

BLOOMFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE



League ID Number: _____

BLOOMFIELD LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Bloomfield Little League, hereinafter referred to as the "League."

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

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

SECTION 2

To achieve this objective, the League will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All Directors and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, but 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 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/parent/legal guardian sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of this League may apply to become a Member.

SECTION 2

Classes. There shall be the following classes of Members:

(a) **Player Members.** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the League 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 League.

(b) **Regular Members.** Any adult person/parent/legal guardian actively interested in furthering the objectives of the League may become a Regular Member. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.

(c) 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 League.

(b) Regular Members shall not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball program without the express annual approval of the Board of Directors. The guiding principle is to ensure that League games are not forfeited.

SECTION 4

Election of New Members.

a) Nominations for officers will be held at the September Meeting. All nominations shall come from the floor, and shall be closed as of that meeting. The President, Secretary and the Information Officer will review the eligibility of all nominees to hold elected office.

b) The election of Officers shall be made by majority vote of eligible Members present at the October meeting. Should more than two (2) candidates be seeking the same office, and no one (1) receives a majority on the first ballot, then there shall be an immediate run-off election between the top two (2) vote getters from the original ballot.

c) All Members must have attended four Membership Meetings, not including the annual meeting, in the year prior to the October Meeting, to be eligible to vote in the elections of officers.

d) Members seeking elected offices shall have completed one (1) year of service for the LEAGUE and should have attended five (5) meetings a year for the last year.

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 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 – REGISTRATON FEES

SECTION 1

Registration fees for Player Member are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with Regulation XIII (c).

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 (1) per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required.

Meetings. (a) General Membership Meetings shall be offered throughout the year on a consecutive monthly basis. The day, week and time of said meetings should be planned in a consistent manner at the discretion of the Board of Directors so as to encourage regular member attendance. There shall be no meetings in July, August or December. (b) Regular Meetings shall address appropriate league concerns including, but not limited to, a report of each age group/ability level, membership, equipment, umpiring, safety, fund raising, public relations, itemized Treasurer's report and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

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 10 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 or along with League registration material.

SECTION 3

Quorum. At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of one-third 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 in good standing 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 express purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, or a 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 League shall be held during the regularly scheduled October General Meeting each year for the purpose of electing new Members, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution and By-Laws, 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 League a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing:

1. The condition of the League, to be presented by the President or his/her designate;
2. A general summary of funds received and expended by the League for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of the 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 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 League during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of the 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 (see "Election Procedures" in Operating Manual). Nominations will be made and a slate will be formulated in September, and elections will be held in October. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this Section.

(d) The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, the President, one (1) or more Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, one or more Player Agents and a Safety Officer. The Board shall also include a minimum of one (1) manager and one (1) volunteer umpire. 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 and/or President at their discretion. Upon written request of 10 members, the President and/or Secretary shall call a Special General 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 14 days after the request is received by the President and/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 League.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

Authority. The management of the property and affairs of the League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

Number of Board of Directors. 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. 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. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote of all remaining Board of Directors present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot with the Secretary prior to the election meeting. The management of the property and affairs of the League shall be managed by the Board of Directors and Officers, herein also referred to in these By-Laws as the Board, which shall consist of not less than five persons nor more than nineteen persons. The Board shall consist of the duly elected officers of the League, the player agents and Vice Presidents of the playing divisions of the League and other elected officers.

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 and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board:

(a) The President and/or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of five 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 be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least three days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.

(c) Six members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

(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.

(e) A board member must attend 75% of all Meetings to remain in good standing based on a rolling calendar. ex. (Sept to Sept, Oct to Oct...) Newly elected board members are eligible to vote as of the October meeting. If a Board Member misses two consecutive meetings that member's right to vote is forfeited for the next consecutive board meeting attended. However, in the event of excused absences, illness or other approved mitigating circumstances the remaining Board Members can vote to override said suspension.

(f) All board members must also attend at least 4 of the 6 special events: Registration, Tryouts, Opening Fieldhouse, Opening day, Picnic, Close Fieldhouse. If a member does not meet this requirement, they will not be eligible for nomination the following year. The same rule from section (e) above regarding excused absences applies.

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 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 League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 4 (a, b). The Board shall make all decisions including all decisions for expenditures by a majority vote of the members present at a Board meeting. The Board Members may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a telephone conference call or any other means of communication by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear each other. The Board shall have the right to rule on any and all matters and issues that involve the LEAGUE. Board decisions shall be considered final unless overturned by a two thirds (2/3) majority of Members present at a Membership meeting.

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 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.

SECTION 2

President. The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of the League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors;
- (b) Present a report of the condition of the League at the Annual Meeting;
- (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 League;
- (d) Be responsible for the conduct of the 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 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 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 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) Provide an agenda for Executive and Regular Meetings;
- (j) Attend all District Administrator's and Recreation Department meetings;
- (k) Renew charter and insurance in a timely manner prior to each forthcoming baseball season;
- (l) Appoint and remove managers and coaches to all teams with the approval of the Board of Directors; and
- (m) Have the power, in the event of a deadlock vote, to be the deciding vote.
- (n) Serve for a period of two years and if having been elected and not able to serve the second part of the term to then advise the board as soon as possible so that a replacement can be elected to fulfill the remaining portion of the term.

SECTION 3

Executive Vice President and Vice President(s) ("Vice President"). The Vice President(s) 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) Formulate an appropriate and fair practice schedule, game schedule and reschedule rainout games in a fair and appropriate manner;

(d) Evaluate coaches and managers at end of season and present evaluations to the Board of Directors to determine their continued eligibility;

(e) Assist the Player Agent with player tryouts and selection for the Division skill level;

(f) Formulate appropriate draft criteria to ensure team parity in the Divisions;

(g) Assist the Equipment Manager in the collection of all uniform and equipment;

(h) Encourage all managers, coaches and parents to attend League meetings; and

(i) Develop, implement and monitor local rules as are necessary to appropriate skill level of player members. Such rules shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc.

SECTION 4

Secretary. The Secretary shall:

(a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the 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 Director;

(c) Maintain a list of all Regular Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the League, the Board of Directors and Committees;

(d) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose;

(e) 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;

(f) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment;

(g) Assist Player Agent during registration process;

(h) Prepare, with the assistance of the Player Agent, for the President's signature and submission to Little League headquarters the team rosters, including player's claims and the tournament team eligibility affidavit; and

(i) Assist the Player Agent in the presentation of appropriate tryout lists for the league.

(n) Serve for a period of two years and if having been elected and not able to serve the second part of the term to then advise the board as soon as possible so that a replacement can be elected to fulfill the remaining portion of the term.

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 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 should be made by check and 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 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; and

(f) Prepare a monthly treasurer's report for each regular meeting.

SECTION 6

Player Agent(s): The Player Agent(s) 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; and

(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 children 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; and

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.

(c) Perform duties as are herein specifically set forth and other such duties as are customarily relative to the office of Safety Officer and relative to the safety and welfare of all members of the League;

(d) Inspect fields prior to season to determine if safe, proper and customary conditions exist and determine safety and playability of such;

(e) Monitor fields and safety guidelines to maintain safe conditions;

(f) Notify and advise the Board of Directors of any unsafe or unplayable conditions and make such recommendations for correction;

(g) Investigate injuries and accidents, inform Little League Baseball, Inc. of such, collect necessary documents including itemized bills for treatment, explanation of benefits from appropriate health care providers, fill-out insurance claim forms and submit to Little League Baseball, Inc. accident division.

SECTION 8

Umpire-in-Chief: The Umpire-in-Chief shall:

(a) Perform all duties as herein specifically set forth and such other duties as are customarily relative to the office of Umpiring as detailed in Regulation 9.00 – The Umpire;

(b) Determine eligibility of umpires;

(c) Provide information and training sessions, where necessary, to maintain integrity and efficiency of umpires;

(d) Monitor and supervise umpires on a continual and regular basis;

(e) Advise the Board of Directors of all irregularities related to such; and

(f) Inspect field and weather conditions during games in accordance with Little League safety regulations; and

(g) A Board Member (Officer-of-the-Day) and the Umpire shall make the decision regarding field conditions pursuant to safety regulations.

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, two of whom shall be the President and Secretary of the League.

SECTION 2

The Executive Committee shall advise with and assist the Officers of the 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 1

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

SECTION 4

Building and Property Committee (may be combined with Grounds Committee). The Board of Directors may appoint a Building and Property Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular 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. It shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects.

SECTION 5

Grounds Committee (may be combined with Building and Property Committee). The Board of Directors may appoint a Grounds Committee which shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing fields, buildings and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.

SECTION 6

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. 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 7

Managers Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. 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 League. It shall, at the request of the President and/or Board of Directors, investigate complaints concerning managers and coaches and make a report thereof to the President and/or Board of Directors as the case may be.

SECTION 8

Umpire Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The 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 League President, assisted by the Chief Umpire who shall train, observe and schedule the staff.

SECTION 9

District Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a District Committee consisting of the League President as chairman 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 10

Auxiliary Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint an Auxiliary Committee consisting of the 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 11

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 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 and/or Membership, secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review.

ARTICLE X – AFFILIATION

SECTION 1

Charter. The 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 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, Incorporation, Williamsport, Pennsylvania shall be binding on this League.

SECTION 3

Local Rules, Ground Rules and/or By-Laws. The local rules, ground rules and/or by-laws of this League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one (1) 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 and ground rules of this 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 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 League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the League.

SECTION 3

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

SECTION 4

Disbursement of Funds. The Board shall not permit the disbursement of 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 League Treasurer and such other officer and/or officers or person and/or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 5

Compensation. No Director, Officer or Member of the League shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from the League for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member.

SECTION 6

Deposits. All monies received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the League at a Federally Insured banking institution to be decided by the Board.

SECTION 7

Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30. (Note: The above fiscal year must be chosen if the League intends to qualify under the Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Group Tax ID Number).

SECTION 8

Distribution of Property Upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of the 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 provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. Draft of all proposed amendment(s) shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated for approval before implementation.

This Constitution was approved by the Bloomfield Little League Membership on February 7 2017.

Steven J. Pekar, President's Name (Print)

President's Signature/Date _____

Little League ID No:

Federal ID No. (if available) _____

State ID No. (if available) _____

Make one (1) copy for the district Administrator and copies for the League. Send original to Regional Headquarters. This League's Constitution on file at Regional Headquarters (most recently-approved copy) is the official Constitution of this League.

Little League Baseball does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.