

**BY-LAWS  
OF  
OAK RIDGE YOUTH ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**

**Name and purpose of the Association**

**Section 1. Name.** This corporation shall be known as the Oak Ridge Youth Association, Inc., hereinafter called “the Association.”

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purposes of the Association are (1) to engage in the purpose of providing, organizing, scheduling and promoting various youth activities including recreational and sporting events, benefits, youth-oriented programs and other related activities designed to promote and foster the physical, mental and spiritual development of youth; (2) to solicit funds and gifts necessary for the operation of this Association and, when deemed necessary by the Board of Directors then in office, to transfer funds and property of the Association to a body or organization qualified under 501(c ) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or successor provisions thereto; and (3) to engage in any lawful activity performing or providing services of any nature, advisory, protective fiduciary or representative, in any way related to the above express purposes of the Association, including engaging in any other lawful activity not requiring a special charter under the law.

**ARTICLE II**

**Membership**

**Section 1. Members.** Any parent or adult guardian that has paid the registration fee for their child’s participation in the Association’s current or most recent baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, soccer or softball program is to be recognized as an Association member. Only one parent or adult guardian from a particular family will be recognized as an Association member. An Association member does not have to live directly in Oak Ridge, North Carolina.

**Section 2. Membership Rights.** All members are eligible to vote, hold office (provided eligibility requirements from Article III, Section 4 are met), serve on committees or as commissioners, or submit business to the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE III**

**Government**

**Section 1. Board of Directors.** The general management of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors who shall be elected as provided in Section 1 of Article V of these by-laws. The number of directors shall be Nineteen (19).

**Section 2. Officers.** The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, selected from the Board of Directors as provided in Section 2 or Article V of these by-laws. The Secretary and Treasurer may be one person.

**Section 3. Committees and Commissioners.** The Board of Directors shall appoint any Committees or individual Commissioners it deems necessary to organize and operate any of the projects or activities the Association sponsors. The President shall be a member, ex officio, of all committees. The Board of Directors must approve as provided in Section 1 of Article VI of these by-laws all project or activity plans, schedules, rules and regulations developed by the appointed Committees or Commissioners.

**Section 4. Eligibility of Directors.** Eighty (80%) percent or more of the ORYA Board of Directors shall be comprised of members that legally reside in the Oak Ridge Elementary School District or the Oak Ridge Town Limits while up to twenty (20%) percent of the membership may reside outside of this area. A criminal record check shall be conducted on all Board of Directors annually. In order to maintain voting privileges an ORYA Board of Director shall attend seventy (70%) percent of all required meetings and functions.

## ARTICLE IV

### Meetings

**Section 1. Annual Meeting of Members.** The annual meeting of members of the Association shall be held within the first two weeks of June, preferably on the first Thursday evening of June of each year. Notice of holding the annual meeting shall be announced in school and/or community newsletters and newspapers that are available for use by the Association at the time of the General Meeting.

**Section 2. Special Meetings of Members.** Special meetings of members of the Association may be called by the President at any time on his own initiative or by any Board Director upon request to such Director made in writing of five members.

**Section 3. Meetings of the Board.** Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called by the President on his own initiative whenever, in his judgment, it may be deemed necessary or by the Secretary upon request of any two members of the Board of Directors. Five (5) days notice of meetings of the Board shall be sent by mail or by telephone to all Directors and shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meeting.

**Section 4. Order of Business.** At all meetings of the Association the order of business shall be as follows (1) reading of the minutes of the immediate prior meeting for information and approval; (2) reports of officers; (3) reports of Committees and/or Commissioners; (4) unfinished business; (5) new business and, at the annual meeting, election of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V

### Elections of Directors and Officers

**Section 1. Election of Directors.** The Directors of the Association shall be elected yearly at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the active adult members present. New Directors will take office on July 1<sup>st</sup> and serve a two-year term.

**Section 2. Election of Officers.** The Board of Directors shall elect from among their number, a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer by a majority vote of the nineteen (19) members of the board. The meeting of the Board of Directors to elect officers shall be held within one month following the annual meeting of members. Officers elected shall hold office until new officers are elected.

**Section 3. Vacancies in Office.** The Board of Directors shall fill for the unexpired term any vacancy that occurs among the officers or in the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VI

### Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors

**Section 1. Management of the Association.** The Board of Directors shall have general charge and management of the affairs, funds, and the property of the Association. The Board shall have full power to carry out the purposes of the Association according to its Articles of Incorporation and By-laws as long as there is agreement by a majority vote of the ten members of the Board. The Board must approve all projects and activities sponsored or undertaken by the Association.

**Section 2. Rule Making.** The Board of Directors may make rules for participation in any of the activities sponsored by the Association and for the use of Association property. The Board may also make rules for the conduct of members of the Association and any participants of the Association sponsored activities, and it may determine whether the conduct of any member of participant is detrimental to the welfare of the Association; and may fix the penalty for misconduct or violations of the By-laws or Association rules.

**Section 3. Other Powers.** The Board of Directors may vote the expenditure of monies as it deems necessary or advisable to promote and sponsor the various youth oriented activities and projects the Association undertake; and it may contract in the name of the Association for the purchase or lease of properties or facilities, or equipment needed to operate the activities sponsored by the Association; and it may appoint such Committees or individual Commissioners as it deems necessary to organize and operate the various activities of the Association.

**Section 4. No Authority to Impose Liability on Members.** The Board of Directors shall not impose any liability or levy any assessment upon the members.

## ARTICLE VII

### Duties of Officers

**Section 1. President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall appoint such Committees as he or the Association shall consider expedient or necessary.

**Section 2. Vice-President.** In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of both the President and the Vice-President. The Vice-President shall also be in charge of securing, storing, and distributing the equipment owned by the Association.

**Section 3. Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, and shall, if requested, read such minutes at the close of each meeting for approval. He shall perform such their duties as may be required of him by the By-laws, the President or the Board of Directors.

**Section 4. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have charge of all receipts and monies of the Association, deposit them in the name of the Association in a bank approved by the Board of Directors, and disburse the funds s ordered or authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall keep regular accounts of his receipts and disbursements, submit his records when requested and give an itemized statement at regular meetings of the Association. He shall sign checks and withdrawal slips on behalf of the Association upon any and all bank accounts and the same shall be honored on his signature alone.

**Section 5. Execution of Instruments.** The President and the Secretary or the Treasurer shall, on being so directed by the Board, sign all leases, contracts and other instruments in writing.

## ARTICLE VIII

### Compensation of Directors or Officers

Neither the Directors, officers nor members shall receive any salary or compensation for services rendered to the Association. The Board of Directors may, however, award nominal gifts to individuals or organizations whose service has greatly benefits the youth of the Oak Ridge community.

## ARTICLE IX

### Dues

Section 1. Annual Dues. The annual dues of members for each calendar year or any part of a calendar year where a person becomes a member during the year shall be set by the Board of Directors. All applications for membership must be accompanied by the first year's dues.

## ARTICLE X

### Notices

All notices to members shall be mailed to their address as given on the books of the Association, and such mailing shall constitute presumptive evidence of service thereof.

## ARTICLE XI

### Amendments

These By-laws may be amended only by a majority vote of the adult members present at a regular or special meeting of the Association, provided notice of the purpose of the proposed amendment has been stated in the call of this meeting.