

# 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, Secretary, and Treasurer (to be known as "League Officers"), and also by the operating personnel consisting of league representatives, player agent, 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. If applicable, the President shall recommend said petitioner(s) for Director-status on the Board. Via 2/3 majority vote of the Operating Board, 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 Operating Board will 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 girls and boys meeting the requirements as to age and league boundaries shall be permitted and encouraged to participate in the Hammonton Little League.

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: field maintenance, coaching, umpiring, scoring, and concession stand duty. 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 Operating Board 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.

Serious misconduct of any player shall be considered by 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 committee shall be considered final unless a written appeal is made. Formal appeals will be considered and voted on by the Operating Board at the next available Board meeting. A majority vote from the Operating Board 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-Revision/Amendment**

These by-laws may be amended or repealed, in any part, by a 2/3 decision of the Operating Board after public notification of the changes a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance of the proposed action.

Approved: 21 AUGUST 2016