



Little League British Columbia

Article I

Name:

1. This association shall be known as **Little League British Columbia** and is a division of Little League Canada.

Article II

Objectives:

1. To foster, encourage and promote all divisions of the Little League program in British Columbia under the rules, regulations and policies as set forth by Little League Canada and Little League British Columbia.
District Administrators, Assistant District Administrators and Directors shall not be members of the Board of Directors of any other competing Baseball/Softball program. Conflict of interest, implied or otherwise must be avoided.
2. To co-ordinate all divisional activities and arrange the play-off structure in all levels of the program at the divisional level.
3. The divisions of Little League British Columbia being:
 - {a} Baseball: T-Ball, Minor, Major, Junior, Senior, Big League and Challenger.
 - {b} Softball: T-Ball, Minor, Major, Senior and Big League.

Article III

Board of Directors:

1. A Board of Directors shall be the governing body of the association.
2. The Board of Directors shall consist of:
 - {a} All duly elected District Administrators in the province of British Columbia.
 - {b} Individuals who are willing to actively participate in any capacity of Little League British Columbia after being nominated and subsequently elected by the existing Board of Directors [the elected District Administrators in the province of British Columbia] to a maximum of six people (three each elected on alternate years).
3. The number of Directors-at-large may be reviewed by the Board from time to time.
4. The Directors-at-large will be elected for a two [2] year term (three (3) each on alternate years).
5. Any vacancies may be filled by a majority vote of the District Administrators.

Article IV

Executive Officers:

1. All directors as described in Article III shall be eligible for nomination and election as officers of Little League British Columbia.
2. The period of time from the Annual General Meeting and election of the Executive Committee until the start of their term of office shall be known as the Transition period. During this period ALL files, transfer of bank account signing authority, etcetera, will

Be transferred to that new member of the Executive Committee responsible.

The onus is on the out-going Executive to see that a smooth transition is accomplished and all new Executive members be fully informed on matters concerning their position.

3. The election of officers shall be on a staggered basis (odd and even years).
The following officers shall be elected from the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors meeting and they shall constitute the Executive Committee:
 - {a} President (on odd years)
 - {b} 1st Vice-President (on even years)
 - {c} 2nd Vice-President (on odd years)
 - {d} Secretary (on even years)
 - {e} Treasurer (on odd years)
4. The executive shall have the power to conduct the normal activities of the association between meetings.

Article V

(a) Divisional Directors:

1. There shall be two Divisional Directors representing the British Columbia Division. *At the Annual Board of Directors meeting of Little League British Columbia, two Divisional Directors shall be elected. The term shall be three years.*

PREVIOUSLY READ:

At the Annual Board of Directors meeting of Little League British Columbia, the duly elected President (elected on an odd year) of Division One British Columbia shall automatically be named as one of the Divisional Directors (designated Divisional Director) upon election to the position of President. A second Divisional Director shall be elected for a two year term on the even year. (REVISED NOV 7, 2007)

2. The duties of the designated Divisional Director {Divisional President} will be:
 - {a} To deal with any queries, requests and complaints from anyone within the Division.
 - {b} To supply Little League Canada with reports and information regarding the Division which may be requested by them.

(b) Provincial Umpire Consultant:

Appointment: The Provincial Umpire Consultant (PUC) will be appointed for a two year term by the Board of Directors of Little League British Columbia at the Annual Meeting.

Each District may nominate one individual for the position of PUC. Such nominations shall be forwarded to the Divisional President, complete with a resume, no later than one month prior to the meeting of the Board of Directors of Little League British Columbia.

Article VI

Meetings:

1. The Annual Board of Directors meeting shall be held at the call of the President, at any convenient time between October 1st and December 31st each year.
2. A Board of Directors meeting shall be held at the call of the President at any convenient time between May 1st and June 15th each year. At this meeting the draw for all Provincial Championship Tournaments will be conducted. The B.C. Tournament Directors, in all divisions, shall attend this meeting if it is a necessity and they are requested to do so.
3. When urgently needed, other meetings may be called by the President at any time.
4. These meeting shall only be open to all District Administrators, Assistant District Administrators, Members of the Board of Directors and Life Members [Life members

attending are responsible for all costs of transportation and accommodation]. Should circumstances dictate the need for other persons to attend, this shall be done only by invitation from the President.

5. A quorum at any meeting shall require five District Administrators, or their appointed delegate, in attendance.
6. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters not covered by the bylaws of the association.
7. Any matter of general or particular interest may be brought up at these meetings and recommendations presented to the Board of Directors for their consideration.
8. Decorum, both in behavior or speech, will be maintained by anyone in attendance at any meeting. Failure to observe the decorum expected will result in the instant removal of the offending party from any meeting.

Article VII

Voting:

1. Voting shall be limited to one vote per District, cast by the District Administrator or his/her appointed delegate.
2. The President shall vote only in case of a tie.
3. A simple majority shall decide all questions.
4. Proxy votes will be permitted at any meeting. Each proxy vote must be authenticated by the President and must be in the hands of the President prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Article VIII

Finances:

1. Signing officers shall be any two of the following: Treasurer, President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President.
2. A per player, individual assessment may be assessed from the leagues within the Division at a sum established by the Board of Directors of Little League British Columbia from time to time, if deemed a necessity.
3. Provincial tournament games, in all divisions, shall be subject to an assessment as determined by the Board of Directors of Little League British Columbia from time to time.
4. The expenses of elected District Administrators, two {2} Assistant District Administrators [per district] and elected Directors attending all Provincial meetings shall be paid.
5. If Little League Canada is not paying the expenses of the two Divisional Directors, Little League British Columbia shall pay the expenses for all meetings of Little League Canada they attend.
6. The expenses of the President, or anyone appointed by the President to represent him/her, or anyone requested by the President to assist him/her, shall be paid.
7. Any expense incurred by the Provincial Umpire Consultant {PUC} or the Provincial Umpire Advisory Committee {PUAC} must be pre-approved by the President and/or Board of Directors of Little League British Columbia.
8. Major money motions in excess of \$3000 must be pre-approved by the Board of Directors, with exception of assessment fees to the Canadian body.

Article IX

Members and Field Personnel:

1. Members:

- (a) All persons actively involved with the hosting of any Provincial Tournament, in all divisions of the program, will become Members of the association during the course of the Tournament.
- (b) Anyone actively involved with the Little League program in British Columbia.
- 2. All persons involved with any of the teams taking part in the tournaments or persons involved with the supervision of the games shall become Field Personnel during the course of the Tournament.

Article X

Discipline:

1. Directors, Officers, Members and Field Personnel shall be subject to disciplinary action, including but not restricted to permanent removal or suspension, for any act, conduct or involvement contrary to the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Canada and/or Little League British Columbia or which might tend to bring Little League Canada or Little League British Columbia into disrepute, or for any failure to perform properly the duties and responsibilities assigned to such person.
2. The voting Members of the Board of Directors, at the Annual Board of Directors meeting, or any special meeting called for that purpose, shall, by a simple majority vote, permanently remove or suspend any Member from the Board of Directors for violation and non compliance with the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Canada and/or Little League British Columbia.
3. All Members and Field Personnel of Little League British Columbia may be so disciplined by the President, including without limitations, Provincial tournament host personnel. He/she shall have discretionary power to designate one or more persons to serve on a Board of Review and make recommendations to him/her for final action. Anyone thus disciplined may, make a written request for review by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.
4. The voting Members of the Board of Directors, at the Annual Board of Directors meeting, or at any special meeting called for that purpose, shall, by a simple majority vote, permanently remove or suspend from the program, anyone actively involved in any capacity with the Little League program in the Division under Divisional jurisdiction for violation and non compliance with the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Canada and/or Little League British Columbia for behavior [physical or otherwise] contrary and detrimental to the Little League program.
5. Directors or Officers subject to disciplinary action shall be given at least ten {10} days written notice of any meeting of the Board, or any hearing by the President or his/her designees at which disciplinary action may be taken. Such persons shall have the right to attend that meeting or hearing and present evidence or arguments in his/her own behalf when requested to do so.
6. In the case of disciplinary action involving Members and Field Personnel, the President or his/her designees shall have the power to dispense with a hearing and to consider the matter instead upon written submissions. In this case, the person subject to disciplinary action shall be given at least seven {7} days advance notice of the charges against him/her and an opportunity within that time to respond to them in writing.
7. Prior to the removal from the Little League program of any Member of the Board of Directors or anyone actively involved with Little League Baseball/Softball within the Division, the President of Little League Canada shall be contacted by the designated Divisional Director, made aware of and given the reason for the necessity of permanent removal from the Little League Canada program. Upon approval of the President of Little League Canada, the Divisional disciplinary decision is official.
8. The decision by the Board of Directors, or the President, acting with or without the advice of a Board of Review, regarding the damage or injury inflicted upon the Little League Canada

program by any individual so charged, shall be final and conclusive.

Article XI

Dissolution and Disbursement of Assets:

Upon dissolution, any assets Little League British Columbia may have, finances, equipment, etcetera, will be turned over to Little League Canada, to support the Little League program in British Columbia.

Article XII

Changes to the Constitution:

Amendments to this constitution may only be made by the Board of Directors at the Annual Board of Directors meeting, on a notice of motion filed thirty {30} days in advance of the meeting.

Article XIII

Miscellaneous:

At no time will this Constitution/Bylaws supersede those of Little League Canada or Little League Baseball Incorporated.