Crestview High School Dog Pound Bylaws and Policies

# ARTICLE I: NAME & PURPOSE

**Section A: Name –** The name of this club shall be Dog Pound.

**Section B: Purpose** – The purpose of this club shall be to

1. Act as the Student Section and promote Bulldog Spirit throughout the year at various sporting events
2. Demonstrate model student behavior through actions and leadership as we represent Crestview High School at athletic functions and pep rallies
3. Encourage unity and school pride among the entire student body
4. Collaborate with the cheerleaders, band, dance team, and Leadership to foster unity among the groups representing Crestview High School as a whole in a unified manner
5. Recruit members and maintain an active membership

# ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP & DUES

**Section A: Eligibility** - Membership shall be open to all students currently enrolled at Crestview High School upon payment of the dues as outlined in Section B. Members are expected to abide by club bylaws. Only members in good standing will be entitled to vote and participate in club meetings.

Membership will be for the school year.

**Section B: Dues** – Dues shall be $20 per year, which includes a t-shirt, payable by the first football game of the school year or as soon as possible thereafter.

Other privileges of membership include voting, participation, provision of spirit supplies at games, inclusion in social media groups and text groups, and free admission to designated games, as approved by coaches, throughout the school year.

# ARTICLE III: OFFICERS

**Section A: Officers** – The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Social Coordinator, and Spirit Coordinator.

**Section B: Eligibility** – Officers must be upperclassmen, preferably seniors, and in good standing with teachers, sponsors, and administration. They must be taking at least four classes at Crestview High School to serve as officer.

**Section C: Election** – The officers shall be elected (with sponsor’s approval) by written ballot during a meeting in the spring (before spring game) by a majority vote. Nominations will be both voluntary and/or by other club members. Votes will be counted by the sponsor and announced the following day.

**Section D: Term** – The officers shall serve for one year and their term of office shall begin immediately following the announcement of officers during the spring semester. Officers are expected to be present at the spring game and begin laying the foundation for the following year.

**Section E: Vacancy** – If a vacancy occurs in the office of President, the Vice- President shall assume the office for the remainder of the term. Vacancies in any other office shall be filled by a special election or by sponsor appointment.

# ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section A: President** – it shall be the duty of the President to:

* Preside over meetings. Attendance is imperative at every meeting. Advance notice is due to the sponsor if the President must be absent.
* Attend all club meetings and officer meetings and give input
* Represent the club in a positive manner at all times
* Delegate tasks to other officers, with sponsor approval and ensuring that all necessary work is completed
* Communicate with sponsor on a regular basis

**Section B: Vice-President** – It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to:

* Perform president’s duties if President is unable to do so
* Attend all club meetings and officer meetings and give input. Advance notice is due to the sponsor if the Vice-President must be absent.
* Assist the President in conducting the business of the organization and the planning of all events
* Research various Spirit Section ideas on the Internet in an effort to bring some new ideas to the Dog Pound
* Communicate with sponsor on a regular basis

**Section C: Social Coordinator** – It shall be the duty of the Social Coordinator to:

* + Attend all club meetings and officer meetings and give input
	+ Keep all members informed of upcoming events via social media accounts and Remind 101
	+ Communicate with sponsor on a regular basis

**Section D: Spirit Coordinator**- It shall be the duty of the Spirit Coordinator to:

* + Attend all club meetings and officer meetings and give input
	+ Bring flags to football games, choose flag runners, and take flags home after game
	+ Communicate with sponsor on a regular basis

Officers will also be in charge of making sure the student section is cleaned up if it has been littered during a game.

# ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

**Section A:** Meetings – Regular meetings shall be held as needed in the auditorium.

**Section B:** Officers will meet as needed and always prior to club meetings.

# ARTICLE VI: RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Section A: Officers**- Because you have been selected as a leader and representative of Crestview High School, it is imperative that you

* + Display exemplary behavior at all times. Any conduct by any Dog Pound officer that is deemed detrimental to the image of Crestview High School, such as smoking, drinking, fighting, truancy, etc. may result in permanent suspension from the club. Inappropriate comments,
	+ pictures, or statuses on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, or any other social media will not be tolerated. This includes but is not limited to the use of profanity and pictures of the club member drinking, smoking, making vulgar gestures, making extremely rude/malicious/demeaning/threatening comments about others, and/or any display of poor sportsmanship or support of a rival school. These behaviors will result in temporary suspension from Dog Pound activities and/or immediate removal from office. This is at the sponsor’s discretion.
	+ Be present at as many Crestview High School games/events as possible. Officers who can’t be present at football games, with good reason, should notify the sponsor beforehand.
	+ Stand on the track and lead stand chants and activities at football games
	+ Stand the whole time at Crestview High School pep rallies and participate in them in an effort to represent Crestview High School well and model appropriate pep rally behavior for fellow students
	+ Understand that nothing should be thrown without the prior consent of the sponsor and the principal. Certain noise makers that sound like the referee’s whistles and might interfere with game play are off limits, and they should be used only when the band is NOT playing. Officers are expected to not only abide by these guidelines but to also report to the sponsor when they are aware of a Dog Pound member who is in violation of these guidelines.
	+ Collaborate with/treat with respect the cheerleaders, band, dance team, and Leadership (on and off school grounds/the field AND on social media) to foster unity among the groups representing Crestview High School as a whole.
	+ Officers will be in charge of making sure the student section is cleaned up if it has been littered during the game.

**Section B: Members**- All members are expected to

* + Represent Crestview High School in a positive manner. Any conduct by a Dog Pound member that is deemed detrimental to the image of Crestview High School may result in temporary suspension from the club. Inappropriate comments, pictures, or statuses on club social media sites will not be tolerated. Any inappropriate comments, pictures, or statuses on ANY social media that shows poor sportsmanship and/or reflects negatively on Crestview High School will be punishable by suspension from the club. No flour or powder will be brought to games. Nothing should be thrown, period, without prior consent from the sponsor, as approved by the principal. This includes streamers, Silly
	+ String, and confetti. Certain noise makers that sound like the referee’s whistles and might interfere with the game are off limits, and noise makers should be used when the band is NOT playing. Other items will be at the discretion of the sponsor and administration. Members are also expected to wait until gates open to enter games and to pay for entry into each game. Failure to cooperate will result in ejection from the student section. Excessive need for disciplinary actions shall result in permanent dismissal. The sponsor and administration will decide this on a case-by-case basis.
	+ Be present at as many Crestview High School games/events as possible. Seniors always get the front row at any event where Dog Pound is present. Club members are expected to arrive early to obtain their seats and to remain in the student section, win or lose. Breaks may be taken for the restroom or to go to the concession stand, but club members should NOT hang out on the track during a football game.
	+ Support the Bulldogs at all times no matter what, WIN OR LOSE
	+ Participate in stand chants and activities as led by officers
	+ Stand at Crestview High School pep rallies and participate in pep rallies in an effort to represent Crestview High School well
	+ Collaborate with/treat with respect the cheerleaders, band, dance team, and Leadership (on and off school grounds/the field) to foster unity among the groups representing Crestview High School as a whole in a unified manner

# ARTICLE VII: SPONSOR

**Section A: Selection** – there shall be a faculty sponsor who shall be selected by school administration and approved by SAC.

**Section B: Duties** – The responsibilities of the sponsor shall be to:

* + Maintain an awareness of the activities and programs sponsored by the student club.
	+ Meet on a regular basis with the leader of the student club to discuss upcoming meetings, long range plans, goals, and issues concerning the club.
	+ Attend regular meetings and officer meetings
	+ Assist in the orientation of new officers.
	+ Explain and clarify campus policy and procedures that apply to the club.
	+ Attend all football games, home and away, and supervise Dog Pound, providing discipline as needed
	+ Monitor expenditures to maintain an accurate and up-to-date account ledger
	+ Inform club members of those factors that constitute unacceptable behavior on the part of the club members, and the possible consequence of said behaviors
	+ Determine location of student section at away games. Ideally, the Dog Pound will always be located in front of the cheerleaders and beside the band.

# ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

**Section A: Selection** – these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the chapter membership, after approval of the sponsor and principal.

**Section B: Notice** – All members shall be notified of adopted bylaw amendments by the most feasible means as soon as possible upon the change.

**Section C**: **Timeline for Periodic Review-** At least every three years, bylaws will be examined and amended as needed.