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Article I - Name

The organization shall be known as Ed Walsh Little League, hereinafter known as the League.

Article I(a) - Membership

General Membership consists of any active/approved volunteer from the previous year – who shows a continued commitment to the League by attending the current season’s Annual meeting.

Article II – Board of Directors

- Shall ensure that all Little League International rules and guidelines are followed
- Shall elect officers (executive board) that consist of:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Player Agent
- Roles and responsibilities of these positions shall be pursuant to the recommendations of Little League International and outlined in Article IX
- The number of managers and coaches including minor league representation elected to the board shall not exceed a minority of the total board members.
- Board of Directors for 2018 shall consist of:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Player Agent
 - Safety Officer
 - Information Officer (can be combined with another title)
 - If an Auxiliary Committee exists a Liaison to the BoD will be appointed by such Committee – the Liaison (submits 1 vote on behalf of the Auxiliary Committee – popular vote)
- Shall elect committee chairs and division directors as follows these members shall either be a member of the Board of Directors or the Auxiliary Committee:
 - Field Maintenance Committee Chair
 - Equipment Committee Chair
 - Director Jr/Sr Division



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- Director Major Division
- Director Minor Divisions
- Director T-Ball Divisions
- Fundraising committee chair
- Concessions committee chair
- Umpire in Chief
- Any Officer or Board member who misses four general meetings or any two consecutive general meetings will be subject to – at the discretion of the President and approval of the Executive board:
 - having their voting privileges revoked
 - dismissal of all duties related to his/her role on the Board of Directors

Article II(a) – Auxiliary Committee

- Shall ensure that all Little League International rules and guidelines are followed
- Shall consist of any interested party in Ed Walsh Little League.
- There are no requirements to the number of coaches/managers on this committee.
- The committee will get one popular vote to be entered by the Auxiliary Committee Liaison of the Board of Directors.
- Those Auxiliary Committee members with Little League International approved titles roles and responsibilities shall be pursuant to the recommendations of Little League International and outlined in Article VIII
- Auxiliary Committee members that do not have a Little League International approved title shall be responsible for aiding in the successful execution of all Little League rules and regulations and shall aid in fundraising activities, organizational events, etc.
- The Auxiliary Committee is just as important as the Board of Directors and as such, any committee member who misses four general meetings or any two consecutive general meetings will be subject to – at the discretion of the Auxiliary Committee Liaison and approval of the Auxiliary Committee:
 - having their voting privileges revoked
 - dismissal of all duties related to his/her role on the Auxiliary Committee

Article II(b) - Executive Board

- The Executive Board will consist of the:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Player Agent



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Article II(c) – Board of Directors Decorum

- The board of directors are the leaders of this organization – as such, they are expected to “set the example”. They will:
 - Abide by all decisions and directives of the BoD
 - Up hold all rules and regulations of Little League baseball
 - Refrain from the use of alcohol/tobacco at or before arriving at the baseball fields, or site of activity where the players will also be present (including but not limited to, games, practices, registration, banquet, fundraisers)
 - Abide by the player/coach Code of Conduct
- Any Officer or Board member who violates these rules will be subject to – at the discretion of the President and approval of the Executive board:
 - having their voting privileges revoked
 - dismissal of all duties related to his/her role on the Board of Directors

Article IV - Meetings

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the League in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the Society and these standing rules.

Section I-Annual Meeting

- The League annual meeting will be held the first week of October. The purpose of this meeting will be the election of a new Board of Directors by the leagues general membership (as described in Article II).
- The new board will then elect their Officers and Committee chairs.
- Notice of this meeting shall be delivered by mail, phone, email, or personally at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.
- Notice shall also be placed in the local newspaper setting forth the time, place and purpose of the meeting at least seven (7) days in advance.

Section II - General Meetings

- Shall take place during the first week of every month
- Shall be open to all members of the league
- Shall extend voting privileges only to members of the Board of Directors in good standing
- Notification of the Date / Time / Location shall be placed on the league website (www.EdWalshLL.com) at least 7 days prior to the scheduled meeting. This will be the responsibility of the League Information officer.
- Failure of the League Information Officer to post the notification on the website shall not be grounds to cancel the meeting.



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Section III - Special Meetings

- May be called for by the President
- Special meetings may be called as it pertains to urgent issues that cannot wait until the next general meeting to be resolved.
- Notice shall be given at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to each board member by phone or in person

Section IV – Executive Meeting

- The President may call the executive board together for a meeting as he/she deems necessary to discuss issues related to, but not limited to:
 - Coach disciplinary action
 - Board member disciplinary action
 - Any urgent safety concerns
 - Any pending litigation
- Any Executive Session has the ability to vote and act in accordance with the majority rule. Any Executive Session held does not have to go before the entire board for approval of the decisions made by the Executive Board.
- Full unbiased disclosure of the Executive Session will be reported to the general Board of Directors at the following board meeting by the Secretary of the League.
 - the Executive board has the right to withhold any ‘sensitive’ information pertaining to the session.

Article V – “Big Diamond” Combining

In any season in which the Big Diamond divisions (Junior League, Senior League, Big League) are operating as a “Combined” division with Jack Barry Little League (2070505) – a dual represented committee will be formed and have complete control over the operation of this division. The committee will comprise of each leagues President, Player Agent, Division Director, plus one additional member. The representatives for each league will be approved by the respective BoD.

In this case, Article VI (Mgr Coach Selection), Article VII (Draft), Article VIII (Tournament team selection) of this document will not apply to the Junior/Senior/Big League divisions.

Article VI – Team Manager/Coach Selection

- A coaching selection committee shall be selected by the President



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- A different committee may be selected to address the different divisions within the league
- These committee's are subject to board approval
- The purpose of these committee's will be to select Managers for the upcoming season
- Upon approval of the committee the board relinquishes all approval rights to said committee members
- All managers are required to be appointed by the committee prior to each season. Just because one managed the prior season does not guarantee them a selection for the upcoming season
- Once approved, Managers shall have the right to chose assistant coaches – subject to clean background checks, as required by Little League International. The coaching selection committee for each division shall approve of all assistant coaches once chosen by the manager.

Article VII - Draft

Section I – Senior Division

- All players age 15 and 16 will participate in the Senior division.
- The Managers of each team will select all players in a draft fashion.
- Draft order will be determined by using an elementary but fair approach. (drawing from a hat, coin flip, rock/paper/scissors etc...)
- Draft order will alternate after each round. Odd number rounds will be first-last, even number rounds will be last-first.
 - Example
 - Round 1 will be 1-4
 - Round 2 will be 4-1
- The Player Agent shall preside over this draft

Section II – Junior Division

- All players league age 13 and 14 will participate in the Junior division.
- No players league age 12 will be allowed to play in this division
- Players League age 15 – who are not playing high school ball may participate – a waiver request will need to be submitted to Little League International
- The Managers of each team will select all players in a draft fashion.
- Draft order will be determined by using an elementary but fair approach. (drawing from a hat, coin flip, rock/paper/scissors etc...)
- Draft order will alternate after each round. Odd number rounds will be first-last, even number rounds will be last-first.
 - Example
 - Round 1 will be 1-4



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- Round 2 will be 4-1
- The Player Agent shall preside over this draft

Section III – Majors Division

- Team draft order will be determined by using the reverse order of finish from the following season pursuant to the Little League Operators Guide.
- Each round of the draft will begin with the team in draft slot #1
- Players league age 9,10,11,12 will be eligible for the Majors Division draft.
- No team shall end up with more than one player league age 9
- No team shall end up with more that eight players of the same league age
- All players league age 12 will be selected to the Majors division unless a particular child is deemed a safety concern by the Player Agent or said player does not attend 50% of the required tryout session as pursuant to the Little League Operators Guide.
- Each team will be assigned “mandatory 12-year-old” selections in reverse draft order – repeating thru the teams until all eligible 12 year olds are accounted for.

Example: 8 – 12 year olds are eligible for the draft

<u>Draft order</u>	<u>Mandatory 12 year olds</u>
Team 1	1
Team 2	1
Team 3	1
Team 4	1
Team 5	2
Team 6	2

- Each team will be required to select at least 1 – 11-year-old player unless all players league age 11 have already been selected
- All rounds of the draft will be “open” rounds – the player agent will be responsible to ensure that all mandatory requirements have been met by the completion of the draft.
- The Player Agent shall preside over this draft

Section IV – Minors Division – Farm A

- Players league age 7, 8, and 9, 10, 11 who have not been selected to the Majors Division are eligible for this division
- Eligible players age 7,8 to be determined by the Player Agent after tryouts.
- Players league age 12 who are deemed “not eligible” for the Majors Division draft will also be eligible for this division – a waiver request will need to be submitted to Little League International.



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- All remaining players league age 10 and 11 will be selected to this division unless determined to be a “safety concern” by the player agent
- All remaining players who played in Farm A the previous year will be selected to this division
- The Managers of each team will select all players in a draft fashion.
- Draft order will be determined by using an elementary but fair approach. (drawing from a hat, coin flip, rock/paper/scissors etc...)
- Draft order will alternate after each round. Odd number rounds will be first-last, even number rounds will be last-first.
 - Example
 - Round 1 will be 1-4
 - Round 2 will be 4-1
- The Player Agent shall preside over this draft

Section V – Minors Division – Farm B

- Players league age 7, 8, 9 are eligible for this division
- NO player shall play at this level for more than 2 seasons unless determined to be a “safety concern” by the player agent
- All remaining players who played in Farm B the previous year will be selected to this division
- The Managers of each team will select all players in a draft fashion.
- Draft order will be determined by using an elementary but fair approach. (drawing from a hat, coin flip, rock/paper/scissors etc...)
- Draft order will alternate after each round. Odd number rounds will be first-last, even number rounds will be last-first.
 - Example
 - Round 1 will be 1-4
 - Round 2 will be 4-1
- The Player Agent shall preside over this draft

Section VI – Advanced T-Ball Division – Farm C

- Players league age 6,7,8 are eligible for this division
- Players league age 6 shall have completed one year of T-Ball prior to being eligible for this division
- No player shall play in this division for more than 2 years, unless deemed a “safety concern” by the player agent
- The T-Ball/Farm C director shall assign players to teams subject to approval of the Player Agent or Vice President



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Section VII – T-Ball Division

- Players league age 4 (if a waiver is obtained from LLI),5,6 are eligible for this division
- No player shall play in this division for more than 1 year, unless deemed a “safety concern” by the player agent
- The T-Ball/Farm C director shall assign players to teams subject to approval of the Player Agent

Article VIII – Tournament Teams

Section I – All-star teams

- All-star teams will be selected using the following priority level:
 - 11-12-year-old team
 - 9-10-year-old team
 - 10-11-year-old team
- No team will be announced prior to June 15 in compliance with Little League International rules and regulations
- The board of directors has the authority to deny any or all of these teams annually based upon several factors, most notably the lack of a qualified coach, and/or concern for how the group of players will represent Ed Walsh (e.g. Attitude, commitment etc...)

Section II – All-star team Manager/coach selection

- Managers for the various all-star teams will be selected via a ranking system.
 - Managers will be ranked within their division based upon their record for the regular season.
 - Rankings will continue with the assistant coaches in the same fashion as the managers were ranked
 - Regular season Managers will take priority over regular season coaches
 - All-star team opportunities will be offered starting at the top of the Managers list until all tournament teams are filled.
 - Managers for each team will be select based upon the following divisions
 - Senior Manager will come from the Senior Division
 - Junior Manager will come from the Junior Division
 - 11-12-year-old manager will come from the Major division
 - 9-10-year-old manager will come from the Major division
 - If no manager/coach in the major division chooses to manager this team, rankings will continue with Farm A managers and coaches until a coach is selected.
 - 10-11-year-old manager will come from the Major division



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- If no manager/coach in the major division chooses to manager this team, rankings will continue with Farm A managers and coaches until a coach is selected.
 - All-star team managers will select their assistant coaches
- The Player Agent shall preside over this selection process
- All selections are subject to Board approval

Section III – All-star team selection

Senior Division

- A consensus of the managers and coaches of teams in this division will be used to choose the tournament teams
- The player agent will preside over this process

Junior Division

- A consensus of the managers and coaches of teams in this division will be used to choose the tournament teams
- The player agent will preside over this process

Majors Division

- The Player Agent will preside over this process
- **11-12-Year-Old all-star** selection will be a 3 part selection process.
 1. Will consist of a ballot prepared by the Player Agent and given to each player in the Majors division. This ballot will allow the players to choose the top 6 players (not from their team) in the league. The top 6 players receiving votes will be on the 11-12-year-old all-star team
 2. Will consist of all Majors division managers and the Player Agent meeting to discuss the merits of and choosing the next 3 players (4 if 13 players are to be selected)
 3. Will consist of the 11-12-year-old all-star manager choosing the final 3 players (4 if 14 players are to be taken)
- 9-10-year-old all-star selection. This team will be chosen by the Manager (as determined in Article VIII.Section II) and the Player Agent.
- 10-11-year-old all-star selection. This team will be chosen by the Manager (as determined in Article VIII.Section II) and the Player Agent.

Section IV – Other Tournament Teams

- Provided there is interest by the players and interest by coaches, the following age brackets may enter non-District or non-All-Star tournaments:
 - 9 and under Minors tournaments
 - 9-10 non-district tournaments



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- 11-12 non-district tournaments
- Juniors/Seniors non-district tournaments
- In addition, if there is interest by the players and interest by coaches, the following age brackets may enter into post-All-Star tournaments:
 - 9-10 post All-Star tournament
 - 10-11 post All-Star tournament
 - 11-12 post All-Star tournament
 - Juniors post All-Star tournament
 - Seniors post All-Star tournament
- No team will be announced prior to June 15 in compliance with Little League International rules and regulations
- The board of directors has the authority to deny any or all of these teams annually based upon several factors, most notably the lack of a qualified coach, and/or concern for how the group of players will represent Ed Walsh (e.g. Attitude, commitment etc...)

Article IX – Roles and Responsibilities

Sourced from www.littleleague.org/leagueofficials

President - Apart from all other considerations, sound leadership, couched in knowledge, experience and common sense, is the greatest requirement and most exemplary qualification of the man or woman selected as president of a Little League.

While efficient organizational and administrative abilities are desirable credentials, the search for good leadership must transcend all other attributes in the adult who gives direction to the Little League movement in the local community. Dedication to the goals and purpose of Little League is inherent in the volunteer aspect of those who serve, but not everyone who serves is gifted with the quality of leadership. Presidents must reflect these qualities if they are to be of benefit to children.

The president has many responsibilities in the administration of the league. Each President is elected by, and is accountable to, the local league board of directors. Duties of a president are described within the limits of the rules and regulations, and within the local league constitution, giving each president the ability to oversee the affairs of all elements of the league.

As the chief administrator, the president selects and appoints managers, coaches, umpires and committees. As such, no person becomes a manager, coach, umpire or committee member without the approval of the president. However, all appointments are subject to final approval by the local league's board of directors.



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Importantly, the president is the officer with whom Little League International maintains contact. The president also represents the league in the District organization.

The president should be the most informed officer of the league. Each president must know the regulations under which Little League operates and in authorizing the annual application for charter, binds all members of the league to faithfully observe the regulations. Little League Baseball International Headquarters reserves the right to require a league to remove any officer who does not carry out the terms of charter application. Serious violation can result in loss of the league's charter by action of the Charter Committee in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Beyond the requirements of league administration, the president should personify the best public image in reflection to the community at large. Each president should take an active role in gaining support and winning friends for the league program.

The president presides at league meetings, and assumes full responsibility for the operation of the local league. The president receives all mail, supplies and other communications from the Little League Headquarters. A president may manage, coach or umpire, provided he/she does not serve on the protest committee, nor serve as tournament team manager or coach.

Vice President - The vice president presides in the absence of the president, works with other officers and committee members, is ex-officio member of all committees, and carries out such duties and assignments as may be delegated by the president. Separate vice presidents may also be selected to oversee individual divisions within the league. If so, one vice president should be selected as the one to preside in the absence of the president. A vice president may manage, coach or umpire, provided they do not serve on the protest committee.

Secretary - The secretary maintains a register of members and directors, records the minutes of meetings, is responsible for sending out notice of meetings, issues membership cards and maintains a record of league's activities.

Treasurer - The treasurer signs checks co-signed by another officer or director (or as directed by the local league's constitution), dispenses league funds as approved by the board of directors, reports on the status of league funds, keeps local league books and financial records, prepares budgets, and assumes the responsibility for all local league finances.

Player Agent - The player agent conducts annual tryouts, is in charge of player selection, assists the president in checking birth records and eligibility of players and generally supervises and coordinates the transfer of players to or from the Minor Leagues



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according to provisions of the regulations of Little League Baseball. Separate player agents may also be selected to oversee individual divisions within the league. The player agent must not manage, coach or umpire in the division over which he/she has authority, unless the local league has received explicit written permission to allow this from Little League International.

Safety Officer - The safety officer coordinates all safety activities including supervision of ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program), ensures safety in player training, ensures safe playing conditions, coordinates reporting and prevention of injuries, solicits suggestions for making conditions safer, and reports suggestions to Little League International through the ASAP system.