

RL Turner Cheer Booster Bylaws

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Article I: NAME

This organization will be known as the RL Turner Cheer Booster Club of Carrollton, Texas.

Article II: PURPOSE

- A. Promote interest and support the Cheerleaders.
- B. Assist Cheerleader Coach(es) in carrying out the activities of the Cheerleaders and to give aid in the areas that might require assistance toward realizing the objectives of the Cheerleading program.
- C. Improve school spirit through attendance at Cheerleader functions.
- D. Promote better parental understanding of the student's obligation within the Cheerleader program.
- E. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable and 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: BASIC POLICIES

- A. The Booster Club shall operate within University Interscholastic League rules and Texas State Laws.
- B. The Booster Club shall pursue only those money-raising projects that are for the benefit of the Cheerleaders, such as funding of out-of-district trips, cheerleader activities, cheerleader banquets or equipment items designated by the Cheerleader Coach(es) as needed by the program.
- C. The Booster Club shall not interfere in the decision making prerogatives of the Cheerleader Coach(es) in relation to cheerleader activities.
- D. In the event of dissolution of the club, its assets shall be distributed to RL Turner High School or if RL Turner High School is no longer in existence, assets shall be distributed to the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District, and if the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District is no longer in existence, assets shall be distributed to another exempt organization that is exempt under the rules of 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- E. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officer, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying 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 on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue

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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 IV: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

- A. The membership will be composed of parents of Cheerleader members and others who may be interested in assisting and promoting the RL Turner Cheerleaders.
- B. Voting for officers and eligibility to hold office is restricted to those members who have paid their dues by the first of May each year. In years when the cheerleaders have not been selected before May, membership dues are required within one week of team selection for eligibility to vote or run for office at the May meeting.
- C. The parent of any scholarship applicant must be an active [paid] member of the RL Turner Cheer Booster Club.
- D. Honorary member [grandparents, aunts, uncles] \$10.00
- E. Membership dues will be \$25.00 per family per cheerleader year. Dues are payable in person at Booster Club meetings or payable through the mail. You must have been a member in good standing for 30 days to vote, except at board elections.
- F. Blue & White Member \$100.00
- G. Pride of Lions member \$300.00
- H. Dues for the next year may be changed by two-thirds majority vote of the general membership present with a quorum of 20 and with one-month prior notice given.

Article V: CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- A. Booster Club officers shall consist of a President, 1st Vice President for Fundraising, 2nd Vice President for Membership, Treasurer, Secretary, and Spirit Chairman.
- B. Officers will hold office for one year beginning with May elections and continuing through the following school year.
- C. No Executive board Officer shall hold the same position for more than two consecutive terms.
- D. Officers shall be elected by majority vote of the voting members present.
- E. A Nominating Committee, consisting of three members and the Cheerleader Coach(es), will be appointed by the Cheerleader Booster Club President with approval of the head Cheerleader Coach for the purpose of placing officer candidates before the club.

Article VI: COMMITTEES

- A. Executive Board shall create any committee that may be required to promote the purpose and interest of the club.

Article VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. The President shall preside at all meetings of the RL Turner Cheer Booster Club, the Board of Directors, be a liaison between the head Cheerleader Coach and the membership, and be a liaison between the committees and the Executive Board.
- B. The 1st Vice President for Fundraising shall serve as the head of all approved budgeted fundraising projects and special events as deemed necessary by the head Cheerleaders Coach and the booster Club President. The 1st Vice President shall assume the duties and exercise the powers of the President in his/her absence or disability. He/She shall become familiar with the

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overall operation of the club in preparation of the office of President. He/She shall help the President keep order during all procedural meetings. He/She shall keep a procedure book with an accurate account of his/her activities to be passed on to his/her successor.

- C. The 2nd Vice President for Membership shall serve as the chairman of membership and will be in charge of the annual membership drive.
- D. The Treasurer shall maintain all monies of the organization, shall keep accurate records of receipts and expenditures, and shall pay out funds only as authorized by the organization. All bills shall be paid by check, and all checks shall be signed by 2 of 3 authorized signatures. The treasurer shall present a written statement of accounts, in itemized form, at every meeting of the organization and at other times when requested by the organization or the head Cheerleader coach. The date of the fiscal year shall begin on August 1st and end on July 31st for all accounting purposes.
- E. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the minutes of each meeting held by the organization and Executive board. These minutes shall be kept on file with the secretary and the head Cheerleader Coach.

Article VIII: MEETINGS

- A. Booster Club meetings will be held in August/September and in May with at least two other meetings during the year, to be scheduled by the Executive Board. Meetings shall not be in conflict with the school calendar whenever possible.
- B. The head Cheerleader Coach or school Principal may call special meetings of the Executive board. These meetings serve as actual Booster Club meetings and public notification of these meetings will be given to the cheerleader Booster Club members by the head Cheerleader Coach or school Principal.
- C. A minimum of 8 voting members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings.
- D. Robert's Rules of Order (latest revision) shall apply in the conduct of the club's business.

Article IX: METHOD OF AMMENDMENT

- A. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the club by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present, providing that notice of the amendment(s) have been given at a previous meeting.
- B. The head Cheerleader coach and the President shall appoint a committee of three members (including the chairman) to study the proposed article amendment and present their recommendations to the Executive Board.

OFFICER'S SIGNATURES

DATE

President

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Secretary

Coach

