

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO LITTLE LEAGUE

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## **ARTICLE I** NAME, OBJECTIVE AND BOUNDARIES

### SECTION I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be State of Ohio Little League, hereinafter referred to as State.

### SECTION II – OBJECTIVE

The objective of the State is to assure that all Little League programs in the state of Ohio are operated in conjunction with the rules and regulations set forth by Little League, International, and that all activities at the district and state levels be applied in a uniform manner.

### SECTION III – BOUNDARIES

The State must encompass the entire state of Ohio and be divided into eight (8) districts as illustrated in Appendix A of this constitution.

## **ARTICLE II** MEMBERSHIP

### SECTION I – ADMINISTRATORS

Any person elected District Administrator by the local leagues of their district automatically becomes a member.

### SECTION II – ELECTED, APPOINTED

Any person elected or appointed to a state position becomes a member.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **VOTING**

#### **SECTION I – ADMINISTRATORS**

Only District Administrators are entitled to vote at any state meeting unless Section II of this article applies.

#### **SECTION II – ABSENTEE**

If a District Administrator is absent from a state meeting, their Assistant DA or other representative must provide written notification from the District Administrator to be eligible to vote.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **STATE MEETINGS**

#### **SECTION I – AMOUNT**

Two state meetings are to be held each year - one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

#### **SECTION II – GOVERN**

State meetings must be governed by the Roberts Rule of Order

#### **SECTION III – NOTICE**

Notice of state meetings must be given to all members a week in advance and will solicit for agenda items.

#### **SECTION IV – LOCATION**

Meetings will be held in a central location (preferably within District 6.)

#### **SECTION V – LUNCH**

Should the host district provide lunch, reimbursement of the luncheon cost is available, up to \$150.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **OFFICERS, DUTIES, AUTHORITY**

#### **SECTION I – OFFICERS and DIRECTORS**

Officers will be elected from within the District Administrators for the following positions:

- . State Director
- . Assistant State Director

Director positions may be filled by District Administrators or other volunteers. Director positions are –

- . State Secretary
- . State Treasurer
- . Assistant State Secretary
- . State Safety Director
- . State Challenger Director
- . State Director of Umpires

#### **SECTION II – AUTHORITY**

No officer will have more authority than that of any other Ohio District Administrator.

#### **SECTION III – TERM, VACANCIES**

- A. The term of office will be a four (4) year period, filled in the Fall of every US presidential election year
- B. Should an officer lose their position by way of resignation, death, or lose their position as district administrator, the remaining District Administrators must appoint an officer to finish that term of office

#### **SECTION IV – APPOINTMENT**

The State Director must appoint a State Secretary, State Treasurer, and State Director of Umpires.

The District Administrators appoint the remaining director positions.

#### **SECTION V – FUNDING**

Funding for the state will be made by each district being assessed \$25 per year, due by the Spring meeting date. Once the treasury reaches \$500 or greater, dues will be held in abeyance.

## SECTION VI – EXPENSES

Authorized expenses from the state fund include typical office supplies and funeral memorials. The State Director can spend up to \$200 without authorization of the entire State.

## SECTION VII – STATE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

### *THE STATE DIRECTOR SHALL:*

- A. Preside at all State meetings
- B. Assist headquarters or regional directors in any State business
- C. Be one of three signatures, where two are required for each drafted check
- D. Present and submit an annual report of the State
- E. Act as a single point of contact on state matters that need escalation to the regional level
- F. Communicate to the State such matters and suggestions from headquarters or the regional director as to promote the welfare of the State
- G. Be responsible for the conduct of the State and strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules, and regulations of Little League, International
- H. Appoint a state secretary, treasurer, and director of umpires

## SECTION VIII – ASSISTANT STATE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

### *THE ASSISTANT STATE DIRECTOR SHALL:*

- A. In case of the absence or disability of the state director, perform the duties of the state director
- B. Be one of three signatures, where two are required for each drafted check.

## SECTION IX – SECRETARY/TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

### *THE SECRETARY SHALL:*

- A. Be responsible for recording the activities of the State and maintaining appropriate files, mailing lists, and necessary records
- B. Perform such duties as are customarily incident to the office of secretary
- C. Keep the minutes of the state meetings and mail or email a copy to each district administrator

### *THE TREASURER SHALL*

- A. Perform such duties as are customarily incident to the office of treasurer
- B. Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the State
- C. Maintain a checking account with a statewide financial institution
- D. Be one of three signatures, where two are required for each drafted check
- E. Prepare an annual financial report

## SECTION X – ASSISTANT SECRETARY’S RESPONSIBILITIES

### *THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY SHALL:*

In case of the absence or disability of the secretary/treasurer, perform the duties of the secretary/treasurer.

## SECTION XI – SAFETY DIRECTOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES

### *THE SAFETY DIRECTOR SHALL:*

- A. Be responsible for investigation of all questions or issues relating to safety and the ASAP program
- B. Be elected to this position
- C. Keep all district administrators informed of new safety policies, procedures and equipment
- D. Assist local leagues in the state of Ohio in setting up their safety programs
- E. Assist local safety officers by supplying them with materials and information

## SECTION XII – STATE CHALLENGER DIRECTOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES

### *THE STATE CHALLENGER DIRECTOR SHALL:*

- A. Chair the Challenger meetings with a committee
- B. Develop networks between local Challenger charters and act as a liaison for their communication to the DAs
- C. Provide a semi-annual report at the State meetings

## SECTION XIII – STATE DIRECTOR OF UMPIRES

### *THE STATE DIRECTOR OF UMPIRES SHALL:*

- A. Coordinate communication with district Umpires-in-Chief
- B. Oversee umpires during State tournaments

## **ARTICLE VI** **PENALTIES**

## SECTION I -- ABSENTEEISM

If a district administrator or representative is not present at the Fall meeting, they forfeit all rights to host a state tournament and must not receive a bye. This penalty will not disturb the following year's rotation.

## SECTION II – DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT FEES

If a district's assessment is not paid up to date, that district cannot be awarded any state tournaments.

## **ARTICLE VII** **TOURNAMENTS**

### SECTION I – CLASSIFICATIONS

*THE STATE TOURNAMENTS WILL BE CLASSIFIED AS FOLLOWS:*

- |    |                      |                       |
|----|----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. | 8- 9- & 10-year-old  | Baseball and Softball |
| B. | 9- 10- & 11-year-old | Baseball and Softball |
| C. | Little League        | Baseball and Softball |
| D. | Intermediate         | Baseball              |
| E. | Junior League        | Baseball and Softball |
| F. | Senior League        | Baseball and Softball |

### SECTION II – ROTATION

- A. Tournament location is distributed among the 8 Ohio districts on a rotation basis. This rotation is detailed in Appendix B of this constitution
- B. Should a district accept a tournament out of rotation because another district has declined to host, the accepting district will not lose its original place in the rotation
- C. If a district takes a tournament out of rotation, that district would not be eligible to receive that tournament again out of rotation until all other districts in the state have had the opportunity to host that particular tournament

### SECTION III – TOURNAMENT ENTRY

All districts in the state of Ohio may enter a team in each state tournament, provided the team meets Little League International requisites.

### SECTION IV – SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS

- A. Due to the low number of softball teams, the 8- 9- and 10-year-old site will be combined with the 9- 10- and 11-year-old site. The site will be determined using the 8- 9- and 10-year-old rotation.
- B. Due to the low numbers of softball teams the Junior softball site will be combined with the Senior softball site. The site will be determined using the Junior rotation.

## SECTION V – TOURNAMENT EXPENSES

Each team will be responsible for its own expenses, such as, but not limited to --

- A. Housing
- B. Food
- C. Transportation

## SECTION VI – STATE TOURNAMENT HOST LEAGUE RESPONSIBILITIES

The host league and/or district is responsible to pay for the following at a State tournament:

- A. Pins for all team members including the coaches and manager
- B. Championship flag
- C. The cost of the games (baseballs, etc.)

## SECTION VII – PINS

State participation pins are to be awarded as each team is eliminated from the tournament by introducing each player, the manager, and coaches individually while awarding their pins.

## SECTION VIII – FLAGS

The championship flag must be given after the championship team has been awarded their pins.

## SECTION IX – COLLECTIONS, CHARGES

- A. Game collections for the host district/league are permitted
- B. There can be no charge for admission, parking, post-game cleanup, etc.

## SECTION X – TROPHIES

Winners and runners up may be presented medallions. These are to be presented to players only.

## SECTION XI – CARRY-IN

Host district/league may decide if a “carry-in” policy for food and drink is permitted.

## SECTION XII – TOURNAMENT PACKETS

Tournament information packets for each State tournament must be sent to the district administrators by June 15th. They can be sent via email or postal service.



### SECTION XIII – ACTIVITIES

All State tournament teams must be allowed to attend all tournament activities without charge.

### SECTION XIV – BRACKET POSITION DRAWING

- A. The format for each State tournament must be specified at the preceding Fall meeting and follow a standard Little League format.
- B. State tournament bracket positions will be drawn at the State Spring meeting for the 3 youngest baseball divisions
- C. Teenage baseball and all softball divisions will draw for positions prior to the start of their tournaments
- D. Bracket positions will be chosen by numbered pills. The district with pill #1 gets the first choice of bracket position; pill #2 gets the next choice; pill #3 the next choice, etc. Each choice will have a one (1) minute time limit

### SECTION XV – 8-9-10-YEAR OLD, 9-10-11-YEAR OLD & LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT DATES

The 8-9-10-year old baseball and softball and the 9-10-11-year old baseball and softball tournaments will start the second weekend in July. The Little League baseball and softball tournaments will start the third weekend in July.

# APPENDIX A

## District Boundary Map



# APPENDIX B

## STATE TOURNAMENT ROTATIONS

Year	8-10 BB	9-11 BB	10-12 BB	50/70	Jr BB	Sr BB	8-10 SB	9-11 SB	10-12 SB	Jr SB	Sr SB	
2022	11	9	7	2	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	
2023	9	6	8	1	2	11	11	11	11	11	11	
2024	6	7	9	9	8	7	11	11	11	11	11	
2025	8	4	1	6	9	9	2	2	2	2	2	
2026	9	6	2	7	11	1	2	2	2	2	2	
2027	11	7	4	8	1	2	7	7	7	7	7	
2028	1	8	6	9	2	4	7	7	7	7	7	
2029	2	9	7	11	4	6	1	1	1	1	1	
2030	4	11	8	1	6	7	1	1	1	1	1	
2031	6	1	9	2	7	8	11	11	11	11	11	
2032	7	2	11	4	8	9	11	11	11	11	11	
2033	8	4	1	6	9	11	2	2	2	2	2	
2034	9	6	2	7	11	1	2	2	2	2	2	