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Redmond North Little League Constitution

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Redmond North Little League (RNLL), 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 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 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) Regular Members ("Members") shall include: –

- a. Current year Managers, Coaches, Board Members, Local League Officers, and any registered volunteer, who have completed a background check.
- b. One Parent or one Legal Guardian of each registered player. Parents or Guardians of multiple registered players are limited to a maximum of two memberships.
- c. Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a Regular Member upon approval by the Board and payment if applicable. Upon receipt of a written request to become a member, the Board of Directors shall vote upon the request at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- d. All Members must annually complete the Little League Official Application, submit to a background check pursuant to Regulation I(8) and (9), and complete abuse awareness training pursuant to Regulation I(10) before the commencement of the season.
- e. The Secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting Members. Only Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. Each Member is entitled to one vote.

SECTION 3

Other Affiliations.

Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the Local League.

SECTION 4

Dues, if any, for Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. Dues for Members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with Little League Regulation XIII (c).

SECTION 5

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 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. 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) 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. 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 duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).
- (c) If membership dues are collected, Members who fail to pay their fixed dues may, by a two-thirds vote of the Board present at any duly constituted Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership. The Board of Directors will establish the number of days within which applicants have to pay membership dues as part of the annual Policies and Procedures which shall be voted on at the first Board meeting of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE V - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1

Definition. A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league is called in accordance with this Constitution. A minimum of one per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required. General Membership Meeting may be held in-person and/or by other electronic means which allow for full participation by all members.

SECTION 2

Notice of Meeting. Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically or by mail to each Member at the last recorded address at least (*choose one*) seven (7) ten (10) fourteen (14) twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. In lieu of the above methods, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Members, from time to time, at a regularly convened General Membership Meeting.

SECTION 3

Quorum. At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of (*choose one*) one third (33.3%) one fourth (25%) one fifth (20%) one tenth (10%) or forty (40) Regular Members, whichever is less, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted. The Secretary shall be responsible for providing a list of all Regular Members in good standing.

SECTION 4

Voting. Only Regular Members in good standing shall be entitled to attend, 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

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 shall be made available to those Regular Members in one of the following manners:

- (1) Absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of the Local League. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the election.
- (2) Absentee ballot may be requested electronically via the members registered email address from the Secretary of the Local League. An electronic response by the Regular Member to the email from the Secretary of the Local League will be deemed a proxy to a completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope ballot, if received prior to the date of the election.
- (3) Absentee ballot may be replaced by an online voting system that allows each Regular Member to log in and cast their vote(s). Thus, supplying absentee ballot capabilities to all members without specific requests through the Secretary of the League.

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.

SECTION 6

Annual Meeting of the Members. The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held the last **Monday of September at 7:00pm** each year for the purpose of 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 the Local League a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing:
 - (1) The condition of the Local League, to be presented by the President or his/her designee.
 - (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) The names of the persons who have been admitted to Membership in the Local League during the preceding year.
- (b) This report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters International.
- (c) At the Annual Meeting, the Members shall determine the number of Directors. If the total number of Board candidates exceeds the number of available Board positions, then those Board candidates receiving the most votes will be considered elected to the Board. Regular Members may only cast a number of votes equal to or less than the board positions available. In the event of a tie in the number of votes received by two or more Board candidates for unfilled Board seats, a run-off election, in which all Members may vote, will be held for the tied Board candidates.
- (d) After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board shall meet to elect the officers of the Board.
- (e) After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties on October 1st of that year. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.
- (f) 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 Agents, and a Safety Officer. The Board shall also include a minimum of one manager and umpire in chief.

SECTION 7

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. Additionally, upon the written request 2/3 of the Board of Directors of a minimum of seven (7) Members, the President or 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 more than (*choose one*): ten (10) fourteen (14) twenty-one (21) thirty (30) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

SECTION 8

Any vote by the Regular Members at a meeting at which a quorum is present will be deemed the action of the Regular Members, except where same conflicts with this Constitution. Minutes of all meetings will be kept and will accurately reflect the action(s) taken. Robert's Rule of Order shall govern all proceedings.

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

Increase in number. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of no fewer than seven (7) and no more than fifteen (15) Members in good standing. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Player Agent, Safety Officer, and Coaching Coordinator, per Little League Regulation I(b). The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special Meetings 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 or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the election meeting.

SECTION 3

Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, any Board member may propose individuals for consideration by the Board, and the vacancy 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. The Board shall vote on any such replacement within ten (10) days of notification of the vacancy.

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 the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of **one-third (1/3)** of the 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 only matters so stated in such notice may be acted upon at the Special meeting.
 - Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held in-person and/or by telephonic or electronic means and such means shall be clearly stated in any meeting notices.
- (b) Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least **Seven (7)** day(s) before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.
- (c) At any meeting the presence of one-third 33.3%, 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. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.
- (e) Electronic Voting will be allowed for any non-constitutional item sponsored by the President. The President will authorize the vote within the following parameters:
 1. No vote shall close less than 5 business days from presentation to the Board of Directors except for those deemed as an emergency by both the President & Treasurer.
 2. **No vote shall be considered valid without a 1/3 of the Board of Directors casting votes.**
 3. Notice of vote, statement of voting deadline, as well as communication of the voting question will be done through the Secretary.
 4. All debate on the question must occur through the Secretary.
 5. Any on-line votes and meaningful discourse will be added to the prior board meeting minutes under the heading ELECTRONIC BOARD ACTIVITY and must be included in the submittal for Board approval at the subsequent Board Meeting.

SECTION 5

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.

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 or the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer or Committee Member of the Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 5.

SECTION 6

Rules of Order for Board Meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Little League meetings, including Board of Directors meetings. Any action taken by the Board of Directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present will be deemed the action of the Board of Directors, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League. Minutes of all meetings will be Little League® Constitution recorded and will accurately reflect the action(s) taken.

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 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.

SECTION 2

President. The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Present a report of the condition of the Local League 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 the Local League.
- (d) 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 by that organization.
- (e) Investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
- (f) Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, 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.
- (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 to 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 Safety Officer, or other designated Board member.
- (j) Ensure that all individuals who submit the Volunteer Application complete the Abuse Awareness Training as outlined in the Little League Child Protection Program or delegate this responsibility to the league Safety Officer, or other designated Board member.
- (k) Ensure the Local League compliance with the requirements of the Little League Child Protection Program or delegate this responsibility to the league 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 so 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.

SECTION 4

Secretary. The Secretary shall:

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- (b) Perform such duties as are 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 meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors, and Committees.
- (d) Maintain a current list of all Regular Members in good standing and determine the number of Regular Members needed to constitute a quorum.
- (e) Issue membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors.
- (f) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee
- (g) 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.
- (h) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment electronically or mail.
- (i) Provide each of these individuals with a copy of the Local League Constitution.

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 monies and securities, and deposit 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 or electronic/written approval.
- (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.

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's list.
- (e) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (f) Notify Little League Baseball, Incorporated, of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

SECTION 7

Safety and Education Officer. The Safety/Education Officer shall:

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

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 - Facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
- (2) Compliance - 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).
- (5) Training – If the League President so designates, the Safety Officer shall ensure that all individuals who submit the Volunteer Application complete the Abuse Awareness Training per Little League Regulation I(c)10 and as outlined in the Little League Child Protection Program.
- (6) Child Protection Program – If the League President so designates, the Safety Officer will ensure the league is compliant with all aspects of the Little League Child Protection Program.

SECTION 8

League Information Officer (Webmaster). The Board may appoint a League Information Officer. The league information officer, individually or in conjunction with the registrar and others, shall:

- (a) Manage the league's official website.
- (b) Manage the online registration process and ensure that league rosters are maintained on the site.
- (c) Assign administrative rights to league volunteers and teams.
- (d) Ensure that league news and scores are updated on a regular basis;
- (e) Collect, post and distribute important information on League activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities to Little League International, district, public, league members and media.

SECTION 9

Coaching Coordinator. The Board may appoint a Coaching Coordinator. The coaching coordinator shall:

- (a) Represent coaches/managers in 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) 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 and its manager-coach education program for the league.

SECTION 10

Registration Coordinator (Registrar). The registration coordinator shall:

- (a) Facilitate the registration of Player Members through:
 - a. Planning registration process and timelines
 - b. Conducting registration
 - c. Coordinate scholarships with President and Treasurer
 - d. Answering questions of Regular Members
- (b) Present registration activity at Board Meeting(s) and Annual Meeting
- (c) Ensure Player Members are assigned teams requested (applies to t-ball/sluggers) while working with team schedulers.
- (d) Facilitate the registration of Player Members for All-Star Teams
 - a. Conducting registration during try-outs
 - b. Preparing All-Star documentation for President
 - c. Training All-Star Team(s) on documentation requirements

SECTION 11

Umpire in Chief. The Board may appoint an Umpire in Chief. The Umpire in Chief shall:

- (a) Oversee that all league games are in compliance with the rules and regulations set by the LL organization and the RNLL board.
- (b) Recruit and train umpires to provide adequate supply of game officials.
- (c) Schedule umpires for games according to their abilities using the Arbiter system.
- (d) Monitor and suggest rule changes as needed to ensure safety and fairness of game play.
- (e) Work with outside umpire organizations to fill games that do not have volunteers.
- (f) Monitor levels of umpire uniforms, hats, and other umpire gear.

SECTION 12

Sponsorship, Fundraising and Grants Coordinator. The Board may appoint a Sponsorship, Fundraising and Grants Coordinator. The Sponsorship, Fundraising and Grants coordinator shall:

- (a) Decide which of the club's projects or activities need additional funding.
- (b) Develop a fundraising plan.
- (c) Identify potential sources of funds, for example, sponsorship or grants.
- (d) Write the grant application or sponsorship proposal.
- (e) Ensure the funds raised are used for the designated purpose.
- (f) Maintain relationships with donors, grant agencies and sponsors.

SECTION 13

Scheduler. The Board may appoint a Scheduler. The Scheduler shall:

- (a) Develop a league annual calendar.
- (b) Develop a schedule of games for the year.
- (c) Work with King County, City of Redmond and Lake Washington School District for reserving fields.
- (d) Work with Umpire in Chief to schedule umpires.
- (e) Assist with rescheduling games due to rain outs.

SECTION 14

Marketing and Communication Director. The Board may appoint a Marketing Director. The Marketing Director shall:

- a) Works directly with the webmaster to update the website content.
- b) Communication schedules: what communication/notifications are sent to parents and when.
- c) Composing and Sending Marketing/Notifications through approved programs and signage.
- d) In charge of All Call Notifications for Marketing/Rainouts
- e) Act as a historian taking or organizing others to take photos of PNLL participants and events and publishing to the website.
- f) Works with President for press releases

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1

- (a) 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.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall advise with and assist the 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.
- (c) 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.

SECTION 2

The Board of Directors may appoint such Committees as it may deem necessary or desirable and may prescribe the powers and duties of each Committee in Policies and Procedures. Committee Chairs and members of the Committees 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.

ARTICLE IX - OTHER COMMITTEES

SECTION I

Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. 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 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 meetings of the Members or the Board of Directors as the case may be.

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. 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 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 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 the President and at least 2 members at large. The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches, including those for the Minor League teams 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 at least one(1) Director 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 chief umpire and replacements. When appointed, the staff of umpires shall be under the personal direction of the Local League President, assisted by the Chief Umpire 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

Auxiliary Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an Auxiliary Committee consisting of the Local League Treasurer and two (2) other Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall coordinate the activities of the Auxiliary. It shall review and evaluate auxiliary projects for raising money and disposition of profits and make recommendations to the Board. The Board of Directors shall approve in advance all projects and actions of the Auxiliary.

SECTION 11

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 12

Minor League Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Minor League Committee consisting of at least two (2) Directors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Minor League Vice President and be responsible to the Local League President for the proper conduct of the Minor League operation.

SECTION 13

Education and Local Rules Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an Education and **Local Rules** Committee consisting of two (2) Directors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Chief Umpire along with the Player Agent and appointed scorekeeper coordinator and shall have the responsibility of maintaining the local rules and local rulebook. The Committee will review and refine proposed rule changes for consistency with the purpose of the league, local and national rules, and the league constitution. Following review and refinement the Education and Local Rules Committee will recommend rule changes to the Board of Directors for approval. In addition, the scorekeeper coordinator will train volunteers on how to Keep the score of the game and notifies the coaches and umpires when the Run limit is reached. Operates the Scoreboard to keep players and parents informed on the game status. Tracks pitch counts for all pitchers to help protect our young players' arms. Record the events of the game. The Education and Local Rules Committee will be responsible for training, maintaining, printing and making available the local rule book as well as submitting the local rulebook to Little League annually.

SECTION 14

All-Stars Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint one a member in good standing from each division of All-Stars, the player agent and may appoint a senior advisor. This committee is responsible to oversee the all-star player selection process and ensure the selection rules as established in the local rules are adhered to. The Senior advisor will support Big Diamond VP and answer and support all questions, ordering of items and paperwork. Player Agent will be involved.

SECTION 15

Social Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint two members in good standing to support the advertisement via social media and another member to plan events for the league such as Kick-off Event, Mariner's Day, UW Baseball Game, and other baseball affiliated events. The Co-Chairmans of the Committee shall be the Webmaster and Marketing and Communication Director.

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 before 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 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 unless all 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 electronic payment system. 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

No Board member authorized to disburse funds may be the spouse or family relative of the Local League President or Treasurer or have direct access to league funds without the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors with such vote recorded in the minutes. The use of a league credit or debit card is permitted, and the card is returned to the Local 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 into the financial account of the Local League which must be a federally insured bank or other certified financial institution as determined by the Board. The establishment of the Local League account or change of account must be noted in the board minutes.

SECTION 8

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

October 1 and shall end on September 30 or January 1 and shall end on December 31

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.

SECTION 9

Distribution of Property upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Local League program and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members may either direct the remaining property of the Local League to another chartered Little League program in good standing with Little League Baseball, Incorporated or may direct the funds to Little League Baseball, Incorporated. Batting cages will abide by the King County agreement.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may only be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote of 2/3 of the voting Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. A draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval before a vote of the Membership is held.

This Constitution was approved by the Local League Membership on (date). February 19, 2024

Joe Tafoya

President's Name (Printed)



President's Signature

Little League ID No. 0447091

Federal ID No. _____

State ID No. _____

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 approved copy) is the official Constitution of this Local League.

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