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CONSTITUTION: Divide Little League

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the latest version at <u>LittleLeague.org</u>. League ID Number <u>405-54-18</u> THIS BOX FOR REGIONAL USE ONLY Date accepted: 9/20/23 Not accepted: LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION **ARTICLE I - NAME** This organization shall be known as Divide Little League, hereinafter referred to as "Local League." ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE **SECTION 1** The objective of the Local League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger, and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens. **SECTION 2** To achieve this objective, the Local League will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Local League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall insure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP SECTION 1**

Eligibility - Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of this Local League may apply to become a Member.

Classes - There shall be the following classes of Members:

(a) Player Members - Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

(b) Regular Members - Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a Regular Member upon election The secretary shall maintain the roll of

membership to qualify voting members.

a. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires, and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.

b. Note: Regular Members of the league automatically include all current Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires, Board Members, Officers of the Board, and any other person who is recognized by the Board as a volunteer in the Local League, including the

following volunteers' titles listed below:

 Recommend Positions: Team parent, Equipment Manager, Coaching Coordinator, Sponsorship/Fundraisers Manager, Information Officer, Groundskeepers, Concessions Manager, Umpire-In-Chief etc...

(c) Honorary Members (Optional) - Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

(d) Sustaining Members (Optional) - Any person not a Regular Member who makes financial or other contribution to the Local League may by a majority vote of the Board of Directors become a Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

(e) As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

SECTION 3

Other Affiliations:

(a) Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the Local League.

(b) Regular Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/softball program.

Suspension or Termination: Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors as follows:

- (a) The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporated. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

ARTICLE IV - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1

Definition: A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league (including Special General Membership Meetings, Section 7). A minimum of one per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required.

SECTION 2

Notice of Meeting: Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically, or by mail to each Member at the last recorded address 7 Days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting.

SECTION 3

Quorum: At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of 20 percent of the members (as defined in Article III - Membership) shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

Voting: Only Regular Members in good standing shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit, and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings. (Those eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article VI, Section 4.)

SECTION 5

Absentee Ballot: For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, or any General Membership Meeting at which new Board members will be elected, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of the League. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the election. Electronic absentee ballots are acceptable. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman (appointed at the meeting) on the date of the meeting, prior to the voting portion of the election process.

SECTION 6

Annual Meeting of the Members: The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held the third Sunday of July at 6pm each year for the purpose of electing new Members, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

- (a) The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing:
 - a. The condition of the local league, to be presented by the President or his/her designee.
 - b. A general summary of funds received and expended by the local league for the previous year, the account of funds currently in possession of the local league, and the name of the financial institution in which the funds are maintained.
 - c. The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League where located and where and how invested.
 - d. For the year immediately preceding, the amount and nature of the property acquired, with the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition, the amount applied, appropriated or expended, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications or expenditures have been made.
 - e. The names of persons who have been admitted to regular membership in the local league during such year.
 - f. This report shall be filed with the records of the local league and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League International.
- (b) At the Annual Meeting, the Members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such number of Directors. The number of Directors elected shall be not less than seven (7).
- (c) After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board shall meet to elect the officers. After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties on August 1st. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.

(d) The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, one or more Player Agents, a Safety Officer and a Coaching Coordinator Regulation I (b). The Board shall also include a minimum of one manager and one volunteer umpire. Only volunteer umpires may be elected to the Board.

SECTION 7

Special General Membership Meetings - Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of a minimum of five members, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than 7 days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

SECTION 8

Rules of Order for General Membership Meetings and Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors - All meetings of the General Membership and of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in a fair, professional and businesslike manner.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

Authority: The management of the property and affairs of the Local League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

Increase in number: The number of Board of Directors fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent General Membership Meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote of all Regular Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filled with the Secretary prior to the election meeting.

SECTION 3

Vacancies: If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Board meeting or at any Special Board Meeting called for that purpose.

Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and, on such days, thereafter, as shall be determined by the Board.

- (a) The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of 2 Directors issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- (b) Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mall to each Director at least 7 day(s) before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.
- (c) 4 Members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted. Video conferencing shall be considered present.
- (d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit, and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.

SECTION 5

Duties and Powers: The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the Local League as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution.

The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer or Committee Member of the Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 4 (a, b).

SECTION 6

Rules of Order for Board Meetings: All league meetings, including Board of Directors meetings, shall be conducted in a fair, professional and businesslike manner.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1

Appointments - The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board.

President - The President shall:

- a) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- b) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
- Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate and make such suggestions as may tend to promote.
 - a. the welfare of the Local League.
- d) Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules, and regulations of Little League Baseball, incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to the Local League by that organization.
- e) Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases they may receive, and which have had prior approval of the Board.
- f) Investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive
 - a. Committee as circumstances warrant.
- g) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every player candidate and
 - a. Certify residence or school enrollment, and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

SECTION 3

Vice President - The Vice President shall:

- a) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she is authorized by the President or Board so to act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
- Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

SECTION 4

Secretary - The Secretary shall:

- a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- b) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- c) Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and Committees.
- d) Issue membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors.
- Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book, or shared electronic format kept for that purpose.

- f) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- g) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall:

- Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- b) Receive all money and securities and deposit the same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all money and securities of the Local League, including the Auxiliary, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors. All disbursements by check must have dual signatures.
- d) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
- Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, and to Little League International.

SECTION 6

Player Agent(s) - The Player Agent(s) shall:

- a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence or school enrollment and age eligibility.
- c) Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- d) Prepare the Player Agent's list.
- e) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League International, team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- f) Notify Little League International of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

SECTION 7

Safety Officer - The Safety Officer shall:

- a) Be responsible for creating awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for children and all participants of Little League.
- Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance, and reporting.

NOTE: In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:

 Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.

- Compliance Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
- Reporting Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent
 to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other
 data is forwarded as available.
- Background Checks If the League President so designates, the safety officer will complete the required background checks per Little League Regulation I (b) and I (c) 8 & 9.

Coaching Coordinator - The Coaching Coordinator shall:

- a) Provide manager and coach training and education each year.
- b) Coordinate and lead mandatory coaches meetings.
- c) Track manager and coach training for completion coordinating with the equipment manager and Player Agents for eligibility to receive rosters and equipment.
- d) Recruit and communicate with coaches.
- Maintain open communication with coaches and report concerns to the board throughout the year.
- f) Report any roster management issues to the Player Agent

SECTION 9

League Information/Scheduling Officer - The League Information Officer/Scheduling Officer shall:

- a) Set up and manage the league's official website (site authorized by Little League International).
- Set up online registration and ensure player, manager, and coach data is uploaded to the Little League Data Center.
- c) Assign online administrative rights to other local volunteers.
- d) Encourage creation of team web sites to managers, coaches, and parents.
- e) Ensure that league news and scores are updated online on a regular basis.
- f) Collect, post, and distribute important information on league activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities, the district, the public, league members, and the media.
- g) Serve as primary contact person for Little League regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League Baseball, Incorporated.
- h) Be responsible for the scheduling of all League games and practices, including post-season tournament play at League fields.
- Work with the District in efforts to schedule Inter League games.
- Work with all necessary entities and community partners to secure appropriate field time.
- Resolve schedule conflicts and changes and ensure communication with the board and all parties affected.

SECTION 10

Umpire-in-Chief - The Umpire-in-Chief (U.I.C) shall:

- a) Serve as coordinator of the local league umpire program.
- b) Advise the League President on the local league umpire program.
- Recommend volunteer umpires to the League President to serve the league during the regular season.

- d) Recruit, review, and retain volunteer umpires.
- e) Establish and implement an umpire training program for volunteer umpires consistent with Little League® guidelines.
- f) Communicate rule changes to league volunteer umpires, managers, and coaches.
- g) Recommend tournament-worthy umpires to the District Umpire Consultant.
- h) Attend umpire training programs at the district, state, and region levels.

Field Maintenance Manager - The Field Maintenance Manager shall:

- a) Be responsible for the care & maintenance of all fields under the purview of Divide Little League except for fields rented/leased from other entities.
- Provide information to the entire board on the needs for maintenance of any fields that Divide Little League utilizes.
- Immediately report to the board any unsafe field conditions and develop a plan to address those concerns.
- d) Present a budget for field care and improvements to the board at the August board meeting.
- e) Acquire estimates for any work to be done by outside contractors.
- f) Organize a Grounds Committee to accomplish tasks not requiring outside contractors.
- g) Work with the Safety Officer to complete Facilities Survey prior to try-outs.

SECTION 12

Equipment Manager - The Equipment Manager shall:

- a) Be responsible for maintaining an accurate inventory of all equipment necessary for teams in Divide Little League.
- b) Be responsible for the distribution and collection of the equipment to all teams.
- Be responsible for the coordination of the purchase of any necessary equipment within approved budgets.
- d) Be responsible for contacting all league managers throughout the season to maintain the safety of all protective equipment.
- e) Provide the Board with an inventory of all equipment on hand prior to the start and conclusion of each season.
- f) Present a budget for equipment needs at the August board meeting.

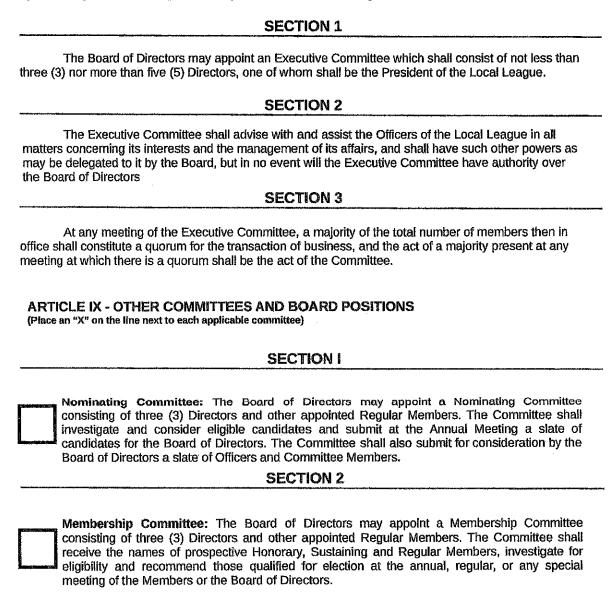
SECTION 13

Uniforms Manager - The Uniforms Manager shall:

- a) Be responsible for researching costs and designs for uniforms each year, and present budget at August Board meeting.
- Be responsible for purchasing uniforms for all teams in all divisions within an approved budgeted amount.
- c) Be responsible for distribution of uniforms.
- d) Work closely with the Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator in overseeing sponsorship matters concerning uniforms.
- Be responsible for spirit gear orders and coordinating with Concessions Manager on sales and inventory.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No local league is required to appoint Board members to Committees or use this tool of operation to manage the local league. However, the committee structure is recommended to engage the Board of Directors, assist with efficiently delegating responsibilities throughout the year, and provide oversight in the operation of the local league.



	Finance Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Local League including team sponsorships and submit recommendations.								
	It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games, if such collections are authorized by the Local League, and shall turnover said collections to the Treasurer immediately after each game.								
	SECTION 4								
	Building and Property Committee: (May be combined with Grounds Committee) The Board of Directors may appoint a Building and Property Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall investigate and recommend available, suitable sites and plans for development, including ways and means, the latter in cooperation with the Finance Committee. It shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects.								
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X	Grounds Committee: (May be combined with Building and Property Committee) The Board of Directors may appoint a Grounds Committee which shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s), buildings and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.								
	SECTION 6								
	Playing Equipment Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a Playing Equipment Committee which shall secure bids on needed supplies and equipment and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board.								
	The Committee shall be responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment and for the repair, cleaning and storage thereof at the close of the season.								
SECTION 7									
									
	Managers Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of three (3) Directors.								
	The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches, including those for the Minor League teams and recommend acceptable candidates to the President, for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. It shall, during the playing season, observe the conduct of the managers and coaches and report its findings to the President of the Local League. It shall, at the request of the President or Board of Directors,								

	investigate complaints concerning managers and coaches and make a report thereof to the President or Board of Directors as the case may be. SECTION 8
	Umpire Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Local League President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The Committee shall recruit, interview, and recommend to the President for appointment a staff of umpires, including a UIC and replacements. When appointed, the staff of umpires shall be under the personal direction of the Local League President, assisted by the UIC who shall train, observe, and schedule the staff.
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	District Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a District Committee consisting of the Local League President as chairman and two (2) other Directors. The Committee shall assist the District Administrator in interleague district functions including the selection of members of the District Administrator's Advisory Committee and the selection of tournament sites and area tournament directors.
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	Auditing Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The President, Treasurer or signatories of checks are not eligible. The Committee will review the Local League's books and records annually prior to the Annual Meeting and attach a statement of its findings to the annual financial statement of the President and Treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors or Membership, secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review.
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	Minor League Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a Minor League Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Minor League Vice President and be responsible to the Local League President for the proper conduct of the Minor League operation.
	SECTION 12
IV 1	Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee consisting of a minimum of one (1) Director to act as the Chairman of

the Committee. The Sponsorship and Fundraising Committee shall:

Solicit and secure local sponsorships to support league operations.

Collect and review sponsorship and fundraising opportunities.

Organize and implement approved league indraising activities.

- Coordinate participation in fundraising activities.
- Maintain records of monies secured through sponsorship and fundraising initiatives. Ensure regulation and policies related to sponsorships and fundraising are followed.

- Concessions Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a Concessions Committee consisting of a minimum of one (1) Director to act as the Chairman of the Committee. The Concessions Committee shall:
 - Maintain the operation of concession facilities.
 - Organize the purchase of concession products.
 - Be responsible for the management of the concession sales at league events.
 - Schedules volunteers to work at the concession booth during league events.
 - Collects and reviews concession-related offers, including discounts and bulk-purchasing opportunities.
 - Organize, tally, and keep records of concession sales and purchases.

SECTION 14

- **Yolunteer Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint a Volunteer Committee consisting of a minimum of one (1) Director to act as the Chairman of the Committee. The Volunteer Committee shall:
 - Coordinate the parent volunteer program for the league.
 - Track all volunteer hours.
 - Communicate volunteer opportunities in coordination with the League Information
 Officer.
 - Provide an end of season recap of the volunteer program.

List Additional Committees and Board Positions by name:

Coordinate concession volunteers with the Concessions Manager.

SECTION 12

Other Committees and Board Positions: The Board of Directors may appoint a committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Chairman of the Committee; or add Board positions for the specific purpose of fulfilling a need that is presently not addressed or accounted for by an existing committee.

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ARTICLE X - AFFILIATION

SECTION 1

Charter: The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. The Local League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter, and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

SECTION 2

Rules and Regulations: The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League.

SECTION 3

Local Rules, Ground Rules and/or Bylaws: The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of this Local League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, nor shall they conflict with this Constitution. The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of this Local League shall expire at the end of each fiscal year and are not considered part of this Constitution. (See Article XI, Section 7 for the fiscal year of this league.)

ARTICLE XI - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1

Authority: The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it shall place all income including Auxiliary funds, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of funds in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

SECTION 2

Contributions: The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of the Local League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the Local League.

SECTION 3

Solicitations: The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball Incorporated unless all of the funds so raised be placed in the Local League Treasury.

Disbursement of Funds: The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by check, or league credit or debit card. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other officer or officers, or person or persons, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 5

Financial Transparency: No Board member authorized to disburse funds may be the spouse or family relative of the League President or Treasurer or have direct access to league funds without the written permission of the chairman of the league's Audit Committee or the Board of Directors. The use of a league credit or debit card is permitted, given that the card is returned to the League President, Treasurer, or Chairman of the Audit Committee with receipt for all purchases made within three (3) days of the purchase date.

SECTION 6

Compensation: No Director, Officer, or Member of the Local League shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation, or emolument from the Local League for services rendered as Director, Officer, or Member.

SECTION 7

Deposits: All moneys received, including sponsorship and fundraising, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in/at <u>Wells Fargo Bank.</u>

SECTION 8

Fiscal year: The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on (Check one):

X October 1 and shall end on September 30.

SECTION 9

Distribution of Property upon Dissolution: Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of the Local League to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in Article II of this Constitution, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval before implementation.

This Constitution was approved by the Little League Membership on (date) $\underline{07/19/2023}$

President's Name (Print) Luke Elliott
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President's Signature Date 6/29/2023
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State ID No. (if available) 0976841

Make one copy for the District Administrator and copies for the Local League. Send original to Regional Headquarters. This Local League's Constitution on file at Regional Headquarters (most recently accepted copy) is the official Constitution of this Local League.

Little League Baseball, Incorporated does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.

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