CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE

BY – LAWS

# ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION

The election date for the election of new officers for the CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE shall be held on the first Thursday of September.

# ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

1. The objective of the CHARLESTOWN LITTLE LEAGUE shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence so that they may be well adjusted, stronger, and happier children, and to be good, clean, healthy and trustworthy adults.
2. The objectives will be achieved by providing supervised competitive baseball/softball games. The supervisors shall bear in mind that the obtainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future adults is of up most importance.

# ARTICLE III – GOVERNMENT

1. The government of the league shall be under the supervision of the board of directors.
2. The board of directors shall elect, from the membership, a PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT of

BASEBALL, VICE-PRESIDENT of SOFTBALL, PLAYER AGENTS, EQUIPMENT MANAGER, SECRETARY, TREASURER, and SAFETY OFFICER.

The officers shall be elected for a one-year period but may be eligible for reelection. The duties of the officers shall be as described in EXHIBIT “A”. The President shall be the only non-Voting member of the board and shall only vote in the event of a tie.

1. All matters concerning the policy of the league shall be decided by a vote of the Board of Directors, and no motion shall be carried without a favorable vote from the majority present at a duly constituted meeting. No motion shall be voted on unless a quorum is present. A quorum is determined by a majority number of board members. The majority is currently set at 8 members.
2. A member of the Board of Directors shall be suspended, or his/her resignation requested for the following reasons.
	1. Failure to perform his/her duties as outlined in the league BY-LAWS.
	2. Immoral or improper conduct on or off the field.
	3. Non-compliance with the rules set forth by LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL

Upon evidence of information as set forth above, and upon written request of any (3) managers, officers or members, a meeting shall be called by the President for the purpose of electing a committee of seven adults who shall notify said person of the charges placed against him/her. Said person shall have a right to appear before the committee in his/her defense, however, the decision of said committee shall be final.

1. The Board of Directors have the right to ask for the resignation of any board member who has not fulfilled his/her duties as prescribed in the BY-LAWS of the league, or who fails to attend the meetings without cause.
2. If a board member resigns or the position is vacated for any reason, the vacancy will be filled with the person who received the highest number of votes at the last regular board election.
3. At the regular August meeting, the Board of Directors shall appoint three members to audit the books of the Treasurer. The members of the committee shall be the people who have had no access to the finances of the league during the current year. The committee shall have the audit completed, signed and returned to the Treasurer by the time the meeting for the election of officers is scheduled. At least one (1) member of this committee shall have some familiarization with auditing or financing.
4. All checks must be signed by the Treasurer or President. The President shall be given permission to move forward with necessary purchases under $1,000 without requiring board vote. These purchases must be outlined at the monthly board meeting and included in the minutes.
5. A written, printed or electronic notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, and in case of a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered, mailed or emailed by the secretary or by such officers or managers calling the meeting, to each member of record entitled by the articles of incorporation and BY-LAWS to vote at such meeting, and officers, 10 Days before the date of the meeting. Notice of any meeting of members may be waived in writing filed with the secretary or by attending in person or by proxy.

# ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

1. A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be conducted monthly at a date and time set by the board.
2. A majority of the board must be present to rule on any matters and to conduct business at this meeting.
3. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the procedures of all meetings, except where the same conflicts with the constitution or BY-LAWS of the league.
4. The annual meeting of the members will be held on the 1st Thursday of September, if such days is not a legal holiday. If for any reason the annual meeting of the membership shall not be held at the time herein provide, the same may be held at any time thereafter, or the business to be transacted at any special meeting called for that purpose. The following shall be transacted at the annual meeting.
	1. Electing the Board of Directors as set forth under Article IV, Section (B).
	2. A detailed report of the past year’s activities by the President.
	3. A detailed financial report of the past year’s activities by the Treasurer.
5. All officers, grounds keeper, managers and committee chairmen may attend all board meetings, but shall not have the right to vote at such meetings unless they are members of the board.

# ARTICLE V – MANAGERS

1. Managers of competitive teams, Major, Minor and Senior, shall be annually selected and approved by the Board of Directors by the try-out dates, and shall be responsible for selection of their teams and for the actions on the field.
2. All managers shall be responsible for any equipment issued to him/her by the league.
3. Any manager shall be suspended, or his/her resignation requested for the following reasons:

* 1. Non-compliance with the Little League rules as set aside in the Charlestown Little League BYLAWS. Little League Baseball Inc. rule book, and Charlestown Little League Safety rules described in Exhibit C.
	2. Immoral or improper conduct on or off the playing field.
	3. Insufficient attendance at managers’ meetings without a legitimate reason.
	4. Improper care of equipment.
	5. Failure to allocate sufficient time to his or her team.
	6. Insufficient work in the maintenance of the Charlestown Little League Park and grounds.
1. In advance of termination of a manager, he or she shall have a right to appear before the Board of Directors in his/her own behalf. However, the decision of the majority of the Board shall be final.
2. In the absence of both the manager and the assistant manager, any officer or the Board member shall have the responsibility of appointing someone to manage the team for that game.
3. A manager shall have the right to choose his/her TWO assistant managers. However, the name of this assistant shall be submitted to the Board for approval as soon as possible after try-outs.

# ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP

1. Any child meeting the requirements as to age and residence as set forth in the regulations of the Little League Baseball Inc. shall be eligible to compete for participation in the local league.
2. The voting membership shall consist of those adults who are actively interested in Charlestown

Little League. The voting membership shall choose, from their own number, the THIRTEEN (13) member Board or Directors as set forth in Article III. A copy of the league’s constitution and BY-LAWS shall be furnished to each new member.

1. The Board of Directors, by two-thirds vote at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to suspend any member thereof whose conduct is considered as detrimental to the best interest of the league. [D] Member of the Board of Directors shall, upon evidence of misconduct of any child, notify the manager of the team of which the child is a member within twenty-four hours of the event. Said manager shall appear in the capacity of an advisor, with the child, before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such child’s right to future participation.

# ARTICLE VII – FINANCIAL POLICY

1. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the league and it shall place all income in a common treasury, directing the expenditures of same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over the others as to equipment etc.
2. The Board of Directors shall not permit the contribution of funds to individuals or teams and shall solicit same for the common treasury of the league. The above regulations are to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the league.
3. All capital expenditure must be submitted to a vote of the Board of Directors for approval.

ARTICLE VIII – RULES (FOLLOW ALL LITTLE LEAGUE RULES)

1. MAJOR: The official playing rules and regulations as published by the Little League Baseball Inc., Williamsport, Pa., for the current season shall be blinding on the major teams of this league.
2. MAJOR-MINOR: Major-Minor league players shall not be owned by any major-minor league play except as noted below:
	1. The major-minor farm team shall be limited to twelve players.
	2. Eleven-year-olds shall not pitch.
	3. There will be no balk in Major-Minor league play.
	4. Manager and Coach may coach from the coaching box rather than the dugout.
	5. The pitching distance for the Major-Minor league teams shall be 44 feet.
	6. Age of players is 9- & 10-year-olds and some 11-year-olds that judges by the Board not able to move up. Players must be age 9-10 unless approved by the Board of Directors that the individual child is not able to move up.
	7. Each player in Major-Minor league shall play four out fielders.
	8. Each player in Major-Minor league shall not play at least in half of the game or shall start alternating games. Each player in Major-Minor shall play in at least half of the game or shall start alternating games.
	9. A pitcher shall only be pitched 3 innings per game. pitch

10.There will be no infield fly called. rule in Major-Minor

11.Time limit on all games will be one hour and a half. This is a complete game.

1. MINOR: Minor league players shall not be owned by any Major-Minor league team. Official Little League playing rules shall govern minor league play except as noted below:
	1. The minor farm teams shall be limited to fifteen players.
	2. 9-year-old players may not pitch.
	3. Manager and Coach may coach from the coaching box rather than the dugout.
	4. There will be no balk called in Major-Minor play.
	5. The pitching distance for the Major-Minor teams shall be 40 feet.
	6. All players in minor league shall bat.
	7. Each player in minor league shall play infield.
	8. Each player in minor league shall play in every game.
	9. A pitcher shall be pitched 3 innings per game. only pitch
	10. There will be no infield fly called. No stealing. Also, 1 ½ hours is declared a ballgame.
	11. Age of players is 7- & 8-year-olds and some 9 year olds. Judged by the Board not able to move up.
2. MINOR GIRLS: Minor league players shall not be owned by a major league team. Official Little League playing rules shall govern minor league girls except as noted below:
	1. The minor league team shall be limited to twelve players. They shall consist of 7, 8, 9 & 10-yearold players if possible.
	2. If a team retains a player of age 11, that player may not pitch.
	3. Manager and Coach may coach from the coaching box rather than the dugout.
	4. The pitching distance for the minor league girls shall be 32 feet.
	5. All players in the league shall bat.
	6. Each team shall field all players.
	7. A pitcher shall pitch 6 innings per week.
	8. There will be no infield fly called.
	9. All players in the minor league shall be 8, 9 or 10. If there is a question of an older girls need to be placed in this league, it shall be decided by the Board of Directors for her eligibility.

10.All games shall play one hour and a half. This is considered a complete game.

E] MAJOR GIRLS: The official playing rules and regulations published by the Little League Baseball Inc., Williamsport, Pa, for the current season be binding on the major girls’ team of this league.

1. The major league girl’s teams shall consist of 11- and 12-year-olds. If there is a need to let 10-year-olds play it shall be done by the draft system. If an 11 or 12-year-old player is felt to be unable to participate with this age group, it shall be decided by the Board if this player shall be allowed to play in the minor league.

# ARTICLE IX – REGISTRATION

1. An adequate period for the registration of all children of the Little League age, in the league’s territory, will be provided.
2. The Player Agent shall perform, with the assistance of the Vice-President, the following:
	1. A letter OR SOCIAL MEDIA NOTIFICATION AND FLYERS stating the time and place of registration will be distributed through the local schools, in the last week of February.
	2. An article will be placed in the local newspaper, SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBPAGE stating the time and place of registration BY the last week of February.
	3. Registrations will BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS & THE PUBLIC NOTIFIED AT LEAST 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE.
3. Since an adequate period and adequate publicity will be given, no child will be allowed to register after try-outs without sufficient reasons. If allowed to register after try-outs, said child will be placed in a player pool controlled by the Player Agent.

# ARTICLE X – TRY-OUTS

1. The dates for minor, major and senior leagues shall be set by the Board of Directors each year.
2. The PRESIDENT & RESPECTIVE VICE-PRESIDENTS shall supervise the try-outs.
3. All new players are registered and players who will be moving into a new league shall attend try-outs.
4. The Player Agent shall furnish each manager with an alphabetical list of players eligible for the draft. [E] Try-outs and the draft shall be held on the same day if possible. If that is not possible, the draft shall be held as soon as possible after the try-outs or at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE XI – PLAYER SELECTION

[A] ALL LEAGUES

1. Each manager will be allowed to select only the number of players to fill his/her team’s roster.
2. Major League Draft:
	1. For the child of an assistant coach to be protected in the draft.
	2. The following ill apply in the selection of protected players:
		1. player – must be selected by 3rd round.
		2. players – must be selected by the 5th round.
		3. players – must be selected by 3/4/5 rounds.
	3. Twins or brothers or sisters must be chosen in consecutive rounds.
	4. MANAGERS WILL SELECT PLAYERS BY RANDOM DRAWING. SELECTION WILL GO IN ORDER, FOR EXAMPLE 1,2,3,4,4,3,3,2,1 ETC.
	5. Each team will continue to select players each round until the team’s roster is filled, then the team will be passed on all following rounds.
3. Minor League:
	1. Player selection will take place on the same day as the Major League.
	2. Minor League Draft
		1. Starting with the third round the following players must be selected by each team:
			1. Children of managers and coaches.
			2. Brothers and/or sisters, eligible for the draft, must be picked on successive rounds.
		2. The Player Agent will assign each team a number which will be the number used for that team’s draft choice.
		3. Each team will continue to select players each round until the team’s roster is filled, then the team will be passed on the following rounds.
4. Senior League
	1. Player selection will take place on the same day as the Major League.
	2. Senior League Draft

(A) The same rules will apply for the Senior League Draft that applies to the Major League Draft.

# ARTICLE XII – LEAGUE SCHEDULES

[A] The Player Agent & VICE-PRESIDENTS will submit a schedule to the Board of Directors prior to the LAST week of MARCH.

1. The Player Agent & RESPECTIVE VICE-PRESIDENTS of the league will schedule rain out games prior to the end of the approved schedule if possible. Rain-out games will be rescheduled in order of games rained out, if it does not conflict with this Article. This rescheduling shall not cause a team to play more than three games in a week or play three in succession.
2. Those games that are not played, or completed, prior to the end of the approved schedule, will be played only if they will any bearing on the league championship. In the opinion of the Player Agent & RESPECTIVE VICE-PRESIDENTS of the league, the games shall be played in order of significance to the league championship.
3. In the event of a team cannot get up a nine or ten player (as needed) to play a scheduled game:
	1. Each coach will have his or her first game scheduled.
	2. All other games after this will be brought before the Board of Directors for discussion.
4. Practice games will be allowed after the season begins. The innings pitched by any pitchers during this practice will be charged against him or her for the week.

# ARTICLE XIII – ALL-STAR SELECTION

1. Players for the All-Star Team shall be selected during the 2nd week of May.
2. ALL MINOR, MAJOR-MINOR, MAJOR, JUNIOR & SENIOR LEAGUE PLAYERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL STAR SELECTION.
3. All managers (or designee) will be allowed to vote for the All-Star team.
4. All players will be nominated by managers within the specific league. After nomination, ALL managers will vote on that player. If a player receives 75% or more of the votes, that player is automatically on the All-Star team.
5. ALL PARENTS will have to sign off on players that are able to play and not be on vacation.
6. The top 10 players will be selected by the managers (or designee) within that specific league. All Star managers will select the 11th and 12th players.
7. The Player Agent or Vice President for their perspective leagues will conduct the voting of players.
8. The All-Star Manager shall be PICKED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (CONSIDERATION OF LEAGUE WINNER SHOULD BE FIRST.) HE/SHE SHALL CHOOSE HIS/HER OWN ASSISTANT COACHES.
9. All Players selected must attend minimum number of games played per Little League International Rules.
10. Where applicable these rules shall apply to the Baseball and Softball All Star selections.

# ARTICLE XIV – EXPANSION OF NEW TEAMS

1. Major League Baseball and Softball 1. The new manager will get to choose three twelve-year-old and two eleven-year-olds before the draft begins.
2. Senior League Baseball and Softball

1. New manager will get to choose two fifteens and two fourteens, and three thirteen-year-olds before the draft begins.

# ARTICLE XV – COMPLAINTS

If the President of the Charlestown Little League cannot handle the situation, the protest or complaint should be presented in writing to the Board of Directors for a decision.

ARTICLE XVI – DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

Items considered to have little to no value or considered surplus property of the Charlestown Little League may be distributed to members in good standing of the Charlestown Little League under the discretion of the President and Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE XVI – DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied the members shall distribute the property of the Local League to such other organizations maintaining an objective like that set forth herein, which may be entitled to exemption under Section 501 (c) (3)

of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision

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President of the Board