FALMOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

League ID Number: 2190602

ARTICLE I: NAME

The organization governed by this Constitution shall be known as Falmouth Little League, hereinafter referred to as "FLL."

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1
The objective of FLL shall be to positively impact the youth and community of Falmouth, Maine using the power of youth baseball, softball, and tee-ball to teach life lessons to build stronger individuals and communities. FLL shall endeavor to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens.

SECTION 2
To achieve this objective, FLL shall provide a supervised program of baseball, softball, and tee-ball consistent with the Rules and Regulations of Little League International (hereafter referred to as "LLI"). All FLL Directors, Officers and Members shall consider and incorporate the values of LLI: Teamwork, Community, Inclusion, Fun, and Integrity. The molding of future citizens is of prime importance and the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary. In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, FLL shall operate exclusively as a nonprofit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive games. No part of the net earnings shall benefit any individual or be used in any substantial part to influence legislation 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 FLL may apply to become a Member. The FLL Membership application is the Volunteer Application found on the Registration website. Those interested in becoming an Honorary Member should reach out to the Board..

SECTION 2. CLASSES.
There shall be the following classes of Members:

1. **Voting Members** ("Members") shall include the following:
    a. current year Managers and Coaches;
    b. the FLL Board of Directors; and
    c. any registered volunteer who has successfully passed a background check and Abuse Awareness training.
2. **Honorary Members**: 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. Honorary Members shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of FLL.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA.
Voting Members must annually complete the Volunteer Application (through FLL's registration website), submit to a background check pursuant to Regulation I(8) and (9), and complete abuse awareness training pursuant to Regulation I(10) before the commencement of the season.

SECTION 4. MEMBER ROLL.
The FLL Board shall maintain the roll of active Members. Only Voting Members in good standing who have completed a background check and Abuse Awareness Training are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. Each such Member is entitled to one vote.

SECTION 5. OTHER AFFILIATIONS.
Members shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of FLL. Members shall not be actively engaged in the organization, operation and/or leadership of any other baseball and/or softball program.

SECTION 6. DUES.
Dues, if any, for Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. Dues for Members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the FLL Board of Directors in accordance with Little League Regulation XIII (c).

SECTION 7. **SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION**.
Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors as follows:

(a) 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, including managers, coaches, and other volunteers when the conduct of such person is inconsistent with the values of LLI and is considered detrimental to the best interests of the players or FLL. The Member involved shall be notified of such a meeting in advance of the meeting, informed of the general nature of the complaint, and be given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to respond.

(b) If membership dues are collected, Members who fail to pay their fixed dues may, by a two-thirds vote of the Board present at any duly constituted Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership. The Board of Directors will establish the number of days within which applicants have to pay membership dues as part of the annual Policies and Procedures which shall be voted on at the first Board meeting of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY.
The management of the property and affairs of FLL shall be vested in the FLL Board of Directors (hereafter "Board of Directors").

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
The Board of Directors shall be comprised of no fewer than seven (7) Members and up to fifteen (15) Members in good standing. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of Directors and Officers, all of which shall have voting rights on the Board.

SECTION 3. DIRECTORS.
Members of the Board of Directors shall be referred to generally as "Directors." Each Director shall assume a specifically titled position outlined in the Constitution (Officer position) or By-Laws (Director position). The responsibilities of each Officer position are outlined in FLL's By-Laws. A Director may only serve as a Director-at-Large if all Officer positions are filled.

SECTION 4. ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
The Directors shall be voted in by FLL Membership at the General Membership Meeting in accordance with Article VII of this Constitution.

SECTION 5. PERMANENT OFFICER POSITIONS.
All Officers must be Directors who have been voted in by the FLL Membership pursuant to Article VII of this Constitution. The Officers shall include, at a minimum, the following positions: President, Vice President of Baseball, Vice President of Softball, Vice President of Tee-Ball, Treasurer, Secretary, and Safety Officer.

SECTION 6. ADDITIONAL OFFICERS.
The Board of Directors may establish additional Officer positions as it may deem necessary or desirable and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Such Officers shall be established on an annual basis and outlined in FLL's By-laws. Such Officers must be Directors. Additional Officers shall have voting rights on the FLL Board of Directors, as set forth in FLL's By-laws.

SECTION 7. OFFICER ELECTION.
The Officers will be voted into office by the Board of Directors by simple majority vote at a Board of Directors meeting following the annual General Membership Meeting.

SECTION 8. TERM.
The term of a Director or Officer shall be two years (commencing following vote at the Annual Meeting of the Members [discussed under Article VII, Section 6]). However, a Director or Officer may resign from the Board during the two year term. Additionally, a Director or Officer may be removed from the Board consistent with Article IV, Section 4. Sitting Directors or Officers may be re-elected at the conclusion of their two year term for either another two year term.

SECTION 9. DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND REMOVAL PROCESS.
Any Director or Officer may be subject to disciplinary action including but not limited to removal from the Board of Directors for any activity or conduct which is determined detrimental to the best interest of FLL and/or LLI. The procedure for such a disciplinary process is outlined in FLL's By-laws.

SECTION 10. VACANCIES.
If any vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors (by resignation or otherwise) it may be filled for the balance of the departing Director or Officer's term of office by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any duly constituted Board meeting or Special Board Meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 11. REGULAR MEETINGS.
(a) 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.

(b) The President or Secretary shall - at the request in writing of three (3) Directors - Issue the call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and only matters so stated in such notice may be acted upon at the Special meeting. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held in-person and/or by telephonic or electronic means and such means shall be clearly stated in any meeting notice.
(c) Notice of every Board meeting shall be given by the President or Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at a minimum five calendar day(s) before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded contact information of each Officer.
(c) At any meeting of the Board of Directors, the presence of one-third (33.3 %) of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of regular business. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.
(d) Only Directors and Officers 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.
(e) A simple majority vote of the Directors and Officers present during a duly constituted Board of Directors meeting is necessary to approve any action relating to the general business of FLL.
(f) No Director or Officer shall be allowed to vote by proxy at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 12. **STANDING COMMITTEES.**
The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and 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 FLL as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution or the Rules and Regulations of 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, Officer, Committee Member, or Member of FLL in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 5.

SECTION 13. RULES OF ORDER.
All FLL meetings will be facilitated by the League President in an orderly and consistent manner that provides ample opportunity for members' voices to be heard, discourse to be had, and decisions to be made. If at any point in time the meeting comes to a stalemate, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings, except where the same conflicts with this Constitution. Minutes of all meetings will be recorded and will accurately reflect the action(s) taken.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The FLL Board of Directors shall have the following Officer positions:

SECTION 2. Board Conduct and Confidentiality.

All matters discussed at FLL Board of Directors meetings and/or in e-mail or other correspondences amongst Directors regarding FLL matters and related issues shall be held in strict confidence.

SECTION 3. President. The President shall:
(a) Conduct the affairs of FLL and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
(b) Present a report of the condition of FLL 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 FLL.

(d) Be responsible for the conduct of FLL in strict conformity to the policies, principles, and Rules and Regulations of LLI, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to FLL by that organization.
(e) Investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to FLL and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
(f) Ensure FLL compliance with the requirements of the Little League Child Protection Program, and any Coach Certification Programs as required by the Town of Falmouth or delegate this responsibility to a designated Board Member.
(g) Complete the required background checks per Little League Regulation I (b) and I (c) 8 & 9; or delegate this responsibility to a designated Board member.
(h) Oversee the following activities, which are primarily delegated to Vice President of Baseball, Softball, and Tee-Ball:

(i) Regular Season Manager and Coach application, approval, and team assignment process.
(ii) Regular Season Evaluations and player draft.
(ii) Examine the application and support proof-of-age documents of every player candidate.
(ii) Certify the residence or school enrollment, and age eligibility before a player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
(iii) (iv) Ensure that all individuals who submit the Volunteer Application complete the Abuse Awareness Training as outlined in the Little League Child Protection Program and any Coach Certification Programs as required by the Town of Falmouth, or delegate this responsibility to a designated Board member.
(iv) All-Star Manager, Coach, and Player selection process.
(v) Implement and oversee the respective programs, postseason play, development, etc.

SECTION 4. Vice President of Baseball. The Vice President of Baseball 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. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
(b) Oversee the development and trajectory of the Baseball Program in its entirety for all age divisions including Seniors, Juniors, Majors, AAA, and AA Baseball, including player development programs, team or community building programs or opportunities, coach development, clinics, events, pre-season work, post-season work, Falmouth Schools integrations, etc.
(c) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.
(d) Record all Baseball player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
(e) Receive and review applications for Baseball player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence or school enrollment and age eligibility.
(f) Oversee Baseball Manager and Coach application, approval, and team assignment process.
(g) Examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every Baseball player candidate
(h) Certify the residence or school enrollment, and age eligibility before a Baseball player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
(i) Assist FLL President in completing the required background checks per Little League Regulation I (b) and I (c) 8 & 9; or delegate this responsibility to a designated Board member.
(j) Ensure that all Managers, Coaches or other Volunteers complete the Abuse Awareness Training as outlined in the Little League Child Protection Program and any Coach Certification Programs as required by the Town of Falmouth or FLL.
(k) Ensure FLL Baseball compliance with the requirements of the Little League Child Protection Program or delegate this responsibility to a designated Board Member.
(l) Oversee Baseball tryouts, player draft, and all other player transactions or selection meetings.

(m) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to LLI Baseball team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
(n) Notify LLI of any subsequent Baseball player replacements or trades.
(o) Oversee the regular season play of Baseball Seniors, Juniors, Majors, AAA, and AA Divisions, including the creation of game and practice schedules unless otherwise delegated, and maintaining an updated, live roster of players and volunteers..
(p) Oversee the selection process for Manager, Coaches, and Players in the Baseball All-Star Teams.
(q) Implement and Oversee any Rookies, Summer, Fall, or other postseason play or development.

SECTION 5. Vice President of Softball. The Vice President of Softball 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. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
(b) Oversee the development and trajectory of the Softball Program in its entirety for all age divisions including Seniors, Juniors, Majors, Minors, and AA Softball, including player development programs, team or community building programs or opportunities, coach development, clinics, events, pre-season work, post-season work, Falmouth Schools integrations, etc.
(c) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.
(d) Record all Softball player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
(e) Receive and review applications for Softball player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence or school enrollment and age eligibility.
(f) Oversee the Softball Manager and Coach application, approval, and team assignment process.
(g) Examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every Softball player candidate
(h) Certify the residence or school enrollment, and age eligibility before a Softball player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
(i) Assist FLL President in completing the required background checks per Little League Regulation I (b) and I (c) 8 & 9; or delegate this responsibility to a designated Board member.
(j) Ensure that all Managers, Coaches or other Volunteers complete the Abuse Awareness Training as outlined in the Little League Child Protection Program and any Coach Certification Programs as required by the Town of Falmouth or FLL.
(k) Ensure FLL Softball compliance with the requirements of the Little League Child Protection Program or delegate this responsibility to a designated Board Member.
(l) Oversee Softball tryouts, player draft, and all other player transactions or selection meetings.
(m) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to LLI Softball team rosters, including players claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
(n) Notify LLI of any subsequent Softball player replacements or trades.
(o) Oversee the regular season play of Softball Seniors, Juniors, Majors, Minors, and AA Divisions, including the creation of game and practice schedules unless otherwise delegated, and maintaining an updated, live roster of players and volunteers.
(p) Oversee the selection process for Manager, Coaches, and Players in the Softball All-Star Teams.
(q) Implement and Oversee any Rookies, Summer, Fall, or other postseason play or development.

SECTION 7. Secretary. The Secretary shall:
(a) Be responsible for recording the activities of FLL and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists, email 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 and Honorary Members, Directors and Committee Members and give notice of all meetings of FLL, the Board of Directors, and Committees.
(d) Maintain a current list of all Regular Members in good standing and determine the number of Regular Members needed to constitute a quorum.
(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 writing (online or in book format) and share the minutes with the Board via email after the conclusion of the meeting.
(f) Share meeting reminders, Agendas, and any other important information with the Board of Directors ahead of upcoming meetings.
(g) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with meetings.
(h) Be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
(i) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and Committee Members of their election or appointment. Provide each of these individuals with a written or electronic copy of the FLL Constitution.

SECTION 8. 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 the same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
(c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of FLL, 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 disbursements by check must have dual signatures.
(d) Prepare an annual budget for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
(e) Prepare an annual financial report for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, and to LLII.

SECTION 9. Safety Officer. The Safety Officer shall:
(a) Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safe environment for Players and all participants of FLL.
(b) Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting which may include:

1. Education – Facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians, and other volunteers.
2. Compliance – 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.
4. Background Checks - If FLL President so designates, the Safety Officer will complete the required background checks per Little League Regulation I(b) and I(c)(8) & (9).
5. Training – If the FLL President so designates, the Safety Officer shall ensure that all individuals who submit the Volunteer Application complete the Abuse Awareness Training per Little League Regulation I(c)10 and as outlined in the Little League Child Protection Program, and any Coach Certification Programs as required by the Town of Falmouth or FLL.

6. Child Protection Program – If FLL President so designates, the Safety Officer will ensure the league is compliant with all aspects of the Little League Child Protection Program.

(c) Oversee the acquisition and maintenance of FLL equipment and uniforms.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
(a) The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Officers, one of whom shall be the President of FLL.
(b) The Executive Committee shall advise and assist the Directors of FLL 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.
(c) At any meeting of the Executive Committee, a majority of the total number of Executive Committee 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.
(d) The Executive Committee shall not - except with express majority vote of the sitting Board of Directors - act as the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. OTHER COMMITTEES.
The Board of Directors may appoint such Committees as it may deem necessary or desirable and may prescribe the powers and duties of each Committee in Policies and Procedures. Committee Chairs and members of the Committees 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 to fill a vacancy on the Board. At least one Director of the Board must oversee any such Committee.

ARTICLE VII: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1. DEFINITION.
A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league which is called in accordance with this Constitution. A minimum of one meeting per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required. General Membership Meetings may be held in-person and/or by other electronic means which allow for full participation by all Members.

SECTION 2. NOTICE OF MEETING.
Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically, or by mail to each FLL Member at the last recorded address at least 10 calendar days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time, and purpose of the meeting.

SECTION 3. QUORUM.
At any General Membership Meeting, business will be conducted so long as a Quorum of Board of Directors is met. As stated above, the presence of one-third (33.3 %) of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4. VOTING.
Only Voting Members in good standing shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. The Board of Directors may invite, admit, and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings.

SECTION 5. APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Applications for the Board of Directors may be made up until two weeks hours prior to the start of the General Membership meeting. All applicants must express a willingness to complete a background check and necessary Abuse Awareness training in order to be placed on the ballot for vote at the General Membership meeting.

SECTION 6. ABSENTEE BALLOT.
For the express purpose of accommodating a Voting Member in good standing who cannot attend a General Membership Meeting at which new Board members will be elected, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of FLL. Such a request must be made to the Secretary one week prior to the start of the General Membership Meeting. The Secretary shall, in turn, provide an absentee ballot 24 hours prior to the start of the General Membership meeting. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed, and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman (appointed at the meeting by the Board of Directors) on the date of the meeting, prior to the voting portion of the election process.

SECTION 7. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS.
The Annual Meeting of the Members of FLL shall be held in November each year for the purpose of 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.

(a) The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of FLL a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or a majority of the Directors, showing:

1. The condition of FLL, to be presented by the President or his/her designee.
2. A general summary of funds received and expended by FLL for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of FLL, and the name of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained.
3. The whole amount of real and personal property owned by FLL, 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 Membership in FLL during the preceding year.

(b) This report shall be filed with the records of FLL and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League International.
(c) At the Annual Meeting, the Voting Members shall elect the Board of Directors by simple majority vote. If the total number of Board candidates exceeds the number of available Board positions, then those Board candidates receiving the most votes will be considered elected to the Board. Voting Members may only cast a number of votes equal to or less than the board position available. In the event of a tie in the number of votes received by two or more Board candidates for unfilled Board seats, a run-off election, in which all Voting Members may vote, will be held for the tied Board candidates.
(d) After the election, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties on the day immediately following the Annual Meeting. This shall include election of Officers The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section at an annual meeting.

SECTION 8. SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.
Special General Membership Meetings may be called by the Board of Directors, by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Additionally, upon the written request of a minimum of five (5) 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 Special General Membership 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) calendar days after the request is received by the President or Secretary. Any vote by the Regular Members at a meeting at which a quorum is present will be deemed the action of the Regular Members, except where the same conflicts with this Constitution. Minutes of all meetings will be kept and will accurately reflect the action(s) taken.

ARTICLE VIII: AFFILIATION

SECTION 1
FLL shall annually apply for a charter from LLI, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. FLL 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
The Regulations as published by LLI shall be binding on FLL. The Official Playing Rules as published by LLI shall be used by FLL Regular Season divisions, but may be modified by the respective VP based on Division need, the ability to promote a greater love of the game, and more time and ability to instruct and develop players.

SECTION 3
The local rules, operating procedures and/or bylaws of FLL shall be adopted, renewed, or amended by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month before the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules, Regulations and Policies of LLI nor shall they conflict with this Constitution. The local rules, operating procedures and/or bylaws of FLL shall be up for renewal or amendment at the end of each playing season and are not considered part of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1
FLL Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of FLL of an amount that exceeds $500 which are not already accounted for in the Annual Budget. The Board of Directors 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
FLL Board of Directors shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of FLL, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of FLL.

SECTION 3
The FLL Board of Directors shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of FLL unless all funds so raised be placed in FLL treasury. Exceptions may be made for programs, teams or events that might need to raise funds for a specific use, in which the Board of Directors has approved such an endeavor, and those providing the funds are aware of the specific use.

SECTION 4
The Board shall not permit the disbursement of FLL funds for other than the conduct of FLL activities in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by check, or league credit or debit card. All checks shall be signed by both FLL Treasurer and such other officers or officers, or person or persons, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 5
No Board member authorized to disburse funds may be the spouse or family relative of FLL President or Treasurer or have direct access to league funds without the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors with such vote recorded in the minutes. The use of a league credit or debit card is permitted, and the card is returned to the FLL President, Treasurer, or Chairman of the Audit Committee with receipt for all purchases made within three (3) days of the purchase date.

SECTION 6
No Director, Officer, or Member of FLL shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation, or payment from FLL for services rendered as Director, Officer, or Member.

SECTION 7
All monies received, including sponsorship and fundraising, shall be deposited into the financial account of FLL which must be a federally insured bank or other certified financial intuition as determined by the Board. The establishment of an FLL account or change of account must be noted in the board minutes.

SECTION 8
The fiscal year of FLL shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30.

SECTION 9
Upon dissolution of the FLL program for any reason and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Regular Members may either direct the remaining property of FLL to another chartered Little League program in good standing with LLI or may direct the funds to LLI.

ARTICLE X: PARTICIPATION FEE

A reasonable league participation fee may be assessed to assure the operational continuity of the FLL. The fee shall be considered to be the obligation of each player's parent or legal guardian. There will be an annual review of comparable area little leagues participation fees in order to adjust FLL's fees on a yearly basis. At no time shall the inability to pay any fee hinder the participation in any league program.

ARTICLE XI: LIMITATION OF PERSONAL LIABILITY

SECTION 1. LIMITATION OF PERSONAL LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS.
Officers and Directors of the FLL Board shall not be personally liable for monetary damages for any action taken, or failure to take any action relating to FLL, unless:

a. The Director has breached or failed to perform the duties of his or her office; and
b. The breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct, criminal conduct, or recklessness.

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the responsibility or liability of a director pursuant to any criminal statute; or (b) the liability of a director for the payment of taxes pursuant to local, state or federal law.

SECTION 2. INDEMNIFICATION.
FLL shall indemnify any natural person arising from liability relating to his or her service as its Officer or Director, except as stated in Section 7(1). FLL, through its Board of Directors, shall purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of each person who is a Director, Officer or Agent of FLL against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in such capacity.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may only be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors at a duly organized meeting, provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

This Constitution was approved by FLL Board of Directors on November 16, 2025.

Anthony DeRice
_____ **President's Name (Printed)**

Anthony R. DeRice
_____ **President's Signature**

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