



# 2026 BYLAWS

## ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1

Eligibility. The regular members of the general membership shall consist of all volunteers listed in Article III, Section 2, Paragraph (b) of the Constitution.

### Section 2

Dues. Dues shall not be required for membership.

### Section 3

Meetings. Meetings of the general membership shall take place once a year at the annual meeting or at the direction of the Board of Directors. The time and place of the meeting shall be as agreed to by a majority of the Board of Directors and included in the notice of the meeting. In lieu of Section 3 of Article V of the Constitution, no quorum of the membership is required to conduct business provided that 50% of the Board of Directors is present and the meeting notification requirements are satisfied.

## ARTICLE II – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Section 1

Number of Directors: The number of directors chosen at the Annual Meeting shall be 13. In addition, the immediate past president shall be offered a position as a director. If accepted, the immediate past president shall assume the powers and duties of the President until such time as the current president is replaced.

### Section 2

Meetings. Meetings of the Board of Directors take place twice per month or at the discretion of the Board of Directors and shall be open to the general membership. Whenever deemed necessary, board meeting agendas shall begin with a closed executive session. The time and place of the meeting shall be as agreed to by a majority of the Board of Directors and included in the notice of the meeting. The presence of at least 50% of the Board of Directors is necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no votes shall be called.

### Section 3

Officers. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall consist of the mandatory Officers called for by the Constitution – President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Player

Agent(s) and a Safety Officer. The duties of these officers shall be as detailed in Article VII of the Constitution.

## **Section 4**

Additional Officers. In addition, the Board of Directors may include:

**Chief Umpire.** The Chief Umpire shall:

- (a) Recruit, train and schedule umpires for all divisions of the League.
- (b) Produce and enforce a policy to promote good sportsmanship relative to umpires, players, managers, coaches and spectators. At a minimum, this policy shall provide a process for the reporting of incidents to the board for action.
- (c) Investigate complaints regarding improper conduct of individuals and coordinate disciplinary action taken, in that regard, with the Board of Directors.

**Registrar.** The Registrar shall:

- (a) Be responsible for developing and implementing a system to register players, collect fees, verify player age and track the history of all of the players in the League.
- (b) Assist the Player Agent(s) in determining the number of divisions and teams.
- (c) Assist the Player Agent(s) in preparing the Player Agent(s)' lists and in running the draft.
- (d) Assist the Information Officer by compiling a database of information to be used to communicate with parents of players.
- (e) Provide player rosters to Little League officials.
- (f) Manage the online registration process and ensure that team rosters are maintained on the website.

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

- (a) Be responsible for determining equipment needs and, upon approval of the Board, purchases the equipment needed for the league.
- (b) Implement a system of tracking equipment and ensure that equipment is returned at the end of the season.
- (c) Compile an inventory of equipment and implement an orderly system of replacing used equipment.

**Field Maintenance Coordinator.** The Field Maintenance Coordinator shall:

- (a) Determine the field maintenance that is required to safely use the available fields and ensure that the maintenance is completed prior to play.
- (b) Develop a list of projects to enhance the fields and promote the realization of the improvements.
- (c) Organize "field prep day(s)" prior to opening day by scheduling volunteers, with the help of the Volunteer Coordinator, and providing the necessary materials and equipment.

**Information Officer.** The Information Officer shall:

- (a) Be responsible for managing the league's website.
- (b) Update and advertise league news, scores and standings on a regular basis.
- (c) Coordinate and send information (i.e., email, text, phone) to the general membership.

**Snack Bar Manager.** The Snack Bar Manager shall:

- (a) Be responsible for developing and managing a system to purchase all supplies necessary for the operation of the snack bar.
- (b) Organize, with the help of the Volunteer Coordinator, the recruitment, training and scheduling of volunteers to operate the snack bar.
- (c) Implement a system of accounting to track income and expenses associated with the snack bar.
- (d) Report to the Treasurer and arrange for bank deposits with snack bar income.

**Tournaments and All-Star Coordinator.** The Tournament Coordinator shall:

- (a) Be responsible for scheduling all tournament activities.
- (b) Ensure that all materials required for the tournament activities are acquired prior to the tournament.
- (c) Organize, with the help of the Volunteer Coordinator, the recruitment, training and scheduling of volunteers needed for tournament activities.

**Immediate Past President.** The Immediate Past President shall:

- (a) Be available for consultation on all matters of interest to the Board of Directors.
- (b) Take on such special projects as to be of assistance to the League and provide, in particular, assistance to the current President.

## **Section 5**

**Financial Policy.** The President and/or Treasurer shall sign all checks drawn on the funds of the League. In the absence of either officer, the Registrar shall sign the checks. The Treasurer is authorized to spend up to \$200.00 per transaction in conducting the ordinary business of the league. The Board of Directors shall approve all single item expenditures exceeding

\$200.00. All single item expenditures exceeding \$500.00, unless otherwise approved by the board, shall have solicitations from at least two vendors.

The President, Treasurer, or Registrar may not sign a reimbursement check to yourself or spouse. Contributions and income received shall not be for the benefit of any team or division but shall be for the good of the entire League. No board member may be used in the capacity of a vendor to conduct league business for his or her financial gain.

## **Registration Fees**

**Fee Structure:** The Board of Directors shall establish the registration fees for each season prior to the start of the season. The Board will base the fee structure on the anticipated costs associated with the division of play per player, including but not limited to: Uniforms, Equipment, Umpires (if applicable) Field rentals, League dues, and Insurance

- (a) Late Fee: The Board may assess a late fee for any registrations received after the official registration period closes. The exact amount and deadline for the late fee will be communicated to participants in advance.

## **Refunds:**

- (a) Before Drafts: Registration fees can be refunded until the division drafts occur. All refund requests before the draft must be submitted in writing and will be processed accordingly.
- (b) After Drafts: Once the division drafts have taken place, refunds will not be issued,

except in cases of extenuating circumstances. Any such requests for refunds after drafts must be approved by the Board of Directors on a case-by-case basis.

## **Section 6**

Disciplinary Action. Any member of the board who misses two consecutive meetings or a total of four meetings in a calendar year shall be removed from the board unless the board member:

- (a) appears at the next meeting and explains the absences, OR
- (b) writes a letter addressed to the president explaining the absences.

After consideration, said board member may be removed by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors if the explanations are deemed to be insufficient.

## **ARTICLE III – APPOINTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

## **Section 1**

Appointments. Upon nomination and election by the Board of Directors, additional Directors shall be appointed to positions as non-voting Directors. At a minimum, the Board shall appoint Division Coordinators for each division.

**Division Coordinators.** The Division Coordinators shall:

- (a) Communicate between the managers in their division and the Board all matters of interest to the League.
- (b) Post the local rules for their division.
- (c) Monitor at least one game per week in their division and ensure managers enforce local rules - including minimum playing time.
- (d) Assist the Player Agent in assuring even levels of competition between teams.
- (e) Assist the Chief Umpire in enforcing appropriate individual conduct by managing a process that informs the Board of all incidents involving misconduct.

## **Section 2**

Additional Appointments. The Board of Directors may, upon nomination and election, designate other Appointed Board of Director positions including:

**Uniform Coordinator.** The Uniform Coordinator shall:

- (a) Be responsible for determining uniform needs and, upon approval of the Board, purchase the uniforms needed for the league.
- (b) Implement a system of tracking league owned uniforms and ensure that league owned uniforms are returned at the end of the season.
- (c) Compile an inventory of league owned uniforms and implement an orderly system of replacing them as deemed necessary.

**Volunteer Coordinator.** The Volunteer coordinator shall:

- (a) Be responsible for developing and implementing a plan to recruit, train and schedule all volunteers.
- (b) Assist other directors in staffing projects and tasks through the use of volunteers.
- (c) Assist managers in staffing tasks at the team level through the use of volunteers.
- (d) Compile and keep a list of regular members of the general membership.
- (e) Organize and schedule an end of year appreciation dinner if approved by the board.

**Special Events Coordinator.** The Special Events Coordinator shall:

- (a) Be responsible for scheduling all League Special Events (e.g., Opening Day, Pitch Hit and Run, District River Cats Night, Photo Day).
- (b) Ensure that all materials required for the activities are acquired prior to the special event.
- (c) Organize, with the help of the Volunteer Coordinator, the recruitment and scheduling of volunteers needed for the special event activities.

**Sponsor Coordinator.** The Sponsor Coordinator shall:

- (a) Develop and implement a program to recruit and solicit sponsorships for fundraising purposes.
- (b) Implement a system of accounting to track income and expenses associated with

sponsors.

- (c) Report to the Treasurer and arrange for bank deposits with sponsor income.
- (d) Arrange promotions, awards and appreciation tributes for recognizing League sponsors.

**Awards Coordinator.** The Awards Coordinator shall:

- (a) Be responsible for determining award needs and, upon approval of the Board, purchase awards needed for the League.
- (b) Be responsible for distribution of the awards.

### **Section 3**

Eligibility. All regular members, including Board of Director members, are eligible to be appointed to the positions referenced in this Article III.

### **Section 4**

Meetings. All Board of Director members appointed pursuant to this Article III shall attend the Board of Directors meetings referred to in Article II, Section 3.

### **Section 5**

Powers. Directors appointed by virtue of this Article III shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IV – MANAGER/COACH PROCEDURES**

### **Section 1**

Manager Appointments. Prospective managers shall submit their request to manage to the League President at a date set by the Board of Directors, but no later than the start of player assessments. The President shall appoint a screening committee composed of three directors, one of which shall be the Player Agent, which shall make recommendations to the President regarding the qualifications of the applicants. The President shall make the manager appointments, subject to approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. No manager has tenure regardless of the years of service.

### **Section 2**

Duties of the Manager. The manager shall:

- (a) Abide by all rules and responsibilities set forth by the Board of Directors and Little League.
- (b) Attend general membership meetings.
- (c) If requested by the Player Agent, attend all player assessment sessions and assist in rating players.
- (d) Choose 2 competent coaches that will be subject to approval of the Board of Directors.
- (e) Be responsible for all equipment, keys and league owned uniforms in their possession. Return all equipment, keys and league owned uniforms at the end of the season. Reimburse the league for all equipment, keys and league owned uniforms not returned.
- (f) Manager shall complete all mandatory training prior to their division's scheduled draft. Failure to do so will result in a member of the Board of Directors drafting their team. Managers will ensure their chosen coaches will complete all mandatory training prior to

their first practice. Coaches are not permitted on the field until all mandatory training is complete. Mandatory requirements include: Completion of background check, Concussion training, Safe Sport training, Sudden Cardiac Arrest training, attendance at League's Safety meeting, and completion of Manager Training meeting.

(g) Attire. Managers and coaches are required to wear league issued attire and hats. Managers and coaches are not permitted to wear attire or hats from other leagues or baseball organizations. Managers may not permit their players to wear attire other than league issued jerseys and hats or allow the modification or customization of League issued uniforms in any way.

### **Section 3**

Disciplinary Action. The Board of Directors, by a 2/3 vote, shall have the authorization to discipline, suspend or terminate a manager or coach when the conduct of the manager or coach is considered detrimental to the best interests of the league. The manager or coach involved shall be notified of the general nature of the charges and be given an opportunity to address the board prior to any such vote.

### **Section 4**

All-Star Manager Selection. All managers or official coaches wishing to manage an all-star team shall submit their request to do so, in writing, to the President at a date set by the Board of Directors, but prior to the end of the regular season. All-star managers shall be chosen, from the list of applicants, by a silent vote of managers and two coaches of each team in the respective divisions, and all Board members. The elected manager shall select two coaches and submit them for approval to the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE V - PLAYER PROCEDURES**

### **Section 1**

Registration Dates. Regular registration shall be online and/or at announced location(s) as required and held during the months of November and December. The Board of Directors may choose to open registration earlier in October and/or allow it to continue into a portion of January. The Board of Directors may, at its discretion, provide early registration discounts, and/or late registration fee increases. Open registration will be permitted until 48 hours prior to the first player assessment. After that, any player who registers will be considered a late registration and shall be placed on a waiting list and placed on a team only if a player of the same age is, for any reason, forced to or voluntarily chooses to leave the League. This list will be based on age, and it will be first-come-first-serve basis and in accordance with division rules for loss of player due to attrition. The League will make its best effort to place all those who desire to play. Exceptions may be made for T-ball since at the time of draft team sizes at this level are kept low in anticipation of additions.

### **Section 2**

Player Assessments. Assessment sessions shall be segregated by age. Players shall attend one

of these sessions. Each player present shall be rated, as to their ability, based on a system of rating provided by the

Player Agent. Ratings shall be performed by a group of managers and/or board members chosen by the Player Agent. The Player Agent shall then compile a ranking of all the players based on their assessed ability. A player must attend an assessment session to be eligible for drafting into any division that includes kid pitch, unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.

### **Section 3**

Player Draft. Player drafts shall be held for all divisions unless there is only one team in the division. Every eligible player shall be placed in the draft pool of that division. Players not chosen in the draft shall be moved to the next division for that draft. The Player Agent shall provide the managers with the rankings of the players as determined at the player tryouts.

The order of the draft shall be determined by lottery. The order of the draft shall be serpentine – 1-2-3-4, 4-3-2-1. No coaches shall be chosen prior to the start of the draft. Managers' children will be placed on the manager's team, in the round in which they would have fallen given their ranking.

All 12-year-old players will be drafted into the Major League division unless requested otherwise by a parent and approved by the Board of Directors. 9 year-old players will not be drafted into the Major League division unless approved by the Board of Directors. A player's sibling(s) shall be chosen within three rounds after the first sibling's selection.

### **Section 4**

Player Movement. No player shall be moved between divisions, after the season begins, without the approval of the Board of Directors. Any person requesting such a move shall make the request, in writing, to the Player Agent and President and then shall be allowed to address the board at the next scheduled meeting.

At the time of registration, but prior to the player draft, all 10 and 11 year old players shall opt, in writing, as to whether they will be eligible to move up to the major league division if they are first chosen to a minor league team. If, through injury or resignation, a Major team loses a player during the season, the manager of that team may choose a replacement from the available pool of consenting minor league players. The Player Agent prior to the announcement of the trade shall approve all trades.

### **Section 5**

All-Star Player Selection: The manager and one official coach from each team in each age eligible division shall meet and confer on the selection of all-stars for their respective age groups. The Board will determine which divisions are age eligible to participate for each all-star team fielded. Only the manager and one official coach per team can vote for

All-Star players. The manager and coach who cast votes must be present for the duration of the All-Star meeting, attended All-Star assessments, and attended at least one game for age eligible players outside their division of play, if applicable, for their votes to be counted. Absentee voting will not be allowed. Board members do not vote on player selection (unless they serve in the role of manager or coach at the meeting).

During the meeting, each manager and coach shall compile and make known a list of 20 players from their division ranked in order of skill and capability. These rankings will be turned into scores and combined by the Player Agent(s) and President. The top 10 ranked players who commit to play will automatically be chosen for an all-star team. The remaining players needed to fill a roster (up to a maximum of 14 players) shall be chosen, at the all-star manager's discretion, from the next 5 highest ranked players who have committed to play.

**All-Star Assessments:** The player-agent may coordinate an all-star assessment to be conducted prior to the All-Star meeting. If an assessment is held, it must be clearly communicated in writing to all age eligible players and parents. Players must attend the assessment to be considered for all-star selection, unless granted a waiver from the CRLL Board. The purpose of the assessment is to allow coaches to evaluate players prior to the all-star selection meeting and observe age eligible players outside of their respective teams and divisions, if applicable. Managers and designated coaches are required to attend the all-star assessment to participate in the All-Star player selection meeting, unless granted a waiver from the CRLL Board. All waiver requests from both players, managers and coaches must be submitted in writing prior to all-star assessment to the Player Agent.

## **ARTICLE VI– DIVISION PROCEDURES**

### **Section 1**

**Local Rules.** The Board of Directors shall confer and agree upon local rules for each division. Local Rules are attached to these Bylaws as “Attachment B”.

### **Section 2**

**Division Construction.** Prior to the appointment of managers (Article IV, section 1) the respective division Vice-President and Player Agent shall confer and make a recommendation to the President regarding how many teams per division shall be formed. Information used to make this determination shall include, but may not be limited to: number of registered players, age of registered players, grade level of registered players, prior divisions played by registered players, and skill level of registered players.

### **Section 3**

**Schedule changes.** Any interleague schedule change of a game shall be approved by both managers, the league President and/or the respective Vice-President. Any schedule change of a game between CRLL teams shall be scheduled and approved by the respective Vice-President.

## **ARTICLE VII – MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Section 1**

**Boundaries.** The boundaries of the league shall be as described in Attachment A.

## **Section 2**

Amendments. These bylaws may be amended at any time by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors provided that the proposed vote is included in that meeting agenda and the change(s) that have been proposed are included in the minutes of a prior regular meeting of the membership or Board.

## **Section 3**

Proviso. Nothing in these bylaws shall be construed as to supersede the policies of Little League Baseball. In the case of conflicts between these bylaws and the policies of Little League Baseball, the policies of Little League Baseball shall govern.

## **Section 4 (moved from Article VI)**

All-Star Travel Reimbursement. The league will be reimbursed 50% of overall costs for travel outside of the Sacramento area for all-star tournaments, by Little League.

## **Section 5**

Approval. These bylaws shall be reviewed, amended as necessary and approved prior to the beginning of registration each year.

## ATTACHMENT A

Official Cosumnes River Little League Boundaries are found at:  
<http://www.littleleague.org/LeagueFinder.htm>

**West Boundary:** Start intersection of Grantline Road/Highway 99; traveling south along Highway 99 past Galt to the Sacramento/San Joaquin county line.

**South Boundary:** Start at intersection of Highway 99 and Sacramento/San Joaquin county; traveling east along the Sacramento/San Joaquin county line to the Sacramento/Amador county line.

**East Boundary:** Start at the intersection of Sacramento/San Joaquin/Amador County lines; traveling north along the Sacramento/Amador county line, and continuing along the Sacramento/El Dorado county line until it meets the intersection of Highway 50.

**North Boundary:** From Highway 99 head north to White Rock Road. Head East on White Rock Road to existing Sacramento County border. Follow existing Sacramento County border south until the southern border of league boundary.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

“Local Rules”