

SACO/MAREMONT LITTLE LEAGUE BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: THE NAME

This organization shall be known as the Saco/Maremont Little League (hereafter "League"), a chartered Little League of Little League International and a Maine non-profit corporation whose boundaries consist of the boundaries of the City of Saco, a duly established municipality in the State of Maine.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

A. Little League Baseball is a program of service to youth. It is intended to provide a healthy athletic experience and training in an atmosphere of respect for players, managers, umpires, and members of the community.

B. Little League is dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens, with the goal of enriching their lives by teaching teamwork and fair play.

C. These objectives will be achieved by providing supervised competitive athletic games and that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games is secondary to the objectives of the League.

ARTICLE III: PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

A. The purpose for which the League is formed is exclusively as provider of baseball as a program for children in the community, not organized for profit, as contemplated by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other successor provision. Any references herein to any provision of such Code shall be deemed to mean such provision as is now, or hereafter, existing, amended, supplemented or superseded as the case may be. The League shall have all the powers necessary to carry out the foregoing purposes and all of the powers of non-profit corporations organized under the laws of the State of Maine.

B. The League shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as a corporation which is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any successor provision, or as a corporation to which contributions are deductible under the internal revenue code of 1986, or any successor provision.

C. The League is not organized for pecuniary profit and shall not have any capital stock. No part of its net earnings or of its principal shall inure to the benefit of any officer or any other individual, partnership or corporation, but reimbursement for expenditures or the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered shall not be deemed to be a distribution of earnings or principal.

D. No substantial part of the activities of the League shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

E. No part of the net earnings of the League shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

F. In the event of dissolution of the League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the members shall direct the remaining property of the League to another federally incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IV: GOVERNMENT

A. There shall be the following classes of members:

1. Player members. Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the League shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the League.

2. Regular members. Any adult person who is the parent or guardian of a player member or elected as an Officer, Director, Committee member, manager, or coach shall be a regular member. All Officers, Directors, Committee Members, managers and coaches shall be regular members until the next annual meeting following their election, or unless earlier removed or replaced by the Board. Only regular members in good standing are eligible to vote at the annual meeting.

3. As used hereinafter, unless otherwise provided, the word “member” shall mean a regular member and the term “general membership” shall mean the body of regular members acting in accordance with these bylaws.

B. The government of the League shall be under the direct supervision of a Board of Directors. The general membership, at its annual meeting to be held in September of each year, shall determine the size of the full Board of Directors for the ensuing year, provided that the size of the Board must be sufficient so that manager representation shall not exceed a minority of the Board. (See Article VII(A) for managers who become Board members).

C. The general membership, at its annual meeting, shall elect the Board to consist of a President, a Vice President for the Majors division, a Vice-President for the Minors division, a Player Agent for the Majors division and a Player Agent for the Minors division, Development League Rep, Safety Officer(s), Treasurer, Secretary, Purchasing Rep, Umpire in Chief, Fund Raiser Rep(s), Field Maintenance Rep(s), Concession Rep(s), managers to be duly appointed and approved under Article VII, and such other officers and at-large Board Members as the general membership may elect on an annual basis consistent with Little League Rules. The number of

managers on the Board may not exceed a minority of the Board. Duly appointed Coaches who are not Board members may attend Board Meetings and participate in Board discussions, but shall not be entitled to vote.

If a vacancy occurs in the Board, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors at a regular Board meeting or any special Board meeting called for that purpose. This shall include the power to fill any open manager position(s) that have not been filled at the annual membership meeting.

D. Executive Committee.

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. The number of managers, including minor league representation, appointed to the Executive Committee shall not exceed a minority of the total Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee may be convened when, in the opinion of a majority of the President and Vice-Presidents, there is a significant issue for decision that involves a confidential or disciplinary matter, or a meeting of the full Board cannot reasonably be called to address an issue; or to conduct such other matters as delegated to it by the Board of Directors. Members of the Executive Committee may attend meetings telephonically or electronically. The Executive Committee shall have such other duties and powers as may be delegated to it from time to time by the Board.

3. At the 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.

4. The Board of Directors shall be notified within three (3) days of any meeting or action of the Executive Committee. Any five (5) Board members may request a meeting of the Board concerning any such action within seven (7) days of the notice for purposes of ratifying or vacating the action of the Executive Committee. In the absence of such a request, the action of the Executive Committee shall constitute action of the Board.

E. The Board of Directors of the League may, from time to time, establish such other committees as it deems necessary and may prescribe their duties and powers.

F. Each member of the Board of Directors will be allowed to cast a single vote in person, even if that member holds more than one position. Voting by proxy is not permitted.

G. All matters pertaining to the League shall be decided on by a vote of the Board of Directors and no motion shall be decided without a favorable vote from the majority of the members of the Board of Directors as set forth in Article VI(B). Notwithstanding the foregoing, actions to amend these bylaws shall be governed by Section XII(C)

H. The League shall consist of a Majors division to accommodate players age 10 through 12 , a Minors division to accommodate players age 8 to 10, a Development division to accommodate players age 6 to 9, with the actual age ranges for each division to be determined by

the Board from time to time. The Board may also establish other developmental, Major League, and Minor League teams on an annual basis consistent with Little League Rules.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES

A. Officers. Any person applying to be an officer shall submit his or her name to the President no less than seven (7) days prior to the annual meeting of the general membership. Any eligible person may also be nominated from the floor at the annual meeting. The names of officer candidates shall also be included in any electronic announcement of the meeting. The nomination may be considered only if there is a second by a regular member. After the conclusion of the annual meeting of the general membership, the Board may fill such vacant offices on the Board as may occur from time to time.

B. The Officers of the League shall have the following duties, together with such other duties and responsibilities as the Board may from time to time designate.

- a. The President shall:
 - i. Preside over all meetings and have general supervisory control over all matters pertaining to the welfare of the League.
 - ii. Appoint and be an exofficio- member¹ of all committees.
 - iii. Certify and be responsible for the eligibility of each candidate prior to the player selection.
 - iv. Be responsible for conducting special games under all rules, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball
 - v. Have authority to govern the League outlined in the Little League Operating Manual.

- b. The Vice President(s) shall:
 - i. Assist the president during a meeting and in the absence of the president shall assume the chair.
 - ii. Shall have operational responsibilities for the Minor and Major Leagues, respectively.

- c. The Treasurer shall :
 - i. Keep a correct account of the financial standing of the League.
 - ii. Receipt and account for all money received and/or disbursed by order of the League.
 - iii. Submit a typed financial report to the Board and Little League headquarters at the annual meeting.

- d. The Secretary shall:
 - i. Keep a complete and accurate account of all resolutions, motions, and general business transacted at League meetings.

¹ As an ex-officio member of a committee, the President has the same rights as other committee members, but is not obligated to attend meetings of the committee and is not counted in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present. (Robert's Rules of Order.)

- ii. Submit to Little League headquarters the names and addresses of all Board members and Managers/Coaches.
 - iii. Submit a copy of the schedule to the Little League headquarters before June 30th of each year.
 - iv. Handle all official correspondence to Little League headquarters.
 - v. Provide a typed copy of the minutes of the previous meeting to all Board members within ten (10) days after each meeting.
- e. The Player Agent shall:
 - i. Assist the President in establishing and maintaining the eligibility of player personnel, maintain complete records of trading and replacements, eligibility and team rosters.
 - ii. Establish League tryouts and draft procedures in accordance with plan "A" of the operating manual.
 - iii. Report to the Managers and Coaches the results of the allstar- votes.
 - iv. Notify all tryout candidates that are eligible for the divisions established in the League.
- f. The Umpire in Chief shall:
 - i. Appoint and schedule one or more umpires to officiate at each League game and all make up games.
 - ii. Report to the President any misconduct of any player/players, Managers/Coaches and spectators.
- g. The Concession Representative(s) shall:
 - i. Purchase competitive concession supplies.
 - ii. Organize work staff.
 - iii. Appoint/coordinate team parents.
 - iv. Be responsible for opening/closing the shack at the beginning and at the end of the year
- h. The Field Representative shall:
 - i. Mow the grass and cover the infield when necessary.
 - ii. Be responsible for the trash.
 - iii. Responsible for the cleanliness of the bathroom.
 - iv. Coordinate opening and closing of the field.
 - v. Be responsible for watering the grass.
- i. The Purchasing Agent shall:
 - i. Purchase baseball equipment at competitive prices.
 - ii. Inventory equipment and determine if it should be replaced (this will be done with the Manager or the Coach)
- j. The Safety Officer shall:
 - i. Enforce the safety codes of the Little League, which are printed in the Little League Operating Manual.

- k. The Minor League and Development Representatives shall:
 - i. Have operational responsibility for the respective leagues.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

A. A meeting of the general membership shall be conducted in September of each year for the purpose of electing Directors, receiving reports and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. All other meetings shall be set by the President as needed but no less than six (6) meetings on an annual basis.

The presence in person of fifteen (15) regular members in good standing shall constitute a quorum of the general membership.

B. The presence of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors in attendance shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, and a majority vote of those present shall govern, provided however, that any amendment of these Bylaws shall require a vote of a majority of the full Board. (See Article XII(C).)

C. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except when a conflict with these By-Laws occurs in which case the By-Laws shall apply.

D. Order of business:

1. Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting.
2. Reports of the Boards, Committees and action thereon.
3. Correspondence and action thereon.
4. Unfinished business.
5. New business.
6. Prepare agenda for next meeting.

ARTICLE VII: MANAGERS AND COACHES

A. At the-February board meeting, the regular members shall vote on manager candidates for the ensuing season. Any person applying to be a manager shall submit his or her name to the President no less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting. The names of manager candidates shall also be included in any electronic notice of the meeting. Any eligible person may also be nominated from the floor at the February meeting, or to fill such vacancies as may occur from time to time. Voting shall be by secret ballot.

B. Managers shall submit the names of coaches to the President for approval as provided in the Little League Operations Manual.

C. Any ejection of a manager, coach, player, or person from a game shall be reported to the Executive Committee for review and action, as appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII: CODE OF CONDUCT

A. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to suspend or remove any manager coach, or member of the Board whose conduct is considered detrimental to the best interests of the League.

B. Any misconduct on the part of a player must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors. The player, with parent or guardian, shall appear before the Executive Committee at such time as the Executive Committee can schedule a meeting. A player shall be eligible to play in League competition until any action is taken by the Executive Committee.

C. The Executive Committee shall have authority to impose such sanctions as are appropriate against any parent, guardian, player or regular member if that person's conduct is considered detrimental to the League, including, but not limited to, banning attendance at the fields or other League events. The decision of the Executive Committee is final unless appealed to the Board within seven (7) days of the decision.

D. The officers, directors, and regular members shall not engage in conduct that is intimidating, sexist, disparaging, or abusive toward any other person and language or behavior that violates this Code of Conduct may be subject to suspension or removal by a vote of the majority of the Board at a regularly scheduled or emergency meeting. The purpose of this provision is to encourage thoughtful, courteous discussion and to avoid the creation of a hostile environment within the operation of the League.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCIAL POLICY

A. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the League. It shall be the policy of the League to place all income in a common League treasury, directing the spending of same so not to favor any team or individual over the others as regards to equipment, etc.

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

C. The Board of Directors shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of the League unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the League treasury.

D. The Board of Directors shall not permit the disbursement of League funds for other than the conduct of League activities in accordance with the rules and policies of Little League Baseball, Inc.

ARTICLE X: RULES

A. The official Playing Rules of Little League Baseball Inc., Williamsport, PA., shall be binding in the League.

B. All League playing rules are established by the Board of Directors. These local rules shall be in writing and shall not be changed without Board approval.

C. Players shall be deemed eligible to play in their respective League by virtue of age and eligibility rules established by Little League.

D. At the October meeting, the Board shall establish the dates, times and places of the next season's registration and draft and shall prescribe the terms and conditions of the draft for the Minors and Majors and other league divisions.

E. Selection of All Star Managers and Coaches.

1. Any duly elected manager or coach may apply to manage an All Star team.
2. After consideration of the applications, duly elected members of the Board of Directors shall vote as to each All Star team and the person selected by majority vote shall be the manager.
3. The team Manager shall choose his coach or coaches from a pool of League coaches/managers who have expressed a desire to be considered for the position.

Upon election of the All Star managers the selection of players shall occur no more than 24 hours before the deadline for release of the names as set by Little League, except by vote of the Board.

F. All Star Teams and Selection of All Star players.

1. Subject to Little League Rules, the Board shall determine on or before the May Board Meeting each year, the number and age categories of All Star Teams to represent the League in that year. The Board shall also establish, on or before the May Board Meeting, the rules governing selection of eligible players to the various All Star Teams for that year.
2. The selection of All Stars shall be supervised by the League President, the Division Vice President, and the Division Player Agent, who shall not vote.

ARTICLE XI: DEVELOPMENTAL OR MINOR LEAGUE

A. Developmental and Minor League rules and regulations are published separately.

B. The purpose of these programs is to provide training and instruction for those candidates who by reason of age and other factors do not qualify for selection in the regular Little League.

C. This system is an integral part of the chartered Little League and is not a separate entity.

D. All eligible players must register for participation in the League.

E. No player or team may be deemed to be the property of, or under the jurisdiction or control of, a particular team in the local League.

F. The Board shall prescribe such procedures as necessary to select the teams each year.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

A. In the event any provision, article, section or subsection of these By-laws is deemed to be invalid, by virtue of a Little League headquarters decision, such invalidity shall not effect- the remaining provisions of the League's by-laws and any remaining articles, sections or subsections shall remain in full force and effect.

B. The By-Laws of this League shall not be changed or altered unless such amendments or addition is submitted in writing to the Board of Directors and subject to a vote at a regular or special meeting. The General Membership shall be notified by publication, electronic or written communication no less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting at which any amendments shall be submitted for reading and discussion. At this first meeting, a reading of the amendment and discussion shall occur, with a vote to occur at the next regular or special meeting. A by-law amendment shall be adopted only by a majority vote of the total members of the Board as elected under Article IV.

C. These By-laws shall be reviewed every three (3) years.

ARTICLE XIII: EFFECTIVE DATE

These By-laws are hereby adopted and shall be effective on

- Original Bylaws Adopted September 12, 2005.
- Amendments Adopted November 13, 2018.