

**BRANFORD LITTLE LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

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Branford Little League Inc.**Constitution and By-Laws****ARTICLE 1 - NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Branford Little League, Inc. hereinafter referred to as "BLL".

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE***Section 1: Objective of Branford Little League***

Through proper guidance and exemplary leadership, BLL shall assist children in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being while teaching the fundamentals of baseball and sportsmanship. By espousing the virtues of character, courage, discipline and loyalty, BLL is designed to develop superior citizens, stronger individuals as well as superior athletes.

Section 2: The Branford Little League Program's Goals

To achieve the above objective, the Branford Little League, Inc. will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Policies 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 citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Branford Little League, Inc. shall operate exclusively-as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball 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 effect the objective of BLL may become a member.

Section 2: Classes of Members

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 of BLL, shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of BLL.

- b) **Regular Voting Members.** Any person actively interested in furthering the objective of BLL may become a regular voting member by attending at least one half of the regularly convened general membership meetings in the preceding 12 months and must be a member deemed to be in "good standing". All Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Voting Members in good standing to be eligible to vote on Local League matters. The secretary shall maintain the membership roll of qualify voting members and verify at monthly meetings the number of eligible voting members present before a vote.

- c) **Associate Member:** Any person actively interested in furthering the objective of BLL may become an associate member by volunteering their time for the league or by being the parent/guardian of an active player participating in the league. Associate members are not voting members of the league. They must meet the criteria of a regular voting member to secure voting rights.

- d) **Honorary Members** Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all the Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Executive Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of BLL. Honorary members shall be nominated every September and voted on each October.

- e) **Sustaining Members.** Any person not a Regular Voting Member who makes financial or other contribution to BLL may by a majority vote of the Executive 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 BLL. Sustaining members shall be nominated every September and voted on each October.

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

Section 3: Other Affiliations

- a) Members, (including Player members) shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of BLL.

- b) Members actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball programs (including coaching of teams in other baseball programs) shall not be allowed to vote on Local League matters during Membership Meetings, meetings of the Executive Board of Directors, or any BLL Committee Meetings as deemed by BLL Executive Board.

Section 4: Suspension or Termination

Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Executive Board of Directors.

- a) The Executive 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 BLL 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 Executive Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before a duly appointed committee of the Executive Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

ARTICLE IV - DUES/FEES

Section 1: Fees for Regular/Associate Members

A fair fee, voted on by the BLL Executive Board, shall be determined before each season. Fees will be assessed to members for participation at the time of registration each season. Player Members whose' Parents/Guardians who are unable to pay a participation fee are encouraged to apply for a BLL scholarship and also contribute volunteer time to the league.

Section 2: Failing to Pay Fee

No dues or fees of any kind shall be charged or assessed Player Members as a prerequisite to play in the Local League. Little league Regulation XIII (c). Local rules are hereby amended to include:

- a) All fees must be paid or scholarships approved in order to be selected to a team and/or receive a uniform.
- b) Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty (30) days from the time the same become due will, by vote of the Board, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all voting rights and privileges of membership.
 1. Player Members whose Parents/Guardians who are unable to pay a participation fee are encouraged to submit a written request for a scholarship to the BLL President.
 2. All scholarship applications presented by the President are to be evaluated by the audit committee.
 3. Parents requesting scholarships are encouraged to contribute volunteer time to BLL.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Regular Voting Members of the Local League shall be held the first or second week in October each year for the purpose of electing the Executive Board Directors, Honorary Members, and Sustaining Members; receiving reports, including the annual Treasurer's report; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Section 2: Notice of Meeting

Notice of each meeting of the Members shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to each Member at his last recorded address at least ten (10) days in advance thereof setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting; or in lieu thereof, notice may be posted on the Branford Little League website and/or on social media.

Section 3: Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Members may be called by the Executive Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of ten (10) Members, deemed to be in good standing 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 in person or by proxy of one-third of the Regular Members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 5: Voting

Only Regular Voting Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Local League.

Section 6: Proxies

Each Regular Voting 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.

Section 7: Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the Constitution or by-laws of BLL.

Section 8: Number of Meetings

There shall be a minimum of six (6) regularly convened general membership meetings each year.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Board and Number

The management of the property and affairs of BLL shall be vested in the Executive Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be not less than seven (7) nor more than thirty (30). The Directors shall upon election immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 2: Required Members

The Executive Board membership shall include a President, Vice President, Umpire in Chief, Coaching Coordinator, (League Commissioners), Director of Fields & Safety (Safety Officer), Director of Concessions, Treasurer, Secretary, Information Officer, Director of Fundraising/Special Events, Equipment Manager, and Player Agent.

Section 2a: Other Possible Board Members

If voted on by two-thirds of the Board, other board member positions may include: Uniform Manager, Annual Banquet & Awards Chairperson, Major League Commissioner, AAA League Commissioner, AA League Commissioner, A-ball League Commissioner and Tee Ball Commissioner.

Section 3: Biennial Election and Term of Office

At each biennial meeting, the Regular Voting Members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such number of Directors. The number so fixed may, within the limited prescribed by the foregoing Section 1, be increased at any regular or special meeting of the Members, and if the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent meeting. All elections of Directors shall be by majority vote of all Members present or represented by proxy at the time of the meeting.

Section 4: Vacancies

If any vacancy occurs in the Executive 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 the purpose.

Section 5: Meetings, Notice and Quorum

Regular meetings of the Executive Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the biennial 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 (5) 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 or email at least three (3) days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director, or by telephone or in-person notice twenty-four hours preceding the meeting.

In the case of special meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.

Six (6) members of the Executive Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 6: Duties and Powers

The Executive 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 may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of BLL as it may deem proper.

The Board 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 or Committee Member of the Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 4 (a).

The Board shall receive at the annual meeting of the Members of BLL a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing the whole amount of real and personal property owned by it, where located, and where and how invested, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding, the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated or expended during the year immediately preceding such date, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of residence of the persons who have been admitted to membership in the Local League during such year, which

report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting.

All decisions of the Regular Voting Members must carry by a majority of those present. Motions that receive a tie vote shall be presented to the Executive Board for consideration and a resolution by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The Executive Board may, at their option, go into a closed session.

Section 7: Term of Office

The Executive Board shall be elected to a two-year term of office.

ARTICLE VII – OTHER COMMITTEES

Section 1: Nominating Committee

The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of not less than three (3) Regular Voting Members

The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates and submit, at the biennial meeting, a slate of candidates for the Executive Board of Directors.

Section 2: Membership Committee

The Board may appoint a Membership Committee consisting of not less than three (3) Regular Voting Members.

The Committee shall receive the names of prospective Honorary and Sustaining Members, investigate for eligibility and recommend those qualified for election at the annual or any special meeting of the Members or of the Board as the case may be.

Section 3: Finance Committee

The Board may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Regular Voting Members.

The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee.

The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing BLL including team sponsorships and submit recommendations.

It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games, if such collections are authorized by BLL and shall turnover said collections to the Treasurer or President immediately after each game.

Section 4: Building and Property Committee

The Board may appoint a Building and Property Committee consisting of not less than three (3) Regular Voting Members.

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.

Section 5: District Committee

The Board may appoint a District Committee consisting of BLL President as chairperson and two (2) other Directors.

The Committee shall assist the District Administrator in interleague 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 6: Auditing Committee

The Board shall appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of not less than three Regular Members. The President, Treasurer or signatories of checks are not eligible.

The Committee will review the Local League's books and records all prior to the Annual Meeting and attach a statement of the findings to the annual financial statement of the President and Treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board, secure services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review. Shall communicate or meet prior to each monthly meeting. The members must review all applications for scholarships.

Section 7: Budget Committee

The Board may appoint a Budget Committee consisting of the Treasurer and not less than two (2) Regular Members.

Section 8: By-laws Review Committee

The Board may appoint a By-laws Review Committee consisting of at least 2 Regular Members to review the BLL by-laws annually in the fall and present revisions to the Membership if needed. The review may also be conducted by the current board members.

The Committee shall propose an operating budget for approval by the Board.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: President

The President shall:

- a) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board.
- b) Preside at league meetings.
- c) Maintain contact with and receive all mail, supplies and other communications from Little League International and the District Organization.
- d) Selects and appoints managers, coaches, and committees. (However, all appointments are subject to final approval by BLL's board of directors.)
- e) Present a report of the condition of BLL at the annual meeting.
- f) Communicate to the Board such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of BLL.
- g) Be responsible for the conduct of BLL in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued.
- h) Designate in writing, any others, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of BLL such contracts and leases as may have received and prior approval of the Board.
- i) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to BLL and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant.
- j) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Executive Board and the Membership and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- k) With the assistance of the Player Agents, examine the application and supporting proof-of-age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

Section 2: Vice President

The Vice Presidents shall:

- a) Be responsible for designating the use of the fields by the divisions, - Majors, AAA, AA, A-Ball, Tee Ball in collaboration with the Director of Fields and Safety (Safety Officer).
- b) Create schedules for all divisions before the start of each season and immediately following formation of teams.
- c) Be responsible for mediating problems within their respective divisions including parental complaints, coaching/umpire disputes, disputes between coaches.
- d) Carry out such duties and assignments as may be delegated by the president.
- e) Supervise all Commissioners in their respective divisions.
- f) Oversee management of any and all fund raising activities in collaboration with the Director of Fundraising.
- g) Be responsible and assist with Opening Day Parade and Ceremony, and other activities not limited to: BLL fundraising events, league championship game ceremonies, etc.
- h) Assist and support all league activities as required.
- i) Be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- j) In case of the absence or disability of the President, and provided he/she 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.

Section 3: Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- a) Secure meeting rooms for Membership meetings and Executive Board meetings.
- b) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.

- c) Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and committee members.
- d) Give 10 days' notice of Membership Meetings of the Local League, and 3 days' notice of the Executive Board and Committee Meetings.
- e) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Membership, the Board, and all Committees, and cause them to be recorded in a book or online site intended for that purpose.
- f) Shall conduct all correspondence in connection with Membership meetings and Executive Board meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- g) Notify Members, Directors, committee members of their election or appointment.

Section 4: 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.
- b) Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board.
- 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.
- d) Be a member of the Budget Committee.
- e) Be responsible for providing a financial report at the President's request and at the annual meeting.
- f) Be responsible for submitting the financial statements to Williamsport as required.
- g) Be responsible to submit completed tax forms to the IRS annually and provide completed documents to the BLL secretary.

Section 5: Player Agent - Baseball

The Player Agents shall:

- a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate up-to-date record thereof.
- b) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility.
- c) Provide the Vice President with a list of players eligible for transfer to or from divisions according to provisions of the Regulations of Little League Baseball.
- d) Prepare a roster of registered players by division.
- 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) Prepare for the President's signature the notification to Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements.
- g) Conduct annual evaluations and oversee player selection to regular, tournament and all-star teams.
- h) Separate player agents may also be selected to oversee individual divisions within the league.
- i) Address member concerns.
- j) Maintain player pool.
- k) Responsible for age appropriate players to play in division that would not pose a safety risk both physical and emotional to players needs (ie. 9 year olds should not play in Majors Division with 11-12 year olds and so forth).

Section 6: Coaching Coordinator

The Coaching Coordinator(s) shall:

- a) Represent coaches/managers in BLL
- b) Present a coach/manager training and budget to the board
- c) Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program

- d) Hold a pre-season coaches meeting to review safety, rule modifications, the Coaches' Code of Ethics, and the BLL rules.
- e) Order and distribute (or make aware of online) training materials to players, coaches and managers
- f) Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary during the season.
- g) Help implement LittleLeagueCoach.org as the manager-coach education program for the league.
- h) Require coaches/umpires to walk fields for hazards before use.
- i) Make sure coaches and managers enforce rules at practices as well as games.
- j) Coordinate annual first-aid training for coaches and managers with the Fields and Safety Officer, with at least one coach or manager from each team attending.
 - 1. Training qualifies volunteer for 3 years, but one team representative still needed each year.
 - 2. Document the date, location, and who is required to attend as well as who attended.

Section 7: Director of Safety, Fields & Maintenance

The Directors of Safety, Fields & Maintenance shall:

- a) Supervise the maintenance of all playing fields, fixed field equipment, and spectator areas.
- b) Submit the schedule of games being played at each field to Branford Parks & Rec.
- c) Act as the liaison between their respective division and the Branford Park & Rec.
- d) Ensure that all appropriate safety precautions are followed and that safe environments exist at all games and practices.
- e) Coordinate all safety activities including supervision of ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program).
- f) Reports suggestions to Little League International through the ASAP system.

- g) Provide individuals with access to safety manuals necessary to perform their roles.
- h) File the necessary paperwork with Williamsport in the event of an accident or injury in their respective division.
- i) Be responsible for inspecting all playing equipment before it is distributed to the coaches.
- j) Complete the annual Little League Facility Survey.
- k) Require and provide a first-aid kit at each game and practice.
- l) Solicits suggestions for making conditions safer.

Section 8: Umpire in Chief

The Umpire in Chief Shall:

- a) Be responsible for training, scheduling, and paying umpires for all games.
- b) Coordinate a pre-season clinic for all umpires.

Section 9: Director of Concessions

The Director of Concessions shall:

- a) Be responsible for obtaining, via the assistance of the team parents, volunteers to operate the Concession Stand at Sliney Field or any other place BLL deems necessary.
- b) Be responsible for stocking and overseeing inventory in concessions stand.
- c) Be responsible for securing the East Shore District Health Department of Branford's approval to open the stand prior to opening day of the season.
- d) Be responsible for submitting all receipts and bills to the Treasurer in a timely fashion.

Section 10 Director of Fundraising/Special Events

- a) Solicits and secures local sponsorships to support league operations
- b) Collects and reviews sponsorship and fundraising opportunities

- c) Organizes and implements approved league fundraising activities
- d) Coordinates participation in fundraising activities
- e) Maintains records of monies secured through sponsorship and fundraising initiatives

Section 11 Information Officer

- a) Manages the league's official home page.
- b) Post and distribute emergency and key officials' phone numbers.
- c) Manages the online registration process.
- d) Ensures League rosters are maintained on the site.
- e) Assigns administrative rights to League volunteers and teams.
- f) Ensures that league news and scores are updated on a regular basis.
- g) Collects, posts and distributes important information on League activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities to Little League International, District, public, League Members, and media.
- h) Serves a primary contact person for Little League regarding optimizing use of the Internet for League administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League International.
- i) Displays enthusiasm for using the Internet for league administration, for sharing information, and for creating a more efficient Little League experience.
- j) Offers guidance to coaches and league officials for use of BLL website.

Section 12: Equipment Manager

The Equipment Managers shall:

- a) Maintain an inventory of all playing equipment and fixed field equipment.
- b) Ensure that all playing equipment distributed is in good operating condition.

- c) Place orders for new equipment not to exceed the annual budgeted amount. If equipment is needed which will exceed their budget, they must get approval from the Board.
- d) Issue equipment to the coaches and collect the equipment at the end of the season in a timely fashion.

Section 13: Director of Publicity

The Directors of Publicity shall:

- a) Be responsible for coordinating publicity for each division.
- b) Secures permission from parents for use of photos on BLL website, BLL social media and in local newspapers.
- c) In coordination with the Vice President, and the Director of Fundraising/Special Events, coordinate team photos with the assistance of the team parents and the photographer.
- d) Maintain BLL social media accounts.

ARTICLE IX - DUTIES AND POWERS OF APPOINTED POSITIONS

Section 1: League Commissioners

The League Commissioners shall:

- a) Be responsible for the submission to the Board the names of appropriate qualified people for coaching positions and assist with coach selection process.
- b) Under the direction of the Player Agent, conduct player tryouts and supervise the drafting of teams in said divisions. The commissioners in these divisions will assist the Player Agents in assigning players to teams.
- c) Compile a list of team parents to submit to the Vice President.
- d) Supervise all personnel in their division.

ARTICLE X - MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

Section 1: Team Managers and Coaches

Team Managers and Coaches shall be appointed annually by the President, with the approval of the Board. They shall participate in the selection of their teams and be responsible for their players' actions on the field. Regulation 1(b). A draft, led by the Player Agent, shall be conducted each spring to create Tee Ball, A, AA, AAA and Majors teams. Head coaches are responsible to draft Assistant coaches during selection process of teams. Coaching positions will be decided seasonally.

Section 2: Umpires

Umpires may be appointed annually by the Umpires in Chief and/or President, and must be approved by the board. The Umpire-in-Chief shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field. Regulation 1 (b).

Section 3: President and Player Agent

While holding such office, the Player Agents shall not manage, unless a waiver is requested and approved by National Little League. The President is discouraged from umpiring; in the event that he/she is needed, he/she shall set aside someone to take his/her place on the dispute resolution Committee. Regulation 1(b).

Section 4: All-Star and Team Selections

Little League suggest that leagues follow Little League's recommendation for selecting the Tournament Teams. In that recommendation, the groups involved in voting are:

- Players in that division
- Managers in that division
- Coaches in that division
- Board of Directors

Every person in every group gets one vote, selecting up to the maximum number permitted on the Tournament Team. This method all but eliminates charges of favoritism by managers or the board. The players with the most total votes comprise the Tournament Team. (From the Little League International website).

BLL suggests head coaches and one assistant coach from each team rank all players in the appropriate age bracket 1-15 (1 being the best) within a given time frame. Voting will take place on a given date after every player has played 8 games. The top 6 players will automatically make the team. The second round of voting will go back to the coaches for the remainder of the team to be selected. The player agent and commissioner will monitor all voting for consistency and integrity. If a coach does not vote or is unaware of who the players are from other teams, the commissioner of that

division as well as the player agent will then make a voting selection. If unable to do so, voting will be brought to the board to discuss. The League President will then select the coaches which can be voted on by the executive board. Voting and scoring will not be made public but can be reviewed by the BLL board for legitimacy purposes.

Regular season team selection will operate as "snake draft". All ages and evaluation scores will be on draft sheet. Teams that "bring up" players from younger division will select from entire list of players in that age group. Late registration goes to coach/team of next pick.

ARTICLE XI - AFFILIATION

Section 1: Charter

Branford Little League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter.

Branford Little League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter.

Section 2: Rules and Regulations

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

Section 3: Branford Little League Rules

The local rules of BLL shall be adopted by the Board 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 Baseball, Incorporated.

ARTICLE XII - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

Section 1: Funds

The Executive Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it shall place all income, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team. Expenditures over \$500 must be pre-approved by the audit committee. Services/expenses exceeding \$500 require 3 bids for submission to audit team.

Section 2: Team Funding

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

Section 3: Placement of Funds

The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the BLL treasury.

Section 4: Disbursement of Funds

The Board shall not permit the disbursement of BLL funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Section 5: Compensation

No Board Members of BLL shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation or emolument for BLL for services rendered, except for umpiring.

Section 6: Banking Practices

All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of BLL in the Key Savings Bank and all disbursements shall be made by check, debit card, or electronic transfer. The BLL Treasurer shall sign all checks and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board shall determine. Prior to any checks being disbursed, the treasurer shall submit the bill, invoice and/or proof of payment needed to the BLL secretary.

Section 7: Fiscal Year

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 8: Distribution of Property upon Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall 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 entitled to exemption under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

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

Committee Members

Tricia Lougal, President
Don Lawrence, Vice President
Barry Latham, Treasurer

Sal Delucia, Secretary
Scott Lougal, Safety Officer
Brian Gallagher, Player Agent
Meaghan Delucia
John McKittrick
Jeremiah Stewart
Adam Greenburg

CERTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE:

At a regularly convened meeting of Branford Little League, Inc. held on November 17, 2021, there was a motion to review and update BLL's by-laws. The motion was seconded - voted (yea, 0 nay) - carried by a two-thirds majority.

Certified this 23rd day of April, 2022.

Tricia Lougal, League President
Don Lawrence, League Vice President and Chairperson, By-Laws Revision Committee
Sal Delucia, League Secretary

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: Members

The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, and Safety Officer shall constitute the Executive Board of the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Term of Office

The Executive Board shall be elected to a two-year term of office.

Notice is hereby given that a vote on constitution was taken at the BLL executive board meeting on April 23, 2022, and the motion was passed.

**** ADDENDUM ATTACHED ****

****ADDENDUM 1******PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

We, the Branford Little League, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games. The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

• Trustworthiness, • Respect, • Responsibility, • Fairness, • Caring, and • Good Citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.

Parents/Guardians/Spectators: 1. Will not force their child to participate in sports. 2. Will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults. 3. Will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others. 4. Will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league. 5. Will be a positive role model for all children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event. 6. Will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures. 7. Will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes. 8. Will teach children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. 9. Will demand that all children treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability. 10. Will teach children that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that children will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance. 11. Will praise children for competing fairly and trying hard, and make children feel like a winner every time. 12. Will never ridicule or yell at children or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition. 13. Will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit children over winning. Parents will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups. 14. Will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win. 15. Will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place. 16. Will demand a sports environment for children that is free from drugs, tobacco, vaping and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events. 17. Will refrain from coaching children or other players during games and practices, unless named one of the official coaches of the team.

****ADDENDUM 2******COACH CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Coach's Code of Conduct is comprised of the following guidelines, which if followed will ensure that our every manager and coach will be a credit to the game:

- Coaches will endeavor to make baseball participation a fun and enjoyable experience for all the League's boys and girls.
- Coaches will by actions and words promote goodwill and sportsmanship at all practices and games.
- Coaches will dress appropriately for both games and practices, and in doing so set an example for others to follow.
- Coaches will make teaching and instruction of baseball skills and strategy their primary goal, and will make every attempt to balance criticism with praise for every player.
- Coaches will emphasize fairness and team participation over winning.
- Coaches will not let winning be their primary motivation in coaching and will emphasize and encourage the development of superior skill, character, and "team" concepts.
- Coaches will learn the rules and regulations of Little League baseball and regard them as mutual agreements, the spirit or letter of which no one should try to evade or break.
- Coaches will assist and cooperate with the League, its officer and directors in maintaining proper conduct of all of their team's players, coaches, parents, guests and other spectators at all practices and games, in accordance with the League's Parent Code of Conduct.
- Coaches will in baseball, as in life, treat others as I would have them treat me.
- When coaches accept the responsibility of managing or coaching a team, they will also accept the responsibility to the team, to the players, to their parents, and to the League to support the League in its endeavors to promote the aims of Little League baseball, namely the development in our children 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 citizens.

CERTIFIED:

Irina Lougal

President

9/15/22

Date

Jul De Luca

Secretary

9-15-22

Date