

**JACKSON LITTLE LEAGUE, INC.**



**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I- NAME & CONTACT INFORMATION**

This organization shall be known as the Jackson Little League, Inc. of Jackson Township, hereinafter referred to as Jackson Little League. The official mailing address is PO Box 766, Jackson, NJ 08527, Electronic Mail address of [jacksonjlittleleague@jacksonlittleleague.com](mailto:jacksonjlittleleague@jacksonlittleleague.com), Website address of [www.jacksonlittleleague.com](http://www.jacksonlittleleague.com) and street addresses of Jackson Justice Complex, Jackson Drive, Jackson, NJ 08527 with telephone number of 732-806-0411.

**ARTICLE II- OBJECTIVE**

**SECTION 1:**

The objective of Jackson Little League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, character, courage and loyalty with a respect for authority. Jackson Little League strives to provide a positive experience in which all participants: have fun playing the game of baseball, feel like part of the team regardless of performance or skill level, learn life lessons that will aid them both on and off the field and will be given the opportunity to improve as a player. We are committed to developing a culture in which coaches, parents and players work together to achieve our mission.

**SECTION 2:**

To achieve this objective, the Jackson Little 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. The ideals of character, courage, loyalty and the molding of future citizens are of prime importance. According to Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Jackson Little League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of instructional and competitive baseball. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no activities of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**ARTICLE III- MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1 – ELIGIBILITY**

Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of the Jackson Little League may be a member.

**SECTION 2 – CLASSES**

There shall be the following classes of Members:

- (a) **Player Members:** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV and who resides within the authorized boundaries of Jackson Little League shall be eligible to compete for participation, but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of Jackson Little League. Player membership expires upon the completion of the current registration period, as determined by the Board of Directors.
  
- (b) **Regular Members:** Any person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Jackson Little League may become a regular member upon meeting the requirements of Jackson Little League. The Secretary or other appointee shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify regular members. All Officers, Board Members and other elected officials must be active Regular Members in good standing. As used hereinafter, the word member shall mean a regular member, unless otherwise stated.
  - (1) To become a regular member (which entitles a person to vote in elections and accept a nomination to run for elected office) a person must have attended six (6) general meetings in the board year (November 1st of the previous year to October 31st of the current year).
  - (2) Board Members may qualify as a regular member by meeting the requirements of (a) above OR (b) by faithfully completing their Board responsibilities AND attending a minimum combination of seven (7) general OR board meetings (November 1st of the previous year to October 31st of the current year). Board Members are subject to the requirements regarding “Absences” detailed in Article VI, Section 6 to be considered in “good standing”.
  
- (c) **Supporting Members:** Any person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Jackson Little League may become a supporting member upon nomination by and approval of the Board of Directors. Supporting members are the persons as deemed by the Board of Directors to possess the core Little League values of character, courage & loyalty and are qualified to serve as appointed volunteers in the event of a vacancy. The purpose of declaring a person a supporting member is to fill a position of need with the person best qualified. Supporting members do not obtain the right to vote.

**SECTION 3 – OTHER AFFILIATIONS:**

- (a) Members, whether regular, supporting or player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of Jackson Little League.
  
- (b) Regular & Supporting Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/ or operation of any other baseball program or team. This could result in disciplinary action as stated in section 4 below.

**SECTION 4 – SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION:**

Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors.

- (a) An Executive Board Member (defined as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) plus a minimum of three (3) Directors present at any duly constituted special meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class when the conduct of such a person is considered detrimental to the best interests of Jackson Little League and/or Little League Baseball.  
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. If after receiving notification, said member does not answer by letter or in person to the charges, said member shall be dealt with by the Board of Directors, as stated above.
- (b) The President, at his discretion & with the approval of one (1) Director, may suspend anyone, including but not limited to any player, coach, official, parent or fan for up to two (2) games, in such case of a minor infraction of the Jackson Little League Code of Conduct. Such actions do not preclude additional disciplinary action, as outlined. This action may be taken against an individual only once per season; subsequent violations must be referred to Board of Directors as outlined in (a) above.
- (c) The Board of Directors shall, in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before the Board of Directors, which shall have full power, to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

**ARTICLE IV – REGISTRATION**

**SECTION 1: PARTICIPATION FEE**

- (a) A reasonable Little League participation fee may be assessed as a parent's/guardian's obligation to assure the operational continuity of the Jackson Little League.
- (b) Jackson Little League may require participation by a parent or guardian and retain a work bond to ensure such participation.

**ARTICLE V – MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1 – GENERAL MEETINGS:**

General meetings of the members of the Jackson Little League shall be on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at a duly advertised location.

**SECTION 2 – ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING:**

The annual election meeting of the members of the Jackson Little League shall be held on the second Tuesday of October in each year for the purpose of electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports and the transaction of other business.

**SECTION 3 – NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING:**

Notice of the annual meeting shall be delivered by electronic mail or posted on the league website/social media site at least ten (10) days in advance with notification of the place and time.

**SECTION 4 – SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

Special meetings of the members may be called by the President or the Secretary, whenever any of them deems it advisable. The Secretary shall, at the request of five (5) Directors issue a call for a special meeting of the Board. This special meeting is to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting. At such special meeting no less than one member of the Executive Committee shall be present.

**SECTION 5 – QUORUM:**

The presence in person of more than half of the Board of Directors shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**SECTION 6 – ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**

N/A

**SECTION 7 – RULES OF ORDER:**

Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings except where same conflicts with the constitution and by-laws of the Jackson Little League. There will be a 2-minute time limit on all statements or responses to questions by any members or guests unless additional time is granted from the Board of Directors. Statement time is not transferable to another person.

**ARTICLE VI- BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SECTION 1 – BOARD AND NUMBER:**

The management of property and affairs of the Jackson Little League shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall not be less than seven (7) nor more than twenty-one (21). The Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

In the event the league expands to include a softball division the Board of Directors will be expanded by up to eight (8) members, as needed, whose duties will be to oversee that section of the program. Positions will include, but not be limited to, Softball – Vice President, Player Agent, Division Coordinators, Concession Manager and Assistant Treasurer, as determined and appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors by two-thirds majority vote.

**SECTION 2 – REQUIRED MEMBERS:**

The Board membership shall include all the Directors and should include a minimum of one manager and one volunteer umpire, to reflect the interests of the membership.

**SECTION 3 – ANNUAL ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE:**

At each annual meeting, the Members shall determine the Directors to be elected for the ensuing one-year term and shall elect such number of Directors. All elections of Directors shall be by majority vote of all members present. Members may vote for the number of candidates up to the number of positions to be filled. The Executive Board is comprised of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Only existing board members or prior board members, active within the previous five-year period, are eligible to be nominees for the above Executive Board positions.

**SECTION 4 – VACANCIES:**

If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, it may be filled by a nomination of the President and a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any Board of Directors meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose. Vacancies may be filled by regular or supporting members.

**SECTION 5 – MEETINGS, NOTICE AND QUORUM:**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual election on the 1st Tuesday of each month unless otherwise stated. More than one half (1/2) of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The only regular members who may participate in these meetings are those who present to the Board of Directors in writing the reason and nature of their business with the Board.

**SECTION 6 – ABSENCES:**

Any member of the Board of Directors who misses two (2) consecutive meetings or a total of five (5) in a board year shall be subject to removal from the Board unless:

- (a) He/she drafts a letter to the President of Jackson Little League to explain the absences, if attendance at the meeting following the consecutive absences is not possible.
- (b) He/she appears at the meeting following two (2) consecutive absences to explain the absences.

The Board of Directors maintains the right to remove any Board Member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings or five (5) in a board year, by secret, simple majority vote, if the Board deems the reason or reasons for the absences to be insufficient.

- (a) Voting privileges of said member is suspended until the Board votes on the individual's status as a Board Member.

(b) If removed from the Board, said person must wait 2 full calendar years to be eligible to become elected to the Board, assuming all other requirements for eligibility are met at that point in time.

**SECTION 7 – DUTIES AND POWERS:**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem necessary.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the Jackson Little League as it may deem proper, as long as they are within the rules and regulations of Little League, Inc.

The Board shall have the power by two-thirds vote of those present at any regular or special meeting to discipline, suspend or remove anyone of the Jackson Little League as it may deem proper.

Upon request, the Board of Directors shall present at the annual meeting of Members of Jackson Little 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, where located, and where and how invested, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding, the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated or expanded during the year immediately preceding such date, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made; and the names and place of residence of the persons who have been admitted to membership in the Jackson Little League during such year, which report shall be filed with the records of the League and an abstract thereof entered into the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters.

**SECTION 8 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

The following is a list of the Board of Directors of Jackson Little League, including Officers:

President	Umpire in Chief	Major League Player Agent
Vice-President	IT Director	Junior/Senior/Big League Player Agent
Secretary	Building/Grounds Director	Minor League Player Agent
Treasurer	Equipment Manager	Intermediate (50/70) Player Agent
Safety Director	Fund Raising Manager	AA Minor (Kid Pitch) Player Agent
	Concession Stand Manager	Pitching Machine Player Agent
		T-Ball Player Agent

**ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS: DUTIES AND POWERS**

**SECTION 1 – OFFICERS:**

The officers and Board of Directors shall be elected into office at the annual election meeting. They shall hold offices for their ensuing term or until their successors are duly elected. They shall work together running Jackson Little League.

All members of the Board of Directors are the leaders of Jackson Little League and are expected to set the highest example of character, courage and loyalty in executing their duties and responsibilities. The Jackson Little League program is a year-round program and as such it requires consistent dedication by its leadership.

All Board of Directors must actively contribute to all league activities and projects, including but not limited to registration dates, special events and fundraisers, try outs, annual picnic, International Tournament, Fall & Winter programs, in addition to those specific duties detailed below. The duties of the Officers and Directors are as follow:

**SECTION 2 – THE PRESIDENT SHALL:**

- (a) Conduct the affairs of Jackson Little League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Report on the condition of Jackson Little League at general meetings.
- (c) Communicate to the Board of Directors, such matters as deemed appropriate and make suggestions that may promote the welfare of the Jackson Little League.
- (d) Be responsible for the conduct of the Jackson Little League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules and regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of the charter issued the Jackson Little 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 Jackson Little 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 Jackson Little League and report thereon to the Board of Directors as circumstances warrant.
- (g) With assistance of the Treasurer, 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.

**SECTION 3 – THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL:**

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 by the Board of Directors or by the President.

**SECTION 4 – THE SECRETARY SHALL:**

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of Jackson Little League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- (b) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth. Along with 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 Members, Directors and committee members and give verbal notice of all meetings for Jackson Little League, the Board of Directors and Committees to said members.

- (d) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors and cause them to be recorded in a book or digital format kept for that purpose.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Notify Members, Directors, and Committee Members of their election or appointment.

**SECTION 5 – THE TREASURER SHALL:**

- (a) 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 by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Receive all monies and securities and deposit them in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the Jackson Little League, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks in agreement with policies established in advance of such action by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the January 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.

**SECTION 6 – THE PLAYER AGENT/COORDINATOR 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 checking residence and age eligibility.
- (c) Conduct the player auction or draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- (d) Prepare a Player Agent’s list.
- (e) Prepare for the President’s signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players claimed and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (f) Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.
- (g) Act as liaison between Manager, Coaches and Board of Directors in each division.
- (h) Supervise all functions, scheduling and operations of their designated division, under the supervision of the President and Board of Directors.
- (i) Develop a list of managers and coaches for teams in their division, to present to the President for appointment. This applies to spring, tournament and fall seasons.

**SECTION 7 – THE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF SHALL:**

Under the supervision of the President:

- (a) Be responsible for recruiting and qualifying umpires for the Jackson Little League.
- (b) Maintain a list of umpires and alternates for use by the Jackson Little League.
- (c) Act as liaison between umpires and the Board of Directors to handle specific problems regarding officiating of games.
- (d) Be a volunteer and may be required to umpire at least one (1) game per week, but at no time should he/she umpire in a division in which he manages or coaches.



- (e) Pursue a volunteer umpire system, however, together with the President, Treasurer and Umpire Coordinator, be responsible for the payment of umpires, when necessary.
- (f) Coordinate schedules of umpires and ensure the League that at least one (1) qualified umpire is present to officiate at each game.
- (g) Collect time slips, confirm umpires officiated games they submitted time slips for and submit to the treasurer for payment.
- (h) Assist in and promote the training of umpires and make notes of umpire performances

**SECTION 8 – THE EQUIPMENT MANAGER SHALL:**

Under the direction of the President:

- (a) Be responsible for the inventory, repair and replacement of the league equipment and uniforms.
- (b) Be responsible for the disbursement of team equipment and uniforms to team mangers and return of same at end of season.
- (c) Be authorized to purchase equipment and uniforms from local merchants with the consent of the President and Treasurer. However, any expenditure over the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) shall not be without the majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- (d) Act as liaison between Managers Coaches and Umpires and the Board of Directors regarding the need for additional equipment.

**SECTION 9 – THE FUNDRAISING MANAGER SHALL:**

- (a) Pursue ways and means to raise funds to help finance Jackson Little League, under the supervision of the President and Board of Directors.

**SECTION 10 – THE SAFETY DIRECTOR SHALL:**

- (a) Be knowledgeable of baseball safety and coordinate Jackson Little League’s ASAP Program under the supervision of the President and Board of Directors.
- (b) Is responsible for the preparation, review and submission of the annual ASAP Little League Safety Manual.
- (c) Will coordinate and record all safety issues and accidents, including written reports and claim forms and will promptly file such forms with the appropriate authorities.
- (d) SECTION 11 – THE BUILDING & GROUNDS DIRECTOR SHALL:
- (e) Be in touch with the local recreation department to make them aware of the needs and/ or repairs necessary at the playing fields for Jackson Little League under the supervision of the President and Board of Directors.
- (f) Coordinate the maintenance and repairs of all buildings, grounds, tools and equipment as needed.
- (g) Maintain an inventory list of all field equipment, tools (field, hand & power) & supplies.

**SECTION 11 – THE I.T. DIRECTOR SHALL:**

- (a) Handle all League administrative tasks including but not limited to data entry, player, coach and umpire files, volunteer forms, input of online scheduling and all other League documents deemed necessary.

**SECTION 11 – THE CONCESSION STAND MANGER SHALL:**

- (a) Be responsible for the log of daily sales and ensure deposits are made daily. Handle the ordering of and keeping inventory of products.
- (b) Schedule shifts and maintain the participation log.
- (c) Ensure concession stand and restrooms are cleaned and locked.
- (d) Maintain equipment and report any and all equipment not functioning properly. Recommend to the President for appointment and Board for approval Daily Managers to assist in these duties.
- (e) Maintain a list of all concession related equipment, materials & supplies.

**ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES**

**SECTION 1 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and three (3) Regular Members. The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates and submit at the August meeting a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. Nominations for Directors can be taken from the floor during the September general meeting. Once nominations are closed, at the end of the September general meeting, no other person can be added to the slate. Ballots may be developed and used during the election.

**ARTICLE IX – MANAGERS, COACHES AND UMPIRES**

**SECTION 1: APPOINTMENT & RESPONSIBILITIES**

Team Managers and Coaches shall be appointed annually by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. This applies to spring, tournament and fall seasons. Managers and Coaches do not have tenure. Managers shall be responsible for their teams and for their actions on the field. Regulation 1(b) Managers shall be held accountable for all their team’s equipment and property. The Manager may face dismissal if any equipment or property is not returned to Jackson Little League by a requested date. The Manager may be required to reimburse Jackson Little League for the replacement cost of any equipment or property not returned.

Umpires shall be appointed annually by the Umpire-in-Chief, with the approval of the Board of Directors. The Umpire-in-Chief shall be responsible for their assignments and their actions on the field. Regulation 1(b)

**SECTION 2: MANAGER LIMIT**

A Manager shall be allowed to manage only one (1) team in the same division in any given season.

**SECTION 3: EJECTION**

A Manager, Coach, Player or Spectator ejected by an Umpire shall serve a two (2) game suspension. The next two (2) games immediately following the ejection will be the two (2) games he/she is

suspended from. If a second offense occurs in the same season, the discipline shall be as stated in Article III- Section 4(a), (b), or (c)

**ARTICLE X – PARTICIPATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

Any child who meets the residency and age requirements as set forth below shall be eligible to participate in the Jackson Little League.

**SECTION 1: RESIDENCY**

Residency rules are adopted as cited in Official Regulations and Playing Rules, Little League Baseball, Inc., Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

**SECTION 2: AGE REQUIREMENTS**

Jackson Little League recognizes player ‘ages’ based on the current Little League International standard for ages and reserves the right to make adjustments within the confines of the rules of Little League International.

Based on registration numbers, volunteer capacity and the discretion of the Board of Directors, Jackson Little League will seek to offer the following divisions or some combination of the following divisions:

<b><u>DIVISION</u></b>	<b><u>MINIMUM AGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAXIMUM AGE</u></b>
Tee-Ball	4	6
Pitching Machine	6	7
AA Minor League	7	8
Minor League	9	11
Major League	10	12
Junior/Senior League	13	16
Big League	17	18

(a) Placement of a child in the Minor, Major, Intermediate (50/70) or Junior/Senior League Division is subject to the draft regulations.

**SECTION 3: LEAGUE FORMATION**

League formations are accomplished as follows:

- (a) Players are assigned to respective Tee-Ball Division teams by the Player Agent and the President of the League.
- (b) Players advance by reason of age from the Tee-Ball Division to the Pitching Machine Division and by reason of age from Pitching Machine Division to the AA/Minor League (Kid Pitch) Division. For the safety of all players, exceptions shall be made at the discretion of the Player Agent, Safety Director and President.
- (c) Minor, Major, and Intermediate (50/70) League Division players are assigned to respective teams by the draft and associated evaluation.

- (d) Players must attain the age requirements as determined by Jackson Little League and in conjunction with Little League International to be eligible to participate in the Minor, Major, Intermediate (50/70), Junior/Senior and Big League Divisions.
- (1) Said players must attend an evaluation on a date established by the Player Agent and the President of the League and will be drafted according to procedures established by the Player Agent. If a child makes the commitment to play and is drafted, that child is obligated to advance to that respective division and is subject to all drafting procedures of that division. Parents shall be so notified of this ruling at the time of registration.
- (2) Players with the League age of 8 may “try-up” for the Minor League Division by way of a mandatory appearance at the Minor League Division evaluation to be eligible for selection via the draft. Total number of open roster spots available to League age 8 players will be determined by the Minor League Player Agent and President.
- (3) Players with the League age of 10 may “try-up” for the Major League Division by way of a mandatory appearance at the Major League Division evaluation to be eligible for selection via the draft. Total number of open roster spots available to League age 10 players will be determined by the Major League Player Agent and President.
- (4) Players with the League age of 10 not drafted into the Major League Division return to the player pool of the Minor League Division for draft.
- (5) Players with the League age of 11 and 12 must be evaluated for the Major League Division.

## **ARTICLE XI – AFFILIATION**

### **SECTION 1 – CHARTER:**

The Jackson Little League shall apply annually for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter.

### **SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

The official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on the Jackson Little League.

### **SECTION 3 – LOCAL LEAGUE RULES:**

The local rules of the Jackson Little League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one (1) month before the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

## **ARTICLE XII – FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING**

### **SECTION 1: COMMON TREASURY**

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

## **SECTION 2: FAVORITISM**

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 Jackson Little League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of Jackson Little League.

## **SECTION 3: SOLICITATION OF FUNDS**

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

## **SECTION 4: DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

The Board of Directors shall not permit the disbursement of Jackson Little League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities according to the rules and policies of Little League baseball, Incorporated.

## **SECTION 5: COMPENSATION**

No Director, Officer or member of Jackson Little League shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary, compensation or emolument from Jackson Little League for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member.

## **SECTION 6: FEDERALLY INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION**

All monies received shall be promptly deposited, to the credit of Jackson Little League, with a Federally Insured Depository Institution and disbursements for debts, invoices and recurring bills shall be made by check, credit/debit card or electronic transfer. Such disbursements shall be made by the President, Treasurer or Officer as approved by the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 7: FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of Jackson Little League shall follow the tax year beginning on the 1st day of January and ending on the last day of December.

## **SECTION 8 – FRAUD PROVISION**

Any expenditure, falling outside the scope of the “annual operating budget” and exceeding \$500, made by any Director or Regular Member requires prior approval by 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 9 – DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY UPON DISSOLUTION:**

Upon dissolution of Jackson Little League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall distribute the property of Jackson Little League to another organization or organizations maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to

exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any further corresponding provision.

## **ARTICLE XIII- RECOGNITION**

### **SECTION 1 – TOURNAMENT ACHIEVEMENT:**

The Board of Directors may approve expenditures necessary to purchase signage to recognize tournament teams achieving the designation of first place or deemed the winner/champion of the following tournaments (tournaments shall be added, revised, or removed by majority vote of the Board of Directors):

8 year old “All Star” tournament

9 year old “All Star” tournament

10 year old “All Star” District, Sectional, State and/or Regional winners

11 year old “All Star” District, Sectional and/or State winners

12 year old “All Star” District, Sectional, State, Regional, National and/or International winners Mason Invitational Tournament (MIT) – Majors and Juniors Winners Intermediate (50/70) “All Star” District, Sectional, State, Regional, National and/or International winners Juniors “All Star” District, Sectional, State, Regional, National and/or International winners Seniors “All Star” District, Sectional, State, Regional, National and/or International winners Big League “All Star” District, Sectional, State, Regional, National and/or International winners

### **SECTION 2 – TOURNAMENT ACHIEVEMENT PAST STATE LEVEL:**

The Board of Directors may approve expenditures necessary to purchase larger signage for those teams advancing past the State level at each eligible age group, as defined in Article XIII, Section 1. Any larger signage will be purchased in place of and not in addition to signage referenced in Article XIII, Section 1. One sign will be purchased to recognize the accomplishment of any given tournament team per tournament year.

## **ARTICLE XIV- CATCH-ALL & AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION 1 – CATCH-ALL**

The Board of Directors have final decision on any point not specifically covered in these By- Laws and may vote to amendment, repeal, or add verbiage as detailed in Article XIII, Section 2 (below).

### **SECTION 2 – AMENDMENTS**

The Constitution and By-Laws 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. A draft of all proposed changes or amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval.

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