



Bylaws of New London Little League

Article I – Name

This organization be known as the new London Little League, Inc., hereinafter referred to as “Local League”.

Article II – Objective

The objective of the Local League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, citizenship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. To achieve this objective, the Local League will provide a supervised program of competitive baseball games under the rules and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. Officers and members of the Local League bear in mind that stressing exceptional athletic skills or winning games shall be secondary to the objectives stated above.

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 or attends a school 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.

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 Member 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 Members

Any person not a Regular Member who makes financial or other contributions to the Local League may, 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.

- e. As used hereinafter, the word “Member” shall mean a Regular Member unless other stated.

Article IV – Annual Meetings

Section 1 – Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held the fourth Monday in September of each year for the purpose of electing officers and Directors receiving reports and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the Meeting.

Section 2 – Notice of Meeting

Notice of each Meeting of the Members shall be announced at least ten days in advance thereof setting forth the place, time and purpose of the Meeting. In addition, notice will be posted for announcement with the The Day Newspaper, the Local League Website, Local League Facebook page, the local public access TV channel, and through email distributed to our members. Notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Members, from time to time, at a regularly convened meeting. Board Members will receive notice by mail at least ten days in advance of the Meeting.

Section 3 – 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 Members, the President shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Members.

Section 4 – Quorum

The presence of ten of the Members shall constitute quorum.

Section 5 – Voting

Regular Members shall be entitled to vote only at Annual Meetings of the Local League, and Special Meetings other than Board of Directors Meetings.

Section 6 – Proxies

Each Board Member shall be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy. All proxies must be in written form and may be withdrawn at any time. Proxies must be presented to the Secretary during roll call.

Section 7 – Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where it conflicts with Constitution or Bylaws of the Local League.

Section B – Order of Business at Annual & Special Meetings of the Members:

1. Roll Call of Board of Directors and Members Present
2. Reading of Minutes of the previous Meeting
3. Election of Members to the Board of Directors
4. Financial Report
5. Communication
6. Report of all committees
7. Welfare of Organization
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

The Board 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, stating the following:

- a. The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League;
- b. Where property is located;
- c. Where and how the property is invested;

- d. The amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition;
- e. The amount applied, appropriated or expended during the year immediately preceding said date;
- f. The purposes, objects or persons or for which such applications, appropriates or expenditures have been made.

Article V – Board of Directors

Section 1 – Board of Directors

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 fifteen. The Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of the duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified. Any person in active participation to affect the objective of the Local League may apply to become a member of the Board of Directors.

A simple majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary for election to the Board.

The Board of Directors will be made up of fifteen position, five of which are officers and make up the Executive Board.

- a. Board Officers – Executive Board:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent
- b. Board Members:
Field Director, Baseball Director, Assistant Baseball Director, Softball Director, Concession Stand Director, Umpire in Chief, Equipment Director, Fundraising Director, Safety Officer, Training and Recruitment Director.

Section 2 – Annual Election and Term of Office

At the Annual Meeting, in quorum of the Members, by simple majority, shall elect fifteen members to the Board of Directors. The vote may be in person or by written proxy presented at the time of the Meeting.

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 Meeting or at any Special Meeting called for that purpose.

Section 4 – Meetings, Notice of Quorum

Regular Meetings of the Board 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. The President or the Secretary may, whenever any of them deems it advisable, and the Secretary shall, at the request in writing of five Directors, issue a call for a Special Meeting of the Board. Notice of each Meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each Director either by mail at least three days before the time appointed for the Meeting at the last recorded address of each Director, or by telephone, or email 24 hours preceding the Meeting.

Regular Meetings may be canceled by the Executive Board or by the Board of Directors. The Executive Board shall not cancel two consecutive Meetings. There shall be a minimum of five scheduled meetings each year.

In the case of Special Meetings, the notice of Meeting shall include the purpose of the Meetings and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the Meeting.

Seven Members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Meetings at which a quorum is not present may be recessed by the Members present until a quorum can be reached.

Section 5 – Duties and Powers

The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees, as it shall determine and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

The Board of Directors shall regulate its meetings in accordance with Robert Rules of Order.

The Board of Directors shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any Regular or Special Meeting, to discipline, suspend or remove any Director, Officer, Committee Member or active participant of the Local League in accordance with the following:

1. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds 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 considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League International.

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.

2. The Board of Directs shall in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team, which the player is a member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player, and/or parents or guardian, 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 6 – Suspension or Termination

Membership may be terminated by resignation or by action of the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 5 – a. and b. of this Article.

Section 7 – Failure to Attend Meetings

Any Member of the Board of Directors who shall miss two consecutive Meetings without just cause shall be placed on an inactive list and shall have no vote unless reinstated to active status. No person placed on the inactive list may be a League Officer. Any Member unable to attend a Regular Meeting should notify a League Officer so as to be given an “excused” absence.

Section 8 – Reinstatement of Inactive Member

An Inactive Member may be reinstated by a majority of Board Members at any Regular or Special Meeting, but he shall not be eligible to vote until the next Regular Meeting.

Section 9 – Voting

Each member of the Board of Directors will have only one vote unless previously deemed inactive. Inactive Members may vote in accordance with Article V – Section B.

Article VI – Executive Committee

Section 1

The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the interested and valued participants. The Executive Committee will be chaired by the President of the Local League.

Section 2

The Executive Committee shall advise 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

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 the majority present at any Meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

Article VII – Protest Board

The Protest Board shall consist of the President and two other persons appointed by the President. The Board shall arbitrate protests and any other such matters of concern to the Local League. A simple majority is necessary on all decisions.

Article VIII – Officers Duties and Powers

Section 1 – Officers (Executive Board)

The Officers of the Local League shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Player Agent, all of who shall hold office for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly elected. Regulation b: They shall be elected at Annual Meetings.

Section 2 – President

The President Shall:

1. Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
2. Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
3. 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.
4. 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 the charter issued the Local League by that organization.
5. 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 as may have received and prior approval to the Board.
6. Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
7. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.

8. 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 3 – 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. He shall have such other duties from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President. The Vice-President shall preside over the Executive Committee.

Section 4 – 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, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and Committee Members and give notice of all Meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and the 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 5 – Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- a. Perform such duties as are 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, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore.
- d. Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

Section 6 – Player Agent

- 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 auction or draft and all other player transaction 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, and the Tournament Team Eligibility Affidavit.
- f. Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

Section 7 – 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.
- 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 compliance leadership that arise from these responsibilities.
3. Reporting – Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to the league/district and national offices and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available.

Article IX – Managers and Coaches

Team managers shall be nominated by the President and approved by the Board of Directors at a meeting in January. Each Manager shall be responsible for the selection of players for his team and shall be responsible for their conduct and actions on the field.

Each Manager shall select no more than two coaches and present the names to the President for approval by the Board of Directors not more than sixty days after the March Meeting. The Manager shall be responsible for the conduct of the coaches on the field. The manager shall insure that his coaches attend League Meetings and Work Parties and mandatory training.

Article X – Committees

Membership Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Membership Committee consisting of three Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The committee shall receive the names of the prospective Honorary, Sustaining and Regular Members, investigate for eligibility and recommend those qualified for election at the annual, regular or any special meeting of the Members or the Board of Directors as the case may be.

Standing Committees

There shall be two Standing Committees – The Field Maintenance Committee and the Fundraising Committee.

Section 1 – Field Maintenance Committee

The Field Maintenance Committee shall consist of a Chairman (a Member of the Board of Directors) appointed by the President. The committee shall be responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the league's fields. The Chairman shall call major Work Parties and shall schedule each team for weekly routine field maintenance during the playing season.

Section 2 – Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee shall consist of a Chairman (a Member of the Board of Directors) appointed by the President and Members chosen by the Chairman.

Section 3 – Concession Stand Committee

The Concession Stand Committee shall consist of a Chairman (a Member of the Board) who will operate the concession stands and handle purchasing of concession supply. The Chairman will be responsible to maintain a weekly income and expense report.

Other Committees which may be appointed by the President of the League are:

Section 1 – Nominating Committee

This Committee consists of the Chairman and two Members. The purpose of the nominating Committee is to nominate a slate of members for the Board of Directors of the League. This Committee shall be appointed at the July Meeting of the League.

Section 2 – Banquet and Trophy Committee

This committee consists of the Chairman and two Members. The purpose of this committee is to plan the Annual League Banquet and to purchase League trophies and Certificates of Participation. This Committee shall be appointed at the May Meeting of the League.

Section 3 - The President of the League may appoint other Committees as needed to assist in the efficient operation of the League.

Article XI – Affiliation

Section 1 – Charter

The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League International, 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 International, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League.

Section 3 - Local League Rules

The rules 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 and Regulations of Little League International.

Article XII – Financial and Accounting

Section 1

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the financed of the Local League. The board shall place all income, including Auxiliary funds, Minor League, Softball and other income, in a common league treasury and direct the expenditure of the 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 solicitation of funds in the name of Little League International, unless all the funds so raised be placed in the Local League Treasury.

Section 3

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 Little League International.

Section 4

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 5

All monies received, i.e. Minor League, Softball and Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in a local bank and all disbursements shall be made. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other officer, officers, person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 6

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

Section 7 – Distribution of Property

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

Article XIII – Amendments

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Local League may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any Meeting of the Board of Directors, provided notice of the Meeting and proposed changes are read at the previous meeting.

Article XIV – Rules and Regulations

The Board of Directors, from time to time, may approve or revoke Rules and Regulations, which are necessary for the operation of the Local League.

These Bylaws were approved by the New London Little League, Inc. Membership on

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President's Name (Print)

President's Signature

Date

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