

**San Tan Valley  
Little League  
Constitution for the  
2026 Season**



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## **ARTICLE I – NAME**

This organization shall be known as the SAN TAN VALLEY Little League, hereinafter referred to as “STVLL.”

## **ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE**

### **SECTION 1**

The objective of STVLL shall be to firmly instill in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, respect, and to teach sports as life training so that they may be well-adjusted, stronger, and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens.

### **SECTION 2**

To achieve this objective, STVLL 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 winning games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501C(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, STVLL shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall benefit any shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1**

**ELIGIBILITY.** Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of STVLL may apply to become a Regular Member by committing to the following:

- A. Willing to volunteer for the Board of Directors or Ancillary Board position, or
- B. Willing to assist any Board of Directors or Ancillary Board member when asked, and
- C. Complete a volunteer application within the prescribed time frame, while a background check can be completed. (All applications and supporting information provided and background checks must be completed before becoming a Regular Member.)
  - a. Must complete Abuse and Awareness online training and Little League Diamond Leader training

## SECTION 2

### **CLASSES. There shall be the following classes of Members:**

- A. **Player Members.** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of STVLL.
- B. **Regular Members.** Any adult person willingly interested in furthering the objectives of STVLL may become a Regular Member upon election by BOD and payment of dues (if required). Regular Members may be issued a card numbered in sequential order annually. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting active members.

Only BOD Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings, after 90 day probation. All officers, Board of Director Members, Ancillary Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Adult Umpires, and other elected or appointed officials must be Regular Members in good standing.

Note: Regular Members of the league automatically include all current Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires, Board Members, Officers of the Board, and any other person who is recognized by the Board as a volunteer in STVLL.

- C. **Honorary Members (Optional).** Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors, but such person shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of STVLL.
- D. **Sustaining Members (Optional).** Any person not a Regular Member who makes a financial or other contribution to STVLL may, by the majority vote of the Board of Directors, become a Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of STVLL.
- E. As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean BOD unless otherwise stated.
- F. All Memberships shall expire at the end of the fiscal year.
- G. Prospective Members shall be voted on by the BOD at any BOD meeting and must be physically present at said meeting.

## SECTION 3

### Other Affiliations.

- A. Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of STVLL.
- B. Regular Members shall not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/softball program.

## SECTION 4

**Suspension or Termination.** Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors as follows.

- A. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those physically present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of STVLL and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporated. The Member involved shall be notified of such a meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and allowed to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
- B. The Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the Manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. The said Manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).
- C. STVLL has invoked a Three (3) Strike Policy for all and carries through our Fiscal Year.
  - a. Strike One (1) - Verbal Warning
  - b. Strike Two (2) - Suspension
    - i. All Coaches, Volunteers, Players, and Parent/Spectator Suspension equates to a single regular-season game suspension.
    - ii. Board Member Suspension equates to a probationary period of 2 weeks of no board representation or attendance to regular season games.
  - c. Strike Three (3) - Removal
    - i. All Coaches, Volunteers, Players, and Parent/Spectator removed from attending any STVLL games and events. (Must be voted on by physically present board members at any general board meeting)
    - ii. Board Member removal from attending any STVLL games and events, as well as removal from the STVLL board. (Must be voted on by  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the physically present board members at any general board meeting)

## **ARTICLE IV – DUES FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)**

### **SECTION 1**

Dues (if required) for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. (See Article IX, Section 8 for the fiscal year of this league.) Note: Dues for Regular Members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with Regulation XIII (c). If no dues for Regular Membership are collected, Section 2 below does not apply.

### **SECTION 2**

Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty (30) day(s) of application to become a member may, by majority vote of the Board present at a Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

## **ARTICLE V – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1**

**Definition.** A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league (including Special General Membership Meetings, Section 7). A Minimum of one per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required.

### **SECTION 2**

**Notice of Meeting.** Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered to each Member at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting in person, by electronic mail, or by mail to the last recorded address of each Member and by website posting, setting forth the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

### **SECTION 3**

**Quorum.** At any General Membership Meeting or Special Membership Meeting, the presence in person of one-fifth (20 percent) of the board of directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

### **SECTION 4**

**Voting.** Only Members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit, and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings.

## SECTION 5

**Annual Meeting of the Members.** The Annual Meeting of the Members of STVLL shall be held in October, place and time are still to be announced. For electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

- A. The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of STVLL a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the directors, showing:
  - a. The condition of STVLL, to be presented by the President or designee
  - b. A general summary of funds received and expended by STVLL for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of STVLL, and the name of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained.
  - c. The whole amount of real and personal property owned by STVLL, where located, and where and how invested;
  - d. For the year immediately preceding, the amount and nature of the property acquired, with the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition, the amount applied, appropriated or expended, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made;
- B. At the Annual Meeting, the current members of the board shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year(s) and shall elect such number of Directors. The number of Directors shall not be less than seven (7).
- C. After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board shall meet to elect the officers. After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties immediately. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.

## SECTION 6

**Special General Membership Meetings.** Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of a minimum of five (5) Members, the President or the Secretary shall call a special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than 21 days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

## SECTION 7

**Rules of Order for the General Membership Meetings, Special General Membership Meetings, and Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors.** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all General Membership Meetings, Special General Membership Meetings, and all regular meetings of the Board of Directors, except where the same conflicts with this Constitution of STVLL.

# ARTICLE VI – Board of Directors

## SECTION 1

**Authority.** The management of the property and affairs of STVLL shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 2

**Increase in number.** The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent General Membership Meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote of all Regular Members present.

Any two or more members of the same familial household/and or residential household may not serve on the Executive Board at the same time.

## SECTION 3

**Vacancies.** If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation, or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Board Meeting or at any Special Board Meeting called for that purpose.

## SECTION 4

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

- A. The President or Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of four (4) Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting, and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- B. Notice of each Board Meeting shall be given by the Secretary or designee to each Director at least fourteen (14) day(s) before the time appointed for the meeting in person, by website posting, or by electronic mail to the last recorded address of each Member, setting forth the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting.
- C. Fifty percent (50%) of the Members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business during a special meeting.
- D. Only Members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit, and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board Meetings.
- E. Each Board of Directors member shall have one vote, regardless of whether he/she holds multiple positions on the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 5**

### **Duties and Powers.**

- A. 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 deems advisable and which it may properly delegate.
- B. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of STVLL as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution.
- C. The Board shall have power by two-thirds vote of those physically present at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend, or remove any Director or Officer, or Committee Member of STVLL in accordance with the procedure outlined in Article III, Section 4 (a,b)
- D. It is expected that all Board of Directors shall assist any other Board of Directors in a duty as is needed.

## **ARTICLE VII – DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 1**

**Appointments.** The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or Agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 2**

#### **President. The President shall:**

- A. Conduct the affairs of STVLL and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- B. Present a report of the condition of STVLL at the Annual Meeting.
- C. Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of STVLL.
- D. Be responsible for the conduct of STVLL in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules, and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of the charter issued to STVLL by that organization.
- E. Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of STVLL such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval from the Board.
- F. Investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to STVLL and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.

- G. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- H. With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof-of-age documents of every player candidate and certify residence or school enrollment and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
- I. Complete the required background checks per Little League regulation I b and I c 8 & 9; or delegate this responsibility to the league's Safety Officer, or other designated Board Member.

### **SECTION 3**

#### **Vice President. The Vice President shall:**

- A. Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she is authorized by the President or Board so to act. When acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
- B. Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.
- C. Oversee the daily baseball operations, including, but not limited to, supervision of the Division Directors, annual maintenance of the Operating Procedures, protests, etc.

### **SECTION 4**

#### **Secretary. The Secretary shall:**

- A. Be responsible for recording the activities of STVLL and maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists, and necessary records.
- B. Perform such duties as herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- C. Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining, and Honorary Members, Directors, and committee members, and give notice of all Membership Meetings of STVLL and the Board of Directors.
- D. Issue Membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors.
- E. Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
- F. Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes, and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- G. Notify Members, Directors, Officers, and Committee members of their election or appointment.
- H. Shall oversee the preparation of the year-end Annual Report, which shall be approved by the Board of Directors and presented at the Annual Meeting.

## **SECTION 5**

### **Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:**

- A. Perform such duties as herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- B. Receive all monies and securities, and deposit the same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- C. Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of STVLL, including the Auxiliary, approve all payments from allotted funds, and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors. All disbursements by check must have dual signatures.
- D. Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
- E. Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, and to Little League International.
- F. Shall submit all Federal, State, and Local tax forms as required by Little League and government agencies.
- G. Submit the Annual report to the Arizona Corporation Board to maintain our active Non-Profit Corporation Status.
- H. The appointed Treasurer shall not be the appointed President or reside in the same household as the appointed President.

## **SECTION 6**

### **Player Agent. The Player Agent shall:**

- A. Organize all live registration events and work with the Information Director for online registrations.
- B. Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- C. Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence or school enrollment and age eligibility.
- D. Organize the tryouts, the player draft, and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- E. Prepare the Player Agent's list.
- F. Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League International, team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament eligibility affidavit.
- G. Notify Little League International of any subsequent player replacement or trades.

## **SECTION 7**

### **Safety Director. The Safety Director shall:**

- A. Be responsible for creating 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 the safety of activities, equipment, and facilities through education, compliance, and reporting. Note: To implement a safety plan using education, compliance, and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Director:
  - a. Education – Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants, including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians, and other volunteers.
  - b. Compliance – Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
  - c. Reporting – Define a process to ensure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available.
  - d. Background Checks – If the League President so designates, the safety officer will complete the required background checks per Little Regulation I (b) and I (c) 8 & 9.

## **SECTION 8**

### **League Information/Social Media Director. The League Information Director shall:**

- A. Set up and manage the League's official website (site authorized by Little League Baseball, Incorporated);
- 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 league volunteers.
- D. Ensure that league news and scores are updated online regularly.
- E. Collect, post, and distribute important information on League activities, including direct dissemination of fundraising and sponsorship activities to district, public, league members, and social media.
- F. Serve as the primary contact person for Little League regarding optimizing the use of the internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League Baseball, International.

## **SECTION 9**

### **Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator(s). Positions may be two individuals. The Sponsorship/Fundraising Coordinator shall:**

- A. Solicit and secure local sponsorships to support league operations;
- B. Collect and review sponsorship and fundraising opportunities;
- C. Organize and implement approved league fundraising activities;
- D. Coordinate participation in fundraising activities;
- E. Maintain records of monies secured through sponsorship and fundraising activities;
- F. Ensure regulations and policies related to sponsorships and fundraising are followed.
- G. Secure all banners at the end of the season and place them in the league shed for storage.

## **SECTION 10**

### **Umpire in Chief. The League Umpire in Chief shall:**

- A. Be responsible for hiring, training (including all clinics and practice games), and scheduling of all league umpires within the framework as decided upon by the Board of Directors.
- B. Work with the League Treasurer to ensure timely payment to umpires.
- C. Ensure all appropriate League information is provided to each umpire.
- D. Work with the League Equipment Manager to ensure STVLL umpire equipment is replaced if deemed that the equipment is not in working order or is deemed unsafe.
- E. Provide the Equipment Manager with an ending inventory of umpire equipment and uniforms at completion of the season.
- F. Be a standing member of the baseball operations.
- G. Be a standing member of any rules protest committee.
- H. Recommend tournament-worthy umpires to the District Umpire Consultant.
- I. Attend umpire training programs at the district, state, and region levels.

## **SECTION 11**

### **Division Director(s). The Division Director(s) shall:**

- A. Represent the manager/coaches of the respective divisions of play.
- B. Present a coach/manager training budget to the board.
- C. Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program.
- D. Order and distribute training materials to players, coaches, and managers;
- E. Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary.
- F. Serve as the contact person for Little League International.
- G. Be a Standing Member of any rules protest committee. Noncompetitive divisions shall be included as needed on a case-by-case basis for the protest committee.

## **SECTION 12**

### **Equipment Manager. The Equipment Manager shall:**

- A. Provide the Board of Directors with a list and the cost of recommended equipment and uniforms for the upcoming season.
- B. Obtain no less than two (2) bids, every other year, for equipment and uniform needs for the league.
- C. Ensure each team is provided with proper equipment that is in safe working order.
- D. Ensure each team is provided with league-issued uniforms as approved by the Board of Directors.
- E. Replace, upon request by a manager, any league-supplied equipment that is in non-working order or is deemed unsafe.
- F. Maintain inventory of league equipment and uniforms, and organize equipment storage(s).
- G. Provide to the Board of Directors an ending inventory of equipment and uniforms at completion of the season.

## **SECTION 13**

### **Coaching Coordinator. The Coaching Coordinator shall:**

- A. Oversee coach training and development across all divisions.
- B. Organize clinics and distribute training materials.
- C. Serve as a resource for coaches and managers.
- D. Ensure coaching standards align with Little League guidelines.
- E. Make sure all coaches complete the required training per LL

## **SECTION 14**

### **Facilities/Fields Director. The Facilities Director shall:**

- A. Oversee maintenance and readiness of all league fields and facilities.
- B. Coordinate field prep, repairs, and improvements.
- C. Ensure equipment and facility safety standards are met.
- D. Manage facility access and usage for practices and games.

## **SECTION 15**

### **Schedule/Scoring Manager. The Schedule/Scoring Manager shall:**

- A. Create and manage game schedules for all divisions.
- B. Coordinate field availability and rescheduling as needed.
- C. Track and report game scores and standings.

- D. Communicate schedule updates to teams and officials.

## **SECTION 16**

### **Team Parent Coordinator. The Team Parent Coordinator shall:**

- A. Support team parents and serve as their main point of contact.
- B. Share league communications, schedules, and updates.
- C. Help organize team-level activities, snacks, and volunteers.
- D. Assist with fundraising and picture day coordination.

## **SECTION 17**

### **Member at Large. The Member at Large shall:**

- A. Assist with planning, organizing, and executing board activities and events.
- B. Provide input and vote on board decisions.
- C. Act as a liaison between the board and the broader community or membership.
- D. Bring forward concerns, suggestions, and feedback from members.
- E. Take on tasks or lead initiatives assigned by the board president or other officers.
- F. Fill in gaps where needed, offering flexibility and support across different areas.

## **ARTICLE VIII – AFFILIATION**

### **SECTION 1**

Charter. STVLL shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. STVLL shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter, and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

### **SECTION 2**

Rules and Regulations. The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on STVLL.

### **SECTION 3**

Local Rules, Ground Rules, and/or Bylaws. The local rules, ground rules, and/or bylaws of STVLL shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, nor shall they conflict with this Constitution. The local rules, ground rules, and/or bylaws of this Local League shall

expire at the end of each fiscal year and are not considered part of this Constitution. (See Article XI, Section 7 for the fiscal year of this league.)

## **ARTICLE IX – FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING**

### **SECTION 1**

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

### **SECTION 2**

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

### **SECTION 3**

Solicitations. The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball, Incorporated unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the Local League treasury.

### **SECTION 4**

Disbursement of Funds. The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations, and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by check, league credit, debit card, Venmo or Zelle. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other office or officers, or person or persons, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

### **SECTION 5**

Financial Transparency. No Board member authorized to disburse funds may be the spouse or family relative of the League President or Treasurer, or have direct access to league funds without the written permission of the chairman of the league's Audit Committee. The use of a league credit or debit card is permitted, given that the card is returned to the League President, Treasurer, or Chairman of the Audit Committee with receipt for all purchases made within three (3) days of the purchase date. Any purchases over \$500 for equipment needs to be presented and approved by the board of directors. Any purchases for anything other than equipment over \$200 needs to be presented and approved by the board of directors.

## **SECTION 6**

Compensation. No Director, Officer, or Member of the Local League shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation, or emolument from the Local League for services rendered as Director, Officer, or Member.

## **SECTION 7**

Deposits. All money received, including sponsorship and fundraising, shall be deposited into the credit of STVLL into a checking bank account.

## **SECTION 8**

Fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30.

## **SECTION 9**

Distribution of Property upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of the Local League to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as outlined in Article II of this Constitution, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

## **ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members, provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval before implementation.

This Constitution was approved by the Little League Membership on October 10th, 2025.

President's Name: Ali Day

President's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  Date: 10/10/2025

Little League ID No.: 00207718

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State ID No. (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

*Make one copy for the District Administrator and copies for STVLL. Send the original to the Regional*

*Headquarters. STVLL's Constitution on file at Regional Headquarters (most recently-accepted copy) is the official Constitution of STVLL.*

*Little League Baseball, Incorporated does not limit participation in its activities based on disability, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference, or religious preference.*