

Mountain House Little League

Baseball/Softball Bylaws

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Mountain House Little League Baseball/Softball Mission Statement:

At Mountain House Little League, our mission is to foster a lifelong love of baseball and softball by promoting the standards of citizenship, discipline, teamwork, and physical well-being in every child who steps onto our fields. As a proud charter member of Little League International, we are committed to the development of character, courage, and loyalty; values that extend far beyond the game.

We believe in nurturing not just future athletes but future leaders and compassionate community members. Through exemplary leadership, volunteerism, and community involvement, we strive to provide a safe, inclusive, and affordable environment where children and families come together to learn, grow, and celebrate the spirit of the game.

Our league is more than a place to play baseball and softball; it is a place to build character, create friendships, and strengthen the bonds of our Mountain House community.

General Policies:

Article I – Name

The name of the organization shall be Mountain House Little League, hereinafter referred to as "MHLL."

Article II – Objective

The objective of Mountain House Little League is to instill in the youth of our community the enduring values of sportsmanship, honesty, integrity, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority. Our goal is to provide a structured and supportive environment where boys and girls can learn the fundamentals of baseball and softball, while also developing essential life skills.

Through positive coaching, strong leadership, and active parental and community involvement, we aim to promote healthy physical, mental, and emotional development. Above all, Mountain House Little League is dedicated to helping children grow into responsible, confident, and respectful individuals, both on and off the field.

Article III – Membership

Section 1 – Eligibility

Any parent, legal guardian, or interested adult (18 years or older) residing within the Mountain House Little League boundaries may register for membership. Membership is governed and up to the discretion of the Board of Directors. Members in good standing in accordance with the Member Code of Conduct and other Member Policies.

Section 2 – Classes

- Player Members – All children registered to play in the League.
- Regular Members – Adults (18 years or older) residing within the Mountain House Little League boundaries who volunteer, coach, umpire, or are parents/legal guardians of Player Members.
- Board Member – Individuals who are Regular Members and are Voted into the board by existing members.

Section 3 – Voting Rights

Only Board Members are entitled to vote at League General Meetings.

Article IV – Board of Directors

Section 1 – Authority

The Board of Directors shall have the control and management of the property, affairs, and business of MHLL.

Section 2 – Composition

The Board shall consist of no fewer than 7* and no more than 15 members, including and up to:

- President*
- Vice President*
- Secretary*
- Treasurer*
- Player Agent*
- Safety Officer*
- Umpire-in-Chief*
- Uniforms Coordinator
- Information Officer
- Sponsorship Coordinator
- Equipment Manager
- Fields Manager
- Events Manager
- Scheduler
- Marketing Manager

Section 3 – Elections

Board members shall be elected annually at a Board Meeting by a majority vote of Board Members.

Section 4 – Term

Each Board Member shall serve a one-year term or until a successor is elected.

Section 5 – Meetings

The Board shall meet monthly during the Spring Little League Baseball season (December to June), and once every couple months the remainder of the year. Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board.

Section 6 – Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of current Board members.

Article V – Officers and Duties

Section 1 – President

- Chief executive officer of MHLL.
- Presides at all meetings.
- Serves as the primary liaison to Little League International.

Section 2 – Vice President

- Assists the President.
- Presides in the absence of the President.
- Oversees league operations.

Section 3 – Secretary

- Maintains meeting minutes and records.
- Handles correspondence and notifications.

Section 4 – Treasurer

- Manages league finances.
- Prepares and presents financial reports.
- Coordinates with CPA (if any) on taxes and filings.

Section 5 – Player Agent

- Handles player registration, tryouts, drafts, and player issues.
- Provides ongoing training to coaches in the league

Section 6 – Other Officers

- Roles and responsibilities of other positions shall be defined by the Board and updated annually.

Article VI – Committees

The Board may establish committees (e.g., Disciplinary, Events, Fundraising) to carry out specific tasks. Committee members may include Board and non-Board members.

Article VII – Financial Management

Section 1 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of MHLL shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

Section 2 – Banking

All league funds shall be deposited into accounts approved by the Board. All checks must be signed by an authorized officer as designated with the league's financial institution.

Section 3 – Budget

A budget shall be prepared by the Treasurer and approved by the Board before the start of each season.

Section 4 – Expenditures

No individual may obligate MHLL financially without prior Board approval.

Article VIII – Conflict of Interest

Board members and volunteers must disclose any actual or perceived conflicts of interest and recuse themselves from related decisions.

Article IX – Code of Conduct

All players, coaches, parents, and volunteers must adhere to the MHLL Code of Conduct. Violations may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or removal.

Article X – Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment is given to all members at least 10 days prior to the meeting.

Article XI – Dissolution

Upon dissolution of MHLL, all assets shall be distributed to a nonprofit youth sports organization, as determined by the Board and in accordance with IRS regulations.

Certification

These Bylaws were adopted by the Board of Directors of Mountain House Little League on July 23rd, 2025.