



**The Greater Baltimore Chapter
National Football Foundation**

**Constitution
of
NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION AND HALL OF FAME
GREATER BALTIMORE CHAPTER**

PREAMBLE

In order to assist the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, a corporation of New York, in its purposes; and to promote the wholesome playing and administration of the sport of football in schools and colleges of the state of Maryland; and to encourage and recognize academic excellence, leadership, and competitive spirit among high school and collegiate football players; The Greater Baltimore Chapter of the parent organization is formed as an association of its members, and this revised constitution is adopted this 20th day of April, 1978.

Article I

Non- Profit Association and Name

The Greater Baltimore Chapter shall be a nonprofit association and its name “Greater Baltimore Chapter, National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, Inc.”. This name shall also be used for banking purposes.

Article II

Rules of Parent Organization

The Greater Baltimore Chapter, its constitution, by-laws, rules, regulations and resolutions shall be consistent with and subject to the duly adopted reasonable by-laws, rules and regulations of the Parent Organization, regarding its Chapters, its purpose, and its standards.

Article III

Membership in Parent Organization

Each member of the Greater Baltimore Chapter shall be a member of the Parent Organization, the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, a corporation of New York.



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**Article IV
Purposes**

The purposes of the Greater Baltimore Chapter shall be as follows:

1. Promote amateur football in the State of Maryland, especially the Greater Baltimore area, as an integral and wholesome part of the state's educational processes.
2. Encourage the beneficial direction and playing of the game at schools and colleges throughout Maryland and elsewhere.
3. Provide proper incentives and ideals for the youth of the state.
4. Encourage high standards of sportsmanship for the individual player and student or college.
5. Assist the Parent Organization in its programs and purposes.
6. Disseminate substantiated information to the public, the schools and colleges, and to the athletes of the state of Maryland.
7. Honor, by awards, outstanding scholar athletes in high schools and/or colleges of the state, especially the Greater Baltimore area.
8. Render practical, necessary, and/or requested services to colleges, schools, institutions, organizations and individuals connected with football.



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**Article V
Meetings**

Sec. 1. Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the members of the association for the election of officers and directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting shall be held once each calendar year at a time and place selected by the Board of Directors. A notice of such meeting, stating its time and place, shall be served by mail addressed to each member at his address as it appears upon the books of the association.

Sec. 2. Special Meetings. Meetings of the members may be called at any time by a majority of the members of the Executive Committee or of the Board of Directors or by the President. Notice such a meeting shall be served in the same manner as herein provided for the annual meeting but shall in addition state the object of the meeting and the business to be transacted.

Sec. 3. Scholar Athlete Awards Dinner. An Awards Dinner will be sponsored annually by the Greater Baltimore Chapter to honor high school and/or college scholar athletes in the state of Maryland and such other individuals or institutions that the officers and members of the association deem fitting to offer. This dinner will be held at a time and place selected by the Board of Directors. The specific purpose will be solely on our athletes and other personalities who have brought credit to the sport at football. No official business shall be transacted.

Sec. 4. Quorum. At all annual or special meetings of this association the members present in person shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 5. Principal Office. The principal office of the association shall be at the office of the duly elected Treasurer or at such a place as shall from time to time be specified by the by-laws for the resolution of the Board of Directors.



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**Article VI
Officers**

Sec. 1. Directors. Directors shall be members of the Greater Baltimore Chapter. The number of Directors shall be twelve (12), Excluding officer membership. Each Director shall serve a term of three (3) years, and one-third of the number shall be elected at each annual meeting. The president, vice presidents, secretary, treasurer, and last retiring president shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors by majority vote shall fill any vacancies that occur. Ex-officio members of the Board enjoy the same voting privileges as Directors except the last retiring president who shall not have a vote. If a Director's position becomes vacant as a result of the incumbent being elected by the membership to an office, the membership shall elect a replacement for that position. The term of office for the electee shall be only that period required to complete the unexpired term of his predecessor's former office.

Sec. 2. Officers. A president, two vice presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting, in addition to the aforementioned Directors. These officers shall perform such duties and have such powers as may be determined by the by-laws and the Board of Directors. Vacancy of an office may be filled by the Board at any time.

Sec. 3. Additional Officers. The Board of Directors shall meet following the annual meeting of members in shall elect or appoint such other officers and committees as shall be provided for by the by-laws of the association or as they shall deem suitable and necessary for the proper conduct of the Greater Baltimore Chapter's affairs. As such officers and committees shall perform such duties and have such powers as may be determined by the Board of Directors or by the by-laws.



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**Article VII
Committees**

Sec. 1. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and immediate past president. The Executive Committee shall, during the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given nor action taken by the Board. All actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be by majority vote at a meeting attended by not less than the majority of its members, and all actions of the Executive Board shall be reported to the next subsequent meeting of the Board.

Sec. 2. Finance Committee. The Board may create a Finance Committee. The President and Treasurer without election be members thereof. The Board may elect such additional Directors members thereof as the by-laws may specify. The Finance Committee shall have general supervision and control of the financial affairs of the association and shall from time to time submit recommendations in respect thereof to the executive Committee or to the Board.

Sec. 3. Additional Committees. The Board of Directors shall establish such other committees as provided or by the by-laws or as shall be necessary for the proper conduct of the association's affairs.



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**Article VIII
Dues and Assessments**

Sec. 1. Dues. Each member agrees that so long as he remains a member, he will contribute the membership dues as established by the National Officers and Board of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. He shall pay such contribution to the Greater Baltimore Chapter Treasurer for delivery of the National Headquarters' share to said corporation. The treasurer shall make delivery to said corporation of all such contributions with the names and addresses of contributors. Only those who so contribute shall be members of this association.

Sec. 2. Fiscal Year. For purposes of bookkeeping and auditing, the fiscal year of the Greater Baltimore Chapter shall be the same as the National Headquarters' fiscal year.

Sec. 3. Indebtedness. No indebtedness of the association may be credited beyond the assets of the association. It shall be unconstitutional for liabilities of the association ever to exceed the assets of the association.

**Article IX
Amendments**

This Constitution may be repealed or amended in whole or in part by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual or special meetings of the Greater Baltimore Chapter. Such proposed amendment or repeal shall have been previously approved by the Board of Directors or notice of such proposed amendment shall have been served upon each member of the Baltimore Chapter in the same manner and at the same time as herein provided for service of meetings. No alteration of this Constitution shall be considered at any meeting except those as have been specified in the notice or previously approved by the Board of Directors.