**Berklee Football League Constitution**  
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1. The Berklee Football League plays American Football, in the touch and flag categories.
2. There are 4 Main Leadership Positions: Commissioner, Vice Commissioner, Treasurer, and Rules Committee Board Member.
3. The Commissioner is the leader off the field of the organization and is the point of contact for the Student Activities Center (SAC). The Commissioner is in charge of all administrative duties the Berklee Football League (BFL) may encounter, including, but not limited to: Tournament Entries, Games (the organization of games against other schools), Paperwork, Travel, Logistics, Contact with all outside organizations, Press work, and managing the overall state and well being of this organization. The Commissioner can delegate some of his work to other members of the BFL. The Commissioner MUST have a vision for the BFL and future plans. Implementation of his/her vision must occur (within reason). His or Her term lasts as long as (s)he is enrolled at the Berklee College of music and is in good standing with the Berklee Football League. For impeachment or a vote for a new Commissioner, the same protocol that is used for rule changes/amendments will be utilized. The only difference being that once the Rules Committee reaches or fails to reach a 2 of 3 vote the suggestion is then stopped and appropriately tended to (i.e. impeachment, new vote, nothing).
4. The Vice Commissioner is second in command in the BFL, only to the Commissioner. Duties include, assisting and suggesting ideas to improve the League, Social Media Management, keeping in close contact with the commissioner, taking over the role of Commissioner if the Commissioner can not perform his duties, and being the second point of contact to the SAC. For impeachment or a vote for a new Vice Commissioner, the same protocol that is used for rule changes/amendments will be utilized. The only difference being that once the Rules Committee reaches or fails to reach a 2 of 3 vote the suggestion is then stopped and appropriately tended to (i.e. impeachment, new vote, nothing).
5. The Treasurer is in charge of all of the financial dealings of the league. This CAN include (as to be deemed by the Commissioner), collecting dues, leading fundraisers, and calculating costs of travel, gear, etc. for the BFL. The person in this role MUST follow the description as outlined by the SAC. This also includes, managing the account, applying for funding every month, delivering/depositing money to the SAC, and withdrawing money (as deemed necessary by the commissioner) from the SAC. For impeachment or a vote for a new Treasurer, the same protocol that is used for rule changes/amendments will be utilized. The only difference being that once the Rules Committee reaches or fails to reach a 2 of 3 vote the suggestion is then stopped and appropriately tended to (i.e. impeachment, new vote, nothing).
6. The Berklee Football League’s Rules Committee (RC) shall consist of 3 current members of the BFL, and they must be in good standing with the
League. The RC votes on rule changes. A rule change is initiated by a complaint by 3+ members of the league. Once brought to the Commissioner’s attention, the Commissioner leads a vote the next week with the attending members. Only members that attend in person may vote. If the Commissioner is not there in person a vote cannot occur. After tallying the votes, 65% of the attending members must vote in favor of the rule change and what the change to the rule should be. From that point, the Rules Committee must discuss and research the current rule and the changes that have been passed by the BFL general membership. From the point of General Membership passing the RC has exactly 1 week make a decision. After discussion, research and/or debate the RC will vote on the suggested changes. 2 of the 3 members of the RC must approve of it’s passing. If the 2 of 3 vote is not achieved, the suggestion is dead and therefore will not change. If the 2 of 3 vote is achieved the passed suggestion then goes to the Commissioner for final review. If the Commissioner approves of the suggestions then the suggestions then becomes an amendment to this Constitution and thus, a new rule that supersedes the prior rule. Upon Commissioner approval the rule is effective IMMEDIATELY. The Commissioner and Vice Commissioner have exactly one week to change the Constitution to show the proper amendments and present it to the SAC. If the Commissioner does not approve (s)he must give solid evidence that the rule change would hurt the BFL and/or his or her plan for the future of the league. If the Commissioner kills the suggestion, the RC and Vice Commissioner must discuss alternatives in order to get the rule changed by the Commissioner. If no solution is found, the suggestion is dead and must start over from the General Membership Voting (if there is still a desire to change the rule). The Vice Commissioner and RC have 1 week to propose the new suggestion to the Commissioner. If the Commissioner approves of the changes, it becomes an amendment to this Constitution, and thus a new rule. The Commissioner and the Vice Commissioner have one to get the rule change officially changed in the SAC. The rule change is effective immediately. If the Commissioner denies the rule change, the suggestion is dead and must be restarted from the General Membership Voting (if there is still a desire to change the rule). Per semester, a rule can only be sent to the RC from the BFL General Membership, twice, unless the Commissioner and Vice Commissioner both concur on an exception for a particular suggestion.

The RC will be determined through a vote by the BFL General Membership. The Commissioner AND Vice Commissioner will determine the voting method/system. The voting method/system can change from semester to semester, but not within a particular semester. One term on the RC is 2 semesters. If a member of the RC leaves or can no longer perform his/her duties mid semester/ mid term, the Commissioner will appoint someone to fill his/her role. The time served by the interim does not effect his/her eligibility for a full 2 semester term on the RC.
The Rules listed below apply to pick-up games only. Tournament, game, and scrimmage rules will be determined, on a case-by-case basis, by the Commissioner and Vice Commissioner.

i) The players will determine the length of each game.

ii) No extra points, field goals, or drop kicks are allowed.

iii) Touchdowns and safeties are the only methods of scoring.

iv) The players, on a case-by-case, game-by-game basis, will determine punt and kickoff use.

a. The offense has two (2) sets of four (4) downs to score a touchdown.

b. The offense may use the QB Sneak/ Run one (1) time per four downs.

c. If the defense blitzes, the QB can run at anytime.

d. Run plays (separate from QB sneaks/ runs) can occur as many times the offense desires.

e. First downs are achieved via two (2) completions.

f. A completion is defined as a forward lateral that crosses the line of scrimmage.

g. The offense may huddle as many times as they like as long as, the huddle lasts no more than thirty (30) seconds and the team huddles only once between plays.

h. Picking is legal, as are screen plays.

i. All formations are legal.

1. The defense may blitz one (1) time per set of four (4) downs.

2. All coverage (man, zone, combo, etc.) is legal.

3. Pressing at the line is legal, as is contact down the field.

4. Once the ball is in the air, no contact may be made.

i. False Start/ Offside Violations result in a reset of the play (no yardage penalties).

ii. The pass interference rule will stay consistent with that of the National Football League. This penalty will be called at the discretion of the defender/ offender in question.

iii. Offensive Blocking may occur, as long as it is not excessive. Excessive blocking shall receive a five (5) or ten (10) yard penalty. This call will be at the discretion of the player(s) in question.

iv. Each team has one (1) timeout per drive. Timeouts shall be no longer than 60 seconds and timeouts do not accumulate if they are not used.

v. Teams will be selected by captains, which can be chosen in any method deemed acceptable by the BFL General Membership.

vi. Teams should be as even in population as possible.

I. The BFL Tournament team size will vary and be determined by the BFL Commissioner.

II. The team will be selected via combine like athletic events and mental tests.
III. The Commissioner and Vice Commissioner will select the players that play on the team

IV. Members of the team MUST attend all practices

V. Missed practice will be punished by the Commissioner as (s)he deems necessary

VI. The BFL Tournament team will play one official game per semester- and the team MUST win the game

VII. The team can participate in various scrimmages and exhibitions, but none of the games can count to the team’s official record.

VIII. All games should be documented, and the official and unofficial games will be kept separate statistically