

HAMMONTON LITTLE LEAGUE

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BY-LAWS

Article I-Organization

The Hammonton Little League shall be the name of this organization, conducting activities in the Town of Hammonton, NJ.

Article II-Mission

The Hammonton Little League shall be dedicated primarily to the process of teaching the town's youth in their formative years, the advantages of good citizenship through the medium of baseball and softball. Adult management and personnel will be chosen carefully after meeting the highest qualifications to promote good sportsmanship, loyalty, courage, respect, and reverence.

Article III-Governance

The Hammonton Little League shall be governed by a President, Vice President(s), Secretary, and Treasurer (to be known as "League Officers"), and also by the operating personnel consisting of league representatives, player agent, safety officer, scorer, Umpire-in-Chief, equipment manager, and publicity agent. The combined group shall be known as the "Operating Board". The Hammonton Little League shall strive to have equitable representation of all divisions on the Operating Board.

Election of League Officers shall be held once every two years during the month of September. The active membership in good standing, as defined by the Operating Board, shall be duly advised well in advance of the election date. The term of office for League Officers shall be two (2) years. The Officers shall make appointments for the next season to the posts of league representative(s), player agent, scorer, Umpire-in-Chief, equipment manager, and publicity agent.

Active members in good standing of the Hammonton Little League, as defined within Article VI herein, may petition the President to become a member of the Board of Directors. The President will determine the extent to which additional members of the Board of Directors is necessary and will make recommendations of such at the Annual General Membership Meeting. If applicable, the President shall recommend said petitioner(s) for Director-status on the Board. Via 2/3 majority vote of the membership present at the Annual Membership Meeting, a petitioner will acquire Director status and shall serve a one-year probationary period upon which he/she may provide input on the Board but may not vote. At the conclusion of the one-year probationary period, the Board of Directors will then determine if full Director-status is appropriate, via 2/3 majority vote.

Article IV-Board Meetings

Meetings shall, at a minimum, be called by the President once during the off-season months and bi-monthly during the playing season at which time reports shall be received from the Secretary, Treasurer, and all committees. The Treasurer shall make an annual report.

A quorum shall be a majority vote of the Operating Board. With exception of the President, each member of the Operating Board shall be permitted one vote. The President shall vote only in the instance to break a tie.

Article V-Managers/Coaches/Umpires/Committees

The President shall annually select and appoint managers, coaches, umpires, and committees with a majority vote of the Operating Board. As such, no person may become a manager, coach, umpire, or committee member without the approval of the President. League Officers shall not be appointed as team managers, unless recommended by the President and approved by the Operating Board. Managers shall be selected from the active membership in good standing as defined by the Operating Board. Managers shall be the sole contact between the players and the League Officers either on the field or at meetings.

Article VI-Participation/Membership/Conduct

All youth meeting the requirements as to age and league boundaries shall be permitted and encouraged to participate in the Hammonton Little League. To support fairness, team development, and player growth, all players are expected to maintain a consistent level of participation in both practices and games throughout the season. To remain eligible for continued participation in the regular season and any post-season or tournament play: Players must attend a minimum of 50% of scheduled practices and 50% of scheduled games, as measured from the date of their first team activity. Attendance will be tracked by the team manager or coach and submitted to the Player Agent upon request. The parent or guardian must notify the team manager or league representative in advance (when possible) to have an absence considered excused. Repeated unexcused absences may result in limited playing time or further action. Any such decision will be reviewed by the Player Agent and must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Membership shall be invited and solicited from any interested and qualified adult. Any adult seeking active membership status shall submit to a background check, as stipulated and defined by the Operating Board. Members shall be considered to have active status in good standing if they, at a minimum, participate in two or more of the following activities: at least two designated field maintenance sessions, coaching (must be identified and approved as a coach), volunteer umpiring, scoring (must be identified as a team's official score-keeper), and concession stand duty (must have worked a minimum of three concession stand sessions). Field maintenance shall be required from the entire membership and interested parents. Further, active members in good standing are free from violations of the code of conduct and have not displayed any behavior deemed inappropriate or unbecoming by the Operating Board.

The Board of Directors by a 2/3 decision shall have the authority to remove any League Officer, Operating Board Member, manager, coach or member from league membership after careful consideration for due cause, and in accordance with the Hammonton Little League Constitution.

Serious misconduct of any player shall be considered by the Board of Directors or a committee appointed by the League President for that purpose, at a meeting with the player and his/her parent/guardian, and supported and advised by his/her manager. The findings and recommendations of the Board of Directors

or committee shall be considered final unless a written appeal is made. Formal appeals will be considered and voted on by the Board of Directors at the next available Board meeting. A 2/3 vote from the Board of Directors will render a final decision. The findings and recommendations shall be treated with a minimum of publicity.

Article VII-Finance

Financial activities shall be conducted on an equal basis for all teams within the league from one common treasury. Funds necessary for the proper operation of the Hammonton Little League shall be accumulated through registration fees annually set by the Operating Board, revenue generated through facilities operated by the Hammonton Little League, fundraisers as needed, and team sponsorships in accordance with operational demand. Public donations may be included in the funds accumulated by the Hammonton Little League as they become available.

Funds necessary for major improvements shall be allocated by a 2/3 decision of the Operating Board.

Article VIII-Rules/Regulations

Current official regulations and playing rules set forth by Little League Baseball, Inc., Williamsport, PA., on a national and local level shall prevail. Local rules (House Rules) may be implemented by a majority vote of the Operating Board. At a minimum of once annually, House Rules for each playing division will be reviewed and submitted to the Operating Board for approval. This may be done by the President or by a committee established by the President. Once approved, House Rules will be published and distributed, as applicable, for public view.

Article IX Registration Deadlines

Player registration for each season shall open on December 1 and close on February 28. Late registrations will be accepted until the day prior to each division's draft, subject to a \$25 late fee. Once teams have been selected through the draft, registration for that season will be permanently closed, except under extenuating circumstances such as filling roster vacancies or ensuring adequate team participation. Any such exception must be approved by the Board of Directors.

For the Tee Ball, Single A, and Ponytail Divisions, registration will remain open until the start of games, after which registration will be closed. Players registering late are not guaranteed to receive uniforms before the season begins but will receive them as soon as possible.

Article X-Revision/Amendment

These by-laws may be amended or repealed, in any part, by a 2/3 decision of the Board of Directors after public notification of the changes a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance of the proposed action.

Approved: September 14th, 2025