

## *Tolland Little League Constitution*

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

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

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE**

#### **SECTION 1**

The objective of the Tolland Little 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**

To achieve this objective the Tolland Little League will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, 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)-(4) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Tolland Little League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball games. No part of the net earnings 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**

**Eligibility.** Any person sincerely interested in active participation to effect the objective of this Local League may apply to become a member

#### **SECTION 2**

**Classes.** There shall be the following classes of Members:

(a) **Player Members.** Any player candidate meeting the eligibility requirements of Little League Regulation IV and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the Local League shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

(b) **Regular Members.** Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a regular member upon election as hereinafter provided. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members. Only regular members in good standing are eligible to vote at the annual meeting and other General Membership meetings. Regular Members are all Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers and Adult Volunteer Umpires. Additional Regular members can be individually approved by the Board.

(c) **Honorary Members.** Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the league.

(d) **Sustaining Members.** Any person not a Regular Member who makes financial or other contribution to the Local League may by a majority vote of the Board of Directors become a

Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

(e) As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

### **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 or Player Members shall not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball or softball program without Little League District Administrator approval. Examples may be, participation in the Northern CT Girls softball program or Legion baseball.

### **SECTION 4**

**Suspension or Termination.** Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors.

(a) The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League Baseball. 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 of which the player is a member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power, to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

## **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1**

**Definition.** A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league (including Special General Membership Meetings, Section 7). A minimum of one per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required.

### **SECTION 2**

**Notice of Meeting.** Notice of each General Membership Meeting will be posted to the Tolland Little League website at least 10 days in advance of the meeting setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting; or in lieu thereof, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Members, from time to time, at a regularly convened General Membership meeting.

### **SECTION 3**

**Quorum.** At any General Membership meeting, the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of 25% of the members on the Secretary's membership role (as defined in Article III) shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

### **SECTION 4**

**Voting.** Only Regular Members (Article III, Section 2 (b)) shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit or recognize guests

for presentations or comments during General Membership meetings.

## **SECTION 5**

**Absentee Ballot.** For the expressed purpose of accommodating a regular member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the annual meeting or other General Membership meeting, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of the League. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the meeting and the election of members to the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman (appointed at the meeting) on the date of the annual meeting prior to the conduct of the election process.

## **SECTION 6**

**Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held each October (typically, the third Wednesday at 7:00pm). A different day and time can be scheduled and announced in the Board minutes at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The purpose of Annual Meeting is to elect Board of Directors and Members, receiving reports 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 the whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League, where located, and where and how invested, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately proceeding, the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated or expended during the year immediately preceding such date, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of residence of the persons who have been admitted to membership in the Local League during such year, which report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters.

After the Board of Directors is elected, the board shall meet to elect the officers. 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. Term of office for all Officers and Directors is one year.

## **SECTION 7**

**Special General Membership Meetings.** Special General Membership meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon written request of 20 Members, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership meeting. Such Special General Membership meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than 10 days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

## **SECTION 8**

**Rule of Order for General Membership Meetings.** Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the proceedings of all General Membership meeting, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League.

# **ARTICLE V - 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. The number of Directors shall be not less than five (5) nor more than twenty five

(25). The Directors shall upon election immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified

## **SECTION 2**

**Increase in number.** The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership meeting or Special Meeting of the Members. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent General Membership meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote of all Regular Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the election 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 any Special Board meeting called for that purpose.

## **SECTION 4**

**Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum.** 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. The President **or** the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of five (5) Directors issue a call for a special meeting of the Board. Notice of each meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each Director either by mail/email at least (3) days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director, or by telephone **or** personal notice twenty-four hours preceding the meeting. In the case of special meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## **SECTION 5**

**Duties and Powers.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such 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.

The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular or special meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer or Committee Member of the Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 4 (a).

## **SECTION 6**

**Rule of Order for Board Meetings.** Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Board of Directors meetings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League.

## **ARTICLE VI – DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD**

### **SECTION 1**

**Appointment.** The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the power and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on action 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.

## **SECTION 2**

**President.** The President shall:

Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.

Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the annual meeting.

Communicate to the Board of Directors, such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.

Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued by the Local League by that organization.

Designate in writing, other officers if necessary, to have power to make and execute for /and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.

Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.

Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper executive thereof.

With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof of-age documents of every tournament player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for Little League Tournament play.

## **SECTION 3**

**Vice-President(s).** In case of the absence or disability of the President, and provided he is authorized by the President or Board so to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

## **SECTION 4**

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall:

Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.

Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and Committees.

Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Board, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

Shall 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.

Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.

## **SECTION 5**

**Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:

Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.

Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the Local League, 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.

Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors.

Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

## **SECTION 6**

**Player Agent.** The Player Agent shall:

Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.

Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility.

Conduct the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.

Prepare the Player Agent's list.

Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament eligibility affidavit.

Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades

## **SECTION 7**

**Safety Officer.** The Safety Officer:

Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for youngsters and all participants of Little League Baseball and Softball.

Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting.

## **ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **SECTION 1**

**Composition.** The Executive Board will be comprised of:

President

Player Agent

Secretary

Treasurer

Safety Officer

Umpire in Chief

Registrar

Vice President(s) of Baseball

Vice President(s) of Softball

### **SECTION 2**

**Role.** The Executive Board's role is solicit feedback from the Board and vote on matters brought before the Board. The purpose of the Executive Board is to allow the Executive Board to focus on general operations and administrative functions of the league as a whole, while the rest of the Board is focused on daily baseball/softball operations. All votes require an 80% quorum from the Executive Board and majority vote.

## **ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION I**

**Nominating Committee.** The Board of Directors will appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The committee shall solicit Regular Members for candidates that may be interested in serving on the Board. The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible Board and Officer candidates by August 31 each year. The Committee will recommend a slate to be presented to the Board at the September Board meeting. The Board shall discuss, modify if necessary and endorse a recommended slate for vote at the Annual Meeting in October. The endorsed slate shall be posted to the league website immediately following the September meeting serving as notification of Annual Meeting and nominations. Within five (5)

days of the website posting, additional nominations may be submitted by Regular Members to the President along with signatures of at least 10 Regular Members of the league. If this requirement is met, the President will instruct the slate posted on the website to reflect the addition. Individuals not listed on the posted slate can not be elected at the Annual Meeting.

## **SECTION 2**

**Membership Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Membership Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall receive the names of prospective Honorary, Sustaining and Regular Members, investigate for eligibility and recommend those qualified for election at the annual, regular or any special meeting of the Members of the Board of Directors as the case may be.

## **SECTION 3**

**Finance Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Local League including team sponsorships and submit recommendations. It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games, if such collections are authorized by the Local League and shall turn over said collections to the Treasurer immediately after each game.

## **SECTION 4**

**Building and Property Committee,** (May be combined with Grounds Committee) The Board of Directors may appoint a Building and Property Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall investigate and recommend available suitable sites and plans for development, including ways and means, the latter in cooperation with the Finance Committee. It shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects.

## **SECTION 5**

**Grounds Committee,** (May be combined with Building and Property Committee) The Board of Directors may appoint a Grounds Committee which shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s), buildings and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.

## **SECTION 6**

**Playing Equipment Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Playing Equipment Committee, which shall secure bids on needed supplies and equipment and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board. The Committee shall be responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment and for the repair, cleaning and storage thereof at the close of the season.

## **SECTION 7**

**Managers Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches, including those for the Minor League teams and recommend acceptable candidates to the President, for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. It shall, during the playing season, observe the conduct of the managers and coaches and report its findings to the President of the Local League. It shall, at the request of the President of Board of Directors, investigate complaints concerning managers and coaches and make a report thereof to the President or Board of Directors as the case may be.



## **SECTION 8**

**Umpire Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Local League President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The Committee shall recruit, interview and recommend to the President for appointment a staff of umpires, including a chief umpire and replacements. When appointed, the staff of umpires shall be under the personal direction and responsibility of the Local League President, assisted by the Chief Umpire who shall train, observe and schedule the staff.

## **SECTION 9**

**District Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a District Committee consisting of the Local League President as chairman and two (2) other Directors. The Committee shall assist the District Administrator in interleague district functions including the selection of members of the District Administrator's Advisory Committee and the selection of tournament sites and are tournament directors.

## **SECTION 10**

**Auxiliary Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint an Auxiliary Committee consisting of the Local League Treasurer and two (2), other Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall coordinate the activities of the Auxiliary. It shall review and evaluate auxiliary projects for raising money and disposition of profits, and make recommendations to the Board. The Board of Directors shall approve in advance all projects and actions of the Auxiliary.

## **SECTION 11**

**Auditing Committee.** The Board of Directors shall appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The President, Treasurer or signators of checks are not eligible. The Committee will review the Local League's books and records annually prior to the Annual Meeting and attach a statement of their findings to the annual financial statement of the President and Treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors or Membership, secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review.

## **SECTION 12**

**Minor League Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Minor League Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Minor League Vice-President and be responsible to the Local League President for the proper conduct of the Minor League operation.

## **ARTICLE IX - AFFILIATION**

### **SECTION 1**

**Charter.** The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. The Local League 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 except as provided for under Article III, Section 3(b).

### **SECTION 2**

**Rules and Regulations.** The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League.

### **SECTION 3**

**Local League Rules.** The local rules of the 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 Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

## **ARTICLE X - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING**

### **SECTION 1**

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 same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

### **SECTION 2**

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

### **SECTION 3**

The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all of the funds so raised be placed in the Local League treasury.

### **SECTION 4**

The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

### **SECTION 5**

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 tendered as Director, Officer or Member.

### **SECTION 6**

All monies received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in the League's bank account and all disbursements to vendors shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer or other officer as the Board of Directors shall determine.

### **SECTION 7**

The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on the first day of October and shall end on the last day of September. The tax reporting period is a calendar year.

### **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 herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c) (3) or (4) of the Internal Revenue Code or any further corresponding provision.

## **ARTICLE XI - MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES**

### **SECTION 1**

Team Managers and Coaches shall be approved by the Executive Board. In the event a manager or coach is not known as of the March meeting, approval of the selection by the President, Vice President, Player Agent and Umpire in Chief is required, until the April meeting, where the Executive Board will vote on final selection.

To become eligible for selection as a manager, coach or umpire, the volunteer must fill out a Little League Volunteer Application Form, and must successfully pass a background check. No person can manage, coach or umpire without the President appointing that person to that position, and the

Executive Board approving that appointment. ALL managerial, coaching and umpiring positions are annual. As such, a President and/or Executive Board does not need to give a reason to a person if that person is not re-appointed or re-approved as a manager, coach or umpire for the coming season. IMPORTANT: No manager, coach or umpire has any tenure whatsoever, regardless of the years of service.

## **SECTION 2**

Umpires shall be appointed annually by the Umpire in Chief and approved by the President, with the approval of the Executive Board, who shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field. Regulation 1(b).

## **SECTION 3**

A President may manage, coach or umpire, provided he/she does not serve on the protest committee, nor serve as tournament team manager or coach. A Vice President may manage, coach or umpire, provided they do not serve on the protest committee. The Player Agent must not manage, coach or umpire in the division over which he/she has authority, unless the local league has received explicit written permission to allow this from Little League International.

## **ARTICLE XII - TRYOUTS AND DRAFTS**

### **SECTION 1**

Instructional, T-Ball, Farm Baseball, Farm Softball, A, AA, and Challenger Divisions will not have tryouts. Player assignments will be determined by Division Director and approved by Player Agent. Accommodation of parent requests may be made at the discretion of Division Director and/or Player Agent.

### **SECTION 2**

Baseball AAA and Majors and Softball Majors and Minors will have Tryouts. Tryout evaluations will use a ranking system of 1-5 according to Little League guidelines. One evaluation (maximum of two) per team must be completed during the tryout session. A summary of rankings will be distributed to each team manager at least 3 days prior to draft day. Entire re-drafts will be done annually. All returning Majors players must be drafted, but in no particular draft order, (returnee's are not required to be drafted first). Draft order will be determined by draw of numbers and zigzag. Managers and Coach's may be pre-assigned, with son/daughter's of the manager and one coach being placed in draft position as agreed upon by the Manager of all teams; with a maximum of 3 players being placed. If two or three players are placed on one team and are first round quality players, that team will pick last in rounds three (four) and four (five) For these levels of play, parental/player requests for team assignments will not be considered.

### **SECTION 3**

Baseball and Softball Junior and Senior Divisions shall use an annual draft for the purpose of selecting balanced teams. A tryout evaluation may be held in advance of the draft with the primary goals of the evaluation to: allow Managers and Coaches to evaluate the relative skill of players; and to develop a numerical ranking of all players. The primary use of the numerical ranking is for assigning Manager's and Coach's children/players in the draft order. If a tryout evaluation is not held, the League Director shall use previous year evaluations and input from past Managers and Coaches in developing a numerical ranking for assigning Manager's and Coach's children/players in the draft order. In either case, a draft will be held with the Manager and Coaches selecting their teams from the eligible player pool. The League Director shall establish the draft order using a serpentine (zigzag) or similar system that promotes fairness and balance in the draft order. Results of the evaluation process and player draft order shall be considered confidential information and shall not be shared or distributed beyond the group of Managers, Coaches and League Board Members

to which the information is pertinent.

### **ARTICLE XIII - MINIMUM PLAY RULE**

Baseball Majors, AAA and AA Divisions and Softball Majors and Minors Divisions will not allow players to sit more than 2 innings per 6 inning game. Junior and Senior Divisions will not allow players to sit more than 3 innings per 7 inning game. Penalty = forfeiture of the game.

### **ARTICLE XIV - ALL STAR SELECTIONS**

#### **SECTION 1**

All Star rosters can not exceed the Little League maximum nor be less than twelve, or as determined by the League Director.

#### **SECTION 2**

Rosters for the 11 year old, Majors, Juniors and Seniors Divisions of play will be determined by votes of the manager and one coach from each regular season team. Each team will submit nominations and statistics from his/her team for those players that should be considered All Star eligible. A nomination list, including statistics, will be compiled to include all those players nominated. Each manager and coach will select players "x" (size of roster) from the nomination list. The players with the most votes will be placed on the All Star team. If a tie exists for the last roster position, the All Star team manager will make the tie-breaker decision.

#### **SECTION 3**

The 11 year old, Majors, Juniors and Seniors All Star teams may elect to have tryouts. The tryouts must be for those players from the nomination list in Article XIV, Section 2. Each manager and coach will select players "x" (size of roster) from the tryout session(s). The players with the most votes will be placed on the All Star team. If a tie exists for the last roster position, the All Star team manager will make the tie-breaker decision.

#### **SECTION 4**

The 9 & 10 All Star team will be comprised of eligible players. Little League Tournament rules treat this 9 & 10 tournament as a "Majors" event. The roster will be filled through 2 steps. The Majors managers and coaches will elect those 10 year old Majors players to be selected to the 9 & 10 All Star team. Each Majors team will submit nominations and statistics from his/her team for those players that should be considered All Star eligible. A nomination list, including statistics, will be compiled to include all those players nominated; Each Majors manager and coach will select those players he/she feels are All Star players. Those players receiving more than 50% of the Majors Managers and Coaches votes will be on the 9 & 10 year old team. The remaining roster positions for the 9 & 10 All Star team will be determined based on the following method. Each AAA team will submit nominations and statistics from his/her team for those players that should be considered All Star eligible. A nomination list, including statistics, will be compiled to include all those players nominated. Each manager and coach will select players "x" (size of remaining roster) from the nomination list. The players with the most votes will be placed on the All Star team. If a tie exists for the last roster position, the All Star team manager will make the tie-breaker decision.

#### **SECTION 5**

After the player selection process has been completed, the Manager and Coach selection process will take place. All Star Manager and Coaches will be determined by votes of the manager and one coach from each regular season team. The Person with the most votes will be named as Manager and second most votes will be named as one of the coaches. The selected manager may either choose the person with the third highest votes or may choose a coach at his or her own discretion for a 2<sup>nd</sup> coach. If a tie exists for manager, the director will make the tie-breaker decision. If a tie exists for coaches,

the selected manager will make the tie-breaker decision. All Managers and Coaches must be approved by the Executive Board. Eligibility of Managers and Coaches is as determined by Little League rules and have been previously approved as a Manager/Coach by the Board

## **ARTICLE XV - TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

### **SECTION 1**

All levels of play that do not have a playoff season - Instructional, T-Ball, Farm, A, AA, Challenger and all softball divisions - will receive a small token in recognition of their participation.

### **SECTION 2**

All players from championship winning teams at the AAA, Majors, Juniors and Seniors level shall receive a trophy, shirt or similar commemorative item of nominal value. Players from runner-up teams at the AAA and Majors level shall also receive a trophy, shirt or commemorative item of nominal value. All players who were selected and played on an All Star team shall receive a trophy, shirt or similar commemorative item of nominal value.

## **ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution and By-Laws 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. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval.

This Constitution was approved by the Tolland Little League at the General Membership meeting October 15, 2008.

JoAnn Urso  
President  
League ID #