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East Jordan Little League

Constitution



 **Little
League**
Official Program

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Article I

Organization Name

This organization shall be known as East Jordan Little League and will be referred to as such or as EJLL, whichever is appropriate.

Article II

Objective

(A) The objective of the East Jordan Little League shall be to implant firmly in the boys and girls of this community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, to win or lose with courage and grace so that they may be better, stronger and happier youth and will grow to be good, clean, healthy adults both physically and morally.

(B) These objectives will be achieved by providing supervised competitive baseball/softball games. Those in charge will keep foremost in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens is most important. In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, East Jordan Little League shall operate exclusively as a nonprofit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and/or softball games. No part of the net earnings shall benefit any individual or be used in any substantial part to influence legislation or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Article III

Membership

SECTION 1

Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of the EJLL may apply to become a Member.

SECTION 2

There shall be the following classes of Members: volunteer

1. Regular Members ("Members") shall include: –

(A) Current year Managers, Coaches, Board Members, EJLL Officers, and any registered , who have completed a background check.

(B) One Parent or one Legal Guardian of each registered player. Parents or Guardians of multiple registered players are limited to a maximum of two memberships.

(C) Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a Regular Member upon approval by the Board and payment if applicable. Upon receipt of a written request to become a member, the Board of Directors shall vote upon the request at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

(D) All Members must annually complete the Little League Official Application, submit to a background check pursuant to Regulation I(8) and (9), and complete abuse awareness training pursuant to Regulation I(10) before the commencement of the season.

(E) The Secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting Members. Only Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. Each Member is entitled to one vote for electing board members.

Player Members – Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of East Jordan Little League.

SECTION 3 – Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of EJLL.

SECTION 4– Dues, if any, for Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. Dues for Members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with Little League Regulation XIII (c).

SECTION 5 – 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, suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers, coaches, and other volunteers when the conduct of such person is inconsistent with the values of Little League Baseball, Incorporated and is considered detrimental to the best interests of the players, Local League and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporated. The Member involved shall be notified of such a meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and be 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 in East Jordan Little League by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting.

(C) If membership dues are collected, Members who fail to pay their fixed dues may, by a two-thirds vote of the Board present at any duly constituted Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership. The Board of Directors will establish the number of days within which applicants have to pay membership dues as part of the annual Policies and Procedures which shall be voted on at the first Board meeting of each fiscal year.

Article IV

Board of Directors

SECTION 1

The management of the property and affairs of the East Jordan Little League shall be under the supervision of the President and the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

The Board of Directors shall consist of a minimum of seven and no more than fifteen members in good standing. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum: President, Vice President of Baseball, Vice President of Softball, Treasurer, Secretary, Safety Coordinator, and Umpire in Chief. Other positions created by the board will be filled by members at large. Any member of the Board of Directors may be eligible to serve in the same capacity in consecutive years

SECTION 3

If any vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled, for the balance of the absent Board Member's term of office, by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any duly constituted Board meeting or Special Board Meeting called for that purpose.

(B) At the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall elect from its own membership a President, Vice President of Baseball, Vice President of Softball, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Coordinator, and Umpire in Chief for membership to any standing committees. The aforementioned officers and committee members shall be elected for one (1) year terms, but may be eligible for re-election. The President shall not be eligible to manage a competitive team.

(C) All matters concerning the policy of East Jordan Little League shall be decided by a vote of the Board of Directors and no motion shall be carried without a favorable vote of a majority of those present at a duly constituted meeting.

Article V

Board Meetings

(A) A meeting of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in September of each year for the election of officers. Additional meetings may be called by the President at any time or by written request of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

(B) Notice of meetings shall be given five days in advance thereof to all members of the Board of Directors. The President may call a special meeting on a two days notice in case of an emergency.

(C) A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting and majority vote of those present shall govern.

(D) Parliamentary procedure shall govern the proceedings of all meetings.

(E) 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.

(F) Directors shall be allowed to hold a meeting by group chat.

SECTION 5

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 EJLL as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution or the Bylaws of East Jordan Little League.

Article VI Team Managers

Managers of competitive teams shall be annually selected and approved by the Board of Directors and shall be responsible for the selection of their teams and for their action on the field. Careful consideration shall be made in the selection of these managers to assure the East Jordan Little League of high caliber supervision.

Article VII

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1

Definition – A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league which is called in accordance with this Constitution. A minimum of one meeting per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required. General Membership Meetings may be held in-person and/or by other electronic means which allow for full participation by all Members.

SECTION 2

Notice of Meeting – Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be posted personally or electronically in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time, and purpose of the meeting. **SECTION 3**

Voting – Only Regular Members in good standing shall be entitled to attend, 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.

SECTION 4

Annual Meeting of the Members – The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held The Second Wednesday of September each year for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. **(A)** The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the EJLL a report from the President and Treasurer, or a majority of the Directors, showing:

1. An honest summary of the previous season for EJLL.
2. A general summary of funds received and expended by EJLL for the previous year and the amount of funds currently in possession of the EJLL.
4. The amount and nature of the property acquired.
5. The names of the persons who have been admitted to Membership in the Local League during the preceding year.

(B) This report shall be filed with the records of East Jordan Little League and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League International.

(C) The annual meeting for the election for the Board of Directors shall be held on the Second Wednesday of September.. The Board candidates receiving the most votes will be considered elected to the Board. Regular Members may only cast a number of votes equal to or less than the board positions available. In the event of a tie in the number of votes received by two or more Board candidates for unfilled Board seats, a run-off election, in which all Members may vote, will be held for the tied Board candidates.

(D) After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties. The Board's term of

office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section at the next annual meeting.

SECTION 7

Special General Membership Meetings – Special General Membership Meetings may be called through the year or as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VIII

AFFILIATION

SECTION 1

East Jordan 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. EJLL 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

The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated shall be binding on the Local League.

SECTION 3

The bylaws of EJLL shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting not less than one month before 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.

Article IX Financial Accounts

(A) The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the league and shall place all income in a common league treasury directing the expenditure of the same in such a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over the other as to equipment, uniforms, etc.

(B) The Board of Directors shall not permit the contributions of funds to individuals or teams and shall solicit the same for the common treasury of the league. The above regulation is to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the league.

(C) Checks drawn on the East Jordan Little League shall be drawn up by the treasurer and be signed by the treasurer and president. All items purchased by East Jordan Little League will be paid by check. No cash transactions will be allowed. All money collected will be deposited in a timely manner into the league treasury.

(D) The Board of Directors will have the power to form committees to attend to minor matters of the league. Such committees will consist of the President, a Vice President, and the attendee of each individual appointment. These committees will be allowed to purchase items deemed as necessities with a predetermined limit to expense i.e. \$1000 without the express vote from the remaining Board of Directors.

Article X

Standards of Play

(A) The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by the Little League Baseball International, 539 US Route 15 Hwy, PO Box 3485, Williamsport, PA 17701-0485, shall be binding on this league.

Article XI Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Local League program for any reason and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Regular Members may either direct the remaining property of the Local League to another chartered Little League program in good standing with Little League Baseball, Incorporated or may direct the funds to Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Article XII Amendment

The Constitution or any section thereof may be amended or repealed by two thirds vote of the Board of Directors present at any duly constituted meeting provided that written notice that such proposed changes over the signature of the secretary, shall be presented to each member at least five days prior to the meeting at which such proposed changes shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated for approval before a vote of the Membership is held.

This Constitution was approved by the East Jordan Little League Board of Directors on / /

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