

# CONSTITUTION

## of Loudoun South Little League

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

This organization shall be known as Loudoun South Little League, a youth baseball league chartered by Little League Baseball, Incorporated (ID# 00195787), and hereinafter be referred to as the “Local League”.

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

#### **SECTION 1**

The Objective of the Loudoun South Little League, Inc. shall be to promote, develop, supervise, and voluntarily assist in all lawful ways the interest of children who will participate in Little League Baseball and to help and voluntarily assist children in developing qualities of citizenship and sportsmanship.

#### **SECTION 2**

Using the disciplines of the American game of baseball, the Local League will teach spirit and the competitive will to win, physical fitness through individual sacrifice, the values of team play, and wholesome well-being through healthful and social association with other youngsters under proper leadership.

#### **SECTION 3**

To achieve these objectives the Loudoun South Little League will provide a supervised program of competitive baseball under the Rules and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated and Loudoun South Little League, Inc. 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 Loudoun South Little League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of a 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 of public office.

## **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1**

#### **Eligibility**

Any person sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objectives of the Loudoun South Little League, Inc., 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 shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
- (b) **Regular Members.** Regular Members shall include all named Volunteers from the Spring and Fall Seasons who have successfully completed a Little League Volunteer Application and background check, as well as all current Directors. A non-member adult may petition the Board of Directors to become a Regular Member at the annual General Membership Meeting, and shall become a Regular Member upon a  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) majority vote of the Board of Directors present.

Regular Members shall elect a Board of Directors for the Local League, and all Regular Members' voting rights shall expire upon election of a succeeding Board of Directors at the annual General Membership Meeting. Regular Members may have duties or obligations as to the management or in the property of the Local League (*e.g.*, Managers and Umpires shall accept and return Local League equipment so assigned to them, etc.) as determined by the Board of Directors of the Local League.

- (c) **Voting Members.** Regular Members may seek to become Voting Members through annual election to the Board of Directors of the Local League. Only active Regular Members in good standing may become Voting Members. Voting Members shall have the power to elect Officers and other Directors of the Local League from their ranks, and to conduct the affairs, management, and property of the Local League.
- (d) **Honorary Members.** Any person may be elected an Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Officers and Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors. Such distinction may be bestowed on local dignitaries, school officials, business persons, professional or amateur ball players, or other persons of renown in recognition of their support of the Local League, Little League, or baseball or softball programs in general. Honorary Members shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

**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 should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball or softball program.

**SECTION 4**  
**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  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) majority 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, 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) 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 a  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) majority vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting.

**ARTICLE IV - DUES**

No dues or fees of any kind shall be charged or assessed to any person as a prerequisite of membership in the League.

**ARTICLE V - MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1**  
**Notice of Meeting**

Notice of any Meeting of the Membership of Loudoun South Little League shall be mailed by the Secretary or other duly designated Officer, delivered personally or electronically, or otherwise delivered to each Member at their last recorded address at least thirty (30) days in advance thereof, indicating the following:

- (a) Time and Place of the Meeting;

- (b) Call for Nominees for election to the Board of Directors. Candidates may nominate themselves, or may be nominated by another Member with the consent of the Nominee.

## **SECTION 2**

### **Quorum**

For purposes of any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of twenty percent (20%) of the Regular Members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

## **SECTION 3**

### **Voting**

Only Regular Members shall be entitled to vote and make motions at any General Membership Meeting; however, the Board of Directors may invite, admit, and recognize Player Members, Honorary Members, or guests for presentations or comments during any General Membership Meeting.

## **SECTION 4**

### **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the General Membership of Loudoun South Little League shall be held on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Tuesday of November, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the purposes of receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution and any proposed amendments, election of a Board of Directors, and the transaction of any other such business that properly comes before the meeting:

- (a) The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting 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 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 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) An accounting of the persons who have been admitted as Regular Members in the Local League during the preceding 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) The Members shall review the current Local League Constitution and any proposed amendments.
  - (1) If there are proposed amendments, the President shall call for a vote by public acclamation as to the ratification or rejection of said amendments, one by one. (see *Article XI – Amendments* for required vote totals).
  - (2) The Secretary shall record the results of each vote in the Meeting Minutes.
- (c) Any New Business brought before the current Board of Directors by the Membership shall be addressed.
- (d) The Secretary shall present the slate of Candidates seeking election to the Board of Directors:
  - (1) The Secretary shall read aloud the Regular Member candidates seeking election to the Board of Directors from the list of nominees previously submitted.
    - (i) Additional nominations of a Regular Member in attendance may be proposed from the floor.
    - (ii) Such nominees shall only be added to the official slate of candidates upon a simple majority vote by show-of-hands of the Membership.
    - (iii) The Secretary shall record the complete list of nominees in the Meeting Minutes.
  - (2) Each candidate shall be permitted one (1) minute to read a prepared statement, address the Membership, or otherwise present his or her qualifications for a position on the Board of Directors.
- (e) The President shall appoint an Election Commission of three (3) volunteers from the Membership to preside over the election.
  - (1) Election Commission members may not be candidates for the Board of Directors, nor current members of the Board of Directors.
- (f) The Membership shall elect a Board of Directors:
  - (1) There shall be a maximum of fourteen (14) Directors (hereinafter referred to in this Section only as the “authorized number” of Directors).
  - (2) The Election Commission shall distribute ballots to the Membership.
  - (3) The Membership shall vote via secret ballot for not more than authorized number of Directors from the slate of candidates.
    - (i) Write-ins shall only be permitted for those candidates added under subpart (b)(2) above.
  - (4) The Election Commission shall tally the votes and announce the selections of the top authorized number of Directors (or fewer, if less than authorized number of candidates are on the ballot) selections receiving more than one-half (*i.e.*, fifty-one percent [51%]) or more of the votes.

(i) Percentages shall be tallied as having received votes on more than ½ of all ballots received. For example, if thirty-five (35) ballots are cast, then eighteen (18) votes shall be required for election.

(ii) A Board of Directors may be elected consisting of fewer than the authorized number of Directors. A Board of Directors so elected shall fill any remaining vacancies through the process outlined in Article VI, Section 2 below.

(iii) In case of a tie for the final authorized position (or ties beginning with the most previous slot resulting in a tie that exceeds the authorized number of total slots), a run-off shall be held for the remaining slot(s):

1. The Election Commission shall distribute blank paper ballots to the Members

2. The Members shall vote via secret ballot the written names of not more than the number of remaining position(s) from the candidates who remain tied.

3. The Election Commission shall tally the remaining votes and announce the remaining selections. Illegible ballots shall not be counted.

(iv) In the case of further tie(s), subpart (f)(4) shall be repeated until the remaining position is filled outright, or only two candidates remain tied, at which point a coin flip shall decide the outcome.

1. The President shall flip a coin.

2. The older of the two remaining candidates shall call “Heads” or “Tails”, or shall defer the call to his or her opponent.

3. The result of the flip shall be announced and the winner declared as the final Board Member.

(5) The Secretary shall record the complete results of the election in the Meeting Minutes.

(g) The outgoing President shall acknowledge the service of the outgoing Board of Directors and welcome the new Board of Directors.

(h) The outgoing President shall adjourn the Annual Meeting upon motions and concurrence from the outgoing Board Members.

(i) The outgoing Secretary shall forward the Minutes of the Annual Meeting to the newly-elected Board of Directors for subsequent publication.

**SECTION 5**  
**Absentee Ballot**

For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular Member who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, an 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 Annual Meeting. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Commission on the date of the meeting, prior to the voting portion of the election process.

## **SECTION 6**

### **Special General Membership Meetings**

Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the President at their discretion. Upon the written request of ten (10) Members, the President 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 Meetings shall be scheduled to take place not less than fourteen (14) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

## **SECTION 7**

### **Rules of Order**

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

## **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**

#### **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 3**

#### **Term of Office**

The term of office for members of the Board of Directors shall run from December 1 of the year in which elected (or from the date of election in the case of vacancies) until the November 30 of the following year, or until their successors be elected. There shall be no limit to the number of consecutive or overall terms served by a Board Member.

### **SECTION 4**

#### **Board Meetings, Notice, and Quorum**

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held following the commencement of the term of office and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board.

At its first Board Meeting, the newly-elected Directors shall debate and elect Officers from among their ranks. The person receiving the highest vote total from the election conducted at the Annual Meeting shall preside over the election of Officers and record the results in the Meeting Minutes.

The Board of Directors shall elect a person to fill each position prescribed below in *Article VII – Officers, Duties, and Powers*, beginning with the President.

Regular Board meetings shall be scheduled as far in advance as possible, preferably in public meeting places. Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least 14 days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.

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.

A simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present, no official business or votes shall be conducted. A “proxy” shall not be used for the purposes of establishing a quorum.

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**

### **Governance and Covenants**

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for electing its Officers from among its ranks. A Board Member may hold more than one Office concurrently, except as explicitly prohibited by Little League Baseball or this Constitution.

The Board of Directors 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 with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball.

The Board shall have the power by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) majority vote of those present at any Regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director, Officer, Agent, or Committee Member of the Local League in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article III, Section 4 (a-b).

Continued, active participation of the members of the Board of Directors is expected through their elected term of office. The absence of a Director at three (3) consecutive or four (4) total regularly-scheduled Board Meetings may be cause for removal from the Board of Directors.



**SECTION 6**  
**Rules of Order**

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Board of Directors meetings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League.

**ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS, DUTIES, AND POWERS**

**SECTION 1**  
**President**

The Board of Directors of the Local League shall be chaired by a President, who 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 of the Board.
- (f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant.
- (g) 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 and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

**SECTION 2**  
**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 3**

## **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 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 cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
- (e) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and 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 4**

### **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.
- (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 5**

### **Player Agents – Upper and Lower Divisions**

There shall be two (2) Player Agents for the Local League, who shall:

- (a) Represent the upper and lower divisions of the Local League, dividing duties and responsibilities amongst themselves, subject to approval of the Board of Directors.
- (b) Recruit and present to the Board of Directors for their approval other such other divisional Player Agents as may be necessary to represent the interests of the Player Members in the assemblage of and assignment to teams.
- (c) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- (d) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility.
- (e) Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- (f) Prepare the Player Agent's List.
- (g) Manage the scheduling of teams for games and practices.
- (h) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League International, team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (i) Notify Little League International of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

## **SECTION 6**

### **Safety Officer**

The Safety 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 - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
  - (2) Compliance - Should 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.
- (c) Make the final determination as to the playability of Local League fields for practices and games, in consultation with or at the direction of the President, other Officers, or local government officials.

## **SECTION 7**

### **Umpire-in-Chief**

The Umpire-in-Chief shall:

- (a) Represent the interests of volunteer umpires in matters before the Board of Directors.
- (b) Maintain the Local Rules and Regulations of the Local League, and submit said Local Rules and Regulations annually to the Board of Directors for adoption prior to the Spring season.
- (c) Develop and implement a training program for volunteer umpires.
- (d) Ensure that volunteer umpires are well and properly equipped for each game.
- (e) Ensure that sufficient coverage exists for all Local League games in divisions for which umpire(s) are required.
- (f) Keep informed of changes to Little League rules and regulations, and inform the Board of Directors of such changes in a timely manner.
- (g) Be the arbiter of discussions and disputes among Managers, Coaches, Players, or any other Members of the Local League in matters concerning interpretations of Little League or Local League rules and regulations.
- (h) Serve as liaison between the Local League and the District Umpire Consultant on all items related to the rules and regulations of Little League baseball.

## **SECTION 8**

### **League Information Officer**

The League Information Officer shall:

- (a) Manage the website of the Local League.
- (b) Manage the online registration process.
- (c) Assign administrative rights to league volunteers and teams as appropriate.
- (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.
- (f) Serve as the primary liaison for Little League and the current web site hosting provider for the Local League regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

**SECTION 9**  
**Coaching Coordinator**

The Coaching Coordinator shall:

- (a) Represent Managers/Coaches interests in league business.
- (b) Present a training budget to the Board of Directors.
- (c) Order and distribute training materials to Players, Managers, and Coaches, as appropriate.
- (d) Coordinate coaching training and clinics as necessary.
- (e) Serve as the primary liaison for Little League and its manager-coach education program for the Local League.

**SECTION 10**  
**Fundraising Coordinator**

The Fundraising Coordinator shall:

- (a) Organize and implement approved league fundraising activities
- (b) Be responsible for gaining participation in fundraising activities
- (c) Solicit and secure local sponsorships to support league operations
- (d) Collect and review sponsorship and fundraising opportunities
- (e) Maintain records of monies secured through sponsorship and fundraising initiatives

The Fundraising Coordinator shall not concurrently be the President or the Treasurer.

**SECTION 11**  
**Concessions Manager**

The Concessions Manager shall:

- (a) Have responsibility for the maintenance, management, and operation of all concessions facilities.
- (b) Work with local government and health organization to ensure that all appropriate permits are obtained and are current, and that all applicable regulations are followed.
- (c) Provide training to all concessions volunteers regarding proper food safety and handling procedures.

- (d) Schedule volunteers to work concessions during league events.
- (e) Collect and review concession-related offers including coupons, discounts and bulk-purchasing opportunities.
- (f) Organize the purchase, delivery, and stocking of concessions products, within budgets established by the Board of Directors.
- (g) Establish sale prices for all concessions products.
- (h) Organize, tally, and provide an accounting of all income and expenditures to the Treasurer.
- (i) Organize and manage all Opening Day activities, including
  - a. Recruiting of volunteers
  - b. Solicitation of sponsors to appear or provide donations
  - c. Concessions
  - d. Player parade and announcements

The Concessions Manager shall not concurrently be the President or the Treasurer.

## **SECTION 12**

### **Appointments**

The Board of Directors may appoint such other Officers or Agents it may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed Officer and 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.

The Board of Directors may also establish advisory Committees and appoint Members as it may deem necessary and prescribe the powers and duties of each, including Committee Chairs. Committees so established shall, from time to time, present their findings to the Board of Directors, in writing or in person, as the Board of Directors may so direct.

## **ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 1**

#### **Finance Committee**

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) or more than five (5) Directors, one of whom shall be the President. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The chairman of the Finance Committee shall be the Fundraising Coordinator. The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Local League, and shall provide input to the annual budget.

### **SECTION 2**

#### **Umpire Committee**

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three (3) Directors, including the President and Umpire-in-Chief, and other appointed Regular Members. The Umpire-in-Chief shall be Chairman of this Committee. The Committee shall recruit, interview, and recommend to the President for appointment a staff of umpires. Once appointed and approved, the staff of umpires shall be under the personal direction of the Umpire-in-Chief who shall train, observe, and coordinate the scheduling of umpires for games.

### **SECTION 3**

#### **Building, Property, and Grounds Committee**

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Building, Property, and Grounds Committee consisting of three (3) Directors, one of whom shall be named Facilities Director, and other appointed Regular Members. The Facilities Director shall chair this Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, and supervise the performance of projects approved by the Board of Directors. The Committee shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing fields, buildings, and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.

**SECTION 4**  
**Capital Improvements Committee**

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Capital Improvements Committee consisting of three (3) Directors, one of whom shall be the President. The Committee shall name its own Chair. The Committee shall be responsible for establishing strategic and tactical Capital Improvement Plans for enhancing the playing facilities at the disposal of the Local League, to include, but not be limited to the acquisition of additional real estate, buildings, equipment, scoreboards, landscaping, or other amenities. The Committee may obtain estimates for any improvements to aid in the development of said Plans. The Committee shall consider and prioritize both short-term and long-term improvements, and shall present their findings to the Board of Directors in person, or in writing, as the Board of Directors may so direct.

**SECTION 5**  
**Equipment Committee**

The Board of Directors shall appoint an Equipment Committee consisting of two (2) Directors, one of whom shall be named Equipment Manager, and other appointed Regular Members. The Equipment Manager shall chair this Committee. The Committee 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 stocking and issuance of such supplies and equipment and for the collection, repair, cleaning, and storage thereof at the close of the season.

**SECTION 6**  
**Managers Committee**

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Managers Committee consisting of three (3) Directors, one of whom shall be the Player Agent. The Player Agent shall chair this Committee. The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches, 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.

**ARTICLE IX - 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 Bylaws**

The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of the 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 or Fall season, whichever is later, and are not considered part of this Constitution.

**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 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 or other approved means, as indicated below. When payment is made by check, such checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other Officer(s) as the Board of Directors shall determine.

- (a) **Petty Cash** – All Board Members, Directors, Agents, and Officers of the Local League are duly authorized to expend up to \$100 of personal or League funds, per transaction, without prior consent of the Board of Directors, to carry out the duties assigned to them for the support of and betterment of the Local League. In the case of the use of personal funds, such expenses shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer upon submission of expenses, with accompanying documentation as to the purpose of the expense and evidence of personal expenditure, to the supervising Board Member, or to the President for approval. Approved personal expenses shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer.
- (b) **Committee Expenses** – Each Standing Committee is duly authorized, upon consensus of a simple majority of Committee Members, but not less than two Committee Members, to expend, or direct to be expended, up to \$2500 per season, without prior consent of the Board of Directors, to carry out the duties assigned to the Committee. Purchases may be made only from Local League funds using direct billing to the Local League or with Purchase Cards issued to a Board Member on behalf of the Local League. The Committee Chair shall notify the Treasurer prior to obligation of such expenditures, to ensure availability of funds, and shall document all expenditures as part of its normal proceedings, to be reported at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.
- (c) **Capital Expenses** – All expenditures for the betterment of Local League facilities, to include, but not limited to, real property, buildings, lighting, vehicles, and facilities maintenance, shall require approval by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  (two-thirds) majority vote of the Board of Directors. Such expenditures, wherever possible, shall be competitively sought, solicited, evaluated, and awarded, as the Board may so direct. Capital expenditures shall be entered into as a formal Contract between the Local League and awarded parties, reviewed and approved by a separate  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority vote of the Board of Directors, and shall be entered into on behalf of the Local League under the signature authority of the President, or other Board Member so designated by the President.

## **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 monies received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League at BB&T Bank, South Riding, Virginia.

## **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 **Loudoun South Little League** Membership on

November 1, 2012


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Date

Michael J. Stopper

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President's Name (Print)



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President's Signature

November 13, 2012

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Date

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20-8335894

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