

Hartsville Little League Constitution

ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the Hartsville Little League, hereinafter referred to as "Local League."

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

The objective of the Local League shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that 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, the Local 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, and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Local League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE III – BOARD MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Eligibility. Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of this Local League may apply to become a Board Member.

Immediate Family Member Exclusion – A child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of any sitting Board Member and any person sharing the household of a sitting Board Member, shall not be elected or eligible for nomination to the Board of Directors. Division Player Agents shall be exempt from this exclusion.

Term. Board Members are elected for a term of one (1) year. Board Member term shall begin upon the adjournment of the Annual Meeting as scheduled in ARTICLE V Section 6. Members elected to fill midterm vacancies shall serve the remaining term not to exceed the adjournment of the next Annual Meeting. Members desiring to hold a Board position for multiple or consecutive terms must be reelected annually.

Requirements of Persons Holding Official, Elected or Representative Positions:

Any person elected or nominated to any official position, voting or non-voting, must tender background-screening authorization to Hartsville Little League's President. Persons nominated to or holding official positions shall be unconditionally removed from their official position upon notification of unfavorable reporting results. Background authorizations shall be valid for a period of one year in which multiple background inquiries may be submitted at the discretion of Hartsville's President.

Regular Member: A team manager, team coach and parent or guardian of a registered youth participant whose dues (registration fees) are paid in full and have signed up and actively participated in the League. Regular Members are Non-Voting members and shall not be privy to Board meeting closed session discussions. Regular Members shall only have a vote at the Annual Meeting to decide the newly elected Board of Directors.

Honorary Members: (Optional). Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of the Board present at any duly held meeting of the League but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

Sustaining Members: (Optional). Any person not a Regular Member who makes financial or other contribution to the Local League may by a majority vote of the Board become a Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.

SECTION 2

Other Affiliations.

(a) Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the Local League.

(b) All members of the local Board of Directors, as well as managers and coaches, whose activities in another youth baseball/softball program that are deemed detrimental to the local league, can be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3

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 or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local 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 an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

(b) The Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)

SECTION 1

Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. (See Article X, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league.) *Note: Dues for Regular Members are separate from registration fees for Player*

Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors. If no dues for Regular Membership are collected, Section 2 below does not apply.

SECTION 2

Regular Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty (30) day(s) of application to become a member may, by majority vote of the Board present at a Board meeting, be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

ARTICLE V - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1

Definition. A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the membership of the league (including Special General Membership Meetings, Section 7). A minimum of one per year (Annual Meeting, see Section 6) is required.

SECTION 2

Notice of Meeting. Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically or by mail to each Member at the last recorded address at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. In lieu of the above methods, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Members, from time to time, at a regularly convened General Membership Meeting.

SECTION 3

Quorum. At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person is twenty (20) percent of the Hartsville Members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

SECTION 4

Voting. Regular Members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings. (Those eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article VI, Section 4.) Votes required to adopt a motion is by a fifty-one (51) percent vote.

SECTION 5

Absentee Ballot. For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Hartsville Member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the Annual Meeting, or any General Membership Meeting at which new Hartsville Board Members will be elected, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of the League. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the election. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman (appointed at the meeting) on the date of the meeting, prior to the voting portion of the election process.

SECTION 6

Annual Meeting of the Members. The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held On the Second Sunday of September at the Trousdale County Courthouse at 6:00 PM each year for the purpose of electing new Members, 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 current President, Vice President, and Secretary must be in attendance to constitute an Annual Meeting.

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

(1) The condition of the Local League, to be presented by the President or his/her designate;

(2) A general summary of funds received and expended by the local league for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of the local league, and the name of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained;

(3) The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League, 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 regular membership in the Local League during such year. This report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters.

(c) At the Annual Meeting, the general membership shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such Board Members. The number of Board Members elected shall be not less than six (6).

(d) After the Board is elected, the Board of Directors shall assume the performance of its duties immediately. The Board's term of office shall continue until its successors are elected and qualified under this section.

(e) The Board shall include, at a minimum, the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, and Safety Officer. The Board may also include a minimum of one volunteer umpire. Only volunteer umpires may be elected to the Board. The Board may also add additional Player Agents at their discretion.

SECTION 7

Special General Membership Meetings. Special General Membership Meetings of the Hartsville Board Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of ten (10) 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 meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than ten (10) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

SECTION 8

Rules of Order for General Membership Meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all General Membership Meetings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

Authority. The management of the property and affairs of the Local League shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2

Increase in number. The number of Board Members may only be increased at a meeting of the Board of Directors with a quorum in attendance. All elections of additional Board Members shall be by majority vote of all Sitting Board Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the election meeting.

SECTION 3

Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Board meeting or at any Special Board Meeting called for that purpose. In the event a vacant position cannot be filled within the guidelines set forth in "Article III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 1", a position may be filled by a seventy-five percent vote of the sitting Board present at any regular Board meeting or at any Special Board Meeting called for that purpose. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

SECTION 4

Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum. 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.

(a) The President, Vice President, or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of two (2) Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.

(b) Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally or electronically to each Director at least twenty-four (24) hours before the time appointed for the meeting.

(c) Fifty-one (51) percent of the Hartsville members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted. All Board Members may attend any Board or special called Board meeting.

(d) Only members of the Board of Directors 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.

SECTION 5

Duties and Powers. 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 the Local League as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution. 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 or Officer or Committee Member of the Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 3 (a & b).

SECTION 6

Rules of Order for Board Meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Board of Directors meetings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League.

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

SECTION 1

Appointments. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed officers or agents shall have no vote on actions taken by the Executive Board unless such individuals have been elected to the Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board.

SECTION 2

President. The President is responsible for presiding over all Board meetings. This is a non-vote position, however, in a deadlock vote; the President is the tiebreaker. The President is responsible for overseeing the everyday operations and duties as may be assigned by and approved by the Board of Directors.

Vice President. The Vice President is a voting position. The Vice President shall carries out such duties assigned by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.

Secretary. The Secretary is a voting position. The Secretary shall perform such duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by and approved by the Board of Directors.

Treasurer. The Treasurer is a voting position. The Treasurer shall perform such duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or duties as may be assigned by and approved by the Board of Directors.

Safety Officer. The Safety Officer is a voting position. The Safety shall perform such duties as are customarily incident to the Safety Officer or duties as may be assigned by and approved by the Board of Directors.

Members at Large (MAL). Member at Large positions are voting positions. Members at Large shall perform such duties as may be assigned by and approved by the Board of Directors. Members at Large may include: T-Ball Player Agent, Minor League Player Agent, Little League Player Agent, Senior League Player Agent, and Softball Player Agent.

ARTICLE VIII - OTHER COMMITTEES

SECTION I

Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint Committees consisting of at least one (1) Director and other appointed Regular Members to manage, coordinate and satisfied the general needs of the organization.

ARTICLE IX - AFFILIATION

SECTION 1

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

Rules and Regulations. The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League. Local rules may be adopted annually upon written approval of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

SECTION 3

Local Rules, Ground Rules and/or Bylaws. The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of this Local League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, nor shall they conflict with this Constitution.

ARTICLE X - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1

Authority. The Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it 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

Contributions. All tax-exempt donations will be used to pay for the specific projects they were identified for from the donator to either local league that requested such. In the case of a joint league project the granted money will be used solely for the purpose for which it was requested.

SECTION 3

Solicitations. The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the Local League treasury for use in the specific local league.

SECTION 4

Disbursement of Funds. The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All disbursements shall be made by check. The Local League President or Treasurer shall sign all checks and such other officer or officers or person or persons, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

SECTION 5

Compensation. No Director, Officer or Member of the Local League shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from the Local League for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member.

SECTION 6

Deposits. All monies received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in a General Operating Account at Trousdale Bank and Trust, 127 McMurry Blvd, Hartsville, Tennessee, 37074, 615-374-4133.

SECTION 7

Fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30.

SECTION 8

Distribution of Property upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of the Local League to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in Article II of this Constitution, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution 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. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval before implementation.

The Hartsville Little League Board approved this Constitution on April 9, 2009.

President's Name (Print) _____ President's Signature _____

Date _____

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Make one copy for the District Administrator and copies for the Local League. Send original to Regional Headquarters. This Local League's Constitution on file at Regional Headquarters (most recently-approved copy) is the official Constitution of this Local League. Little League Baseball does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.

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Date Submitted: _____

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