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**WATERFORD LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Waterford Little League, hereinafter referred to as “Local League.”

**ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE**

**SECTION 1**

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

**SECTION 2**

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

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1**

**Eligibility.** Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of this Local League may apply to become a Member.

**SECTION 2**

**Classes.** There shall be the following classes of Members:

1. **Player Members.** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
2. **Regular Members.** Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a Regular Member upon election and payment of dues as hereinafter provided. Regular Members may be issued a card numbered in sequential order annually. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.

Note: Regular Members of the league automatically include all current Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires, Board Mem­bers, Officers of the Board and any other person who is recognized by the Board as a volunteer in the Local League, including those volunteers with the following titles: Team Parent, Concessions Coordinator, Field Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Picture Coordinator, Tournament Coordinator, Player Development Coordinator, Uniform Coordinator, Sponsor Coordinator, Special Events Coordinator and Umpire Coordinator.

1. **Honorary Members**. Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
2. As used hereinafter, the word “Member” shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

**SECTION 3**

**Other Affiliations.**

1. Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the Local League.
2. Regular Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/softball program.

**SECTION 4**

**Suspension or Termination.** Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors as follows:

1. 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 board members, managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League Baseball. The “Code of Conduct” for each member class shall outline the expectations of its respective members and serve as a guide to determine undesirable conduct and resulting consequences for said behavior. 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.
2. The Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player’s right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

**ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)**

**SECTION 1**

Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. (See Article XI, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league.) *Note: Dues for Regular Members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with Regulation XIII (c). If no dues for Regular Membership are collected, Section 2 below does not apply.*

**SECTION 2**

Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within twenty one (21) day(s) of application to become a member may, by majority vote of the Board present at a Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

**ARTICLE V - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1**

**Definition.** A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league (including Special General Membership Meetings, Section 7). A minimum of one per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required.

**SECTION 2**

**Notice of Meeting.** Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically or by mail to each Member at the last recorded address at least ten (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.

**SECTION 3**

**Quorum.** At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of one third (33.3 percent) of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

**SECTION 4**

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

**SECTION 5**

**Annual Meeting of the Members.** The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held the last Tuesday of September at 7 p.m. each year for the purpose of electing new Members, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

1. The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing:
2. The condition of the Local League, to be presented by the President or his/her designee;
3. A general summary of funds received and expended by the local league for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of the local league, and the name of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained;
4. The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League, where located, and where and how invested;
5. 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;
6. The names of the persons who have been admitted to regular membership in the Local League during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters.
7. Only those persons who are regular members in good standing thirty (30) days prior to an election shall be eligible to vote at said election.
8. 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).
9. After the Board of Directors is elected, the Board shall meet to elect the officers. After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties on \_\_October 1\_\_ . The Board’s term of office shall be one (1) year, except the President which shall be two (2) years, and will continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.
10. The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, one or more Treasurers, Secretary, one or more Player Agents and a Safety Officer.

**SECTION 6**

**Special General Membership Meetings.** Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of fifteen (15) Members, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than fourteen (14) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

**SECTION 7**

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

**ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 1**

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

**SECTION 2**

**Increase in number.** The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Member­ship Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members. 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 Regular Members present.

**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 the third Tuesday of every month .

1. The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of 3 Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
2. Notice of each Special Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least 5 days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director.
3. 5 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.
4. Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.

**SECTION 5**

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

**SECTION 6**

**Rules of Order for Board Meetings.** Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Board of Directors meetings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League.

**ARTICLE VII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD**

**SECTION 1**

**Appointments.** The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Board of Directors unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board.

**SECTION 2**

**President.** The President shall:

* 1. Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
  2. Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
  3. Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.
  4. Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to the Local League by that organization.
  5. Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.
  6. Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Execu­tive Committee as circumstances warrant.
  7. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
  8. 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.

**SECTION 3**

**Vice President.** The Vice President shall:

* 1. 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.
  2. Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

**SECTION 4**

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall:

* 1. Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
  2. Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
  3. Maintain a list of all Regular and Honorary Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and Committees.
  4. Issue membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors.
  5. 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.
  6. 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.
  7. Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.

**SECTION 5**

**Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:

* 1. 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.
  2. Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
  3. 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 therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors.
  4. Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
  5. Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Direc­tors at the Annual Meeting, and to Little League International.

**SECTION 6**

**Player Agent.** The Player Agent shall:

1. Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
2. Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility.
3. Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings in coordination with the League Directors and the Player Development Coordinator.
4. Prepare the Player Agent’s list.
5. Prepare for the President’s signature and submission to Little League International, team rosters, including players’ claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
6. Notify Little League International of any subsequent player replacements or trades.
7. Supervise and coordinate the transfer of players between league divisions, either up or down in age.

**SECTION 7**

**Safety Officer.** The Safety Officer shall:

* 1. Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for youngsters and all participants of Little League Baseball.
  2. Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting. NOTE: In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:

1. Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
2. Compliance - Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
3. Reporting - Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available.

**SECTION 8**

**Information Officer/Website Administrator**. The League Information Officer/Website Administrator shall:

* 1. Manage the league’s home page (site authorized by Little League International).
  2. Manage the online registration process and ensure that league rosters are maintained on the site.
  3. Assign administrative rights to league volunteers and teams.
  4. Ensure that league news and scores are updated on a regular basis.
  5. Collect, post and distribute important information on League activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities to Little League International, district, public, league members and media.
  6. Serve as 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 Baseball, Incorporated.

**SECTION 9**

**Equipment Director**. The Equipment Director shall:

1. Handle the upkeep and maintenance of all player equipment.
2. Prepare an equipment budget and present findings to the Board of Directors.
3. Handle purchasing of all equipment needs after board approval.
4. Coordinate the distribution and collection of all playing equipment at the beginning and end of each playing season.
5. Maintain an inventory of all playing equipment.

**SECTION 10**

**Baseball League Director.** The Baseball League Director shall:

1. Run and organize all Baseball Divisions within the Waterford Little League (Local League) including, but not limited to, the following;
   1. Review and select all baseball division coordinators for t-ball, minors, majors and juniors divisions respectively subject to final Board approval.
   2. Review and select all managers and coaches.
   3. Determine the system for the player evaluation and draft, compliant with Little League Rules & Regulations.
   4. Schedule the day(s), time(s) and location(s) for player evaluation(s).
   5. Coordinate with the Player Development Coordinator, Safety Officer and other applicable Local League members to organize a mandatory Coach’s Introductory Meeting: a preliminary meeting to discuss Little League and Local League rules & regulations, league expectations, safety requisites, mandatory Coach’s Clinic(s), etc.
   6. Coordinate with the Player Development Coordinator the schedule for one or more Player’s Clinics.
   7. If applicable, provide a budget for a Coach’s Clinic to the Board of Directors.
   8. Report scores and game highlights to the League Information Officer/Website Administrator on a timely basis.
   9. Obtain digital photographs of games and events from coaches for inclusion in communication materials.
   10. Coordinate with the League Information Officer/Website Administrator to generate an end-of-season evaluation form; this form will request suggestions and comments from managers/coaches, parents, umpires and other relevant sources.
   11. Provide a Summary/Recommendation Report for the Baseball League to the Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League.

**SECTION 12**

**Softball League Director.** The Softball League Director shall:

1. Run and organize all Softball Divisions within the Waterford Little League (Local League) including, but not limited to, the following;
   1. Review and select all softball associates for minors, majors and seniors division respectively subject to final Board approval.
   2. Review and select all managers and coaches.
   3. Determine the system for the player evaluation and draft, compliant with Little League Rules & Regulations.
   4. Schedule the day(s), time(s) and location(s) for player evaluation(s).
   5. Coordinate with the Player Development Coordinator, Safety Officer and other applicable Local League members to organize a mandatory Coach’s Introductory Meeting: a preliminary meeting to discuss Little League and Local League rules & regulations, league expectations, safety requisites, mandatory Coach’s Clinic(s), etc.
   6. Coordinate with the Player Development Coordinator the schedule for one or more Player’s Clinics.
   7. If applicable, provide a budget for a Coach’s Clinic to the Board of Directors.
   8. Report scores and game highlights to the League Information Officer/Website Administrator on a timely basis.
   9. Obtain digital photographs of games and events from coaches for inclusion in communication materials.
   10. Coordinate with the League Information Officer/Website Administrator to generate an end-of-season evaluation form; this form will request suggestions and comments from managers/coaches, parents, umpires and other relevant sources.
   11. Provide a Summary/Recommendation Report for the Softball League to the Board of Directors prior to the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League.

**SECTION 13**

**Chief of Umpires**. The Chief of Umpires shall:

1. Actively recruit and/or confirm umpires for the upcoming season.
2. Coordinate with the Safety Officer to schedule all umpire training clinics, seminars, etc.
3. Organizes and directs all training clinics, seminars, etc.
4. Ensure that all umpires have rule books, ball/strike counters, proper uniforms and protective gear, as necessary.
5. Ensure that the umpire group is knowledgeable of the Little League Rules & Regulations (both national and local).
6. Work with the Scheduling Director to present the schedule to the Umpire Coordinator(s) for the baseball and softball leagues.
7. Communicate with other leagues regarding Interleague schedules.
8. Ensure that a procedure is in place and practiced for cancellations and umpire notifications.
9. Work with the Treasurer to reimburse umpires for their services.
10. Address complaints and protests as necessary, bringing matters to the Board of Directors for resolution if necessary.
11. Monitor and distribute rule changes mandated by Little League International.

**SECTION 14**

**Fundraising Director.** The Fundraising Director shall:

1. Oversees all fundraising activities for the Local League.
2. Solicit and secure local sponsorships to support league operations.
3. Collect and review sponsorship and fundraising opportunities.
4. Organize and implement approved league fundraising activities.
5. Coordinates participation in fundraising activities.
6. Maintains records of monies secured through sponsorship and fundraising initiatives.

**SECTION 15**

**Scheduling Director.** The Scheduling Director shall:

1. Apply for field permits from the field authorities.
2. Determine the number of games and distribution among intra- and inter-league games to be played in each division.
3. Develop the master schedule, in coordination with the Chief of Umpires, for all practice fields and for all games to be played within the Waterford Little League.
4. Distribute the game and practice schedules for all divisions.
5. Reschedule games, including those requiring rescheduling due to inclement weather in coordination with the Chief of Umpires.
6. Work with the Information Officer/Website Administrator to publish the schedule and disseminate this information including rescheduled games.

**ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 1**

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

**SECTION 2**

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

**SECTION 3**

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

**ARTICLE IX - OTHER COMMITTEES**

**SECTION I**

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

**SECTION 2**

**Membership Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Membership Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall receive the names of prospective Honorary 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**

**Budget/Finance Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Budget/Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Local League including team sponsorships and fundraisers and submit recommendations. It shall work with the Treasurer to develop an annual budget.

**SECTION 4**

**Grounds and Property Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Grounds 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. The committee shall also be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s) and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.

**SECTION 5**

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

**SECTION 6**

**Managers Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective managers and coaches, including those for the Minor League teams and recommend acceptable candidates to the President, for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. It shall, during the playing season, observe the conduct of the managers and coaches and report its findings to the President of the Local League. It shall, at the request of the President or Board of Directors, investigate complaints concerning managers and coaches and make a report thereof to the President or Board of Directors as the case may be.

**SECTION 7**

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

**SECTION 8**

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

**SECTION 9**

**Protest Committee.** The Protest Committee shall consist of (3) Directors, the President, Chief of Umpires and Player Agent or Baseball League Director. The Protest committee shall be responsible to determine the proper application of the rules and other sanctions in the event of protest or other rule violation by managers, coaches, players or other affected parties.

**ARTICLE X – AFFILIATION**

**SECTION 1**

**Charter.** The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. The Local League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

**SECTION 2**

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

**SECTION 3**

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

**ARTICLE XI - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING**

**SECTION 1**

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

**SECTION 2**

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

**SECTION 3**

**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 Local League treasury.

**SECTION 4**

**Disbursement of Funds.** The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by check and shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer.

**SECTION 5**

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

**SECTION 6**

**Deposits.** All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in/at Chase Bank .

**SECTION 7**

**Fiscal year.** The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30 .

**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 direct the remaining property of the Local League to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in Article II of this Constitution, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

**ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval before implementation.

This Constitution was approved by the Waterford Little League Membership on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(date)*.

Steven Campbell

President’s Name (Print) President’s Signature Date

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