

The text of this Constitution was altered from the original text version supplied by Little League Baseball.

THIS BOX FOR REGIONAL USE ONLY

Date submitted: 4/18/16
 Approved: ☒ [Signature]
 Not approved: ☐ _____

League ID No.: 020 705 11

***SOUTHINGTON SOUTHERN YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
 LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION***

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the SOUTINGTON SOUTHERN YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION Little League, hereinafter referred to as "Local League."

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

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

To achieve this objective, the Local 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)-(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 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 further 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 requirements of Little League Regulation IV shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members 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 and payment of dues as hereinafter provided, if required. Regular Members may be issued a card numbered in sequential order annually. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing. 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.
- (c) ***Honorary Members (Optional).*** 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 Local League.
- (d) ***Sustaining Members (Optional).*** 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 Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/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 disinterested Directors present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers and coaches, 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 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 (quorum is required).*

ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)

SECTION 1

Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. (See Article XI, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league.) Note: Dues for Regular Members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with Regulation XIII (c). If no dues for Regular Membership are collected, Section 2 below does not apply.

SECTION 2

Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty (30) day(s) 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 - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 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 shall be delivered personally, electronically or by mail to each Member at the last recorded address at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. In lieu of the above methods, 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 one third (33.3 percent) of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.*

SECTION 4

Voting. *Only Regular Members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings. (Those eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article VI, Section 4.)*

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 any General Membership Meeting at which new Board members will be elected, 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 election. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman (appointed at the meeting) on the date of the meeting, prior to the voting portion of the election process.*

SECTION 6

Annual Meeting of the Members. The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held on the First Monday of November, at 7:00 p.m. or such other time to be announced, each year for the purpose of electing new Members, electing 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.

- (a) 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:
- (1) The condition of the Local League, to be presented by the President or his/her designate;
 - (2) 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;
 - (3) The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League, where located, and where and how invested;
 - (4) 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;
 - (5) The names of the persons who have been admitted to regular membership in the Local League during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters.
- (b) At the Annual Meeting, the Members shall elect the officers listed in Article VII hereof, which officer shall serve as Directors.
- (c) After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties on December 1. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.

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 the written request of ten (10) 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 fourteen (14) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

SECTION 8

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

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

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

Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board.

- (a) The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of four (4) Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- (b) Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least seven (7) day(s) before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.
- (c) Four (4) Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at a Board meeting. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.
- (d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.

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, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution. The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those disinterested Directors present at any regular Board or Special Board 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,b).

SECTION 6

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

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1

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.

SECTION 2

President. The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
- (c) 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.
- (d) 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 to the Local League by that organization.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
- (g) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- (h) With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

SECTION 3

Vice President—Little League. The Vice President—Little League shall:

- (a) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she is authorized by the President or Board so to act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
- (b) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.
- (c) Oversee, under the direction of the President, operation of the lower divisions of the Local League (i.e., T-Ball through Majors divisions).

SECTION 4

Vice President—Upper Divisions. The Vice President—Upper Divisions shall:

- (a) Oversee, under the direction of the President, operations of the upper divisions of the Local League (i.e., Junior League through Big League).
- (b) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

SECTION 5

Secretary. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Issue membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors.

- (e) *Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.*
- (f) *Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.*
- (g) *Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.*

SECTION 6

Treasurer. *The Treasurer shall:*

- (a) *Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.*
- (b) *Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.*
- (c) *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. All disbursements by check must have dual signatures.*
- (d) *Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.*
- (e) *Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, and to Little League Headquarters.*

SECTION 7

Player Agent. *The Player Agent shall:*

- (a) *Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.*
- (b) *Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility.*
- (c) *Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.*
- (d) *Prepare the Player Agent's list.*
- (e) *Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.*
- (f) *Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.*

SECTION 8

Safety Officer. *The Safety Officer shall:*

- (a) *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.*
- (b) *Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting.*

NOTE: In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:

- (1) *Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.*
- (2) *Compliance - Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.*
- (3) *Reporting - Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available.*

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1

The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors, one of whom shall be the President of the Local League.

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall advise with and assist the Officers of the Local League in all matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs, and shall have such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Board, but in no event will the Executive Committee have authority over the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3

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

Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates and submit at the Annual Meeting a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. The Committee shall also submit for consideration by the Board of Directors a slate of Officers and Committee Members.

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 or 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 the President and two (2) Directors. The Directors appointed to the Managers Committee may not be under consideration to be a newly-appointed Manager of a Majors Division team. A returning Manager of a Majors Division team may be appointed. 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 or 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 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 area 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 may appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The President, Treasurer or signatories 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 its 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 X - 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.

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 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 Rules, Regulations and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, nor shall they conflict with 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. (See Article XI, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league.)

ARTICLE XI - FINANCIAL AND 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 shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual 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 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

Disbursement of Funds. 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, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 5

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 in an account owned by the Local League at a financial institution approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7

Fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on January 1 and shall end on December 31.

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 II 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. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval before implementation.

This Constitution was approved by the Southington Southern Youth Athletic Association Little League

Membership on _____ (date).

BRIAN T. DUNNE

President's Name (Print)

Brian T. Dunne

President's Signature

3/17/16

Date

020 705 11

Little League ID No.

06 - 1319673

Federal ID No. (if available)

State ID No. (if available)

Make one copy for the District Administrator and copies for the Local League. Send original to Regional Headquarters. This Local League's Constitution on file at Regional Headquarters (most recently-approved copy) is the official Constitution of this Local League.

Little League Baseball does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, gender or religious preference.

CONST99.DOC

LOCAL RULES, GROUND RULES & BY-LAWS OF THE
SOUTHINGTON SOUTHERN ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
("SSYAA")

Pursuant to Article X, Section 3, of the Constitution of the Southington Southern Youth Athletic Association ("Constitution") dated April __, 2016, the following Local Rules, Ground Rules, and By-Laws ("Local Rules") are hereby adopted by the Board of Directors for the 2016 season:

1. All terms defined in the Constitution and used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Constitution.
2. During or before the General Membership Meeting for the month of January, the President shall present a draft of the proposed Local Rules for the upcoming season for comment and discussion, which discussion shall be placed on the agenda for the General Membership Meetings for the months of January and February. The Board of Directors shall vote on adoption of the Local Rules after the February meeting but before the March meeting pursuant to Article X, Section 3, of the Constitution. The provisions of the existing Local Rules shall remain in effect until the new Local Rules are adopted by the Board of Directors.
3. A Member in "good standing" for the purpose of Article III, Section 2(b), of the Constitution is defined as any person over the age of eighteen (18) years who has attended five (5) consecutive General Membership Meetings; however, if only one General Membership Meeting is missed, attendance at an additional General Membership Meeting is required to fulfill the attendance requirement. For example, if a Member attends the January, February, March, and April meetings, but not the May meeting, the Member must attend the June and July meetings in order to eligible to be approved as a Member in "good standing." Following achieving the attendance requirement, a Member is eligible to be approved as a Member in "good standing" at the next General Membership Meeting as the last business item. To maintain status as a Member in "good standing" a person must not miss more than three General Membership Meetings in a row unless he or she is excused by the Secretary. Any disputes concerning excuses will be resolved by the Board of Directors taking into account various factors in its decision, including but not limited to illness, family and/or professional obligations. The use of the term "Member" hereinafter shall refer to a Member who is in good standing.
4. General Membership Meetings shall be held the first Monday of each month with the exception of holidays, at which time the meeting shall be held on the following Monday.
5. The following rules with respect to discipline under Article III, Section 4, of the Constitution shall apply.
 - a. Any issues that may require discipline to be considered regarding a player, manager, coach, umpire or a Member may be referred to the attention of the Board of Directors by any person.

- b. Upon such referral, the President (or the Vice President—Little League if the President is the subject of the complaint) shall initially determine if the referral has an adequate basis in fact for a hearing on potential discipline. The President may choose to conduct an investigation and/or to consult with others in making this determination.
- c. If the President determines that there is an adequate basis for a hearing, the President shall promptly schedule a meeting of the Board of Directors to consider the matter. The hearing shall be held by the Board of Directors as soon as practicable. Notice of no less than five (5) calendar days of such hearing shall be provided to the person who is the subject of the potential discipline; such notice may be provided by email and either (1) hand delivery, or (2) certified mail, return receipt requested. Notice will be deemed to have been provided when the notice is received by the person who is the subject of the potential discipline.
- d. The President or others at his direction may at any time investigate the issues relating to the referral. In conducting this investigation, the President may contact the person who is the subject of the referral and potential discipline or any other persons with knowledge of matters relating to the issues presented. The President shall present any information gathered to the Board of Directors during any hearing which is conducted.
- e. If the President determines that there is no adequate basis in fact for a hearing on potential discipline, the President shall promptly inform the entire Board of Directors of his or her decision in writing. If three or more Directors provide written notice to the President within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the President's notice of the decision not to proceed that they wish to have the matter considered at a hearing, a hearing will be conducted notwithstanding the President's decision not to proceed.
- f. All hearings shall be conducted in an informal, yet orderly fashion. The person who is the subject of the disciplinary hearing shall have the right to attend the presentation of all the evidence to be considered; shall have the right to have counsel present; and shall have the right to present evidence or rebuttal. The President shall preside over the hearing. The Local League shall have the right to have counsel present. No one other than the Board of Directors, counsel to the Local League, the person subject to discipline and his or her counsel, and witnesses called shall have the right to attend the hearing or to hear the testimony of any witness. In any hearing involving a minor, the minor shall have his or her parent or legal guardians present.
- g. Any hearing on discipline may be terminated by the President upon receipt of written notice from the person subject to discipline such person has voluntarily resigned as a Member.

- h. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final and shall not be subject to any appeal. An individual subject to a disciplinary action may, however, submit in writing a request for early termination of a disciplinary sanction, including a request for reinstatement as a Member.
6. The following positions shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Members. If no person submits his or her name for consideration for any of the following positions before or during the Annual Meeting of the Members, such position may be filled by the Board of Directors pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, of the Constitution.
- a. **Concessions Director.** Be responsible for the stocking, staffing and operation of the SSYAA concession stand in accordance with authority granted by the Board of Directors; reporting the status of the concessions at the General Membership Meetings, and making all concession stand money deposits and providing copies of the same to the Treasurer.
 - b. **Umpire Chief.** Coordinate the recruiting, training and scheduling of all umpires affiliated with SSYAA programs. Submit weekly umpire's schedule each Sunday which shall be posted in the concession stand.
 - c. **Fields & Facilities Director.** Be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing fields, buildings and grounds within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose. Investigate and recommend repairs and improvements, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects.
 - d. **Fundraising Director.** Be responsible for coordinating all approved fundraising programs.
 - e. **Equipment Director.** Be responsible for procuring, distributing, collecting and inventorying uniforms and equipment.
 - f. **Fall Ball Coordinator.** Prepare the bylaws, ground rules or local rules pertaining to the Fall Ball Program and present them for ratification by the Board of Directors. Oversee registration.
 - g. **Tournament Director.** Oversee all aspects of the SSYAA 11 year old tournament.
 - h. **Training Director.** Represent coaches/managers of the Local League; present a coach/manager training budget to the Board of Directors; order and distribute training materials to players, coaches and managers; coordinate mini-clinics as necessary; and serve as the contact person for Little League Baseball, Inc. and its manager-coach education program for the Local League.

- i. **Banquet Director.** Be responsible for coordinating dates, times, tickets, location and collecting of all monies for the Local League annual banquet dinner.
 - j. **Insurance Director.** Be responsible for procuring, through due diligence, all necessary insurance for the Local League.
- 7. Managers for the Majors Division and All Star tournament teams shall be selected by the Managers Committee pursuant to Article IX, Section 7, of the Constitution.
 - 8. Player selection for All Star tournament play shall be made by all Majors Division managers by secret ballot. A minimum of two (2) secret ballots per season shall be sent and collected by the Player Agent. A meeting of Majors Division managers and All Star tournament managers shall be held to discuss finalizing the rosters. In the event of a tie, the All Star tournament manager for the age division in question shall make the final decision concerning (a) the number of players on a roster, and (b) the players selected. There shall be no alternates.
 - 9. All players league-ages nine (9) to eleven (11) who have participated in at least one (1) tryout are eligible for the Majors Division draft. Only Majors Division managers and one assistant coach per Majors Division team may participate in the draft along with the President and Player Agent. The draft is confidential, and no participant shall reveal information concerning the draft to any non-attendee, except that Majors Division managers shall contact their own players as soon as possible after the draft to notify such players of their selection. Majors Division managers may not contact players other than players on their own teams to discuss the results of the draft.
 - 10. Pitch counts will be compared after every half inning and shall be recorded along with the number of pitches thrown for each player at the end of the game. In the case of differences, the count made by the home team shall prevail. Managers are expected to resolve differences amicably. All counts shall be signed off by both managers at the end of each game and recorded in the logs kept at the concession stand.
 - 11. If a player in the Majors Division will miss the remainder of the season, including the playoffs, due to injury, illness, or any other reason, a replacement player must be selected immediately from the AAA league. Such player becomes a permanent replacement in accordance with Little League Rules. Calling up any players will be done through the Player Agent. The Player Agent will keep a list of eligible players. The Majors Division manager will choose a player from this list.
 - 12. If a player in the Majors Division is out for eight (8) consecutive games due to injury, illness, or any other reason, the manager of the team must select, in accordance with the procedure in the preceding Paragraph 10 hereof, a replacement player before the absent player misses the ninth game. If the absent player returns during the season, then the team will play with twelve (12) players for the remainder of the season.

13. An athletic supporter and a cup are required for all players. All catchers must wear a hanging throat guard and catchers glove. Mouth guards are strongly encouraged to be worn by players when players are actively in the games.
14. Responsibility for field maintenance shall be as follows:
 - a. The Home Team will:
 - i. Rake, install bases, establish base lines, and perform a safety inspection of the field.
 - ii. Choose an announcer and scoreboard operator (2 only).
 - b. The Visiting Team will:
 - i. Rake, remove bases, and perform a safety inspection of the field.
 - ii. Return all field equipment to the shed.
 - iii. Lock all gates.
 - c. Both Teams shall:
 - i. Have equal access to batting cages.
 - ii. Empty all trash cans and replace liners after the end of the game.
15. Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of nine (9) defensive outs and will bat at least one (1) time. The exceptions being:
 - a. If the home team is ahead at the middle of the sixth inning, the out requirement does not apply due to the game will be over.
 - b. Severe discipline problems.
 - c. A player arriving late to the game.
 - d. A player who is sick, injured during a game, or rehabilitating from injury.
 - e. A player leaving the game early for personal reasons.
16. There will be no fake bunts/slashing. If this happens the umpire will call a dead ball and the batter will be out. There will be no warning issued.
17. The manager or approved coaches may coach at first or third base provided a manager or coach remains in the dugout at all times. At no time are coaches to direct comments to

the opposing team or in any way (verbal or through gestures) to do anything to incite the spectators.

18. All rules of the regular season will apply to the playoffs.
19. Tie breaker rules for the Majors Division are attached hereto.
20. There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed in the dugouts, bench area or on the playing field before, during or after a game. No smoking is permitted in the dugout, bench area or on the playing field. No one is allowed to leave the dugout to smoke. There will be no gum chewing, candy or food of any kind allowed in the dugout while participating in any practice, pre-game activity or game.
21. The only person allowed in the dugout will be (a) roster players, (b) the manager, and (c) two (2) coaches for a total of three (3) adults (all coaches or managers must be older than 18 years old) except that a player who was an original roster player, but was injured and has been replaced will be allowed to sit in the dugout if it will not risk further injury.
22. Managers are responsible for all team playing equipment and must replace or repair if loss is due to carelessness.
23. Managers and coaches are responsible for controlling the behavior of the parents and fans of their respective teams.
24. There shall be the following divisions for the 2016 season:
 - a. For the Lower Divisions, there shall be Tee Ball; AA; AAA; and Majors. Rules for the Lower Divisions are attached hereto.
 - b. For the Upper Divisions, there shall be 50/70; Junior League; Senior League; and Big League.

Dated this 17 ^{MARCH} day of ~~April~~, 2016.


Brian Dunne, President

Jeremy Brushie, Secretary