**Little League of East Bridgewater 2022 Constitution**

LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER CONSTITUTION

After careful investigation our committee has decided that the Little League Constitution and By-laws are an excellent base to structure our league around. The document will provide our local league the ability to set up a very strong functional organization that will allow us to accomplish our objective.

Our objective, which has not changed, is to teach our children respect for themselves, and their peers, teamwork, and good sportsmanship.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization will be known as the LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, this will be done throughout the constitution.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

The objective of the LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER 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 up to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

SECTION 2

To achieve this objective, LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER will provide a supervised program under the rules and regulations of LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INCORPORATED. All Directors, Officers, and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and the molding of future citizens, is of prime importance. In accordance with section 501-(c)-(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games the net earnings shall not 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 affect the objective of this local league may apply to become a member.

SECTION 2

Classes - There shall be the following classes of Members:

1. PLAYER MEMBERS. Any player candidate meeting the requirements of the LITTLE LEAGUE REGULATION IV and who reside within the authorized boundaries of EAST BRIDGEWATER (or who has otherwise completed eligibility and waiver requirements) shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.
2. REGULAR MEMBERS. Any person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER may become a regular member upon election as hereinafter provided. Only regular members in good standing are eligible to vote at the annual meeting. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, Volunteer Umpires and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.
3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. To be a Member of the Board of Directors the candidate must meet all the following criteria:
	1. Be a Member of this organization who intends to enroll a child who is eligible to play in the coming season, or, who has actively participated in the organization in the past year.
	2. Must have attended at least six (6) regular monthly meetings within the past twelve (12) months.
	3. Must have actively participated in the organization in the past year. Once a Member meets the eligibility criteria and provided there are open positions on the Board of Directors, the Secretary will nominate the candidate to a position on the Board of Directors. The candidate will then have the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination. If the candidate accepts the nomination, it will be put to a vote of the sitting Board of Directors with a majority rule. As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

SECTION 3

Other Affiliations

1. Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.
2. Regular members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball program, without permission of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4

SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION. Resignation or action of the Board of Directors may terminate membership.

1. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any Member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER and/or LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INCORPORATED. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
2. The Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

ARTICLE IV - REGISTRATION SECTION

SECTION 1

A reasonable Little League participation fee may be assessed as a parent's obligation to assure the operational continuity of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER. Although it is recommended that no fee be collected, a fee per player may be assessed if deemed necessary. AT NO TIME SHOULD PAYMENT OF ANY FEE BE A PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PROGRAM. (Little League regulation Xiii (c))

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

SECTION 1

ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the Members of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER shall be held the second Tuesday in September each year for the purpose of electing positions within the Board of Directors, including the Executive Board, receiving reports and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

SECTION 2

The order of business at all monthly meetings shall be:

1. Call to order.
2. The reading, correction, and approval of the minutes of the prior meeting.
3. Report of the Treasurer.
4. Submission of bills to the Treasurer and approval of payment.
5. Reports of Officers and standing committees.
6. Old or Unfinished business.
7. New Business
8. Adjournment.

SECTION 3

MEETINGS, NOTICE AND QUORUM. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual election and, on such days, thereafter as shall be determined by the Board. The President or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of five (5) Directors issue a call for a special meeting of the Board. Notice of each meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each Director at least twenty-four (24) hours preceding the meeting.

In the case of special meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting. Five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 4

QUORUM. The presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of one-third (1/3) of the members, or a number or percentage acceptable to LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER regular membership in advance of the annual meeting, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5

VOTING. Only Regular Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote at any meeting of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER. The Board of Directors reserves the right to rescind voting privileges of any Member who has missed six (6) meetings within a rolling twelve (12) month timeframe.

SECTION 6

ABSENTEE BALLOT. For the expressed purpose of accommodating a Regular Member in good standing who cannot attend the annual meeting, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the annual meeting and the election of Members to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

BOARD AND NUMBER. The management of the property and affairs of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be neither less than five (5) nor more than thirty-five (35). The Directors 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. The Board of Directors shall consist of:

President

Umpire in Chief

Safety Officer

Vice President of Baseball

Uniform Coordinator

Vice President of Softball

Tournament Director

Webmaster

Equipment Manager

Player Agent

Treasurer

Secretary

Snack Bar Coordinator

Fundraising Coordinator

DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES:

BASEBALL SOFTBALL

Senior/Junior League Senior/Junior League

Major League Major League

Minor League Minor League

Farm League Rookie League

Intermediate League

T-Ball/Instructional

SECTION 2

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. Membership shall include the President, Vice President of Baseball, Vice

President of Softball, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Player Agent.

SECTION 3

ANNUAL ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE. At each annual meeting, the members shall vote on the

Executive Board (Officer) positions, and remaining Board positions as named in Section 1. All elections

of the Executive Board and other Directors shall be by majority vote of all Members present or

represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the

election meeting. No elected official may hold the same office more than five (5) consecutive years.

SECTION 4

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 meeting or at any special meeting

called for that purpose.

SECTION 5

DUTIES AND POWERS. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees

as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem

advisable and which it may properly delegate.

The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of

LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER as it may deem proper.

The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular or special

meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer or Committee member of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER in accordance with the procedure set forth in ARTICLE 111, SECTION 4 (a). The Membership shall receive at the annual meeting of the Member of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER a report verified by the President and Treasurer, or by a majority of the Directors, showing the whole amount of real and personal property owned by LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, where located, and where and how invested, the amount and nature of the property acquired during the year immediately preceding, the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition; the amount applied, appropriated or expended during the year immediately preceding such date, and the purposes, objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made; and the names and places of residence of the persons who have been admitted to membership in LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER during such year, which report shall be filed with the records of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER and an abstract thereof entered in the minutes of the proceedings of the annual meeting.

A copy of such report shall be forwarded to LITTLE LEAGUE INCORPORATED headquarters.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS, DUTIES AND POWERS

SECTION 1

ELECTION. At the annual meeting, the Directors present in good standing, provided there be a quorum,

shall meet for the purpose of electing Officers and appointing committees for the ensuing year.

SECTION 2

OFFICERS. The Officers of the LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER shall consist of a President, one or

more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Player Agent or Agents, all of whom shall hold

office for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly elected. Regulations 11 (b).

SECTION 3

PRESIDENT. The President shall:

(a) Conduct the affairs of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER and execute the policies establish by the Board of Directors.

(b) Present a report of the condition of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER at the annual meeting.

(c) Communicate to the Board of Directors, such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such

suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

(d) Be responsible for the conduct of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER in strict conformity to the

policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball Incorporated. As agreed under the

conditions of the Charter issued to LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER by that organization.

(e) Designate in writing, other officers if necessary, to have power to make and execute for and in the

name of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.

(f) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER 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 supporting documents of every

player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for

tryouts and selection.

(i) Be an individual who has contributed at least two (2) years active service to LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER as an Officer, Manager, Coach or Committee member.

SECTION 4

VICE PRESIDENT, (Baseball and Softball). In case of the absence or disability of the President, and

provided he is authorized by the President or Board so to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties

of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall duties as from

time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President. The Vice President shall be

an individual who has contributed at least one (1) full year of service to LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER as an Officer, Coach, or Committee member.

Both the Vice President of Baseball and the Vice President of Softball will serve as voting members of

the executive committee.

SECTION 5

SECRETARY. The Secretary shall:

(a) Be responsible for recording the activities of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER 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, direct committee members and give

notice of all meetings of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER Directors and committees.

(d) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the members, the board of the directors, and the executive

committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.

(e) Shall conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said

meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolution otherwise committed.

(f) Notify members, directors, officers and committee members of their election appointment.

SECTION 6

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 monies and securities, and deposit it in a depository approved by the Board of directors.

(c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, 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. All

disbursements by check must have dual signatures.

(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.

(f) Arrange for the filing of State and Federal Income Taxes on behalf of LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

SECTION 7

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 check residence and

age eligibility.

(c) Conduct the player draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.

(d) Prepare the Player Agent's list.

(e) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters,

including players' claimed, and the tournaments team eligibility affidavit.

(f) Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

ARTICLE X - MANAGERS, COACHES, AND UMPIRES

SECTION 1

TEAM MANAGERS shall be appointed annually by the President, and be approved by the Board of

directors. All Assistant Coaches/Scorekeepers shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Managers shall be responsible for the selection of their assistant coaches, teams, and for their

actions on the field. Regulation 1(b).

SECTION 2

The Umpire in Chief shall oversee all umpires at all levels. Any issues with umpires shall be brought to

the attention of the Umpire in Chief.

ARTICLE XI - AFFILIATION

SECTION 1

CHARTER.

LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such, and shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other.

SECTION 2

RULES AND REGUALTIONS.

The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball Incorporated,

Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

SECTION 3

LOCAL LEAGUE RULES.

The local rules of this Local League shall be adopted by the Directors at a meeting to be held not less

than one month before the first game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules and

Regulations of Little League Incorporated.

ARTICLE XII-FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1

The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the league and it shall place

all income including Auxiliary funds, in a common league treasury the expenditure of same in such

manner as will give no individual or team an advantage those in competition with such individual or

team.

SECTION 2

The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit

some for the common treasurer of the Local League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and

to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the Local League.

SECTION 3

The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League unless all of the funds so

raised are placed in the Local League treasury.

SECTION 4

The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League funds for other than Little League activities

in accordance with the rules and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

SECTION 5

Compensation

No Director, Officer or Member of the Local League shall receive, directly or indirectly, any salary,

compensation or emolument from the Local League for services rendered as Director, Officer, or

Member.

SECTION 6

Deposits

All monies received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in the

Bank and all disbursement shall be made by check or electronic transactions. The Local League Treasurer

and such other officer shall sign all checks as the Board of Directors determine.

SECTION 7

Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on the first day of October and shall end on the last day of

September.

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 herein, which are or may be entitled to

exemption under Section 5Ol-(c)-(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding

provision.

ARTICLE XIII-AMENDMENTS

This constitution and by-laws may only be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a

majority vote at the annual Constitution/By-Law meeting, of the Members provided notice of the

proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

Drafts of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated for

approval before implementation.

ARTICLE XIV – Jackets and Sweatshirts

When a player member becomes (12) in LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, the player shall be awarded a

League jacket or sweatshirt. The jacket/sweatshirt will be awarded the year the player is (12) years old.

ARTICLE XV-ALL STAR COACHES

All-star coaches shall be nominated by the President of the league subject to the approval of the Board

of Directors by majority vote. All-star player selection shall be determined by a by-law approved by

majority vote of the Board of Directors prior to the commencement of the season in which the all-star

team is to be selected.

Manager and Coach Selection Process

All Star Team Managers

Candidates for manager nominate themselves indicating their qualifications. This will include years of

experience, coaching/managing levels, philosophical approach to managing/coaching and a written

detailed statement to support why he/she is a good choice for the position.

The All-Star Selection Committee reviews all candidates and discusses candidates with the league

President. Some of the factors considered outside of the nomination paperwork include, input from the

Player Agent, team performance, and adhering to the Little League code of conduct.

The All-Star Selection Committee shall consist of the Executive Board plus the Division Representative,

minus the President and anyone on the Executive Board nominated to be an All-Star coach.

Similar to the regular season selection process for managers, the league President nominates the

managers to the Board of Directors. The Board votes on the manager. The manager is approved or

denied by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Note: If the nominee is not approved, the selection process begins again and more candidates are

reviewed and another nomination is made.

ARTICLE XVI-LOCAL RULES & BY-LAWS

By-laws for the League & local rules for each division are subject to review and renewal at least one

month prior to the commencement of the new season by a majority vote of the Members & Board of

Directors.

This constitution was approved by the LITTLE LEAGUE OF EAST BRIDGEWATER Membership on

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