

BY-LAWS OF LANSING LITTLE LEAGUE
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ARTICLE I - NAME, PURPOSE

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be Lansing Little League.

Section 2: The objective of the League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, skills of baseball, 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.

Section 3: To achieve this objective the league will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All "Members" (as defined hereinafter) shall bear in mind that 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 League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of 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 II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Eligibility. As set forth herein below, any person sincerely interested in active participation to effect the objective of the League may apply to become a Member.

Section 2: Classes. There shall be the following classes of Members:

Player member: Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the Village of Lansing shall be eligible to compete for participation and shall be called a "Player Member". Player Members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the League.

Active member: Any person who acts as a Board Member, Team Manager, Team Coaches (2 per team), Scorekeeper (one per team), or Team Mom (one per team) shall be defined as an active member. The names of the active members shall be turned in by each team to the league Secretary before the start of the regular season. In the event that an Active Member vacates or is removed from their position the league Secretary must be notified immediately by the Team Manager. Once the Active member is replaced the league Secretary must be notified in a timely manner. In order to nominate or vote, the Active member changes must be reported to the league Secretary no later than the conclusion of the regular season.

Board member: Board members are responsible for the overall policy and direction of the league. League Officers / Executive Committee members shall be considered Board members for purposes of acceptance, eligibility, and discipline.

Honorary Members: Any Person may be elected as Honorary Member by the 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 League.

Sustaining Members: Any person not a Regular Member, Active Member, Honorary Member who makes financial or other contribution to the 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 League.

Section 3. Other Affiliations.

Section 3a. Members of all types shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the League.

Section 3b. Board Members may not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball program that contradicts or conflicts with the goals and objectives of the League.

Section 4. Suspension or Termination: Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors (see Article II, Section 4a).

Section 4a. *The Board of Directors*, by a three-quarters vote of those present at any official or special meeting, shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any Member of any class when conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League.

Section 4b. 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.

Section 4c. The Board of Directors shall, in case 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 advisor, i.e. said manager may not participate in the vote, with the player before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Board Role, Size, Compensation. The Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the League. The Board shall have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 17 members. The board receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

Section 1a. The Board members may fill one of the following positions:

President
Vice-President / Sergeant at Arms / Special Projects
Secretary / Treasurer / Public Relations
Umpire-in-Chief
League Advisor
Majors West Director/East Player Agent
Majors East Director/West Player Agent
East Minors Director
West Minors Director
Pee Wee Director
Bantam Director
Challenger Director
Fund Raising / Pictures
Equipment Manager
League Information Officer

Section 2. Meetings. The Board shall meet monthly.

Section 2a. When the President is not present the meeting shall be run by the Vice-President. If both the President and Vice-President are not present then the meeting shall be run by the following in descending order:

Secretary
Umpire-in-Chief
Equipment Manager
League Advisor

Section 2b. Board meetings can only be rescheduled by the President with a majority phone or hand vote of all members of the board.

Section 2c. Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the By-Laws of the League.

Section 3: Board Elections. The Board shall be elected annually by the following procedure.

Section 3a. The President or designee shall take nominations for the Board elections at the July managers meeting. Only Active members may make nominations. All member types, except player members, are eligible for nomination.

Section 3b. The Board election will take place at the August managers meeting.

Section 3c. Each Active Member shall receive one vote.

Section 3d. Those nominees with the greatest number of votes shall be elected to the Board. In the event of a tie there shall be a subsequent vote immediately after the initial vote to break the tie. Voting will continue until all ties are broken.

Section 4: Once the new Board is elected first board meeting must be held within 2 weeks of the vote.

Board Tenure. The Board positions will be filled as follows (except for the President (see Article III, section 5):

Section 4a. The first order of business at the first meeting shall be the President, Vice-President, and Secretary election (see article III section 4b), followed by the by the Board position appointments and committee chairperson appointments. The only other business conducted at the meeting will be scheduling dates and times of the 12 monthly meetings.

Section 4b. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary, will be elected by nomination with a second and acceptance by the nominee. If there is more than one nomination accepted for a position, a private written ballot will be taken with the highest number of votes deciding the winner.

Section 4c. The newly elected president will appoint the remaining Board members to the remaining Board positions with Board approval.

Section 4d. Board approval will be a simple majority of members present.

Section 5: President, election and succession. The prior year's President will preside until the new President is elected.

Section 5a. Once elected, the new President will assume control of the meeting.

Section 5b. Post Season Manager Eligibility. The President shall not be a Team Manager or Coach for any post season Williamsport sanctioned Lansing Old Timers Tournament Team.

Section 6. Terms. All Board members shall serve a 1-year term, but are eligible for re-election.

Section 7. Quorum. A quorum must be attended by at least 50 percent of the Board members before business can be transacted or motions made or passed. Once a quorum is established the meeting shall be considered "Official".

Section 8. Notice. An official non-special Board meeting (see Article III, section12) requires that each Board member have notice two weeks in advance.

Section 9. Officers and Duties. There shall be three officers of the Board consisting of a President, Vice-President and Secretary. Their duties are as follows:

Section 9a. The President shall convene regularly scheduled Board meetings, shall preside or arrange for other members of the executive committee to preside at each meeting in the following order: Vice-President, Secretary, Umpire-in-Chief, Equipment Manager, and League Advisor.

Section 9a(1). The President shall not vote on motions, however he/she shall make a tie or break a tie vote of Board members

Section 9b. The Vice-President will chair committees on special projects as designated by the board.

Section 9c. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of Board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each Board members, and assuring that corporate records are maintained.

Section 10: Vacancies. When a vacancy on the Board exists, nominations for new members may be received from present Board members by the Secretary two weeks in advance of a Board meeting. These nominations shall be sent out to Board members with the regular Board meeting announcement, to be voted upon at the next Board meeting. These vacancies will be filled only to the end of the particular Board member's term.

Section 11: Resignation, Termination and Absences. Resignation from the Board must be in writing and received by the Secretary. A Board member may be dropped from the board for excess absences from Board meetings. A Board member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the remaining directors.

Section 11a: Removal of Board Position

The Board of Directors may remove a Board member from his or her position and allow the member to remain on the board with an unassigned position. The board shall follow the voting procedures outlined in Section 11.

Section 12: Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be called upon the request of the President. If the President is unavailable or unwilling then the Vice-President followed by the order in Article III, Section 2a above will call the meeting. All board members must be contacted and a quorum is still necessary to approve motions. Notices of special meetings shall be carried out by the Secretary to each Board member.

ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

Section 1: Committee Formation. The Board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, etc. The President appoints all committee chairs.

Section 2: The Board shall create the following committees:

Rules Committee: Shall interpret all rules and make modifications upon recommendation and approval from the Board. The Committee Chairperson shall be the Umpire-in-Chief. The entire Board shall constitute the Rules Committee.

Budget Committee: Shall create and maintain the budget for the League with Board approval. The Committee Chairperson shall be the President. Committee members shall consist of the Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Assistant Equipment Manager, Umpire-in-Chief and Fall League Director.

Tournament Committee: The President will appoint the chairperson with board approval. The committee shall gather information and recommend tournaments for Lansing teams to participate in.

Protest Committee: The committee chairperson shall be the Umpire-in-Chief. The committee shall investigate and make a recommendation to Board when a proper protest is executed by a Team Manager.

Hall of Fame Committee: The President will appoint the chairperson with board approval. The committee shall recommend to the Board which former Lansing Little League participants shall be presented to the Board to be entered into the Lansing Little League Hall of Fame. The committee shall meet annually in the month of November.

L.O.T Tournament Committee: The President will appoint the chairperson with board approval. The committee shall plan and administer the annual L.O.T Tournament with Board approval.

By-Laws Committee: The President will appoint the chairperson with board approval. The committee shall review, update and make recommendations to the Board on by-law changes.

Fall League: The President will appoint the chairperson with board approval. The committee shall plan and execute the Lansing Little League Fall Baseball League with Board approval.

Awards Banquet: The President will appoint the chairperson with board approval. The committee shall plan and execute the annual Awards Banquet with Board Approval.

Opening Day Committee: The President will appoint the chairperson with board approval. The committee shall plan and execute opening day ceremonies for all leagues with the direction and approval of the Board.

Field Maintenance Committee: The President will appoint the chairperson with board approval. The committee shall advise Board of field maintenance issues. If necessary, plan and execute field maintenance repairs with the direction and approval of the Board.

Section 3. Each chairperson will report on the progress of their committee at the monthly board meeting. Each chairperson is responsible for getting additional volunteers on the committee.

ARTICLE V – Purchases and Reimbursements

Section 1: Receipts for any purchases must be turned in to the President or Secretary/Treasurer within (30) thirty days of the purchase. If the receipt is not turned in during the stated period the Board must approve the purchase with a majority vote before reimbursement will occur.

Section 2: All purchases of \$100.00 or more by any Board of Directors member or anyone purchasing on behalf of a Board of Directors member must be pre-approved by the President.

Section 3: The Secretary/Treasurer shall reimburse any approved or valid expense within (30) thirty business days.

ARTICLE VI – Tournaments

Tournament Director

Tournament Directors appointed by the Board of Directors shall be required to submit a pre-tournament budget at least (2) two weeks prior to the start of the tournament and a post-tournament budget summary within (30) thirty days of the tournament.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended when necessary by a three-quarters majority of the Board of Directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Secretary to be sent out with regular Board announcements.

These Bylaws were approved at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Lansing Little League on December 10, 2001.

Amended at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Lansing Little League on May 8, 2002. <Article III, Section 1a and 11a> <Article V> <Article VI> <Article VII>

Amended at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Lansing Little League on October 14, 2002 <Article III, Section 1 and 1a> <Article IV, Section 2>