

**Bylaws of Lower
Makefield Township Youth Committee**

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization is the
Lower Makefield Township Youth Committee.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Section 2.1 Non-Profit Purpose

This committee is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 2.2 Specific Purpose

Our mission is to advise the township committee regarding youth affairs and organize leadership, community service, and recreational opportunities for the youth in our community.

Our first objective is to involve Lower Makefield youth in community service opportunities

Our second objective is to increase and improve communication between youth community service organizations in Lower Makefield, in order to encourage youth involvement in the community.

Our third objective is to organize recreational activities that bring together youth in the community.

ARTICLE III. Boardmanship

Section 3.1 Eligibility for Boardmanship

Members must reside in Lower Makefield Township or Yardley Borough, and must be actively involved in their community. They must show leadership among peers and a willingness to work for positive change. Board members are preferably a member of the youth committee for one year prior to becoming a board member. The president of the youth committee must be a member for at least one year prior to being president. Board members must be either a sophomore, junior, or senior or equivalent in the upcoming school year.

Section 3.2 Rights of Board Members

Applications will be available to any resident of Lower Makefield of the high school age. Once chosen, these board members shall be eligible to run for President and/or vote for board members of the Committee. There will be 7 board positions of the committee in total: 6 board members and 1 president.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.1 Eligibility for Membership

Members must be enrolled in seventh through twelfth grade, be involved in service/extracurricular activities, and express an authentic interest in improving the Lower Makefield Township and its youth. Members must participate in at least 2 committee activities per year and cannot miss two or more meetings without approved excuse.

Section 4.2 Rights of Membership

Members will be directly notified of all youth committee activities.
Members may also be eligible for the reporting of service hours.

Section 4.3 Graduation Cord Requirements

Board members can obtain LMTYC graduation cords by meeting the following requirements:

- Attend all meetings, minus two (excluding approved excuses)
- Attend two Lower Makefield Township events as a volunteer
- Attend all LMTYC-hosted events (unless there's an approved excuse).

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 5.1 Regular Meetings

Regular public meetings for members and representatives will be held at least once a month, on a day and time that works for the current committee. Board member meetings with the Parks and Recreation Department Liaison must be held at least once a year.

Section 5.2 Notice of Meetings

Online notice of each meeting shall be given to each voting member, by email, Facebook, and other forms of contact that apply, not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 5.3 Quorum

A quorum for a meeting of members shall consist of at least thirty percent (30%) of the active membership.

Section 5.4 Voting

All issues to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority of those present at the meeting in which the vote takes place.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of this Board shall be the President, and six board members. All officers must have the status of active members of the Board, and are preferred be a part of the Youth Committee for at least one year prior.

Section 6.1 President

The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the membership. The President manages and provides leadership to the Board.

Section 6.2 Board Members

There will be six board members who will be the decision-making team along with the President. In collaboration with the President, they will be in charge of planning, organizing, and executing all operations of the Lower Makefield Township Youth Committee. The board positions include Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Social Media Manager, NHS/Community Service Liaison, and an At-Large Member.

Section 6.3 Board Member Appointment

New board members shall be selected by current presiding board based on application content and interview.

ARTICLE VII. Task Forces

Section 7.1 Task Force Formation

The board may create task forces of members and board members as needed, such as fundraising, tutoring, etc. Board members will preside over the task forces.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDING THE BYLAWS

Section 8.1 Bylaw Amendments

Amending the bylaws shall require a majority vote of board members in a quorum. Bylaws can be amended by the Board only and all amendments will be proposed to the board by a Board Member.