



By-Laws (Aligned with Constitution)

Revisions Adopted: March 2, 2026

These By-Laws constitute the standing governance of Catskill Little League and remain in force until amended by the Membership. Season-specific Operating Policies/Local Rules may be adopted annually by the Board and expire at season's end. In the event of a conflict, the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated shall govern.

ARTICLE I – Name

The name of this organization shall be Catskill Little League, hereinafter referred to as the 'League'.

ARTICLE II – Objective

Little League believes in the power of youth baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities. The League will uphold this mission by providing a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where all participants can learn, grow, and thrive on and off the field.

ARTICLE III – Affiliation

1. The League shall be chartered annually through Little League Baseball, Incorporated.
2. The League agrees to comply with the Rules, Regulations, and Policies of Little League International.
3. The League shall operate as a not-for-profit organization under applicable federal and state laws.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

1. Eligibility & Classes of Membership:
 - a. Regular Members include: (i) current-year managers, coaches, Board members, officers, and any registered volunteer who has completed the Little League Official Application, background check per Regulation I(8)-(9), and abuse awareness training per Regulation I(10); (ii) One parent or one legal guardian of each registered player (maximum two per family if multiple players); (iii) any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the League upon Board approval.

b. Player Members: Any player meeting age and residency requirements of Little League.

2. Secretary to Maintain Roll: The Secretary shall maintain the official roll of Regular Members in good standing.

3. Voting Rights: Only Regular Members in good standing may vote at General Membership Meetings. Each Regular Member is entitled to one vote.

4. Suspension/Termination: The Board may discipline, suspend, or terminate membership of any Member or Player Member by two-thirds vote pursuant to procedures consistent with the Constitution and Little League policy.

ARTICLE V – Board of Directors

1. Authority: The Board is responsible for the property and affairs of the League, including policy, budgets, oversight, and compliance.

2. Composition & Size: The Board shall consist of not fewer than seven (7) and not more than fifteen (15) Directors in good standing.

3. Meetings & Quorum: Regular meetings shall follow Robert's Rules of Order. A quorum is one-fourth (25%) of the total number of Directors then in office. Actions of the Board are approved by a simple majority of Directors present at a duly constituted meeting. Proxy voting by Directors is not permitted. Meetings may be held in-person or by telephonic/electronic means allowing full participation.

4. Attendance and Voting (Board): Directors must be present in real time (in-person or virtual) to vote at Board meetings. Absentee or proxy votes are not permitted for Board meetings.

5. Vacancies: The Board may appoint replacements for unexpired terms by majority vote.

6. Responsibilities of Directors: Attend meetings; participate in League operations; maintain confidentiality and ethical standards; support fundraising/sponsorship/volunteer recruitment; serve on committees; represent the League positively.

7. Designated Roles: (a) Safety Officer – creates and implements the League Safety Plan, maintains first-aid kits, ensures compliance with the Safety Plan, and promotes a culture of safety; (b) Player Agent – oversees player selection, manages team rosters, ensures proper player assignments, addresses eligibility/placement concerns, and advocates for fair and consistent treatment of players.

ARTICLE VI – Officers and Term Limits

1. Officer Positions (minimum): President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Player Agent, Safety Officer, and Coaching Coordinator.

2. Term Durations: President – 3-year term; Vice President – 2-year term; Treasurer – 2-year term; Secretary – 1-year term. Officers may serve consecutive terms if re-elected.

3. Duties: President leads meetings and operations; Vice President assists and acts in absence; Treasurer manages finances and required filings; Secretary maintains records and correspondence; Player Agent and Safety Officer as outlined in Article V(7); Coaching Coordinator supports coach development and adherence to Little League training requirements.

ARTICLE VII – Elections & Officer Term Commencement

1. Annual Meeting: Held each November for elections and League business.
2. Election Sequence: The Membership elects the Board of Directors. Immediately thereafter, the Board convenes to elect Officers from among the Directors.
3. Absentee Ballots (Membership Elections Only): For Members in good standing who cannot attend the Annual Meeting, absentee ballots are permitted.
4. Term Commencement: Elected Officers assume office on January 1.

ARTICLE VIII – Committees

The Board may establish standing or ad hoc committees as needed.

ARTICLE IX – Code of Conduct

All members shall uphold Respect, Sportsmanship, and Safety.

ARTICLE X – Volunteer Eligibility and Privacy

1. Background checks & training required annually.
2. Volunteers must model positive behavior.
3. Personal information used only for League purposes.

ARTICLE XI – Fiscal Year

Fiscal year begins October 1 and ends September 30.

ARTICLE XII – Financial Management

1. Financial authority details.
2. Banking rules.
3. Two signatures required on all checks.
4. Reporting requirements.
5. Audit/review procedures.

ARTICLE XIII – Amendments

Two-thirds vote required to amend.

ARTICLE XIV – Dissolution

Upon dissolution, assets transferred appropriately.