

Dumont Little League Constitution and By-Laws 2015

ARTICLE I - NAME

1.01: This organization shall be known as Dumont Little League, Inc. (hereafter referred to as the "Local League"). The Local League shall operate and administer a Little League Baseball program in accordance with the rules and regulations of and franchised by Little League Baseball, Incorporated of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

2.01: 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.

2.02: To achieve this objective the Local League will provide a supervised program under the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball. All directors, officers and members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance.

2.03: 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. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, nor be connected with any person or organization in which a 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

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

3.02: Classes. There shall be the following classes of members:

1. Player members. Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV, and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the Local League, 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.

2. Regular members. Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may apply to become a regular member. Regular members will consist of the Board of Directors, managers, coaches, team parents, committee members, umpires, any volunteer in the Local League, and any other adult aged 18 or older that wishes to become a member, applies for annual membership, and is approved by the Board of Directors. Membership applications will be collected at the regular monthly meetings through the April meeting, overseen by a membership committee that will report to the Secretary, and will incur a \$5.00 membership fee payable at the time of application (if any membership is rejected for any reason, the \$5.00 fee may be returned to the applicant). The regular membership list will be finalized and closed upon completion of business at the April meeting (in preparation for the start of the season). Monies collected from the membership will be used to conduct the

annual background checks for volunteers within the organization as required by Little League, to acquire coaching instructional aids, or may be used at the discretion of the regular members upon vote (following the voting rules outlined in Article 5).

- a) All volunteers within the organization (managers, coaches, team parents, Board of Director members, umpires, and any other person that has regular contact with the players or teams) required by Little League to fill out a Volunteer Application each year and submit to an annual background check, are required to enroll as a regular member of the Local League and pay the required annual membership fee of \$5.00. The purpose of this is to offset the cost of conducting the annual background checks as required by Little League under the Child Protection Program.
- b) The effective dates of annual membership will run from November 1 through October 31, to allow regular members to nominate Board members and vote for such nominees at the October meeting. Upon annual election and approval of the new Board members, the new Board will open up the enrollment for regular memberships for the upcoming year.

3.03: The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining the list of regular members, maintaining the rules of membership, and qualifying regular members to vote at meetings.

3.04: Other affiliations.

1. Any member, whether regular or player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the Local League.
2. Any member, whether regular or player, can be affiliated with another organization or group, which will not preclude qualification as a member of the Local League.
3. Any member, whether regular or player, should not be actively engaged in the promotion, participation, and/or operation of any other competing baseball organization that is in direct conflict with, detrimental to, or in any way interferes with the promotion of, participation in, and/or the operation of the Local League program. The Local League shall take precedence in all instances where there is a competing interest from a baseball organization that is not a part of the Local League.

3.05: Suspension or Termination. Any member, whether player or regular, may be suspended and/or terminated by action of the Board of Directors, or by written resignation from said member.

1. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of all directors then serving at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate the membership of any member, including players, 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.
2. The member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given the opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
3. The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a player member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-thirds vote at any duly constituted meeting.
4. In the event that the concerned member is a minor child, notification shall be made to his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). The parent(s) or guardian(s) shall have the opportunity to accompany or represent the minor child at all proceedings.

5. For any problem(s) and/or behavior related problem(s) that are in violation of any law, rule, or regulation external to the Local League, the member may be responsible for fines and penalties levied by external organizations.

6. The Local League Board of Directors will have discretion to review each case individually.

7. During the season, the president and the board will log and review any and all violations a manager or coach may receive in regards to conduct, Little League rules and or Dumont Little League Bi-laws. They will then determine whether or not said conduct and violations merit demotion or removal of the manager or coach from a team or the league. In the event a manager or coach is demoted or removed from a team or the league it will be the sole responsibility of the board president to fill the position with a suitable replacement. In the event any managers or coaches decide to retire or step down from managing or coaching a team, the board president will again be responsible for evaluating and appointing any candidates seeking to fill the open positions in the best interests of Dumont Little League. That being said, any team manager or coach will have the opportunity to continue managing or coaching in the league, provided they are in good standing with, and have no conditions barring their participation in Dumont Little League.

ARTICLE IV - PARTICIPATION FEE

4.01: A reasonable league participation fee may be assessed as the parents' obligation to assure the operational continuity of the Local League. At no time should the inability to pay any fee hinder the participation in any league program.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

5.01: The monthly meetings of the regular members of the Local League shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at the Dumont Borough Hall first floor courtroom. There will be no meetings scheduled for the months of July and August. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the time and place as deemed necessary, provided that at least 3 days notice is provided to the regular membership of such change. The regular members will meet for the purpose of reviewing monthly operations, receiving reports, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come up before the meeting. The nomination of officers and the election of officers will occur during the October meeting each year.

5.02: Notice of each meeting may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Board of Directors. At a minimum, the regularly scheduled meetings will be placed on the Local League website.

5.03: Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors, the Secretary or the President as they deem necessary. In addition, the President of the Local League shall call a special meeting to discuss a specific subject if such meeting is requested (in writing) by no less than ten (10) regular members. No business other than that subject specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the regular members.

5.04: A quorum is defined as the number of regular members that must be present at a membership meeting for business to be legally transacted. A quorum refers to the number of regular members present at the meeting, not necessarily the number voting (although they can be the same).

1. For the purposes of the Local League, a quorum at regular meetings shall consist of not less than one half of the then in place Board of Directors AND not less than 20 regular members. No business can be officially conducted at any regular membership meeting if the quorum is not met.

2. For the nomination and election of officers (the October membership meeting as defined in Article 5.01 of these by-laws), the quorum shall consist of not less than one half of the then in place Board of Directors AND not less than 35 regular members. No nominations and/or elections of officers can take place if the quorum is not met (this does not apply to Article 6.03 which provides for the Board of Directors to fill a Board vacancy).

5.05: Voting at any regular membership meeting, election of officers, and any special meetings of the membership, shall only be entitled to those regular members who are in current good standing and have paid their annual dues. Current good standing means that a regular member is not under suspension, terminated, or under any other disciplinary action with the Local League and/or the Board of Directors as outlined in Article 3.05.

5.06: Voting for officers at the annual election may only be done by regular members on the finalized membership list, as provided by the Secretary following Articles 3.02 and 3.03.

1. Election Procedures:

- a. Determine if a quorum is present (as outlined in 5.04);
- b. Appoint an election chairperson (may or may not be the current President);
- c. Ratify the membership list as provided by the Secretary;
- d. Present the nominations (nominations are not by position);
- e. Nominations are opened to the floor. Any member is eligible for nomination (per Robert's Rules of Order);
- f. Nominations are closed by vote of membership;
- g. Regular members vote for eligible candidates;
- h. Nominees must receive at least 51% of the vote to be elected;
- i. Election results are announced (new Board announced);
- j. Membership votes to accept the result of the election (qualified);
- k. New Board elects officers from among its number.

5.07: Proxy votes are not permitted at any time. Absentee ballots are not permitted, except that they may be exercised for the election of officers. Absentee ballots for the election of officers must be presented in person to the Secretary in a sealed envelope prior to the election. Failure to provide the absentee ballot in person to the Secretary in a sealed envelope prior to the election will render said ballot null and void.

5.08: In the event that there are too few members present at the election meeting, the board members have the ability to present nominees and elect by vote any nominee to the board.

5.09: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the constitution and/or by laws of the Local League. It is emphasized that the Board members act in a professional manner with respect to Board members, regular members, and visitors.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.01: The management of the property and affairs of the Local League shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Local League shall have a Board of Directors that number shall not be less than seven (7) and not more than twenty (20) members.

6.02: The Local League Board of Directors, elected from and by the adult members of the Local League or otherwise duly appointed, is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Local League within the rules, regulations, and policies of Little League Baseball. This Board does not have the authority to alter, suspend, or change any of the rules, regulations, or policies of Little League except as expressly permitted and stated by Little League in writing.

6.03: The Board of Directors must at a minimum consist of the President, a Vice President, treasurer, Secretary, safety officer, information officer, and player agent. The directors shall upon election immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

1. The current Board of Directors consists of eleven (11) members:

- a. 1 President
- b. 3 Vice Presidents
- c. 1 Secretary
- d. 1 Safety Officer
- e. 1 Player Agent
- f. 1 Coaching Coordinator
- g. 1 Umpire In Chief
- h. 1 Treasurer
- i. 1 Information Officer

2. The Information Officer, Treasurer, and one Vice President position (Challenger Division) are appointed by the Board, and are not voted in by the regular membership voting procedure as outlined in Article 5. Such appointments are on an annual basis running from October through October (up through the annual elections the following year), and should be voted upon immediately following the annual elections.

3. The eight (8) elected Board positions serve for two (2) years upon having been duly elected and qualified. Four (4) positions come up for election on even numbered years, and four (4) positions come up for election on odd numbered years.

6.04: Any Board member must have served on the Board of Directors of the Local League for one (1) year as either an elected or appointed official to be eligible to hold the position of President of the Local League.

6.05: Term of office. There will be no term limits for Board members, provided that elected Board members get re-elected as per the election procedures outlined in these by-laws, and that appointed Board members are duly re-appointed and qualified as outlined in these by-laws.

6.06: 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.

6.07: The Board of Directors will have regularly scheduled monthly meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at a location to be announced in advance. This is 60 minutes prior to the monthly meetings of the regular members. The day and time of the meeting may be changed by the President with at least 3 days notice to the Board. There will be no regularly scheduled Board meetings for the months of July and August. The President or the Secretary may, whenever deemed advisable, issue a call for a meeting of the Board outside of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings. This is especially encouraged after the election of new officers to meet and get plans laid out for the upcoming season. In addition, the Secretary may issue a call for a special meeting at the request (in writing to the Secretary) of at least 1/3 the total number of directors.

6.08: Meeting notices are not required for the pre-established monthly meetings (as outlined in Article 5.02). However, in the event of any change in the aforementioned preset meeting schedule, or if a meeting is called outside of the preset schedule, the Secretary or President will be required to notify all Board members of such meeting. Such notice is to be given in writing at least three (3) days before the

appointed time of the meeting to the last recorded address of each director, or via telephone, email, or personal notice at least twenty-four (24) hours preceding the meeting start time.

1. In the case of special meetings of the Board, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting, and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting, unless the full Board is present and accounted for, and a motion is adopted to discuss such alternate matters not previously stated.

6.09: One-half (1/2) the total number of directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6.10: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the constitution and/or by laws of the Local League. It is emphasized that the Board members act in a professional manner with respect to Board members, regular members, committee members, and visitors.

6.11: Proxies and absentee ballots are not permitted at the Board of Directors' meetings.

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

6.13: Attendance. Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings and regular membership meetings. However, from time to time, circumstances may prevent attendance. Three (3) consecutive un-excused absences will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors, which may include termination of that Board member following the procedures outlined in Article 3.05.

6.14: The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of all directors then serving at any regular or special meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any director, officer, or committee member of the Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article 3.05.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

7.01: Membership and Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a membership and nominating committee consisting of not less than three (3) members, chosen from the regular membership.

1. The Secretary shall be a member of the committee.
2. The committee shall have the authority to collect annual dues from the regular membership, assist in maintaining the list of regular members, and assist the Secretary in qualifying the regular membership.
3. The committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates for open Board positions and submit as required a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors.
4. The committee shall also submit for consideration by the Board of Directors a slate of other officers and committee members as necessary.
5. The committee shall assist the Secretary with nominations at the October meeting, and record such nominations as required in preparation of elections.

7.02: Finance Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a finance committee consisting of not less than three (3) members. It is recommended that the majority of the finance committee consist of non-Board members, and that such members be selected from the regular membership.

1. The treasurer shall be a member of the committee.
2. The committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Local League, including team sponsorships, and submit recommendations to the Board of Directors.
3. The committee shall have the authority to create a sponsorship committee, consisting of regular members, for the purpose of soliciting sponsorships from local businesses. The sponsorship committee will actively seek sponsorships for signs on the baseball fields, website advertising on <http://sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?alias=sports.bluesombrero.com/DumontLittleLeague>, sponsoring team uniforms, and any other form of sponsorship that the committee(s) and the Board of Directors deem appropriate.
4. The committee shall be responsible for collecting donations at Local League events, such as raffles, fundraisers, and similar, provided that such actions are approved by the Board of Directors, and all required licenses, permits, and filings have been properly obtained. Any funds collected during these activities shall be immediately turned over to the treasurer for proper accounting and handling.
5. The treasurer or the committee chairperson, having been selected by the Board of Directors, may seek the authority to represent the Local League before any governmental, philanthropic, or business organization which impacts the league finances. The Board of Directors should be notified in advance of such interaction whenever practical, and should approve in advance any planned activity for soliciting such financial support.
6. Any and all funds raised by the committee shall be submitted to the treasurer in a timely fashion for proper handling and accounting.

7.03: Building and Grounds Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a building and grounds committee consisting of not less than three (3) members, chosen from the regular membership.

1. This committee shall select a chairperson of building and grounds and shall further consist of the Local League managers / coaches and such other members as are appointed to the committee by the Board of Directors. The committee shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and upkeep of all grounds and facilities regularly owned, leased, or utilized by the Local League for regular season play, tournament play, second season play (summer/fall), and any other training and development activities sponsored by the Local League.
2. The chairperson will be responsible for the establishment and supervision of field maintenance days, including fall clean-up, winterization, and spring clean-up / start-up of the facilities under the direction of the Board of Directors.
3. The committee shall be responsible for initial development, construction and readying of all grounds and facilities at such additional sites as the Local League may acquire for its use by purchase, lease, or other means.
4. The committee will establish communications with the Borough of Dumont regarding the field complex, as the fields throughout Dumont are the property of the Borough of Dumont. The committee chairperson will coordinate with the Borough of Dumont, including but not limited to the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Recreation Department, regarding the maintenance, upkeep, and repairs to any and all grounds, buildings, and facilities. It will be the responsibility of the chairperson to coordinate and facilitate communication with the Department of Public Works and/or the Board of Recreation, and to act as the liaison between the Board of Directors and the borough.
5. The committee shall be responsible for developing a five (5) year facilities plan. This plan shall be presented yearly at the annual meeting of the membership. Upon full approval from the Board of Directors, the committee shall have authority to carry out the plan.

7.04: Equipment and Uniform Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an equipment and uniform committee consisting of not less than two (2) members, chosen from the regular membership.

1. The committee shall secure bids on supplies, equipment, uniforms, and safety materials as needed, and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board of Directors.
2. 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.
3. The committee will create an inventory of all equipment issued to team managers at the start of each season, including tournament play and summer/fall baseball seasons. The managers will sign for such equipment upon issuance, and will be responsible for returning such equipment upon conclusion of that season for which the equipment was issued. Any equipment that cannot be accounted for by the manager(s) may need to be reimbursed to the Local League, at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

7.05: Managers Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a managers committee consisting of not less than three (3) members, or the Board may act as the managers committee, with input from the regular membership as necessary.

1. The committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches for positions within the league, and recommend acceptable candidates to the Board for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors.
2. The committee shall, during the playing season, observe the conduct of the managers and coaches and report its findings to the Board of the Local League.
3. The committee shall, at the request of the President or the 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.
4. The committee shall have the authority to develop systems to objectively evaluate managers and coaches, such as coach's evaluation forms and surveys.
5. The committee shall implement programs to train and develop its managers and coaches as it deems necessary.

7.06: Umpire and Rules Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an umpire and rules committee consisting of not less than three (3) regular members. Members of the Board may serve on this committee, provided that they remain in the minority for voting purposes.

1. The Local League President, or a Vice President assigned by the Local League President, shall be chairperson of any such committee.
2. The committee shall recruit, interview and recommend to the Board of Directors a staff of umpires, including a chief umpire. The chief umpire may be a Board member. The managers and coaches within the Local League will comprise the majority of the staff of umpires.
3. Umpires shall be under the personal direction and responsibility of the Local League President, assisted by the chief umpire who shall train, observe, and schedule the staff of umpires.
4. The committee will have the responsibility to review the rules and regulations on at least an annual basis, including both the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball and any Local League rules. This committee does not have the authority to alter, suspend, or change any of the rules, regulations, or policies of Little League except as expressly permitted and stated by Little League in writing.
5. This committee will be responsible for handling any protests that may be filed by any manager as provided in the Little League rulebook.
6. This committee will be responsible to review any and all complaints that arise as the result of disagreement about the interpretation of any rule, regulation, or policy enforced by the Local League, and report such findings to the Board of Directors for handling as deemed necessary.

7.07: Communication Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a communication committee consisting of not less than (2) members. The communication committee shall be responsible for all public communications. This communication may include a league newsletter, which frequency shall be determined by the committee.

1. The league Information Officer will serve on any such communication committee.
2. All public notices and communications shall be prepared and reviewed by the communication committee, subject to approval from the Board of Directors.
3. The committee will be responsible for working with local newspapers as necessary, and providing information about the league to newspapers in a timely manner.
4. The committee will be responsible to coordinate with the Local League Information Officer for providing information and content to the Local League website.

7.08: Auxiliary Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an auxiliary committee consisting of the Local League treasurer and not less than two (2) other members chosen from the regular membership. The Membership and Nominating committee shall have the authority to actively pursue membership to the Auxiliary. It is the recommendation of the Dumont Little League that the Auxiliary should have a strong and committed membership.

1. The committee shall act as the Auxiliary.
2. The committee shall coordinate the activities of the Auxiliary.
3. The Auxiliary shall manage the snack stand, and be involved with all fundraising activities as may be conducted by members of the finance committee.
4. The committee shall review and evaluate Auxiliary projects for raising money and disposition of profits, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors as necessary. The Auxiliary shall work closely with the finance committee on all fundraising efforts.
5. The Board of Directors shall approve in advance all projects and actions of the Auxiliary.
6. The Auxiliary will coordinate with the Dumont Recreation Department on all matters pertaining to the snack hut, as the hut is the property of Dumont Recreation.
7. The treasurer may establish a separate bank account, as deemed necessary, for the Auxiliary to utilize for the disbursement and receipt of funds from the operation of the snack hut.

7.09: Auditing Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint an auditing committee consisting of not less than three (3) members, chosen from the regular membership. The President, treasurer or signatories of checks are not eligible to serve on this committee, as it is a direct conflict of interest. The Board of Directors may choose to hire a certified Public Accountant to satisfy the requirement of an auditing committee, but such action does not preclude the Board of Directors from still utilizing an auditing committee to review financial operations of the Local League.

1. The committee shall provide status reports to the Board of Directors as deemed necessary. The committee should also make recommendations to the Board of Directors based on observations and review of financial procedures.
2. The committee does not have the authority to override the Board of Directors, nor is the Board of Directors obligated to follow the recommendations of the committee.
3. The committee will review the Local League's books and records annually prior to the annual meeting and attach a statement of their findings to the annual financial statement of the President and treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors, secure the services of a certified public accountant to accomplish such review.
4. The committee reserves the right to discuss any irregularities and/or findings at any meeting of the membership, provided the Board of Directors is made aware of such intention prior to the meeting.
5. The committee shall report directly to Little League any improper accounting of the Local League's finances that are in violation of any Little League rule, regulation, or policy, or are in violation of any local, state, or Federal law.

7.10: Safety Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a safety committee consisting of not less than eleven (11) members, chosen from the regular membership.

1. The Safety Officer shall be a member of the committee.

2. The committee shall have no less than two (2) members assigned to each division: TBALL, coach pitch, farm league, minor league, major league.
3. The committee shall be responsible for formulating, approving, and implementing the Local League's ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program) directive in conjunction with the Board of Directors.
4. The committee shall have the authority to collect Volunteer Registration forms from the regular membership, as required by Little League, and to assist the Safety Officer in maintaining a complete list of all volunteers that are required for background checks.
5. The committee shall have the authority to conduct such background checks, with the Safety Officer, as necessary. The committee will remember to keep such information private and confidential, reporting such information only to the Board of Directors as appropriate.
6. The committee will be responsible for making sure that all registered volunteers have attended the Dumont Certification class as provided through the Dumont Recreation Department, and that all volunteers have been fingerprinted with the Dumont Police Department.
7. The committee shall coordinate safety programs with the local authorities as deemed necessary (police, fire, ambulance, etc), and shall train the members of the Local League as appropriate.
8. The committee shall coordinate any CPR and/or AED (automated external defibrillator) training as required by the Local League and/or any local regulations.

7.11: The Board of Directors may appoint other committees as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

8.01: The Local League Board of Directors, elected from and by the adult members of the league or otherwise duly appointed, is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the league within the rules, regulations, and policies of Little League Baseball. This Board does not have the authority to alter, suspend, or change any of the rules, regulations, or policies of Little League except as expressly permitted and stated by Little League in writing.

8.02: The President shall:

1. Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
2. Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the annual meeting.
3. Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.
4. Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules and regulations of Little League Baseball as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to the Local League by that organization.
5. 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.
6. Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or executive committee as circumstances warrant.
7. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
8. With the assistance of the members of the Board, examine the application and support proof-of-age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for selection.
9. Make committee assignments.

8.03: Vice-Presidents shall:

1. In case of the absence or disability of the President, and provided he/she is authorized by the President or Board so to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President. In the absence of the Secretary, the Vice President shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all scheduled Board meetings.

8.04: Secretary. The Secretary shall:

1. Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
2. 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.
3. Maintain a list of all Regular members, directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and committees.
4. Keep the minutes of all scheduled Board meetings, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
5. Shall conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
6. Notify members, directors, officers and committee members of their election or appointment.
7. Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility.
8. Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League headquarters, team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
9. Issue membership cards to regular members, if approved by the Board of Directors.

8.05: The Treasurer shall:

1. Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
2. Receive all moneys and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
3. Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys 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.
4. Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
5. Prepare monthly financial reports, under the direction of the President, for submission to the regular membership and Board of Directors at monthly meetings, and to Little League Headquarters on an annual basis.

8.06 The Safety Officer shall:

1. Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for children and all participants of Little League Baseball.
2. Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and such duties as are customarily incident to the office of safety officer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
3. Formulate and implement the league's ASAP program (A Safety Awareness Program) and submit it to Little League Headquarters for approval.

8.07: The Information Officer Shall:

1. Manage the league's official website.
2. Setup and maintain the online registration process and ensure that league rosters are uploaded to Little League Headquarters.
3. Assign online administrative rights to league volunteers as directed.
4. Ensure that league news and scores are updated on a regular basis.
5. Collect, post and distribute important information on league activities.

ARTICLE IX - MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

9.01: Team managers and coaches shall be recommended by the Managers committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible for the selection of their teams and for their actions on the field.

9.02: Umpires shall be recommended by the Umpire committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, who shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field.

9.03: OPTIONS – An option is an agreement between a manager or coach and the Player Agent covering a special condition.

Sibling options (brother or sister) are covered as follows: When there are two or more siblings in the draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted by a manager, that manager automatically has an option to draft the other brother(s) or sister(s) on the next turns in the draft. Such option must be declared at the time the first sibling is selected (the Player Agent will ask the manager whether or not such an option is to be declared/exercised at the time of the selection of the first sibling). If the manager does not exercise the option, the other siblings then become immediately available to be drafted by any team.

Additionally, if a sibling is already on a team, and has a brother or sister entering the draft, the manager of the team with the first sibling on it may declare an option to the Player Agent prior to the start of the draft to select the additional sibling via option. If such option is exercised prior to the start of the draft, the manager must draft the sibling within the first three draft selections for that team. If the manager does not exercise the option, the other siblings then become immediately available to be drafted by any team.

Son/daughter options are covered as follows: If a manager has sons/daughters eligible for the draft, and wishes to draft them via the use of an option, the manager must declare such option to the Player Agent prior to the start of the draft. If such option is exercised, the manager must select the son/daughter in a specific round depending on the League Age of the son/daughter. Parent/manager options take priority over any other option. If managers do not declare to exercise such option prior to the beginning of the draft, then the son/daughter of that manager is available to be drafted by any team. If the option is exercised, then players League Age 12 must be drafted in or before Round 3, players League Age 11 must be drafted in or before Round 4, and players League Age 10 or younger must be drafted in or before Round 5.

9.04: TRADES – Immediately following the draft, managers may, if they desire, trade players with other teams in their respective league, provided that such trades occur immediately following the draft, and before such draft is adjourned. All trades shall be made through the Player Agent, and require the approval of the Player Agent and the President. No trades will be permitted at any time once the draft is adjourned (this is for the protection of the players involved). Trades are subject to the following conditions: players may only be traded between teams within the same division/league; Major League players may not be traded with Minor League players; all trades must be player for player only; players may not be traded for draft picks; all trades must be for justifiable reasons.

9.05: Tournament managers and coaches (District managers and coaches) will be selected by majority vote of the Board of Directors. If the Local League Board of Directors cannot select the manager and/or coaches by majority vote for whatever reason, the President of the Local League has the final authority to determine the manager and/or coaches at each level of play as deemed necessary, following the guidelines provided by Little League for tournament team organization for that given year.

9.06: Player selection to tournament teams (District tournament teams) will be determined by the Local League Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - LITTLE LEAGUE AFFILIATION

10.01: 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.

10.02: 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.

10.03: The local rules, by-laws, and constitution of this Local League, existing as one document, 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 and shall in no way conflict with the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. The local rules shall be approved by a vote of the membership on an annual basis. The local rules of this Local League shall expire at the end of each fiscal year but govern its operation until the following years local rules are approved.

ARTICLE XI - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

11.01: 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.

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

11.03: The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the Local League treasury.

11.04: 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.

11.05: 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.

11.06: All monies received, including Auxiliary funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in/at NVE Bank located in Bergenfield, New Jersey.

11.07: The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30, with IRS Form 990 being filed annually in such regard.

Date:

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