

### **ARTICLE I (Name)**

This organization shall be known as the Woonsocket Little League, here in after referred to as the Local League. The Local League is a member of Rhode Island District 4 and has the Identification #239-04-09. Woonsocket Little League is incorporated within the State of Rhode Island.

### **ARTICLE II (Objective)**

<u>Section 1</u> – The objective of the Local League shall be to instill the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority into the children of our community, so they may be well-adjusted, strong, and happy children and grow up 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 policies of Little League Baseball, Inc. in conjunction with Local League rule deviations. Executive Board and Members (in good standing) 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 Service, the Local League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of both competitive and non-competitive baseball.

## **ARTICLE III (Membership)**

<u>Section 1 – Eligibility:</u> Any person interested in active participation to affect the objective of the Local League may apply to become a member.

<u>Section 2 – Representation of Local League:</u> No person other than the Executive Board members shall represent Woonsocket Little League in any official capacity without prior approval of the Board of Directors. This approval must be requested in advance and be voted on during a Board of Director meeting. Anyone not in accordance with this may be disciplined under Article III, Section 5.

**Section 3 – Classes:** There shall be the following classes of members.

- **A) MEMBER:** As used herein after, the word "member" shall mean a member in good standing with the Local League.
- B) PLAYER MEMBER: Any player candidate meeting the requirements of *Little League Regulation IV* and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the Local League, as set forth by District IV, 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.

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- C) <u>REGULAR MEMBER</u>: Any person actively interested in furthering the objective of the Local League may become a regular member. The Secretary shall maintain the rolls of membership to qualify voting members. All Executive Board Members, Board of Directors Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, Umpires, Volunteers and other appointed officials must be active, regular members in good standing.
  - (1) Must attend a minimum of six (6) meetings a year to be eligible to vote in elections.
  - (2) Must pass a criminal background check.
  - (3) Must submit a Little League Volunteer Application form.
  - (4) Must pass a National Sex Offender background screening.
- D) <u>PARENTAL MEMBER</u> Parents/guardians who register children to play will become a parental member at the time of registration. Parental members are welcome to attend General Membership meetings and speak during the "New Business" portion of such meetings. Parental members shall not be entitled to make motions or vote.

<u>Section 4 – Other Affiliations</u>: Members, whether regular or player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as a member of the Local League.

### <u>Section 5 – Suspension, Termination, or Discipline:</u>

- A) No volunteer or paid personnel, including, but not limited to, those volunteers who participate as a coach, manager, or umpire, may take the field, enter the dugout or otherwise participate as a coach, manager, or umpire under the influence of any legal or illegal substance that is considered to have the ability to effect behavior or decision-making, or could otherwise jeopardize the safety of the players and spectators. Such substances include alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription medication containing narcotics or opiates, including, but not limited to, medical marijuana. The penalty for violation of this Bylaw is the immediate revocation of all coaching and/or umpiring privileges for the current season and all future seasons, without going before the Disciplinary Committee.
- B) Based on recommendations from the Disciplinary Committee, the Board of Directors, by a 2/3 vote, shall have the authority to terminate, after initial suspension or discipline had to be elevated, the membership of any member of any class, including Board of Directors, when the conduct of such a person is considered detrimental to the best interest of the Local League and/or in violation of the Bylaws. A member involved shall be informed of such a meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
- C) The Executive Board shall, in the case of a player member, give notice to the manager

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of the team on which the player member is assigned. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player and parent/legal guardian before the Executive Board, which shall have the full power to suspend or revoke said players right to future participation.

<u>Section 6 – Privacy</u>: Any information gathered will be used for the sole purpose of furthering the mission of Little League Baseball/Softball, Inc. Little League Baseball/Softball Inc. does not sell or give away information collected under any circumstance. No member is allowed to use any information gathered by Woonsocket Little League other than for league business. Anyone not in accordance with this may be disciplined under Article III, Section 5.

### **ARTICLE IV (Meetings)**

**Section 1 – ANNUAL MEETING:** The annual meeting of the Local League shall be held at the General Membership meeting in September in each year for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

<u>Section 2 – NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS:</u> Board of Directors meetings shall be held once each month. General Membership meetings shall be held monthly from January through September. Notice of each meeting shall be sent by mail, email, text or otherwise delivered to each member at his/her last recorded address within a reasonable time; setting forth the place time, and purpose. Meeting schedule will be defined in the Local Rules.

<u>Section 3 – SPECIAL MEETINGS:</u> Upon the request of a board member, the President shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. NO business other than that which is specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at a special meeting of the members. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors members in attendance shall be necessary to validate the vote.

<u>Section 4 – QUORUM:</u> Two-thirds (2/3) of the members in attendance will constitute a quorum.

<u>Section 5 – VOTING:</u> Regular members, in good standing, shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Local League. Must attend a minimum of six (6) meetings a year to be eligible to vote in elections.

<u>Section 6 – RULES OF ORDER:</u> Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where a conflict exists with the Constitution or Bylaws of the Local League. In such a case the Constitution or Bylaws shall take precedence.

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### **ARTICLE V (Executive Board/Board of Directors)**

<u>Section 1 – Board and Number:</u> The management of the property and affairs of the Local League shall be vested in the Board of Directors. All members of the Board of Directors are unpaid unless special services are rendered which are approved by the Board or the President. The number shall not be less than seven (7) nor more than 17 for the entire Board of Directors. All Board of Directors members who are elected shall enter upon the performance of their duties on October 1st and shall continue in office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. All Board of Directors members who are appointed shall enter upon the performance of their duties when they are appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors, prior to the start of the season.

<u>Section 2 – Executive Board:</u> The Executive Board is a part of the Board of Directors and shall be included in any mention of the Board of Directors without explicit mention of the Executive Board or the Board of Directors positions. The Executive Board consists of five positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Player Agent.

<u>Section 3 – Required Members:</u> All required Board Members are elected. This includes President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator and Safety Officer.

**Section 4 – Appointed Members:** The League President may appoint the following positions: Umpire-in-Chief, Equipment Manager, Field Maintenance Coordinator, Concession Manager, Assistant Player Agent and five (5) Division Representatives (one each from Junior, Major, Minor, Instructional, and T-Ball). Once appointed, the appointment must be approved by the Board of Directors, prior to the start of the season

<u>Section 5 – Vacancies:</u> If a vacancy occurs on the Board, by death, resignation, or other reasons, it may be filled by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the remaining Board Members at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose. If the position is to remain vacant, the President can assign duties to another Board Member(s) for the remainder of the term.

#### <u>Section 6 – Annual Election and Term of Office:</u>

- A) Nominations for required members of the Board of Directors will begin at the August meeting and shall close before the start of the vote at the September meeting. Elections shall be held at the September meeting by the Nominating Committee. Nominations for open positions ONLY shall be accepted on the night of the elections.
- **B)** Unless approved by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board of Directors, no member shall accept a nomination for more than one position.
- **C)** Elections shall be by a majority vote of all members in attendance who are in good standing by the start of the September meeting.

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<u>Section 7 – Meetings, Notices, and Quorum:</u> Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such days as determined by the Board Members. The President, whenever deemed advisable, or upon the request of a Board Member, can call a special meeting of the Board of Directors. Notice of said meeting shall be sent by mail, email, text or otherwise delivered to each Board Member at his/her last recorded address within a reasonable time; setting forth the place, time, and purpose. In the case of special meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting, and no matters not so stated can be acted upon at that meeting. Two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors members in attendance will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 8 - Duties and Powers: The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as is deemed necessary and delegate such power to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which may be properly delegated. 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. The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular or special meeting to discipline, suspend, or remove any Officer or Committee Member of the Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 5 (a). The Board shall receive at the December meeting of the Board of Directors, a report verified by the President, Treasurer or by a majority of the Board Members, showing the whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League, where located, where and how invested; the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding and the manner of the acquisition; the date of the report; the amount applied, appropriated, or expended during the year immediately preceding such date, and the purposes, objects, or persons to or for such applications, appropriations, or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of residences of the persons who have been admitted to membership in the Local League during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and an abstract therein entered into the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting. An Auditing Committee will audit the Treasurer's Report at the close of the Local League's fiscal year ending September 30.

## **ARTICLE VI (Officers, Duties, and Powers)**

<u>Section 1 – Officers:</u> Officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Player Agent, which also constitutes the members of the Executive Board. All other positions within the Board are Directors. The Board of Directors of the Local League <u>may</u> consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, Safety Officer, Umpire-in-Chief, Equipment Manager, Field Maintenance Coordinator, Concession Manager, Assistant Player Agent and five (5) Division Representatives, (one each from Junior, Major, Minor, Instructional, and T-Ball) all of whom shall hold office for the ensuing year.

**Section 2 – Directors:** Members of the Board of Directors who are not Officers are considered Directors. Directors include both elected positions that are required (Coaching Coordinator and

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Safety Officer) and appointed positions that are not required (Umpire-in-Chief, Equipment Manager, Field Maintenance Coordinator, Concession Manager, Asst. Player Agent and five (5) Division Representatives (one each from Junior, Major, Minor, Instructional, and T-Ball).

### **Section 3 – President:** (required)

- A) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Executive Board.
- **B)** Preside at all meetings, ensures that all Local League personnel are properly briefed on all phases of the rules, regulations, and policies of Woonsocket Little League.
- **C)** Present a report on the condition of the Local League at the annual meeting.
- **D)** Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make suggestions to promote the welfare of the Local League.
- **E)** Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, and Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc., as agreed to under the conditions of the charter issued to the Local League by that organization.
- **F)** Investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board of Directors as circumstances warrant.
- **G)** Review annual spending of previous years with Treasurer and present a verbal forecast and budget recommendations to the Board of Directors.
- **H)** With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and supporting proof of age documents of each player candidate, and certify the residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
- Shall sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer and shall serve as Ex-Officio member of all committees. President will appoint managers for Junior, Major, Minor, Instructional and T-Ball baseball/softball divisions with Board approval. President is required to have dual signatures on checks \$500 or greater. (President and Treasurer)
- **J)** If necessary, has the final authority for scheduling make up games.
- **K)** All other duties as needed.

#### Section 4 – Vice-President: (required)

- A) In the absence or disability of the President, works with other Officers and Committee Members, is Ex-Officio Member of all Committees and shall perform the duties of the President until such time as the President is able to return to his/her duties.
- B) When so acting as President, be given all the powers of that office
- **C)** Shall complete all BCI checks.

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- D) Shall maintain a current Membership list (BCI Purposes)
- **E)** Attend district meetings with the President and report details of the meetings to the Board of Directors, if the President is unable to attend.
- **F)** Serve as Chairperson on the Tournament Committee.
- **G)** Assumes other duties as needed.

### Section 5 - Secretary: (required)

- A) Perform such duties as are herein set forth, in addition to such duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Secretary.
- **B)** Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing addresses of members, and necessary records.
- **C)** Maintain a list of all Regular, Board, and Committee Members. Give notice of all meetings of the Local League, Executive Board, and Committees.
- **D)** Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Regular Members and Board of Directors, and record them for that purpose.
- **E)** 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 Regular Members, Officers and Committee Members of their appointment.
- **G)** Provide Local League news and information to local media.
- **H)** Develop game reports to be completed by winning team managers.
- I) Shall maintain the Local League's website, and coordinate and monitor social media related to the Local League.
- **J)** Is the custodian of the records and of the seal, and affixes the latter when required.
- **K)** Serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

#### Section 6 – Treasurer: (required)

- A) Annually review State of Rhode Island Incorporation paperwork.
- **B)** Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and other such duties that are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer, or may be assigned by the Board.

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- **C)** Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in an account approved by the Board.
- **D)** Keep records for the receipts and disbursements of all monies of the Local League and approve all payments from allotted, funds and draw checks thereon.
- E) Coordinate Local League sponsorship fee collection.
- **F)** Ensure dual signatures have been utilized for any expenditure exceeding \$500 (President and Treasurer).
- **G)** Review annual spending of previous years and present verbal budget recommendations to the Executive Board based on historical spending and anticipated projects. This forecast will better assist the Executive Board in planning fundraising events.
- H) Present monthly P & L at Board and General Membership meetings.
- Files all necessary paperwork associated with sustaining State and Federal SOIC status.

#### Section 7 – Player Agent: (required)

- A) Record all player transactions and maintain accurate, up to date records thereof.
- **B)** Serves as the liaison between all players, parents, and the League.
- **C)** Receive and review applications for player candidates, verify birth records, and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility.
- **D)** Conduct the Player Draft, and all other player transactions, throughout the season.
- **E)** Prepares the regular season and playoff schedules which must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- **F)** Prior to Little League data submission cutoff date, verify all residence and age eligibility and submit to Little League Baseball, Inc. accordingly.
- **G)** Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Baseball, Inc., team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- H) Notify Little League Baseball, Inc. of any subsequent player replacement or trades.

#### Section 8 – Coaching Coordinator: (required)

- **A)** Works with President to create a list of managers and coaches to bring forward to the Board of Directors for approval.
- **B)** Represents coaches/managers in the Local League.

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- **C)** Presents a coach/manager training program and budget to the board.
- **D)** Orders and distributes training materials to players, coaches and managers.
- E) Coordinates mini-clinics as necessary.
- **F)** Will work with the Softball Division Representative to appoint managers and coaches for all softball divisions, with Board of Directors approval.
- **G)** Helps implement <u>www.LittleLeagueCoach.org</u> as the manager-coach education program for the Local League.

#### <u>Section 8 – Safety Officer:</u> (required)

- **A)** Be responsible to create awareness through education and information of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for all players in the Local League.
- **B)** Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting. In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer.
  - a. Education Facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
  - b. Compliance Promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
  - c. Reporting Define and implement 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.
  - d. Supplies Distribute first aid supplies to each team manager and replenish supplies when needed.

#### **Section 10 – Umpire-in-Chief:**

- A) Shall recruit, train, and observe a staff of umpires, and ensure that all games have an umpire(s) assigned.
- **B)** Umpires shall be under the personal direction and responsibility of the Umpire-in-Chief.
- **C)** Scheduling of games shall be done within a reasonable time to allow for a official schedule of upcoming weeks games to be distributed to President or league representative.
- **D)** Assists coordinating make up games.

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**E)** Coordinates umpire payments with the Treasurer.

### <u>Section 11 – Equipment Manager:</u>

- **A)** Secure bids on needed supplies and equipment. Make purchase recommendations to and secure approval from the Board.
- **B)** Responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment, repairs, cleaning, storage and inventory reporting thereafter at the close of the season.
- **C)** Seek approval of two (2) members of the Executive Board, with one member being the President, prior to any purchase.
- **D)** Once approved by the Board, purchase all equipment within budget provided.
- **E)** Maintain an inventory list of equipment and supplies and coordinate the allocation and collection of uniforms/equipment.

### <u>Section 12 – Field Maintenance Coordinator:</u>

- **A)** Coordinates and advises on the overall condition of all fields associated with the Local League.
- **B)** Coordinates all activities related to field security.
- **C)** Oversees and recommends mowing, fertilizing, treating and maintenance of both the grass areas of the ballpark, as well as the infield areas.
- **D)** Ensures that the field is cut and ready to use on game day, free from irregularities in the ground that may pose safety issues for the players.
- **E)** Ensures that the infield and pitcher's mound is ready to use on game day, free from irregularities in the ground that may pose safety issues for the players
- **F)** Oversees the game day preparations even in less than favorable weather conditions.
- **G)** Secures bids on needed the supplies, maintenance and equipment and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board.
- **H)** Seeks the approval of two (2) members of the Executive Board, with one member being the President, prior to any purchase.
- **I)** Recommends appropriate changes for Board approval and oversee the replanting or repair of the field during the off-season.
- **J)** Coordinates the opening and closing of the fields.
- **K)** Has the Board of Directors' approval to be the <u>single</u> point of contact to work with Woonsocket Parks and Recreation Department.
- L) Ensure fields are properly lined for All Star Games.

#### **Section 13 – Concession Manager:**

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- **A)** Recruits and manages volunteers to ensure that the Concession Stands are open and operating for all games and tournaments.
- B) Creates and publishes flyers with prices of all food sold.
- C) Maintains proper hygiene practices.
  - 1. Washes dishes, microwaves and other equipment on a daily basis, or assigns a volunteer to do so.
  - 2. Provides gloves to volunteers as needed.
- **D)** Forecasts and purchases all concession food offerings, as well as food for special events and supplies for clubhouse and restrooms.
- **E)** Maintains the concession stand equipment. Schedules the annual cleaning, maintenance and inspection.
- **F)** Works with the Treasurer to develop a smooth cash flow process.

### Section 14 – Division Representative: (Junior/Major/Minor/Instructional/T-Ball):

- **A)** Each Divisional Representative will meet with the coaches in their respective division to ensure that the Local League is offering the best developmental baseball program available.
- **B)** They will represent their division at all monthly meetings and report on the well-being of their division.
- **C)** They should attend at least 20% of the games scheduled in their respected division.
- **D)** Division representatives can represent the division that their child is participating in.
- **E)** Division reps are responsible for scheduling practice times for teams in their level at their designated practice fields
- **F)** Division reps will track, record and communicate pitch counts and standings to all managers within their respective level (minors and above). Pitch counts are to be reported by team managers to the division rep
- **G)** Division reps will serve on the Tournament Committee

### <u>Section 15 – Assistant Player Agent:</u>

- **A)** Will support the player agent with all of their duties and responsibilities.
- **B)** Serves as the liaison between all players, parents, and the League at the Instructional and Tee-Ball divisions.

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- **C)** Assist the player agent with game scheduling at the Instructional and Tee-ball divisions.
- **D)** Assist with organizing tryouts for all divisions of play

### **ARTICLE VII (Other Committees)**

<u>Section 1 – Nominating Committee</u>: The Executive Board may appoint a Nominating Committee will be chaired by the League Secretary. The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates and submit at the Annual Meeting a list of potential candidates for the Board of Directors. The Committee shall also submit for consideration by the Board of Directors a list of potential of Executive Board Members and Committee Members.

<u>Section 2 – Building, Property and Grounds Committee</u>: The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may appoint a Building, Property, and Grounds Committee. The Committee shall investigate and recommend available sites and plans suitable for development, including the ways and means. Working with the Facilities Manager, such a committee shall be responsible for the repair and improvement recommendations, other than normal maintenance. It shall supervise the performance of approved projects. The Board, who is responsible for the care and maintenance of playing fields, buildings, and grounds, may appoint a Safety Officer

<u>Section 3 – Auditing Committee</u>: The Executive Board may appoint an Auditing Committee.

<u>Section 4 – Protest Committee:</u> The Protest Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Player Agent, and two (2) Regular Members. The President shall replace any Board Member, who is involved in the protest, with an alternate Board Member.

<u>Section 5 – Disciplinary Committee:</u> The Disciplinary Committee will consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Player Agent and the respective Division Representative. The President shall replace any Board Member, who is involved in the action, with an alternate Board Member. The Disciplinary Committee shall have the authority to discipline or suspend. If further action is required, then Article III, Section 5 will over rule the Disciplinary Committee

<u>Section 6 – Tournament Committee:</u> The Executive Board may appoint a Tournament Committee to be chaired by the Vice President. The Tournament committee is responsible for all league involvement in district All-Star tournaments, Jimmy Fund tournaments, etc.

<u>Section 7 – Fundraising Committee:</u> The Executive Board may appoint a Fundraising Committee.

<u>Section 8 – Rules and Regulations Committee:</u> The Executive Board may appoint a Rules and Regulations Committee to be chaired by the Vice President.

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**Section 9 – Events Committee:** The Executive Board may appoint an Events Committee.

### **ARTICLE IX (Managers and Coaches)**

**Section 1** – Team managers shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board. Team managers and coaches must attend the league sponsored safety meeting.

**Section 2** – Managers may nominate coaches. All appointments are subject to the two-thirds (2/3) majority approval of the Board of Directors. Such appointments will only take place after the draft.

<u>Section 3</u> – All potential Managers and Coaches must be a member in good standing and meet the guidelines identified in Article III, Section C of this document. The President and Coaching Coordinator will review the information to determine if the candidates are eligible for these positions before presenting to the Board for approval. All background checks must be processed through the Local League.

**Section 4** – Team Managers shall have Board of Directors' approval to discuss their games with local media outlets if contacted directly. This is a single exception to Article III, Section 2. Game scores and summaries will be submitted to the League Secretary who will submit to the local media outlets. It is the responsibility of the team managers to submit game summaries to the Secretary for submission to local media.

<u>Section 5</u> – Each manager/coach will be responsible for bringing any issues or concerns to their Division Representative.

### **ARTICLE X (AFFILIATION)**

**Section I – Charter:** The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Inc., 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 affiliate with any other program or organization, or operate any other programs.

<u>Section 2 – Rules and Regulations:</u> The Official Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Inc., Williamsport, P.A., with amendments, shall be binding on the Local League.

<u>Section 3 – Local League Rules:</u> The Local League Rules and Deviations shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors in attendance at a meeting to be held prior to the January General Membership meeting.

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### **ARTICLE XI (Finance and Accounting)**

**Section 1** – The Board of Directors shall oversee all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and shall place all income with the League Treasurer for deposit. All income is to be placed in accounts at the direction of the Executive Board. Approval shall be a majority vote of those members present at the meeting it is proposed. The Board shall propose the expenditure of same in such a manner as it will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team. Final approval shall stand with the majority vote of those members present at which meeting it is proposed.

<u>Section 2</u> – The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or solicit the same for the common treasury of the Local League, thereby discouraging favoritism among teams. It will endeavor to equalize benefits among all teams of the Local League.

**Section 3** – The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all funds raised are placed in the Local League Treasury.

<u>Section 4</u> – 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 Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc.

<u>Section 5</u> – No Executive Officer, or member of the Local League shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary or compensation from the Local League for services rendered as an Executive Officer or member. At the discretion of the Executive Board, umpires may be paid for services rendered.

<u>Section 6</u> – All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in a Federally Insured Financial Institution, and all disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and/or President.

<u>Section 7</u> – The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on the first day in October, and shall end on the last day in September.

**Section 8** – Distribution of property upon the dissolution of the Local League shall be made after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied. It shall be distributed to such other organizations maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provisions.

## **ARTICLE XII (Amendments)**

This **Constitution and Bylaws** may not be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part, for the 2017-2018 Season.

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Mike St. Germain President						

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