

Constitution of West Pasco Little League

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LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as West Pasco Little League, hereinafter referred to as "Local League."

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

The objective of the Local 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 and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens.

SECTION 2

To achieve this objective, the Local 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 or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Local League 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 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 further the objective of this Local League may apply to become a Member.

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, except in the instance of the Local League BoD's denial due to a player or family past conduct deemed detrimental to the Local League. Player Members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
- (b) **Regular Members** - Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a Regular Member upon payment of dues as hereinafter provided or once as approved by the Board of Directors. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify Voting Members.
 - (1) Regular Members who are Local League active, background checked, and board approved volunteers in good standing are eligible to vote at the Annual General Membership Meeting or Special General Membership meetings (Article V Section 7). Regular Members can check their eligibility with the Local League President or Secretary if unsure of their voting rights.

(2) Note: Regular Members of the Local League automatically include all Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires, Board Members, Officers of the Board, and any other person who is recognized as by the Board as an active, background checked, and board approved volunteer in the Local League.

(c) **Elected Members** - Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League who are elected or appointed to serve this Local League as a member of its Board of Directors.

(d) **Honorary Members** - 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 shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

(e) **Note:** As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular and Elected Member unless otherwise stated.

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 this Local League.

(b) Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/softball program.

(1) Any Member actively engaged in the promotion or operation of another baseball/softball program is subject to disciplinary action by the Local League's Board of Directors.

SECTION 4

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

(a) The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, ~~or 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 the Local League and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporated. The Member involved shall be notified of a follow up meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges..

(b) The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, 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) may also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any Board of Director meeting.

(c) The Local League President is authorized to suspend a member of any class at any time so long as notification is given to the board of directors within 72 hours of such a decision. The Local League President will then add the item ~~and then adds the matter~~ to the next board of director meeting agenda where the matter is fully disclosed and reviewed ~~at the next board of director meeting~~ to determine the Local League BoD's decision of the suspension as disclosed above in subsection (a) or (b).

ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)

SECTION 1

Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. (See Article XI, Section 8 for the fiscal year for Local League.) 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) days of application to become a member may, by majority vote of the Board present at a Local League 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 Annual General Membership Meeting shall be posted on the league's social media page as well as the league website no less than ten (10) days in advance of the meeting. Notice shall set forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. Voting members will receive electronic notice of how to cast their ballot. A voting member may request a ballot from the Secretary in one of the following methods, if not attending the AGM in person: either personally, absentee, proxy, or electronically, or by mail to each Member at the last recorded email address or contact number. a reminder notification to cast their ballots through one of the approved voting methods (see Section 5).

SECTION 3

Quorum: At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person, virtual, or representation by absentee, electronic, or proxy ballot of one-fifth (20 percent) of voting members (see Article III Section 2.B.1) shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

SECTION 4

Voting: Only Members with voting rights who are in good standing 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. (Those eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article VI, Section 4.)

SECTION 5

Absentee/Proxy Ballot or Electronic Voting: For the sole purpose of accommodating a Voting Member who cannot be in attendance at the AGM meeting, an absentee or electronic ballot may be requested by the Voting Member and obtained from the Local League Secretary or the Local League President. An absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the election. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairperson at the AGM meeting. Electronic ballots cast must be recorded and match the email address on file. Electronic voting closes upon the final paper ballot being submitted at the AGM Meeting

SECTION 6

Annual General Membership Meeting: The AGM meeting, unless in the event of special circumstances, shall be held between the first Wednesday of August and the last Wednesday of September each fiscal year. The purpose of the AGM is for all Members to hear the State of the League address and participate in the election process to approve the Local League Constitution, review its Bylaws, the election of the Local League Board of Directors, for the purpose of electing new Members, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing and approving the Local League Constitution & Bylaws, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come at the meeting.

- (a) The Elected Members shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Local League a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing:
- (1) A detailed overview of the Local League, to be presented by the President or his/her designate;
 - (2) A general summary of funds received and expended by the Local League for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of the Local League, and the name of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained;
 - (3) The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League, where located, and where and how invested;

~~(4) 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;~~

~~(5)~~ A recap of registration growth/decline from the prior year over year. A report is accessible to Little League International through Sports Connect Central Registration.

- (b) At the Annual Meeting, the Elected Members shall determine the number Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such number of Directors. The number of Board of Directors elected shall not be less than seven (7).
- (c) After the Board of Directors are elected, the Directors shall meet to elect the officers. After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the roles of its duties on October 1. A Director's term of office is two (2) years and/or shall continue until their successor is elected and qualified under this section **or their resignation is accepted by the BoD's**.
- (d) The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, one or more Player Agent, a Safety Officer, and a Coaching Coordinator per Regulation I (b). The Board shall also include a minimum of one manager and one volunteer umpire. Only volunteer umpires may be elected to the Board.

SECTION 7

Special General Membership Meetings - Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the President at their discretion. A SGM Meeting is upon the written request of a minimum of twenty-five (25) voting members, the President shall call a SGM 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 SGM Meeting. Such an SGM Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than twenty one (21) days after the request is received by the President.

SECTION 8

Rules of Order: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of General Membership meetings and all regular meetings of the Board of Directors, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League or Local League Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

Authority: The management of the property and affairs of the Local League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum: The first meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Local League President.

- (a) The President, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of a majority (51%) of 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 personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least three (3) days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.
- (c) Fifty-one percent (51%) of Elected Members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.
- (d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors.

Note: The Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Meetings.

SECTION 3

Increase in number: The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any regular Board meeting. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote of all Elected Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Local League President & Secretary.

SECTION 4

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 5

Duties and Powers: The Board 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.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the Local League as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution.

The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director of the Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 4.

SECTION 6

Rules of Order: Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all league meetings, including Board of Directors Meetings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

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 officer(s) or agent(s) shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board to fill a vacancy. (See Article VI Section 4)

SECTION 2

President - The President shall:

- (a) Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to the Local League.
- (b) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
- (d) Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League through vehicles such as setting the agenda for each Local League BoD meeting.
- (e) Designate Local League committees, as needed
- (f) Designate, if necessary, in writing other officers to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board of Directors.
- (g) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Local League Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or specific committee as circumstances warrant.

- (h) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- (i) With the assistance of the Player Agent or designee, examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every player candidate and certify the residence or school enrollment, and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts or team selection or placement.
- (j) 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 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 President.

SECTION 4

Secretary - The Secretary shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are 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.
- (b) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files and necessary records.
- (c) Maintain a record of all Members and give notice of meetings of the Local League.
- (d) Issue membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors.
- (e) Keep the minutes of the meetings 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.

SECTION 5

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are 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 money 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 the Local League, 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 General Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, and to Little League International.

SECTION 6

Player Agent - The Player Agent shall:

- (a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- (b) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence or school enrollment and age eligibility.
- (c) Conduct the tryouts, the player draft, and all other player transaction or selection meetings.

- (d) Prepare the Player Agent lists as necessary.
- (e) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League International, team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (f) Notify Little League International of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

SECTION 7

Safety Officer - The Safety Officer shall:

- (a) Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for children and all participants of Little League.
- (b) Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting.

NOTE: In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:

- (1) Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
- (2) Compliance - Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
- (3) Reporting - Define a process to assure 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.
- (4) Background Checks - If the League President so designates, the safety officer will complete the required background checks per Little League Regulation I (b) and I (c) 8 & 9.

SECTION 8

Coaching Coordinator - The coaching coordinator shall:

- (a) Represent coaches/managers in the league.
- (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) Prepare, order, and distribute training materials to players, coaches and managers.
- (e) Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary.

SECTION 9

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.

SECTION 10

Marketing/Public Relations Manager - The Marketing/Public Relations Manager shall:

- (a) Oversee new player recruitment efforts;
- (b) Develop and maintain a league marketing plan focused on player recruitment and retention;
- (c) Oversee efforts to market new divisions of play and initiatives offered by the league;
- (d) Work with local media to promote the interests of Little League;
- (e) Coordinate efforts to make the Local League visible in the community year-round.

SECTION 11

Sponsorship/Fundraising Manager - The Sponsorship/Fundraising Manager shall:

- (a) Solicit and secures local sponsorships to support league operations;
- (b) Collect and reviews 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 initiatives.
- (f) Ensure regulation and policies related to sponsorships and fundraising are followed.

SECTION 12

Concession Manager - The Concession Manager shall:

- (a) Maintain the operation of concession facilities;
- (b) Organize the purchase of concession products;
- (c) Be responsible for the management of the concession sales at league events;
- (d) Schedules volunteers to work the concession booth during league events;
- (e) Collects and reviews concession-related offers, including discounts and bulk-purchasing opportunities;
- (f) Organize, tally, and keep records of concession sales and purchases.

SECTION 13

Umpire-in-Chief - The Umpire-in-Chief (U.I.C) shall:

- (a) Serve as coordinator of the local league umpire program
- (b) Advise the League President on the local league umpire program
- (c) Recommend volunteer umpires to the League President to serve the league during the regular season.
- (d) Recruit, review, and retain volunteer umpires
- (e) 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 levels

SECTION 14

Equipment Manager - The Equipment Manager shall:

- (a) Order equipment and supplies for the league during the season including baseballs, helmets, catcher's gear, baseball bats, bases, pitching rubbers, baseball tees, and other equipment needed by the league.
- (b) Ensure all equipment meets safety standards set forth by Little League baseball.
- (c) Work with the (vice) president to ensure every team has the equipment necessary to safely play and/or practice.
- (d) Monitor equipment during the season to make repairs, and or replace as necessary.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No Local league is required to appoint Members to committees or use this tool of operation to manage the Local League. However, the committee structure is recommended to engage Directors, assist with efficiently delegating responsibilities throughout the year, and provide oversight in the operation of the Local League.

SECTION 1

The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors, one of whom shall be the President of the Local League.

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall advise with and assist Officers of the Local League in all matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs, and shall have such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Board, but in no event will the Executive Committee have authority over the Board of Directors

SECTION 3

At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a majority of the total number of members then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

ARTICLE IX - OTHER COMMITTEES AND BOARD POSITIONS

No Local league is required to appoint Members to committees or use this tool of operation to manage the Local League. However, the committee structure is recommended to engage Directors, assist with efficiently delegating responsibilities throughout the year, and provide oversight in the operation of the Local League. The President of the Local League reserves the rights to assign committees as needed. Below are some examples:

SECTION I

_____ **Nomination Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of no more than five (5) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Local League President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates and submit at the Annual Meeting a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. The Committee shall also submit for consideration by the Board of Directors a slate of Officers and Committee Members.

SECTION 2

_____ **Membership Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint a Membership Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Local League President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The Committee shall receive the names of prospective Honorary, Sustaining and Regular Members, investigate for eligibility and recommend those qualified for election at the annual, regular, or any special meeting of the Elected Members or the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3

_____ **Finance Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Local League including team sponsorships and submit recommendations to the President of the Local League. It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games, if such collections are authorized by the Local League, and shall turn over said collections to the Treasurer immediately after each game.

SECTION 4

_____ **Building and Property Committee:** (May be combined with the Grounds Committee) The Board of Directors may appoint a Building and Property Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall investigate and recommend available, suitable sites and plans for development, including ways and means, the latter in cooperation with the Finance Committee. It shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects.

SECTION 5

_____ **Grounds Committee:** (May be combined with the Building and Property Committee) The Board of Directors may appoint a Grounds Committee which shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s), buildings and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.

SECTION 6

_____ **Playing Equipment Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint a Playing Equipment Committee which shall secure bids on needed supplies and equipment and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board. The Committee shall be responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment and for the repair, cleaning and storage thereof at the close of the season.

SECTION 7

_____ **Managers Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Local League President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches and recommend acceptable candidates to the President, for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. It shall, during the playing season, observe the conduct of the managers and coaches and report its findings to the President of the Local League. It shall, at the request of the President or Board of Directors, investigate complaints concerning managers and coaches and make a report thereof to the President or Board of Directors as the case may be.

SECTION 8

_____ **Umpire Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Local League President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The Committee shall recruit, interview and recommend to the President for appointment a staff of umpires, including a UIC and replacements. When appointed, the staff of umpires shall be under the personal

direction of the Local League. President, assisted by the UIC who shall train, observe and schedule the staff.

SECTION 9

_____ **District Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint a District Committee consisting of the Local League President as chairman and two (2) other Directors. The Committee shall assist the District Administrator in interleague district functions including the selection of members of the District Administrator's Advisory Committee and the selection of tournament sites and area tournament directors.

SECTION 10

_____ **Auditing Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The President, Treasurer or signatories of checks are not eligible. The Committee will review the Local League's books and records annually prior to the Annual Meeting and attach a statement of its findings to the annual financial statement of the President and Treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors or Membership, secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review.

SECTION 11

_____ **Minor League Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint a Minor League Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be responsible to the Local League President for the proper conduct of the all Minor (below Majors) League operation.

SECTION 12

_____ **Disciplinary Committee:** The Board of Directors may appoint a Disciplinary Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors. The Local League President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The Committee will review any player member or general member within the Local League who has been ejected from a game or is brought to the attention of the disciplinary committee for conduct unbecoming of their role within the Local League.

SECTION 13

Other Committees and Board Positions: The Board of Directors may appoint a committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Chairman of the Committee; or add Board positions for the specific purpose of fulfilling a need that is presently not addressed, or accounted for by an existing committee.

List Additional Committees by name:

1. _____

2. _____

ARTICLE X - AFFILIATION

SECTION 1

Charter: The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. The Local 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, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League.

SECTION 3

Local Rules, Ground Rules and/or Bylaws: The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of this Local League 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 XI - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1

Authority: The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to 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 be 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, or league credit or debit card. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other officer 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 and the Local League President. 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.

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 monies received, including sponsorship and fundraising, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in/at Synovus Bank, or another financial institution the Board directs to be the financial institution of the Local League.

SECTION 8

Fiscal year: The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on (Check one):

 X October 1 and shall end on September 30

(Note: The above fiscal year must be chosen if the Local League intends to qualify under the Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Group Tax ID Number.)

 January 1 and shall end on December 31.

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 set forth 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 XII - 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 (date) _____

President's Name (Print) Chris Hurtado

President's Signature _____

Date 10/3/2025

Little League ID No. 3091209

Federal ID No. (if available) _____

State ID No. (if available) _____

Make one copy for the District Administrator and copies for the Local League. Send original to Regional Headquarters. This Local League's Constitution on file at Regional Headquarters (most recently-accepted copy) is the official Constitution of this Local League.

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