

House Bylaws

Established for the Members of the Four Houses of Founders Christian School

Article I: Name and Purpose

1. The purpose of this document is to govern the activities of the Houses of Founders Christian School, consisting of four Houses: Bunyan, Carey, Keach, and Spurgeon.
2. Each House is a fellowship of students within Founders Christian School.
3. The purpose of the Houses shall be to:
 - Foster school spirit, camaraderie, and leadership among members.
 - Provide opportunities for friendly competition, service, and personal growth.
 - Promote mentorship and discipleship from older students to younger students.

Article II: Membership

1. Eligibility: Membership in a House is automatic for students assigned to it by the school administration.
2. Rights of Members: All members shall have the right to:
 - Participate in House activities and competitions.
 - Vote in House elections and referenda.
 - Hold office within their House, subject to eligibility requirements.
3. Expectations of Members: Members are expected to:
 - Uphold the values of the House and school.
 - Show respect, teamwork, and integrity.
 - Participate in House activities with excellence.

Article III: Leadership

1. Each House shall elect to nominate members to leadership positions annually, including:
 - House Captain: Serve as the primary representatives of the House, lead meetings, organize activities, and coordinate with faculty advisors. The house captain must be a junior or senior male.
 - Vice-Captain: Assist the Captain and assume duties in his absence. The vice-captain must be a junior or senior female.
 - Secretary: The main duty of the secretary is to keep meeting minutes and to communicate house information to house members. The Secretary must be in high school.
2. Faculty Advisor: Each House shall have a faculty advisor appointed by the school administration to provide guidance, ensure compliance with school rules, and support student leadership.

Article IV: Meetings

1. Each House shall hold meetings at least once per term to discuss activities, competitions, and concerns.
2. Special Meetings: May be called by the House Captain or Faculty Advisor upon approval from school administration.
3. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of House members.

Article V: House Decisions and Voting

1. General Decisions: Decisions shall be made by the team captain with the input of the house members. The captain may choose to make decisions by vote, but this is not required except in the cases below.
2. Mascot, Colors, or Symbol Changes:
 - Any proposal to change a House mascot, colors, or symbols requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members present in that House. A house may not use the mascot, primary color, or symbol of another house.
 - If a proposal is passed, that proposal must be submitted in writing to school administration by the house secretary. The change will not be effective unless school administration approves the proposal.
3. Elections:
 - House Captain, Vice-Captain, and Secretary are nominated to the administration via election by a majority vote of their House members. The elections represent a house nomination to administration, not a direct appointment to the office.
 - Elections shall be held annually in the first quarter of the school year.
4. Administration:
 - The administration of Founders Christian School has the authority to overrule any decisions made by a house at their discretion.

Article VI: Committees

1. Houses may form committees as needed (e.g., Spirit Committee, Service Committee, Competition Committee).
2. Committee chairs shall be appointed by the House Captain with approval from the Faculty Advisor.

Article VII: Conduct and Discipline

1. Members are expected to uphold the values of respect, integrity, and sportsmanship.
2. The House leadership, with the Faculty Advisor, may recommend corrective actions such as removal from leadership positions. However, only administration may remove a student from one of the offices outlined in Article III.

Article VIII: Amendments

1. Amendments to these Bylaws from house leadership must be proposed in writing to the school administration.
2. The administration reserves the right to amend the Bylaws at its own discretion.
3. Upon amendment, an amended copy of the Bylaws will be provided to the leadership of each house.

Article IX: Ratification

1. These Bylaws shall be adopted upon approval by the administration of Founders Christian School.
2. Once ratified, these Bylaws shall govern the operations of all Houses within Founders Christian School.