

**OCONEE COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**CONSTITUTION**  
**Adopted September 25, 2022**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

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

**ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE**

**SECTION 1**

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

**SECTION 2**

To achieve this objective, the Local League will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League International, Incorporated. All Directors, Officers, and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501 - (c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the Local League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

**ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1**

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

**SECTION 2**

**Classes.** There shall be the following classes of Members:

- (a) **Player Members.** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulations IV shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
- (b) **Regular Members.** Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a Regular Member upon election and payment of dues as hereinafter

provided. Regular Members may be issued a card numbered in sequential order annually. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership.

Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.

NOTE: Regular Members in the league automatically include all current Managers, Coaches, Board Members, Officers of the Board, and any other person who is recognized by the Board as a volunteer in the Local League, including those volunteers with the following titles:

- (c) **Honorary Members (Optional).** Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors but shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
- (d) **Sustaining Members (Optional).** Any person not a Regular Member who makes financial or other contribution to the Local League may by a majority vote of the Board of Directors become a Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the Local League.
- (e) As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

### SECTION 3

#### **Other Affiliations.**

- (a) Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the Local League.
- (b) Regular Members shall not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/softball program.

### SECTION 4

**Suspension or Termination.** Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors as follows:

- (a) The Board of Directors, by a majority vote at any duly constituted Board meeting with a quorum, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class including managers and coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Local League and/or Little League International. The

Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges, and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

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

#### **ARTICLE IV - DUES FOR REGULAR MEMBERS (NOT PLAYERS)**

##### **SECTION 1**

Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine for a particular fiscal year. (See Article XI, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league) Note: Dues for Regular Members are separate from registration fees for Player Members, which are determined annually by the Board of Directors in accordance with Regulation XIII (c). If no dues for Regular Membership are collected, Section 2 below does not apply.

##### **SECTION 2**

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

#### **ARTICLE V - GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

##### **SECTION 1**

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

##### **SECTION 2**

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

### SECTION 3

**Quorum.** At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of one fifth (20 percent) of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.

### SECTION 4

**Voting.** Only Regular Members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit, and recognize guests for presentation or comments during General Membership Meetings (Those eligible to take part at meetings of the Board of Directors are described in Article VI, Section 4.)

### SECTION 5

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

### SECTION 6

**Annual Meeting of the Members.** The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held on the third Thursday in September each year for the purpose of electing new Members, electing the Board of Directors, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

- (a) The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Local League a report, verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors showing:
  - (1) The condition of the Local League, to be presented by the President or his/her designate;
  - (2) A general summary of funds received and expended by the Local League for the previous year, the amount of funds currently in possession of the Local League, and the names of the financial institution in which such funds are maintained;
  - (3) The whole amount of real and personal property owned by the Local League, where located, and where and how invested;
  - (4) For the year immediately preceding, the amount and nature of the property acquired, with the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition, the amount applied, appropriated or expended, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made;
  - (5) The names of the persons who have been admitted to regular membership in the Local League during the year. This report shall be filed with the records of the Local League and

entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting. A copy of such report shall be forwarded to Little League Headquarters.

- (b) At the Annual Meeting, the Members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such numbers of Directors. The number of Directors elected shall be not less than seven (7).
- (c) The Board shall be elected and determined per the policies and procedures of the Local League (See Article VI, Section 4). The newly elected Board shall take office immediately following the Annual Meeting.
- (d) The Officers of the Board of Directors shall include, at a minimum, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, one or more Player Agents, a Safety Officer and a Coaches Agent. The Board shall also include a minimum of one manager.

## **SECTION 7**

**Special General Membership Meetings.** Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request of 11 Members, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than 10 days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

## **SECTION 8**

**Rules of Order for General Membership Meetings.** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all General Membership Meetings, except where same conflicts with the Constitution of the Local League. If a Parliamentarian is not appointed, the President of the Board shall maintain Robert's Rules of Order.

## **ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 1**

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

### **SECTION 2**

**Increase in number.** The number of Board of Directors so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members. If the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent General Membership Meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by majority vote

of all Regular Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the election meeting.

### SECTION 3

**Vacancies.** If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, by death, resignation, or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors at any regular Board Meeting or at any Special Board Meeting called for that purpose.

### SECTION 4

**Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum.** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board. Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly.

- (a) The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary at the request in writing of a majority of the Directors, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matter not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- (b) Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Director at least 3 day(s) before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director, or by telephone, postal mail, or electronic mail, or other personal notice twenty-four hours preceding the meeting.
- (c) Fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, if a quorum is not present, no business shall be conducted.
- (d) Only members of the Board of Directors may make motions and vote at meetings of the Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit, and recognize guests for presentations or comments during Board meetings.

### SECTION 5

**Duties and Powers.** The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as deemed appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meeting and the management of the Local League as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution.

The Board shall have the power by a majority vote of those present at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend, or remove any Director, Officer, or Committee Member of the

Local League in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 4 (a, b). (Quorum is required.)

## SECTION 6

**Rules of Order for Board Meetings.** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Board of Directors meetings, except where same conflicts with this Constitution of the Local League. If a Parliamentarian is not appointed, the President of the Board shall maintain Robert's Rules of Order.

## SECTION 7

**Requirements of Board Members.** Each Board of Director shall be active, willing to serve and be in good standing with the Local League. Board members are required to adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Local League and be an ambassador for Oconee County Little League.

Board Members shall attend the regularly scheduled and special-called meetings of the Board. Members who miss more than 3 regularly scheduled meetings during the year, may at the discretion of a majority of the Board be asked to resign as stated in Article IV Section 6.

## ARTICLE VII - DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

### SECTION 1

**Officers.** The Officers of the Oconee County Little League shall consist of a President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Coach Agent, Equipment Manager, Fundraising Director, Information Officer, Technology Officer and Safety Officer. Additionally, the Oconee County Little League may at its discretion identify specific Vice-Presidents as follows:

BASEBALL - Tee Ball/Coach Pitch; Rookie League (6-8 age), Minor League, Major League; Junior/Senior League (combined).

SOFTBALL - Rookie League (6-8); Minor League (9-10); Major league (11-12); Junior/Senior League (combined).

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

## SECTION 2

**President.** The President shall:

- (a) Conduct the affairs of the Local League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Present a report of the condition of the Local League at the Annual Meeting.
- (c) Communicate to the Board of Directors such matters as deemed appropriate and make suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the Local League.
- (d) Be responsible for the conduct of the Local League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League International, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to the Local League by that organization.
- (e) Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the Local League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.
- (f) Investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
- (g) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- (h) With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof-of age documents of every player candidate and certify to the residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
- (i) Complete background checks of all volunteers working in the Local League.

## SECTION 3

**Executive Vice-President.** The Executive Vice President shall:

- (a) Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, providing he or she is authorized by The President or Board so to act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
- (b) Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.



#### **SECTION 4**

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall:

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Local League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists, and necessary records.
- (b) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Directors and Committee members and give notice of all meetings of the Local League, the Board of Directors and Committees.
- (d) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose. All recorded minutes shall be approved by the Board of Directors at the following regularly scheduled meeting.
- (e) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- (f) Notify Members, Directors, Officers, and Committee Members of their election or appointment.

#### **SECTION 5**

**Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall:

- (a) Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Receive all moneys and securities and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys and securities of the Local League, including the Auxiliary, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
- (e) Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Board of Directors at the Annual meeting, and to Little League Headquarters.

## SECTION 6

**Player Agent.** The Player Agent shall:

- (a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- (b) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility.
- (c) Conduct the tryouts, the player draft, and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- (d) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including player claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (e) Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

## SECTION 7

**Safety Officer.** The Safety Officer shall:

- (a) Be responsible to create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for children and all participants of Little League International.
- (b) Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment, and facilities through education, compliance, and reporting. NOTE: In order to implement a safety plan the Safety Officer may utilize the following:
  - (1) Education: Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians, and other volunteers.
  - (2) Compliance: Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
  - (3) Reporting: Define a process to assure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district, and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available.

## SECTION 8

**League Information Officer.** The League Information Officer shall:

- (a) Be proficient with web applications, MS Word, MS Excel and email applications.
- (b) Develop, print and disseminate informational flyers for fall and spring registration to the following:
  - All Preschools - some via email, some via email
  - Private schools (ie Prince, Westminster) via email

- OCSS – via email only via approval at Superintendents office
- (c) Coordinate advertising budget with Treasures for advertisements of registration and other notices and present to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.
- (d) Work with approved local newspapers (currently the Oconee Leader) to develop and approve advertisements for announcing fall and spring registration.
- (e) Work with OCPRD to develop and approve the ad in the fall and spring catalog for registration.
- (f) Answer and/or forward emails that are received at [info@oconeelittleleague.com](mailto:info@oconeelittleleague.com) within 48 hours in a professional and timely manner.
- (g) Post information and answer/forward messages posted to OCLL Facebook page.
- (h) Work with Technology Officer to update any forms and flyers that need posting.
- (i) Assist with All-star communications to families regarding registration
- (j) Assist Technology Officer and League President in disseminating event weather cancellations.

## SECTION 9

**League Technology Officer.** The League Technology Officer shall:

- (a) Maintain [www.oconeelittleleague.com](http://www.oconeelittleleague.com) website for current information and forward Information officer any updated information that may need to be distributed.
- (b) Update sponsor logos on website once sponsor has paid their sponsorship for the season as noted by the Treasurer.
- (c) Set up registrations on line at [www.oconeelittleleague.com](http://www.oconeelittleleague.com) for fall, spring and Allstars.
- (d) Maintain @oconeelittleleague web email account at current web hosting site.
- (e) Maintain sombrero pay or authentix.net account for payment system with Blue Sombrero or current registration vendor.
- (f) Create donation website on behalf of OCLL for special events, fundraisers, sponsorships etc.
- (g) Assist Players agent in setting up teams for rosters to be assembled with current online software.
- (h) Assist Board of Directors with software administration rights as needed.

- (i) Develop practice and game schedules, with approval of Division VPs. Maintain season team schedules on [www.oconeelittleleague.com](http://www.oconeelittleleague.com) and communicate weekly with VPs, umpires, OCPRD, OCLL Board and Information Officer to post/email updates.
- (j) Update the field status at [www.oconeelittleleague.com](http://www.oconeelittleleague.com) as games / events are canceled due to weather or other reasons. Add news item and facebook if Information Officer is unable to do so.
- (k) Send emails for OCLL board members specific to their division or role via the web portal when provided the complete text to copy and paste.

## SECTION 10

**Coach's Agent.** The Coach's Agent shall:

- (a) Represent coaches/managers in league;
- (b) Present a coach/manager training budget to the board, if necessary;
- (c) Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league-wide training program;
- (d) Order and distribute training materials to players, coaches, and managers;
- (e) Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary;
- (f) Serve as the contact person for Little League and its manager-coach education program for the league.
- (g) Manage the coaches database for each season and verify that each coach has the required NYSCA certification.

## SECTION 11

**Equipment Manager.** The Equipment Manager shall:

- (a) Be responsible for obtaining bids and price quotations for all equipment, uniforms, and playing supplies;
- (b) Select the best equipment, uniforms, and playing supplies at the most reasonable price for League play;
- (c) Issue to the managers equipment and uniforms, which are appropriate for the age of the players within their League;
- (d) Collect, inventory, and store uniforms, equipment, and playing supplies at the conclusion of the season;

- (e) Establish procedures and guidelines for failure to return League equipment;
- (f) Work closely with Treasurer to complete and present results of an annual physical inventory at the annual Membership meeting.
- (g) Establish guidelines and recommendations on the dissolution of excess inventory, equipment, and playing supplies.

## **SECTION 12**

**Fundraising Director/Administrative Assistant.** The Fundraising Director/Administrative Assistant shall:

- (a) Coordinate all fund raising events for the League at the direction of the Board;
- (b) Coordinate all sponsorship communications and activities;
- (c) Coordinate the distribution of any products and the collection of money thereof assisting the Treasurer in this function;
- (d) Communication of all fund raising events to the sponsors, teams, Team Parents, as is necessary;
- (f) Assist all other Board Members as is necessary or delegated.

## **SECTION 13**

**League Vice-President(s).** The League Vice President(s) shall:

- (a) Select and present to the League president and Board of Directors, a list of qualified managers and coaches for the number of teams that the Board has determined should be formed within the League for approval;
- (b) Serve as liaison between the managers of the teams and the Board of Directors;
- (c) Ensure each team has proper equipment and uniforms;
- (d) Coordinate meetings with managers and coaches to inform of any changes in League policies and procedures;
- (e) Facilitate draft meetings and proper selection of players as defined by Little League International procedure and guidelines;
- (f) Assist the Player Agent(s) with maintaining each team's roster.
- (g) Assist the President and Technology officer with developing practice and game schedules for the league.
- (h) Assist Rules Committee to establish local league rules.

- (i) Facilitate All-Star selection per the procedures and guidelines defined by the Little League International Operating Manual as adopted by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII - OTHER COMMITTEES**

### **SECTION 1**

**Nominating/Election Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of not less than three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates and submit at the Annual Meeting a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. The Committee shall also submit for consideration by the Board of Directors a slate of Officers and Committee Members. In addition, the Committee shall review nomination and election procedures and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes as specified under Procedural guidelines from Little League International Inc. The committee shall oversee the election process at the Annual Membership meeting.

### **SECTION 2**

**Communications/Publicity/Membership Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Communications/Publicity/Membership Committee consisting of not less than three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall receive the names of prospective Honorary, Sustaining, and Regular Members, investigate for eligibility and recommend those qualified for election at the annual, regular or any special meeting of the Members of the Board of Directors as the case may be. The Committee will also develop and distribute communications to coaches, sponsors, players, and members; post meeting notices to media, website, and local newspapers; develop and communicate plans for League events; and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 3**

**Budget/Finance Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) Directors. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing the Local League including team sponsorships and submit recommendations.

It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games, if such collections are authorized by the Local League, and shall turn over said collections to the Treasurer immediately after each game. The Committee shall also be responsible for developing and presenting recommendations on a yearly budget to the Board of Directors; make recommendations on changes in registration and sponsorship fees; and develop Board policy on financial management.

#### SECTION 4

**Recreation Buildings, Property and Grounds Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Building and Property Committee consisting of not less than three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall investigate and recommend available, suitable sites, and plans for development, including ways and means, the latter in cooperation with the Finance Committee. It shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, care and maintenance of playing field(s), buildings and grounds and supervise the performance of approved projects. In addition this Committee shall work in conjunction with the OCRD to develop a field use plan and schedule; develop training certification for parents, coaches, managers, and Board; and clearly define relationship between the OCLL and the OCRD.

#### SECTION 5

**Uniform and Equipment Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Playing Equipment Committee, which shall secure bids on needed supplies and equipment and make recommendations for their purchase to the Board.

The Committee shall be responsible for the proper issuance of such supplies and equipment and for the repair, cleaning, and storage thereof at the close of the season.

#### SECTION 6

**Rules/Manager Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of not less than three (3) Directors.

The Committee shall interview and investigate prospective manager and coaches, including those for the Minor League teams and recommend acceptable candidates to the President, for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. It shall, during the playing season, observe the conduct of the managers and coaches and report its findings to the President of the Local League. It shall, at the request of the President or Board of Directors, investigate complaints concerning managers and coaches and make a report thereof to the President or Board of Directors as the case may be. In addition, the Committee shall develop Code of Conduct policies for the Board of Directors, Parents, Players, and Managers and Coaches. This Committee shall also review and investigate complaints of various member groups on violations of Codes of Conduct and make recommendations to the Board on courses of action.

#### SECTION 7

**Umpire Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint an Umpire Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Local League President shall be chairman of any such Committee. The Committee shall recruit, interview, and recommend to the President for appointment a staff of umpires, including a chief umpire and replacements. When appointed, the staff of umpires shall be under the personal direction of the Local League President, assisted by the Chief

Umpire who shall train, observe, and schedule the staff. When volunteer umpires are not used, the committee shall recruit and interview private umpire groups to contract with during the season. The committee shall review the contract with the private umpire group and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 8

**District Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a District Committee consisting of the Local League President as chairman and two (2) other Directors. The Committee shall assist the District Administrator in inter-league district functions including the selection of members of the District Administrator's Advisory Committee and the selection of tournament sites and area tournament directors.

## SECTION 9

**Fundraising Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Fundraising Committee consisting of the Local League Treasurer and two (2) other Directors and other appointed Regular Members. The Committee shall coordinate the activities of the fundraising. It shall review and evaluate projects for raising money and disposition of profits, and make recommendations to the Board. The Board of Directors shall approve in advance all projects and actions of the committee..

## SECTION 10

**Auditing Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The President, Treasurer or signatories of checks are not eligible. The Committee will review the Local League's books and records annually prior to the Annual Meeting and attach a statement of its findings to the annual financial statement of the President and Treasurer; or may, if directed by the Board of Directors or Membership secure the services of a Certified Public Accountant to accomplish such review.

## SECTION 11

**League Restructuring Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a League Restructuring Committee consisting of not less than three (3) Directors. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the Major League Vice President and be responsible to the Local League President for the proper conduct of the Major League operation. This Committee will review current League structure and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes; oversee all leagues to insure that each is being managed per the procedures, policies, and guidelines as set forth by Little League International, Inc. and OCLL; review All Star selection process and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.



## **ARTICLE IX - AFFILIATION**

### **SECTION 1**

**Charter.** The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League International, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. The Local League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

### **SECTION 2**

**Rules and Regulations.** The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League International, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League.

### **SECTION 3**

**Local Rules, Ground Rules, and/or Bylaws.** The local rules, ground rules, and/or bylaws of this Local League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules, Regulations, and Policies of Little League International, Incorporated, nor shall they conflict with this Constitution. The local rules, ground rules, and/or bylaws of this Local League shall expire at the end of each fiscal year, and are not considered part of this Constitution. (See Article XI, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league.)

## **ARTICLE X - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING**

### **SECTION 1**

**Authority.** The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it shall place all income, including funds raised, in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of funds in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

### **SECTION 2**

**Contributions.** The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of the Local League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the Local League.

### **SECTION 3**

**Solicitations.** The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League International unless all of the funds so raised are placed in the Local League treasury.

#### SECTION 4

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

#### SECTION 5

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

#### SECTION 6

**Deposits.** All moneys received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League at Oconee State Bank or other institution as designated by the Board of Directors.

#### SECTION 7

**Fiscal year.** The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on October 1<sup>st</sup> and end on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### SECTION 8

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

### **ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS**

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

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

OCLL Constitution  
Adopted September 25, 2022

This Constitution was approved by the General Membership after recommendation by the Board of Directors of The Oconee County Little League Association, Inc. on September 25, 2022.

<b>Little League Membership</b>	_____	(date)
<b>OCLL President's Name (Print)</b>	Wesley Scott	_____
<b>OCLL President's Signature</b>	_____	(date)
<b>Little League ID No.</b>	League ID # 3100711	_____
<b>Federal ID No.</b>	Tax ID # 58-1929432	_____
<b>State ID No. (if available)</b>	_____	_____

***Make one copy for the District Administrator and copies for the Local League. Send original to Regional Headquarters. The most recently approved copy of this Local League's Constitution on file at Regional Headquarters is the official Constitution of this Local League.***