

INDIANOLA LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INC.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – OBJECTIVES

Section 1. The objective of the Indianola Little League Baseball, Inc., will be to implant firmly in the boys and girls of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they will be well adjusted, stronger, and happier boys and girls and will grow up to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy men and women. The organization operates exclusively as a non-profit or educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball in accordance with Section 501(C)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. To achieve this objective, the Indianola Little League Baseball, Inc., will provide a supervised program of competitive baseball games under the rules and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All directors, officers and members shall bear in mind that the attainment is secondary, and the molding of future men and women is of prime importance.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERS

Section 1. Eligibility – Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objectives of this Local League may apply to become a member.

Section 2. Classes – There shall be the following classes of members.

- (a) Player Members. Any boy or girl meeting the requirements of Little League and Senior League Baseball who resides within the authorized boundaries of the Local League and shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
- (b) Regular Members. Any person actively interested in furthering the objective of the Local League may become a regular member upon election as herein after provided.

All officers, board members, committee members, managers, volunteer umpires and other elected or appointed officials must be active regular members in good standing.

- (c) As used herein after, the word “Member” shall mean a regular member unless otherwise stated.

Section 3. Other Affiliations – 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.

Section 4. Suspension or Termination – Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors.

- (a) The Board of Directors, by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League.

The member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given the opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

- (b) The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a player member, give notice to the coach of the team of which the boy or girl is a member. Said coach shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the boy or girl (and their parent(s)/guardian) before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such boy's or girl's right to future participation.
- (c) If a member of any class is charged with a crime against a minor by any County, State or Federal authority, the board of Directors shall immediately suspend that member pending the outcome of said charges.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the members of the Local League shall be held the second Sunday in September each year for the purpose of electing officers, directors, and members, receiving reports, approving the League's calendar for the upcoming year, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

Section 2. Meetings and Notice. Meetings shall be held as determined by the Board of Directors. Notice of each meeting of the members shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to each member at his/her last recorded address at least ten days in advance thereof setting for the place, time, and purpose of the meeting; or in lieu thereof, notice may be in such form as may be authorized by the members, from time to time, at a

regularly convened meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon written request of ten members, the President shall call a special meeting to consider a

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specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the members.

Section 4. Quorum. The presence in person of 50% + 1 of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Voting. Only regular members shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Local League. All reasonable efforts will be made to only obtain votes in person, with the impact of specific events such as the COVID 19 global pandemic, votes by phone or video conference (Zoom, Ring Central, etc.) will be allowed for the league to continue to conduct business.

Section .6. Rules or Order. The most recent version of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceeding of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the Constitution or By-Laws of the Local League.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Board and Number. The management of the property and affairs of the Local League shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be not less than ten (10) and not more than seventeen (17). The Directors shall upon election immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 2. Required Members. The Board membership shall include officers, including the player agent.

Section 3. Annual Election and Term of Office. At each annual meeting the members shall elect executive committee for the ensuing year. The newly elected executive committee shall determine the number of directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall determine the number of directors within 30 days after the meeting. The number so fixed, may be within the limits prescribed by the foregoing Section 1, be increased at any regular or special meeting of the members, and if the number is increased, the additional directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent meeting. All elections or directs shall be by majority vote of all Members present at the time of the meeting.

Section 4. Vacancies. Any board member absent 3 consecutive regularly scheduled meetings shall automatically dismiss themselves from the board except for

excused absence. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by majority vote of the remaining directors at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for this purpose.

Section 5. Duties and Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing and special committees as it shall determine and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

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The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the account of its meetings and the management of the Local League as it may deem proper.

The Board shall have the power of a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular or special 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 II Section 4.

The Board 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 the whole amount of real and personal property owned by it and where and how invested, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding, and the date of the report and manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated or expended during the year immediately preceding the date, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of residence of the persons who have been admitted to membership in the Local League during such year, which report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceeding of the annual meeting.

Section 6. Executive Committee Organization. The following positions shall be elected in accordance with Article IV. Section 3:

- President – Indianola Little League Baseball, Inc.
- Secretary – Indianola Little League Baseball, Inc.
- Treasurer – Indianola Little League Baseball, Inc.
- Two (2) Members-At-Large one of whom may be designated as the Vice President

The following positions shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors:

- Senior Division Commissioner
- Intermediate Division Commissioner
- Minor Division Commissioner
- Pee Wee Division Commissioner
- Tee Wee Division Commissioner

- Equipment Director
- Umpire Director
- Building and Grounds Director
- Scheduler
- Safety Officer
- Player Agent
- Sponsorship Director

The President with the approval of the Board of Directors may appoint any other position that is deemed necessary.

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ARTICLE V – STANDING COMMITTEES

The following standing committees shall be established.

Section 1. Little League Committee. On this committee will be the Senior Division, Intermediate Division, Minor Division, Pee Wee Division, and Tee Wee Division Commissioners, the Little League Player Agent, if any, and any other member that is deemed necessary.

This committee shall handle all operations of Little League including recruitment of Managers, tryouts, player draft, local rules, All-Star Selections and any other function that is necessary in running the Little League.

Section 2. Finance Committee. This committee shall be chaired by the Treasurer, Indianola Baseball, Inc. Other members will be appointed by the President with approval by the Board of Directors.

This committee shall direct all fund raising projects, handle all expenditures and prepare budgets and financial statements. They are to organize the selling of advertising for the outfield signs, team sponsors, etc.

Section 3. Building & Grounds Committee. The chairman and members of this committee shall be appointed by the President with approval by the Board of Directors.

This committee will be responsible for making needed repairs to buildings and grounds. Also, they are to organize work sessions as deemed necessary. This committee should also submit their needs to the Finance Committee before the budget is submitted.

Section 4. Uniforms & Equipment Committee. This committee shall be chaired by the Equipment Director. Other members will be appointed by the President with approval by the Board of Directors.

This committee shall be responsible for inventory of uniforms and equipment,

distribution and collection of uniforms and equipment and submitting needs to the Finance Committee before the budget is submitted.

Section 5. Concession Stand Committee. The chair of this committee and members shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

This committee will be responsible for finding volunteers to be in charge of the concession stand and the caretaker.

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ARTICLE VI – OTHER COMMITTEES

Section 1. Protest Committee. The President shall appoint a Protest Committee consisting of five (5) Directors. Said Committee shall be appointed ad hoc.

All protests must be immediately brought to the board member on duty, the umpires and opposing coach. The Board member on duty must report the protest to the President of Indianola Little League Baseball, Inc. within 24 hours.

The President of Indianola Little League Baseball, Inc. will attend all protest meetings. He will not be a member of the rules committee and will not be allowed to vote. His role at the meetings will be that of monitor.

Section 2. Nominating Committee. The President may appoint a Nominating Committee of from three (3) to five (5) Directors.

The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates and submit at the annual meeting a slate of candidates for the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICES, DUTIES AND POWERS

Section 1. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of President, Indianola Little League Baseball, Inc., Secretary, Treasurer, and two (2) Members-At-Large. These officers are elected at the annual meeting as described in Article IV. Section 3.

Section 2. President, Indianola Little League Baseball, Inc. The President shall be responsible for conducting the affairs of the Local League and for the executing the policies established by the Board of Directors. He/she shall present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting, and at such other time as he/she or the Board shall deem appropriate, he/she shall communicate to the Board of Directors such matters and make such suggestions as may, in his/her opinion, tend to promote the

welfare of the Local League.

He/she shall 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 conditions of charter issued the Local League by those organizations.

He/she preside at all meetings of the Members, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee.

The President, or such other officers as he/she may designate in writing, shall have the power to make and execute for and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases as may have received the prior approval of the Board.

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He/she shall investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.

He/she shall jointly with the Treasurer, prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.

He/she shall, with the assistance of the Player Agent(s), examine the application and supporting proof-of-age document of every player candidate and certify to his/her residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

Section 3. Vice-President. If a Vice President has been elected, in case of the absence or disability of the President, and provided he/she is authorized by the President or Board so to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors or by the President.

Section 4. Senior Division Commissioner. In the case of the absence or disability of the President and Vice-President, and provided he/she is authorized by the President or Board so to act, the Senior Division Commissioner shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors or by the President.

Section 5. Intermediate Division Commissioner. In case of absence of President and Senior Division Commissioner and provided he/she is authorized by the President or Board so to act the Intermediate Division Commissioner shall perform the duties of President as outlined in Article VIII. Section 2.

The Intermediate Division Commissioner shall chair the Little League Committee and perform duties as outlined in Article V. Section 1.

Section 6. Secretary, Indianola Baseball, Inc. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records. He/she shall perform such duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary of as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.

The Secretary shall maintain a list of all Regular Members, Directors and Committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and Committees.

The Secretary shall 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.

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The Secretary shall establish and publish the yearly League calendar to be approved by the full Board at the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.

The Secretary shall notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.

Section 7. Treasurer, Indianola Baseball, Inc. The Treasurer shall perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.

He/she shall receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall 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.

Under the direction of the President, he/she shall prepare an annual budget for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee as outlined in Article V. Section 2.

Section 8. Player Agent or Agents. The Player Agent, if selected, shall record all player transactions and maintain an up-to-date record thereof.

He/she shall conduct the player auction or draft and all other player transactions or selection meetings.

He/she shall prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.

He/she shall prepare the Player Agent's list.

He/she shall notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements.

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Section 9. Safety Officer. The Safety Officer coordinates all safety activities, including supervision of ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program), ensures safety and player training, ensures safe playing conditions, coordinates reporting and prevention of injuries, solicits suggestions for making conditions safer and reports suggestions to Little League International through the ASAP system.

ARTICLE VIII – MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES

Section 1. Team Coaches. Team coaches shall be appointed annually by the League Directors with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Umpires. Umpires shall be appointed by a Board Member, who shall be responsible for their assignments and for their actions on the field.

Section 3. No Division Commissioners shall coach teams in the respective divisions.

ARTICLE IX – AFFILIATION

Section 1. Charter. The Local League shall annually apply for a Charter form Little League Baseball, Inc. and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charters.

The Local League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such

charters 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 by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League, with the exception of written documented Local League rules, provided they do not contradict or conflict with Little League rules.

Section 3 . Local League Rules. The local rules 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.

ARTICLE X – FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it shall place all income in a common league treasury, directing the expenditures of same in such a manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

Section 2. The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit same for the common treasury of the Local League,

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thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the Local League.

Section 3. The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Indianola Baseball Little League, Inc. unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the Local League Treasury. All local league funds raised in the name of Indianola Little League Baseball are used solely to support the local Little League program.

Section 4. The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than the conduct of Indianola Baseball, Inc.

Section 5. 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. All monies received, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in a local bank and all disbursements shall be made by check or credit card. All checks shall be signed by the Local League Treasurer and/or President of Indianola Baseball, Inc.

Section 7. The Fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on the first day of October and shall end on the last day of September.

Section 8. Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall distribute the property of the Local League to such other organization maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which or maybe entitled to exemption under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

This constitution and by-laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by two-thirds of the Members present at any Board Meeting, provided notice of the proposed changes is included in the notice of such meeting.

ARTICLE XII – EFFECTIVE DATE

This constitution and by-laws will take effect immediately after passage of a quorum of members present.

APPROVED on October 11, 2020

The following Board Members voted YES – Justin Ewoldsen, McKinley Steig, Adam Loux, Bill Fox, Bryan Fox, Jon Young, Martin Guerts, Bob Dyer, Rick Orey, Craig Winjum

The following Board Members voted NO – None

The following Board Members were not present – John Kuebler, Bridget Middleswart