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Little League Constitution

Article 1. Name

Section 01 This organization shall be known as the Sammamish Little League.

Article 2. Objective

Section 01 The objective of the Sammamish 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 02 To achieve this objective the Sammamish 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 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 Sammamish Little League shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, 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 3. Membership

Section 01 Eligibility. Any person sincerely interested in active participation to affect the objective of Sammamish Little League may apply to become a Member. Any individual who wishes to become a Regular Members who is not the parent of a Player Member may do so by-registering and paying the membership dues.

Section 02 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 Sammamish Little League shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of Sammamish Little League.
- b) **Regular Members.** Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Sammamish Little League may become a Regular Member as hereinafter provided. The Board shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members.

Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote in a membership vote. All-Executive Committee members, Board members- Committee members, managers, coaches, volunteer umpires, and other elected or appointed officials must be active Regular Members in good standing.

As used herein after, the word "Member" shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

Section 03 Other Affiliations.

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

Section 04 Suspension or Termination. Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors.

- a) The Executive Committee, 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 Sammamish Little League and/or Little League Baseball. The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.
- b) The Executive Committee shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Member. Said Manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Executive Committee, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's rights to future participation. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may also be present. The Executive Committee shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

Article 4. Dues for Regular Members (not Players)

Section 01 Dues for Regular Members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board of Directors shall determine prior to the beginning of any membership period. The annual membership period shall begin October 1 and end September 30 of each year.

Section 02 Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within ninety (90) days from the time the same become due may by majority vote of the Board of Directors be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.

Section 03 A reasonable Little League participation fee may be assessed as a parent's obligation to assure the operational continuity of Sammamish Little League. 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 5. Meetings

Section 01 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the Members of Sammamish Little League shall be held the second Monday in September in each year for electing Directors, receiving reports and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting. Immediately following the annual meeting, the Directors present, provided there be a quorum, shall meet for electing Officers and appointing Committees for the ensuing year.

Section 02 Notice of Meeting. Notice of the annual meeting, or any meeting at which a membership vote will take place, shall be posted at least ten (10) days, but not more than fifty (50) days in advance of thereof setting forth the place, time and in the case of special meetings, the purpose of the meeting. Notice of regular meetings other than the annual meeting shall be made by posting the adopted schedule of regular meetings for the ensuing year.

Section 03 Special Meetings. Special Meetings of the Members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the Secretary or President at their discretion. Upon the written request often (10) members, the President shall call a special meeting to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Members.

Section 04 Quorum.

- a) Annual Meeting: The presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of thirty (30) of the Members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.
- b) Board Meeting or Special Meeting: The presence in person or representation by absentee ballot of a majority of Board Members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.
- c) Executive Committee: In a meeting of the Executive Committee to determine matters regarding suspension or termination, a vote of 2/3 (two-thirds) of the members of the Executive Committee will be required.

Section 05 Voting. Only Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote in a membership vote.

Section 06 Absentee Ballot. Each Member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in person or one absentee ballot.

Section 07 Rules of Order. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all meetings, except where same conflicts with the Constitution or By-Laws of Sammamish Little League.

Article 6. Board of Directors

Section 01 Board and Number. The management of the property and affairs of Sammamish Little League shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall not be less than-ten (10) nor more than twenty-five (25). The Directors shall enter upon the performance of their duties on October 1, the beginning of the fiscal year and shall continue in office until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

The Board of Directors shall include the Officers (which includes the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Player Agent), Chief Umpire, VP Coach/Player Development, EVP Majors Baseball, EVP Minors Baseball, EVP Softball, Communications Director, Technology Director, Safety Officer, VP Sportsmanship, Sponsorship/Fundraising Director, Purchasing Director, Facilities Director, VP Majors Softball, and VP Minors Softball.

Section 02 Annual Election and Term of Office. At each annual meeting the Members shall determine the number of Directors to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such number of directors. The number so fixed may within the limits prescribed by the foregoing Section I, be increased at any regular or special meeting of the Members and if the number is increased, the additional Directors may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent meeting. All elections of Directors shall be by majority vote of all Members present or represented by absentee ballot at the time of the meeting.

Section 03 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 present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 04 Meetings, Notice, 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 may, whenever any of them deems it advisable, and 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 either by mail at least three (3) days before the time appointed for the meeting to the last recorded address of each Director, or by telephone or electronic mail (e-mail) or personal notice twenty-four 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.

Fifty percent of the Board of Directors, present in person, by telephone or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of the majority of the Directors present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors unless the act of a greater number is required by law, the Articles or the By-Laws.

Section 05 Duties and Powers. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine and to delegate such powers to them as the Board shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.

The Board of Directors may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of Sammamish Little League as it may deem proper.

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

The Board of Directors and the Membership shall receive at the annual meeting of the members of Sammamish 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 acquired during the year immediately preceding the date of the report and the manner of the acquisition, the amount applied or appropriated or expended during the year immediately preceding, the date and the purpose, the objects or persons to or for which such applications, appropriations or expenditures have been made and the names and places of residence of persons who have been admitted to membership of Sammamish Little League during such year, which reports shall be filed with the records of Sammamish 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 7. Executive Committee

Section 01 The Board of Directors shall appoint an Executive Committee which shall include the Treasurer, Secretary, the Player Agent, the EVP Majors Baseball, the EVP Minors Baseball, and the EVP Softball.

Section 02 Duties and Powers. The Executive Committee shall have the duties and powers as provided elsewhere herein and shall have such other duties and powers as may be delegated to it by the Board.

Section 03 At the meeting of the Executive Committee a majority of the total number of members then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

Article 8. Other Committees

Section 01 The Board of Directors will, from time to time, establish such other committees as deemed necessary and may prescribe the duties and powers of each.

Section 02 Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Committee shall investigate and consider eligible candidates and submit at the Annual Meeting a slate of candidates for the Board of Directors.

Article 9. Officers, Duties and Powers

Section 01 Officers. The Officers of Sammamish Little League shall consist of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Player Agent, all of whom shall hold office for the ensuing year or until their successors are duly elected. Regulation (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. Any mid-year replacement of a board position will carry no voting privileges unless the replacement individual is voted in by the membership.

Section 02 President. The President shall:

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

Section 03 Secretary. The Secretary shall:

- a) Be responsible for recording the activities of Sammamish Little League and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records. (as provided in RCW 24.03.135)
- 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 Members, Directors and Committee members and give notice of all meetings of Sammamish Little League, the Board of Directors and Committees.
- d) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors, 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 meetings 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 appointments.

Section 04 _____ Treasurer. The Treasurer shall:

Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

- b) Receive all moneys and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- c) Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all moneys and securities of Sammamish Little League, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore.
- d) Prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

Section 05 _____ 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 application for player candidates and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility.
- c) Conduct the player auction or 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 tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- f) Notify Little League Headquarters of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

Article 10. Affiliation

Section 01 Charter. Sammamish Little League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter.

Sammamish Little League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

Section 02 Rules and Regulations. The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on Sammamish Little League.

Section 03 Local League Rules. The local rules of Sammamish 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 11. Financial and Accounting

Section 01 The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of Sammamish Little League and it shall place all income including Auxiliary funds, 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 02 The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit same for the common treasury of Sammamish Little League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of Sammamish Little League.

Section 03 The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all the funds so raised are placed in Sammamish Little League treasury.

Section 04 The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Sammamish Little League funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Section 05 No Director, Officer or Member of Sammamish Little League shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation, loan or emolument from Sammamish Little League for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member.

Section 06 All moneys received including Auxiliary Funds for the operation of the league, shall be deposited to the credit of Sammamish Little League and all disbursement shall be made by check for this account. All checks shall be signed by the Sammamish Little League Treasurer and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 07 The fiscal year of Sammamish Little League shall begin on the first day of October and shall end on the last day of September.


Section 08 Distribution of Property upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of Sammamish Little League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall distribute the property of Sammamish Little League to such other Federally Incorporated entity maintaining an objective similar to that set out 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 12. Amendments

Section 01 This Constitution and By-laws 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 and provided that the members approve and adopt these changes by vote.

Section 02 Draft of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Incorporated, for approval.

This constitution was approved by the Sammamish Little League Membership on October 14, 2019.

_____ Michael Spencer _____ President's Name (print)	_____  _____ President's Signature	Page _____ 11/14/19 _____ Date
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