



BYLAWS

GENERAL

Official name of the organization: East Brunswick Youth Council

Address of organization: 350 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Statement of purpose:

The purpose of the Youth Council is to offer an open forum to foster communication, education and information concerning youth and youth-related issues. The Youth Council provides students in grades 9-12 with social activities in a safe and positive environment, while promoting individual self-esteem and leadership through participation in meetings, events and community service projects.

Youth Council promotes a comprehensive risk avoidance message to the youth for five harmful risk behaviors that are inextricably linked: alcohol, drugs, sex, tobacco and violence. Teens, provided with consistent and sound messages, are capable of making positive choices to avoid these risk behaviors

Procedure for amending the bylaws: Submission of proposed changes must be made in writing and submitted to the Executive Board and Adult Advisory Board before change(s) are voted on.

MEMBERS

Qualification for membership: Membership is available to all East Brunswick **residents** between grades 9-12 (regardless of the high school association).

Admission procedure: Open enrollment from September through May

Dues obligation of members: \$10.00 per year. All dues will be collected no later than October 31. Dues will be collected upon joining for new members.

Notice requirement for general membership meetings: A minimum of one week prior to meeting.

Quorum requirements: 1/3 (33%) of the voting members

Frequency of meetings and meeting procedures: A minimum of 3 (three) general meetings per calendar year.

Circumstances under which members may be expelled: If a member has missed 2 (two) consecutive general meetings or has not paid their dues they will be *expelled*. Members are encouraged to e-mail EBYouthCouncil@aol.com if they cannot make a meeting at least 24 hours prior to the meeting date.

Voting procedures: All votes must be made in person at a general meeting. Absentee votes will not be accepted. Allowances can be made at the discretion of the President for voting by e-mail, phone, etc. Each member is entitled to one vote.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board is for individuals who want to plan and lead events for members. Executive Board members serve for one school year.

Executive Board members focus on further enhancing the community by serving as links between teens and all others, and by developing ideas, implementing teen programs and encouraging teen involvement.

Number of members: 13

Qualifications for a position appointment: Good attendance, participation in activities and events, and commitment to the Youth Council.

Only incoming seniors can hold the position of President and incoming juniors can hold the position of Vice President.

Terms of office and term limits: Board members shall be appointed for a one year term. There are no term limits. Board member terms will run from September 1 through August 31.

Selection process: All candidates who wish to serve on the Executive Board must submit an Executive Board Application to East Brunswick Youth Council, 350 Dunhams Corner Road, East Brunswick, NJ 08816. Executive Board members will be appointed by the Adult Advisory Board by June 1.

Process for filling vacancies: Any vacancy in a position on the board, which is caused by resignation or removal, shall be filled for the balance of the term by appointment of the remaining Executive Board and Adult Advisory Board.

Frequency of meetings: The Executive Board must meet *before* every general meeting.

Quorum requirements: Majority of votes.

Circumstances under which directors may be removed: Performance, attendance, and by the majority of votes by other Executive Board members or Adult Advisory Board.

OFFICERS

Qualification for holding office: Must be a member of Youth Council.

Duties of officers:

Presidents

- Shall preside at meetings
- Can appoint special committees as needed
- To inform members if they are not meeting attendance requirements
- Oversee and help chairs
- Youth Council presentations

Vice Presidents

- To perform all duties and responsibilities of the President in the absence of the President.
- To serve in such capacities as assigned by the President
- Oversee and help chairs
- Youth Council presentations

Chair of each: Social and Recreation, Environmental, Community Service, Youth Advocating for Animals, Reaching out to Kids in Need, Volleyball/Basketball/Dodgeball and Ski & Snowboard.

- Organizing diverse events and activities
- Responsible for holding meetings and setting goals
- Chairs will be responsible for attendance and minutes of meetings
- Communication through newsletters, mailings, e-mails and phone calls
- Chairs need to serve as a role model
- Chairs will work to provide a friendly environment
- Representation at general meetings

Social & Recreation

To organize a variety of fun social & recreational programs and trips in a safe and positive environment.

Environmental

To collect and share information related to a wide variety of environmental issues and to organize volunteer projects or workshops for educational purposes as well as providing service to the community. Must sponsor a minimum of one environmental awareness program per year.

Community Service

To organize community service projects that will provide an opportunity for members to unselfishly give their time in order to improve the quality of life for people in need; also to make a difference by contributing their time, energy and talents to strengthen our community.

Reaching out to Kids in Need

The program is a compassionate response to homelessness. Reaching Out to Kids in Need has a partnership with Ozanam Family Shelter and Naomi's Way Transitional Housing Program. The program reaches out to families with children moving out of the shelter. While in the shelter they save every penny they can in order to move out. When they move out, they are placed into **unfurnished** apartments or homes. Youth Council adopts the families and assists with getting in-kind donations from furniture, toiletries, household items, and many other much needed items. The families receive support so they can start a new.

Youth Advocating for Animals

The mission is to educate students and the community about animal welfare issues. We seek to teach others about animals and improve the living conditions of animals around us.

School Issues/Education Ad Hoc Committee

Address any school issues that may be brought up and sponsor an alcohol and/or drug awareness program.

Human Relations Liaison

Liaison will help collect and share information related to diversity issues that will foster good will, cooperation and develop a sense of community with the Township's Human Relations Council.

APPENDIX I

Code of Behavior

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Ski and Snowboard

APPENDIX III

Volleyball/Basketball/Dodgeball

East Brunswick



Code of Behavior

In order to ensure a comfortable and enjoyable experience for yourself and others, you must abide by our Code of Behavior.

- No Smoking
- No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances permitted
- Do not shout, horseplay or throw any type of debris
- Do not display any disorderly or disruptive conduct of any nature
- Do not engage in any behavior that could result in physical injury or harm to persons or property
- Refrain from loud, foul or obscene language or gestures
- Matches and lighters are not permitted
- Youth Council is not responsible for personal belongings
- No explicit lyrics
- Respect your peers
- Additional guidelines may be added for trips

For everyone's comfort and safety, violators will be expelled from Youth Council.
Thank you for being considerate.



Ski and Snowboard



2009-2010 Club Chair: Nicholas Favate

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Mission statement:

The East Brunswick Ski and Snowboard Club promotes and encourages skiing and snowboarding activities while providing a chance to meet new friends with common interests. The club will organize trips yearly for skiing and snowboarding enthusiasts as well as first timers. The club is part of the East Brunswick Youth Council which is a non-profit organization—all events and programs are organized by volunteers within the club.

Qualification for membership: Must be a Youth Council member.

Club members will be kept informed of activities through e-mail.

The club will run ski/snowboard trips – quantity of trips will depend on the weather.

The club will be independent of any ski slope.

The club will run from December through March (weather permitting).

We strongly recommend a lesson for first time skiers or snowboarders.

Registration for trips is on a first come, first served basis.

You have to be a member of the Youth Council to go on trips.

All equipment is club member's responsibility, including privately owned equipment.

All club members must complete a release and waiver of liability.

All members will show a commitment to skiing and snowboarding "in control" and using good judgment when on the slopes.

Members are encouraged to wear proper equipment and protection.

Bus transportation will be provided for all trips.

Bus cleanup is the bus passenger's responsibility. The club is not liable for any personal belongings left on the bus or at the venue.

No violence, gambling, smoking, alcohol, or drugs of any kind will be permitted. Any club member violating this or Youth Council's Code of Behavior will be immediately expelled.

There will be one adult chaperone per every ten participants (for trips).

Basketball, Dodgeball, Volleyball Club Rules

Mission Statement:

The Basketball, Dodgeball, and Volleyball Club is for enjoyment, both athletic and social. The goal is to give all participants the opportunity to learn how to play each sport in a fun, friendly environment, and not worry about the high demands required by an organized team.

Qualifications for membership:

The club is open to Youth Council members only.
The club welcomes all regardless of their ability.

2009-2010 Club Chair: Andrew Crehan

Email: crehan-248@comcast.net

General Rules:

Pick up games will be played on Wednesday nights at Churchill Junior High School, 18 Norton Road, East Brunswick from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Club Members will be kept informed through e-mail.

All players must wear sneakers.

Teams will be Coed.

Participants are restricted to the gym and restroom only.

When you first enter the gym, you must sign in. If you decide to leave early, you must sign out.

The club is not responsible for any personal belongings left in the gym.

Smoking, alcoholic beverages or illegal substances, matches, and lighters are not permitted.

Please do not shout, throw any type of debris, and refrain from horseplay.

Avoid loud, foul or obscene language or gestures.

Please do not display any disorderly or disruptive conduct of any nature.

Do not engage in any behavior that can result in physical injury or harm to persons or property.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Player will be ejected from the gym.

Respect your peers.

If you have any questions about the rules or how to play any sport, please seek help from a staff member.

Volleyball Rules:

A game is played to 21 points. If a team is tied at 21, play will continue until one team is two points ahead.

No more than six players on one side of the court (twelve players on the whole court).

Serve must go over the net. If this is not done, ball is given to the other team.

Rally scoring will be used, meaning both serving or receiving team can win points.

You can hit the ball three different ways: Bumps, Set or Spike.

A serve must be played by using the "bump" or "set".

Only three hits per side (you may use less than three hits per side.)
Ball must land in court or on the line. A ball touching the boundary line is in.
Service from behind the line only.
You may not carry the ball.
You cannot touch the net at any time.
Teams will change court sides after each game.
Serving is determined at the beginning of the match by a volley (the ball must pass over the net three times and the winner of the volley serves first).

Basketball Rules:

Each basket is worth 1 point. Games will last to 11 points if people are waiting to play. If nobody is waiting to play, games can last as long as you want.
No more than 5 players to a team.
Games should be clean and fun, any intentional foul or injury to another person is grounds for ejection.
Avoid taking wild shots (especially half court and full court shots)
Each game will be a half court game, unless everyone want to play a full court game, and it is possible.
Please play in a safe and fair manner.
Rest of the rules of the game are up to the participants who are playing, but they must be safe.

Dodgeball Rules:

No throwing/aiming at the face.
Game will start with all dodgeballs in the middle of the court, and all players of both teams touching the wall. It begins when a person says go.
If you get hit in the chest or below, or someone catches a ball thrown by you, you are out.
The team that knocks out all the opposing players wins the game.
Once the game starts, please act and play in a safe manner.
No more than 15 players to a team.