

FAIRFIELD NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE (FNLL) BY-LAWS
(amended as of January 11, 2018)

ARTICLE 1- SPONSORS

Each sponsor shall be approved by the Board of Directors and shall pay an annual sponsor's fee, as determined by said Board. This fee is to be included in the general fund of the league.

ARTICLE 2- MANAGERS AND COACHES

- A. The President and/or any other major league manager shall have the right to nominate an individual to be a major league manager. If there is a major league managerial vacancy and one person is eligible to fill this vacancy, such person shall be appointed manager, subject to Board of Directors approval. If two or more persons are eligible to fill one such vacancy, an election will be held among the voting members of the Board of Directors.
- B. In order to be eligible to be a major league manager, a person shall have the following qualifications:
 - 1. He or she must have at least two years experience as a coach or manager in the Majors. AAA, or minor league programs of this league.
 - 2. He or she must be willing to make a commitment to manage a team for a minimum of one year.
 - 3. He or she is not required to be the parent of a child who will be playing on the team at the time such parent will be managing.
- C. AAA.AA, Minor A, Minor B and T-Ball coordinators shall have control of their respective divisions, and shall nominate individuals to be minor league managers. Such nominees shall be approved or denied by the Board of Directors. Coordinators shall submit the list of all eligible candidates, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- D. In order to be eligible to be a major division coach, the person must have coached three seasons, including spring, fall, and all-star seasons.

ARTICLE 3- LEAGUE BOUNDARIES

Any child who resides in the following elementary school districts shall be eligible to register to play little league baseball in the Fairfield National Little League: North Stratfield, Stratfield, Jennings, McKinley, Holland Hill and Burr. Also, any player who is claimed by the league under Regulation II (d), Regulation IV (h) and any other application provision of the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc.

ARTICLE 4- SELECTION OF PLAYERS

After a thorough tryout program has been completed, the major division teams of the preceding season will conduct a draft of players age 10-12 as follows:

As provided for in the 2012 Pilot Program for player evaluation and draft process as adopted by the Board of Directors for the years 2015-2018

Managers must make every effort to not select more than eight players in any age group. The team roster may be comprised of players of league age 10, 11, and 12 years olds. Player rosters will be complete at 12 players, however coaches may select up to 14 players total. FNLL policy is to require 10, 11, and 12 year olds to try out for the major division. The draft will include all players eligible for selection.

BONUS PICKS:

Each manager requiring eight or more players prior to the draft to complete their roster will be allowed one bonus selection at the completion of round four. If more than one manager is allowed bonus selection under this section, the order of rotation will be identical to that being followed in the draft noted above.

OPTIONS ON SONS, DAUGHTERS AND SIBLINGS

An option (protect) is an agreement between a manager and the Player Agent covering a special condition. All options **MUST** be communicated to the Player Agent prior to the first tryout. The options are as follows:

Brothers/Sisters in the Draft

When there are two or more siblings in the draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted by a manager automatically has an option to draft the other brother or sister on the next turn. If the manager does not exercise that option, the second sibling is then available to be drafted by any team. The Player Agent will make every effort to review the drafting of brothers/sister with their appropriate parents without making any final commitment to their placement on the same team.

Brothers/Sisters of Players Currently on a Team

If desired, a manager shall submit an option on a draftee if the Player candidate's brother or sister is a member of that manager's team. If such an option is submitted, the manager **MUST** draft the sibling within the first three draft selections.

Sons/Daughters of Managers/Coaches

If a manager or coach has sons or daughters eligible under Regulation 11 (League Boundaries) for the draft and wished to draft them, the manager must submit the option to the Player Agent. If so stated, the players will be automatically assigned to the manager's team, and will not need to be included in the draft.

5A. Division Expansion (Major Leagues)

When the **major** league expands by one or more **teams**, the new **team(s)** will select players **per little league rules as apply** before the regular draft begins. The expansion teams must select their protected players, in accordance with the league draft rules. The expansion teams will select first in each round.

6. Special Considerations Which Apply

- A. If the manager so chooses, the option on a son or daughter may be waived.
- B. In the event the parent becomes a manager in another league that parent may not claim the son or daughter.
- C. Players are eligible only in the league whose boundaries include the parent/manager's home residence (as defined by Little League).
- D. When a vacancy occurs during the playing season, the player selected to fill the vacancy becomes a permanent member if the selection occurs at or prior to the first half of the season. If the selection happens after the first half, that player will be subject to the draft next season. The player being replaced will be considered as a permanent member upon return.
- E. All players league age 11 and 12 including sons/daughters of managers/coaches at the Minor and Triple A level are subject to the major league draft and must go through the tryout process.
- F. Players shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.

OTHER DIVISIONS

FNLL will treat the Triple A division as Majors/Minor divisions, which means they will play under all major league rules. The player agent will assign players to this division by elementary school district as roster minimums and maximums permit.

Players will be assigned as follows:

Triple A: all 10, and 11 ,year olds who are not selected for major league rosters, and any 12 year old player who opts out of the majors or is otherwise ineligible.

Double A: all league age 9 year olds.

Minor A: all league age 8 year olds.

Minor B: all league age 7 year olds

T-Ball: all league age 5 and 6 year olds.

ARTICLE 5-SCHEDULE

The schedule of games will be drawn up by the Players Agent, who may delegate this responsibility to the division coordinators, and will be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. Make-up games will be scheduled on pre-determined open dates that will be built into the schedule.

ARTICLE 6-PRE-SEASON PLAY

There will be no formal pre-season play for any of the divisions. However, teams may play against each other in informal scrimmages.

ARTICLE 7- POST-SEASON PLAY

There will be three levels of formal post season play for players in the major league, which shall be as follows:

- A. **TOWN TOURNAMENT-** The major league team that wins the FNLL regular season championship shall represent FNLL in the Fairfield Little League Town Championship Tournament. The second team shall be the regular season runner-up. The Tournament will be a single loss elimination format, with the regular season champion of FNLL playing the runner-up of Fairfield American Little League, and the tournament champion of FNLL, (or runner-up of FNLL regular season), playing the champion of Fairfield American Little League. The two winners from these games will then play for the Town Championship. Any ties will be broken first by head to head wins, second by head to head run differential, and finally by a coin toss.
- B. **DISTRICT ALL STAR TOURNAMENT (11-12 year olds)** - FNLL will be represented by an All Star team that will consist of 11 and 12 year olds to compete in the District 2 Little League Tournament, where the rules of eligibility and play shall be conducted in strict accordance with those promulgated by Little League Baseball, Inc. Williamsport, PA. The final roster for the District All Star team that shall compete in such District 2 Tournament shall consist of a playing roster of not less than 12 players and not more than 14 players to be nominated by the Major League Managers. Players nominated will participate in a tryout, with the team selected by a team of evaluators

which will be nominated by the Player Agent and approved by the President and the Board of Directors. Evaluators may not have children participating in all-star tryouts in any division or on any level. The all-star managers and coaches shall be nominated by the Player agent, and approved by the President, and the Board of Directors following selection of the all-star players. Fifteen players will be selected for each age group by the evaluators, and the manager will be selected from that list, who will then select two assistant coaches from that list. The team will be made up of ten players selected by the evaluators, and the rest of the roster by manager.

- C. **DISTRICT ALL STAR TOURNAMENT (9-11 year olds)** - FNLL will be represented by 9,10, and 11 year old All Star teams to compete in the District 2 Little League Tournament. The final roster for these all-star teams that shall compete in such District 2 Tournaments shall consist of a playing roster of not less than 12, nor more than 14 players to be selected by a team of evaluators, and approved by the Player Agent and President.

TOURNAMENT TEAMS (8-12 year olds) FNLL will be represented by Tournament teams, made up of non-district all-stars, as the number of qualified players and available coaches allow, and as the league budget permits. Players will be assigned to tournament teams, by the Player Agent.

D. **ALL STAR NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS AND FEES**

1. Managers in each division will nominate up to 3 players per age bracket from the roster of their regular season spring team. Any manager wishing to nominate more than 3 players in any age bracket must petition the Player Agent for a waiver. Player Agent will only grant this waiver if, in his opinion, the nominee is within the best 15 players, in terms of playing ability, in the age bracket. Any disagreement between the nominating manager, and the Player Agent, may be appealed to the President for final decision.
2. Managers in each division will submit a list of no more than 15 nominees, per age bracket, of players in their respective divisions, for all-star consideration and evaluation, to the Player Agent, subject to Section 1 above.
3. Managers will provide written recommendations, including statistical support, for each nominee from their own team, to the Player Agent.
4. All-star evaluations will be held for each age bracket prior to all-star teams being announced. All-star evaluations will be conducted objectively, by qualified evaluators, as described above with no financial conflict of interest, defined as, individuals who, for financial gain, coach, teach, train, or organize for compensation, players of the FNLL eligible for that evaluation, or personal interest, in that they may not have a child trying out for any district all-star team. League managers and coaches shall not participate.
5. The all-star team shall then be selected by the team of evaluators. The roster is subject to review and approval by the Player Agent and President.

6. All-star managers will collect league established all-star fees for each player selected for the all -star team, and present them to the President at the time the affidavit, or roster, is presented to the Player Agent and President for approval. Any player from whom the fee is not received, and has not been granted a waiver or deferral by the Treasurer or President, shall be stricken from the affidavit/roster, and shall be replaced by the next best candidate, in the all-star manager's discretion.
7. Players must play 75% of their regular season team's scheduled games, including playoffs, to be eligible for all-star teams. Playing a game is defined as being present for all 6 innings of play in a given game. This rule may be waived by the President and/or the Player agent for any player who was unable to fulfill this mandatory participation requirement due to injury or illness. (Approved January 19, 2017)

ARTICLE 8-ABSENT PLAYERS

If a team will be short three or more players for a particular game due to conflicting school or religious functions involving players from the team, the manager must notify the League President at least forty-eight hours prior to the game in question. If the President is unavailable the League Vice President should be notified. The President may then reschedule the game for the next open date on the calendar.

ARTICLE 9- TEAM ROSTERS

Each major league team shall keep a roster of a minimum of 12 players for 1/2 of the schedule season. If a player becomes unavailable (sick, injured, moves, etc.) for more than 1/2 of the scheduled season, the following replacement rules shall apply:

- A. Should a team lose a player, the manager must promptly advise the player agent, who must then advise the President and the Board.
- B. If the unavailable player is approved by the President and the Board, a replacement player shall be added to the major league roster. This replacement player should be the best available player from the AAA Division.
- C. If an injured or sick and unavailable player becomes healthy and returns to the active roster, the replacement player will remain on the roster for the balance of the season.
- D. If a AAA player becomes unavailable then the same process shall be followed with the replacement player being the best 9 year old available, that had previously tried out for the AAA draft.

ARTICLE 10- INTENTIONAL WALKS

Intentional walks are not allowed during regular season play.

ARTICLE 11- COMMITTEES

The officers, managers, and any other interested persons shall be eligible to serve on various committees which shall assist the President and the Board of Directors carrying out the purposes of this organization and which actions shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

The standing committees shall be as follows:

- A. **Nominating-** The nominating committee shall consist of the President, two Board members, and two regular members who shall present a slate for all officers to be elected at the annual meeting.
- B. **By Laws and Constitution-** Responsible for reviewing and proposing amendments to the league constitution and by- laws under the direction of the President.
- C. **Registration** - Responsible for coordinating spring and fall registration, and to implement procedures for improving the registration process, under the direct of the Player Agent.
- D. **Tryout/Draft-** Responsible for scheduling, planning, and conducting the tryouts and draft process, including the specific procedures for tryouts and developing a suggested evaluation process, under the direction of the Player Agent and the Major League Coordinator.
- E. **Safety-** Responsible for reviewing, recommending, and implementing league safety rules and procedures, under the direction of the Safety Director.
- F. **Equipment-** Responsible for securing bids on needed supplies and equipment, and to make a recommendation for their purchase to the Board. Also: responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment, and for the repair, cleaning, inventory, and storage thereof, under the direction of the Vice-President.
- G. **Pictures-** Responsible for obtaining bids, and recommending providers for team and individual pictures, scheduling and distribution of photographs and provisions of team pictures to the sponsorship committee.
- H. **Memorial Day-** Plan and coordinate league participation in the Memorial Day Parade for the Town of Fairfield.
- I. **Media/Advertising-** Responsible for promoting and advertising the league and its events. in the local media, reporting scores and highlights, and securing advertisers at fields and as otherwise available. Also responsible for securing sponsors, recommending sponsorship fees and developing a sponsorship program that includes communication with sponsors. Also will be responsible for the potential use of the myteam.com website for the league. Committee will be under the direction of the Vice President and Treasurer.
- J. **Clinics and Education Programs-** Responsible for planning and conducting clinics and other developmental programs for players, parents, managers, coaches, and umpires, under the direction of the President.
- K. **All-Star-** Responsible for recommendation of coaches and coaching staffs for all All-Star teams to the Board. Also responsible for coordinating the selection of the 9, 10 and 11 year old all star teams.
- L. **Fields-** Responsible for coordinating field maintenance, supplies, and equipment, and use.
- M. **Umpires-** Responsible for recruitment, education, training and scheduling of umpires for league games.
- N. **Concessions-**Responsible for ensuring the operation of the concession stand at Tunxis Hill, and elsewhere, as desired.
- O. **Sponsorships and Fundraising-**Responsible for securing sponsors, sponsor relations, fundraising, and developmental plans and programs within the league and community.

ARTICLE 12-DIVISIONS

The Fairfield National Little League shall consist of the following divisions: Major League, Triple A, Double A, Minor A, Minor B, and T-Ball. The number of teams assigned to each division shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The number of players assigned to each team shall be determined by the player agent, with the approval of the Board of Directors. **Players shall be assigned to teams by elementary school district, as possible for all divisions except majors.**

ARTICLE 13-CLINICS AND EDUCATION

Section 1

All members and coaches at every level are required to complete a league approved coaching clinic before managing or coaching in the league. The league will pay the registration fee (once per year). The Board of Directors may grant an extension of 1 year if attendance would create a hardship, or for other good cause shown.

The league will hold at least one in-house coaching clinic, which is mandatory for all managers and coaches who did not attend the league approved coaching clinic that year.

Any manager or coach who does not attend either the league approved clinic or in-house clinic is subject to removal as manager or coach by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 14-FORFEITURES

1. If a game cannot be played at its scheduled time because of the inability of either team to place nine players on the field before the game begins, the umpire shall permit a ten-minute leeway.
2. Upon the completion of ten minutes, the umpire shall count the eligible players present, and if less than nine, declare a forfeit.
3. The manager must then advise the Board in writing, within 24 hours, why he did not have nine players available.
4. The Board may then vacate the forfeiture for good cause shown defined as:
 - a. weather emergency;
 - b. national or local emergency;
 - c. sudden verifiable illness or injury to players or family members;
 - d. legitimate mistake as to field location or time designation based upon error on schedule;
 - e. other good cause as deemed by the Board.

The following are examples of excuses that do not constitute good cause:

- a. social events;
- b. players grounded, or otherwise punished by parents;
- c. work related delays;
- d. forgetting game schedule;
- e. conflicting sports schedule;

ARTICLE 15-PLAYER RULES

Players, at all times, shall exhibit good sportsmanship, and show respect for teammates, opponents, managers, coaches, and umpires.

No player shall, at any time, engage in an argument with the umpire regarding the umpire's decision. Any player who either through his/her words or actions openly displays his disagreement with an umpire's decision, shall be subject to ejection in the umpire's discretion.

All batters, base runners, base coaches, and on-deck hitters must wear protective helmets at all times.

No player other than the batter shall handle a bat in the dugout, or in any area, until their turn to bat.

No player may climb or hand upon the dugout fence, outfield fence, or backstop, at any time.

No player may stand upon the bench at any time.

No player shall, either by use of any part of his body, piece of equipment, or other instrumentality, strike the bench, fence, or other object, for the purpose of creating noise.

No player may "taunt" either his/her opponents, teammates, umpire, or other participants in the game. Taunting is defined as words, conduct, or action, intended to, having the effect of insulting, annoying, embarrassing, intimidating, or harassing another participant.

No player shall, at any time, enter the dugout of the opposing team unless permitted by the opposing manager or coach.

All players are to remain on the bench, and in the dugout, when not participating in the game unless permitted by the manager, except in the case of emergency.

No glass bottles are permitted in the dugout area at any time.

All players must wear a protective cup to participate.

The rules are supplemental to the general rules of Little League and the Fairfield National Little League.

ARTICLE 16-PITCHING RULES

Per: official rules of Little League Baseball.

ARTICLE 17-SUSPENDED GAMES

Any game that is required to be suspended due to weather, darkness, or other reason as determined by the umpire, will be continued at a future date from the point of suspension, until it's conclusion, regardless of the point in the game when the suspension occurs, from first pitch to last pitch. There will be no rain-shortened decisions.

ARTICLE 18-WOODEN BATS

The T-Ball, Coach Pitch Minor B and Minor A divisions shall be wooden bat leagues. No metallic, ceramic, or other bat shall be permitted during games and team practices.

ARTICLE 19 -TRAVEL PLAY

The FNLL will permit players, managers, and coaches, to participate in travel play, per Little League rules. The FNLL cannot sponsor travel play, nor will exercise supervisory authority over travel teams. The FNLL will make reasonable effort to accommodate travel play, by, in advance of the season, directing the division coordinators to designate time slots in their schedules for travel play. No change can be made without the approval of the division coordinator.

ARTICLE 20- TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Each year, the FNLL Board of Directors will determine whether to sponsor tournament teams (non-district teams) for all-star play in each age bracket.

Players selected for district teams will be assigned to the district team unless expressly granted a waiver by the district manager, and Player Agent.

Tournament teams shall be roster 12 players minimum.

No tournament manager may sign-up for any post season tournament without first notifying the district manager, and receiving approval from the Treasurer. Any objection by the district manager will be resolved by the President.

ARTICLE 21 MANDATORY PLAY REQUIREMENT – MINOR DIVISIONS

All players in attendance at games in the minors divisions of the FNLL, including T Ball, Minor B, Minor A, and AA divisions, shall be required to play a minimum of nine defensive outs in the field, and one at-bat, per game. In the event the game is played for less than six innings, a minimum of six defensive outs in the field, and one at bat will be required. This rule shall not apply to the AAA or majors divisions.

In addition, all such players shall be required to play a minimum of three defensive outs at an infield position, defined as: pitcher, catcher, first baseman, second baseman, third baseman, and shortstop, unless in the good faith judgment of the manager, such infield play would jeopardize the safety of that player, or any other player on the field. Any such decision shall be reported to the division coordinator.

This rule does not prevent a manager, for reasons of discipline, and/or for violation of team or league rules, including practice and game attendance requirements, to play any player less than the required minimum playing time, or to sit a player for any portion of any game, or the entire game. Any such decision shall be reported to the division coordinator.

This rule does not prevent an umpire from ejecting a player, or determining a player should not participate for health or safety reasons.

Any coach who is determined by the President to have intentionally violated this rule, shall be subject to discipline as outlined in the by-laws and constitution of the FNLL.

If a violation is determined by the President to be unintentional, the remedy shall be the subject player shall start the next game played by the team, and play sufficient defensive outs, in addition to the mandatory play requirement for that game, and take at bats, to compensate for the number of outs/at bats deprived of in the offending game.

Example: Player A plays only seven outs, and no at bats, before the game is called for the ten run rule. Coach X must start Player A in the next game, and make sure he/she plays at least eleven defensive outs, and gets two at bats, before being substituted for.

(As approved by the Board of Directors, November, 2014)

ARTICLE 22

The Fairfield National Little League prohibits the scheduling of games, and team practices, on the following religious holidays, occurring during our spring and fall seasons:

GOOD FRIDAY
EASTER SUNDAY
PASSOVER DAY ONE
PASSOVER DAY TWO
ROSH HASHANAH
YOM KIPPUR

League personnel should understand that Jewish holidays begin at sunset the evening prior to the holiday, and that evening is included in the prohibition in this by law.

(Adopted by the Board of Directors October 13, 2016)

ARTICLE 23

The official colors of the Fairfield National Little League are navy blue, scarlet red, and white, as those colors appear on the American flag.

(Adopted January, 2017)

FAIRFIELD NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

Amended as of January 1, 2016

ARTICLE I- NAME: This organization shall be known as the Fairfield National Little League.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

The objective of this organization shall be to firmly implant upon the children of Fairfield the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted children and will grow to be good decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens.

SECTION 2

In attempting to achieve this objective, the organization shall provide for high supervision for all practice sessions, as well as during all games. The supervisors shall at all times, proceed in the knowledge that athletic skill and the winning of games is secondary to the objectives of this organization as stated in Section I above.

SECTION 3

In accordance with Section 501-©-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, Fairfield National Little League operates exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball games. No part 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

Member: All officers, board members, managers and coaches, as officially listed with the FNLL, and any parent of a child registered as a player in the FNLL, in good standing, who (a) attends **50%** of all scheduled league meetings during the preceding twelve month period, and (b) donates his or her time to the FNLL by serving on a standing committee.

SECTION 2

Classes. There shall be the following classes of members.

- (a) Regular Members. All parents actively interested in furthering the objectives of Fairfield National Little League may become a Regular Member as hereinafter provided. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members.
- (b) Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.
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SECTION 3

General Membership Meetings

A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of Fairfield National Little League. A minimum of one per year is required:

SECTION 4

Notice of Meetings

Notice of the Annual 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 methods listed above, notice may be given in at least two (2) local newspapers.

SECTION 5

Annual Meeting of the Members

The annual meeting of the Members of Fairfield National Little League shall be held on the last Thursday of the month of October at 8:00 p.m. each year for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution and appointing committees^

(a) The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting a report verified by the President and Treasurer showing:

1. The condition of the League to be presented by the President
2. A general summary of funds received and expended by the League, the amount of funds currently in possession.

(b) The Membership shall elect a Board of Directors from the Members of Fairfield National Little League.

ARTICLE IV- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Authority

The management of the property and the affairs of Fairfield National Little League shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have final responsibility for all matters of Fairfield National Little League. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following Members.

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Safety Coordinator
- f. Player Agent
- g. Major Coordinator
- h. AAA Coordinator
- i. AA Coordinator
- j. Minor A Coordinator
- k. Minor BCoordinator

ALTERNATES: To Vote In Place of Absent Member

SECTION 2

Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the President and two other Officers who shall be elected by the Board of Directors. In the event of a conflict of interest involving a member of the Executive Board, said member shall be ineligible to vote on the matter in question, and his or her place shall be taken by another Officer to be elected by the Board of Directors..

SECTIONS

Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be held on the second (2nd) Thursday of each month. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President and any two other Board members on an "as required" basis. All Board members shall have the right to vote, move and support motions. A majority of the members present shall be necessary for passage of any motions. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings at all meetings of Fairfield National Little League.

SECTION 4

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee shall consist of the President, two Board members and two Regular members who shall present a slate for all Officers to be elected at the Annual Meeting. Other nominations from the floor shall be entertained.

SECTIONS

Vacancies

The Board of Directors may elect a Member of Fairfield National Little League to fill any vacancy in office for the balance of the unexpired term.

SECTION 6

Affiliations

One person may hold one or more offices in this organization, but no person may hold office, or otherwise serve in any administrative or executive capacity in any other Little League organization.

SECTION 7

Dissolution

The Board of Directors, by a two thirds vote may dissolve Fairfield National Little League, providing written notice of such intent is mailed to all Members of Fairfield National Little League at least, ten days prior to said meeting.

ARTICLE V- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1

The President shall:

- a. Conduct the affairs of Fairfield National Little League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- b. President shall report on the condition of the League at the Annual Meeting
- c. Communicate to the Board such matters as he or she deems appropriate and make suggestions to promote the welfare of the League.
- d. Be responsible for the conduct of the League in strict conformity to the policies,

principals, rules and regulations of Little League Baseball Inc. as agreed to under the conditions of the Charter issued to Fairfield National Little League by Little League Baseball Inc.

e. Designate in writing to the Officers if necessary to have the power to make and execute for / and in the name of the League such contracts and leases that have received prior approval of the Board.

f. Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Leagues and report those to the Board as circumstances warrant.

g. Prepare and submit any annual budget to the Board and be responsible for its proper execution.

SECTION 2

The Vice President shall:

(a) In the absence or disability of the President perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all of the powers of that office, and perform other duties that may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

SECTIONS

The Secretary/treasurer shall:

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

(b) Keep minutes of League meetings, and record them in a restricted book for that purpose.

(c) Notify Directors, Officers and Coordinators of all meetings. Notify members of their election or appointment

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

(e) Shall execute ail correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated to others and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions.-

(f) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the League and approve and make all appropriate payments.

All disbursements over the amount of five thousand dollars shall require a second signature of the second signing officer.

(g) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of and in concert with the President, for the submission to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

(h) Prepare a monthly financial report for submission to the Board of Directors. (i) Draw checks with policies established in advance of such actions of the Board of Directors.

0 Perform such duties as are appropriate to the office of Secretary/Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

(k) Supply all financial reports for Fairfield National Little League fiscal year which shall run from October 1 through September 30 for submission of financial statement to Little League Baseball Inc. Williamsport, Pennsylvania. © Send invoices to all returning Major League sponsors.

SECTION 4

The- Player agent shall:

- (a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up to date record of those transactions.
- (b) Receive and review applications for all new players and assure that those players meet age and eligibility requirements.
- (c) Conduct the tryouts, player draft and all other player transactions or selection meetings.
- (d) Prepare the Players Agent list.
- (e) Prepare for the Presidents signature and submission to Little League Baseball Inc. team rosters, including players claimed and tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (t) Execute Major, AAA, Minor A, Minor B and Tee Ball schedule to the Board of Directors for approval.

SECTIONS

Division Coordinators shall:

- (a) Administer, supervise and coordinate all on and off field activities pertaining to their specific divisions and shall carry out all of the directions of the President and/or the Board of Directors.
- (b) Notify all Managers and Coaches of monthly meetings.

SECTION 6

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.

ARTICLE VI- ELIGIBILITY AND DISCIPLINE

SECTION I

- (a) Any child meeting eligibility requirement as to age and residence shall be eligible for membership on a Major, AAA, AA, Minor A, Minor B, or Tee Ball team
- (b) Any Manager, Coach or any other person affiliated with Fairfield National Little League who is accused of any type of misconduct on or off the *field* which may be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the League may face immediate suspension by the President and shall be summoned to appear at a hearing before the Board of Directors to explain his or her actions and conduct. The Board after conducting such hearing shall have the right to suspend the Managing, Coaching or playing privileges of such person for whatever length of time the Board deems to be reasonable or for the current year.

Article VI

Section 1

Procedure

1. Any complaint regarding the on or off the field behavior, shall be referred to the President who shall appoint a committee from the Board of Directors to investigate the- complaint. Such investigation shall include obtaining statements and other information from all parties involved; any witnesses and the person accused of the wrongdoing.
2. The President -will convene the board within 7 days of the date of reporting of the incident for a hearing.
3. The party accused of the wrongdoing shall present any witnesses, or other evidence regarding the incident. He/she may also have the right to question witnesses and make a formal verbal or written statement at the conclusion of the hearing.
4. The Board may present any witnesses.
5. Following the hearing, the Board shall meet in executive session to vote on whether disciplining action shall be taken, and if so, what action is appropriate.

At the Executive Session

1. Board could decide to take no further action.
2. Board could decide to draft a "warning or letter of reprimand.
3. Board could decide to revoke all or part of the person's membership privileges for a specific period of time, but no longer than *in&* remainder of the fiscal year.

Any punishment must be approved by two-thirds vote of the board.

In the case of a Player Member, a committee gathers complaints, in writing if possible, and reports its findings to the Board of Directors. The board could dismiss the case, or could send written notice to accused, stating the charges, as well as when and where to appear to answer the charges. The player's manager should also be present. (*Model Constitution - Article III, Section 4b.*) This process is detailed below.

(c) Any person who is suspended by the Board shall have the right to a hearing before the Board to seek reinstatement.

(d) Each Manager shall have the right to suspend from his or her team any child who is a discipline problem, provided that such suspension shall be with the consent of the Executive Board, a parent or legal guardian shall be notified of such suspension and shall have the right to a hearing before the Board of Directors to seek reinstatement of such child.

ARTICLE VII- CONTRIBUTIONS

SECTION I

The Board of Directors shall discourage the contribution of funds or gifts to individual Teams, or its members, but shall encourage contributions to the common treasury.

ARTICLE VIII- AMENDMENT PROCEDURES

SECTION 1 Constitution-

(a) The Constitution or any section thereof, may be repealed or amended by a majority vote of the League Members at any stated, or specially called meeting provided notice of such meeting is delivered as stated in (Article m, section 4) of this Constitution^

SECTION 2

By-Laws:

(a) The By-Laws of Fairfield National Little League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month- prior to first scheduled game of the spring season. However, they shall not conflict with the Constitution of the Fairfield National Little League, or with the rules of Little League Baseball Inc.

ARTICLE IX- AFFILIATION

(a) Fairfield National Little League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball Inc. The League and all of its members shall devote *their* entire energies to a carry out pledge of Little League Baseball.

DATE AMENDED _____

APPROVED BY _____