

Somerset Area Little League By Laws (amended December 15, 2019)

Board of Directors

1. The government of the Somerset Area Little League shall be under the supervision of the Board of Directors – the Board consisting of thirteen (13) elected members.
2. The term of a board member will be three (3) years in length.
3. The board member year shall run from September through August.
4. Any person interested in filling any open Board of Directors position must apply in writing. The position will be filled by a majority vote.
5. January and August meeting dates will also be a membership meeting.
6. The membership meeting’s agenda shall be as follows: 1) Meeting called to order. 2) Reading of minutes from the last meeting. 3) Treasurer report. 4) Committee reports. 5) New business. 6) Old business. 7) Good of the Order. 8) Adjournment.
7. The Board of Director meeting format will be as follows: 1) Meeting called to order. 2) Reading of minutes from the last meeting. 3) Treasurer report. 4) Committee reports. 5) New business. 6) Old business. 7) Good of the Order. 8) Adjournment.
8. The Board of Directors will meet on a monthly basis, usually on the second Sunday of each month. Note: This date can be rescheduled if need be.
9. If a board member misses three (3) unexcused meetings in a calendar year, he/she shall be removed from the Board.
10. Every board member will be assigned at least one (1) job within the league. Said jobs are as follows:

President	Vice President	Treasurer
Secretary	Equipment Manager	Safety Director
Player Agent	Field Maintenance	Senior League Commissioner
Baseball Commissioner	Softball Commissioner	Coach Pitch / Tee Ball
Concessions Manager	Umpiring Coordinator	
11. The Treasurer will have authority to pay all outstanding bills that occur between meetings.
12. The purchase of equipment must be approved by the Board and purchased by the Equipment Manager.

The League

13. The umpires, players, managers, and coaches will recite the Little League Pledge before each Minor League, Major League, Little League and Junior League game.
14. All players, managers, and coaches from both teams shall line up at home plate immediately after the game to shake hands and congratulate each other.
15. Each team must have an approved manager and/or coach at the field prior to starting time.

16. The home team shall be responsible for the following game day activities. This shall be inclusive of but not limited to:
 - a) Supplying two (2) new approved game balls to the home plate umpire
 - b) Putting out the bases
 - c) Lining the field
 - d) Removing all tarps and blocks
 - e) Preparing the press box and score box
 - f) Providing an adult to operate the score board
 - g) After the game, putting the bases away
 - h) Raking and/or dragging the field
 - i) Repairing the pitching mound
 - j) Covering both home plate and the pitching mound with tarps and blocks
 - k) Unplugging and securing the press box
17. Unless approved by the league commissioner, starting times for all leagues shall be as follows:
 - Weekdays no earlier than 5 PM
 - Saturdays no earlier than 9 AM
 - Sundays no earlier than 12 PM (Noon)
18. Only managers, coaches and/or umpires approved by both managers will be allowed to umpire bases without exception. Each team will be assigned to umpire bases throughout the season. Failure to umpire your turn will result in the manager assigned to be suspended from their team's next game.
19. All games will be played at either Jacobs Field or Gibbs Stadium.
20. Teams may practice prior to the draft as long as roster players from the previous season are used. After the draft, only players will be permitted to participate in games or practices.

The Game

21. All rescheduled games take field priority over any practice times.
22. A game shall be forfeited if a team cannot be fielded within fifteen (15) minutes of the originally scheduled start time.
23. A game may be postponed if an official school event is scheduled that night and one or both teams cannot field nine (9) players due to said school event. This game will be scheduled for the next open available date.
24. If a game is postponed for bad weather or poor field conditions, said game will be scheduled for the next open available date.
25. If a game is started but suspended and cannot be completed, the managers of both teams may agree to continue the game at the next open date or the next time both teams play each other again.

Tournament Teams

26. The winning manager of the preceding year will have their choice of tournament teams available within that division. The Board of Directors will determine all other manager positions. Interested potential managers must submit a letter to the Board of Directors.

27. Each manager must indicate the number of players to be selected for the team prior to team selection.
28. The top vote receivers will be selected to the tournament team.
29. The tournament team may be selected from a tryout system plus regular season performance. Each manager and coach will be given a ballot to vote for each team selected.
30. The President and Player Agent (or other non-affiliated board member) will count all votes from each league. The Player Agent will notify each manager of the results and announce each team within the local newspaper.
31. If a non-sanctioned tournament team requests to use league equipment and/or facilities, they must ask the Board of Directors for permission.

Miscellaneous

32. Any person or organization who wishes to use league facilities must in writing:
 - a) Ask the Board of Directors for permission.
 - b) Supply proof of liability insurance.
 - c) Be responsible for any damage to league facilities or equipment.
 - d) Leave the field complex in the condition in which they found it.
 - e) Follow established rules and regulations.
33. No alcoholic beverages allowed.
34. No loitering after dark.
35. The Board of Directors must approve all home plate umpires each year.
36. Any rules or regulations that are knowingly violated will be subject to disciplinary action determined by the Board of Directors.
37. In any situation not defined herein, either the President's Handbook or Official Little League Rulebook will be followed.