



## **BARTLETT LITTLE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS (Approved by General Members x-xx-xxxx)**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

This organization shall be known as BARTLETT LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, and is hereinafter referred to as "Bartlett Little League." Bartlett Little League shall operate under one charter, Little League ID number 01131327.

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE**

**SECTION 1:** The objective of the Bartlett Little 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 Bartlett Little League 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, no substantial part of the activities of Bartlett Little League shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and Bartlett Little League shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1: Eligibility.** Any person sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objective of the Bartlett Little 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 Regulation IV and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the Bartlett Little League shall be eligible to participate but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Bartlett Little League. There will be at least one (1) publicized date for registration (via electronic). Opportunity for registration will be held open until termination of the above period or the maximum of available player member positions have been filled. The number of available player positions is limited by the maximum number of allowable teams per division in the Local League times the number of players per team.

(b) **Regular Members.** The parents/legal guardians of any registered player. The Secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members. Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at the annual meeting. All Officers, Board Members, Committee Members, Managers, and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.

(c) **Board Members.** Any person who is serving on the Board of Directors of the Local League.

The duties and responsibilities of the Board Members is defined in Article VI of this Constitution. The following terms describe Board member status

1. **Active:** This shall include all members of the Board of Directors currently serving and shall be by election as set forth in Article VI.

2. **Inactive:** This shall include all former members of the Board of Directors who are no longer active. Once a person is inactive, they will have neither voting rights nor any other privileges given to a member of the Board of Directors. Upon request in writing, any member of the

Board of Directors may become an inactive member. He or she may return to the active list by notifying the Board of Directors in writing. The Board must then re-approve their membership. They are now placed on probation the same as a new member. See Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph 3

NOTE: Any member who misses  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the scheduled meetings (un-excused) for the fiscal year or does not meet the League Field Official requirements will be made an inactive member of the Board. The member will be notified in writing that they have been made inactive.

3. **Good Standing:** A member in good standing is an active member with voting rights.

4. **Not Good Standing:** A member not in good standing is defined as the following:

(a) Misses two (2) consecutive meetings without being excused

(b) Misses four (4) consecutive meetings, whether excused or not

In order to get back in good standing a member must be present at three (3) of the next four

(4) regularly scheduled meeting.

(d) **Honorary Members.** Any person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Bartlett Little League approved by the Board of Directors may be elected as Honorary Member by unanimous majority vote of all Directors present at any duly held meeting of the Board of Directors and, at the discretion of the Board, shall have all rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the Bartlett Little League as Regular Members. Honorary Members in good standing are eligible to vote at the annual meeting

(1) As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular or Honorary Member unless otherwise stated.

**SECTION 3: Other Affiliations-** An officer, board member or manager cannot be a board member, officer, director, or manager or coach of any other baseball program in competition with the Bartlett Little League, for membership. The Bartlett Baseball Sports Association (BBSA) is not considered a separate program in competition with Bartlett Little League.

**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 two-thirds vote of those Directors present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any class of member when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of the Bartlett Little League and/or Little League Baseball. The Member involved shall be given (7) seven days advance notice of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges unless the conduct causes a safety concern and needs to be resolved immediately.

(b) 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 adviser, with the player before the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee, or some other a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The Player Member's parent(s) or guardian(s) may also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by a two-thirds vote of those Directors present at a duly constituted meeting.

(c) The Regular or Player member under investigation shall have full membership rights until a decision is rendered.

(d) All disciplinary matters, including ejections or other behavior issues brought to the attention of the President or any Director, shall be investigated and reviewed by the Executive Committee or some other duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee shall attempt to resolve such disciplinary matters and shall report its activities and findings to the Board of Directors, and shall recommend appropriate disciplinary action, if any, to the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE IV –DUES AND FEES**

A reasonable registration fee for Player Members shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors and assessed for each Player Member at the time of registration for the ensuing season. Other dues and fees may be assessed for Regular and Player Members at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine from time to time to assure the operational continuity of the Bartlett Little League. At no time shall payment of any fee be a prerequisite for participation in Bartlett Little League. To that end only, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall have the discretion to waive dues or fees or impose a payment plan for dues or fees for any Regular or Player Member upon a good faith showing by the Regular or Player Member of a financial hardship which would prevent the Player Member from participating in the Bartlett Little League.

#### **ARTICLE V – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1: Annual Meeting.** An annual meeting of the Regular Members of the Bartlett Little League shall be held the second Thursday in September of each year for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, receiving reports, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the annual meeting.

**SECTION 2: Notice of Meeting.** Notice of the annual meeting of the Regular Members shall be by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the boundaries of the Bartlett Little League and posted to the Bartlett Little League website setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting at least three weeks in advance of the meeting.

**SECTION 3: Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Members.

**SECTION 4: Voting.** Only Regular Members shall be entitled to vote at any general membership meeting of the Bartlett Little League.

**SECTION 5: Rules of Order.** Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all general membership meetings, except where it conflicts with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Bartlett Little League.

**SECTION 6: 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 by any individual who is a member, as defined in Article III - Membership. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned 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.

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

**SECTION 1: Board and Number.** The management of the property and affairs of the Bartlett Little League shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be not less than seven (7) or more than seventeen (17). The Directors shall upon election for a one-year term immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected.

- a) Any member of the Board of Directors may nominate an individual for the Board by placing his or her name in consideration at a regular meeting. A Volunteer Application form must be filled out prior to any person becoming a member. The Membership Committee will screen and review the candidate’s background and report its advisory opinion of the candidate at the next regular meeting. A candidate must then receive a majority vote of those present to become a member of the Board of Directors. The application form is to be kept on file for all persons who have served on the Board of Directors of the Bartlett Little League, Inc.

- a. A new person accepted to the Board of Directors after the Board has been elected will be on six (6) month probation from their acceptance date. The Board of Directors can remove a person on probation by majority vote if they do not attend at least 75% of all league activities. Activities are defined as meetings, field duty, field maintenance, or any duties defined by the board. See section 5 for voting rights of new members
- b) All members of the Board of Directors are required to work (behind the scenes and on-site) during the regular season (spring and fall) special events (opening day, parades, etc) and tournaments hosted by Bartlett Little League (In-house, All Stars, Non-Little League) . An exception will be made to this based on a member's age (65 or older) or physical disability. The disabled person must notify the President or Vice-president prior to not being able to perform the duties.
- c) Board members must be a current member of Bartlett Little League.
- d) The Local League President or member of the Board of Directors present during the game has the authority to take necessary actions to protect League property and/or assure proper conduct of persons at the fields.
- e) Members of the Board of Directors are responsible to assist in the protection of League property and monitor the activity during games.
- f) Members of the Board of Directors to provide oversight on financial status including access to current financial statements.

**SECTION 2: Required Members.** The Board membership shall include the elected Directors from the Annual Meeting.

**SECTION 3: Annual Election.** Any Member in good standing who wishes to be a candidate for the Board of Directors shall submit a letter or email to the current President requesting their name be placed on the ballot. To be considered the letter must be received by the Board of Directors a minimum of two (2) days in advance of the annual meeting.

**SECTION 4: Vacancies.** If any vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors, by death, resignation, failure to elect or qualify, 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: Meetings, Notice and Quorum.**

(a) Within two (2) weeks following the annual meeting, past Board members shall return all Bartlett Little League property, and the newly elected Directors shall conduct a Special Meeting to elect the Officers. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held on such days thereafter as shall be determined by the Board.

(b) The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of four (4) Directors, issue a call for a special meeting of the Board.

(c) Notice of each meeting shall be given by the Secretary to each Director at least two (2) days before the time appointed for the meeting. Directors to be notified by telephone, or email.

(d) In the case of special meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting. Any matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.

(e) A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting.

(f) Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all Board of Director meetings, except where it conflicts with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Bartlett Little League.

**SECTION 6: Duties and Powers.**

(a) The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees chaired by Directors as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

(b) The Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of the Bartlett Little League as it may deem proper.

(c) The Board shall have the power by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board at any regular or special meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Director or Officer or Committee Member of the Bartlett Little League in accordance with the procedure set forth Article III, Section 4.

(d) Approval of expenses is fully vested in the Board of Directors and expenses cannot be approved without prior Board of Directors approval except as noted in this Charter.

(1) Note: Board of Directors to establish a budget to restock concession stand on a weekly basis

(e) The Membership shall receive at the annual meeting of the Members of the Bartlett Little League 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 the Bartlett Little League, 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, which report shall be filed with the records of the Bartlett Little League 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 Headquarters.

## ARTICLE VII - STANDING COMMITTEES

**SECTION 1: Finance Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Finance Committee consisting of three (3) Directors and two (2) Regular Members. The Treasurer shall be Chairperson of the Committee. The Committee shall investigate ways and means of financing Bartlett Little League including team sponsorships and submit recommendations. It shall be responsible for taking up collections at games, if such collections are authorized by Bartlett Little League and shall turn over said collections to the Treasurer immediately after each game.

**SECTION 2: Building and Grounds Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Building and Property Committee consisting of 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, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects. It shall also be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing field(s), buildings and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.

**SECTION 3: Equipment Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Playing Equipment Committee which shall secure bids on needed supplied 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 4: Managers Committee.** The Board of Directors may appoint a Managers Committee consisting of four (4) Directors and four (4) Regular Members. The Committee may interview and investigate prospective managers, including those for the Minor League teams, and recommend acceptable candidates to the President for appointment and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors reserves the right to accept or reject the selection of coaches at all levels, as recommended by the Managers Committee.

**SECTION 7: Auditing Committee.** The Board of Directors shall appoint an Auditing Committee consisting of three (3) Directors. The President, Treasurer and signatories of checks are not eligible. The Committee shall procure the services of an independent auditor to annually review the treasurer's report and financial records of the Bartlett Little League if revenue is above \$300k.

**SECTION 8: Disciplinary Committee:** The Board of Directors shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee consisting of the members of the Executive Committee excluding the Treasurer. The Committee shall review any and all umpire ejections involving Bartlett Little League players, coaches, managers or other individuals. Additionally, the committee will review any other forms of questionable or inappropriate behavior that is contended or observed at or about any Bartlett Little League sanctioned event or events and circumstances at other venues that would adversely reflect upon the members or representatives of Bartlett Little League.

## ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS, DUTIES AND POWERS

### SECTION 1: Officers.

(a) The Officers of the Bartlett Little league shall consist of the President, , a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Player Agent/Director of In-House, and may include a Vice President and or Directors, all of whom shall hold office for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly elected. The Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have such powers and duties as may be delegated by these Bylaws or the Board of Directors, but in no event shall the Executive Committee have authority over the Board of Directors.

(b) 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

(c) . The President will nominate a Director from the Board to serve as representative /coordinator of the following duties as listed below in Section 3 through 8 or as required based on Board Members desire to take on that duty and Board of Directors Vote of acceptance.

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 Bartlett Little League and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.

(b) Present a report of the condition of the Bartlett Little 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 Bartlett Little League.

(d) Be responsible for the conduct of the Bartlett Little League in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charters issued to the Bartlett Little League by that organization.

(e) Shall sign and execute for/and in the name of Bartlett Little League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board of Directors.

(f) Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of the Bartlett Little League such contracts and leases they may receive and which have had prior approval of the Board.

(g) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the Bartlett Little League and report thereon to the Board as circumstances warrant.

(h) Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper executive thereof.

(i) With the assistance of the Player Agent / Director of In-House 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 evaluations and selection.

(j) With his discretion, can approve expenses up to \$500 for the maintenance and upkeep of Bartlett Little League. Any value above \$500 must be approved by the Board of Directors.

(k) Must have a child enrolled in Spring Baseball for the year they are President, and shall have had at least two (2) consecutive years as an active member of the Board of Directors in good standing.

(l) Has only the powers designated within this Charter or as approved by the Board of Directors.

(m) Cannot direct, advise, control BBSA travel programs.

(n) In case of a tie during a Board of Directors vote, will cast the tie-breaking vote.

**SECTION 3: Vice President.** In the event of the absence of the President, and provided s/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 have such other duties as from time-to-time may be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President. In the case of two Vice Presidents, the Board of Directors shall select one of the Vice Presidents to perform the duties of the President pursuant to this Section.

(a) To be eligible to become Vice President, the applicant shall have had at least two (2) consecutive years as an active member of the Board of Directors in good standing

**SECTION 4: Secretary.** The Secretary shall:

(a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the Bartlett Little League and maintain appropriate files, email 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 Bartlett Little 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 post them to the Bartlett Little League website.
- (f) Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- (g) Notify Members, Directors, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.
- (h) Maintain the Social Media presence of Bartlett Little League, these include Facebook, Twitter, and any other platform the Board of Directors deem relevant.

**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 monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- (c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of the Bartlett Little League 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 By the end of November.
- (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.
- (h) Responsible for tax filing of league finances along with Vice-President of Local League.
- (i) Keep a separate P&L for Bartlett Little League and separation of Bartlett Little League finances and provide monthly financial sheets / summary to the board of directors.
- (j) To be eligible to become Treasurer, the applicant shall have had at least two (2) consecutive years as an active member of the Board of Directors in good standing. Exceptions can be made with Board approval.

**SECTION 6: Player Agent/ Director of In-House.** The Player Agent / Director of In-House shall:

- (a) Record, maintain and review on the Bartlett Little League Website 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 checking residence and eligibility.
- (c) Conduct the player evaluations, draft, and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- (d) Assign players in divisions without a draft in accordance with the best interest of the players and Bartlett Little League in mind.
- (e) Maintain and coordinate the Player Pool list.
- (f) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (g) 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 youngsters and all participants of Little League Baseball.
- (b) Be Chairman of the Safety Committee
- (c) 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 using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:
  - Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
  - Compliance - Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
  - 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: Directors.** The President will nominate a Director from the Board to serve as representative /coordinator of the following duties as required based on Board Members desire to take on that duty and Board of Directors Vote.

- (a) Challengers
- (b) Concessions
- (c) Information Officer
- (d) Fundraising / Marketing.
- (e) Operations
- (f) Public Relations
- (g) Manager Coordinator
- (h) Scheduling Coordinator
- (i) Uniform Coordinator
- (j) Trophies
- (k) Picture Day
- (l) Webmaster

Other duties can be added with Board approval. A Vice-President/ of a division can also be a manager, coach, or even an umpire in the Bartlett Little League but not in the division that they are in charge of. Exceptions can be made with Board approval.

**SECTION 9: Auxiliary Board** Auxiliary board members shall:

- a) Can perform board like duties helping Bartlett Little League as instructed by the President or other Executive Board Members.
- b) Must attend Board Meetings and Special Meetings where their duties overlap the scheduled discussion.
- c) Auxiliary board members can be a part of board discussions, offer suggestions and ideas in regards to all aspects of Bartlett Little League;
- d) Auxiliary board members cannot be part of any Board of Director votes.



## **ARTICLE IX –MANAGERS and COACHES**

**SECTION 1:** Team Managers shall be approved by the Board of Directors. Managers who draft shall be responsible for the selection of their teams. All Managers shall be responsible for their actions and the actions of their teams on the field.

### **SECTION 2:**

While holding such office, the President may manage or coach. If managing or coaching the President shall not umpire in his or her own division. Vice President, Player Agents and Directors shall not manage, coach, or umpire in their respective divisions., however if there is not enough board members spanning all the league’s divisions to allow diversity in board duties to run Bartlett Little League as spelled out above this will be allowed.

## **ARTICLE X - AFFILIATION**

**SECTION 1: Charter.** The Bartlett Little League shall annually apply for a charters from Little League Baseball, Incorporated, and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charters.

**SECTION 2: Rules and Regulations.** The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on Bartlett Little League.

**SECTION 3: Local League Rules.** The local rules of the Bartlett Little League shall be adopted by the Board of Directors at a meeting to be held not less than one month before the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

## **ARTICLE XI - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING**

**SECTION 1: Authority.** The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Bartlett Little League and it shall place all income in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

**SECTION 2: Solicitations.** The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all the funds so raised be placed in the Bartlett Little League treasury.

**SECTION 3: 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 and policies of Little League Baseball, Inc.

**SECTION 4: Compensation.** No Director, Officer or Member of the Bartlett Little League shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from Bartlett Little League for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member.

**SECTION 5: Deposits.** All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of the Bartlett Little League in an account approved by the Board and all disbursement shall be made by check or electronic transfer. All checks shall be signed by the Bartlett Little League Treasurer and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

**SECTION 6: Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Bartlett Little League shall begin on the first day of October and shall end on the last day of September.

**SECTION 7: Distribution of Property upon Dissolution.** Upon dissolution of the Bartlett Little League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of the Bartlett Little 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 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

**ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution and Bylaws 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 meeting. Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Inc. for approval.

This Constitution was approved by Bartlett Little League Membership on January 7, 2017.

President's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Presidents Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Little League ID No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal ID no (If available) \_\_\_\_\_  
State ID No (If available) \_\_\_\_\_

***Send original to Regional Headquarters. This Local League's Constitution on file at Regional Headquarters (most recently-approved copy) is the official Constitution of this Local League. Little League Baseball does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.***