Pottsville Area Little League By-Laws

Adopted by the current Board of Directors on 11-12-23

This copy of the By-Laws supersedes all previous versions and copies.

ARTICLE I
NAME

This organization shall be known as Pottsville Area Little league, hereinafter referred to as "PALL" Throughout this document, PALL shall also be referred to as "the league."

ARTICLE II
OBJECTIVE

Section 1. The objective of the 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, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens.

Section 2. To achieve this objective, the 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 of the winning of games is secondary and the molding of future citizens is of primary importance.

Section 3. In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. **Eligibility** -Any person sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objective of this league may apply to become a member.

Section 2. **Class** -There shall be the following classes for members:

a. **Players** -Any player candidate meeting the requirement of Little League Regulation IV and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the League shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the 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. The secretary shall maintain the roll book, which is to be signed at each monthly meeting, keeping a ledger 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. Coaches and members of Coaching Staff, Volunteer Umpires, and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.

c. **Members in Good Standing** – To be considered a member in good standing, the individual must be a member by April of that current league year and new official members must attend at least half (1/2 or 50 percent) of the General Meetings in the current league year, and/or be an acting member of a committee with documented and Board Approved contributions, and/or be an active coach listed on the coaching staff for the current baseball season who was present for more than 80% of the scheduled practices and games during the current league year. For coaches, the general meeting attendance listed above is required to be eligible for nomination to a board position.

Section 3. **Suspension of Termination** - Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directions.

a. **For Member**- The Board of Directors, by majority vote of this present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interest of the 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. **For Player**- The Board of Directions shall, in the case of a player member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member and legal guardian of the player. Said manager and/or legal guardian shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before the Board of Directions, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

ARTICLE IV
DUES

Section 1. Dues of regular members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directions shall determine prior to the beginning of any membership period.

Section 2. Members who fail to pay their fixed dues, either in person or by U.S. Mail to the League Treasurer, within thirty (30) days from the time the same become due may, by vote of the Board, be dropped from the roles and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership. Members may pay their dues between November 1 and Opening Day.

Section 3. A reasonable Little League participation fee may be assessed ·as a parent's obligation to ensure operational continuity of the League. At no time of payment of any fee be a prerequisite for participation in this Little League Program.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS

Section 1. **Annual Meeting** - The annual meeting of the members of the League shall be held in the month of October each year, at a time and place to be determined by the Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. The purpose of the meeting shall be for the election of Officers, Directions and Members receiving reports and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. The official agenda for the meeting shall be set by the Board of Directions. The President shall preside over the meeting. The Information Officer shall notify the members in accordance with the provisions in Section 2 below.

Section 2. **Notice of Meeting** - Notice of each meeting of members shall be advertised in via social media sites at least ten {10) days in advance thereof, included shall be the location, time and purpose of the meeting; or in lieu thereof, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the members, from time to time, at a regularly convened meeting, which take place the 2nd Sunday at 7pm of each month.

Section 3. **Special Meetings**- Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directions or by the President at their discretion; however, all Board Members must be notified of said meeting within twenty-four {24) hours. The President shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members.

Section 4. Election of Board of Directions and Term -See ARTICLE VI, Section 3.

Section 5. **Quorum** - The presence in person of half (1/2) of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 6. **Voting** - Only regular members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the members of the League. No new members that join after the General Membership Meeting in April of the current fiscal year may vote in that fiscal years elections.

Section 7. **Rules of Order**- Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceeding of all of the meetings, except where they conflict with the By-Laws of the League.

ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The term "Board of Directors" or "Board" shall be used interchangeably and shall refer to the Board of Directors of the League.

Section 1. **Board and Number** - The management of the property and affairs of the League shall be vested in the Board of Directions. The number of Directors shall be set at twelve (12) as identified in Article VI, Section 2 herein.

Section 2. The Board of Directions shall consist of the following minimum members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Major League Commissioner, Minor League Commissioner, Safety Officer, Umpire in Chief, Information Officer, Coaching Coordinator, and T-Ball Commissioner.

All Board Members must accept the responsibility of directing a particular committee, performing a specific function for the good of the League, or assuming a League responsibility as directed by the Board, or be removed from the Board of Directors by the President.

Section 3. **Annual Election and Term of Office** – At each annual meeting, the Members shall elect twelve (12) Directors for the upcoming year for the positions identified in Article VI, Section 2. The election of any one Director shall be a majority of votes cast. The election procedures are outlined in Article XIII Section 7

Section 4. **Vacancies of the Board** - If any vacancy occurs on the Board, it shall be filled by appointment of the President to complete the term of the former Director.

Section 5. **Meeting of the Board** - In addition to the Annual Meeting of the Members (as set forth in Article V, Section 1), the Board shall meet no less than once a month as set by the President. A special meeting may be called at any time by the President, or by three (3) Board Members, provided that 24 hours' notice by telephone, e-mail, or text is given to all Directors.

Section 6. **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. See Article VII below.

a. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the League as it deems proper.
b. The Board shall have the power by meeting a quorum of board members and by majority vote of those present at any regular or special meetings to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer or Committee Member of the League in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 3 (a) above.
c. The Board (through the President and Treasurer) shall present to the membership at the annual meeting a report showing the whole amount of property owned by the League, where it is located, and how invested, and the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding. A budget and financial statement shall also be prepared by the Treasurer and presented to the Membership.
d. The Board shall also be vested with whatever powers are permitted under the general Corporation law of the State of Pennsylvania.

Section 7. **Quorum** - Fifty (50) percent of the elected and acting Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for all regular and special Board of Directors meetings for the transaction of any business.

Section 8. **Action Without a Meeting** - There shall be no formal action taken by the Board without a formal meeting.

Section 9. **Duties of the President** -The President shall have the following duties:

a. Conduct the affairs of the League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors;
b. Communicate to the Board such matters as he or she deems appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the League;
c. Be responsible for the conduct of the League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules and regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc., as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued the League by the organization;
d. Have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the League contracts and leases, and sign checks, all subject to review and approval of the Board;
e. Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the League and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant;
f. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof;
g. Act as a liaison between the Board of Directors, and the City of Pottsville Department of Recreation and Parks;
h. Any other tasks required by the Board of Directors to further our use and enjoyment of the Little League Fields;

i. Ensure that the facilities on which we play are safe for the players and our field personnel, and are repaired as needed;
j. Review all mail and correspondence on behalf of the League, forward mail to appropriate person to whom it should be addressed, and answer letters requiring written response; and
Such other duties that are identified by Little League Baseball, Inc.

Section 10. **Duties of the Vice-President.** In case of absence or disability of the President, and provided he or she is authorized by the President of Board to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

Section 11. **Duties of the Secretary-The Secretary shall:**
a. Be responsible for recording the activities of the League and maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists, necessary records, and all membership cards;
b. Maintain a list of all Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the League, the Board of Directors, and Committees;
c. Give notice of the scheduled agenda of all Board Meetings to all members of the Board;
d. Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, and of the Annual Member Meeting, submit them to the President for approval, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose;
e. Notify Directors, Officers and Committee Members of their election or appointment;

Section 12. **Duties of the Treasurer - The Treasurer shall:**
a. Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depositary approved by the Board;
b. Keep League records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the League, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefrom;
c. Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board at the annual meeting;
d. Present a report of the condition of the League at the annual meeting, as well as a financial report. Present a financial statement at each meeting of the Board of Directors;
e. Apply for an annual Charter from Little League Baseball, Inc.

Section 13. **Duties of the Player Agent - The Player Agent shall:**
a. Record all player transactions in all divisions and maintain an accurate and up to date record of all rosters;
b. Receive and review applications for player candidate and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility;
c. Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades;
d. Investigate complaints or problems pertaining to any player and recommend appropriate action to the Board, including suspension, removal or replacement of the player;
e. Act as a liaison between the managers and the pool of players to be selected to the respective teams;
f. Organize and run the tryouts for the Major League. Chair the Major League Draft meeting;
g. Work with the Commissioner of the Minor League in selecting players for the Minor League teams with an interest in balancing the strength of each of the teams in relation to each other;
h. Prepare roster of all teams in all divisions by the start of the regular season. The rosters shall be forwarded to the President for approval and signature;

i. At all times, act with the best interest of the player even in conflict with the best interest of any specific team.

Section 14. **Duties of the Division Commissioners** - The League shall appoint Commissioners to run the day-to-day affairs of the Major League, Minor League and T-Ball League. These Commissioners shall be responsible for:

a. Meet with managers in their Divisions at the beginning of the season to form teams (with the exception of the Major League Commissioner, whose teams are selected by a draft) and meet with managers of various teams from time to time during the season;
b. Pass out uniforms and equipment at the beginning of the year to the managers, and collect uniforms and equipment from the managers at the end of the season;
c. Act as a liaison between the Board of Directors, President, and the Player Agent on the one hand, and the Managers on the other for the communication and directives to the various teams and their players or parents;
c. Keep the Board of Directors informed about the status of the Divisions during the year, and in the case of the Minor League and Major League, keep records of the teams win and loss records and communicate this information to the respective managers on a regular, but no less frequently than once a week, basis;
e. Inform the Player Agent about the need to fill teams as a result of attrition;

Section 15. **Duties of Safety Officer- The Safety Officer shall:**

a. Be responsible to make all members aware of all safety procedures found in the Little League Safety Code;
b. Annually, with the President, prior to the start of the season, audit the field lighting system to ensure it meets Little League Standards;
c. Frequently inspect all playing areas for holes, damage, glass or foreign objects;
d. Make certain all fences, screens and dugouts are in safe condition;
e. Periodically inspect the stands or bleachers;
f. Have arrangements in place in advance of all games and practices for emergency medical services;
g. Handle all accident claims promptly and shall maintain all records pertaining to all injuries and to include any claims to Little League Headquarters and the District Administrator.

Section 16. **Duties of Coaching Coordinator- The Coaching Coordinator shall:**

a. Set times for designated practices and games and inform Managers of this schedule;
b. Set the game schedules for the teams in each of their respective divisions;
c. Act as a liaison between the Board of Directors, President, and the Player Agent on the one hand, and the Managers on the other for communication and directives to the various teams and their players or parents;
d. Establish a plan for each division that includes baseline goals and basic fundamentals for progression of the players;
e. Schedule and execute three (3) fundamental clinics for each division;
f. Conduct and oversee fall clinics and Little League Sandlot Fun Days.

Section 17. **Duties of Umpire in Chief- The Umpire in Chief shall:**

a. Appoint umpires, with approval of the Board who shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field

b. Serve as coordinator of the local league umpire program

c. Advise the League President on the local league umpire program

d. Recommend volunteer umpires to League President to serve the league during the regular season.

e. Recruit, review, and retain volunteer umpires. Establish and implement an umpire training program for volunteer umpires consistent with Little League® guidelines

f. Communicate rule changes to league volunteer umpires, managers, and coaches

g. Recommend tournament-worthy umpires to the District Umpire Consultant

h. Attend umpire training programs at the district, state, and region level

Section 18. **League Information Officer -** The League Information Officer shall:

a. Set up and manage the league's official website (site authorized by Little League International);

b. Set up online registration and ensure player, manager, and coach data is uploaded to the Little League Data Center.

c. Assign online administrative rights to other local volunteers;

d. Encourage creation of team web sites to managers, coaches, and parents;

e. Ensure that league news and scores are updated online on a regular basis;

f. Collect, post, and distribute important information on league activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities, the district, the public, league members, and the media;

g. Serves as primary contact person for Little League regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

h. Oversee new player recruitment efforts;

i. Develop and maintain a league marketing plan focused on player recruitment and retention

j. Oversee efforts to market new divisions of play and initiatives offered by the league;

k. Coordinate efforts to make the local league visible in the community year-round.

l. Work with local media to promote the interests of Little League;

Section 19. **Collaboration of Officers** - Each Officer/Board Member should work collaboratively with other Officers/Board Members if there are overlapping duties in their positions.

ARTICLE VII
MANAGERS, COACHES & UMPIRES

Section 1. Team managers and coaches shall be appointed annually by the President and be approved by the Board of Directors. Managers shall be responsible for the selection of their teams and for their actions on the field.

a. All managers are expected to conduct practices and play all games. Follow Little League rules and P.A.L.L bylaws. Failure to do so will result in removal and/or disqualification for All Star managerial post.

Section 2. The President, with the approval of the Board, may remove and replace a manager or coach or umpire for conduct which is considered harmful to the children, inappropriate for the League or in violation of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE VIII
IDEMNIFICATION

The League shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend any Director or Officer against any claims, judgments, expenses, fines, or settlements actually incurred by said Director or Officer of the League arising out of any act or misconduct, or willful neglect, on behalf of the League.

Officers Liability and Indemnification

a. Any officer of this Organization shall not be personally responsible for monetary damages as such for actions taken or any failure to act unless the officer has breached or failed to perform the duties of his or her office as provided for under Section 8363 of the Pa Directors' Liability Act, as amended, and the breach of failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, or recklessness.

b. The Organization shall indemnify any officer or Agent of the Organization who is threatened to be made a party to any civil proceeding by reason of the fact that such person was or is an authorized representative of the Organization to the fullest extent by law permitted unless the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim is determined by a court to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness.

c. The Organization shall be non-profit, non-political, non-partisan and non-sectarian.

d. The Organization shall not discriminate based on race, color, creed, sex, age, sexual orientation, religion, or any other basis set forth by State or Federal Law.

e. The name of the Organization or the names of the members in their official capacities shall not be used in connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest or any purpose not appropriately related to the objectives of the organization.

f. Persons representing the Organization shall make no commitments that bind the Organization, unless authorized by the Executive Board.

g. No substantial amount of the activities of the Organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and this Organization shall not intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

h. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any director, employee or other individual, partnership, estate, trust, or corporation having a personal or private interest in the corporation. Compensation for services rendered and reimbursement for expenses actually incurred in attending to the affairs of this organization shall be limited to reasonable amounts.

ARTICLE IX
AFFILIATION

Section 1. **Charter** - The President of the League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Inc. and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. The 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, Inc., Williamsport, Pennsylvania shall be binding on the League.

Section 3. **Local League Rules** - The local rules of this League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month prior to the first scheduled game of the season. Local rules, this includes but not limited to drafts, leagues, playing ages, game rules and so forth, however these rules shall in no way conflict with the rules and Regulations of little League Baseball, Inc. Local League rule changes will be read at three (3) consecutive meetings, either regular monthly or a special meeting and then voted at the 3rd meeting. A quorum present will be needed to pass the proposed change. See (Article XII) for Local League rules and ground rules.

ARTICLE X
FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTING

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the League and it shall place all income including auxiliary funds in a common league treasury., directing the expenditure of same in such a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

Section 2. The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit some for the common Treasurer of the League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the League.

Section 3. The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball, Inc. unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the League Treasury.

Section 4. The Board shall not permit he disbursement of League funds for other than the conduct of League activities in accordance with the rules and policies of Little League Baseball, Inc.

Section 5. No Director, Officer or member shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, or emolument from the League for services rendered as Director, Officer, member, or volunteer.

Section 6. All monies received, including auxiliary funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the League in a bank, so designated by the Board, and all disbursement shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the League Treasurer and such other officer or officers, or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 7. Expenditures by approved Board Members are permitted without Board approval for amounts up to $100.

Section 8. The fiscal year of the League shall begin on the first day of November and shall end on the last day of October.

Section 9. **Distribution of Property Upon Dissolution** - Upon dissolution of the League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the members shall direct the remaining property of the League to Little League Baseball International Inc., Federal Tax ID Number - 23-1688231, organized and operated exclusively for charitable purpose which shall, at the time, qualify as exempt organization under section 501(c)(3).

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and or By-Laws must be reviewed and approved prior to or at the annual yearly meeting. A copy of this Constitution/By-Laws shall be submitted to Little League International. The Constitution and Bylaws must be reviewed each year prior to the new board taking hold in October. Any amending of Pottsville Area Little Leagues Bylaws will take place at the League's Annual General Meeting. Amendments must be read starting at the Annual Meeting and then at 2 consecutive General or special meetings. A vote can be taken at the 3rd meeting. No changes to the Bylaws are to be made after January 31st of the upcoming season. Any emergency amendments may be brought to the board of directors by the President and voted on by a quorum of the board with 2/3rds majority vote by the board of directors. All changes to the Constitution or Bylaws must be discussed at 3 meetings, one of which must be a general meeting. Any changes must be voted on by a quorum and a 2/3rds majority vote.

ARTICLE XII
Local Rules

PLAYER SELECTION AND FORMATION OF TEAMS

Section 1. **Draft of 9–12-year-olds**. It is the policy of this League to provide all players with the maximum amount of experience and playing time in a division that is appropriate for their respective skill and age level. The League recognizes that there are some above average 9 year olds who may have the skills needed to compete safely on the roster of a major league team; therefore, the league has adopted a policy under which 9 year olds can be eligible and drafted into the major leagues. No 9 year old shall be eligible for the major league draft unless all of the following requirements have been satisfied:

a. All players must tryout before all of the Major League Managers at the regularly scheduled major league tryouts. If a player is under the Little League age of 12, and does not attend tryouts without an excused absence, it will be assumed that player will return to Minor League.

Section 2. **Denial of Eligibility** – All players who are 10 years old or older must try-out for a position before the major league managers. If drafted into the major league, that player must play for the team drafting the player, or be denied eligibility at all levels of play for the entire season. If that player is not drafted into the major league division and plays in the minor league division, the parents of that player may elect to prevent the player from later being brought up to the major league division as a replacement player (See Section 3 below) by notifying the Player Agent, at the time the selection is made, of the parent's decision to keep the player in the minor league. That player will then be ineligible to be brought up as a replacement player for the balance of the season.

Section 3. Board Members (NOT including Major League Managers) will meet at the conclusion of try-outs to discuss and vote on all players who will continue to the Major League Draft and determine all safety concerns. At this meeting, a discussion will also be held to determine the number of players which will be rostered in the Major Division.

Section 4. Replacement of Players in the League - In the event that during the season a league team loses a player, that team must replace that player within ten (10) days of the loss. The team losing a player must choose a player that attended League Tryouts. No replacement shall be

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permitted within the last three (3) weeks of the final regularly scheduled league games.

Section 5. **Major League Draft** - Following tryouts and on a date announced by the President, all Major League managers will gather with the Player Agent for the purpose of the player's draft. The number of teams and players on each team will be determined by the Board of Directors after the annual registration period. The number of draft picks each team will receive in the draft is determined by taking the number of returning players plus any players added by manager freeze of sibling option. If this number is less than the number set by the Board per team, then the team will draft the number necessary to field a team in accordance with the number of players set by the Board. Teams draft in reverse order of their final finish in the previous season's standings.

a. If a team should be dissolved from the League, those players will be added to the draft and must be selected to a major league team. Draft order will be determined by randomly pulling remaining team names out of a hat.
b. If a team is added to the league due to expansion at the approval of the majority of the board a league wide re-draft will be conducted.
c. Managers will be able to “claim” their child/children towards the team they manage, but the claim or successive claims will count as a 1st round draft pick and so on. If a manager has no children to claim they will choose a player from the available draft pool.

Section 6. **Manager Freeze** - Claims for Manager and 3 Assistants will begin in the 2nd Round of the draft. Freezes are limited to a maximum of 3. Requirements for Assistant Coaches are a minimum of 2 consecutive years with team and/or with board approval and are considered in good standing to be eligible for freeze.

Section 7. No team may play a game with fewer than nine (9) players. A manager may request from the Umpire in charge a delay of the scheduled start of any game for a reasonable amount of time of up to 15 minutes in order to give that manager an opportunity to field a complete team from that team's roster. A team unable to play because of insufficient participation shall suffer a forfeit of that scheduled game. The score of a forfeited game shall be recorded as “1-0”. Section 2. **Night Games** – When a night game is scheduled, the following rules will be allowed:

a. No inning can begin after 9:30 p.m. on a school night or 10:00 p.m. when school ends or on weekends;
b. While the game is in progress, the current inning being played will be finished;
c. All unfinished games by darkness will be finished as soon as the schedule allows or
d. may be played the next time the two teams meet on the schedule;
e. All cancelled or postponed games shall be played at the earliest date. The league commissioner will be responsible to schedule the make-up game on the next available date. Refusal

Section 8. **Run Rule** -The League shall implement a 10 run rule after four complete innings or three and a half innings if the home team is winning. The League shall implement a 15 run rule after three complete innings or two and a half if the home team is winning.

Section 9. **Make-Ups** - Any games cancelled for inclement weather, curfew, or any other unforeseen circumstances must be rescheduled as soon as the weather and schedule permits by the league commissioner. Games in the final two weeks of the season will only be rescheduled if the cancelled or non-completed game will have an impact on the standings for postseason play.

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Section 10. **Playing Time** - This will be determined by Little League rules set forth by Little League International.

a. All players must have all required paperwork and fundraising requirements met before the league will distribute a uniform and/or allow a player to participate in a game
b. All players must complete minimum requirements before completion of full game
c. Forfeit to team who have players under the minimum (6 outs in field, 1 complete at bat)

Section 11. **All-Star Selection** - Each team may only have 1 representative vote for All-Stars. Board members are eligible to vote on All-Stars but only once if they are a Team Manager. The vote will be overseen by the league President. Votes will be tallied by at least 2 of the highest ranking board members who are Not a manager of said team.

a. Every minor and major league player must complete an All-Star Questionnaire at the beginning of the regular season if they want to be included in selection for All-Stars and/or tournament team
b. If a tiebreaker should come up during voting for All-Stars, there will be a maximum of 3 rounds of voting on the exact same group of players. Once that maximum number of rounds for tie-breaker is reached with no change, the Manager of that All-Star/tournament division, President, and Vice-President will select the remaining players
c. Alternates will be used in case of injury and/or special circumstance with Board approval by taking the player(s) that received the next most votes during the original voting
d. The manager of each all-star team will get to pick the last two players for the team, after deciding if there will be 12 or 13 players
e. All star teams will be selected in the order of 10-12s, 8-10s, and then 9-11s
f. Coaches are selected in order of League standings at a date to be determined by the Board after the 8 P.A.L.L in-house league game have been played of the regular season and prior to the time of the All-Star Selection meeting. This meeting will be conducted on or before the last Thursday of May.
g. Only players that have signed the All-Star Participation agreement are eligible to be voted on for All-Stars

ARTICLE XIII
ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

Section 1 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

SCHEDULING OF ELECTIONS

Elections of Officers shall occur at the October league meeting.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for all board positions shall be made at the July and/or August league

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meeting with elections occurring at the October league meeting. Any general member, in good standing, as defined in the By-Laws, is eligible to nominate a candidate for these positions. A nominated good standing member must be present to accept the nomination. In the event that a candidate is nominated for more than one position that candidate must elect the one position that he/she seeks for a candidate's name may only appear on the ballot with respect to one position. An individual may only be a candidate for one position with respect to a given election.

BALLOTS

Distribution

The Secretary shall determine those individuals who are eligible to vote in any given election. The Secretary shall control the distribution and collection of ballots. In order to be eligible to vote, one must be present or have filled out an absentee ballot in accordance with the bylaws.

Absentee Ballot

For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot attend 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. 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.

Alternate to Secretary

In the event that the Secretary is a candidate for any contested position in the election then a person who is not a candidate for a contested position shall assume the election responsibilities of the Secretary according to the following succession:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Player Agent
- Coaching Coordinator
- Information Officer
- Safety Officer
- Umpire in Chief
- Little League Division Director
- Minor League Division Director
- Tee Ball Division Director

One is not eligible to assume these election responsibilities if he or she is a candidate for an opposed position in the election.

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Statements by Candidates

Each candidate may, but is not required, to address the membership prior to the balloting. Any member shall be allowed to present questions to any candidate prior to the balloting.

Opening

No ballots are to be opened until all ballots have been received at which time the Secretary shall retire to a private area to open the ballots. Each candidate may appoint a representative, other than himself, to witness the Secretary open and tally the ballots.

Announcing Results

The Secretary shall announce the results of the election forthwith. In the event that the victor has obtained a margin of victory greater than five votes then the Secretary shall simply announce the name of the victor. Otherwise, the Secretary shall announce the name of each candidate and the number of votes that he/she received.

Tie

In the event of a tie, a second vote shall be taken and so on until the position is filled.

The undersigned affirm that the Board of Directors has considered and adopted this Constitution/By-Laws on behalf of the League.

APPROVED

PRESIDENT:

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Dated: _____

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SECRETARY:

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Dated: _____

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