

CONSTITUTION
of the
ST. RITA BOOSTER CLUB
***(Revised May 2009)**

PREAMBLE

We, as members of the St. Rita Booster Club, shall through our membership, display and promote a Christian example at all times, never forgetting that in this example, the attitude of sportsmanship shall always prevail.

If the rules of the various sports activities are the objectives we intend for our children to learn and benefit from, then we, as members of the Christian community should through our example, follow the spirit of sportsmanship, rather than the letter of the rules.

ARTICLE 1
NAME

*Section 1. This organization shall be known as St. Rita Booster Club.

ARTICLE 2
PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote by Christian example, the betterment of St. Rita Parish.

Section 2. To promote athletic programs for St. Rita.

Section 3. To raise funds to carry out the above programs.

Section 4. To promote, or organize any group or groups to carry out any necessary function for the benefit of the Parish.

ARTICLE 3
MEMBERSHIP

*Section 1. Voting membership: Any person 18 years or older, and who has paid their dues or has been granted a lifetime membership.

*Section 2. Non-voting membership: Any person 18 years or older, who does not meet the requirements of Section 1 of this article.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- *Section 1. The officers of this organization shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary, two Co-Treasurers, Boys Athletic Director, Girls Athletic Director.
- *Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary and both Co-Treasurers. There will be four additional members elected from the membership body in accordance with the By-Laws. Any member is eligible to attend Board meetings, but without a voice.
- *Section 3. The Reverend Pastor of St. Rita, or his designated representative shall be included as an officer and ex-officio member of all committees.
- Section 4. The officers of this organization shall be elected in the manner prescribed in the By-Laws and shall hold office for one year or until their successor is elected.
- Section 5. The term of the members elected to the Boards of Directors shall be for the time as prescribed in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE 5 MEETINGS

- Section 1. This organization shall conduct business meetings with the membership once a month or more often if approved by the general membership. Special membership meetings may be called by the Board if prior notice is given in the St. Rita bulletin.
- Section 2. In order to conduct a business meeting, at least 9 voting members must be present.
- Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet in such a manner as to perform and accept their responsibilities as they are defined in the By-Laws.
- Section 4. Coaches are expected to attend booster meetings, especially during the season in which they coach a team.

ARTICLE 6 AMENDMENTS

- Section 1. Any member in good standing can make a recommendation to amend this Constitution. The recommendation must be presented at a regular meeting, entertained as a motion by the presiding officer and duly seconded and passed by a majority vote.
- Section 2. Upon approval by the membership of the recommended amendments, the Officers & Board of Directors shall study the recommended amendments and/or pertinent changes to the recommended amendment and report back to the membership at a regular meeting within thirty days with a progress report.

ARTICLE 6
AMENDMENTS
(continued)

- Section 3. After a final report from the Officers & Board of Directors, and after notification in the bulletin for two consecutive Sundays, voting on the amendment will take place at the following regular meeting that meets the requirements to conduct business.
- Section 4. The vote on the amendment will be by secret ballot and must be passed by 2/3rds of the majority present at the properly notified meeting.
- Section 5. The voting ballots shall be counted by a committee appointed by the President and certified by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7
FINANCES

- Section 1. A Co-Treasurer must show in writing at the first regular meeting of the month in detail every check that is written and all income and expenses listed separately.
- Section 2. Request for funds of more than \$200, other than budgeted items, must be made in writing and presented and approved at a membership meeting.
- *Section 3. The President, Vice President and Athletic Directors, of the club can make a decision to expend up to \$500.
- Section 4. Anyone making a purchase that is not in accordance with Section 2, or 3, of this Article will be held responsible for that purchase and will not be reimbursed by the club unless a request for reimbursement is made in writing and is approved at a membership meeting.
- Section 5. Any fund raising event will presented to the membership a complete financial statement upon completion of the event, such as: dances, bingos, competitions, tournaments, night at the races, card parties, etc. Fund raising is for the booster club as a whole and an event cannot be designated for one sport only.