



# 2023

# BYLAWS

## **ARTICLE I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

Paradise Little League, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the “Local League,” is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, which operates on a fiscal calendar, hereinafter referred to as the “season,” beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30 of the following year. The principle mailing address is PO Box 282, Paradise, CA 95967. The principle email address is [paradiselittleleagued47@gmail.com](mailto:paradiselittleleagued47@gmail.com). The principle website is [paradiselittleleague.org](http://paradiselittleleague.org). The principle physical address is Egleson Little League Complex, located at 820 Buschmann Road, Paradise, CA 95969.

## ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1-** Eligibility. Any person sincerely interested in active participation may become a member.

**Section 2-** Levels of Membership. There shall be the following levels of Membership: A. **Player Members-** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of *Little League Regulation IV* and who reside or attend an accredited school within the authorized boundaries of the Local League shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of the local league.

**B. Regular Members-**

- a. Any adult person interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a regular member upon election of the majority of the general membership and payment of \$1 membership dues.
- b. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership for the purpose of establishing the voting membership.
- c. Only regular members in good standing are eligible to vote at the meeting of the general membership.
- d. All officers, board members, committee members, managers, coaches, volunteer umpires and other elected or appointed officials who have signed the ledger of general members shall automatically have the status of active regular members.
- e. As used hereinafter, the word "member" shall mean "regular member" unless otherwise stated.

**C. Board Members-** The Board of Directors ("Board") shall be elected by majority of votes from the general membership. Elections for the Board shall be held in September, but shall take no action until the new season starts on October 1.

**D. Other Affiliations-** Neither regular nor player members shall be required to affiliate with another organization in order to qualify as a member of the PLL. Regular members shall not be actively involved in the promotion or operation of any other youth baseball or softball program.

### **Section 3- Rights of Membership**

Regular members shall have the following rights pursuant to their good standing status:

- A. Eligibility to serve on the Board
- B. Eligibility to serve as a Manager, Coach, or Team Parent in the Local League

**Section 4- Suspension or Termination of Membership.** Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors.

- A. Officers of the League shall discuss and bring forth to the Board of Directors violations of any rule, regulation, policy, procedure, or Code of Conduct that may result in termination of membership.

- a. Members may be suspended from some or all League activities while an investigation into the charges is conducted by the Board
- B. The Board of Directors, by a **two-thirds vote** of those present at any constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate the membership of any Member when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interest 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.
- C. Officers of the League shall discuss and bring forth to the Board of Directors violations of the Board Member Code of Conduct that may result in removal from the board. The Board of Directors, by a **two-thirds** majority vote of those present at any constituted meeting, shall have the authority to remove the offender from the Board of Directors.
- D. In the event of such charges being made against a Manager, Coach, Umpire, or Player Member, the League President or Vice President shall convene a Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the local League President, Vice President (as the committee chairperson), Player Agent, Safety Officer, and Coaching Coordinator. It should be noted that if one of the aforementioned members of the Disciplinary Committee is the subject of the charge, they shall forfeit their place on the committee and be replaced by another Regular Member.
  - a. The Disciplinary Committee shall, in the case of a Player Member, give no less than 24 hours' notice to the Manager of the team of which a player is a member. Said manager shall appear in the capacity of an advisor.
  - b. Disciplinary Committee shall meet before the Manager's, Coach's, Umpire's, or Player's next scheduled game or within 72 hours of the incident.
  - c. Pertinent information concerning the alleged incident shall be provided to the disciplinary committee in writing or in person by the person(s) making the complaint. Person(s) making the complaint may not be a member of the disciplinary hearing.
  - d. After hearing the complaint, the subject of the hearing shall have the opportunity to address the Disciplinary Committee.
  - e. The Disciplinary Committee, by a majority vote of the committee, shall have full power to suspend or revoke the subject's rights to future membership or participation.

## **Section 5 – Meetings**

- A. A General Meeting is any meeting of the general membership of the local league. A minimum of one general meeting per year must be held.
  - a. Notice of meeting shall be delivered personally, electronically, in writing, or by other commonly used methods of notice, to all general members at least ten days in advance of the meeting. The notice shall set forth the place, time, and purpose of the meeting.
  - b. Only regular members shall be entitled to make motions and vote at meetings of

the general membership. However, the Board of Directors may invite, admit, and/or recognize guests for the purpose of making presentations or comments during such meeting.

- c. A regular member in good standing who cannot attend a meeting of the general membership at which Board Members will be elected may request and obtain an absentee ballot from the League Secretary no fewer than three days in advance of the meeting. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed, and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the election. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the election chairman on the date of the meeting. Other means of conducting a secret ballot (i.e. electronic) may be used at the discretion of the Secretary.

d. The annual meeting of the General Members of the Local League shall be held each September for the purpose of electing new General Members, electing a Board of Directors, receiving reports regarding the state of the League, and for the transaction of such business as may be properly considered at the meeting. B. Board Meetings

- a. The league Secretary shall maintain an attendance log of all Board Members present for each meeting. Any Board Member who is absent from three (3) regularly scheduled board meetings with unexcused absences (no advanced notice by phone or email), may be subject to removal from the Board of Directors following the rules set forth in the local league Constitution.

#### **Section 6 - Board Member Voting Procedures**

Voting will be conducted as set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order* and the local league Constitution.

## **ARTICLE III: 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- Elections**

- A. The Board of Directors will be elected in September at the Annual Membership Meeting. The Board's term of Office shall commence on October 1 and run until September 30 of the following year.
- B. Board Officers will be elected at a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held not prior to the September Annual Membership Meeting and no later than October 15.

### **SECTION 3- Eligibility**

In order to campaign for a position on the Board of Directors, the candidate must be a Regular Member in good standing. The application process shall be posted no less than thirty days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting and all applications shall be received no less than seven

days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting.

#### **SECTION 4- Number of Directors**

The number of Directors shall not be less than seven (7) nor more than twenty-five (25). These numbers may be increased at a General Membership meeting or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors. All elections of additional Directors shall be by a majority vote of all Regular Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the meeting. The Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

#### **SECTION 5- Vacancies**

If any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, 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. Vacancies shall be filled by the Officer governing that vacancy until such time as the Board of Directors supplies a replacement. If a vacancy occurs, the Secretary must notify all members of the new vacancy; the members shall be given five (5) business days to respond indicating interest. The new Directors may be elected at any subsequent meeting. All elections of additional Directors shall be by a majority vote of all Regular Members present or represented by a properly executed and signed absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the meeting. The Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

#### **SECTION 6- Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum**

Regular meetings for 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 may, whenever they deem it advisable, call for a Special Meeting of the Board, providing five (5) days written notice. Notice of each meeting shall be given by the secretary to each Director via electronic mail or personal contact at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. The Officers of the Board (Executive Board) shall meet regularly prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors. A simple majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### **SECTION 7- Duties and Powers of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall have 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 meeting and the management of the Local League as it may deem proper.

The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds majority vote of those present at any regular or

special meeting to discipline, suspend, or remove any Director or Officer or Committee member of the Local League in Accordance with the Procedure set forth in Article II, Section 4.

## **ARTICLE IV: DEFINITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **SECTION 1- Officers**

The Officers of the Local League, also known as the Executive Board, shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary/Information Officer, Treasurer, Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, and Safety Officer. All Officers shall hold office for the ensuing year or until their successor is duly elected. 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 and may fill any vacancy which may occur in any office by a majority vote of members at any constituted meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### **A. 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 such 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, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of the 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 that may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.
- f. Investigate complaints, irregularities, and conditions detrimental to the Local League and report to the Board of Directors or Executive Board as circumstances warrant.
- g. With the assistance of the Treasurer, 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 residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.

#### **B. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT** - The Executive Vice President shall:

- a. in case of the absence or disability of the President, and provided he/she is authorized by the President or Board so to act, perform the duties of the President. When so acting, shall have all the powers of that office and shall have

such other duties from time to time as assigned by the Board of Directors or The President.

- b. The Executive Vice President shall directly oversee the Umpire-in-Chief and be responsible for all matters associated with that role.

**C. 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, the Executive Board, 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 resolutions not otherwise committed.
- f. Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.

**D. TREASURER** - The Treasurer shall:

- a. Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such duties 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 same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- c. Keep records for receipt and disbursement of all monies 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 report under the direction of the President for submission to the Board of Directors
- e. Ensure taxes are completed on time.

**E. PLAYER AGENT** - The Player Agent shall:

- a. Receive all registration records, whether submitted in person or online.
- b. Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transactions or selection meetings.
- c. Develop team rosters for draftable divisions as well as placement of players in non-draftable divisions.
- d. Prepare the player agent's list (waiting list)
- e. Prepare the team rosters, coach/manager rosters, tournament team rosters, and

tournament team eligibility affidavit for submission to Little League International. Ensure rosters are uploaded to Little League International. f. Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent replacements or trades.

**F. SAFETY OFFICER** - The Safety Officer shall:

- a. Be responsible for creating awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for kids and all participants of Little League baseball
- b. Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment, and facilities through education, compliance, and reporting using the following format:
  - i. Education-
    1. Facilitate Safety Meetings
    2. Distribute Information among participants including players, league officials, parents, guardians, and other volunteers.
  - ii. Compliance-
    1. Promote safety compliance leadership by assisting league participants in their awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
  - iii. Reporting-
    1. Define a process so that incidents are recorded and information is sent to league district, and national offices.
- c. Ensure proper stock of all first aid and safety supplies.

**G. COACHING COORDINATOR** - The Coaching Coordinator shall:

- a. Represent Coaches/Managers in the league
- b. Present a Coach/Manager training budget to the board.
- 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 training clinics
- f. Serve as the contact person for Little League and its Manager/Coach education Program for the league.

**H. DIVISION Coordinators** - The coordinator of any division shall:

- a. Maintain regular contact with managers within the division to ensure rules, regulations, policies, and bylaws are followed.
- b. Coordinate with the Field Coordinator and Equipment Manager to ensure fields are properly maintained and appropriate equipment is available for each team.
- c. Act as a liaison between the members of the division and the Board of Directors.
- d. A person may not serve as coordinator in the same division as s/he is a manager or coach.



**I. FACILITIES MANAGER** – The Facilities Manager shall:

- a. Oversee building and grounds maintenance.
- b. Operate and maintain custodial functions.
- c. Work with the Safety Officer to ensure security and emergency preparedness procedures are implemented properly.
- d. Ensure that the facility is clean and maintained according to League policy and procedures.
- e. Oversee and supervise the quality of work for other volunteers to ensure that all tasks are performed correctly, efficiently, and effectively.
- f. Manage and review service contracts.
- g. Conduct and document regular facilities inspections.
- h. Check completed work by vendors and contractors.
- i. Recommend maintenance, mechanical, electrical, and facility design modifications.
- j. Work with Field Coordinator to schedule and recruit volunteers for field maintenance.
- k. Recommend contractors for work outside the scope of volunteers to the board.

**J. FIELD COORDINATOR** - The Field Coordinator shall:

- a. Plan the Field Maintenance weekend(s) prior to the start of the season.
- b. Develop and maintain a plan to keep fields in good playing condition. Continually monitor fields for safety hazards. Work with Division Coordinators to ensure fields are properly maintained during the season.

**K. EQUIPMENT MANAGER** - The Equipment Manager shall:

- a. Complete a pre-season inventory of all equipment.
- b. Order equipment and supplies for the league during the season including softballs, baseballs, helmets, catcher's gear, baseball bats, bases, pitching rubbers, baseball tees, and other equipment needed by the league.
- c. Ensure all equipment meets safety standards set forth by Little League International
- d. Work with Division Coordinators to ensure every team has the equipment necessary to safely play and/or practice.
- e. Distribute equipment in an organized fashion, using a check-out/check-in system.
- f. Monitor equipment during the season to make repairs, and or replace as necessary.
- g. Check-in all League equipment at the end of the season and reconcile any discrepancies

**L. FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR** - The Fundraising Coordinator shall:

- a. Research options for fundraising and present to the Board of Directors for a vote.
  - i. Only one mandatory fundraiser may be held per season
    - 1. Include participation fees and/or buyout options
    - 2. Monitor and track participation in the mandatory fundraiser.
    - 3. Collect monies owed by members and provide deposits to treasurer upon collection.
  - ii. Work with Team Parent and Event Coordinators to conduct any other fundraisers at Local League events.

**M. CONCESSIONS COORDINATOR** - The Concessions Coordinator shall:

- a. Oversee the Local League's Concession stand, making sure all equipment and food handling is in compliance with applicable health and safety laws.
- b. Ensure the stand is well stocked for each event or game, including regular season and post season play.
- c. Compose and post guidelines for working the concession stand.

**N. UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF** - The Umpire-in-Chief shall:

- a. Coordinate all umpires for Minor, Major, and Junior Division games according to the Local League Schedule.
- b. Provide information and training to umpires regarding Local League bylaws.
- c. In the event a scheduled umpire does not show up for a game, be available to find a replacement.

## **ARTICLE V - ADMINISTRATIVE RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **SECTION 1 - Amendments to the Bylaws**

These bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered, only for safety concerns or situations that conflict with the Little League rule book(s), or property agreement in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Board of Directors, provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI - FACILITY RULES AND USAGE**

*All field usage must be approved and scheduled by the league.* Field preparation and usage by local league will follow and adhere to any contract or agreement with local league and other property owner(s). Cancellation of games will be determined by the Umpire-in-Chief in consultation with the field coordinator and safety coordinator.

## ARTICLE VII - LOCAL LEAGUE STRUCTURE

### SECTION 1 - Player Registration

- A. Players may register in person at a pre-determined registration location and time, online (if available), or by contacting the Player Agent. Registration methods to be determined by the Board based on the needs of the League.
- B. **REGISTRATION FEES** - The League Officers shall review the financial status of the league for the previous session and provide suggestion to the Board on the amount of the registration fees. The vote should be by majority of those present at any constituted meeting.

### SECTION 2 – Manager/Coach Selection – to follow Little League International Guidelines A. **ALL managerial and coaching positions are annual. No manager or coach has any tenure whatsoever, regardless of years of service.**

- B. There are no qualifications required to be a manager, coach, and/or umpire within a local league. However, all board members, managers, coaches, and other volunteers or hired workers who provide regular service to the league and/or who have repetitive access to, or contact with, players or teams must annually complete the Little League® Volunteer Application and provide a government-issued photo ID. Additionally, the league is required to conduct a background check on each of these individuals that meets Little League standards.
  - a. **Additional State Mandatory Background Checks:** Each local league must also be aware of its state laws, which may require other separate and additional background check processes be completed before individuals would be permitted to assume local league volunteer responsibilities. Several states also require (by law) additional background procedures be completed above those required by Little League International. **At present, Alabama, California, Florida, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Nevada, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Oregon, and Pennsylvania have such background laws in place. Although mandatory, these laws DO NOT by themselves meet the Little League regulation. More information can be found at [LittleLeague.org/StateLaws](http://LittleLeague.org/StateLaws).**
    - i. Managers and coaches should not be appointed/approved and must not assume any duties until after a background check that meets Little League standards is completed, checked and passed.
- C. With a completed and passed background check, the League President shall appoint managers and coaches at his/her discretion. The final step in the appointment process is for the Board of Directors to approve or deny each appointment.
- D. Manager/Coach appointments may be revoked by resignation or by the procedure outlined in Article II, Section 4

### SECTION 3 - Division Structure

A player's League Age determines their division eligibility as set forth in the Little League Baseball and Softball Rule Books.

- A. **TEE BALL DIVISION - League age 4-6 year olds; Co-ed. *Objective:*** To instruct players in the fundamentals of the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. At no time should winning or losing take priority in this program!
- B. **FARM DIVISION (COACH/MACHINE PITCH) - League age 6-8 year olds;** May be co-ed or split softball/baseball, based on registration and best interest of players and the league. ***Objective:*** To further instruct the player coming out of Tee-Ball, the fundamentals of

the game in a fun, low-key atmosphere. Emphasis in this program should be on the proper technique of throwing, catching, running, hitting and field positions.

- C. **MINOR LEAGUE DIVISION - League age 8-11 year olds baseball, 8-10 year olds softball;** May be split into 8-10 AA (Coach/Player pitch) and 9-11 AAA (Player pitch) based on registration and best interest of the players and the league. **Objective:** To instruct players in the fundamentals of the game in a fun atmosphere. Provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership. Establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. To further develop the techniques of throwing, catching, running, hitting, and pitching.
- D. **MAJOR (LITTLE LEAGUE) DIVISION – League age 10-12 year olds. Ten year olds must be assessed and drafted to the major league division in order to be eligible for this division. Objective:** To establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. To challenge the players towards the perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy.
- E. **JUNIOR DIVISION – League age 12-15. Twelve year olds must be assessed and drafted to the Junior league division in order to be eligible for this division. Objective:** To establish the values and concepts of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play. To challenge the players towards the perfection of physical skill and strategy

### SECTION 3 – Team Formation and Rules

#### A. TEE BALL

- a. **Team Formation:** The Local League Player Agent will divide the players into a specified number of teams based on the number of registered players.
- b. **Rules of Play**
- i. Each team will bat their full lineup (visitors up first), then switch to defense. Home team will have last at-bat. Games will last 2-3 innings, with a one hour time limit.
  - ii. There are no outs. Upon hitting the ball from the tee, the player takes one base at a time until they score. The last batter in the lineup hits a “home run” and all players remaining on base score. The batting lineup should be rotated frequently.
  - iii. No score shall be kept.
  - iv. Bases shall be set at 50 feet
  - v. There shall be no defensive catcher or any player in the catcher position. This space should be occupied by an approved volunteer who will help load the tee for batters and move the tee as runners are approaching the plate.
  - vi. Players should be placed in standard infield positions with all additional players evenly distributed in the outfield. Positions should be rotated at least every inning. All players should have the opportunity to learn every position.
  - vii. Coaches/volunteers may be on the field during play but should not interfere in the play of the game except where matters of safety are concerned.

#### B. FARM DIVISION

- a. **Team Formation:** The Local League Player Agent will divide the players into a specified number of teams based on the number of registered players.
- b. **Rules of Play**
- i. Each team will bat their full lineup, then switch to defense. Visitors will be up

first, home will have last at-bat. Games will last 2-4 innings, with a 1.5 hour time limit.

ii. Offensive coaches will pitch to their own players (an approved pitching machine may be used in lieu of coach). Each player gets 5 “strikes” before hitting off the tee.

The batting order should be rotated at least every game, if not every inning.

iii. When a runner is put out, they must leave the base and return to the dugout.

If/every time three outs are made, all runners must clear the bases and return to the dugout. The batting lineup continues until every player has batted.

iv. No score will be kept

v. Bases will be set at 60 feet

vi. Players should be placed in standard infield positions, including catcher, with all additional players evenly distributed in the outfield. Positions should be rotated every inning. All players should have the opportunity to learn every position.

vii. Any player in the catcher position must be in full catcher’s gear, including shin guards, chest protector, and helmet with throat guard. All boys in the catcher’s position must wear a hard cup.

viii. Coaches/volunteers may be on the field during play, but should not interfere in the play of the game. One volunteer should be available to place and remove the tee as necessary and to help return the balls to the pitcher.

#### **C. MINOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL DIVISIONS**

a. **PLAYER DRAFT:** The Minor League Division and Coach pitch division will use the same set of draft rules as the Major League Division.

b. **RULES OF PLAY** – Per the most recent version of the Little League Rulebook i. **AA Division** – May modify rules at the beginning of the season to include a period of coach pitch, based on best interest of the players and league.

#### **D. MAJOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL DIVISIONS**

a. **PLAYER DRAFT:** The Major League Divisions will use a Little League Approved *or* another approved draft method. The same method will be used across all draftable divisions of baseball and softball. The Player Agent shall be responsible for setting forth all draft rules prior to player registration. Drafts are confidential and shall only be attended by team managers and the Player Agent. In the event that the Player Agent cannot attend, the President may preside over the draft in their place.

b. **RULES OF PLAY** – Per the most recent version of the Little League Rulebook

#### **E. JUNIOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL DIVISIONS**

a. **PLAYER DRAFT:** The Junior Divisions will use the same set of draft rules as the Major League Division

b. **RULES OF PLAY** – Per the most recent version of the Little League Rulebook

## **ARTICLE VIII – TOURNAMENT PLAY**

### **SECTION 1 – TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (TOC)**

A. The Tournament of Champions shall be attended by one team from each division (minor and above)

a. The TOC team for each division shall be selected by one of the following methods, as

determined by the Player Agent. If no method is selected prior to the start of the season, each division will conduct an intra-league tournament to determine the team to advance to the district tournament.

- i. The Winningest Team – The team with the winningest regular season record advances; or
- ii. First Half/Second Half playoffs – The team with the winningest record in the first half of the season plays the team with the winningest record in the second half of the season and the winner advances; or
- iii. Each division holds an intra-league tournament to determine who advances. Tournaments may follow one of the following structures:
  1. Single elimination – winners of each round advance until one team stands. For divisions with three or more teams.
    - a. Matchups should follow the Shaughnessy playoff system where the first place seed is matched with the last place and so on. In the case of an odd number of teams, the first place team shall have a “bye” in the first round and automatically advance to the second.
  2. Best of three – winner of two of three playoff games advance to TOC. For divisions with two teams.

#### B. Exceptions

- a. There may be players who were eligible for regular season play but are ineligible for post-season play. These exceptions could be due to age, residency, or other. The League shall make every attempt to notify ineligible players at the time of registration or as soon as possible in the season.

## SECTION 2 - ALL-STARS

A. All-Stars teams are comprised of the best players in each age group (not necessarily in the regular season divisions). The Local League President will serve *ex-officio* as the director of the All-Star Selection Committee. Prior to the end of the regular season, the Local League Player Agent shall preside over the All-Star Selection Committee. Little League recommends multiple groups within a local league participate in a fair selection. These groups may include players, league officers, team managers, team coaches, and volunteer umpires. Little League believes players should have a say in who makes a Tournament Team.

#### B. Selection of Managers & Coaches

- a. The Local League Player Agent will select managers for each age group who demonstrate effective team leadership, outstanding sportsmanship, and who are in good standing with the Local League.
- b. The manager, with the approval of the Local League Player Agent, will select two coaches for each All-Star team.

#### C. Selection of Players

- a. Players will be selected by the All-Star Selection Committee in accordance with the rules set forth by the Player Agent. Teams will be selected in the following order (all teams will carry a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 13 players, plus 2 alternates):
  1. Major League (10-12 year olds)
  2. Junior League (12-14 year olds)
  3. AAA Minor (9-11 year olds)
  4. AA Minor (8-10 year olds)

- b. All selected players must meet eligibility requirements as set forth by Little League Baseball All-Star Tournament Rules
- c. The names of players selected for All Star teams shall not be released before the official date set forth in the Little League Rule Book
- d. The order in which players were ranked for All Star selection shall remain confidential to the All Star managers and Player Agent and/or President

## **ARTICLE IX – CODES OF CONDUCT/REASONABLE EXPECTATIONS**

### **A. Failure to comply with all PLL Codes of Conduct/Reasonable Expectations may result in expulsion from Paradise Little League or other Little League facilities and/or expulsion from all League activities.**

#### **B. Expectations of Everyone**

- a. Drive and park safely near all Little League facilities. Parking is always at your own risk
- b. No alcohol, drugs, smoking, or smokeless tobacco allowed on any Little League premises, including parking lots
- c. No profanity.
- d. No glass containers at any Little League event or facility
- e. No climbing on fences, trees, or dugouts
- f. No horseplay on or around walkways, bleachers, or lawn or mechanical equipment
- g. Observe all posted signs
- h. Dispose of all trash properly
- i. Display excellent sportsmanship at all times

#### **C. Expectations of Players**

- a. To attend and be on time for practices, games, and other League events
- b. To always do their best
- c. To be cooperative and respectful to teammates, coaches, umpires, and opposition
- d. To positively encourage and support teammates
- e. To not let mistakes – their own or others’ – affect their attitude or sportsmanship
- f. To understand that winning and losing happen, and that both have value
- g. To respect and maintain the fields and facilities at home and away
- h. To be positive stewards of the League and Community

#### **D. Expectations of Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Volunteers**

- a. To attend and be on time for practices, games, and other League events
- b. To positively promote the League. Bring any concerns to the Board
- c. To be as fair as possible in giving playing time to all players
- d. To do teach the fundamentals of the game in an age/skill level appropriate way
- e. To be positive and to respect each child as an individual
- f. To set reasonable goals for each player and for the team
- g. To teach players the values of winning and losing
- h. To be open to ideas, suggestions, or help from others

- i. To never shout at any member of the opposing team or umpires. Any disagreements shall be handled in a respectful, professional, and private manner
  - j. To encourage players to take pride in their field and teach proper maintenance E.
- Expectations of Parents, Family, and Fans
- a. To come out and enjoy the game – Cheer to make all players feel important and valued
  - b. To allow the manager/coaches to coach and run the team
    - i. Do not coach from the stands and do not visit the dugout unnecessarily
    - ii. Do not challenge coaching/leadership in front of players or other fans. Just like players, they too will make mistakes. If you have an issue, call the manager and request a private meeting
  - c. Do not yell at the coaches, players, or umpires. Set a good example so the kids can play without unnecessary pressure and learn the value of sportsmanship
  - d. Parents/volunteers may only help at practices/games if agreed by the manager, cleared by the League, and with an approved volunteer form on file
  - e. Don't put unreasonable pressure on the players, even your own. Offer only positive support and encouragement
  - f. Remember, it's just a game!

**The absence of any specific rule or example in these bylaws shall not be interpreted to mean that no such rule exists. "Unwritten rules" shall be in line with common sense and the spirit of Little League. Any discrepancies will be interpreted at the sole discretion of the Board.**

**These Bylaws have been approved by the Paradise Little League Board of Directors on 11/12/22 for the 2023 season.**