to federal or state requirements.