

BY-LAWS OF DEL-REY\AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE Restated November 30, 2012 INTRODUCTION:

These by-laws are intended to supplement the Del Rey American Little League Constitution, Adopted on May 15, 2003.

Article I – Meeting

SECTION 1

A meeting of the Membership shall be held a minimum of twice a year on dates to be determined by the Board of Directors. These two (2) meetings may include Opening Day/Pancake Breakfast and the League Picnic. Election of the Board of Directors shall be conducted at the Annual League Picnic. [Already included in Article V]

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall take place every month, at a place and time as directed by the President. Notice of said meetings shall be posted on the Del-Rey\American Official League website: www.drall.org.

A Special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at any time or upon written request from at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors, or at least ten (10) members of the Regular Membership.

Notice of the Special meeting shall be given four (4) days in advance thereof to all members of the Board of Directors unless a waiver of the 4-day notice is received. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Board of Directors.

A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

When an elected Officer of the Board of Directors misses three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board of Directors without reason acceptable by the remaining members, the officer will vacate the office.

Only Regular Members shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Del-Rey\American Little League.

Article II - Board of Directors

SECTION 1

The Management of the property and affairs of the Del-Rey\American Little League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall consist of fourteen (14) elected officers as follows:

President; First Vice-President (Sponsorship); Second Vice-President (Registration); Secretary; Treasurer; Major Division Player Agent; Minor Division/PC Player Agent; Major Division Director; Minor Division Director; PC Division Director; Umpire Director, Safety Director, Field Director, Communications Director (League Information Officer). (Division Directors shall be the equivalent to the Vice-Presidents as defined by the 1996 Little League Operating Manual). (See addendum 1 for job description of each Officers' duties) The past president is an honorary member, who may attend meetings, but may not vote on resolutions.

The aforementioned officers shall be elected for a one-year term, but may be eligible for re-election. Said term shall run from August 1 until July 31. Officers shall assume their duties in advance of September 1st date in the constitution.

Player Agents and Division Directors shall not serve in the division in which their child is participating.

SECTION 2

Vacancies: If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled via nomination by any member of the Board of Directors with a majority roll-call vote of the remaining Directors at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 3

The operations concerning Del-Rey\American Little League shall be decided by a majority roll-call vote of the Board of Directors present, except as provided herein.

The Board of Directors may vote electronically for those motions presented to the Board electronically. (Example: appointment of a coach may be submitted to the board electronically for approval.) All votes must be cast with the Secretary within 72 hours of the motion. The Secretary shall put the motion to the Board of Directors and record the time the motion is presented along with the responses and corresponding time. Decisions shall be decided by a majority vote.

A Director that misses a meeting may vote absentee electronically if i) the motion or proposal is provided and discussed prior to the meeting at which the vote will take place, and ii) the Director submits his/her vote via email to the Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting.

All appointments shall be made by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Membership shall receive at an annual meeting of the Members of the Del-Rey\American Little League a Balance Sheet, report verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing the whole amount of real and personal property owned by Del-Rey\American Little League, where located, and where and how invested, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding, the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition. The Membership shall receive at annual meeting of the Members of the Del-Rey\American Little League an Income Statement for the previous year and a Budget for the current year. A copy of the report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters.

SECTION 4

Removal of a Member of the Board of Directors:

A Member of the Board of Directors can be removed from the Board of Directors for conduct that is determined to be detrimental to Del-Rey\American Little League. Said Director shall be given any and all allegations at least five (5) days prior to hearing to determine whether said Director should be removed. A Special Hearing of the Board of Directors shall be called to determine whether the Director shall be removed. The Director shall have the opportunity at said hearing to rebut any and all allegations. It shall take a 2/3 roll-call vote of the Board of Directors to remove a Director.

Article III - Nomination and Election of Board of Directors

Nominations and Elections shall be conducted under the direction of the Secretary. The Secretary shall appoint, with the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors, a Nomination Committee consisting of not more than five (5) and not less than three (3) Regular Members. The Committee may include Board members who are not seeking office.

Nominations for the Board of Directors shall be collected by the Nomination Committee, with the intent that nominations be completed and published on the DRALL website not less than one week before the election.

The election of the Board of Directors shall take place at the Annual League Picnic. The ballots shall be available at the picnic. Absentee ballots shall be available as provided for in the DRALL Constitution.

The President and the Secretary shall tabulate the votes. In the event the President and/or the Secretary are in a contested election, the President shall appoint another Board Member to tabulate the votes to replace the President and/or Secretary, as applicable. The Secretary (or his/her replacement) shall certify the election. The results of the election shall be announced within fourteen (14) days of the election.

Article IV – Managers, Coaches and Umpires

SECTION 1

Team Managers and Coaches shall be appointed annually by the President, and approved by the Board of Directors.

Managers shall be responsible for their own and for their team's actions on the field (as set forth in the Little League Player Rules and Regulations).

SECTION 2

Umpires shall be nominated by the Umpire Director annually and appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3

While holding office, the President may manage or coach in any division in the regular season only. While holding office, the Player Agents and the Division Directors shall not manage or coach in the division(s) for which s/he is Player Agent.

Article V – Selection of Players

SECTION 1

Major Division: All new incoming players of major league age shall try out and be rated by the Major Managers along with the Major Division Player Agent (and Major Division Director). The Major Division Player Agent shall compile the ratings. The Major Division Player Agent shall then conduct a draft using "Plan B" in accordance with the Little League Operating Manual. The managers shall randomly draw for draft order. The draft will be conducted in a "snake" format where the last manager to draft in the first round receives the first pick in the second round. Effectively the odd draft rounds move in the order of the draw and the even draft rounds move in reverse order of the draw.

The draft shall be limited to the Major Division Director, Major Division Player Agent and the Managers. All other persons shall be excluded. Information regarding the draft results shall not be disclosed in accordance with the Little League Operating Manual. The President may attend if he/she does not have a child participating in the draft.

Note: If a player is unable to attend the assigned tryout session for valid reasons, the Major Division Player agent and Major Division Director will determine a rating to be assessed and assigned to that player in an effort to create fairness in team formation.

SECTION 2

Minor Divison: All players of minor league age shall try out and be rated by the Minor Managers along with the Minor Division Players' Agent (and Minor Division Director). The Minor Division Player Agent shall compile the ratings. The Minor Division Player Agent (and the Minor Division Director) shall then conduct a draft using "Plan B" in accordance with the Little League Operating Manual. The managers shall randomly draw for draft order. The draft will be conducted in a "snake" format where the last manager to draft in the first round receives the first pick in the second round. Effectively the odd draft rounds move in the order of the draw and the even draft rounds move in reverse order of the draw.

The draft shall be limited to the Minor Division Director, Minor Division Player Agent and the Managers. All other persons shall be excluded. Information regarding the draft results shall not be disclosed in accordance with the Little League Operating Manual. The President may attend if he/she does not have a child participating in the draft.

Note: If a player is unable to attend the assigned tryout session for valid reasons, the Minor Division Player agent and Minor Division Director will determine a rating to be assessed and assigned to that player in an effort to create fairness in team formation.

SECTION 3

Minor Farm Division: All players of minor league age shall try out and be rated by the Minor Farm Managers along with the Minor Farm Division Players' Agent (and Minor Farm Division Director). The Minor Farm Division Player Agent shall compile the ratings. The Minor Farm Division Player Agent (and the Minor Farm Division Director) shall then formulate the teams in accordance with the procedures recommended by the Minor Division Players' Agent and approved by the Board of Directors.

Note: If a player is unable to attend the assigned tryout session for valid reasons, the Minor Division Player agent and Minor Division Director will determine a rating to be assessed and assigned to that player in an effort to create fairness in team formation.

SECTION 4

Pacific Coast Division: The same procedure as the Minor Division, except that the rating shall be done by the Managers of the Pacific Coast Division (PC Division) along with the PC Division Player Agent (and the PC Division Director). The PC Division Player Agent (and PC Division Director) shall then formulate the teams in accordance with the procedures recommend by the Minor Division Players' Agent and approved by the Board of Directors.

Article VI – Financial and Accounting

SECTION 1

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Del-Rey\American Little League and shall place all income, including Auxiliary funds, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditures of same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual team.

SECTION 2

The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds, property or services to individual teams but shall solicit same for the common treasury of the Del-Rey\American Little League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the league.

SECTION 3

All checks are to be signed by two of the following: (1) the Treasurer: (2) the 1st Vice President: and (3) the President. No single expenditure in excess of \$100.00 or a total expenditure of over \$250.00 per month may be made without prior approval by the President of the League. Total Expenditures shall not exceed the approved budget without approval of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4

Budget to be submitted to the Board of Directors by the Treasurer for approval at the November meeting.

Article VII - Rules

SECTION 1

The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Inc. shall be binding on this League.

SECTION 2

The local playing rules of this league may be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month prior to the first scheduled game of the season.

SECTION 3

Local rules may be added or changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors provided a quorum exists.

SECTION 4

The ground rules of each division of the League shall be formulated and adopted by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII - Conflict of Interest Policy

It is considered critical that all Regular Members, Board of Directors and Committee Members shall not engage in any activity which gives rise to, or could give rise to, an appearance or claim of self-dealing, divided loyalty or conflict of interest by reason of such person's position with the Del-Rey\American Little League.

In the event such person has reason to believe his or her activities or anticipated activities could give rise to any such claim, he or she shall have a duty to disclose such activities or anticipated activities to the Board of Directors.

In the event any such person may either directly or indirectly be a party to or be in any manner financially interested in any contract or agreement with Del-Rey\American Little League for any matter, cause or thing, such contract or agreement shall be in violation of this Policy and the same shall be null and void.

In addition, any such person violating this Policy will be subject to Article VII of the By-Laws of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, entitled "DISCIPLINING MEMBERS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND FIELD PERSONNEL." Article VII provides for disciplinary action including but not restricted to removal or suspension, for any act, conduct or involvement contrary to the Rules, Regulations and Policies of the Corporation or which might tend to bring the Corporation into disrepute, or for any failure to perform properly the duties and responsibilities assigned to each person.

Article IX – Selection of All Star Players and Managers

SECTION 1

PLAYER AVAILABILITY WILL BE SUBJECT TO RULES SET BY THE BOARD. IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE ON ANY ALL-STAR TEAM, A PLAYER'S PARENT (GUARDIAN) MUST AGREE IN WRITING THAT THE PLAYER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE ENTIRE ALL STAR TOURNAMENT TIME FRAME. THIS PERIOD TYPICALLY RUNS FROM MID-JUNE THROUGH THE ENTIRE MONTH OF JULY, DEPENDING ON HOW FAR THE TEAM ADVANCES. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS AGREEMENT CAN AND WILL RESULT IN THE PLAYER BEING IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE ALL-STAR TEAM. THE PRESIDENT AND THE APPLICABLE PLAYERS' AGENT MAY GRANT A WAIVER OF THIS REQUIREMENT WITH APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ANY MANAGER GRANTING SUCH WAIVER WITHOUT THE EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF THE PRESIDENT OR APPLICABLE PLAYERS' AGENT MAY BE REMOVED FROM THEIR POSITION BY THE PRESIDENT WITH APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

For purposes of this Article IX, Section 1, the applicable Players' Agent shall be defined as; Major Division Players' Agent for the 11–12 Year-old "Little League" Team and the 10–11 Year-old Team, and Minor Division Players' Agent for the 9–10 Year-old Team(s).

SECTION 2

11–12 Year-old "Little League" Team: There shall be up to fourteen (14) players selected. The Board of Directors shall determine the selection of the players to this team. Subject to Little League Rules (including, without limitation, the residency requirements) any player League age 11 or 12, who has participated as an eligible player on a Major or Minor Division team during the regular season is eligible for the 11–12 Year-old Team. The Manager and Coaches shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

The selection process for the 11-12 Year-old "Little League" Team shall be:

- 1. Player Agent issues All-Star application forms with "opt out" check box for 11 year-olds.
- 2. The number of players per team will be determined as a result of the process, with a maximum number of fourteen (14) players as stipulated by Little League rules. The Board will not predetermine a maximum number of players for each team.
- 3. Player Agent prepares ballot and issues to all Majors players who vote for nine (9) All-Stars (players cannot vote for their own team). The top nine players with the most votes are selected to the 11–12 Year-old All-Star Team.
- 4. The Selection Committee meets to name up to three (3) additional players, the actual number to be determined by step #2 above. The Committee is composed of all the Majors Managers, plus the Majors Player Agent, Majors Division Director, and the President.
- 5. The All-Star Team Manager may select one (1) additional player (this optional pick does not have to be executed).
- 6. Board may select one (1) additional player to correct a gross injustice (this optional pick does not have to be executed).
- 7. The Board confirms the 11–12 year old team as constituted by the above process.

SECTION 3

10–11 Year-old Team: There shall be up to fourteen (14) players selected. The Board of Directors shall determine the selection of the players to this team. Subject to Little League Rules (including, without limitation, the residency requirements) any player League age 10 or 11, who has participated as an eligible player on a Minor or Major Division team during the regular season, is eligible for the 10–11 Year-old Team. The Manager and Coaches shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

The selection process for the 10–11 Year-old Team shall be:

- 1. Player Agent issues All-Star application forms to all eligible 10 and 11 year olds.
- 2. After considering number of applications, the Board determines the maximum number of players on the 10–11 Year-old Team.
- 3. The Selection Committee meets to name the first 9 to 12 players; the actual number will be determined by the Board in Step #2 above. The Committee is composed of all the Majors Managers, plus the Majors Player Agent, Majors Division Director, and the President.
- 4. The All-Star Team Manager may select one (1) additional player (this optional pick does not have to be executed).
- 5. Board may select one (1) additional player to correct a gross injustice (this optional pick does not have to be executed).
- 6. The Board confirms the 10–11 Year-old Team as constituted by the above process.

SECTION 4

9–10 Year-old Team(s): The Board of Directors shall determine how many teams shall enter the 9–10 Year-old All Star Tournament. There shall be up to fourteen (14) players selected for each team. The Board of Directors shall determine the selection of the players to the team(s). Subject to Little League Rules (including, without limitation, the residency requirements) any player League age 9 or 10, who has participated as an eligible player on a Minor or Major Division team during the regular season, is eligible for the 9–10 Year-old Team. The Manager and Coaches shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

The selection process for the 9-10 Year-old Team shall be:

- 1. Player Agent issues All-Star application forms to all eligible 9 and 10 year olds.
- 2. The number of players per team will be determined as a result of the process, with a maximum number of fourteen (14) players as stipulated by Little League rules. The Board will not predetermine a maximum number of players for each team.
- 3. Player Agent prepares ballot and issues to all Minors players who vote for nine (9) All-Stars (players cannot vote for their own team).
- 4. Player Agent also submits ballots to all Minors Managers and Coaches (2 official per team). Managers will vote for players across all teams, including their own, while Coaches would vote for players on other teams only, not their own team.
- 5. 9 and 10 year olds playing in the Major division are automatically placed on the team
- 6. The votes would be weighted as follows:
 - a. Minor players vote for players on other teams with a 20% weighted vote
 - b. Managers vote for players across all teams with a 60% weighted vote
 - c. Coaches vote for players on other teams with a 20% weighted vote
- 7. The Selection Committee meets to name up to three (3) additional players, the actual number to be determined by step #2 above. The Committee is composed of all the Minors Managers, plus the Minors Player Agent, Minors Division Director, and the President.
- 8. The All-Star Team Manager may select one (1) additional player (this optional pick does not have to be executed).

- 9. Board may select one (1) additional player to correct a gross injustice (this optional pick does not have to be executed).
- 10. The Board confirms the 9–10 Year-old Team(s) as constituted by the above process.

Article X – Amendments

These By-laws and any section thereto may be amended or repealed by a [2/3] majority of the Board of Directors.

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ADDENDUM

BOARD MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The following is a clarification to the duties set forth in the DRALL Constitution.

President

- Serves in the leadership role for the league, ensuring the board and all other volunteers are working cohesively to provide the best Little League experience for all children concerned.
- Calls regular board meetings, establish agenda for meetings and chairs all meetings.

1st Vice President

- Responsible for securing Sponsors and compilation of the DRALL book.
 - o Contacts all past Sponsors to collect money to secure participation in the coming year.
 - o Coordinates with team managers to follow-up on team Sponsors.
 - o Follows up with Sponsors to collect money, clip-art or ad design for book and/or banner.
 - o Purchases the necessary Sponsor banners.
 - o Responsible for distribution of the final DRALL book.
- Chairs board meetings in the absence of the President.

2nd Vice President

- Responsible for Little League registration, including marketing as appropriate.
- Compiles the official Little League master registration and team rosters.

Secretary

- Takes minutes at board meetings.
- Handles all league correspondence.
- Assists President with overall communication with board members, parents and players.
- Organizes and conducts Election at League Picnic, including preparing ballots
- Assists President with obtaining municipality permits and league insurance.

Treasurer

- Responsible for the security and integrity of all DRALL financial reports.
- Handles the deposits of all revenue and all disbursements.
- Ensures the security of all money at fund-raisers and at the snack stands.
- Responsible for accurate financial reporting on the league's fiscal condition.

Player Agent (Majors, Minors, P.C.'s)

- Arranges for season try-outs and oversees all try-out sessions.
- Responsible for the formation of team rosters at the beginning of each season, ensuring equity of talent on each team.
- Responsible for filling any vacated player positions during the season.

League Director (Majors, Minors, PC's)

- Serves as liaison between team managers and the board.
- Distributes and collects team equipment.
- Primarily responsible for resolving any conflicts which may arise during the season concerning managers and their team.

- Responsible for the accurate reporting of Pitch Counts
- Major Division Director is responsible for completing DRALL Spring and Playoff game and practice schedules.
- Major Division Director is responsible for organizing the 12-Year-Old Classic Tournament.
- Minor Division Director is responsible for completing DRALL Fall game and practice schedules as well as coordinating all professional training, if applicable, associated with Fall program.
- Minor Division Director is responsible for organizing the Westchester Classic.

Umpire Director

- Arranges for umpires at all games (both paid and volunteer).
- Must have thorough understanding of all league rules, and Little League policies and procedures with respect to rules.
- Works closely with Chief Umpire on rules clarification and the assignment of paid umpires at all games.

Safety Director

- Responsible for the implementation of the Little League ASAP safety program.
- Maintaining, posting and enforcing all safety rules.
 Performing site inspections and reporting safety concerns to the Board.
- Conducts training clinics, as required.
- Key safety contact for District 37 staff.

Field Director

- Overall responsibility for the condition and maintenance of both fields.
- Supervise the Field Maintenance Supervisors
- Primary contact for the City of Los Angeles, Parks and Rec. Dept.

Communications Director

- Manages the League's Home Page
- Manages the DRALL email newsletter
- Coordinates publicity with local newspapers/media

Coaching Coordinator

- Represents coaches/managers in league
- Presents a coach/manager training budget to the board
- Gains the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program
- Orders and distributes training materials to players, coaches and managers
- Coordinates mini-clinics as necessary
- Helps implement <u>www.LittleLeagueCoach.org</u> as the manager-coach education program for the league.

Concession Manager

- Maintains the operation of concession facilities
- Organizes the purchase of concession products
- Responsible for the management of the concession sales at league events
- Coordinates with Team Parent Coordinator to schedule volunteers to work the concession booth during league events
- Collects and reviews concession related offers including coupons, discounts and bulk-purchasing opportunities

• Organizes, tallies and keeps records of concession sales and purchases

Team Parent Coordinator TBD