

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
VICTOR J. ANDREW HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB**

(AN ILLINOIS NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION)

**E.I.N. #36-6008307
NOT FOR PROFIT #2536517**

**INCORPORATED STATE OF ILLINOIS 1979
REVISION: JULY 1, 2002; NOVEMBER 11, 2010; AUGUST 8, 2012; OCTOBER 10,
AUGUST 16, 2017; APRIL 10, 2019; FEBRUARY 8, 2023; SEPTEMBER 20, 2023;
AUGUST 13, 2025**

Victor J. Andrew High School Athletic Booster Club
Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be the “Victor J. Andrew High School Athletic Booster Club.” The organization is hereinafter referred to in this Constitution as Booster Club.

Article II – Purposes

The purpose of the Booster Club shall be:

- A. To support, encourage, promote, and raise funds for all athletic programs at Victor J. Andrew High School for the benefit of all students, VJA Special Olympics, the school, and the community.
- B. To support coordination of the athletic programs of the elementary schools located in High School District 230, with the athletic programs at Victor J. Andrew High School.
- C. The Booster Club shall cooperate with the program of the Athletic Department and the Athletic Director and his staff.
- D. The Booster Club is organized exclusively for charitable, education, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under no circumstance should any member use the club to further their own personal gain in any way or form.
- E. Distribution of Income: No part of the net earnings of the Booster Club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons except that the Booster Club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services/products rendered as deemed necessary for the betterment of a particular project.
- F. Operational Limitations: Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the Booster Club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from Federal Income Tax of the Internal Revenue Code 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an organization, contributions which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- G. Dissolution Clause: Upon the dissolution of the Booster Club, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Booster Club, dispose of all assets of the Booster Club exclusively for the purpose of the Booster Club in such manner. If the Booster Club should ever disband, all assets remaining after the payment of all incurred liabilities in effect, shall become the property of Victor J. Andrew High School. It shall be disposed of by the office of the Athletic Director.

Article III – Membership and Dues

Section 1

Any person 18 years of age or older, or High School graduate, may become a member of the Booster Club upon payment of such dues as may be established from time to time by the Executive Board. All paid members are entitled to discuss and offer their opinions, only, about Athletic Requests and monetary donations.

Section 2

- A. The Executive Board may from time to time establish the annual dues to be paid by each member, to wit will be deemed a fair amount for membership. Membership’s dues will expire August 1 of following school year.
- B. An Executive Board member that continues to serve after their child(ren) graduates will be exempt from annual membership dues.

Article III – Membership and Dues (cont'd)

Section 3

- A. The annual meeting of the Booster Club will be held at 7:00 P.M. on the second (2nd) Wednesday of May at Victor J. Andrew High School (subject to verification by the Executive Board). The main order of business will be to elect the Board of Officer for the next school year.
- B. There will be monthly regular meetings of the Booster Club membership held from August through May. The monthly meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. If the meeting date, time and/or location is changed it will be determined by mutual agreement with the Athletic Director and Executive Board. Notice will be made to the members not less than three (3) days prior to the designated meeting.
- C. Special meetings of the Booster Club membership may be called at any time by the Executive Board and/or Athletic Director if the Executive Board is null and void, upon notice to the members not less than five (5) days prior to the date designated for the special meeting. The notice of any special meeting shall set forth the purpose for calling such meeting.
- D. Fifty percent (50%) of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum at any regular or special meetings of the members. If at any regular or special meetings of the members there is no quorum present, the presiding officer shall adjourn the meeting to a later date and time within the succeeding five (5) days and promulgate proper notification to set forth purpose of such meeting.
- E. At all meetings of the members, the President of the Booster Club, or if not present, a Vice-President or other officer of the Booster Club, shall preside.

Section 4

Scholarship Eligibility

Eligibility requirements for Athletic Scholarships awarded by the Booster Club are as follows:

- A. Applicant's parent or legal guardian must be a paid member of the Booster Club by **April 1st** of the applicant's senior year and -must have maintained continuous paid Booster Club membership for **all four years** while the student attended Victor J. Andrew High School.
 - B. Applicant's parent or legal guardian must have actively participated in at least one Booster Club fundraiser during **each year** the applicant attended Victor J. Andrew High School.
 - C. Applicant must have a minimum G.P.A. (Grade Point Average) of 2.5;
 - D. Applicant must attend a post graduate accredited academic or vocational school;
 - E. Applicant must complete the entire season participation in at least one sport of his/her senior status;
 - F. Applicant must have satisfied all requirements for graduation by July 1st of their senior year;
 - G. Completed **online** applications must be submitted by March 15th of applicant's senior year.
- Scholarship winners will be chosen by random drawing at the April spring season meeting.

SECTION 5

Matz Family Scholarship

1. Applicant must be a senior
2. Applicant must have participated in the Victor J. Andrew Variety Show during the year of Applicant's senior year
3. Applicant's parent or guardian must be a paid member of the Athletic Booster Club each year they participate in the Variety Show.

*For both Athletic and Matz Scholarships, if Officers and Directors have a child(ren) or guardianship of a current Andrew Senior, that child(ren) name may be submitted once for each year served by the

officer/director during child(ren) time at Andrew for the random drawing

*Applicants may apply for both scholarships but cannot receive both.

Article IV – Executive Board Section 1

The Executive Board shall have charge of the general affairs and business of the Booster Club, subject to membership approval of all major, formal, and policy matters which shall be referred to it.

Section 2

Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President, or if absent the Vice-President or other officers of the Booster Club, shall upon notice to each member of the Executive Board not less than three (3) days notice prior to the date and time designated for such special meeting. The notice of any special meeting shall state the purpose for which such meeting has been called. Fifty percent (50%) of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive Board.

Section 3

Attendance at the Board meeting is to be taken and recorded by the Secretary. Any Executive Board Member missing three (3) consecutive meetings without presenting acceptable excuses to the Board, will, by the Executive Board, be judged as unwilling to serve, and after being duly informed by the Secretary on the advice of the Board action, his or her place on the Board shall be declared vacated. The membership in regular meeting shall nominate and elect a replacement from the membership as an interim appointee to function for the remainder of the term, in place of member relieved of Board duties, according to election guidelines described in Article V.

Section 4

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Booster Club and board of directors.

Section 5

The treasurer's report must be approved.

Article V – Officers Section 1

Officers of the Booster Club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected at the regular meeting of the membership in the month of May to assume office-July 1st, length of term is equal to one (1) year.

Section 3

In order to be elected to the office of President, you must complete one term of a Director in good standing or one term as an officer in good standing- and currently be serving in one of those positions.

Section 4

In order to be elected as an officer which consists of Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, you must currently be serving as a Director in good standing.

Section 5

The Directors shall be elected at the regular meeting of the Membership in the month of May, to assume office July 1. Each Director's term is for a period of two (2) years. Half of the Director's term will end in an odd year and the other half of the Director's term will end in an even year. This creates a continuity

within the Executive Board of at least two (2) directors. All Officers must live within School District 230 Boundaries.

Section 5

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Booster Club. In the absence or in the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice-President shall be the CEO. President, or in case of absence, the Vice-President or other officer, shall preside at the meeting of the Executive Board. The officers of the Booster Club shall have duties and responsibilities as may be established from time to time by the Executive Board.

Article VI – Duties of Executive Board Members Section 1

Presidential Duties:

- A. Shall preside at all meetings.
- B. Shall approve the signing of all contracts and all documents when ordered by the membership.
- C. Create and appoint committees as the need arises.
- D. Can sign warrants, along with the Treasurer or one other signatory officer for payment of money from the Booster Club treasury.

Section 2

Vice-Presidential Duties:

- A. Shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
- B. In the event the President is unable to complete his/her term, the Vice-President automatically becomes President for the unexpired part of the term.
- C. Responsible for keeping accurate records of membership.
- D. Can sign warrants, along with the Treasurer or one other signatory officer for payment for money from the Booster Club treasury.
- E. Oversee and manage the complete application process for both the Athletic Scholarships and the Matz Family Scholarships, including, but not limited to distribution, collection, review coordination and award communication.

Section 3

Secretarial Duties

- A. Shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Booster Club in a book which shall be the property of the Booster Club and be available at all reasonable times for the reading of any paid member.
- B. Shall provide the previous month's minutes to each Booster Board member at each meeting of the Booster Club, to be read aloud and approved by the Booster Club membership at said meeting.
- C. Provide a membership sign-in sheet at every meeting and keep on file for any further need that may be required of such sign-in sheets.
- D. Keep accurate records of minutes pertaining to each meeting of the Booster Club, including all subjects of discussion, all approved/deleted plans, all officer reports, including the report of the treasurer of the Booster Club.
- E. The above mentioned records of the Secretary of the Booster Club shall be kept safely for a period of not less than five (5) years. The disposal of yearly records shall be presented to the Executive Board for approval.
- F. Can sign warrants, along with the Treasurer or one other signatory officer for payment of money from the Booster Club treasury.

Section 4

Treasurer Duties

- A. Shall collect all dues and care for all the Booster Club funds.
- B. Shall keep accurate record of receipts and disbursements.
- C. Pay mandatory bills promptly and other bills upon receipt of Board approval
- D. Submit a financial report to each Booster Board member at each monthly meeting, a copy of which will be entered into the minutes by the Secretary.
- E. File an Annual Financial Report required by Section 4 of the Illinois Solicitation Act (I.L.C.S., 1987, ch. 23, sec.) for the period of July 1 through June 30 of each and every fiscal year. Non-compliance with this ruling will result in the cancellation of the Booster Club registration with the State of Illinois.
- F. Submit an annual audited report at the September meeting, to be read aloud for approval. Refer to Article VII Section 2 below.
- G. Sign warrants, along with one or more other signatory officer(s) for payment of money from the Booster Club treasury.
- H. The above mentioned records of the Treasurer of the Booster club shall be kept safely for a period of not less than five (5) years. The disposal of yearly records shall be presented to the Executive Board for approval.
- I. Oversee Scholarship distribution.

Section 5

Directors' Duties

Shall be supportive of the above officers and give direction, assistance and chair select programs/events as required by the Executive Board. Any Director missing three meetings within an academic year without prior notice to the president will be removed from their position.

Section 6

Audit Committee

- A. Upon completion and acceptance of such audit, both auditors are to initial and date the register of the checking account.
- B. Give written notice to the Treasurer of such acceptance for the Treasurer to read aloud at the fall meeting.
- C. Auditing the books shall require Auditors to completely check and assure the recording of every deposit and warrant made throughout the current fiscal year.

Article VII – Committees Section 1

The President at the regular April meeting shall appoint a Nominations Committee of two (2) members of the Booster Club to prepare and submit at the annual meeting in May, a recommended slate for the Executive Board for the ensuing year. No (2) officers shall be of the same family.

Section 2

The Executive Board at its annual meeting in the month of May shall select an Auditing Committee of two (2) members to audit the records of the Treasurer .

Section 3

The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, shall from time to time appoint from the membership such committees and the director(s) of each committee as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and business of the Booster Club.

Article VIII – Fiscal Year and Finances Section 1

The fiscal year of the Booster Club shall begin on the first day of July and shall end on the last day of June of the following year.

Section 2

All funds of the Booster Club shall be deposited into a designated bank account to the credit of the Booster Club. All withdrawals shall be signed by two (2) elected signatory officers.

Section 3

Officers must be aware of all expenditures and fundraising projects.

Section 4

All voting for any expenditures and fundraising projects, including Athletic Request and monetary donations, shall be voted on by the Executive Board only, taking in consideration other member input.

Article IX – Amendments

The Constitution of the Booster Club may be amended at any time and from time to time at any regular meeting of the Booster Club. They must be read at one (1) meeting, prior to the vote. Any amendments must be approved by 2/3 majority of voting members present.

Article X – Parliamentary Authority

The Parliamentary Authority will use Robert’s Rules of Order as a guide.

Article XI – Executive Board

The Executive Board shall have authority to transact business between meetings, provided a quorum of at least fifty percent (50%) is present. Fifty percent (50%) of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum. Minutes are taken and reported to the Booster Club at the next regular membership meeting and none of its actions shall conflict with actions instituted by the membership at a regular meeting.

Article XI – Revisions

Any revisions made within the above articles are, after approval, to be added in, re-typing of the entire Constitution, with the date shown on the cover page and also on the last page of said Constitution. All pages will be properly numbered in sequence, with each page showing the total number of pages included within the Constitution with the cover page being considered Page 1. The date mentioned will be the actual date in which any revisions are to become valid.