

SAN JOSE AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the San Jose American Little League, hereinafter referred to as the "Local League" or "League."

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

The objective of the Local League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy adults.

SECTION 2

To achieve this objective, the Local League will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future adults is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Local League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Eligibility. Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further 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 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.** Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a Regular Member upon election and payment of annual dues as hereinafter provided. Regular Members may be issued a card numbered in sequential order annually. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.
Note: Regular Members of the league automatically include all current Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires, Board Members, Officers of the Board and any other person who is recognized by the Board as a volunteer in the Local League, including those volunteers with the following title: Team Parent
- (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 contribution 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 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/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 two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member 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. 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 two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)

SECTION 1

Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. (See Article XI, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league.)

SECTION 2

Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within ten (10) day(s) of application to become a member may, by majority vote of the Board present at a Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

ARTICLE V - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1

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

SECTION 2

Notice of Meeting. Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically or by mail to each Member at the last recorded address at least twenty one (21) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. In lieu of the above methods, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Members, from time to time, at a regularly convened General Membership Meeting.

SECTION 3

Quorum. At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of one fifth (20 percent) of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

SECTION 4

Voting. Only Regular Members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings. (Those eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article VI, Section 4.)

SECTION 5

Absentee Ballot. For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, or any General Membership Meeting at which new Board members will be elected, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of the League. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the election. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman (appointed at the meeting) on the date of the meeting, prior to the voting portion of the election process.

SECTION 6

Annual Meeting of the Members. The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held the same day as scheduled the Local League's Closing Day ceremonies of each year for the purpose of electing new Members, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

- (a) The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing:

- (1) The condition of the Local League, to be presented by the President or his/her designate;
 - (2) A general summary of funds received and expended by the local league for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of the local league, and the name of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained;
 - (3) The whole amount of 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) The names of the persons who have been admitted to regular membership in the Local League during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters.
- (b) At the Annual Meeting, the Members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such number of Directors. The number of Directors elected shall be not less than six (6).
- (c) After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board shall meet to elect the officers. After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties on the next second Wednesday in July at the beginning of the Board meeting on that date.. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section. That is, generally from July to June annually.
- (d) The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, one or more Player Agents, one or more Safety Officers, one or more League Information and Internet Officers, one or more Equipment and Facilities Officer, one or more Sponsorship Officer, one or Membership Officer, one or more Volunteer Coordinator, one Chief Umpire, and one or more Scheduling Coordinator. The Board shall also include a minimum of one Major Division Team and Junior Division Team managers. Only volunteer umpires may be elected to the Board.

SECTION 7

Special General Membership Meetings. Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of twenty (20) Members, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than fourteen (14) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

SECTION 8

Rules of Order for General Membership Meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all General Membership Meetings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution 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

Increase in number. The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members or by a majority of the newly elected Board of Directors if deemed necessary to fulfill the Board's obligations to its Members and to better operate the League. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting, at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent General Membership Meeting or by the majority of the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote of all Regular Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the election meeting, or by a majority of the Board of Directors and which is duly recorded by the Secretary.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting starting no later than on the Second Wednesday of that same month of the election of the Board, and continuing monthly thereafter on the Second and Fourth Wednesday, and/or on such other alternative dates thereafter as shall be determined by the Board, so long as a Board quorum meets at least twice a month during their annual tenure.

- (a) The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of three (3) Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- (b) Notice of each Board meeting shall only be given by the Secretary, or in their absence by the President, and in the absence of both, the Vice President, personally, electronically, or by mail to each Director at least three (3) day(s) before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.
- (c) Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted, nor any actions taken or approved. A Board member may attend a meeting by teleconference and shall be considered present for the purposes of a quorum.
- (d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.

SECTION 5

Duties and Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate. The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the Local League as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution. The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer or Committee Member of the Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 4 (a,b).

SECTION 6

Rules of Order for Board Meetings. 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 - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1

Appointments. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board, or elected by a majority of the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled Board meeting should the operational needs of the membership require additional Board members. No Board member or Officer may ever have more than the power of one vote for any matter brought before the Board. No Board member may ever designate, give or grant their vote by proxy to another Board member or Member. A Board member may however vote via teleconference if they have been deemed present for the purpose of a quorum pursuant to Article 7, Section 4 (c).

SECTION 2

President. The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting. This report shall also include a typewritten detailed fiscal Balance Sheet summarizing the contemporaneous status of the League prepared by the Treasurer. This typewritten report shall be distributed to all current and elected Board members, and to any other requesting member. This typewritten report shall also conform at its minimum to the requirements set forth in Article V, Section 6(a) herein.
- (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 or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
- (g) Prepare and 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.
- (i) Shall serve no longer than their elected term, and may not serve more than two consecutive annual terms.

- (j) Shall have no other special powers greater than any other Board Member, to enter contractual agreements, bind, or otherwise commit the Local League for goods or services fiscally or otherwise without the express consent of the majority of the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

SECTION 3

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.
- (c) Shall serve no longer than their elected term, and may not serve more than two consecutive annual terms.

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 Committees.
- (d) Issue membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- (g) 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 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 Headquarters.

SECTION 6

Player Agent. The Player Agent shall:

- (a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- (b) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility.
- (c) Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- (d) Prepare the Player Agent's list.
- (e) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players' claimed, 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 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.

SECTION 8

League Information and Internet Officer. The League Information and Internet Officer shall:

- (a) Manage the league's official home page on <http://eteamz.active.com/sanjoseamericanll/>;
- (b) Manage the online registration process and ensure that league rosters are maintained on the site;
- (c) Assign administrative rights to league volunteers and teams;
- (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 Baseball, district, public, league members and media;
- (f) Serve as primary contact person for Little League and <http://eteamz.active.com/sanjoseamericanll/> regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League Baseball.

SECTION 9

Coaching Coordinator Officer. The Coaching Coordinator shall:

- (a) Represent coaches/managers in league.
- (b) Present a coach/manager training budget to the board.
- (c) Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program.
- (d) Order and distribute training materials to players, coaches and managers.
- (e) Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary.
- (f) Serve as the contact person for Little League and its manager-coach education program for the League.

SECTION 10

Equipment and Facilities Officer. The Equipment and Facilities Officer shall be responsible for:

- (a) Presenting an annual budget to the Board that includes all anticipated equipment, field supplies, uniforms, trophies, and field and facilities maintenance needs and upkeep requirements, at least one month before the next season's first scheduled tryouts.
- (b) Obtaining, maintaining, distributing and receiving back all League equipment, which includes uniforms.
- (c) The procurement of all such equipment, and which shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
- (d) Obtaining, maintaining, distributing and receiving back all League uniforms.
- (e) The maintenance and upkeep of all fields, equipment, and all facilities.
- (f) Serving as the contact person for all players, members, team managers and Board Members on matters related to all of the above.
- (g) Responsible for the instruction of all volunteers, managers, and coaches on the proper procedures for maintaining all fields, equipment and facilities.
- (h) Responsible for the security of all League equipment and facilities, which shall include maintenance of all locks and security devices.

SECTION 11

Sponsorship Officer. The Sponsorship Officer shall be responsible for:

- (a) Coordinating all fundraising activities related to soliciting and collecting funds from sponsors.
- (b) Contacting former sponsors and soliciting new sponsors.
- (c) Soliciting advertising sponsors for field and bleacher signs, and other League media materials and fundraising events.

SECTION 12

Membership Officer. The Membership Officer shall be responsible for:

- (a) Coordinating and maintaining all membership application information and assist with recruitment of League members
- (b) Acting as a contact person to all members and replying to their inquiries regarding League issues and policies.
- (c) Ensuring that all members completely fill out all registration forms.
- (d) Preparing and ordering all registration forms to ensure an adequate supply at all sign ups.
- (e) Coordinating with Information and Internet Officer to automate membership and registration sign ups.
- (f) Keeping all members informed of League registration and tryout dates.
- (g) Ensuring that all League members are aware of League policies, issues and events, which shall include distributing copies of the League's Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 13

Volunteer Coordinator. The Volunteer Coordinator Officer shall be responsible for:

- (a) Coordinating all parent volunteers into areas and issues that need assistance, including volunteers needed for all concessions sales at League facilities, such as the Snack Bar.
- (b) Maintaining a volunteer contact list of available volunteers, including those available for umpiring.
- (c) Coordinating team parent volunteers and maintaining a contact list of all team parents.
- (d) Locating and assigning volunteers to manage Snack Bar on regular basis and for their training in its operation.
- (e) Ensuring that all volunteers annually fill out a Little League Volunteer Application form and maintain copies of same.
- (f) Ensure that a background check is completed for all Volunteers, pursuant to Little League Regulations.

SECTION 14

Chief Umpire. The Chief Umpire shall:

- (a) Schedule umpires for all League games.
- (b) Schedule umpire clinics and mini clinics, junior clinics and rules clinics.
- (c) Coordinate umpire equipment inventories and purchases with Equipment and Facilities Officer.
- (d) Notify president of any protest or ejections of or by any manager, coach or player within 24 hours of receipt.
- (e) Serve on the committee to hear and resolve any protest.
- (f) Make final decision on rule interpretation.
- (g) Handle complaints about umpires.
- (h) Evaluate umpires during the season.

SECTION 15

Scheduling Coordinator. The Scheduling Coordinator shall:

- (a) Be the Local League's contact person for all the Managers, Coaches, and Volunteers for all matters related to scheduling or re-scheduling games, fields, (including practice fields), and coordinating with the Chief Umpire regarding scheduling of umpires for games.
- (b) Be the Local League's contact person with other leagues, for the purpose of scheduling all interlock and Local League games and fields with other leagues.
- (c) Be responsible for the review and final approval of all regular season game scheduling and re-scheduling of rain-out and or make-up games and fields.
- (d) Provide a copy of all Local League game and field schedules, (including practice fields), and all updates and/or changes to the Chief Umpire, Volunteer Coordinator, Managers, and League Information and Internet Officer as soon as possible after they become available.
- (e) Schedule all year end tournaments and playoffs for the Local League's Major, AAA, AA divisions.

SECTION 16

Official Scorekeeper. The Official Scorekeeper shall:

- (a) Be the Local League's contact person for all matters related to the compilation of all official League team scores for each season.
- (b) Compile prior year player statistics for player evaluation and team formation in preparation for tryouts. Work with Tryout Coordinator and Player Agent to determine relevant information. Distribute statistics accordingly.

- (c) Responsible for recruiting at least one (preferably two) scorekeeper(s) per team for Majors, AAA, AA, and Farm divisions.
- (d) Develop and deliver scorekeeping training to all interested volunteers and coordinating same with Volunteer Coordinator.
- (e) Establish mechanisms and timetables to collect and post scores and standings on weekly basis on League website and bulleting boards. Coordinate same with League Information Officer.
- (f) Be the League's contact person for all interlocking league games and scorekeepers as necessary.
- (g) Compile player statistical information for the All-Star selection process (this can be an ongoing process throughout the season and in preparation for the next season tryouts).
- (h) Assist Tournament Director with Tournament Scorekeeping duties.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1

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

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall advise with and assist the Officers of the Local League in all matters concerning its interests and the management of its affairs, and shall have such other powers as may be delegated to it by the Board, but in no event will the Executive Committee have authority over the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3

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

ARTICLE IX - OTHER COMMITTEES

SECTION I

Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates and submit at the Annual Meeting a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. The Committee shall also submit for consideration by the Board of Directors a slate of Officers and Committee Members.

SECTION 2

Membership Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Membership Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall receive the names of prospective Honorary, Sustaining and Regular Members, investigate for eligibility and recommend those qualified for election at the annual, regular or any special meeting of the Members or the Board of Directors as the case may be.

SECTION 3

Finance Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Local League including team sponsorships and submit recommendations.

It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games, if such collections are authorized by the Local League, and shall turn over said collections to the Treasurer immediately after each game.

SECTION 4

Building, Grounds, and Property Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Building, Grounds, and Property Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. At least one Equipment Officer shall be a member of this Committee. The Committee shall investigate and recommend available, suitable sites and plans for development, including ways and means, the latter in cooperation with the Finance Committee. It shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects. It shall also be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s), buildings and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for those purposes.

SECTION 5

Playing Equipment Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Playing Equipment Committee which shall secure bids on needed supplies and equipment and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board. At least one Equipment Officer shall be a member of this Committee. The Committee shall be responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment and for the repair, cleaning and storage thereof at the close of the season.

SECTION 6

Managers Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. At least one Coaching Coordinator Officer shall be a member of this Committee. The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches, including those for the Minor League teams 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.

SECTION 7

Umpire Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Local League President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The Committee shall recruit, interview and recommend to the President for appointment a staff of umpires, including a chief umpire and replacements. When appointed, the staff of umpires shall be under the personal direction of the Local League President, assisted by the Chief Umpire who shall train, observe and schedule the staff.

SECTION 8

District Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a District Committee consisting of the Local League President as chairman and two (2) other Directors. The Committee shall assist the District Administrator in inter-league district functions including the selection of members of the District Administrator's Advisory Committee and the selection of tournament sites and area tournament directors.

SECTION 9

Auxiliary Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an Auxiliary Committee consisting of the Local League Treasurer and two (2) other Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall coordinate the activities of the Auxiliary. It shall review and evaluate auxiliary projects for raising money and disposition of profits, and make recommendations to the Board. The Board of Directors shall approve in advance all projects and actions of the Auxiliary.

SECTION 10

Auditing Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The President, Treasurer or signatories of checks are not eligible. The Committee will review the Local League's books and records annually prior to the Annual Meeting and attach a statement of its findings to the annual financial statement of the President and Treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors or Membership, secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review.

SECTION 11

Minor League Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Minor League Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Minor League Vice President and be responsible to the Local League President for the proper conduct of the Minor League operation.

ARTICLE X - 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, William- sport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League.

SECTION 3

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

ARTICLE XI - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1

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

SECTION 2

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

SECTION 3

Acceptance of Funds. Only personal checks, money orders, or credit cards may be accepted for payment of any donations, contributions, advertising, registration, membership fees, or any clinic or camp conducted by the Local League. Cash shall only be regularly accepted as a form of payment at concession, snack and food establishments operated by the Local League. Such cash transactions shall be duly recorded on a cash register located at such establishment. From time to time, the Board may authorize a fund raiser wherein cash may be accepted as a form of payment because the nature of the fundraiser requires it, however such a fundraiser shall first require a Board majority authorization, and such authorization must include a Board member designee who will be responsible for a written report accounting of all cash funds accepted and/or collected for the authorized fundraiser. All cash funds accepted or collected by any member on behalf of the Local League, shall be given to the Treasurer for deposit into the Local League's bank account, no later than three (3) days after collecting same, along with the written accounting of said cash.

SECTION 4

Solicitations. The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all of the funds so raised are to be placed in the Local League treasury account as defined in Section 7 below.

SECTION 5

Disbursement of Funds. The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors may determine. All checks for disbursements under \$500.00 shall need only to be signed by the Treasurer. Any checks for disbursements of \$500, or more, must be signed by both the Treasurer and the Secretary, or in his absence the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, and such disbursement must be documented in the minutes of the Board's next scheduled meeting with an explanation of the purpose of the disbursement.

SECTION 6

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 7

Deposits. All monies received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in it's account with:

Union Bank, at their branch located on, The Alameda, in San Jose, California

SECTION 8

Fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on :

October 1 and shall end on September 30.

SECTION 9

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 XII – 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 or at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors provided a notice of request to amend 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 San Jose American Little League Board of Directors on this 20th day of May 2008.

Rae Anne Chalmers
President's Name (Print)

/s/ Rae Anne Chalmers
President's Signature

Date

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