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FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION/BY-LAWS

Chapter 1

Franklin Little League Association

1. Organization

a) The Franklin Little League Association is organized under the regulations and rules of Little League Baseball, Incorporated (Little League Headquarters), but is an autonomous organization. The purpose for the association is to provide baseball and softball programs for youngsters. The Association consists of :

1. T-Ball (ages 5-6)
2. Machine/Coach Pitch Baseball (ages 7-11)
3. Minor League Baseball (ages 7-11)
4. Major League Baseball (ages 9-12)
5. Little League Softball (ages 9-12)
6. Senior League Softball (ages 13-16)
7. Junior/Senior Baseball (ages 13-16)

****The major/minor baseball program is broken into a 9-10 year old minor division and an 11-12 year old major division.

2. Association Boundary

The association boundary shall be those geographic areas within Venango County, Pennsylvania. This area encompasses an area of these municipals: City of Franklin, Barkeyville Borough, Clintonville Borough, Polk Borough, Sugarcreek Borough, Utica Township, Canal Township, Clinton Township, French Creek Township, Irwin Township, Mineral Township, Sandycreek Township, and Victory Township, as approved by Williamsport.

3. Player

- a) Players shall be selected from within the Association boundary. Any player selected from outside this boundary must be approved by Williamsport. The waiver shall be submitted to Williamsport after approval by the Board of Directors.
- b) League age of the player's is that age determined by Little League Baseball Incorporated.

4. Members

Eligibility – Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of this Association may apply to become a member.

- a) Regular Members – Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Association may become a Regular Member upon election and payment of a \$3.00 annual dues. These members, in order to retain their membership, must attend 50% of the monthly Board of Directors and Special meetings on an annual basis, and may not miss 3 consecutive meetings. The Secretary shall maintain the roll of Regular Members. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board of Director Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches and other elected officials must be active regular members in good standing. Regular Members of the Association automatically include all current managers, approved coaches, Board of Director Members, and Officers of the Board.

5. Board of Directors

- a) The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors (Board) elected by the membership using the democratic process. After the Board of Directors are elected by the Regular Members, the Board of Directors will elect Officers. Board of Director members (directors) shall include the officers and a minimum of one manager. The total number of managers from all 8 leagues elected to the Board shall not exceed a minority of the total directors. The board will consist of 12 voting members. At the Board's discretion, it may fill any non-officer vacancy at any time. The directors will be elected for a two year period. 50% of the Board of Directors will be elected in an odd number year end and 50% will be elected in an even number year end. Directors may succeed themselves an unlimited number of times if elected.

- b) The board shall administer the Franklin Little League Bylaws (bylaws) and be the final arbiter of any and all disputes concerning implementation and interpretation of the bylaws as well as any local applications of the Official Regulations and Playing Rules from Little League Headquarters.
- c) The board shall have the power to appoint such standing and special committees as it shall determine and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.
- d) The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the Association as it may deem proper. The Board may amend the bylaws. (see note 1.11.2)
- e) The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds vote of those present at any regular or special meeting to discipline, suspend, or remove any member, director, officer, or player of the association.

6. Officers

- a) Officers shall be elected by, accountable to, and serve on the board. The Board should seek officers from the elected directors. If, after trying, it is determined that there are no directors either willing to serve or capable of serving one or more of the offices, the Board shall elect officers from the membership.
- b) The officers include a president, vice presidents of jr./sr. league baseball and softball, vice presidents of little league baseball (minor:9-10 year olds and major:11-12 year olds), vice president of little league softball ages 9-12, vice president of machine/coach pitch baseball, a vice president of t-ball, a secretary, a treasurer, safety officer, player agent or any approved officer position as defined by Little League Baseball, Inc. It is deemed advisable to have a full complement of officers. However, the Board may decide to leave one or more offices vacant or combine officers if qualified personnel are not found to fill all offices. It shall be the Boards' responsibility to see that all officer duties are carried out.
- c) The officers are elected for a one year term, but may succeed themselves an unlimited number of times of times base on election. Should an elected officer resign, the newly elected officer will fulfill the remainder of that term.

1.6.1 President

- a) The president shall preside at Board meetings and at the organization meeting until a successor is duly selected.
- b) The president assumes full responsibility for the operation of the Association, is the officer with whom the Little League Headquarters maintains contact, and who represents the Association at the district.
- c) The president assumes full responsibility for the operation of the Association's affairs, both on and off the field.
- d) The president shall be responsible for knowing the regulations of Little League Baseball and the bylaws, and for briefing all Association on them.

1.6.2 Vice Presidents

- a) A vice president shall preside at meetings in the absence of the president.
- b) The vice presidents shall carry out such duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors which may include operation of their respective leagues.

1.6.3 Secretary

The secretary shall perform the following:

- a) Maintain a register of directors, officers, and officials
- b) Maintain a register of sponsors and a sponsor waiting list
- c) Communicate with organizations on the sponsor list and sponsor waiting list regarding sponsorship in the new season, and collect sponsor fees and deliver them to the treasurer
- d) Give notice of all regular and special board meetings and of organization and other general membership meetings
- e) Reserve the meeting place
- f) Take a roll of attendance of the directors at regular and special board meetings and team representatives at regular board meetings
- g) Record the minutes of regular and special board meetings and of organization and other general membership meetings

- h) Receive the financial reports from the treasurer
- i) Safeguard all association records
- j) Perform other duties delegated by the Board of Directors

1.6.4 Treasurer

The treasurer shall:

- a) Keep the association's financial books and records
- b) Sign checks co-signed by another authorized director or officer.
- c) Dispense association funds approved by the board
- d) Report on the status of association funds at each regular board meeting
- e) Make a full financial report at the organization meeting
- f) Prepare the budget
- g) Assume responsibility for all association finances
- h) Prepare the financial books and records which shall be submitted at the November Board meeting
- i) Establish, implement, and oversee a procedure for gathering and depositing of game collections from all leagues

1.6.5 Player Agent

- a) Player agents shall not manage, coach, or umpire in their respective leagues
- b) Conducts the registration of youngsters and collects registration fees and deliver them to the treasurer
- c) Assist the president check birth records and eligibility of players
- d) Conduct the tryouts and draft

- e) Maintain a roster for each team
- f) Inform Little League Headquarters of registration data according to the specific instructions from the Little League Headquarters
- g) Maintain a list of active minor league players who are eligible to fill vacancies on the little league teams and a list of youngsters who tried out for Jr./Sr. league but were not drafted (Player Agent's List), and make any of these lists available to any manager upon request
- h) Coordinate the transfer of players between leagues and fill vacancies on teams
- i) Conduct all star balloting
- j) Make regular reports to the Board of activities relative to paragraph b through I, including statistics, transfers, and vacancies

1.6.6 Safety Officer

- a) It is deemed desirable to appoint a safety officer who shall coordinate safety activities. The safety officer shall see to it that the field and playing conditions are made as safe as possible, that the safety of players is given first consideration, and supervise the administration of first aid training for adult volunteers working directly with the players.
- b) Regardless of the safety officer position, the primary responsibility for safeguarding the players belongs to the managers, assistants, umpires, and field managers.
- c) Make available at the concession stand and to managers, a form to be used by the managers for reporting any accident. The managers will make a report to the safety officer who will in turn report the accident to the VP of that league. The safety officer must report this to the insurance company and to the president of the league.
- d) Administer the accident insurance program and furnish the insurance carriers any such information as required to protect the association and to complete any claims relating to injuries to participants or damage to property.
- e) Responsible to obtain and keep all appropriate background clearances of any volunteer position as required by Little League Baseball, Inc. and this information must be kept confidential.
- f) Maintain the first aid supplies in good condition at all playing fields
- g) The safety officer will schedule all necessary trainings.

7. Appointed Officials

- a) Officials as deemed necessary are appointed by the president with the approval of the Board, and they are responsible to the president for the conduct of the association's affairs, both on and off the field
- b) Any volunteer official may also be a director, and , unless otherwise forbidden elsewhere by the bylaws, may also be an officer
- c) Officials are appointed for a one year term, but may succeed themselves an unlimited number of times if elected.
- d) These may or may not be a board position.

1.7.1 Managers, Head Coaches, and Coaches

a) Team managers shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the board. A request for managers and the application procedure shall be widely publicized. Every applicant must indicate their intent to manage. Managers returning from the previous year must inform the president in writing prior to the date of the announced appointments. All applications, including returning managers, must annually submit an application form provided by the association and approved by the Board. The Board must select managers who can be entrusted with young people; and may ask any applicant for relevant background information, such as but not limited to, current and previous residences, current and previous employment, experience with youth, character references, and a record or drug or child abuse.

The Board reserves the right to investigate, or to have investigated, any applicant or approved manager to determine their fitness to be entrusted with young people by using information provided on the application form or from other resources.

After being appointed manager, you will be required to obtain a completed application form from each coach and, submit to the Board of Directors a list of your coaches and the application forms for approval by the Board of Directors of the Association or their representative. The list must include: one head coach and any assistant coaches. Assistant coaches are considered to be any individual, including parents of team players in any capacity, both games and practices. This list and the coaches' applications must be submitted and approved prior to you allowing the individuals to assist you with coaching responsibilities. Managers not submitting the

appropriate information to the Board or allowing unapproved individuals to coach, may be suspended immediately from their position.

- c) Managers shall appoint one head coach and up to two coaches (head coaches and coaches shall be known as assistants) with the approval of the Board.
- d) Managers shall:
 - 1) Control their head coach, coaches, assistants, fans, and players
 - 2) Prevent the use of abusive language and taunts. Prevent possible damage to league equipment and facilities.
 - 3) Be responsible for policing the dugout and adjacent bleacher areas at the conclusion of the game.
 - 4) Only players, the manager, two assistants, and one adult score keeper are permitted in the dugout during official games. Other officials may enter for specific purposes. Managers shall assist the umpire to enforce this rule.
 - 5) Represent their team at Board meetings or appoint representatives from the assistants.
 - 6) Distribute and collect uniforms and equipment at the beginning and end of each season.
 - 7) Represent their team at tryouts and in the draft selection.
 - 8) Be responsible for the coordination of all Board approved fund raising activities for the team and account for and deliver all receipts to the fund raising chair person or treasurer as designated by the board.
 - 9) Submit in writing, a requisition for all additional equipment to the equipment manager.
 - 10) Be trained in first aid and see to the attendance by the assistants in any first aid classes scheduled by the association.
 - 11) Attend, whenever possible, minor league games and volunteer to help when appropriate.
 - 12) The home team manager is responsible for the collection after the third inning and deliver it to the designated person(s) as determined by the board.
 - 13) The visiting team manager will be responsible for raising and lowering the flag. The flag must also be put away in the concession stand or designated area.

- 14) Every manager must receive certification (valid for four (4) years from the Association prior to the start of the playing season as required by the Safety Plan. Any manager who is not certified by the cutoff date may petition the Board for additional time to meet the requirements and additional time may be granted if the manager shows good faith and provides good reasons why the certification was delayed. Any uncertified manager will be removed and replaced.

1.7.2 Head Umpires/Umpires

- a) A head umpire for each league shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the board.
- b) Head Umpires shall:
- 1) Appoint umpires with the approval of the Board
 - 2) Assign up to two umpires for each scheduled and makeup games
 - 3) Obtain funds from the treasurer and pay the umpires for their services on the agreed upon schedule.
- c) Umpires shall:
- 1) There will be up to two board approved umpires for each game. This rule does not apply to minor league. At least one umpire shall be designated the umpire-in-chief and the other field umpires. The umpire-in-chief should be the most experienced umpire. The umpire who starts the game as the umpire-in-chief shall remain the umpire-in-chief throughout the game unless replaced during the game. Any umpire must be older than the age group for the game that is being played.
 - 2) Maintain and enforce Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the by-laws, including the time limit rule set forth in the by-laws. Maintain sportsmanlike conduct on and about the field of play from managers, assistants, players, and spectators.
 - 3) Make final decisions relating to calling off games due to poor conditions on the field of play or due to approaching severe weather conditions.
 - 4) Must dress to the specifications of the Board of directors. Navy or blue umpire shirts and grey pants are acceptable. No cut-offs, gym shorts, etc.

5) The plate umpire must wear masks, shin guards, and a chest protector. Male umpires must wear protective cups.

1.7.4 Scorer

- a) The president may, with Board approval, appoint an official scorekeeper for little league and senior league games.
- b) Obtain a keeper of the score board for each game
- c) Announce each game.
- d) Furnish a write up or phone in game results to the News Herald and other communication media that requests game results
- e) Monitor the public address system and report any problems or operating failures with the system to the field manager
- f) Report any deficiencies in the score board facilities to the field manager
- g) Report any violation of the mandatory player rule to the umpire-in-chief
- h) Announce the time for the collections
- i) Distribute the game balls upon request to the umpire

1.7.5 Equipment Manager

Equipment managers shall, for their perspective leagues:

- a) Maintain an inventory list of all playing equipment and uniforms (equipment) and record the distribution and collection through the managers at the beginning and end of each season.
- b) Establish projected needs for equipment at the beginning of each season and present them to the board for approval.
- c) Receive written requests for additional equipment from the managers and make a judgment on the necessity of the request. If the manager and equipment manager cannot come to an agreement on the necessity of the requested equipment, the Board shall try to resolve the conflict.

- d) Recommend additional needs for equipment to the Board for approval as they develop throughout the season. All purchases must be approved by the board before the purchase is made. Due to extenuating circumstances, if in the judgment of the equipment manager, the purchase of routine items or that in which is necessary for the safety of participants cannot wait for a Board meeting, then the equipment manager solicits approval at the next regular Board meeting.
- e) Purchase equipment and record it on the inventory list, and deliver the invoices and receipts to the treasurer promptly. The equipment manager/managers are the only persons authorized to purchase equipment.
- f) Repair, recondition, or dispose of worn equipment which may include subcontracting certain repair work to persons skilled in said work.

1.7.6 Field Manager

Field managers shall:

- a) Maintain an inventory of all field equipment, tools, and supplies for the maintenance of fields, field lights, score boards, the public address system, and other essentials for the operation of facilities (Field equipment). The field manager for the little league field at Miller-Sibley complex shall also maintain a list of removable improvements made to the premises by the Association.
- b) Establish projected needs for field equipment at the beginning of each season and present them to the Board for approval.
- c) Recommend additional needs for field equipment to the Board for approval as they develop throughout the season. All purchases must be approved by the Board before the purchase is made. Due to extenuating circumstances, if in the judgment of the field manager, the purchase of routine items or that which is necessary for the safety of participants cannot wait for a Board meeting, then the field manager can authorize the purchase of the field equipment, providing the field manager solicits approval at the next regular Board meeting.
- d) Purchase field equipment and record it on the inventory list, and deliver the invoices and receipts to the treasurer promptly. The field managers or their designees are the only persons authorized to purchase field equipment.

- e) Repair, recondition, or dispose of worn field equipment which may include subcontracting certain repair work to persons skilled in said work.
- f) Schedule the fields for practices so that each team gets equal time for practice on the fields.
- g) Schedule and supervise work sessions on fields and take attendance as necessary.
- h) Schedule times when each team is responsible for field clean up and /or preparation for games and distribute a copy of the schedule to each manager.

1.7.7 Auxiliary

a) The auxiliary is a committee of volunteer workers whose primary purpose is to supplement the income of the Association by conducting fund raising projects. Other duties may be delegated by the president of the Board. The auxiliary is an integral part of the Association and is responsible to the president for the conduct of all of its affairs. Any association member may be an auxiliary member.

b) The auxiliary officers (chairmen, secretary, treasurer) are nominated by the auxiliary members and approved by the president and Board. The auxiliary chairman may appoint as many subcommittee chairmen as are necessary to operate efficiently.

c) Responsibility for planning the activities of the auxiliary rests with the auxiliary officers and members, subject to the approval of the president and the Board. An annual plan in detail can be presented for approval at the beginning of the year, or individual project plans can be presented prior to the start of each project. Special projects of an immediate nature must also be approved by the Board.

d) Solicitation of fund raising by youngsters in and out of uniform is prohibited, unless approved by the board of directors.

e) All funds raised by the auxiliary on behalf of the Association are the property of the Association and must be deposited in the Association treasury. The auxiliary treasurer shall keep an accounting to the auxiliary chairman and the Board. The accounting shall itemize the income of the league. Fiscal responsibility for all public funds solicited on behalf of the Association must remain with the Board.

1.7.8 Committees

The board may appoint committees or the president may appoint committees with the Board's approval. Several committees and their duties are suggested in Appendix A.

1.7.9 Supervisor of Managers

a) This is an optional position (not a board position) which may be filled at the president's discretion and approval by the Board, for the purpose of representing the president in the following matters:

- 1) To help resolve disputes between managers and parents, managers and managers, and the public
- 2) To arbitrate any disputes not involving a protest which may arise between a manager and an umpire
- 3) To supervise the actions and conduct of the managers and to enforce the Code of Conduct for managers as prescribed by the Little League Headquarters
- 4) To supervise compliance by the managers with the by-laws
- 5) To communicate complaints to the managers and, if necessary, sanctions, reprimands, or warning from the president of the Board
- 6) All references to the managers in items 1 through 5 also apply to head coaches and coaches
- 7) The supervisor of managers shall submit a written report to the president of any actions taken relative to items 1 through 5.
- 8) The supervisor of managers shall have the authority to temporarily suspend any party in alleged violation of the rules.

1.7.10 Protest Committee

a) The Protest Committee shall be composed of the president, vice president of the league involved in the protest, player agent, head umpires and all other directors who are not managers, coaches, or umpires except for the aforementioned umpires. A minimum of three must be present to constitute a meeting.

- b) The Protest Committee shall resolve all protests in a timely manner.

8. Meetings

1.8.1 Organization Meeting

The Organization meeting shall be held on the second Sunday of October. At this meeting, the members shall elect the Board of Directors, hear the financial report and review the Constitution/Bylaws. At any Organizational Meeting or General Membership Meeting, the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of 33.33% of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

1.8.2 Board Meetings

- a) Regular Board meetings shall be held on the second Sunday of October through September, except the Board shall have the power to reschedule a regular Board meeting to another Sunday in the same month if the second Sunday is a holiday.
- b) Special Board meetings may be called by the president or the Board when they are deemed necessary.

1.8.3 Notice of Meetings

Notice of any organizations or regular board meetings shall be made by the secretary placing a notice in the local newspaper in some format as well as the website. Notice of any special meeting shall be whatever means is deemed to be adequate, and this notice shall include the purpose of the meeting.

1.8.4 Agenda of Meetings

The president shall prepare an agenda for the organization and regular Board meetings. The agenda shall be available for review by any director at least twenty four hours prior to the meetings. The president shall have the latitude in the construction of the agenda.

1.8.5 Attendance

- a) The secretary shall keep attendance at every regular and special Board meeting of the directors. Directors shall be marked either present, excused absence, or unexcused absence. After two unexcused absences in a row, starting with the meeting at which the officer/director is elected, the officer/director may be removed from the Board at the end of the second meeting.
- b) The secretary shall keep attendance at every regular Board meeting of team representation. After two meetings in a row with no representation from a team, starting with the meeting at which the manager is approved, the manager shall be removed and replaced.

1.8.6 Conduct at Meetings

Unless otherwise specifically provided in the by-laws, the conduct of the meetings will be in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order. Unless specifically provided elsewhere under a particular section, a majority of directors in attendance, after a quorum has been established, will be sufficient for an official decision by the Board. A quorum shall be a majority of the directors.

1.8.7 Meeting Information

All relevant information concerning meetings will also be published on the website.

1.9 Sponsors

- a) Team sponsors for each new year will be first offered to all those who sponsored in the preceding year. In the event there is a need for new sponsors, they will be chosen from the sponsor waiting list which is kept by the secretary.
- b) The amount of the sponsor fee will be determined by the Board at the beginning of each season.
- c) The sponsor's name shall appear on the uniform of each player.

1.10 Budget

- a) It is deemed advisable for the Board to adopt a financial budget at the beginning of each year.

b) Without a budget, all purchases must be approved by the Board before the purchase is made. Due to extenuating circumstances, if the judgment of the authorized official the purchase of routine items or that which is necessary for the safety of participants cannot wait for a Board meeting, then the official can authorize the purchase of the item, providing the official solicits approval at the next regular Board meeting.

1.11 Rules

The by-laws are intended to supplement the Official Regulations and Playing Rules from Little League Headquarters. Together, they will be known as the rules.

1.11.1 Construction of Rules

a) In the event of a conflict in language between the bylaws and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules, then the rule as stated in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules shall prevail. (The Handbook and Manual of Little League Baseball (President's Book)

b) It shall be deemed advisable to eliminate conflicts between the by-laws and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules, and between the by-laws and the President's Book by amending the by-laws after such conflicts are discovered.

1.11.2 Amending the By-Laws

a) The by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board at any regular or special Board meeting, providing that the secretary gives written notice stating in full the nature and proposed language of the amendment(s) being changed and the amendment(s) to be voted on in the meeting to each director at least 5 calendar days prior to the meeting. If the board wishes to make minor modifications to the language of the amendment(s) being changed, the amendment(s) will still be voted on in the meeting.

b) By-laws that directly affect game play will not be addressed or amended after the day prior to opening day of the regular season in question nor before August 30th.

c) Amendments that are administrative in nature may be proposed at any time.

1.11.3 Violation of the Rules

a) Any violation of the rules which cannot be arbitrated under the appropriate paragraph by the umpire involved or by the president, vice president, or supervisor of managers, then shall be presented to and resolved by action of the Board.

b) When the Board determines that it must resolve a violation of the rules, it shall:

1. Furnish the person(s) involved notice of its intention to take action and offer the respondent an opportunity to appear before the Board to present their position and

2. Determine the matter and after adjudication report its findings to the person(s) affected by its decision

c) Any decision of the Board to act against any party because of violations of the rules shall be made by a two-thirds majority of those directors in attendance at any duly constituted meeting. The actual hearing and deliberation may occur in executive session and out of the presence of the public and Association members.

d) Actions imposed by the Board shall include, but not be limited to, discipline by verbal or written reprimand, suspension of players, managers, coaches, or umpires from participating in games, suspension of directors, officers, or other officials, or players from the Association.

e) The president shall have the authority to temporarily suspend any party in alleged violation of the rules until such time that the above procedure can be enacted and concluded.

1.12 Distribution of Property upon Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Association and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Regular Members shall direct the remaining property of the local League to another Federally incorporated entity which is exempt under Section 501-(c)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE BY-LAWS

Chapter 2

Little League (Baseball and Softball)

2.1 Playing Field

- a) All dimensions of the playing field given in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules are mandatory, except those that are marked optional.
- b) If a game is delayed due to poor playing conditions, then the managers and assistants shall help the field manager prepare the field for play.

2.2 Registration and Tryouts

- a) All youngsters who reside within the Association boundary, and who are league age nine, ten, eleven, or twelve, and register according to the procedure set forth by the Board, and meet all other qualifications set forth in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the by-laws, are eligible to participate. Any youngster selected from outside the Association boundary must be approved by the Board after a case by case review.
- b) Registration shall be held at the times and on the dates and at the places specified by the Board. The secretary shall give broad publication in advance of said dates.
- c) The Board may set a registration and volunteer fee to be collected from each registrant to help defray the Association's operating costs.
- d) All registrants must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who must sign a consent form, medical form, and any other form(s) of documentation required for registration by the F.L.L.A.
- e) No person may register after tryouts are completed unless by special exception granted by the Board of Directors.
- f) Tryouts shall be held at the times and on the dates and at the locations specified by the Board and shall be announced at the time of registration.

g) The player agent shall compile a list stating the name and league age of each candidate (List of candidates). The list shall also consist of the child's birth date and if she/he is a possible option. A copy of said list, shall be submitted to each manager prior to the commencement of tryouts.

h) Any 9-12 year old candidates failing to attend at least 50% of the tryout will be eligible for minor league, but cannot be drafted or transferred to a little league team.

i) During the tryouts, each candidate shall be given an opportunity to be in competition with other candidates of the same league age under conditions that are as identical for each candidate as is possible. Managers from each little league team shall be present to observe the tryouts and they shall grade the candidates for their own reference in the draft.

2.3 Drafts

a) After completion of the tryouts, the draft shall be held at the time and on the date and at the place specified by the Board.

b) The team with the worst record in the preceding season shall have the first choice in every round of the draft, and the remaining teams select in reverse order of their records. This will, however, be based on the same number of teams as was the previous year. Records shall be determined by the regular win-loss records.

c) Two way ties will be decided by a coin toss with the winner of the coin toss picking before the loser of the coin toss and alternating picks each round. For multiple ties, a random drawing will be held to establish picking rank

d) Each manager requiring eight or more players prior to the draft to complete the roster shall be allowed one bonus pick at the completion of round four. If more than one manager is allowed bonus picks under this provision, the order of rotation shall be identical to that followed in the draft.

e) All options must be exercised as designated through verbal vote by the non-participating managers in the individual case, which exercised. After round selection has been determined, the manager must announce his decision to accept or decline his option, at the beginning of the round the player is an option for. The manager may announce his option prior to the round the player is to be selected if he so desires. If he chooses not to accept his option, he cannot exercise his option at any time in this draft. The player is eligible to be picked by any other team selecting players. If the player is not

selected by another team, the player may be selected by the team having the original option two rounds after the original option or with the managers last draft selection. In the case of a tie, the respective player agent will give the deciding vote. If two options are determined through this vote to be exercised in the same round, the first option must be exercised in that round and the second option in the following round.

f) Managers may submit options on brothers/sisters. Two cases exist for brother/sister options. Case 1: When the first brother/sister is drafted and an option(s) is submitted at that time for another brother(s)/sister(s), the the option(s) is exercised as indicated in 2.3(D) until all options are exercised. Case2: Managers may submit an option for a brother(s)/sister(s) of a player on the team from the previous year, by stating so to the player agent prior to the draft. The option(s) is (automatically) exercised as indicated in 2.3(D) (in round two and in all successive rounds) until all options are exercised. The player agent shall announce all brother/sister options to all managers prior respective league. The majority will dictate on each to the draft.

g) Managers may submit options on sons/daughters by stating so to the player agent prior to the draft. This option(s) is exercised as indicated in 2.3(D) until all options are round that particular option must be exercised. Parents of little league players who become managers after their son(s)/daughter(s) is selected to a little league team, must exercise an option to draft that player(s) provided the current manager releases that player(s). The son/daughter option of the manager takes priority over any other option. The player agent shall announce all son/daughter options to all managers prior to the draft.

h) In addition to the son/daughter option of the manager, one assistant may submit options on son(s)/daughter(s). If a team has more than one assistant, only the senior assistant in service may submit options for son(s)/daughter(s), provided that senior assistant has served as a coach in little league for the last two or more years. If the senior assistant does not wishto exercise this option, the assistant next in seniority may exercise this privilege. New assistants to a team should not be appointed not approved until after the draft to avoid “red shirting” of players through selective coaching appointments (any reference to assistant means active assistant). (Senior assistance and assistant are those names which are submitted to Williamsport)

i) All participants in the draft selection process shall refrain from telling selection results, and the players shall not be told the position in which the candidates were drafted.

j) Any questions regarding draft procedures shall be directed to the Player Agent prior to the draft for resolution with approval of the Board of Directors.

2.4 Team Size

- a) The number of players on a team roster will be determined by the Board between registration and the draft, with a maximum of fifteen and a minimum of ten players. All teams must carry the same number of players, and that number must be maintained throughout the year by all managers.
- b) Managers may not draft extra players.
- c) A maximum of eight players of league age twelve shall be on a little league team.
- d) The Player Agent shall maintain a list of active minor league players who are eligible to fill vacancies on little league teams (Little League Player Agent's list), and we shall make this list available to any manager upon request.
- e) When a player is permanently lost to a team or released more than two weeks before the last regular season game, a replacement must be selected from the Little League Player Agent's list within two weeks of when the vacancy occurred. The player selected to fill the vacancy shall be the property of that team for the current season. A player selected who does not report to their little league team shall be suspended and shall not be permitted to play for a minor league team for the rest of the season. This player cannot be selected by another little league team until the following year providing the manager released them and they participate in tryouts.
- f) When a player is temporarily lost to a team because of injury, illness, or vacation for more than two weeks/four regularly scheduled games, a replacement must be selected from the Little League Player Agent's list to fill the vacancy until the original player is able to play. The manager must report to the player agent that the player is temporarily or permanently lost. A player so selected who does not report to their little league team shall be suspended for the rest of the season and shall not be permitted to play for a minor league team.
- g) A player who elects to quit a little league team before the half-way point of the regular season cannot be selected by another little league team until the following year. This player cannot be placed on a minor league team until this period is over.

- h) A player released from a little league team manager for disciplinary reasons can be sent to the minor league. This may be done only through the player agent who must acquire approval of the Board. This player cannot be selected by another little league team until the following year providing they participate in tryouts.
- i) A player cannot be on the roster nor play for a minor league team and a little league team at the same time, nor can they play in a minor league game and a little league game in the same day.
- j) The manager of the team with a permanently or temporarily lost player must report to the Player Agent the original date of injury, illness, vacation, release of player or date a player elects to quit, will forfeit all games until a replacement player is selected.

2.5 Safety

- a) Batters, runners, and coaches shall wear a protective helmet with a face mask.
- b) All male players must wear an athletic supporter.
- c) Male catchers must wear an athletic supporter with a protective cup. All catchers must wear a mask with a throat guard and catcher's helmet during practice and pitcher warm up. All catchers must wear a long model chest protector with neck collar, shin guards, and a mask with a throat guard and catcher's helmet when catching during the game.
- d) Plate umpires must wear mask, shin guards, and chest protector. Male umpires must wear a protective cup.
- e) Players and umpires shall not wear shoes with metal spikes or cleats.
- f) All female softball players ages twelve and under must wear protective face masks when playing third base or pitching. Face masks are optional for other positions.

2.6 Practices

- a) There will be no mandatory practices on Sundays or holidays.
- b) The little league field shall not be used for team practices prior to the conclusion of tryouts.

- c) The field manager will establish a schedule for use of the little league field and minor league fields for practice by the teams during pre-season.
- d) The manager or an assistant must be present throughout all practice sessions.
- e) No team may practice in Franklin City Playgrounds without first obtaining permission from the Franklin Recreation Director.
- f) No team may practice on a field once the field has been prepared for a scheduled game.
- g) Any team practicing on a field will surrender the field upon demand by the field crew requesting the field for an authorized work session.
- h) Practices on the little league field during the regular season may be arranged by obtaining permission from the field manager.
- i) After the draft and prior to the start of the regular season, each team must schedule at least two practices per week. After the start of the regular season, each team must schedule at least one practice per week.

Penalty-First Offense: written warning

Penalty-Second Offense: suspension for the next scheduled game

Penalty-Third Offense: suspension for the remainder of the season

**V.P. of that league will issue warnings

2.7 Mandatory Play

- a) Every player on the team roster who is present will participate in each game for a minimum of six defensive outs and will bat at least one time.
- b) Exceptions to this rule are games shortened by weather, the twelve run rule, or if a player has played for six defensive outs but does not bat because his/her team is ahead in the last inning and is the home team. Players not receiving their minimum play will start the next game and play any previous requirement not completed and the requirement for this game before being removed.
- c) Before the start of each game, the managers must submit to the scorer, the roster of players who are present and able to play. After submitting the roster, additional players

from the team may be entered into the game at the manager's option, providing that the mandatory play rule is not violated and the player is reported to the scorer and opposing manager.

- d) If there are any players on the team who are not scheduled because of disciplinary reasons, they must be reported to the umpire-in-chief prior to the game, who will in turn inform the opposing manager.
- e) At the end of four innings, all players must have been entered into the lineup within the next six batting positions. If this is not done, the scorer shall inform the umpire-in-chief who shall inform the opposing manager.
- f) A regular game consists of six innings unless extended because of a tie score, shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the sixth inning or only a fraction of it, because the umpire calls the game, or because of the twelve inning rule.
- g) If a game is called, it is a regulation game: if four innings have been completed; or if the home team has scored more runs in three or three and a fraction half innings than the visiting team has scored in four complete innings.
- h) A game may be considered concluded, at the losing managers' discretion, if, at the end of four innings, the visiting team is ahead by ten or more runs; or if the home team is ahead by ten or more runs after three or three and a half innings. A game will be considered concluded when a team is winning by twelve or more runs after three or three and a half innings (mandatory ending game at twelve).
- i) Postponed games will be rescheduled in agreement with the managers and based on field availability. They must inform the head umpire, scorer, and field manager of their decision.
- j) No team will be required to play more than one game per day, except if, at the end of the season, those games are required to conclude the regular season on schedule. Any remaining postponed games will be rescheduled as agreed upon by said managers.
- k) Failure to field a complete team at the designated start time shall result in forfeit of the game by the team not appearing, and in the event neither team appears, both teams will be assessed a loss.
- l) The season schedule shall be adopted by the Board prior to the season.

2.8 Games

- a) The starting time of the game shall be when the first pitch is delivered to the batter. The start of the inning shall commence when the third out is made in the prior inning. The official time of the game will be maintained by the scorekeeper.
- b) The first game in the evening shall commence no later than 6:00 P.M. The field must be prepared for play prior to the 6:00 P.M. start time. Assistance from all four managers/team representatives playing games that evening may be necessary to prepare the field for game one. Should conditions prevent the team from starting at 6:00 P.M., game one managers' may agree to start the game after 6:00 P.M. keeping in mind section 2.8.
- c) No inning in the first game shall commence after 7:45 P.M.
- d) The second game in the evening shall commence within 15 minutes of the completion of the first game.
- e) There must be at least a 15 minute warm-up before each game. In the event the first game finishes early, the umpires may start the second game early, providing the specified warm-up time has been given. In the event the first game does not end before 7:45 P.M., the start of the second game will be delayed in order to give the specified warm-up time.
- f) No inning shall commence 1 hour and 45 minutes after the start of game two.
- g) If a game is tied at the expiration of the time rule, the game will continue at a date and time determined by both managers until a winner is determined.
- h) A regulation game consists of six innings, unless extended because of a tie score, because the umpire calls the game, or because of the ten/twelve run rule.
- i) If a game is called, it is a regulation game: if four innings have been completed; or if the home team has been scored more runs in three or three and a fraction half innings than the visiting team has scored in four complete half innings.
- j) A game may be considered concluded at the manager's discretion; if at the end of four innings, the visiting team is ahead by ten or more runs; or if the home team is ahead by ten or more runs after three or three and a fraction half innings. A game will be considered concluded if a team is ahead by twelve or more runs.
- k) Postponed games will be scheduled with 2 weeks and at the agreement of both managers at a time and date to be determined and based upon field availability. The V.P.'s of that league must be contacted with this information.

- l) No team will be required to play more than one game per day and the completion of a continued game, except if, at the end of the season, this is required to conclude the regular season on schedule.
- m) Failure to field a complete team at the designated start time shall result in forfeit of the game by the team not appearing, and in the event neither team appears, both teams will be assessed a loss. If a game cannot be played because of the inability of either team to place nine players on the field due to school function, the game will be rescheduled with the V.P., and will be notified in advance.
- n) team to place nine players on the field due to a school function, the game will be rescheduled and the V.P. of that league will be notified in advance of this situation.
- o) The season schedule shall be adopted by the Board prior to the season.

2.9 Tournament Team

- a) Tournament shall refer to the levels of game organized by Little League Headquarters leading to the Little League World Series
- b) The President and player agent will prepare and count secret ballots for the tournament players. Only a list of winning candidates will be announced, and no one will be told the number of votes received by any candidate, or relative positions of the winners or losers.
- c) The manager will select the number of the size of the team prior to the player selection.
- d) The tournament players shall be elected from all eligible players that qualify to be candidates per the Tournament Rules. All managers and head coaches vote for twelve to fourteen candidates. The nine players receiving the most votes, including ties (example; if player 9 and 10 are tied, both are placed on the team) are automatically selected and will be on the team unless any of them decide not to accept. The approved manager may then select the remaining players from any players receiving at least 3 votes. The manager will select the team size from 9 to 14 players. The Player Agent will give the manager a list of the players automatically on the team (no vote numbers provided). The Player Agent will give the manager a list of any players receiving 3 or more votes.

This list shall include the number of votes received by each player. Any replacement players must come from this pool of players receiving at least 3 votes. In the event there are not enough players with three votes, then all players receiving two votes are eligible to be selected for the team. In the event there are not enough players with two votes, then all players receiving one vote are eligible to be selected to the team.

- e) One tournament team coach shall be selected from among the little league managers and assistants by the tournament team manager.
- f) Any other all star team shall be governed under the Post Season Competition rules.
- g) The Association Little League Headquarters and the hosting tournament committees will collectively pay expenses and/or provide reasonable accommodations for the tournament teams. Other expenses are deemed optional and are not the responsibility of these organizations. However, a committee may be appointed to raise funds for these other expenses, if desired. Expenses for the tournament teams shall be covered as follows:

The Association shall be obligated to provide: tournament fees; tournament uniforms, (shirts, stirrups, patches, hats for team members and two adults); perishable equipment (practice balls, first aid supplies, etc.); umpire, scorekeeper, grounds keeper, and field supplies for home tournament games; pennants, when not provided by another organization; a simple meal following each home tournament game for the players and coaches of both teams; and travel expenses to meet the basic needs of the team, when not provided by the host. Money should be budgeted for these expenses in the Association's budget. Durable equipment should be borrowed from regular teams. Uniform pants will be from the regular season uniforms. Field maintenance supplies of a durable nature (rakes, wheel barrows, etc.) should be borrowed from one of the field equipment sheds.

Money for other expenses shall be raised by an appointed Tournaments Project Committee. These expenses may include, but are not limited to : expenses for accommodations over- and – above those provided by the tournament host (meals that are not provided, motel room when host is providing private lodging, etc.); expenses for individual recognition (jacket, trophies, etc.); expenses for families. As an appointed committee of the Association, full accounting of the committee's financial activities shall be accomplished by depositing all income in the Association's bank account, and all expenses shall be approved and paid by check.

2.10 Champions and 4.10 champions

- a) The team with the best regular season record will be the Little League Champion.
- b) Should two or more have an identical record, head to head competition will determine the champion. Should they still be tied, they will be co-champions.

2.11 Post Season Competition

- a) Other championships, playoff games, or post season competition between any little league teams in the Association must be approved by the Board, including times, dates, and places of games; series format; team selection to participate; team rosters; pitching rules; mandatory play rules and other rules; and awards.
- b) Any post season competition between any regular or all star team and a team not from the Association shall not be sanctioned by the Board, unless it has received approval from Little League Headquarters or the District Administrator.
- c) Scrimmage or other fun games are covered under the rules for practices and do not require approval.

2.12 Awards

- a) The sponsors, players, managers, and assistants of the Little League Champion, and runner up teams will receive a trophy or plaque.
- b) This selection has no rule.
- c) All twelve year olds may be recognized in a scheduled recognition game or games. Various formats may be utilized to increase interest and enjoyment, such as having mothers of twelve year olds manage or coach.
- d) No effort will be made, supported, or condoned by any director, officer, or official to induce sponsors to present additional awards to players, managers, or assistants.
- e) No monetary award of any kind will be permitted.

f) No individual or group may solicit awards or money from the public or any organization for awards or expenses without approval of the Board.

FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE BY-LAWS

Chapter 3

Minor League (ages 7-11 years of age)

3.1 Playing Fields

- a) All dimensions of the little league playing field given in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules are mandatory, except for those that are marked optional.
- b) If a game is delayed due to poor playing conditions, then the managers and assistants shall help the field manager prepare the field for play.

3.2 Registrations

- a) All youngsters who reside within the Association Boundary, who's league age is seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, or twelve and register according to the procedure set forth by the board, and meet all other qualifications set forth in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the bylaws are eligible to participate. In addition to these ages, the Board may decide to include youngsters who are league age five and six, and meet all other requirements, in a tee ball only program.
- b) The minor league program serves to provide training and instruction in baseball fundamentals for those youngsters who, by reason of age and other factors, do not qualify for selection in the little league. Therefore, it is deemed advisable for youngsters with a high level of baseball skill and development to try out for little league. In this way, participants in both leagues will be of relatively equal skills and at a comparable stage of development. The Board may take actions to promote compliance with the spirit of this paragraph. Therefore, all players must attend the evaluations for their respective leagues and must report to the team (little league or minor league) that is announced by the player agent. A player who does not report to their league team shall be suspended and shall not be permitted to play for a minor league team for the season. This player cannot be selected by another little league team until the following year provided the manager has released them and they participate in tryouts. The registration fee shall not be refunded to any player who refuses to report to their team or who quits during the season. The Board of Directors may approve any players who do not attend the evaluations to play in their respective leagues.

- c) Registration shall be held at the time and on the dates and at the places specified by the Board. The secretary shall give broad publication in advance of said dates.
- d) The Board may set a registration fee and volunteer fee to be collected from each registrant to help defray the Association's operating costs.
- e) All registration must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who must sign a consent form, medical form, volunteer form, registration form and present a proof of age document.

3.3 Team Selection

- a) All minor league teams will be dissolved at the end of each season. No manager or team may retain a player in subsequent seasons, and all players will be returned to the minor league player pool.
- b) Rosters of minor league teams will be filled from the ranks of those candidates who were not selected on a major little league team. All such candidates will be selected on a minor league team.
- c) It is deemed advisable to select minor league teams in such a way as to form teams of near equal strength.
- d) The following is the approved method for selecting teams. Players will be assigned to teams anonymously and randomly by age, starting with the twelve year olds and progressing down through the ages. This can be done by shuffling and dealing out the application cards face down in piles equal to the number of minor league teams. At the end of each round, the cards should be examined to see if any future brother(s)/sister(s) options must be exercised in order to keep family members together. These options will automatically be exercised in the first round and all successive rounds in each age group. At the conclusion of this process, the piles will be assigned so that the managers have their own children. Managers who do not have children in the minor league will be assigned a team at random. This process shall be conducted in the presence of the minor league managers.

- e) With the approval of the player agent and the vice president of minor league, certain neighbor/neighbor options may be exercised if the situation is judged to be a hardship case due to transportation over a long distance and the likely probability that one or
- f) more youngsters would not be able to participate otherwise. This rule cannot be used merely to place friends on the same team.
- g) The Board shall make other team or organizational decisions concerning players' levels of ability for the purpose of separating youngsters of widely varying size, strength, and ability from competing against each other. This may include separating the teams into more than one division and scheduling only interdivisional games.

3.4 Safety

- a) Batters, runners, and youth coaches shall wear a protective helmet with a face mask.
- b) All male players must wear an athletic supporter.
- c) Male catchers must wear an athletic supporter with a protective cup. All catchers must wear a mask with a throat guard and catcher's helmet during practice and pitcher warm up. All catchers must wear a long model chest protector with a neck collar, shin guards, and a mask with a throat guard and catcher's helmet when catching during a game.
- d) The throwing of bats will not be allowed. Players shall be warned the first time and call out the second time this occurs in a game.

3.5 Practices

- a) There will be no mandatory practices on Sundays or holidays.
- b) The field manager will establish a schedule for use of the minor league fields for practices by the teams during the preseason.
- c) The manager or assistant must be present throughout all practice sessions.
- d) No team may practice in the Franklin City Playgrounds without first obtaining permission from the Franklin Recreation Director.

- e) No team may practice on a field once the field has been prepared for a scheduled game.
- f) Any team practicing on a field will surrender the field upon demand by the field crew requesting the field for an authorized work session.
- g) Practices on the little league field during the regular season may be arranged by obtaining permission from the field manager.
- h) During the preseason, each team must schedule at least two practices per week. After the start of the regular season, each team must schedule at least one practice per week.

Penalty-First Offense: written warning

Penalty-Second Offense: suspension from next scheduled game

Penalty-Third Offense: suspension for remainder of season

***V.P. of that league will issue warnings

3.6 Local Rules

- a) A regulation game consists of six innings, unless shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the sixth innings or only a fraction of it, or because the umpire calls the game.
- b) If a game is called, it is a regulation game if four innings have been completed, or if the home team has scored more runs in three or three and a fraction innings than the visiting team has scored in four complete half innings.
- c) There will be a continuous batting rotation containing all players who are present at the game.
- d) Ten players will play in the field with four outfielders in the 7-8 year old division and nine players in the field with three outfielders in the 9-12 year old league.
- e) Teams not having at least nine players present and using only three outfielders will forfeit the game. A practice game may be played.

- f) Managers and assistants are allowed to coach bases from the coaching boxes and coach fielding from the area adjacent to the outfield in foul territory. When a tee is used in a game, the playing rules for minor league apply with the following additions or exceptions:
 - g) When at bat, six and seven year olds, if eligible to participate, must hit the ball from the tee; eight year olds may hit from the tee or receive a pitched ball; nine through twelve year olds must receive a pitched ball. The tee should be situated on home plate. Four
 - h) balls are identical to conventional baseball, plus the ball is foul if it travels less than 15 feet in fair territory from home plate, and the ball is foul if the batter hits the tee with the bat causing the ball to fall from the tee. Bunting is not permitted, and batters are not permitted to take a half swing. If the umpire feels the batter is not taking a full swing, they may be called back to swing again.
 - i) Pitching will be determined by the Board of Directors annually.
 - j) Other pitching requirements will be determined by the Board.
 - k) The batter will be allowed three strikes or eight pitches to hit the ball. Foul balls on the eighth pitch will not be allowed.
 - l) There will be no walks or hit batters.
 - m) There will be no stealing.
 - n) A defensive player will stand approximately three feet from the mound during pitching. This player may not interfere with the pitcher.
 - o) Only one base on the initial overthrow after the ball is hit may be taken at the runner's risk. The defensive team may make a play on the advancing runner after the initial overthrow. After each runner has attempted to advance one base after the initial overthrow, no further advancing is permitted regardless of any additional overthrow. If the initial overthrow leaves the field of play or becomes a dead ball for any other reason, then the umpire shall assign the runners one additional base at no risk.
 - p) The use of minor league standings and champions will be decided by the Board each year.

- q) At the annual discretion of the Board, managers, coaches, and spectators may be used as umpires on a volunteer only basis (no salary).
- r) Because of the possible use of inexperienced umpires, any play that is too close to call shall always be ruled in favor of the offense.

3.7 All Star Games

- a) The vice president of minor league will submit a plan for minor league all star games or season ending tournament to the Board for approval, including the date and times of the games, the divisions if more than one game is proposed, the number of players from each regular team that may be chosen to participate, and the ages of players that may participate.
- b) The all star games or season ending tournament may be held on the little league field at a time that does not interfere with the scheduled or makeup little league games.
- c) Minor league rules shall be in effect for all all star games.

2.8 Awards

- a) No awards shall be made on the basis of individual skills. Player participation certificates and sponsor appreciation awards may be presented to all players and sponsors equally at the conclusion of the season.
- b) No effort will be made, supported, or condoned by any director, officer, or official to induce sponsors to present additional awards to players, managers, or assistants.
- c) No monetary award of any kind will be permitted.
- d) No individual group may solicit awards or money from the public in or any organization for awards or expenses without the approval of the Board.

FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE BY-LAWS

Chapter 4

Junior/Senior League (Baseball and Softball)

4.1 Playing Field

- a) All dimensions of the playing field given in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules are mandatory, except those that are marked optional.
- b) If a game is delayed due to poor playing conditions, then the managers and assistants shall help the field manager prepare the field for play.

4.2 Registration and Tryouts

- a) All youngsters who reside within the Association boundary, who are league age thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, or sixteen, who register according to the procedure set forth by the Board, and who meet all other qualifications set forth in the Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the bylaws are eligible to participate. Any youngster selected from outside the Association boundary must be approved by the Board after a case by case review.
- b) Registration shall be held at the times and on the dates and places specified by the board. The secretary shall give broad publication in advance of said dates.
- c) The board may set a registration and volunteer fee to be collected from each registrant to help defray the Association's operating costs.
- d) All registrants must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who must sign a registration form, consent form, medical form, volunteer form, and present a proof of age document.
- e) No person may register after tryouts are completed unless by special exception granted by the player agent.

- f) Tryouts shall be held at the times and on the dates and at the specific locations as specified by the Board.
- g) The player agent shall compile a list starting with the name and league age of each candidate (List of Candidates). The list shall also consist of the child's birth date and if he/she is a possible option. A copy of said list shall be submitted to each manager prior to the commencement of tryouts.
- h) Any candidate failing to attend at least 50% of the tryout sessions shall forfeit eligibility to be picked up to fill a vacancy during the season unless an excuse is presented at which is accepted by the Board.
- i) During the tryouts, each candidate shall be given an opportunity to be in competition with other candidates of the same league age under conditions that are as identical for each candidate as is possible. Managers from each senior league team shall be present to observe the tryouts and they shall grade the candidates for their own reference in the draft.

4.3 Drafts

- a) After completion of the tryouts, the draft shall be held at the time and on the date and at the place specified by the Board.
- b) The team with the worst record in the preceding season shall have the first choice in every round of the draft, and the remaining teams select in reverse order of their records. This will, however, be based on the same number of teams as was the previous year. Records shall be determined by the regular win-loss records.
- c) Two way ties will be decided by a coin toss with the winner of the coin toss picking before the loser of the coin toss and alternating picks each round. For multiple ties, a random drawing will be held to establish picking rank
- d) Each manager requiring eight or more players prior to the draft to complete the roster shall be allowed one bonus pick at the completion of round four. If more than one

manager is allowed bonus picks under this provision, the order of rotation shall be identical to that followed in the draft.

- e) All options must be exercised as designated through verbal vote by the nonparticipating managers in the respective league. The majority will dictate on each individual case, which round that particular option must be exercised. After round selection has been determined, the manager must announce his decision to accept or decline his option. If he chooses not to accept his option, he cannot exercise his option at any time in this draft. In the case of a tie, the respective player agent will give the deciding vote. If two options are determined through this vote to be exercised in the same round, the first option must be exercised in that round and the second option in the following round.

- f) Managers may submit options on brothers/sisters. Two cases exist for brother/sister options. Case 1: when the first brother/sister is drafted and an option(s) is submitted at that time for another brother(s)/sister(s) , then the option is exercised as indicated in 2.3(D) until all options are exercised. Case 2: Managers may submit an option for a brother(s)/sister(s) of a player on the team from the previous year by stating so to the player agent prior to the draft. This option(s) is (automatically) exercised as indicated in 2.3 (D) (in round two and in all successive rounds) until all options are exercised. The player agent shall announce all brother/sister options to all managers prior to the draft.

- g) Managers may submit options on sons/daughters by stating so to the player agent prior to the draft. This option(s) is exercised as indicated in 2.3 (D) until all options are exercised. Parents of little league players who become managers after their son(s)/daughter(s) is selected to a little league team, must exercise an option to draft that player(s) provided the current manager releases that player(s). The son/daughter option of the manager takes priority over any other option. The player agent shall announce all son/daughter options to all managers prior to the draft.

- h) In addition to the son/daughter option of the manager, one assistant may submit options on son(s)/daughter(s). If a team has more than one assistant, only the senior assistant in service may submit options on sons/daughters, provided that senior assistant has served as a coach in little league for the last two or more years. If the

senior assistant does not wish to exercise this option, the assistant next in seniority may exercise the privilege. New assistants to a team should not be appointed until after the draft to avoid “red shirting” of players through selective coaching appointments (any reference to assistant means active assistant). (Senior assistance and assistant are those names which are submitted to Williamsport).

- i) Each player acquired shall be the property of the team making the acquisition for that season. The Board shall reserve the right to continue as a player any youngster who's residence changes after becoming a member of a team.
- j) All participants in the draft selection process shall refrain from telling others and the players shall not be told the position in which the candidates were drafted.

4.4 Team Size

- a) The number of players on a team roster will be determined by the Board between registration and the draft, with a maximum of fifteen and a minimum of twelve players. Teams must carry the same number of players, unless approved by the Board of Directors, and that number must be maintained throughout the year by all managers.
- b) The player agent shall maintain a list of active league players who are eligible to fill vacancies on the junior/senior league teams (Junior/Senior League Player Agent's list), and this list will be made available to any manager upon request.
- c) When a player is permanently lost to a team or released more than two weeks before the last regular season game, a replacement must be selected from the Junior/Senior Player Agent's list within two weeks of when the vacancy occurred. The player selected to fill the vacancy shall be the property of the team making the acquisition for the rest of the season, unless subsequently released. A player selected who does not report to their junior/senior league team shall be suspended and shall not be permitted to play for

a minor league team for the rest of the season. This player may participate the following year as long as they participate in tryouts.

- d) When a player is temporarily lost to a team because of injury, illness, or vacation for more than two weeks, a replacement must be selected from the Junior/Senior League Player Agent's list to fill the vacancy until the original player is able to play. The manager must report to the player agent that the player is temporarily lost or permanently lost. The following year, managers may submit options for temporary replacements who were used due to injury or illness and had played a minimum of two consecutive weeks. Managers will not have an option on temporary replacements who were used due to vacation. A player so selected who does not report to their senior league team shall be suspended for the rest of the season and shall not be permitted to play for a minor league team.

- e) A player who elects to quit a Junior/Senior League team before the half-way point of a regular season cannot be elected by another senior league team until the following year and they must participate in tryouts.

- f) A player may be released from a junior/senior league team by the manager for disciplinary reasons. This may be done only through the player agent who must acquire approval of the Board. This player cannot be selected by another junior/senior team until the following year providing they participate in the tryouts.

- g) The manager of the team with a permanently or temporarily lost player must report to the player agent the original date of injury, illness, vacation, release of player, or date a player elects to quit. If this is not done, all games will be forfeited until a replacement player is selected.

4.5 Safety

- a) Batters, runners, and coaches shall wear a protective helmet with a face mask for softball. Batters, runners, and youth coaches shall wear a protective helmet for baseball.

- b) All male players must wear an athletic supporter.

- c) Male catchers must wear an athletic supporter with a protective cup. All catchers must wear a mask with a throat guard and catcher's helmet during practice and pitcher warm up. All catchers must wear a long model chest protector with neck collar, shin guards, and a mask with a throat guard and catcher's helmet when catching during a game.

- d) All softball leagues must wear protective masks while playing third base and pitching. Face masks are optional for other positions.

4.6 Practices

- a) There will be no mandatory practice on Sundays or holidays.

- b) The junior/senior league field shall not be used for team practices prior to the conclusion of tryouts.

- c) The field manager will establish a schedule for use of the junior/senior league field and minor league fields for practice by the teams during pre-season.

- d) The manager or assistant must be present throughout all practice sessions.

- e) No team may practice on Franklin City Playgrounds without first obtaining permission from the Franklin Recreation Director.

- f) No team may practice on a field once the field has been prepared for a scheduled game.

- g) Any team practicing on a field will surrender the field upon demand by the field crew requesting the field for an authorized work session.

4.7 Mandatory Play

- a) Every player on the team roster who is present will participate in each game for a minimum of six defensive outs and will bat at least one time.

- b) Exceptions to this rule are games shortened by weather, the twelve run rule, or if a player has played for six defensive outs but does not bat because his/her team is ahead in the inning and is the home team.

- c) Before the start of each game, the managers must submit, to the scorer, the roster of players who are present and able to play. After submitting the roster, additional players from the team may be entered into the game, at the manager's option, providing that the mandatory play rule is not violated and the player is reported to the scorer and opposing manager.

- d) If there are any players on the same team who are not scheduled because of disciplinary reasons, they must be reported to the umpire-in-chief prior to the game who will in turn inform the opposing manager.

- e) At the end of four innings, all players must have been entered into the lineup within the next six batting positions. If this is not done, the scorer shall inform the umpire-in-chief who shall inform the opposing manager. If the manager does not then comply, he will automatically and immediately be dismissed as a manager and be removed from the game.

- f) For softball, a continuous batting order is used, along with 10 fielders.

4.8 Games

- a) A regulation game consists of seven innings, unless extended because of a tie score, shortened because the home team needs none of its half of the seventh inning or only a fraction of it, because the umpire calls the game, or because of the ten run rule.

- b) On days when consecutive games are to be played, each game shall be allotted two and one half hours. This time rule will not apply to the last game played in the day. The starting time of a game shall be when the first pitch is delivered to the batter.

- c) There must be at least a fifteen minute warm up before each game. In the event the first game finishes early, the umpires may start the second game early, providing the specified warm up time has been given.

- d) If a game is tied at the expiration of the time rule, the game will continue until a winner is determined.

- e) If a game is called, it is a regulation game if five innings have been completed and if the home team has scored more runs in four or four and a fraction half innings than the visiting team has scored in five complete half innings.

- f) A game may be considered concluded if, at the end of five innings, the visiting team is ahead by ten or more runs or, if the home team is ahead by ten or more runs after four or four and a fraction half innings.

- g) Postponed games will be rescheduled as agreed upon by both managers and based on field availability. This information must be given to the V.P. of the respected league. Sunday games are to be avoided unless there is an extra build up of postponed games.

- h) Failure to field a complete team at the designated start time shall result in forfeit of the game by the team not appearing, and in the event neither team appears, both teams will be assessed a loss.

- i) The season schedule shall be adopted by the Board prior to the season.

4.9 Tournament Team

- a) Tournament shall refer to the levels of game organized by Little League Headquarters leading to the Little League World Series.

- b) The President and player agent will prepare and count secret for the tournament players. Only a list of winning candidates will be announced and nobody will be told the number of votes received by any candidate or the relative positions of the winners or losers

- c) All managers from the Franklin Senior League shall be candidates for tournament team managers; and all managers, head coaches, the appointed official scorer and the head umpire or his designee from the Franklin senior league shall be eligible to cast one vote for the tournament team managers. The manager of the senior league shall be the candidate who received the most votes. The manager of the junior league shall be the candidate who received the most votes. If either manager so elected is unable to serve, then the third highest vote getter will be offered the position, and so forth until both managers are chosen. If either position cannot be filled from among the managers, than it shall be filled by a head coach. The two managers may switch teams.

- d) The tournament team players shall be selected from all the Franklin Junior/Senior League players that qualify to be candidate per the Tournament Rules. All managers, head coaches, the scorer, and the head umpire or his designee shall vote for twelve to fourteen candidates. The nine players in each group receiving the most votes including ties (for example, if players 9 and 10 are tied, then both players are placed on the team) are automatically selected and will be on the teams unless any of them decide not to accept. The approved manager will then select the remaining players from any players receiving at least three votes. The manager will select the team size from 12 to 14 players. The player agent will give the manager a list of the players automatically on the team (no vote numbers provided). The player agent will give the manager a list of any players receiving 3 or more votes. This list should include the number of votes received by each player. Any replacement player must come from this pool of players receiving at

least 3 votes. If there are three teams or less in a respective division, players require one vote.

- e) One tournament team coach shall be selected from among the league managers and assistants by the tournament team manager.

- f) Any other all star teams shall be governed under the Post Season Competition Rules.

- g) The Association Little League Headquarters and the hosting tournament committees will collectively pay expenses and/or provide reasonable accommodations for the tournament teams. Other expenses are deemed optional, and are not the responsibility of these organizations. However, a committee may be appointed to raise funds for

- h) these other expenses, if desired. Expenses for the tournament teams shall be covered as follows:

The Association shall be obligated to provide tournament fees, tournament uniforms (shirts, stirrups, patches, hats for team members and 2 adults), perishable equipment (practice balls, first aid supplies, etc.), umpire, scorekeeper, groundskeeper, and field supplies for home tournament games, pennants when not provided by another organization, a simple meal following each home tournament game for the players and coaches of both teams, and travel expenses to meet the basic needs of the teams, when not provided by the host. Money should be budgeted for these expenses in the Association's budget. Durable equipment should be borrowed from regular teams. Uniform pants will be from the regular season uniforms. Field maintenance supplies of a durable nature (rakes, wheel barrows, etc.) should be borrowed from one of the field equipment sheds.

Travel reimbursement income from the Little League Headquarters shall reimburse the Association for its expense.

Money for other expenses shall be raised by an appointed Tournaments Project Committee. These expenses may include, but are not limited to, expenses for

accommodations over and above those provided by the tournament host (meals that are not provided, motel room when host is providing private lodging, etc), expenses for individual recognition (jacket, trophies, etc), and expenses for families. As an appointed committee of the Association, full accounting of the committee's financial activities shall be accomplished by depositing all income in the Association's bank account and all expenses shall be approved and paid by check.

4.10 Champions

- a) The team with the best regular season record will be the Junior/Senior League champion.
- b) Should two or more teams have an identical record, head to head play will determine a champion.
- c) See section 2.3 Draft regarding the order of teams drafting in the subsequent year.

4.11 Post Season Competition

- a) Other championships, playoff games, or post season competition between any senior league teams in the Association, must be approved by the Board, including times, dates, and places of the games, series format, team selection to participate, team rosters, pitching rules, mandatory play rules and other rules, and awards.
- b) Any post season competition between any regular or all star team and a team not from the Association shall not be sanctioned by the Board, unless it has received approval from the Little League Headquarters or the District Administrator.

- c) Scrimmage and other fun games are covered under Rules for Practices and not require approval.

4.12 Awards

- a) The sponsors, players, managers and assistants of the Junior/Senior League Champion and runner up teams will receive a trophy or plaque in a league of six or more teams. If less than six teams in a respective league, Board discretion will determine if one or two teams receive awards.
- b) This selection has no rule.
- c) No effort will be made, supported, or condoned by any director, officer, or official to induce sponsors to present additional awards to players, managers, or assistants.
- d) No monetary award of any kind will be permitted.
- e) No individual or group may solicit awards or money from the public or any organization for awards or expenses with approval of the Board.

Appendix A

Suggested Planning Committees

Awards and Recognition Committee

- 1) Formulate an awards and recognition structure which is consistent among the 3 leagues
- 2) Recommend awards and recognition structure to the By-Laws committee
- 3) Recommend budget amounts for awards and recognition
- 4) Purchase awards and recognition items

Budget and Finance Committee

- 1) Collect recommendations from committees
- 2) Formulate budget
- 3) Recommend sponsor fee amount
- 4) Recommend registration amount
- 5) Recommend prizes for scheduled sales

By-Laws Committee

- 1) Receive recommendations from committees
- 2) Coordinate language of by-laws
- 3) Check for agreement between the bylaws and the Official Regulations and Playing Rules and the President's Handbook
- 4) Provide copies of proposed by-laws to the Board and provide approved by-laws to the Board, managers, umpires, scorers, etc.
- 5) Recommend changes or submit re-written by-laws for approval

Equipment and Fields Committee

- 1) Determine equipment needs
- 2) Determine uniform needs
- 3) Determine field improvement needs
- 4) Recommend budget amounts for equipment, uniforms, and field improvements
- 5) Assist Nominating Committee and president in recruiting field managers and equipment managers
- 6) Keep current the list of removable improvements at Miller-Sibley, and other inventory lists

Nominating and Membership Committee

- 1) Formulate a slate of candidates for Board of Directors, President, and Vice Presidents of all leagues, treasurer, secretary, and player agent
- 2) Assist the president to identify and recruit managers, head umpires, scorers, safety officer, equipment managers, supervisor of managers, public relations person, and committee members

Policy Committee (study and recommend the list below)

- 1) The vision and mission of the Franklin Little League
- 2) The number of players on each team
- 3) The number of teams in each league
- 4) Length of season
- 5) Relocation and construction of playing fields
- 6) Participation in tournament/all star games

- 7) Qualifications and training requirements for managers, umpires, scorers, etc.
- 8) Playoffs and city championship policies
- 9) Mandatory player policy
- 10) League run concessions and batting cages
- 11) Use of city summer employees for field maintenance
- 12) Discipline for team representatives and directors not attending meetings
- 13) Privileges of players who quit the team
- 14) Size of Board
- 15) Playoff rules

Schedule Committee

- 1) Communicate with District Administrators concerning tournament schedule
- 2) Formulate schedules for 3 leagues including registration, tryouts, draft, pre-season practice, regular season, playoffs, tournaments, and work sessions
- 3) Assist the president and vice presidents in formulating their respective game schedules
- 4) Determine deadlines for other tasks including: registration and insurance, pictures, rosters, ordering rule books, requesting renewal of contract with the City, ordering awards
- 5) Sell advertising for schedule cards
- 6) Arrange printing of schedule cards
- 7) Schedule date for card sales

Training Committee

- 1) Determine training need in conjunction with the Policy Committee recommendation
- 2) Recommend budget amounts for training
- 3) Arrange and carry out training
- 4) Assist individuals in the application process for training such as umpire school in Williamsport.

Concession Stand Committee

- 1) Discuss protocol for concession stand operation

Red Flag Committee

- 1) Develop and review Red Flag policies

Volunteer Checks Committee

- 1) Keep track of volunteer hours
- 2) Create options for fulfilling volunteer requirements

Fundraising Committee

- 1) Coordinate all fundraising activities

Tournament Committees

- 1) Organize Board approved tournaments