CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTLAKE LITTLE LEAGUE

Chula Vista, California

Adopted by the Membership – December 22, 2025

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President: Jorge Contreras

Fiscal Year: October 1 – September 30

Mission Statement

To implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, and to develop well-adjusted, confident, and responsible citizens through the game of baseball and softball.

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ARTICLE I - OFFICIAL NAME

This organization shall be known as the Eastlake Little League, hereinafter referred to as the "Local League."

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

Section 1 - Defined Objective

The objective of the Local League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger, and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens.

Section 2 - Achievement of Objective

To achieve this objective, the Local League will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Little League Softball or USA Softball, Incorporated. All Directors, Officers, and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Local League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earning shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Membership Eligibility

At its discretion, the Board of Directors of the Local League may extend the opportunity for League Membership to any person(s) sincerely interested in furthering the objective this Local League. Membership may be granted to such person(s) upon Board approval. Fees for membership and participation will be determined by the Board of Directors.

a. Baseball: The Local League membership shall consist of Members meeting the boundary requirements, as determined by District 42, and as described within the LLBI Official Regulations.

b. Softball: The local league membership shall consist of members meeting the boundary requirements as described within Little League Softball or USA Softball regulations.

Section 2 - Membership Classes

a. Player Members
All registered players in the Local League shall be recognized as “Player Members” and eligible for participation in practices, games and league activities. Player Members shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

b. Regular Members

Any household parent/guardian of a registered player obtains membership status as a “Regular Member”. Only Regular Members in good standing receive voting rights during the election of the Board of Directors.

Note: Regular Members of the league automatically include all current managers, coaches, volunteer umpires, board members, officers of the board, and any other person who is recognized by the Board as a volunteer in the Local League. As used hereinafter, the word "Member” shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

c. Board Members

Any adult Regular Member actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may submit to become a Board Member upon election. Only Members in good standing are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. A Member who has been subjected to formal disciplinary action by the Board of Directors shall not be eligible to serve on the Board at any time.

Section 3 - Other Affiliations

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

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

Section 4 - Suspension or Termination

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

a. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate the membership of any Member, including managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

b. The Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting.

ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS

Section 1 - Membership Dues

Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year.

Note: Dues for Regular Members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors. If no dues for Regular Membership are collected, Section 2 below does not apply.

Section 2 - Failure to Pay Dues

Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within ten (10) days of application to become a member may, by majority vote of the Board present at a Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1 - Definition

A Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the League, including the Annual Meeting, Regular Board Meetings and any Special Membership Meetings. A minimum of one (1) General Membership Meeting per year, designated as the Annual Meeting, is required.

Section 2 - Notice of Meeting

Notice of each Membership Meeting, including the electronic election of the Board of Directors, shall be delivered electronically to each Member at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall set forth the place, time, and purpose of the meeting.

Section 3 - Voting

Only members of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to make motions and vote at Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit, and recognize guests for presentations or comments during such meetings. Only Regular Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote in the election of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 - Annual Meeting of the Members

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held during the month of January each year, for the purpose of introducing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing:

a. The condition of the Local League, to be presented by the President or his/her designate;

b. A general summary of funds received and expended by the local league for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of the local league, and the name of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained;

c. The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League, where located, and where and how invested;

d. For the year immediately preceding, the amount and nature of the property acquired, with the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition, the amount applied, appropriated or expended, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made;

This report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting.

Section 5 - Special Membership Meetings

Special Board Meetings may be called by the President or Secretary, or shall be called upon written request of twenty (20) Regular Members or three (3) Directors. In the event a Special Meeting is called, the purpose of the meeting shall be specified in the notice, and no business other than that stated in the notice shall be conducted at the Special Meeting. Such meetings shall be scheduled not less than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the request.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Authority

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

Section 2 - Director Seats

The number of Directors on the Board shall be fixed at the Annual Meeting and may be adjusted at any properly convened membership meeting. If the number of Directors is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is approved or at a subsequent membership meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall require a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at a properly convened membership meeting.

Section 3 - Vacancies

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

Section 4 - Election of the Board of Directors

There shall be one election of Directors each year, known as the Election of the Board of Directors. The election will be held electronically in August to select Directors for the upcoming fiscal year. Following the election, the Board of Directors will take office on October 1st. Directors will serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, one or more Player Agents and a Safety Officer.

The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Player Agents shall each serve a two-year term, while all additional positions shall serve a one-year term. The League shall hold annual elections for all Director positions in accordance with the League’s Bylaws. Only League

Members are eligible to run for Director positions and to vote in the Election of Directors, and each member may seek only one position per election.

Section 5 - Board Meetings, Notice, and Quorum

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and at such other times as determined by the Board. Notice of Board Meetings shall be delivered electronically to each Director at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance and shall include the purpose of any Board Meeting.

A quorum shall consist of more than fifty percent (50%) of the Board of Directors. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted. Only Board Members may make motions and vote at Meetings. The Board may invite and recognize guests for presentations or comments.

Section 6 - Duties and Powers

The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such officers and standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the Local League as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution. The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any membership Meeting to discipline, suspend, or remove any Director, Officer, or Committee Member of the Local League.

Section 7 - Rules of Order for Board Meetings

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings for all Board of Directors meetings, except, except when in conflict with this Constitution of the Local League.

Section 8 – Minutes

It is essential to record meeting minutes during all Board of Directors meetings to ensure transparency, accountability, and accurate documentation of the league’s governance. The minutes serve as the official record of discussions, decisions, and actions taken by the Board of Directors. All approved meeting minutes shall be made available to the members of the league to promote openness, trust, and keep the membership informed of the Board’s activities and decisions.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES & POWERS OF THE BOARD

Section 1 - President

The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of Eastlake Little League and shall be responsible for the overall management, administration, and supervision of the League. The President shall ensure that all League activities are conducted in accordance with the League Constitution, local bylaws, and all applicable community standards.

The President shall have the authority to make and execute decisions for and in the name of the Local League, consistent with the powers granted under this Constitution and the policies of Little League Baseball, Little league Softball and USA Softball, as applicable. The President may designate other officers or committee members as necessary to carry out the operations of the League and to ensure its continued effective functioning.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have the ultimate decision-making authority in all League matters, except where otherwise limited by the Constitution or Bylaws. The President shall serve as the primary representative of the League in all official capacities and shall work to promote the mission, values, and best interests of Eastlake Little League.

Section 2 - Executive Vice President

The Executive Vice President shall serve as a principal officer of the League and shall assume the duties and authority of the President in the President's absence or incapacity when authorized to do so. The Executive Vice President shall support the governance and leadership of the League by providing guidance to other vice presidents, ensuring the League's compliance with applicable nonprofit requirements, and overseeing the general success of League ventures, events, and operational systems. The Executive Vice President should chair committees as directed by the Board of Directors and may nominate officers or coordinators, as well as propose the formation of committees, in accordance with the League's Bylaws.

Section 3 - Vice President of Baseball Operations

The Vice President of Baseball Operations shall be responsible for the oversight, coordination, and administration of all baseball-related activities within the League. The duties of the Vice President of Baseball Operations shall include, but are not limited to, the supplemental rules, schedule responsibilities, soliciting for coaches and managers, field rental and umpire coverage.

Section 4 - Vice President of Softball Operations

The Vice President of Softball Operations shall be responsible for the administration, supervision, and coordination of all softball activities conducted by the League. The Vice President of Softball Operations shall ensure that all softball programs operate in accordance with any applicable rules of the governing body, in conjunction with the drafting of supplemental rules, schedule responsibilities, soliciting for coaches and managers, and umpire coverage.

Section 5 - Vice President of Facilities

The Vice President of Facilities shall be responsible for the overall management, maintenance, safety, and improvement of all League buildings, fields, and physical structures. Duties shall include, but are not limited to staff coordination, facility committees, infrastructure management, vendor and contract management.

Section 6 - Secretary

The Secretary is an officer of the organization responsible for maintaining accurate records, promoting transparent communication throughout the League, and supporting its overall governance. The Secretary's duties include, but are not limited to, oversight of the Review Board, maintenance of official records, and the coordination of administrative functions.

Section 7 - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of the League and shall be responsible for the custody, management, and oversight of all financial assets of the organization. The Treasurer shall ensure that all financial practices adhere to applicable laws, League policies, and nonprofit governance standards.

Section 8 - Player Agent(s)

The Player Agent Office shall serve as the League's independent overseer of player eligibility, assessment, draft procedures, and player movement. The Player Agent Office shall also represent players in matters of discipline and review, ensuring impartiality and fairness throughout all player-related administrative processes. There shall be a Senior Player Agent and a Junior Player Agent, each elected in accordance with these Constitution and Bylaws. The Board of Directors may, when deemed necessary, authorize the Senior Player Agent to chair a committee of Auxiliary Player Agents to assist in the effective administration of all Player Agent functions.

Section 9 - Safety Officer

The Safety Officer shall serve as the League's primary authority on injury prevention, facility and operational safety, volunteer background compliance, and all safety-related matters governed by local regulations and applicable law, and shall develop, implement, and oversee all League safety programs; ensure regulatory compliance; mitigate risks; administer required background checks; and protect the well-being of all participants, volunteers, and spectators.

Section 10 – Information Officer

The Information Officer shall serve as the League's primary authority on communications, information systems, data management, and digital safety. The Information Officer is to maintain accurate and secure League information systems; ensure effective, timely communication with players, families, volunteers, and the community; protect the privacy of League data; and support all technological and administrative processes required for League operations.

Section 11 - Appointments

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

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 - Executive Committee Members

The Board of Directors in its entirety will constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2 - Duties & Responsibilities

The Executive Committee shall advise and assist the Officers of the Local League in all matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs.

Section 3 - Quorum

At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a majority of the total number of members then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

ARTICLE IX - OTHER COMMITTEES

Section 1 - Additional Committees

The Board of Directors may create and appoint additional committees to ensure successful

operation of the Local League in adherence with the Bylaws of the Local League.

ARTICLE X - AFFILIATION

Section 1 - Charter

The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball/Softball, Incorporated, and/or USA Softball, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter(s). The Local League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by the chartering organization(s).

Section 2 - Rules & Regulations

The Local League shall adopt and enforce the Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Little League Softball, and USA Softball. All rules, regulations, and policies of the governing organization applicable to each division shall be binding on this Local League.

Section 3 – Governing Body by Division

The Local League must clearly designate each team and division as either "Little League Baseball", "Little League Softball" or "USA Softball" prior to the start of the season. To ensure clarity in rule application, player eligibility, boundaries, and charter compliance, the Local League hereby defines the governing authority for each sport and division as follows:

1. Divisions Governed by Little League Baseball

The following baseball divisions shall operate exclusively under the rules, regulations, policies, and tournament structures of Little League Baseball:

- Tee Ball Baseball
- Coach Pitch / Machine Pitch Baseball
- Minors Division Baseball (Player Pitch)
- Majors Division Baseball
- Intermediate (50/70) Baseball
- Junior League Baseball
- Senior League Baseball

All baseball divisions must comply with Little League Baseball boundaries, age eligibility, charter requirements, and tournament eligibility rules.

2. Divisions Governed by Little League Softball

If the Local League charters softball divisions through Little League Softball, the following divisions shall be governed by Little League Softball rules and regulations:

- Tee Ball Softball
- Coach Pitch / Machine Pitch Softball
- Minors Division Softball
- Majors Division Softball
- Junior League Softball
- Senior League Softball

These divisions must comply with Little League Softball boundaries, age charts, player eligibility, and all associated rules.

3. Divisions Governed by USA Softball (If Applicable)

If the Local League elects to charter or operate any divisions through USA Softball, those divisions shall be governed by the rules, regulations, and operational requirements of USA Softball. Typical USA Softball divisions include:

- 4U through 18U Softball

USA Softball divisions do not utilize Little League boundary restrictions and may follow USA Softball's national eligibility model.

4. Boundary Requirements

Because the Local League may operate under more than one governing body, boundaries shall be applied as follows:

Little League Baseball and Little League Softball Divisions

a. All divisions chartered under Little League must follow Little League boundary rules.
b. Player eligibility must be based on residency or school attendance within the approved league boundary map.

USA Softball Divisions (If Operated)

a. USA Softball does not require geographic boundaries.

The Local League may admit players from outside Little League boundaries only into USA Softball divisions, provided this does not conflict with any local district agreements.

5. Separation of Divisions

Players participating in USA Softball divisions may not be automatically eligible for participation in Little League Softball play unless they meet Little League residency/school boundaries.

6. Consistency and Documentation
    a. The Board of Directors shall publish a written description of which softball divisions operate under Little League versus USA Softball prior to each season.

b. All parents, managers, and coaches shall be notified of the governing body applicable to their child's division.

7. Rule Conflicts

In the event of any conflict between local bylaws and the adopted rules of the applicable governing body, the governing body's official rules and regulations shall take precedence.

Section 4 - Local Rules, Ground Rules, and/or Bylaws

The local rules, ground rules, and/or Bylaws of this Local League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Official playing rules dictated in Article X of this Constitution. The local rules, ground rules, and/or Bylaws of this Local League shall expire at the end of each fiscal year, and are not considered part of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XI - FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Section 1 - Authority

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

Section 2 - Contributions

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

Section 3 - Solicitations

The Board of Directors shall ensure that all fundraising activities are conducted in the name of the Local League, that all funds are solicited for the benefit of its common treasury, and that all proceeds are deposited into the Local League's treasury.

Section 4 - Disbursement of Funds

The Board of Directors shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for anything other than the conduct of Local League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies set herein. All disbursements shall be made by check or electronic funds. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other officer(s) or person(s) as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 5 - Compensation

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

Section 6 - Deposits

All monies received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League's approved financial institution. The Treasurer shall deposit all League funds into a bank designated by the Board.

Section 7 - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30.

Section 8 - Distribution of Property upon Dissolution

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

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

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

The Eastlake Little League Membership approved this Constitution on December 22, 2025.

President's Name: Jorge Contreras

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