

League ID# 405-63-09
Goleta Valley South Little League
Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the Goleta Valley South 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 organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball 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 affect 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 and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the Local League shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
- b. Regular Members: Any person actively interested in furthering the objective of the Local League may become a regular member upon election as hereinafter provided. Regular members shall be issued a card numbered in sequential order annually. The secretary shall maintain the role of membership to qualify voting members. Only regular members in good standing are eligible to vote at the annual meeting. All officers, board members, committee members, managers, volunteer umpires, and other elected or appointed officials must be active regular members in good standing.
- c. Honorary Members: Any person may be elected as honorary members 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.
- d. Sustaining Member: Any person not a regular member who makes a financial or other contribution to the Local League may be by a majority vote of the Board of Directors become a sustaining member, but such person shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

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 the Local League.
- b. Regular members shall not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operations of any other baseball or similar program.

Section 4 - Suspension or Termination

Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors.

- a. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any member of any class when the conduct of such person is in conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws and considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporated. The member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given the opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer any charges.
- b. The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a player member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

Section 5- Boundaries

All player members, regular members, honorary members, sustaining members, Local League Officers and Board of Directors shall reside within the Local League boundaries as follows:

- Commencing with West Comino Cielo where it would intersect with Kellogg Ave. start South
- Kellogg Ave. to Hwy 101, continue East at Highway 101 to where it would intersect with Ward Memorial Blvd.
- Southwest along the Mid-line of Ward Memorial Blvd. to the Pacific Ocean
- Follow Shoreline to Oceano Blvd., North on Oceano to Cliff Dr.
- East on Cliff Dr. to Loma Alta Dr.
- Northwest on Loma Alta to San Andres
- Northwest on San Andres to Modoc Rd.
- West on Modoc to Las Positas
- North on Las Positas where it would intersect with Camino Cielo
- Wet on West Camino Cielo to intersect with Kellogg

ARTICLE IV – DUES

Section 1

Dues for regular members may be fixed as such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine prior to the beginning of any membership period.

Section 2

Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty (30) days for the time the same becomes due may, by vote of the Board be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

Section 3

A reasonable Little League participation fee may be assessed as a parent's obligation to assure the operational continuity of the Local Little League. A player member's participation fee for Little League, Senior League, or other Local League programs shall be assessed annually to reflect annual operational cost as provided in Article XVI. AT NO TIME SHOULD PAYMENT OF ANY FEE BE A PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PROGRAM. Little League Regulation XIII (c). Other compensation may be set by the Board of Directors. Any fees assessed by the league over twenty (20) dollars, shall be clearly defined.

ARTICLE V – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Section 1- Annual Meetings

- a. A general election meeting of the Local League shall be held immediately prior to the regularly scheduled August Board of Directors meeting for the purpose of electing directors, and receiving the State of the Local League Report, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. Immediately following this meeting, the directors present, provided there is a quorum present, shall meet for the purpose of electing officers and appointing committees for the coming year.

On or about July 1st prior to the general election meeting, the League will announce to all members via email, and conspicuously post on the league website, that applications/nominations for Directors and Officers are being accepted, and all members in good standing who submit their names or whose names are submitted (assuming they want to serve) will be posted on the website as candidates for election.

- b. An annual meeting of the members of the Local League shall be held on Opening Day of each year for the purpose of members receiving the State of the Local League Report and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.
- c. Notice of each meeting of the members shall be emailed to each member at the last recorded address at least ten (10) days in advanced thereof and posted on the league website setting forth the place, time, and purpose of the meeting.

Section 2 - Special Meetings

Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of ten (10) members, the President shall call a special meeting of the members. All members shall receive notice of such meeting ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Section 3 - Quorum

The presence in person or by absentee ballots of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 4 - Voting

Only regular members shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Local League.

Section 5 - Absentee Ballots

Each member shall be entitled to one vote in person or by Absentee Ballot. All Absentee Ballots must be in written form and may be withdrawn at any time. All Absentee Ballots must be verified as the first order of business at any annual meeting or special meeting.

Section 6 - Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings except where some conflicts with the constitution or By-Laws of the Local League.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - Board and Number

The management of the property and affairs of the Local League shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of directors shall be not less than five (5), nor more than twenty (20). The directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the gradual reception of their duties from the outgoing directors, a period lasting until the treasury Audit committee has transferred the completed audit report to the new Board members. Upon completion of the treasury audit, those directors shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected, qualified and transition completed.

Section 2 - Required Members

The Board membership shall include the officers (President, Vice-President, Vice-President of Majors, Vice-President of Juniors, Vice-President of Minors, Vice-President of Mini Minors, Vice-President of Tee Ball, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, League Coordinator.) Other members maybe Public Relations, Field Director, Equipment Manager, Safety Officer, Chief Umpire, Director of Scorekeeping and Scheduling, Concession Manager, Director of Sponsorships and Grants, Special Events Coordinator, Director of Public Relations, and League Parent Coordinator. The number of managers and coaches from all leagues elected to the Board shall not exceed a minority of the total Board.

Section 3 - Annual Election and Term of Office

At each August election meeting, the members shall determine the number of directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such number of directors. The number so fixed may, within the limits prescribed by the foregoing

Section 1, be increased at any regular or special meeting of the members, and 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 election of directors shall be by the majority vote of all eligible voting members present or represented by proxy at the time of the meeting. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors at any regular or special Board of Directors meeting.

Section 4 - Meetings, Notice and Quorum

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual election and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board. A quorum shall consist of eleven (11) Board members which shall include any three (4) Board members of the Executive Committee and four (7) additional Board members. Notice of meetings shall be given prior to each meeting.

Section 5 – Special Meetings

The President or Secretary may, whenever any of them deems it advisable, and the Secretary shall, at the request in writing of three (3) directors, issue a call for a special meeting of the Board. Notice of each meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each Directors either by mail at least three (3) days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each director or by telephone or telegraphic personal notice twenty-four (24) hour proceeding the meeting. In the case of special meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.

Section 6 - Emergency Meetings

Emergency meetings will be any other necessary meetings not covered in Section 4 or Section 5 for which an immediate decision is needed. (For quorum purposes refer to Article 6, Section 4.)

Section 7 - Duties and Powers

- a. The Board of Directors and membership 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 the whole amount of real and personal property owned by it, where located, and where and how invested, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately proceeding, the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated or expended during the year immediately preceding such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of residence of persons who have been admitted to membership in the Local League during such year, which report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to the Little League Headquarters as required.
- b. The Board of Directors shall meet with the Local League President for the purpose of managing the business of the Local League. No business shall be conducted unless a quorum is present, subject to restrictions imposed by law, Little League Incorporated, or by these By-Laws, they may be exercise all of the powers of the Local League.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 - Members

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.

- 1. The Committee shall be composed of the following Board Members:
 - a. League President (President can only vote in case of a tie).
 - b. League Vice President
 - c. Junior League Vice President.
 - d. Major League Vice President.
 - e. Minor League Vice President.
 - f. Mini-Minor Vice President.
 - g. T-ball Vice President

Section 2 - Powers

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.

Section 3 - Quorum

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 VIII – OTHER COMMITTEES

Section 1 - 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 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 or any special meeting of the members or of 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.

Section 4 – Managers’ Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a managers’ committee consisting of six (6) directors. The committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches, and recommend acceptable candidates to the Board of Directors for approval. 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 and/or Board of Directors as the case may be required.

Section 5 - 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 Leagues books and records annually prior to the annual meeting and attach a statement of their 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 6 - By-Laws Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a by-laws committee consisting of a minimum of three (3) directors. The President shall serve as Chairman of this committee. This committee shall screen all requests for changes to the By-Laws of the Local League. This committee shall revise and/or recommend changes if needed and submit to the Board of Directors, and, upon written request, to any and all other voting members of the Local League. This committee shall screen all requests for changes in local rules and shall revise or recommend changes if needed and submit them to the board for approval.

Section 7 – Protest Committee

A protest committee will be created to rule on any game protests. The committee will consist of the Division VP's and the Umpire in Chief (UIC). The 'Chair' of the committee will be the VP of the division where the conflict occurred or where the protest originated.

ARTICLE IX – MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

Section 1 – Team Managers & Coaches

Team managers and shall be nominated annually by the President, to be approved by the Board of Directors, and shall be responsible for the selection of their teams and for their actions on the field. Per Regulation 1(b), the BOD can not delegate this responsibility away from the President.

Section 2 – Umpires

Umpires shall be appointed annually by the Umpire In Chief, who shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field.

Section 3 – Restrictions

While holding such office, the President may manage a team in the league. The player agent shall not manage, coach or umpire in any division. Vice-presidents may manage, coach or umpire provided they do not serve on the protest committee.

ARTICLE X – ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1 - Executive Officers

Election of board members to executive offices and other positions on the board of directors shall be by majority vote of those members present at any duly constituted meeting of the board, provided a quorum is present.

Section 2 - Other Board Members

The board of directors shall also elect, from its membership, directors to fill such non-executive positions and/or perform such other duties as may be required by these By-Laws.

Section 3 - Board of Directors

Election of the Board of Directors shall be at the general member meeting held in August. Nominations may be accepted from the general membership at such meeting, provided nominees are present eligible voters in good standing and agree to place their name in nomination.

Section 4 - Voting

Election of the Board of Directors shall be done by registered Local League regular members, whose names are found on the role maintained by the secretary for this purpose. Voting shall be done by ballot the same evening of the annual membership meeting.

ARTICLE XI – OFFICERS, DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 1 – Elected Officers

The officers of the Local League shall consist of a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Player Agent or Agents, and those officers set forth above in Article VI, section 2, all of whom shall hold office for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly elected.

Section 2 – Appointed Officers or Agents

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, and may fill any vacancy which may occur in any office. 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 3 - 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. 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 by the Board.
- f. Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or executive committee.
- g. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the 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 the residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

Section 4 - Vice President

In case of the absence or disability of the President, and provided he is authorized by the President or Board so to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

Section 5 - 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 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. Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
- e. Shall conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- f. Notify Members, Directors, Officers and Committee Members of their election or appointment.

Section 6 - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Perform such duties as herein specifically 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 check therefore in agreement with the policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors.
- d. Prepare and 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.

Section 7 - 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 checking residence and age eligibility.
- c. Conduct the player draft and all other player transactions or selection meetings.
- d. Prepare the Player Agent’s list.
- e. Prepare for the President’s signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players’ claimed under Regulations 2(d) & 4(h), and tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- f. Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacement or trades.

Section 8 - Safety Officer

The Safety Officer shall:

- a. The league will have a safety awareness program administered by the Safety Officer.
- b. Be responsible to make all members aware of all safety procedures found in the Little League Safety Code.
- c. Frequently inspect all playing areas for holes, damage, glass or other foreign objects.
- d. Make certain all fences, screens and dugouts are in a safe condition.
- e. Periodically inspect the stands or bleachers.
- h.
- i. Handle all accident claims promptly and shall maintain all records pertaining to all injuries and to include any claims for liability.
- j. Forward a report on all injuries and claims to Little League headquarters and your district administrator.

ARTICLE XII – 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 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, Pa. shall be binding on this Local League.

Section 3 - Local League Rules

The local rules 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 and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

ARTICLE XIII – FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

Section 1

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 same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

Section 2

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

Section 3

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

Section 4

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 and policies of Little League baseball, incorporated.

Section 5

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 6

All monies received, INCLUDING AUXILIARY FUNDS shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in a local Santa Barbara bank account, and all disbursement shall be made by check. 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 7

The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on the first day of September and shall end on the last day of August.

Section 8 - Distribution of Property Upon Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debits and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall distribute the property of the Local League to such other federally incorporated entity maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are of may be entitled to exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provisions.

ARTICLE XIV – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the MEMBERS provided such 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. Only the Membership can amend, repeal or alter the Constitution and By-Laws.

President _____ Date January 1, 2011
John Nisbet

Secretary _____ Date January 1, 2011
Melissa Frank