

Ocean Township Little League Constitution

Article 1 - Name

This organization shall be known as the Ocean Township Little League Inc., hereafter referred to as OTLL.

Article 1A – Mission Statement

Help develop and shape the future of baseball and softball in the Township of Ocean by creating a well-perceived and highly valued product, both on and off the field, for the parents, volunteers, sponsors, partners, and most importantly, the boys and girls, in the Township of Ocean and our surrounding towns.

Article 2 - Objective

SECTION 1:

The objective of the OTLL shall be to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

SECTION 2:

To achieve this objective the OTLL will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INCORPORATED. All Managers, Officers and Coaches shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games is secondary and the molding of future citizens of prime importance. In accordance with SECTION 501(c) (3) of THE FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, the OTLL shall operate as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and Softball games. No part of the earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private individual; No OTLL activities shall attempt to be politically oriented, nor shall OTLL support any candidate for public office.

Article 3 - Membership

SECTION 1: Membership

General membership includes active Managers, Coaches, Players as well as Parents and Guardians of Players who are sincerely interested in active participation in achieving the objectives of the OTLL.

SECTION 2: Suspension or Termination

Managers, Coaches and Players may be terminated by registration or action of the Executive Board.

- a) The Executive Board, by a two-thirds vote by those present at a duly constituted meeting shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate any Manager, Coach or Player when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the OTLL. The person involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed on the general nature of the charges and given the opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
- b) The Executive Board shall, in the case of a Player, give notice to the Manager of the team of which the Player is a member. Said Manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the Player before a duly appointed committee of the Executive Board, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such Player's rights to future participation.

Article 4 - Meetings

SECTION 1: Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the OTLL shall be held the second Wednesday of October for the purpose of electing an Executive Board.

SECTION 2: Notice of Meetings

Notice of meetings shall be made available to each Manager, Coach and Officer setting forth the place, time and the purpose of such meeting.

SECTION 3: Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President at the President's discretion. Upon the written request of ten Managers and Coaches, the President shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified shall be transacted at the special meeting.

SECTION 4: Quorum

The presence in person or representative by an absentee ballot of six members of the Executive Board shall be necessary to constitute a Quorum.

Article 5 - Executive Board

SECTION 1: Board Members

The management of the property and affairs of the OTLL shall be vested in the

Executive Board. The number of Board members shall not be less than six nor more than fifteen. The Board shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 2: Required Members

The Executive Board membership shall, at minimum, include the Officers (Article 7, Section 2), including the Player Agent, and a minimum of one girl's Manager and one boy's Manager.

SECTION 3: Meetings, Notices and Quorum

Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held following the annual election and as determined by the Board. The President or the Secretary shall, at the request in writing of six members, issue a call for a special meeting of the Board. In the case of a special meeting, no matter not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting. Six members of the Executive Board shall constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 4: Duties and Powers

The Executive Board shall have the power to appoint such standing Committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate. The Board may adopt such Rules and Regulations for the conduct of its meetings and management of OTLL as it may deem proper. At the regular November meeting, a full Treasurer's report will be given on the financial condition of the OTLL.

Article 6 - Other Committees

SECTION 1: Nominating Committee

The President shall appoint the nominating committee consisting of at least two Board members and one adult regular member. The committee will nominate a slate of officers at the September meeting. At this meeting a call for other nominees is opened and requested within one week. At the regular meeting elections are held (see Article 4, Section 2).

SECTION 2: Other Committees

The Executive Board may appoint any other committees necessary for the viable operation of the OTLL.

Article 7 - Officers Duties and Powers

SECTION 1: Election

During the month following the annual meeting, the Executive Board shall meet for the purpose of filling all other committees.

Officers will be elected for a term of two (2) years using the following staggered approach in an effort to minimize turnover of the Board of Directors.

In even numbered years the following officers will be elected:

- President
- Vice President, Softball
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Fundraising Chairman
- Uniforms & Equipment Chairman
- Safety Officer
- Coaching Coordinator

In odd numbered years the following officers will be elected:

- Vice President, Baseball
- Player Agent
- Information Officer
- Umpire-In-Chief
- Fields/Special Projects Chairman

SECTION 2: Officers

The officers of the OTLL shall consist of, at minimum, the President, Executive Vice President, one or more Vice President's, a Secretary, a Treasurer and a Player Agent. All shall hold offices for two year terms until their successors are duly elected.

The Board may appoint other officers or agents as it may deem necessary or desirable, *and* the President will define the power and duties of each and may fill any vacancies in any office.

SECTION 3: President

- a) Conduct the affairs of the OTLL and execute the policies of the Executive Board.
- b) Present a report on the condition of the OTLL at the November meeting
- c) Be responsible for the conduct of the OTLL in conformance with the Rules

and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of a charter.

- d) Designate, in writing, other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for and in the name of the OTLL such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.
- e) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the OTLL and report thereon to the Executive Board as circumstances warrant.
- f) With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof of age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

SECTION 4: Executive Vice President

In case of the absence or disability of the President and provided that it is authorized by the President or Board, the Executive Vice President shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all the power of that office as determined by the Executive Board.

SECTION 5: Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- a) Be responsible for recording all activities of the OTLL and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists, as necessary.
- b) Perform such duties not specifically set forth herein as may be assigned by Executive Board.
- c) Maintain a list of all regular members and members of the Executive Board and give notice of all meetings of the OTLL.

- d) Keep the minutes of all meetings and cause them to be posted at a regular location for any members to review.
- e) Conduct all correspondence and all votes and all resolutions as may be necessary for the functioning of OTLL.
- f) Notify all Members or Officers of the election or appointment.

SECTION 6: Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- a) Perform such duties that are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or that may be assigned by the Executive Board.
- b) Receive all money and deposit same in an account approved by the Executive Board.
- c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys of the OTLL, approve all payments and draw checks in agreement with the policies of the Executive Board.
- d) Prepare an annual budget under the direction of the President for submission to the Executive Board.
- e) Prepare an annual financial report for submission to the membership at the November meeting

SECTION 7: Player Agent

The Player Agent shall:

- a) Record all player transactions and maintain all player lists.
- b) Receive and review all applications, residency and age eligibility.
- c) Conduct the player drafts.
- d) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters team roster and tournament eligibility

certificates.

Article 8 - Managers, Coaches and Umpires

SECTION 1:

Team Managers and Coaches shall be appointed annually by the President with approval of the Executive Board. Managers shall be responsible for selections of teams and for actions on the field.

SECTION 2:

Umpires shall be appointed annually by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. The Umpires shall be responsible for their assignment and actions on the field.

SECTION 3:

While holding such office the Player Agent shall not manage, coach or umpire.

Article 9 - Affiliation

SECTION 1: Charter

The OTLL through the President and Treasurer shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

SECTION 2: Rules and Regulations

The official Rules and Regulations, as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, shall be binding on the OTLL.

Article 10 – Financial and Accounting

SECTION 1:

The Executive Board, on all matters pertaining to the finances of the OTLL, shall deposit all funds in a common league treasury in a matter such that no individual or team will have advantage over another.

SECTION 2:

The Executive Board shall not permit the contribution of funds to an individual or team and shall only solicit from the common treasury to discourage favoritism and equalize benefits of the entire OTLL.

SECTION 3:

The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of OTLL unless all funds are placed in the common treasury.

SECTION 4:

No Director, Officer or Member of the local league shall receive any salary or compensation for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member.

Article 11 - Amendments

The constitution and bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a two-thirds vote at one regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed changes is included in the notice of such meeting, or presented at the previous general meeting.

Article 12 - Distribution of Property Upon Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the OTLL and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of the OTLL to another federally incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.