

ARTICLE I – NAME

TURLOCK NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 405-10-10

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This organization shall be known as the Turlock National Little League, hereinafter referred to as "Local League."

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1 – Mission Statement

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

1. 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/or 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

1. Eligibility:

- A. Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of this Local League may apply to become a Member.
- B. Any person sincerely interested in membership must have a currently signed Code of Conduct on file with the Local Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

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

A. **Player Member:** 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.

B. **Regular Member:** 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. To be a member in good standing means that said member has not been placed on probation or suspension during the fiscal year. Members not in good standing can appeal to the board for reinstatement. 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 listed below (Optional examples: Team Parent, Field Maintenance, District Administrator, Assistant Administrators, etc.)

C. **Honorary Members:** (Optional) 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.

D. **Sustaining Member:** (Optional) Any person, not a Regular Member, who makes a financial or other contribution to the Local League may by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, may become a Sustaining Member, but such person 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

1. **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 Local League.

B. Regular Members shall (should) not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/softball program.

SECTION 4

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

- B. 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. This will include 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, Incorporated. 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 in the case of a Player Member shall 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: 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).

SECTION 2

Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues by May 1st of the current Little League season shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership. Regular Members, who fail to pay their fixed dues by May 1st of the current season, shall be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership. This will be done by a majority vote of the Board present at a Board meeting.

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 via social media 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-fifth (20 percent) of the members (as defined in Article III – Membership) 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

Absentee Ballot: For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot attend at the Annual Meeting, or any 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

1. Annual Meeting of the Members: The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held the third Thursday of August at 7:00 pm each year for the purpose of electing 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. Nominations shall be taken at the June and July meeting by the Election Committee; nominations will be still taken from the floor at the Annual Membership meeting. Elections will take place in August and the new Board taking position in October.

- A. 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:
- (1) The condition of the Local League, to be presented by the President or his/her designee
 - (2) 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.;
 - (3) The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local 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 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 a report shall be forwarded to Little League International. A Membership list of all members 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.
- 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 not be less than seven (7) nor more than twenty-five (25). At the Annual Meeting, the members of the Board of Directors shall be elected with a minimum of 51% of the ballots cast.
- C. 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 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, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, (one or more) Player Agents, a Safety Officer,

and a Coaches Coordinator. The Board shall also include a minimum of one manager and one 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 or President at their discretion. Upon the written requested 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 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 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 major vote of all regular Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the election meeting.

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

1. **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 or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of three (3) Directors, and 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 or electronically each Director at least seven (7) days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded physical or electronic address of each Director.
- C. A majority of the 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.

SECTION 5

Duties and Powers: The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees, as it shall determine appropriate, 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 by the Board to fill a vacancy on the Board.

SECTION 2

Attendance: Members of the Board shall not miss more than three regularly scheduled board meetings. Upon three meeting being missed, it at the discretion of the remaining Board of Directors to decide if the Board member who has missed three or more meetings shall be removed. Section 5 of Article VI must be followed.

SECTION 3

President: The President shall:

- A. Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- B. Present a report of the condition of the Local 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 Local League.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. Investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to the Local 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. Represent the Local League at the District meetings, notify the Local League of what transpired, and will happen in the District

SECTION 4

Vice President: The Vice President 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 to so act. The Vice President shall have all the powers of that office when acting as the President.
- B. Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.
- C. Prepare and submit a budget for this office to the President.
- D. Be responsible for Opening Ceremonies, Web Master, Schedules for all levels, and work with the Safety Officer.
- E. Be responsible for scheduling all rainouts, ties and special games according the ground rules.

SECTION 5

Secretary: The Secretary shall:

- A. Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local 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 Directors.
- C. Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors, and Committees.
- D. Issue membership cards to Regular Members, if approved by the Board of Directors.
- E. 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.
- F. Conduct all correspondence that is not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes, and resolutions not otherwise committed. This shall include thank you notes for sponsors, signs and other donors.
- G. Notify Members, Directors, Officers, and committee members of their election or appointment.
- H. Prepare and submit a budget for this office to the President.

SECTION 6

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 Local 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 checks 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 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 Headquarters.
- F. Collect all outstanding monies, i.e.; payment plans, sponsors, returned checks, and other monies owing to the League.
- G. Shall check the P.O. Box for bills and other correspondence at least once per week.

SECTION 7

Player Agent: The Player Agent 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, including the All-Star Selection.
- D. Conduct the player election of All-Star players.
- E. Prepare the Player Agent's list for pool play at all levels. Administer the divisional player pool.
- F. Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters; team rosters, waivers of twelve-year-olds, Regulation II (d) and IV (h), the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- G. Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.
- H. Work with the managers on discipline of team members, and present such requests to the board.
- I. Verify that mandatory play and pitching rules are being applied to all players.
- J. Prepare and submit a budget for this office to the President.

SECTION 8

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 youngsters and all participants of Little League Baseball.
- B. Develop and implement the ASAP 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.
- C. Submit ASAP to both the District Administrator and Little League International by the due date.
- D. Prepare and submit a budget for this office to the President

SECTION 9

Coaching Coordinator: The coaching coordinator shall:

- A. Represent coaches/managers in league;
- B. Prepare and submit a budget for this office to the President. Present a coach/manager training budget to the board.
- C. Gain the support and funds necessary to implement and organize a league-wide training program;
- D. Order and distribute training materials to players, coaches and managers;

- E. Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary;
- F. Serve as the contact person for Little League Managers and coaches.
- G. At the Presidents directions contact managers and coaches.
- H. Help the President with assigning, selecting, and determining managers and coaches at all levels.

SECTION 10

League Information Officer:

- A. Set up and manage the league's official website (site authorized by Little League International);
- B. Set up online registration and ensure the leagues rosters are uploaded to Little League
- C. Assign online administrative rights to other local volunteers;
- D. Encourage creation of team web sites to managers, coaches, and parents;
- E. Ensure that league news and scores are updated online on a regular basis;
- F. Collect, post, and distribute important information on league activities including direct dissemination of fund-raising and sponsor activities to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the district, the public, league members, and the media.
- G. Serves as a primary contact person for Little League and Active Sports regarding optimizing use of the Internet for league administration and for distributing information to league members and to Little League Baseball, Incorporated.
- H. Prepare and submit a budget for this office to the President

SECTION 11

Fund-raising Manager shall:

- A. Organize and implement approved league fundraising activities
- B. Coordinates participation in fundraising activities
- C. Maintains records of monies secured through sponsorship and fundraising initiatives.
- D. Prepare and submit a budget for this office to the President

SECTION 12

Umpire Coordinator: The umpire coordinator shall:

- A. Represent the volunteer umpires in the Local League.
- B. Prepare and submit a budget for this office to the President.
- C. Train the volunteer umpires.
- D. Submit roster of umpires to the President for nomination and subsequent Board of Directors approval.
- E. Be responsible for providing an umpire or umpires at each scheduled game.
- F. Be responsible for scheduling managers to umpire games, both regular and post season.

SECTION 13

Fields and Maintenance Coordinator:

- A. Plan and coordinate ballpark improvements, maintenance, and long-term improvements in the preseason.
- B. Train managers/coaches/parents in field preparation for games.
- C. Prepare and submit a budget for this office to the President.
- D. Shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the Local League Ballpark and communicate with the City of Turlock regarding the Ballpark.

SECTION 14

Concession Manager.

- A. Maintains the operation of concession facilities
- B. Organizes the purchase of the concession products
- C. Responsible for the management of the concession sales at league events
- D. Schedules volunteers to work the concession related offers including coupons, discounts and bulk-purchasing opportunities
- E. Organizes tallies and keeps records of Concession Sales and purchases.

SECTION 15

Equipment and Uniforms Coordinator

- A. Responsible for purchasing and replacing needed equipment and safety supplies for all teams in the League
- B. Distribute all equipment to managers
- C. Collect all equipment (including keys) from managers at the end of season.
- D. Prepare a budget
- E. Order both regular season and All-Star Uniforms
- F. Distribute uniforms to coaches
- G. Maintain inventory of all equipment

SECTION 16

Members at Large: Members at Large shall:

- 1) Responsible for various committees, duties, and onetime events as the Board of Directors and/or President deem necessary. These can be, but not limited to:
 - A. Fundraising
 - B. Equipment and Uniforms
 - C. Concessions
 - D. Team Sponsor and Sign Sponsor procurement
 - E. League Information Officer
 - F. Coordination of Junior and Senior League

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 1

Nominating Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least (3) three 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 two (3) three 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 Local League including team sponsorships and submit recommendations.

It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games, if such collections are authorized by the Local League, and shall hand over said collections to the Treasurer immediately after each game.

SECTION 4

Building and Property Committee: (May be combined with the Grounds Committee) The Board of Directors may appoint a Building and Property Committee consisting at least 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 the Building and Property Committee) The Board of Directors may appoint a Grounds Committee consisting of at least three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members, which shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s), 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 an Equipment Committee consisting of at least one (1) Director and other appointed Regular Members, 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 at least 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 8

Umpire Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of at three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Local League President shall be chairperson 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 Umpire Coordinator who shall train, observe, and schedule the staff:

SECTION 9

Auxiliary Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint an Auxiliary Committee consisting of the Local League Treasurer and one (1) other Director 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 10

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 11

District Committee: The Board of Directors may appoint a District Committee consisting of the Local League President as chairperson and two (2) other Directors. The Committee shall assist the District Administrator in interleague district functions including the selection of members of the District Administrator's Advisory Committee and the selection of tournament sites and area tournament directors.

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. They 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. They 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 are 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. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and such other officer, officers, person, or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

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, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Turlock National Little League in a federally insured financial institution; West America Bank is the financial institution which Turlock National Little League does business with, and which the board determines serves the best interest of the Local League.

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 which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501- (c)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

SECTION 9

Board of Directors Policies: These policies shall guide and direct the Board of Directors in administration of the league.

1. **Prohibition of Board Members having a financial interest in Turlock National Little League;** It is the policy of the Board of Directors that members of the Board of Directors shall not have any direct or indirect financial interest in the assets, leases, business transactions or professional services of the agency. Exception to this policy shall only be granted by the Board of Directors. That exception shall be noted in the minutes of the Board meeting in which the exception is granted. If an exception is granted for, a member of the Board of Directors that Board member must abstain from any vote on any matter in which they have a financial interest.
2. **Board Member Honoraria and Expense Reimbursement;** It is the policy of the Board of Directors that members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any honoraria for their participation. Members of the Board of Directors may be reimbursed for expenses related to participating to the extent allowable by law. No Board member may make a purchase on behalf of the League without prior approval of the President of the Board of Directors or its Treasurer in accordance with the League's budget.
3. **Prohibition of Preferential Treatment of Board Members or Staff;** It is the policy of the Board of Directors that preferential treatment of member of the Board of Directors shall be prohibited in application for and receipt of League purchases or service contracts.
4. **Prohibition of Consideration for Purchases or Services provided to the Leagues;** It is the policy of the Board of Directors that there shall be no payment or other consideration made to any Board Member or League Volunteer for referring suppliers or service contractors to the League. Relatives or associates of members of the Board of Directors may be contracted by the League to provide a service or fill a purchase order for equipment or other items. In such cases, the related Board Member must abstain from any vote regarding the specific contract or purchase from the related party. The above referenced transactions must comply with the Section 9 (5), titled "Purchasing, and Competitive Bidding."
5. **Purchasing and Competitive Bidding;** It is the policy of the Board of Directors that the purchases of an individual item is more than \$1000.00 then the League shall obtain competitive pricing prior to purchase. IAs a standard practice bids should be awarded to the lowest, bidder, however; it will then be up to the Board to determine, which bid best fits the needs of the league. It the value of an item is \$1,000.00 or more the item must be listed on the League's Assets and depreciated according to generally accepted business practices.

The above policies were adopted by Turlock National Little League upon the advice of a non-profit attorney. It is to help Turlock National Little League Board of Directors to stay consistent from season to season.

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 Turlock National Little League Membership on the January 18, 2020.

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

Signed on the _____.

(Print President's Name): MICHELE HELWICK

Signature of President): _____
President of Turlock National Little League

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