

STAMFORD NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the Stamford National 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, skill development and mastery, 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 holding 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 baseball program. 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 volunteer participation to further the objective of this Local League may apply to become a Regular Member.

SECTION 2

Members and Players

- (a) **Regular Members.** Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League shall become a Regular Member on an annual basis upon satisfactory completion of the current volunteer qualification process established by the Local League. The Secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members.

Only Regular Members are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, and other elected or appointed officials must be Regular Members.

Any member may submit a volunteer application 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting in order to be considered a Regular Member.

- (b) As used hereinafter, the word “Member” shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.
- (c) **Players** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV shall be eligible to enroll by following the process set by the Local League. Enrolled Players shall be eligible to compete for participation on a Little League (Majors) team, and/or be assigned to a lower division team, in accordance with the Local League’s Rules adopted annually under Article IX Section 3. Players are not Regular Members and shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

SECTION 3

Other Affiliations.

- (a) Neither Members nor Players shall be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify for participation in the Local League.

SECTION 4

Suspension or Termination. Membership shall automatically be terminated by the failure to comply with the current volunteer qualification process. Membership or the right to participate as a Player also 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, including volunteers, managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered by the Board in its absolute discretion 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 an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
- (b) If a Player’s participation in the Local League is considered by the Board detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporation, the Board shall give notice to the manager of the team for which the Player plays regarding any intention to terminate the Player’s right to participate in the Local League. The manager shall appear 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). Suspension

or termination decisions shall be at the absolute discretion of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 5

Spectator restrictions. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to place restrictions on the participation, presence, or involvement of any person (whether a Member or not) when the conduct of such person is considered by the Board in its absolute discretion detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporated. Detrimental conduct shall include but not be limited to violations of the Local League's code of conduct posted on its website. Restrictions may include but not be limited to prohibiting attendance at practices and/or games, restricting viewing locations at practices and/or games, restricting communications with coaches and/or other spectators, etc.

Violations of any restrictions imposed by the Board may constitute grounds to suspend or terminate the Player(s) associated with such spectator under Section 4(b).

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1

Definition. A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the Local League (including Special General Membership Meetings, Section 7). A minimum of one per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required.

SECTION 2

Notice of Meeting. Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically or by mail to each Member at the last recorded address at least seven (7) 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 maybe 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 proxy of one fifth (20 percent) of the Members (as defined in Article III –Membership) shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

SECTION 4

Voting. Only Regular Members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and

recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings. (Those eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article V, Section 4.) Unless specified elsewhere herein, a simple majority shall prevail with respect to any vote.

SECTION 5

Absentee Ballots. For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, or any General Membership Meeting, prior to any vote, an absentee ballot shall be provided via e-mail, properly completed, signed and returned via e-mail to the President and the Secretary, who will be the annual meeting Co-Chair Persons.

SECTION 6

Annual Meeting of the Members. The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held in the fall of 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 designate;
 - (2) A general summary of funds received and expended by the local league for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of the local league, and the name of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained;
 - (3) The whole amount of any real and personal property owned by the Local League, where located, and where and how invested;
 - (4) For the year immediately preceding, a report of the Local League's finances;
 - (5) The names of the persons who have been admitted to regular membership in the Local League during such year. 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 International.
- (b) At the Annual 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 of Directors elected shall be not less than six (6).

- (c) After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board shall meet to elect the officers. After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties immediately or as soon as an efficient transition of responsibilities may be made. However, with respect to the responsibilities of the Local League's Treasurer, the Treasurer shall continue his or her responsibilities until the close of the fiscal year if the election is held before that time.
- (d) The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, seven (7) elected officials, including the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, and a Safety Officer.

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. Upon the written request of ten (10) 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 less than ten (10) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

SECTION 8

Rules of Order for General Membership Meetings. Where a question arises concerning the procedure used to govern the conduct of proceedings of General Membership Meetings, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern such proceedings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League.

ARTICLE V – 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 number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special Meeting 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 proxy filed with the Secretary prior to any vote.

SECTION 3

Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Board meeting or at any Special Board Meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 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 three (3) Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- (b) Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least one (1) day before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.
- (c) One-half of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.
- (d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.

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.

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 4 (a, b).

SECTION 6

Rules of Order for Board Meetings. Where a question arises concerning the procedure used to govern the conduct of meetings of the Board of Directors, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern such proceedings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League.

ARTICLE VI – 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

Subject to the power of the Board of Directors to assign additional responsibilities and duties, the officers, enumerated in Article IV, Section 6(d), shall have the responsibilities set forth in Appendix I. This in no way limits the power of the Board to name other officers and assign responsibilities from among the elected Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1

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

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall advise with and assist 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.

SECTION 3

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

ARTICLE VIII – OTHER COMMITTEES

The Board of Directors may create any number of committees for the fiscal year. In creating a committee, the Board shall: (1) define the purpose and scope of responsibility of the committee; (2) appoint members of the committee who shall be Regular Members of the Local League; and (3) appoint a chairperson of that committee, who shall coordinate the activities of that committee and report to the Board.

The Board may modify and/or dissolve any committee(s) at any time.

ARTICLE IX – AFFILIATION

SECTION 1

Charter. Absent a contrary determination by the Board, 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.

SECTION 2

Rules and Regulations. The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League.

SECTION 3

Local Rules, Ground Rules and/or Bylaws. The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of this Local League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, nor shall they conflict with this Constitution. The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of this Local League shall expire at the end of each fiscal year, and are not considered part of this Constitution. (See Article X, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league.)

SECTION 4

Significant Structural Changes. When deemed appropriate and necessary by the Board of Directors, consideration of significant structural changes to the Local League (including but not limited to mergers, changes to the league boundaries, etc.) may be assigned to a committee appointed by the Board of Directors to address and make recommendations concerning these proposed changes. The Board of Directors, however, shall maintain ultimate responsibility to make all decisions on behalf of the Local League, including all significant structural changes.

ARTICLE X – FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1

Authority. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it shall place all income including Auxiliary funds, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of funds in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

SECTION 2

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

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

Disbursement of Funds. The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by check. 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

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 6

Deposits. All moneys received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League at a financial institution approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7

Fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30.

SECTION 8

Distribution of Property upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of the Local League to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in Article II of this Constitution, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval before implementation.

This Constitution was approved by the Stamford National Little League Membership on October 9, 2013, as Amended on October 30, 2014.

President’s Name (Print) David Brown

President’s Signature  09/25/2017

Little League ID No. 02070113

Federal ID No. (if available) 06-1451885

State ID No. (if available) _____

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

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

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President

- 1) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- 2) Act as the Local League's representative (or delegate said responsibility to a Regular Member approved by the Board of Directors) to Little League International, the district, and other leagues.
- 3) Act as the Local League's contact with the City of Stamford.
- 4) Schedule, set agenda for, and preside over regular meetings of the Board of Directors.
- 5) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Supervise 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.
- 8) Annually select and appoint all commissioners and committees, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.
- 9) Annually select and appoint all managers and coaches, subject to approval of the Board of Directors; provide names to Information Officer.
- 10) 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.
- 11) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
- 12) Perform background checks or designate a Board member to perform background checks.
- 13) Provide input to the Treasurer, for preparation and submission of an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.

Vice President

- 1) 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.
- 2) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

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Secretary

- 1) Responsible for recording the activities of the Local League.
- 2) Maintain all league documentation, in conjunction with the League Information Officer.
- 3) In conjunction with the Safety Officer, collect volunteer forms; 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.
- 4) 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. 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.
- 5) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.
- 6) 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.

Treasurer

- 1) Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- 2) Process requests for all expenditures, disbursements, and reimbursements.
- 3) Send invoices and collect sponsor fees.
- 4) Pay operating fees (e.g., charter, insurance, tournament, etc.).
- 5) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys 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 of \$1,000 or more must have dual signatures.
- 6) Collect unpaid fees (including regular registration, sponsor, post-season, fall ball, etc.).
- 7) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
- 8) 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.
- 9) 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.

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Player Agent

- 1) Conduct player registration (recommending dates, locations for walk-in registrations, organizing helpers for walk-in registrations, etc.).
- 2) Responsible for communication to all interested parties the dates and requirements for registration (newspaper announcements, flyers, other signage, etc.).
- 3) Responsible for accurate records of players.
- 4) Verify residence and age eligibility according to the Little League documentation requirements and subject to review by the President.
- 5) Responsible for all player-related waivers.
- 6) Gather appropriate permits for tryouts/evaluations.
- 7) Conduct the tryouts/evaluations, including recommending dates, location, and preparation of physical location (equipment, helpers, etc.).
- 8) Conduct the player draft (dates, locations, lists, physical preparation, recommend rules).
- 9) Responsible for all other player transaction or selection meetings (e.g., team assembly for lower levels).
- 10) Prepare the Player Agent's List (import to Little League Inc. website).
- 11) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- 12) Notify Little League International of any subsequent player replacements or trades.
- 13) Collect player and coach ratings at year-end.

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Safety Officer

- 1) Responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for children and all participants of Little League.
- 2) 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:
 - a) Education – Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
 - b) Compliance – Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
 - c) 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.
- 3) Prepare safety plan and submit such plan on a timely basis to Little League Inc. for approval.
- 4) Assist President, if requested, in performing background checks
- 5) Draft and recommend dugout rules.
- 6) Periodic monitoring of safety-related equipment and supplies.
- 7) Coordinate training on safety-related equipment.