

OFFICIAL BYLAWS

OF

St. Mary's Little League

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Article I - Name

Name. This organization shall be known as St. Mary's Little League, hereinafter referred to as "SMLL".

Article II – Objective

Objective. The objective of SMLL is to give children in our community the opportunity to play baseball or softball; provide them with an outlet for healthy activity and training; and to develop traits that allow them to be the best version of themselves and active members of our community. SMLL will strive to instill in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority. This league was built by the community, for the community; and baseball and softball are the mechanisms for SMLL to develop well-rounded and confident individuals who will take the lessons they learn with them off the field and into the professional world.

Goal. To achieve this objective, SMLL will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League® International. All directors, officers and members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or winning games is secondary, whereas having fun, developing confidence, and fostering good sportsmanship is of prime importance.

501(c)(3) Compliance. In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, SMLL shall operate exclusively as a non-profit organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any profit shareholder or individual. SMLL shall not carry on propaganda, attempt to influence legislation, nor intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Bylaws. The Articles of Incorporation, as approved by Little League® Headquarters, SMLL, and the State of Maryland, are the authority of these bylaws. These bylaws are binding to all SMLL activities and any divisions participating in Interleague play, which are governed by District 7 approved Interleague Policy and Procedures.

Article III - Membership

Eligibility. Any person sincerely interested in active participation to achieve the objective of SMLL, and meets the requirements in Section 2, may become a member.

Members. There shall be the following classes of members.

A. Player Members. Any boy or girl meeting the age requirements of Little League®, and who resides within the operational boundaries of SMLL, shall be eligible. This is a non-voting membership. As used hereinafter, the word "player" shall mean player member.

B. Regular Members. Adults age sixteen (16) years or older are eligible for regular membership by having a child registered as a player or by being directly involved as a volunteer administrator, manager, coach, or umpire.

Regular members have voting rights at General Meetings. As used hereinafter, the word "member" shall mean regular member.

Termination and Suspension. Players or members may be terminated or suspended with probable cause by a majority vote of a Board of Directors.

Conduct. All players, managers, coaches and members of SMLL shall be made aware of the Little League® Player Code of Conduct, Parent Code of Conduct, Coaches Code of Conduct and of the objective of SMLL, as specified in these bylaws. All players, managers, coaches, and members, when attending SMLL games, meetings, and other functions, are responsible for conducting themselves in a manner consistent with the objectives of SMLL. Any member who witnesses conduct by players, managers, coaches, or members, which is inconsistent with the objective of this league, is entitled to and responsible for reporting such conduct within seven (7) days of the incident as follows:

- A. **Player Conduct:** If a player shows conduct inconsistent with the Little League® Player Code of Conduct and/or the objectives of SMLL as specified in these bylaws, any member witness to the conduct shall report it to the Manager of the affected team, the Division Commissioner and the Division Player Agent in written form or email.

- B. **Manager or Coach Conduct:** If a Manager or Coach shows conduct inconsistent with the Little League® Parent Code of Conduct, Coaches Code of Conduct and/or the objectives of SMLL as specified in these bylaws, any member witness to the conduct shall report it to the Division Commissioner, Division Vice President and President in written form or email.

- C. **Member Conduct:** If a member shows conduct inconsistent with the Little League® Parent Code of Conduct and/or the objectives of SMLL as specified in these bylaws, any member witness to the conduct shall report it to the Manager of the affected team, the Division Commissioner and the Division Vice President in written form or email.

When a report of conduct inconsistent with the Little League® Codes of Conduct and/or the objectives of SMLL as specified in these bylaws is reported, the Board of Directors shall resolve the incident using appropriate disciplinary action as defined in Article III- Membership; Disciplinary Action.

Ejections, Unsportsmanlike Conduct and/or Violations of the Regulations and Rules. Any ejection of players, coaches or managers by an Umpire due to unsportsmanlike conduct and/or violations of the regulations and rules of the Little League® Codes of Conduct, Rulebook or SMLL Bylaws will lead to a review and possible further disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. Rule 4.07 from the Little League® Rulebook states that any manager, coach, or player ejected from a game must serve a minimum one game suspension.

Disciplinary Action. Any ejections, unsportsmanlike conduct and/or violations of the regulations and rules of the Little League® Rulebook, Codes of Conduct and SMLL Bylaws that are detrimental to the objectives of SMLL, either at the game site or any other Little League® activity, including through online or social media by players, managers, coaches or members, will require the Board of Directors to establish a disciplinary review committee to determine if more disciplinary action (outside of the required one game suspension from Little League® Rule 4.07 for ejections) is necessary. The review committee cannot overturn the required one game suspension from Little League® Rule 4.07 but may recommend more games based on review.

Disciplinary Review Committee. The Divisional Vice President will establish a committee of three (3) members from the Board of Directors to investigate ejections, unsportsmanlike conduct and/or violations of the regulations and, rules that shall recommend any disciplinary action for the Board of Directors to vote on. When the review committee is convened for

review of a player, the committee will consist of the Divisional Vice President, the Division Player Agent and one (1) other member from the Board of Directors selected by the Divisional Vice President. When the review committee is convened for review of a manager, coach or member, the committee will consist of the President and two (2) other members from the Board of Directors selected by the President.

Disciplinary Review Committee Process. Any ejection, unsportsmanlike conduct and/or violations of the regulations and rules that are detrimental to the objectives of SMLL will be subject to the following processes:

A. **Ejections:** The Divisional Vice President will obtain a written report from the ejecting umpire, manager for the ejected player and/or ejected volunteer. In some cases, the Divisional Vice President can invite other attending league members at the location where the incident occurred to provide a written report. The review committee will utilize the written reports to recommend if more than the one standard game suspension should be recommended.

B. Unsportsmanlike Conduct and/or Violations of the Regulations and Rules:

1. The Divisional Vice President shall notify the player or member involved of such a meeting with the review committee, inform them of the general nature of the charges and give them an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
2. The Divisional Vice President shall, in the case of a player, give notice to the manager of the player who shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before the review committee.

3. The Divisional Vice President shall, in the case of a player, give notice to the player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s), who should appear before the review committee with the player.

At the conclusion of the investigation and at the recommendation of the review committee, the Board of Directors shall, by majority vote, have full power to suspend or revoke such player, manager, coach, or member's right to future participation.

All disciplinary review meetings will be closed to the public and all matters discussed will remain confidential within said meetings.

Information Access. Players shall be required to submit, to the league, their name, home address, date of birth, email address, and phone number, for the recording of such information into official league records. This information shall be used only for the transaction of official SMLL business.

Social Media. SMLL reserves all rights to post text, photos, and videos to the league's social media accounts. Parents shall be notified in writing or verbally that their child's game, practice, or event could be shared on SMLL's social media accounts. Parents reserve the right to refuse their child participating in social media posts. SMLL will not use the name of any child without written or verbal consent from the player's parent or legal guardian.

Article IV – Dues/Registration Fees

Registration Fees. The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, may assess dues and/or a registration fee as a requirement for regular membership. Registration fees will be set to cover the operating cost of the league.

Refund Policy. Any regular member requesting a refund will be granted one prior to registration closing for the Spring or Fall season. Once registration closes, any refund request will not be granted, regardless of reasoning from the player or parent.

Article V – Meetings

General Meeting of the Members. General meetings of SMLL may be held more than once per year. A mandatory meeting must be held in October for the purpose of election of officers. For the purposes of convening a general meeting and for the transaction of business, no action may be taken unless a quorum (defined in Article V, Section 5) of regular members is present to vote on the proposal. Notice of a General Meeting shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting either personally, by mail, e-mail, Facebook, or public notice.

Special Meetings of the Members. Special meetings of the members may be called by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, at the discretion of the President, or by the written request of five (5) members. The President shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members. Notice of a Special Meeting shall be given at least five (5) days prior to such meeting either personally, by mail, e-mail, Facebook, or public notice.

Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual election and, on such days, thereafter, as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Meetings shall last no longer than two (2) hours maximum. A minimum of ten (10) regular meetings of the Board of Directors must be

established over the course of a calendar year. Meetings may take place in a public venue or virtually (Google Meet, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc.).

Special Meetings of the Board of Directors. The President may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall, at the request of a Board member, issue a call for a special meeting of the Board of Directors. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Board of Directors. Notice of a Special Meeting shall be given at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to such meeting either personally (phone call or text), by mail, e-mail, or other communication platform (Google Workspace, etc.).

Quorum. For meetings of the membership, the presence of at least ten (10) members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. For meetings of the Board of Directors, the presence of at least six (6) Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. A two-third vote of members of the Board of Directors present shall be required for the transaction of any business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Voting. Members, in good standing, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the members. Board members filling elected positions on the Board of Directors and the Umpire in Chief shall be eligible to vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall not have voting rights during any meeting.

Election of Board Members Procedures

- A. Proper written notice stating date, place and time shall be given to all members in good standing ten (10) days in advance of the date the election is to be held. All members must be active and in good standing to be eligible to vote and/or become a nominee for election to the Board of Directors.

- B. When the election portion of the annual meeting takes place; the first order of business is to determine if a quorum is present.
- C. Once a quorum is established, it is proper to determine how many members are to be selected to the Board of Directors. The local constitution establishes a number that should be elected, but this number can be increased or decreased depending on need by a two-thirds majority of the members present.
- D. After the number of directors to be elected has been determined, the nominating committee will report and present the names of candidates by position who have been screened and have accepted to serve if elected.
- E. Once the nominating committee's report is accepted, the nominations shall be opened to the floor and any member may nominate another member as a candidate for election.
- F. After the members present have completed their efforts to nominate additional members, the nomination procedure will be closed by affirmation.
- G. Voting shall take place via a show of hands or by casting ballots as approved by a two-thirds majority of the members present. Every member will cast one vote for one eligible candidate for each position.
- H. The appointed Election Chairperson, clerks, and tellers will count hands or ballots. The total number shall be no more than the number of members present.

- I. The persons having the highest number of votes by position shall become a member of the new Board of Directors.
- J. The Secretary of the Board, as the first official responsibility, shall notify Little League® Headquarters, the Regional Director, and the District Administrator of the election and the identity of the officers so proper communications may commence with the new Board of Directors on or after October 1.

Article VI - Board of Directors

Board of Directors and Number. The management of the property and affairs of SMLL shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of directors shall not be less than eight (8) and not more than fifteen (15). The directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties, and shall continue in office until the next scheduled election.

Required members. The Board of Directors membership, at minimum, shall include the following elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Umpire in Chief, Coaching Coordinator, and Safety Officer. All other positions on the Board of Directors and Executive Committees are listed in Article VII.

Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, the vacancy may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors. This vote may take place at any regular meeting or special meetings of the Board of Directors. If the vote is for a required member, the process may take place over email.

Duties and Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such temporary and standing committees as it deems

appropriate, and to delegate such powers to the committees as the Board of Directors deems advisable. The Board of Directors may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of SMLL as it may deem proper.

Restrictions. No member of the Board of Directors shall be allowed to serve as a commissioner, unless a vacant position arises. Members of the Board of Directors may only serve as an interim commissioner until the position is filled.

Board Conduct. The Board of Directors shall have the power, by a quorum and by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors, to discipline, suspend, or remove any Director, Officer, or Committee member of SMLL. Directors are required to attend two-thirds of the meetings. Failure to do so may result in removal from the Board of Directors.

Annual Meeting. The membership shall receive, at the annual meeting of the members, a report verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of Directors, showing the values and locations of properties, investments, and accounts owned by SMLL.

A. **Treasurer's Report** - The Treasurer's Report shall also include the date of the report, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding, the manner of the acquisition and the amount applied, money received or expended during the year immediately preceding such date, and the purposes, objects, or persons to or for which such applications or expenditures have been made.

B. **President's Report** - The President shall report the number of players and volunteers. The treasury and membership reports

shall be filed with the records of SMLL and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting.

Document Storage. All briefs, treasurer reports and any other documents that are important regarding the execution of SMLL's objectives shall be saved on the league's Google Drive for ease of access for all Board of Directors.

Proxy. Board members have the right to name any member (in good standing) as personal proxy to attend regular Board meetings. The President shall be notified of the Board member's intent to be represented by a proxy prior to the scheduled meeting. The proxy will have the same voting rights as the Board member they are representing at any Board of Directors meeting.

Article VII - Board of Directors Duties

Positions. The Board of Directors will consist of the following positions:

1. President
2. Vice President of Baseball
3. Vice President of Softball
4. Player Agent of Baseball
5. Player Agent of Softball
6. Treasurer
7. Secretary
8. Umpire in Chief
9. Coaching Coordinator
10. Safety Officer

These Board positions will be the only voting members. Other positions will be considered the Executive Committee and will not have voting powers. The Board of Directors may include up to fifteen (15) positions. A majority vote of the Board of Directors is required to add or remove a position.

President. The President shall:

1. Preside at all meetings of the members and meetings of the Board of Directors.
2. Present a report of the condition of SMLL at the annual meeting.
3. Conduct the affairs of SMLL and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
4. Communicate to the Board of Directors, such matters as deemed appropriate, and make suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the league.
5. Be responsible for the conduct of SMLL in strict conformity to the policies, principles, and rules and regulations of Little League® International, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to SMLL by that organization.
6. Designate in writing, other officers as necessary, to have power to make and execute for and in the name of SMLL such contracts and leases they receive, and which have had prior approval of the Board of Directors.
7. Work with the Treasurer to prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the execution thereof.

8. With the assistance of the Division Player Agent and Divisional Vice President, examine the application and support proof-of-age documents of every player candidate, and certify residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for selection to a tournament team.
9. Follow the Little League® Rule for the President to manage, coach or umpire while holding the office of President.
10. Shall be responsible for critical tasks to maintain league operations for any vacant position.

Vice President of Baseball.

The Vice President of Baseball shall:

1. In the case of the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President of Baseball shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have the powers of that office.
2. Support the President in the day-to-day operations of the League in duties assigned by the President and /or Board of Directors.
3. Represent the League at District meetings in the absence of the President.
4. With the assistance of the Player Agent of Baseball, examine the application and supporting proof of age documents of every player candidate to certify residence and age eligibility before any player may be accepted for selection to tournament teams.
5. Be the liaison between the President and Division Commissioners (Bitty Ball/T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Minors Baseball, Majors Baseball,

Jr/Sr Baseball) for complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to SMLL.

6. Work with the Field Coordinator to review and distribute field allocations for all Baseball Divisions and inform each Division Commissioner of their field availability.
7. Receive managers and coaches list, prior to each season, from Commissioners. Review and submit managers and coach's names to the Board of Directors for approval.
8. Review competitive game schedules for fairness and balance.
9. Act as the liaison between the Board of Directors and Division Commissioners (Bitty Ball/T-Ball Baseball, Coach Pitch, Minors Baseball, Majors Baseball, Jr/Sr Baseball) to ensure that regular meetings are held with Division Commissioners to pass along all information pertaining to Baseball
10. Bring any issues or concerns needing to have a recorded vote to the Board of Directors and inform the Commissioners of the outcome.
11. Convene a Protest Committee in accordance with the Little League®, Official Regulations and Playing Rules and Article VIII, Section 2 of these bylaws.

Vice President of Softball.

The Vice President of Softball shall:

1. In the case of the absence or disability of the President and the Vice President of Baseball, the Vice President of Softball shall

perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have the powers of that office.

2. Support the President in the day-to-day operations of the League in duties assigned by the President and /or Board of Directors.
3. Represent the League at District meetings in the absence of the President.
4. With the assistance of the Player Agent of Softball, examine the application and supporting proof of age documents of every player candidate to certify residence and age eligibility before any player may be accepted for selection to tournament teams.
5. Be the liaison between the President and Division Commissioners (BittyBall/TBall Softball, Pony Softball, Minors Softball, Majors Softball, Jr/Sr Softball) for complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to SMLL.
6. Work with the Field Coordinator to review and distribute field allocations for all Baseball Divisions and inform each Division Commissioner of their field availability.
7. Receive managers and coaches list, prior to each season, from Commissioners. Review and submit managers and coach's names to the Board of Directors for approval.
8. Review competitive game schedules for fairness and balance.
9. Act as the liaison between the Board of Directors and Division Commissioners (BittyBall/TBall Softball, Pony Softball, Minors Softball, Majors Softball, Jr/Sr Softball) to ensure that regular meetings are held with Division Commissioners to pass along all information pertaining to Softball.

10. Bring any issues or concerns needing to have a recorded vote to the Board of Directors and inform the Commissioners of the outcome.
11. Convene a Protest Committee in accordance with the Little League®, Official Regulations and Playing Rules and Article VIII, Section 2 of these bylaws.

Secretary

The Secretary shall:

1. Be responsible for recording the activities of SMLL and maintain appropriate files, distribution lists, and necessary records.
2. Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such 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 members, Directors and Executive Committee members and give notice of all meetings of the members, the Board of Directors, and committees.
4. Keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and Board of Directors and cause them to be recorded in a book or document stored in the SMLL Google Drive kept for that purpose.
5. 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. In the absence of a nominating committee, the secretary will coordinate and advertise slate for election of new officers.
7. Shall notify Little League® Headquarters, the Regional Director and the District Administrator of the election and the identity of the Board of Directors by October 30.
8. Work with the President to establish and reserve a location for Board of Director meetings.
9. Work with the Event Coordinator to ensure the Google Workspace calendar is up to date with current meetings and SMLL hosted events.

Treasurer

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 the Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors, to include a financial statement at all meetings.
2. Receive all monies and securities and deposit the same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
3. Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of SMLL, 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. Purchases by bank card must be approved by two board members prior to use.

4. Work with the President to prepare an annual budget for submission to the Board of Directors at the Board meeting preceding the regular meeting of the members.
5. Submit to an audit annually, or when relinquishing duties, or at the request of the Board of Directors. The date and type (inside or outside) of the annual audit shall be determined by the current President.
6. Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the membership and Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the members.
7. Prepare and submit SMLL papers as required by Maryland State and Federal Laws.
8. Prepare and submit the SMLL Financial Statement to Little League® Headquarters in accordance with Little League® regulations.
9. Pay all expenses for the league fiscal year prior to turning over volunteer Treasurer duties to a newly elected candidate.
10. Handle any registration refunds or balance transfers.

Player Agent.

SMLL shall have a minimum of two Player Agents established: one for Baseball and one for Softball. The Player Agents shall serve Minors divisions and up. The Board of Directors may appoint an Assistant Player Agent to assist with duties, one which does not and shall not manage or coach a competitive division team.

The Player Agent shall:

1. Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and current record thereof.
2. Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist their respective Division Commissioner in checking residency and age eligibility requirements.
3. Prepare the Player Agent list and conduct player auction or draft and all other player transactions or selection meetings.
4. Work with the respective Division Commissioners to prepare and submit team rosters electronically to Little League® Headquarters, including players claimed within two weeks after Opening Day.
5. Prepare and execute all tournament team eligibility affidavits to include proof of residency, proof of age and eligibility.
6. Shall provide competitive Division Commissioners with rosters of all teams within their division.
7. Notify Little League® Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.
8. Work with competitive Division Commissioners to establish a draft plan prior to each Spring season that is approved by the Board of Directors.
9. Work with the Divisional Vice President and competitive Division Commissioners to establish a selection plan, prior to each Spring season, for Memorial Day and All-Star tournament teams.

Umpire in Chief.

The Umpire in Chief shall:

1. Solicit volunteer umpires from the SMLL membership and the community.
2. Ensure all umpires are properly trained and equipped.
3. Track distribution of umpire equipment.
4. Be responsible for the scheduling of umpires for SMLL games.
5. Coordinate, with the Chief Umpire of opposing leagues, the scheduling of umpires for inter-league games.
6. Be responsible for and represent at Board of Directors meetings, all umpires who officiate SMLL games.
7. Work with the Treasurer to order any equipment or uniforms needed for the season.
8. Prepare financial report for the Treasurer of umpire fees.
9. Not manage or coach while holding the office of Umpire in Chief.
10. Review ejections and actions taken by umpires as they arise and take action on those umpires as needed.

Safety Officer.

The Safety Officer shall:

1. Be responsible to create and maintain an awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for children and all participants.

2. Ensure all managers are aware of incident reporting procedures.
3. Collect incident reports from managers and coaches on all injuries to players, managers, and coaches, and work with the members in filing insurance claims in cases of injuries requiring medical treatment.
4. Complete and submit Little League's® yearly ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program) plan.
5. Ensure first aid kits are packed, replenished, dispersed, and returned for each Spring and Fall season.
6. Prior to the start of the Spring and Fall season, survey permitted fields with the Field Coordinator for any safety issues and have them addressed prior to the start of the season and submit a report of any issues found to the Board of Directors.

Coaching Coordinator.

The Coaching Coordinator shall:

1. Represent all managers/coaches in the league.
2. Present a manager/coach training budget to the Board of Directors.
3. Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program.
4. Order and distribute training materials to players, managers, and coaches.
5. Coordinate coach's clinics as necessary.

6. Serve as a contact person for Little League® and its managercoach education.
7. Receive and distribute coaching information from Little League International® and distributes to all managers and coaches.
8. Work with Commissioners to establish date, time, and location of player's clinics.

Article VIII – Removal of Board Members or Executive Committee Members

Grounds for Removal. A member of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may be considered for removal if any of the following conditions are met:

1. Failure to support the vision and mission of St. Mary's Little League or Little League International.
2. Violation of the organization's bylaws or governing policies.
3. Failure to perform assigned duties or responsibilities in a timely or effective manner.
4. Submission of a written request for removal by any member of the Board of Directors, addressed to the President.

Process for Removal. Removal of a Board of Directors or Executive Committee member requires a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full Board of Directors, excluding the member subject to removal. The member shall be given reasonable notice of the proposed action and an opportunity to address the Board before a vote is taken.

Article IX - Executive Committees

Division Commissioners. Each baseball and softball division with SMLL shall establish a Commissioner to oversee division operations.

The Division Commissioner shall:

1. Be responsible for and represent at Board of Directors meetings each team within his/her division.
2. Maintain the current statistical record of each team within his/her division, to include, as a minimum, games won and lost, and innings pitched by each pitcher. Collect information from managers daily.
3. Assist the Equipment Manager in the distribution and return of equipment within his/her division and be present for each.
4. Be responsible for unpacking and storing all equipment from bags once equipment return is completed for each season.
5. Provide the Equipment Coordinator with a list of equipment that needs to be replaced due to defects from within their respective division.
6. Recruit candidates for positions of manager and coaches within his/her division and submit their names to their respective Vice President for approval prior to the start of the Spring and Fall Season.
7. Be responsible for scheduling practices, games and ensuring that all canceled/postponed games are

rescheduled and communicated to managers in accordance with Article XV, Sections 6 and 7 and shall notify the Chief Umpire of any games that have been rescheduled.

8. Coordinate the assignment of fields and umpires for canceled games due to weather or request by home team manager more than 48 hours prior to the normally scheduled game time.
9. In competitive divisions, Commissioners will work with their Division Player Agent to establish a draft plan that will be approved by the Board of Directors prior to each season.
10. In competitive divisions, Commissioners will work with their Division Player Agent to establish a selection plan for Memorial Day and All-Star teams prior to the start of the Spring season that will be approved by the Board of Directors.
11. Report complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to SMLL to their Divisional Vice President, and shall investigate the same as directed by the President or the Board of Directors of these bylaws.
12. Work closely with Volunteer Coordinator for acquiring and processing background checks for managers and coaches.
13. Perform duties, from time to time, as may be assigned by their Divisional Vice President and/or Board of Directors.
14. Schedule and hold coaches meeting each season with all coaches within their division.

15. Work with the Coaching Coordinator to establish clinic stations and will seek volunteers to assist.

Field Coordinator.

The Field Coordinator shall:

1. Be the League liaison person with St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks for maintenance, safety and upkeep of park and school fields used by the league teams.
2. Work with managers and coaches of teams assigned to privately owned fields in the upkeep and maintenance of those fields.
3. Work with the Vice Presidents to help create their practice and game schedules by assigning them fields for their practice/game days.
4. Work with the Safety Officer to Inspect fields prior to the start of the Spring and Fall season to ensure they are ready for practices and games and submit report to the Board of Directors.

Equipment Coordinator.

The Equipment Coordinator shall:

1. Be responsible for creating, updating, and maintaining an electronic equipment inventory which meets all safety standards and is in good working condition that will be stored within the SMLL Google Drive.
2. Reach out the Division Commissioners prior to the start of each season to define necessary equipment that teams will need to start their season.

3. Provide equipment pickup and return dates for the Spring and Fall seasons, and be present for each.
4. Maintain records on all equipment, issued to each team manager and ensure all equipment is returned at the end of the season.
5. Provide the Treasurer and Divisional Vice Presidents the name of any manager that does not return equipment when requested to have bills submitted to the delinquent managers.
6. Work with the Treasurer and Divisional Vice Presidents to purchase necessary equipment so managers and coaches have all necessary equipment for games and practices
7. Provide input to the yearly budget for all expected equipment purchases for the year.
8. Provide an annual inventory and restock report to the Board of Directors.

Awards and Events Coordinator.

The Awards and Events Coordinator shall:

1. Plan and execute events for the league that promote the values and objectives of SMLL.
2. Plan and execute events that promote the league through community involvement.
3. Work with the Fundraising Coordinator when necessary to develop events that offer fundraising opportunities for SMLL.

4. Assist the President and Divisional Vice Presidents in the planning and preparation for Opening Day activities.
5. Oversee any committees established that will assist with events, such as Opening Day Committee, Banana Ball, Little League Days, etc.
6. Provide input to the President and Treasurer for yearly budget activities.
7. Work with the Secretary to ensure the Google Workspace calendar is up to date with current meetings and SMLL hosted events.
8. Be responsible for ordering and distributing awards for showcase game participants.
9. Be responsible for ordering and distributing awards for noncompetitive divisions that require awards.
10. Be responsible for ordering and distributing awards, through Division Commissioners, for league championships for competitive divisions that require awards.

Fundraising Coordinator.

The Fundraising Coordinator shall:

1. Plan and manage all fundraising activities of the league including the one activity involving the players.
2. Coordinate fundraising activities with the Event Coordinator to ensure maximum exposure to fundraising initiatives.

3. Provide input to the President and Treasurer for yearly budget activities.

Sponsorship Coordinator.

The Sponsorship Coordinator shall:

1. Recruit sponsors for all teams in the league from businesses and fraternal organizations in the community.
2. Keep sponsors informed of league activities including Picture Day, Opening Day, and schedules for the teams they sponsor.
3. Provide the Uniform Coordinators a list of all sponsors, how many teams they will be sponsoring, and what teams, if requested, they would like to sponsor.
4. Distribute appreciation plaques to Sponsors from the Spring season.
5. Collect and deposit the sponsorship checks received at the SMLL P.O. Box and inform the Treasurer of the deposit.
6. Order banners for sponsors to showcase on Opening Day.

Uniform Coordinators.

The Uniform Coordinators shall:

1. Work with the Board of Directors to select uniform vendors and uniform styles for Spring, Fall, Memorial Day, and All-Star seasons.

2. Consolidate order for vendor processing, distribute uniforms to Managers, handle uniform issues as they arise and approve vendor invoice(s) for payment.

Volunteer Coordinator.

The Volunteer Coordinator shall:

1. Be responsible for acquiring and processing all volunteer background checks.
2. Coordinate with the Division Commissioners for Managers and Coaches for Little League® background checks through the required background check system.
3. Coordinate with St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks on county required background checks.
4. Distribute approved background identification badges (if applicable).

League Information Coordinator.

The League Information Coordinator shall:

1. Establish and manage the league's official social media accounts and website.
2. Ensure that league news and scores (if available) are updated online on a regular basis.
3. Collect, post, and distribute important information on league activities including direct dissemination of fundraising and sponsor activities to Little League, the district, the public, league members, and the media.

4. 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 International.
5. Direct questions and concerns received via email, website, and/or social media to appropriate people.

Article X - Other Committees

Establishing Committees. The Board of Directors may establish any necessary committee to assist with the orderly operations of the league (i.e., Opening Day Committee, Registration Committee, etc.).

Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed members.

The committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates, and submit, at the annual meeting, a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors.

Protest Committee. In the event of the protest of a game, the Board of Directors shall appoint a Protest Committee consisting of the President, Divisional Vice President, Commissioner of the division involved, Player Agent, and the Umpire in Chief. In case of non-availability of those officials, positions will be filled by the League Officials, according, to the seniority, as listed in Article VII. In case of non-availability of the Umpire in Chief, the most senior SMLL umpire available shall be appointed as a temporary committee member.

Article XI - Affiliation

Charter. SMLL shall annually apply for a charter from Little League® and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter.

SMLL 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.

Article XII - Rules and Regulations

Official Playing Rules. The Official Playing Regulations and Rules as published by Little League® shall be binding on SMLL.

Local League Rules - Competitive Divisions. The local rules of SMLL shall 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 and shall in no way conflict with the Official Playing Regulations and Rules of Little League®. The local rules of SMLL must be sent to each Manager at least two weeks prior to the first scheduled game.

Supplemental Rules - Non-Competitive Divisions. Non-competitive divisions of baseball and softball in SMLL may adopt supplemental rules for each non-competitive division. Each season, the supplemental rules shall be reviewed by the Commissioner and Vice President of that division. The supplemental rules must be sent to each Manager at least two weeks prior to the first scheduled game. See Appendix A for **Supplemental Rules - Non-Competitive Divisions**

Article XIII - Financial and Accounting

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

League Funding. The Board of Directors shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams, but shall solicit for common treasury of SMLL, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize, as much as practical, the benefits to SMLL. The Board of Directors shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League®, unless all the funds so raised are placed in the SMLL treasury.

Disbursement of Funds. The Board of Directors shall not permit the disbursement of SMLL funds for other than the conduct of Little League® activities in accordance with the rules and policies of Little League®. The SMLL Treasurer, or other such officers as the Board of Directors shall determine, shall sign all checks. All debit card requests must be requested through the Treasurer and approved by the President.

Salary or Compensation. No director, officer, or member of SMLL shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, or emolument from SMLL for services rendered as Director, Officer, or Member.

Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of SMLL shall begin on the first day of January and shall end on the last day of December.

Distribution of Property Upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of SMLL, and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the

members shall direct the remaining property of SMLL to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

Article XIV - Sponsors

Solicitation. The Sponsorship Coordinator or any Director, Officer, or Member, in accordance with Little League® Rules and Regulations, shall solicit team sponsors.

Team Assignment. Whenever possible, one sponsor will be assigned to each team for the playing season. The sponsor's desire for an individual team will be honored whenever practical.

Publicity. Suitable publicity for the sponsors shall be the responsibility of the Sponsorship Coordinator. Minimum publicity shall consist of team uniforms which show the sponsor's name (no logo) in accordance with Little League® Rules and Regulations.

Purpose of Sponsorships. Sponsorship of a team with SMLL must be, for the Sponsor, out of a sense of duty to help the community. While Sponsorship does afford some benefits, the higher purpose is to help SMLL impart the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play to the children of the community, so that they may someday use these values in becoming good citizens.

Rights of Sponsors. Sponsorship of SMLL does not permit the Sponsor to have any rights or responsibilities in the operation of SMLL or any team in SMLL, nor does the Sponsor have any rights or responsibilities in the selection of managers, coaches, or players for any team in SMLL. Nothing herein shall make us partners or joint ventures. The Sponsor and SMLL are

independent contractors with respect to one another, and neither shall have any authority to represent or bind the other in any manner or to any extent whatsoever, except as specified herein.

SMLL Sponsor vs Little League Sponsor. Any reference to the Sponsorship under the agreement must make it clear that the Sponsorship is with SMLL ONLY, and NOT with Little League® Baseball and Softball, the organization. Use of the marks of logos of Little League® Baseball and Softball by any local sponsor is prohibited unless permission is expressly granted in writing by Little League®. Use of the marks of logos of SMLL by any local sponsor is allowed with proper approval by Sponsorship Coordinator and Board of Directors.

Article XV - Playing Fields

Field Inspection Prior to Start of Season. Each playing field utilized by SMLL will be inspected by the Safety Officer and Field Coordinator and certified as to adequacy for practice sessions or game play at least two weeks prior to the start of the season. Any safety concerns should be addressed with the Safety Officer and St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks.

Field Permits. The Field Coordinator will initiate requests for field utilization (schools, private, or military, etc.) with St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks via their online reservation system.

Field Preparation. The home team manager of each game is responsible for field preparation, including chalking and bases, unless agreements are in place with St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks. Proper preparation must be completed prior to the scheduled game time. SMLL is responsible for

providing bases, chalk and tools necessary to prepare the county fields for play. Because of local rules prohibiting the storage of equipment at school fields, SMLL is only responsible for providing the necessary equipment at county parks utilized by the league.

Privately Owned Fields. On private fields, field maintenance such as clean-up and periodic grass cutting is the responsibility of SMLL, with help from volunteers assigned to those fields.

Article XVI - Uniforms

Uniforms. Each baseball division (to include Baseball T-Ball) shall receive, at minimum, a team jersey and team hat for each playing season. Baseball and Softball Bitty Ball shall receive, at minimum, a team jersey for each playing season. Each softball division (not including Softball Bitty Ball or Softball T-Ball) shall receive, at minimum, a team jersey, and team-colored socks. Uniform purchases shall take into consideration budgeted amounts for each season.

Practice Attire. The following items are recommended to be worn to ensure a safe and comfortable practice for all players:

- Long pants are recommended to be worn for all practice sessions for baseball divisions except for Bitty Ball, T-Ball, and all softball divisions where shorts may be worn.
- Cotton or synthetic blend shirts are recommended for practices. Dress shirts such as oxfords, Polos and dresses are prohibited.
- Cleats shall be worn for all practice sessions for all baseball and softball divisions, except for Bitty Ball and T-Ball. Dress

shoes, sandals, flip flops, rain boots, boots, slippers, etc. are prohibited.

Game Attire. The following items should be worn to ensure a uniformed look is achieved that positively represents SMLL, while keeping players safe and comfortable during games:

- Long pants shall be worn for all games for all baseball divisions except for all softball divisions where shorts may be worn.
- League provided jerseys, without alterations, league provided hats (if applicable) and league provided socks (if applicable) must be worn during all games.

Article XVII - Team Organization

Registration. Registration and assessment details shall be initiated and coordinated by the Division Player Agent (or Divisional Vice President where applicable) and shall be in accordance with current Little League® Rules and Regulations. The Division Player Agent and Division Commissioner shall properly conduct each draft, assisted by the Divisional Vice President.

Play Up Requests. SMLL will consider all play up requests that are within the age ranges established by the Little League® rulebook. A play up request is NOT a guarantee that a player will be able to play in the requested division. Each player will need to be assessed via a method approved by the Division Commissioner of the requested division and the Divisional Vice President.

Tryouts and Assessments. The League shall schedule, at a minimum, two (2) assessment or tryout dates. Players are required to attend and participate in at least one (1) assessment, with two (2) or more suggested, to be considered for the draft.

Blind Draft Pick. Any player failing to attend at least one (1) assessment will not be draft eligible and is considered a Blind Draft Pick. That player will be placed on a team at the discretion of the Division Player Agent. That player may not be traded. Any exceptions requested by players or parents shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

Right to Return. All players have the right to return to their prior Spring roster within the same division. If a player is moving up to a different division, they are considered new to that division and must be assessed to be drafted. If a redraft is selected for the draft process for a division, ALL players must attend an assessment due to a redraft deeming all existing rosters null and void within that division.

Declaring for Draft. Players that are not returning to their previous Minor, Major, Junior, or Senior Spring team must declare to reenter the draft by notifying the Division Player Agent via email or in the notes section upon sign up for the Spring season. That player must be reassessed to be considered for draft to a team in these leagues, or else they'll be assigned at the discretion of the Player Agent as a Blind Draft Pick.

League Age and Divisions of Play.

Player leagues will be determined by league age as follows:

Non-Competitive Divisions:

- Bitty Ball: 4 years of age are eligible for Bitty Ball.

- Softball Bitty Ball: 4 years of age are eligible for Softball Bitty Ball.
- T-Ball: 5 - 6 years of age are eligible for T-Ball.
- Softball T-Ball: 5 - 6 years of age are eligible for Softball T-Ball.
- Pony Softball: 7 - 8 years of age are eligible for Pony Softball.
- Coach Pitch Baseball: 7 - 8 years of age are eligible for Coach Pitch Baseball.

Competitive Divisions

- Minors Baseball: 8 - 10 years of age are eligible for Minors Baseball.
- Minors Softball: 8 - 10 years of age are eligible for Minors Softball
- Majors Baseball: 10-12 years of age are eligible for Majors Baseball.
- Majors Softball: 10-12 years of age are eligible for Majors Softball.
- Juniors Baseball and Softball: 13-15 years of age are eligible to try out for a Junior team.
- Seniors Baseball and Softball: 13-16 years of age are eligible to try out for a Senior team.

Assignment of Players - Non-Competitive. The assignment of players to teams shall occur in the following manner:

All players in Bitty Ball, T-Ball, Coach Pitch, and Pony Softball shall be assigned to teams based on locality of player residences, parental requests, and assigned playing fields. The Division Commissioner shall, if possible, honor requests to place players with friends, neighbors, and former managers.

Assignment of Players - Competitive - Draft. Minors Baseball and Softball, Majors Baseball and Softball, Junior Baseball and Softball, and Senior Baseball and Softball will have a draft each Spring season to determine rosters. The draft must be conducted in accordance with the Little League Rulebook by one of the following methods laid out in the Local League Draft Methods Policies under Methods for Existing Leagues:

- **Plan A – Conventional Draft Plan**

- **Plan B – Redraft**

- **Plan C – Blind Draft Method**

Competitive Late Registration. Any player who registers after the assessment period will be placed on a waiting list. Late registrants will be assigned at the discretion of the Division Player Agent to teams only where there is a need. If they are play-up requests, they'll need to be evaluated per **Article XVI**.

Roster Sizes. Competitive divisions should roster no less than 10 players. Non-competitive divisions should roster no less than 9 players.

Team Assignment. Within two weeks of the start of each playing season, the Division Player Agent shall publish team rosters for competitive divisions, and the Division Commissioner shall publish team rosters for noncompetitive divisions. Published rosters are final and can only be changed as outlined below:

- A. **Extended Absence** - A Manager will report an extended absence (two games in a row) of a player to the appropriate Division Commissioner and Division Player Agent who will work together to determine if any additional action needs to be taken by the Board of Directors. Extended absence of a player due to injury will be an exception to maintaining a full roster. The manager will immediately report all injured players to the appropriate Division Commissioner and Division Player Agent. The Division Commissioner will notify the Divisional Vice President. The Board of Directors will review the status of all injured players. If a player will not recover from an injury by the end of the scheduled season and less than 50% of the season has been completed, the Board of Directors will release the player from the current team and direct the Manager to replace the player on the roster from the eligible players pool in the Minor League. If a player will recover from an injury by the end of the scheduled season or 50% or more of the season has been completed, the Board of Directors will allow the player(s) to remain on the roster of his current team and will allow that team to continue play without risk of protest. Failure to report an injury will be grounds for disciplinary action by the Board of Directors against the Manager.

B. **Roster Vacancy** - A manager will immediately notify the Division Player Agent and the appropriate Division Commissioner of any vacancy that leads to less than the required roster size, due to change of residence, permanent suspension, or voluntary separation of a player. In all cases except injury, the manager must fill the vacancy within one (1) week of the vacancy with an eligible replacement player. In case of no eligible replacement player, the Divisional Vice President, Division Player Agent, and the appropriate Division Commissioner will call for a meeting of the Board of Directors and determine a recommendation for resolution.

C. **Late Roster Additions** - No player will be assigned to a team during the final two weeks of the regular season. An exception will be made for teams that drop to nine players or less in which case, with Board of Directors approval, the Division Player Agent will assign the player to a team. Players placed on a team in this period will return to the draft pool for the following season and will not become permanent players to the drafting team.

D. **Request for Reassignment or Trade** – All request for reassignment or trades will be completed in accordance with the Little League® Rules and Regulations Book.

Roster Changes. The Division Player Agent will make any approved change to the original roster and immediately notify the appropriate Divisional Vice President, Division Commissioner, and Uniform Coordinators.

Article XVIII - Game Procedures

Conveyance of Games. All games will be conducted in accordance with current Little League® Official Regulations and Playing Rules, and as specified herein.

Pre-Game Warm-ups. The visiting team shall have the field, for warmups, from 20 minutes prior to game time until 5 minutes prior to game time. The home team will have warm-ups for the time prior to the visiting team.

Game balls. The home team will provide two (2) new balls to the umpire prior to the game, except the senior baseball home team, which will provide three (3) balls. After the game, the game balls will be returned to the home team. The home team, using suitable game balls, will replace balls lost or damaged during the game. Requests from the umpires for additional game balls will be made to the home team.

Umpires. Two or more umpires should be used for every Senior and Junior baseball game, and Jr/Sr softball game. All other competitive divisions should use a minimum of one (1) umpire.

- A. If an approved umpire is not present, a volunteer umpire may be chosen from the spectators that have completed the required background checks. Each team manager may provide one candidate to umpire, and a coin will be flipped by the away team manager with the home team manager calling heads or tails in the air, to determine selection of the umpire for the game.
- B. By allowing the game to start with an umpire selected from the stands, each manager automatically accepts the volunteers as being qualified. Failing to find acceptable umpires from the stands will result in the game being rescheduled.

Player Availability. If any manager becomes aware of an event (school or church) that will prevent their team from fielding nine (9) players, the manager shall contact the appropriate Division Commissioner at least two (2) days prior to the scheduled game to reschedule the game. The Umpire in Chief shall be notified of any postponement/field change or cancellation in as timely a manner as possible.

Postponements. The Division Commissioner shall coordinate and be final approving authority for rescheduling all games. The Division Commissioner shall work with the Divisional Vice President to utilize an alternate field, if necessary, for the rescheduling of make-up games. Rescheduled games may be played on Saturdays or after 11:00AM on Sundays and must be made up within fourteen (14) days of original game date. Failure to make up games, in accordance with these bylaws, shall be grounds for a forfeiture or double forfeiture, at the Board of Director's discretion.

Ineligible Players. Whenever an ineligible player is used in a game, that game will be forfeited to the opponent, subject to review by the Protest Committee.

Playoff Seeding. The team with the better regular season record will always be the higher seeded team and listed as the home team in the playoff.

Division Playoffs. In case of a tie between the two teams competing in the championship game for their division, head-to-head play during the season will determine seeding positions. In the case of a tie between two (2) or more teams, a drawing will be held by SMLL to determine playoff matchups. The League will determine all game sites.

Showcase Games. All non-competitive divisions are recommended to schedule a showcase game at the end of each Spring season to

showcase players across their respective divisions. The players for the showcase game will be selected one of four ways:

1. Players vote for two (2) players (dependent upon number of teams in division) to represent their respective team at the Showcase Game.
2. Managers select two (2) players to represent their team in the Showcase Game.
3. Assistant Coaches select two (2) players to represent their team in the Showcase Game.
4. Parents select two (2) players to represent their team in the Showcase Game.

Any roster vacancies that need to be filled to even out the roster sizes will be done so at the discretion of the Division Commissioner.

Scorekeeping. The official scorebook will be the home team's responsibility. The official scorekeeper will keep score outside of the dugout so they will be readily accessible to the opposing team's manager and scorekeeper. A coach in the dugout may keep a second book. At the time someone is appointed as the official scorekeeper, that person becomes a league official for the game and will conduct him or herself as such. Official scorekeeping may be conducted via physical scorebook or GameChanger mobile application. The scorekeeper is responsible for following line-up changes in the physical scorebook or GameChanger mobile application.

Game Times. No games or practices may be scheduled before 11am on Sundays. If a game is scheduled at 6pm with a game preceding at 8pm, no

new inning shall start after 7:45pm. If no game follows, games will play up to six (6) innings for Major or seven (7) innings for Junior/Senior or sunset. Ending time of play on a school night (Sunday - Thursday) is 10pm.

The following time limits shall be imposed for each division's games:

- Bitty Ball/T-Ball - One (1) hour; no new inning may start after forty five (45) minutes.
- Coach Pitch/Pony - One (1) hour thirty (30) minutes; no new inning may start after one (1) hour fifteen (15) minutes.
- Minors - No new inning may start after one (1) hour and fortyfive (45) minutes.
- Majors - No new inning may start after one (1) hour and fortyfive (45) minutes.
- Jr/Sr - No new inning may start after one (1) hour and fortyfive (45) minutes.

Article XIX – All-Stars and Tournament Teams

Eligibility. Please refer to the Little League Rulebook Tournament Organization section for All Star eligibility for Managers, Coaches and Players.

Team Formation. All-Star players and coaches will be formed in accordance with the Little League Rulebook.

Approval of Rosters. The Board of Directors have final approval on players, managers, and coaches for all All-Star rosters. The Board of

Directors shall have the authority to remove a player, manager or coach from any team for justifiable reasons.

Release of Names. Only the Manager or Division Commissioner may release the names of the selected players after approval by the Board of Directors. All other discussions during the selection process shall remain confidential and not to be discussed with anyone who is not present during the selection process.

Costs:

- A. **District tournaments.** SMLL will provide each all-star player with conventional baseball jersey, hat, and Little League® emblem/patch at the discretion of the Uniform Coordinator.

- B. **MD State tournaments.** SMLL all-star teams winning their Maryland District 7 all-star tournament will participate in Higher Level Little League® tournaments. If the tournament location is more than a 2-hour drive from California, Maryland, SMLL will provide a daily (meaning date games take place) per diem of \$20 for each team member and manager/coach to help offset the cost of meals. Parents of the players shall be responsible for covering the cost of lodging during tournaments.

- C. **Regional Tournament.** Teams winning the Maryland state tournament must meet with the Board of Directors via a call for a special board meeting before making any arrangements for their regional tournament to discuss what SMLL will provide for the players & coaches.

Article XX - Inclement Weather

Cancellations by St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks. In the case of inclement weather, St. Mary's County Recreation & Parks (R&P) has full control over the closure of all county and school fields, except for any privately owned entities managed or leased to SMLL.

Cancellations by SMLL. In some cases, especially on weekends, R&P may not close fields in a timely manner with the threat of impending inclement weather.

SMLL will take the following approach when making a decision to cancel games and practices:

- A. **Radar.** The Field Coordinator will monitor the weather radar from an accurate source at least two hours prior to scheduled game and practice times. When checking radar, if inclement weather is currently happening (i.e. it's raining when the Field Coordinator checks radar), the radar must show that inclement weather ending at least 30 minutes before scheduled game and practice times in order to allow them to take place. If the radar shows the inclement weather lasting through the start of game/practice times, the Field Coordinator must notify the Commissioners to make a decision on whether to cancel games/practices.

- B. **Decision.** When making a decision to cancel games or practices, the Field Coordinator and Commissioners must take into consideration the following factors: player safety, field integrity and the parent's commute to fields. If all three of those factors could be negatively affected, it is in the best interest of SMLL to cancel games/practices. Final decision authority lies within the Vice Presidents after consultation with Field Coordinator and/or other Board members.

Article XXI - Amendments

These bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered, in whole or in part, by a majority vote at a duly called Board of Directors meeting, to be held no less than two weeks after such changes have been proposed. Notice that bylaw amendments are on the agenda will be included in the notice of such a meeting.

Article XXII - Acceptance

These bylaws are accepted, for baseball and softball, by the Board of Directors of the St. Mary's Little League® and are in conjunction with the Official Little League® Rules and Regulations Book.

James Jones

President of SMLL

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