

**AUBURN LITTLE LEAGUE, INCORPORATED  
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

**Section 1** – The name of the corporation shall be Auburn Little League, Incorporated, hereafter referred to as the "League".

**ARTICLE II  
OBJECTIVE**

**Section 1** – The objective of the League shall be to try to implant firmly in the youth of the community, the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence so that they become finer, stronger and happier boys and girls and shall grow to be good, clean healthy adults.

**Section 2** – The objectives shall be achieved by providing a supervised instructional program, including supervised competitive baseball games. Members of the League shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary, and that the molding of future adults without regard to race, color, religion, sex and national origin or ancestry is of prime importance.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1** – All candidates for membership shall complete and submit a **Little League volunteer registration form, Choicepoint national background check form and signed Little League Policies and Procedures form** to the League President. Application for membership may be accepted by a two-thirds vote of the membership at any regular monthly meeting of the League. All active members shall constitute the Board of Directors.

**Section 2** – Members must be of lawful age, eighteen years or older.

**Section 3** – Annual Dues – None

**Section 4** – A member shall be classified as either active or inactive. An active member shall be one who is participating in any League function during a season as a volunteer. Participating in a League function shall include : attendance at League meetings, managing, coaching, serving on a Standing Committee, serving as a member of the Executive Board or serving in another official capacity approved by the Board of Directors. **Members shall establish attendance at three consecutive meetings in order to become active.** Members who miss three or more consecutive monthly meetings shall be notified in writing by the League Secretary that their status has been changed to "inactive" and that their seniority and voting privileges have been suspended. Seniority and voting privileges shall be restored after a member attends three consecutive monthly meetings.

**Section 5 – Voting Member**

Any active member in good standing shall be eligible to vote on a By-Law revision proposal, disbursements and election of officers provided that said member was present at the meeting during

which the By-Law revision proposal, disbursement or slate of officers was presented.

### **Section 6 – Seniority**

Seniority shall commence upon registration and acceptance by the League, provided that the member is a rostered manager or coach during the current season and fulfills attendance requirements while maintaining active membership. The Executive Board of Directors will assess the active involvement of all other members and award seniority based on the merits of each candidate's continued service. Members shall accrue seniority based on attendance at meetings. Members attending 0-5 meetings shall be credited with one half year seniority. Members attending 6-10 meetings shall be credited with one full year of seniority. A member shall lose one year of seniority for each year that said member is inactive. Seniority within the League shall be a determining factor in the filling of managerial positions.

**Section 7** – The League Secretary shall keep a list of all active and inactive members and shall update the list following each monthly meeting.

**Section 8** – Membership may be terminated through balloting by a two-thirds vote of a meeting of the Board of Directors, following a thirty-day written notice to the member and an opportunity to answer charges for conduct or behavior considered to be detrimental to the best interests of the League.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Section 1 – Officers and the Executive Board of Directors**

The Officers of the League, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Safety Officer, Purchasing Agent, Division Supervisors, Umpires-in-Chief and Committee Chairmen shall comprise the Executive Board of Directors. The Executive Board of Directors, together with team managers, coaches and scorekeepers shall also serve as Directors and as a Board shall have all the usual powers and duties of Massachusetts Directors except as otherwise specified in these By-Laws, including the power of ratifying appointments. They shall report their individual and collective doings on behalf of the League at every regular meeting and upon reasonable request.

#### **Section 2 – Officers and their Duties**

The duties of Officers shall be as follows:

##### **A. President**

The President shall arrange for and preside at all meetings of the League and sign the minutes (thereof) after approval by the Board of Directors. The President shall supervise generally the affairs of the League and have such powers and duties as usually pertain to his/her office and shall not simultaneously hold the position of manager or coach of any team. The President shall select and appoint managers, coaches, scorekeepers, umpires and committees. All appointments shall be subject to the approval of the League's Board of Directors. The President shall maintain all contact with Little League Headquarters and represent the League in the Council of District Organization. The President shall know the rules and regulations of Little League Baseball under which the League operates and in authorizing the annual application for charter, guarantee that all members of the League faithfully observe the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball. The President shall, along with the Treasurer, be empowered to disburse payments on behalf of the League as approved by the Board of Directors. The President shall, along with the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and support proof-of-age

documents of every player candidate before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection. The President shall investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the League and report thereon to the Board of Directors as circumstances warrant. The President shall serve on all standing committees. **The President may serve as a team manager during the regular season, but shall not manage or coach an All Star team.**

#### **B. Vice President**

The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of his/her duties and act for him/her during the latter's absence from a meeting or at his/her request. **The Vice President may serve as a team manager during the regular season, but shall not manage or coach an All Star.**

#### **C. Secretary**

The Secretary shall maintain the attendance records of active and inactive members, minutes of the meetings and give the required notice in writing of all necessary meetings, including the Annual Meeting (February), Annual Roll Call (September) and at all meetings dealing with By-Law revisions and shall have charge of all correspondence. When necessary, the Secretary shall serve as a non-voting member of the Ethics Committee.

#### **D. Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the League, keep a true account of such funds and deposit said funds in the bank or banks designated by the Board of Directors, disburse expenses duly approved by the Board of Directors and signed by the President and/or the Treasurer, and each February meeting submit in writing the annual statement of the League's financial condition. The Treasurer shall also prepare a financial report for the period October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year to be submitted to Little League Baseball. The Treasurer shall serve on the Finance and Fund raising Committee.

#### **E. Player Agent**

The Player agent shall conduct the annual player selection system including try-outs, evaluations and draft, shall assist the President in verifying birth records and the eligibility of players, shall assist the League in tournament play and shall conduct all player transactions. **The Player Agent shall not simultaneously hold the position of manager or coach of any team and shall not umpire.**

#### **F. Safety Officer**

The Safety Officer shall coordinate all safety activities, shall promote safety in activities through training, equipment and facilities and shall prepare the annual Little League ASAP report to be submitted annually to Little League Baseball Headquarters.

#### **G. Purchasing Agent**

The Purchasing Agent, working in conjunction with the Safety Officer, shall be responsible for purchasing all uniforms and equipment for use by the League, ensuring that all safety standards are met.

### **Section 3 – Standing Committees and Positions**

A. The Executive Board shall have the power to create the following Standing Committees and

the President shall have the power to appoint members of the Standing Committees and their respective chairmen subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

### **1. Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least three active members. The Nominating Committee shall carefully consider the requirements of the various offices named in the article and to place in nomination at the October regular meeting or before the Board of Directors whenever a vacancy occurs, the name of a qualified and capable person for each office to be held.

### **2. Public Relations/Communications Committee**

The Public relations/Communications Committee shall have charge of relations with the press and the public and to see that the activities and public benefits of the League are brought to the attention of the media and the public. All public relations/communications shall be approved by the Executive Board prior to release or action.

### **3. Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee shall develop the League's budget for each fiscal year and evaluate the budget requests submitted by all other committees. The Finance Committee shall meet during the months of November, December, and January to prepare the subsequent year's budget. The Finance Committee shall recommend the proposed budget for approval, first by the Executive Board in January and secondly, by the entire Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in February. The Finance Committee shall act as a recommending committee and shall consider input from all other active committees. All proposals presented by the Finance Committee shall require approval by the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee shall be empowered to act independent of League approval for any financial item which is budgeted and less than or equal to five hundred dollars. The Finance Committee shall be empowered to act independent of League approval for any non budgeted financial item greater than five hundred dollars, if the item is determined to be an emergency which requires timely action.

### **4. Fund Raising Committee**

The Fund Raising Committee shall establish fund raising goals in line with the budget as recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. The Fund Raising Committee shall be responsible for assisting with and/or holding fund raisers.

### **5. Player/Manager/Coach Development Committee**

The Player/Manager/Coach Development Committee shall formulate and implement action plans to maintain or improve the quality of coaching and playing at all levels. The Player/Manager/Coach Development Committee shall conduct manager/coach training clinics, umpire clinics, player clinics and shall establish a library of materials available to all members of the Board of Directors. The Player/Manager/Coach Development Committee shall work with the Division Supervisors to develop guidelines and goals. Umpires-in-Chief shall serve on this Committee.

## **6. Equipment Committee**

The Equipment Committee shall assist the Purchasing Agent in assessing the uniform and equipment needs of the League from year to year paying particular attention to safety issues. The Equipment Committee shall assist the Purchasing Agent in collecting and inventorying all of the League's equipment at the end of the season. The Purchasing Agent and the Safety Officer shall serve on this committee.

## **7. Field Maintenance Committee**

The Field Maintenance Committee shall establish goals for maintaining and improving the playing fields of the League. The Field Maintenance Committee shall establish short (1-2 years), medium (3-5 years) and long-range plans (6-10 years) goals for facility and field improvements. The Field Maintenance Committee shall establish a field maintenance crew for all the fields utilized in each division.

## **8. Official Scorer**

The Official Scorer shall record and keep official records of all games played. The records of the Official Scorer shall be deemed official. All records shall be turned over to the President at the conclusion of the season and kept on file.

## **9. Ethics Committee**

The Ethics Committee shall review all charges and complaints against a member, player, parent or spectator whose conduct is considered detrimental to the League and to determine necessary disciplinary actions including, but not limited to, termination of a member, player or parent. The duties, responsibilities and composition of the Ethics Committee are as follows:

- a.** The Ethics Committee shall be comprised of seven responsible members to be appointed by the President annually. Members shall include League Officers, Managers, Coaches, Scorekeepers, Supervisors and voting members.
- b.** All charges shall be addressed in writing to the League Secretary who will then forward the letter to the League President. All complaints must be acted upon within thirty (30) days from the time the complaint is received from the Secretary.
- c.** The Secretary shall attend the Ethics Committee meetings to record minutes or fill in for an absentee member.
- d.** All matters discussed at the Ethics Committee meetings shall be considered confidential to protect all parties involved. Once action for or against is concluded, all parties involved shall be notified by registered letter. The League Secretary shall also receive a copy of any decision to be placed on file.
- e.** Members having a conflict of interest shall abstain from discussion and voting on the complaint.
- f.** If a vote is required, it shall be by secret ballot and the final count, whether it is for or against, shall be considered unanimous.

**g.** A vote shall carry a 2/3 majority. If any member is absent, the Secretary shall fill the vacancy. If less than four (4) members are present, no vote can be taken and the vote shall be tabled until the next meeting or emergency meeting.

**h.** If a member present abstains or blanks a vote, the vote shall be subtracted from seven changing the 2/3 vote needed as follows:

7 members = 5 votes

6 members = 4 votes

5 members = 3 votes

4 members = 3 votes

3 members = 2 votes

**i.** Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Ethics Committee.

**1.** The Ethics Committee, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the bests interests of the League and/or Little League Baseball.

**2.** The member, parent or player involved shall be notified of such a meeting, informed of the charges and be given the opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer all charges.

**3.** The Ethics Committee shall, in the case of a player member, give notice of infraction to parents of said player and the manager of the team of which the player is a member. Said parents and manager shall appear in the capacity of advisors with the player before the Ethics Committee which shall have full power to suspend or revoke said player's right to future participation in the League.

**j.** All questions regarding player eligibility shall be referred to the Player Agent and the President.

**k.** At any time within ten (10) days after any disciplinary action is taken, an appeal may be made to the Board of Directors. The appeal shall be addressed to the Secretary of the League. The decision of the Ethics Committee may be overturned by a majority vote of eligible members of the Board of Directors.

#### **10. By-Laws Committee**

The By-Laws Committee shall review the current By-Laws at least every two years or as necessary and present written recommendations to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting in February.

### **Section 4 – Election and Removal of Officers**

The Officers, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually by ballot at the October regular meeting, but may be recalled by a two-thirds vote of eligible members of the Board of Directors at any League meeting. Absence from any three consecutive meetings of the League shall cause to create a vacancy in the office of any officer so absent. Such vacancy shall be created if a motion is made and said motion is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all eligible members present at the third or subsequent consecutive absence.

## **ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

**Section 1** – The League shall meet on the first Sunday of the month, February through November, except in case of holiday when the League shall meet on the second Sunday of the month, at 6:30 P.M. All registered members shall receive the meeting agendas by e-mail prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Section 2** – The Executive Board shall meet on the second Sunday of the month, February through November, except in case of holiday when the League shall meet on the third Sunday of the month, at 7:30 P.M.

**Section 3** – The Annual Roll Call shall be held at the regular September meeting. Any member who seeks appointment or reappointment as a manager of a Major, Junior or Senior Division team must attend the September meeting and declare his/her intentions. Special circumstances that may prevent a member from attending this meeting must be discussed with the President prior to the September meeting and the member's intentions must be declared to the President in advance of Roll Call. Intentions declared following the September regular meeting shall not be honored.

**Section 4** – A quorum shall be in effect when at least fifty (50) percent of all active members in good standing are present. Should an issue of critical importance, as defined by those in attendance at a particular meeting, require the approval of the Board of Directors and further, should a quorum not be present, the Executive Board shall have the power to act on said critical issue. Action shall be determined by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

**Section 5** – The annual election of officers shall be held at the October regular meeting, following the report of the Nominating Committee.

**Section 6** – Special meetings may be called by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

**Section 7** – At any regular or special meeting, a majority vote of eligible voting members present shall be considered binding except as provided for elsewhere in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE VI FINANCES**

**Section 1** – Upon approval by the Board of Directors, purchase orders and itemized bills shall be disbursed by the Treasurer.

**Section 2** – The President and Treasurer may furnish a Bond as security for the faithful performance of duties. The amount of such Bond shall be determined by the Board of Directors with the expense of such Bond to be borne by the League.

**Section 3** – No contract shall be binding on the League unless authorized in writing and authorized by order of the Executive Board and Board of Directors.

**Section 4** – The Executive Board, the Board of Directors, managers, coaches, volunteers and voting members shall not receive remuneration for any normal services or duties performed by them for the League.

## **ARTICLE VII PARLIAMENTARY RULES**

**Section 1** – The parliamentary manual governing meetings shall be Robert's Rules of Order Revised except where it conflicts with the By-Laws of the League.

**Section 2** – The Official Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Williamsport, Pennsylvania shall be binding on the League.

**Section 3** – Rules adopted by the League and approved by the Board of Directors shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball.

**Section 4** – The Order of Business at League meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order;
2. Roll Call;
3. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting;
4. Report on status of membership;
5. Report of the Treasurer;
6. Report of Board of Directors;
7. Report of Standing and Special Committees and Agents;
8. Unfinished Business;
9. New Business; and
10. Adjournment

## **ARTICLE VIII REGISTRATIONS AND EVALUATIONS**

**Section 1** - The League shall accept all player candidates regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or ancestry, and ability to pay, provided that the candidates meet the requirements established by Little League Baseball Incorporated, including age, residency and try-out requirements.

**Section 2** – The League shall establish late-summer/ early-fall registration and evaluation dates for the following spring season to allow for outdoor evaluations in optimal weather, recruitment and training of managers and coaches, scheduling of safety and coaching clinics prior to the start of the season and completion of the appropriate paperwork by volunteer candidates. All registrations occurring after the drafts in the Major, Junior and Senior Divisions will be held in a pool and randomly assigned to the Minor, Super 7's and Pony Divisions.

**Section 3 – All player candidates ages eight through twelve shall be evaluated.**

**ARTICLE IX  
ALL STAR VOTING PROCEDURES;  
MAJOR, JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISIONS**

**Section 1** – The League shall be represented in the annual All-Star Tournament 11 & 12 year-olds (Major Division), 13 & 14 year-olds (Junior Division), 14, 15 and 16 year-olds (Senior Division) and 16, 17, and 18 year-olds (Big League) by a minimum of twelve players throughout tournament play who satisfy the eligibility requirements of Little League Baseball.

**Section 2** – Team managers and coaches along with players eligible to be on the All-Star Ballot shall have the privilege to vote for All-Stars. Eligible players shall include all 11 and 12 year-old players in the Major Division, all 13 and 14 year-olds in the Junior Division, all 14, 15 & 16 year-olds in the Senior Division and all 16, 17 and 18 year-olds in the Big League Division.

**Section 3** – Each manager, coach and eligible player shall receive one ballot listing all eligible players. No more than 14 players may be voted for on a ballot. If more than 14 players are voted for on any ballot, that ballot shall not be counted in the vote tabulation.

**Section 4** – Each player's vote shall count as one vote for each player selected. Each manager and coach's vote shall count as two votes for each player selected. The 10 players receiving the greatest number of votes shall constitute 10 members of the All-Star team. **In the event that two candidates tie for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> positions, both players shall be named to the All-Star team.** The remaining positions, a minimum of two and a maximum of four, and any replacement players shall be selected by the All-Star manager following consultation with other managers and coaches in the respective division. Alternate players are not notified of placement or allowed to practice with any team unless they are subsequently named to an All-Star team. The names of All-Star players and method of selection shall be held in strictest confidence by all Executive Board members, managers and coaches.

**Section 5** – The All-Star manager shall be the manager of the team with the best overall regular season record in the Major, Junior and Senior Divisions. In the event that the respective manager of the Major, Junior and Senior Division Champion is unable or unwilling to assume the position as All-Star manager, the position shall then be offered to the manager of the team with the next best record in descending order if the respective managers are unable or unwilling to assume the position, subject to approval of the Executive Board in consultation with the respective division supervisor. All potential All-Star managers must attend the May regular meeting and declare their intentions to actively manage the respective all-star teams. All-Star managers and coaches must have been rostered in their respective divisions during the regular season.

**Section 6** – Members of the Executive Board shall collect and hold all ballots. Vote tabulation shall require at least three members of the Executive Board, appointed by the President, to be present.

Announcements of All-Star rosters shall be made after the end of the regular season, any divisional play-offs and after the date designated by Little League Baseball.

## **ARTICLE X DRAFT**

### **Section 1 – Order of Selection**

**A. Junior/Senior Divisions** – The order of selection during the draft shall be determined by the order of finish from the previous season, with the team recording the worst overall regular season record selecting first and so on, through the standings to the team with the best overall regular season record. Drafting shall be conducted in a zig zag fashion, last to first, first to last, etc.

**B. Major Division** – The order of selection during the draft shall be determined by the order of finish from the previous season, with the team recording the worst overall regular season record selecting first and so on, through the standings to the team with the best overall season record and continue thereafter from last to first in each round.

**Section 2** – A new coach may not be appointed or approved until after the draft to avoid "Red Shirting" of players, through selective coaching appointments. Exception: A new coach may be named to a team prior to the draft provided that said coach does not have a player currently involved in a respective division or any prospective option/player involved in the upcoming draft.

### **Section 3 – Options**

An option is an agreement between a manager and the Player Agent covering a special condition. All options shall be in writing and submitted to the Player Agent prior to the start of the draft. There are three options and they are as follows:

#### **A. Brothers/Sisters**

A manager may submit an option in writing to the Player Agent on two or more brothers and/or sisters becoming candidates who are subject to draft. When the first brother or sister is drafted under the option agreement, the manager automatically takes the brother or sister on the next turn. The option must be completed within the first three rounds of the draft. In the event that a brother/sister option exists and the younger option is selected, the older sibling shall be automatically drafted by the same team consistent with all rules of the draft.

#### **B. Siblings**

A manager shall submit an option in writing to the Player Agent on a draftee if the player candidate's brother/sister is a member of that manager's team. The option must be completed within the first three draft selections.

### C. Sons and/or Daughters of Managers

The provisions below apply for managers having brothers or sisters of eligible age:

I – A manager who has sons and/or daughters eligible under Regulation II (League Boundaries) for the draft who wishes to draft them, must state so in writing to the Player Agent prior to the start of the draft. If so stated, the parent-manager is required to exercise this option prior to the close of the specific draft round depending on the League Age of sons/daughters. Parent/manager option takes priority over any other option. These provisions also apply for managers having brothers/sisters in the draft.

II – A returning coach, through the manager, may exercise an option in writing through the Player Agent provided:

- a). The coach has served as a manager or coach in the League (at any level) for the past two years and,
- b). The coach must be returning to the same Major, Junior or Senior Division team as last year.
- c). In order for a manager to exercise this option, the coach must qualify under both conditions above.

Draft Round	Little League Age	Junior League Age	Senior League Age
3	9-10	----	14
4	11	13	15
5	12	14	16

### Section 4 - Special Considerations That Apply

- A. If the manager so chooses, the option on son/daughter may be waived.
- B. In the event that the parent becomes a manager in another league, that parent may not claim the son/daughter.
- C. Players are eligible only in the league whose boundaries include the parent/manager's home.
- D. When a vacancy occurs during the playing season, the player selected to fill the vacancy becomes a permanent member of that team, governed by the same regulations as all members of the team selected in the spring draft.
- E. All players, ages 9-12 years old inclusive, including sons/daughters of managers and coaches at the Minor Division level are subject to the draft.
- F. Parents of Major, Junior and Senior Division players who become managers or coaches after their children have been selected to a team within each respective division may not automatically claim their sons/daughters, but must trade for them at the proper time, subject to trading requirements and approval by the Executive Board.
- G. The Executive Board shall be notified in writing prior to the draft of a manager's intention to delete a current coach from his/her roster and his/her reason for doing so.

### Section 5 – Duration of Title

Each player shall, for the duration of their Major, Junior or Senior Little League career, be the property of the team making the acquisition, unless subsequently traded or released due to injury, illness, relocation or resignation. Any player who fails to register in any year shall be considered to have resigned and shall not be the property of the team that originally drafted said player. Should the player register in any subsequent year, said player shall try-out and enter the draft with all other eligible players. Should this situation arise involving a major Division player and should said player not be drafted, he/she shall be offered the opportunity to play in the Minor Division. Should any player resign his position before the first half of the regular season is completed, he/she shall not be eligible to participate for the duration of the current season. Should any player resign after the start of the second half of the regular season, he/she shall not be eligible to participate for the duration of the current season nor the following season. All player resignations must be submitted in writing by both parents to the Executive Board of Directors.

### **Section 6 – Trading**

Following the draft, managers may if they desire, trade players over the next two calendar days (48 hrs) following the draft. All trades shall be made through and with the approval of the Player Agent. Minor Division players (Triple A and Minor League) may not be traded for Major Division players. No players assigned to a Major Division team may be traded to another team; only players in the draft may be traded. No players involved in the draft may be notified of their team selection until all trades are completed. Trades involving a player for draft choices are not permitted. The Player Agent must monitor any attempts by managers and parents to manipulate the system and thus create an imbalance in the League. All trades must be for justifiable reasons and be approved by the local Board of Directors. All supervisors must report trades to the Player Agent, who in turn will inform the President.

### **Section 7 – Replacements**

When a player is lost for the season for a justifiable reason, the manager of the team losing the player shall promptly advise the Player Agent. The Player Agent shall advise the President and Executive Board. If the loss of a player is approved, the President may send a letter of release to the player and the parents stating that said player is released from the Major, Junior or Senior Division team and the League for a justifiable reason. This action creates a legal opening for a replacement on the team roster. The manager shall review the available player list with the Player Agent and shall select a replacement. The list of candidates shall only include those players who participated in the current season try-outs or presented a valid excuse to the Executive Board of Directors for not doing so. The replacement player shall become a permanent member of the team. Failure of the manager to advise the Player Agent of a player's continued absence should result in disciplinary action against the manager.

### **Section 8 – Draft Re-Entry**

The procedure for any player wishing to re-enter the draft shall be as follows:

- A.** Both parents or guardians must submit a written request stating the reasons for the re-entry request to the Executive Board.
- B.** The Executive Board shall investigate the validity of the request, interview parents, managers, coaches and the respective supervisors and shall issue a ruling based on the merits of the request. Should the Executive Board determine that the request is without merit, the player shall be required to sit out the remainder of the current regular season or the following regular season if the request is made after the start of the second half of the current regular season

before being eligible for re-entry into the draft.

**Section 9** – No new registrations shall be considered in the Major, Junior, Senior and Big League Divisions after the draft has been held. Exception: New registrations may be considered in the Junior, Senior and Big League Divisions if roster circumstances warrant additions.

**Section 10** – The Minor Division Draft shall be conducted by the Major Division managers and coaches following the Major Division draft with a relatively even distribution of players based on age, talent and availability of coaches. Managers and coaches shall be assigned to teams following the draft and parental requests for specific managers or coaches shall not be honored.

## **ARTICLE XI DELETION OF A TEAM**

**Section 1** – If a team is deleted from the Major, Junior or Senior divisions, each unprotected player must be drafted prior to the start of the regular draft. All names will be placed into a lottery and picked according to the rules of the regular draft. Should there be more teams selecting than eligible players, blank slips will be placed in the pool so that the total number of slips equal the total number of teams drafting. The team whose manager holds the least seniority within the respective division shall be disbanded.

## **ARTICLE XII ADDITION OF A TEAM**

### **Section 1 – Major Division**

If the number of Minor Division players indicates that an additional Major Division team may be warranted (i.e. If the Minor Division has at least two teams more than the Major Division, sustained for at least one season), the League shall consider expanding the Major Division. The expansion team shall be allowed to draft three players from the candidate pool prior to the start of the regular draft. The regular draft shall then begin with the expansion team having the first selection. The expansion team shall follow all of the rules governing options.

### **Section 2 – Junior and Senior Divisions**

Upon expansion of the Junior and Senior Divisions, all players will be re-drafted. All rules governing options shall apply. A lottery shall be held to determine the order of selection and the draft shall then proceed according to regular draft rules. All sixteen year-olds must be selected immediately after the eighth selection in the Senior Division.

## **ARTICLE XIII MANAGERS and COACHES**

**Section 1** – When any new managerial opening occurs, the individual with the most seniority shall have the first option to accept the opening.

**Section 2** – Seniority will be determined in accordance with Article III, Section 6 of these By-Laws.

**Section 3** – For every year that a member is inactive, he/she shall lose one year of seniority. A member is considered to be inactive after missing three or more consecutive monthly meetings.

**Section 4** – Each team roster shall contain the names of one manager and two coaches with new coaches to be named following the draft.

**Section 5** – All-Star coaches are chosen by the All-Star manager.

**Section 6** – It is the duty of the managers and coaches to be available for all scheduled games. If a manager or coach misses three consecutive scheduled games and/or four scheduled games in a season, he/she shall be automatically removed from the roster and replaced by an active member with the most seniority.

**Section 7** – An active member may not manage and/or coach more than two teams per season. A manager and/or coach shall only manage and/or coach one team per season among the Junior and Senior Divisions. A manager and/or coach shall only manage and/or coach one team per season among the T-Ball, Super 7's, Minor, Triple A and Major Divisions.

**Section 8** – All managers, coaches and scorekeepers shall be appointed on an annual basis by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors.

**Section 9** – **Managers and coaches shall not collect money on behalf of the League without the expressed consent of the Executive Board of Directors. Managers and coaches shall not solicit or collect money from sponsors and/or parents for additional equipment, enhanced uniforms, practice or play time at a private facility or for programs not sanctioned with the Auburn Little League. Any manager or coach who participate in another program, including fall/winter programs and competing baseball program, shall notify the Executive Board in advance and shall supply a list of any players currently registered with the Auburn Little League. Managers and coaches shall notify parents that any baseball activity or program conducted other than those sanctioned by the Auburn Little League or Little League Baseball are not covered by liability or medical insurance.**

#### **ARTICLE XIV INTERPRETATION**

The sole power of interpretation of the League's By-Laws shall be entrusted to the Executive Board, who shall also review annually and recommend to the League any proposal and and changes and shall interpret the laws and statutes of the Town of Auburn and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and to see that they are complied with in the conduct of League business.

#### **ARTICLE XV AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws and standing rules may be amended at any regular meeting by two-thirds (2/3) vote of eligible voting members present provided that the proposed amendment was presented in writing and

read at the previous regular meeting and that the substance of such amendment was included in the notice of the meeting during which the vote is scheduled. Exception: No By-Law or standing rule shall be reconsidered or voted upon for a three month-period following a legal vote on the same issue.

### **STANDING RULES**

1. The home team is responsible for grooming the field prior to a game and must pick up and return umpiring equipment for an away game (February 2, 1986).
2. Each team will clean their respective sides of the field, including dugouts, following each game (April 6, 1986).
3. Only two scorekeepers will be allowed upstairs in the shack during games (May 4, 1986).
4. All managers are responsible for their equipment and in order to get new equipment, they need to turn in the old equipment (March 1, 1987).
5. Face protectors will be worn by all players in the Major, Triple A, Minor and Pony Divisions (May 1, 1988).
6. All players must slide into any base where a play is possible, with the exception of first base in the Major, Triple A, Minor and Pony Divisions (June 5, 1988).
7. The town champions for the Junior and Senior Divisions will be determined by the best record and in the event of a tie, the overall best record in the division will prevail (June 3, 1990). Later rescinded.
8. One parent must remain with a female player during all practices and games (July 1, 1990).
9. Abolish the title "town champion" in the Junior and Senior Divisions. The All-Star manager will be determined by the best over all season record. (June, 1994).
10. Games may not be postponed due to the absence of a manager. Coaches will conduct the game in the manager's absence.
11. A fee of \$100.00 will be charged to any group borrowing equipment from the league. Later rescinded.
12. No Auburn Little League equipment will be loaned to any organization unless a member of the league is present at the event and will take responsibility for said equipment.
13. Major League games will begin at 5:15 P.M. on weeknights.
14. Practicing teams must vacate a field scheduled for a game one hour prior to the start of the game.
15. The supervisors of the Major, Triple A, Minor and Pony Divisions will determine if weather or field conditions necessitate postponement or cancellation of a game.
16. All postponed games in the Major Division will be made up on the next available open date. Amended, March 2002 to include: The home team will notify the Major Division Supervisor on the date that a game is postponed of the postponement and the Major Division Supervisor will assign the next available open date for the game to played, provided that no team is required to play four games in a calendar week. Any team that fails to play a rescheduled game will forfeit that game.
17. In the Major Division, should a game be postponed, the home team manager will notify umpires. In the Junior and Senior Divisions, should a game be postponed, the supervisor will be notified before Noon so that the umpires can be canceled.
18. All managers and coaches must attend the coach's and safety clinic to be held prior to the start of the season.
19. One representative from each of the Junior and Senior Division teams must attend the the preseason interleague meeting.

20. Mandatory attendance by a manager and at least one coach at general meetings, February through May and September.
21. A minimum of 2 practices per week must be held in the Major, Junior and Senior Divisions.
22. A minimum of 1 practice per week must be held in the Pony, Minor and Triple A Divisions.
  
23. Managers and/or coaches shall not utilize for play or practice any youngster(s) who is currently unenrolled in the League or any registered player who is currently playing in a younger division. Exception: Upon a written request from the manager and/or coach to the Executive Board, a waiver of this rule may be granted in regard to the respective manager/coach's young child provided that said child is currently a registered player in the League.
24. No players shall be brought up from the Minor Division to fill a vacancy on a Major Division team after June 1<sup>st</sup>.
25. The Minor Division will adopt the following format for play-offs: All teams will be eligible for play-offs. In the event of an odd number of teams, preliminary play-offs will be scheduled to reduce the field of teams to a number that will allow for an even number of contests. If a bye is necessary, it will be scheduled in the first round only. Minor, Super 7's and Pony Divisions will follow the regular season guidelines established by the League, along with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball Incorporated (March, 2002).
26. All players must attend the players' clinic to be held prior to the start of the season (March, 2002).
27. The Auburn Little League adopts the following "24 Hour Rule": Parents and/or guardians of players may not contact the manager or coach of their child's team within the first twenty-four hours following an incident or game. The twenty-four hour rule also applies to managers and coaches with regards to umpires. The purpose of this rule is twofold: To ensure that players and spectators are away from any discussion and to allow for a cooling down period for both parties so that issues can be addressed calmly and rationally. This rule does not effect the right of any manager or coach to exercise the "protest" rule. The 24 Hour Rule will be included in the Code of Ethics in 2005 and successive years (March 7, 2004).
28. The Auburn Little League will provide fitted (flex) hats, with the letter "A" for players in the Senior, Junior, Major and Triple A Divisions (October, 2007).