

Biddeford Little League Softball

Bylaws

ARTICLE I – AUTHORITY & GOVERNANCE

1. Biddeford Little League Softball (BLLS) operates under the authority of Little League International.
 2. All officers, Board members, volunteers, coaches, players, parents, and spectators must comply with:
 - Little League International Rules and Regulations
 - These bylaws
 - Incorporated appendices and reference documents
 3. Any matter not expressly covered herein shall be governed by the Little League Rulebook.
 4. Board decisions made during a season shall not be revisited unless formally tabled or extraordinary circumstances exist.
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ARTICLE II – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors governs all affairs of the league.
 2. Board structure, officer roles, and responsibilities are defined in the **Board Roles & Expectations** document.
 3. The Board retains full authority over:
 - League operations
 - Discipline
 - Financial oversight
 - Tournament participation
 4. Board members are expected to act in the best interest of the league at all times.
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ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

1. League officers include:
 - President
 - Vice President / Umpire-in-Chief

- Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Player Agent
2. The BLL President provides oversight to the Executive Board.
 3. Additional Board appointed positions may be created, modified, or dissolved by the Board of Directors as operational needs require.
 4. Officer duties and expectations are defined in the **Board Roles & Expectations** document.
 5. Officers are elected or appointed annually in accordance with league procedures.
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ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS & AMENDMENTS

Meetings

- Regular Board meetings are held throughout the year as determined by the Board.
- A quorum consists of a majority of active Board members.
- All decisions require a majority vote unless otherwise specified.

Amendments

1. Bylaws may be amended by:
 - A bylaws committee formed after August 1st and prior to January 31st, or
 - Majority vote at February Board Meeting
 2. Bylaws are approved annually and documented in February meeting minutes.
 3. No amendments shall be made during the active season.
 4. Approved bylaws shall be submitted to District Administration and posted publicly.
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ARTICLE V – COACHES

1. All head and assistant coaches must comply with the **Coach Expectations & Responsibilities** document.
2. Coach selection, eligibility restrictions, conduct standards, practice expectations, scheduling, equipment responsibility, and discipline are governed by that document and **Appendix A – League Policies & Operating Procedures**, where applicable.

3. The Board retains authority to review or discipline coaches for failure to meet expectations.
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ARTICLE VI – PLAYERS, DRAFTING & ROSTERS

1. Player registration, evaluations, drafting, trades, replacements, and roster changes shall be conducted in accordance with:
 - Little League rules
 - League-approved procedures
 - **Appendix A – League Policies & Operating Procedures**, where applicable
 2. The Player Agent oversees these processes.
 3. Division eligibility and age placement guidelines are reviewed and approved annually by the Board and detailed in Appendix A.
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ARTICLE VII – DIVISIONS & GAME OPERATIONS

1. League divisions and eligibility requirements are defined by age and skill level in accordance with Little League rules and league-specific guidelines.
 2. Game rules, inter-league rules, division-specific procedures, rainout policies, and field responsibilities are governed by:
 - Little League regulations
 - **Appendix A – League Policies & Operating Procedures**
 3. Scheduling authority rests with the League Scheduler.
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ARTICLE VIII – SAFETY, CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE

1. Player, coach, parent, and spectator conduct must align with league standards.
 2. Safety rules regarding equipment, protective gear, and jewelry shall follow Little League requirements and league policy.
 3. Disciplinary authority, Zero Tolerance enforcement, ejections, suspensions, and appeal procedures are governed by **Appendix A – League Policies & Operating Procedures**.
 4. The Board's disciplinary decisions are final.
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ARTICLE IX – TOURNAMENT & ALL-STAR PLAY

1. Tournament participation is determined annually by the Board.
 2. Funding, team composition, player selection, coaching appointments, equipment procurement, and tournament procedures shall follow:
 - Little League rules
 - **Appendix A – League Policies & Operating Procedures**
 3. Tournament operations remain under Board oversight.
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ARTICLE X – FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

1. The Treasurer prepares the annual league budget.
 2. Board-designated roles submit annual budget requests as outlined in the **Board Roles & Expectations** document.
 3. All league expenditures require Board approval.
 4. Tournament-related expenses, fundraising, and training or development funding shall be governed by **Appendix A – League Policies & Operating Procedures**.
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ARTICLE XI – INCORPORATED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are incorporated by reference and carry equal authority to these bylaws:

- **Board Roles & Expectations**
- **Coach Expectations & Responsibilities**
- **Appendix A – League Policies & Operating Procedures**
- **Inter-League and District Playing Rules**