

**FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE  
CHARTER 1490611  
CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

Section 1 – The corporation name shall be the FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INCORPORATED.

Section 2 – The principal office of this corporation shall be located in the City of Franklin, WI. Exact location shall be at the discretion of the President of the FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INCORPORATED.

**ARTICLE II – AFFILIATION**

Section 1 – This organization shall be affiliated with LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INCORPORATED, a non-profit organization which maintains the international program, with headquarters in Williamsport, PA. The FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. is subject to the CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS of this body insofar as they affect and prescribe the functions of this local Franklin organization and are not in conflict with these Articles of Incorporation.

Section 2 – Nationally, LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL operates under the auspices of the highest recognition that may be accorded to any such organization by the government of the United States. By virtue of legislation approved unanimously by President Lyndon B. Johnson on July 16, 1964, LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL has been granted a Congressional Chapter of Federal Incorporation.

**ARTICLE III – PURPOSE**

Section 1 – The FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. is a program of service to the youth of the community. The program strives to instill in our children the community ideals of honesty, loyalty, respect and good sportsmanship, within the framework of an organized sporting activity.

**ARTICLE IV – ADMINISTRATION**

Section 1 – The FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. operates under a charter(s) granted annually by LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INC. This local organization is administered by a Board of Directors and Board. The league must adhere to all rules and regulations established by LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INC. and the International Congress of League Representatives.

Section 2 – The FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. maintains autonomy in areas regarding the election of officers, financing its program, establishing an operations manual, and other related functions.

## **ARTICLE V – QUALIFICATION**

Section 1 – As stated in the charter(s) granted to FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. by LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INC., this organization is required to have knowledge of youth baseball and softball, elected officers, responsible volunteers to serve as managers, coaches and umpires, maintain playing field(s) of Little League dimensions, financial sponsorship or support, insurance protection and an ongoing commitment of dedication and service to the youth of the community.

## **ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1 – Membership in the FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. shall apply to all registered players, their parents/ legal guardians and any others who contribute verifiable time to the organization. Voting rights into the affairs of the corporation are designated in Article V of the By-laws. All members are governed by this Constitution and By-laws of the FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC.

Section 2 – All players must live within the physical boundaries described for the FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. under the charter(s) granted by LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL, INC. or attend a Franklin accredited school.

## **ARTICLE VII – ROLE OF PARENT/ LEGAL GUARDIAN**

Section 1 – FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. is a program which is constructed, supervised and assisted by adult volunteers who desire to make its benefits extend to the children of the community. For this program to succeed, parents/ legal guardians need to take the initiative and responsibility to support and assist with the operations of the league.

Section 2 - All parents/ legal guardians are expected to follow the FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE Code of Conduct as published on the Franklin Little League website at any Franklin Little League practices, games and sponsored events.

## **ARTICLE VIII – GOVERNMENT**


Section 1 – The government of the FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. shall be vested in the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors positions of the Franklin Little League consist of a President, League Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Divisional Vice Presidents (Jr./ Sr. Baseball, Intermediate Baseball, Major Baseball, Minor Baseball, Rookie Baseball, Softball, Challenger and Tee-Ball), Technology Director, Concessions Director, Facilities Director, Safety Director, Uniform & Equipment Director, Public Relations Director, Fundraising Director, Umpire Director and Scheduling Director.

The executive officers for state reporting purposes are the President, League Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Player Agent.


Section 2 – The Board of Directors shall ensure that board positions be staggered such that approximately one-half of the Board of Directors positions become open for election or appointment each year. Once elected or appointed, each Director shall serve on the Board of Directors until his/her successor is elected or appointed in accordance with these by-laws.

**ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENT**

Section 1 – The Constitution of the FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. may be amended by a two thirds majority vote of the Franklin Little League Board of Directors at a Special Meeting of this organization but no more than every two (2) years from the last date signed below.

SIGNED:  PRESIDENT DATED: 03/08/2018

SIGNED:  SECRETARY DATED: 3/9/18

APPROVED:  DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR  
WISCONSIN DISTRICT # 6  
DATED: 3-11-18

**FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE  
CHARTERS 1490611  
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the FRANKLIN LITTLE LEAGUE, INC. shall apply to all registered players, their parents/ legal guardians, and others who contribute verifiable service and/or funds to the organization and are in good standing. Evidence of membership shall be determined through player rosters, volunteer documentation and sponsorship letters retained on file and verified by the Franklin Little League Secretary.

**ARTICLE II – ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be held no later than the first Tuesday of October of each year, and shall take place within the Franklin, WI area specified by the Franklin Little League President. The content of this annual meeting shall include and be limited to:

- (1) A report from the President on the affairs of the Corporation for the preceding year
- (2) A published report from the Treasurer on the financial affairs of the Corporation for the preceding year
- (3) The election of officers that will comprise the Board of Directors and any other positions for the succeeding year

**ARTICLE III – NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be published through a combination of mail, email, social media and/or advertisement in the local newspaper at least 10 days prior to the date. In addition, the notice of the meeting is required to be published on the Franklin Little League website.

**ARTICLE IV – QUORUM FOR ANNUAL MEETING**

A minimum of fifteen (15) members of the Corporation that are eligible to vote, and represented in person, shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting.

**ARTICLE V – VOTING RIGHTS FOR ELECTION AT ANNUAL MEETING**

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting as outlined in Article VI and VII. All adult members of the Corporation in good standing are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. Each member present shall be entitled to one vote. No member shall be entitled to vote by proxy.

## **ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As outlined in the Constitution, the Board of Directors positions of the Franklin Little League consist of a President, League Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Player Agent, Divisional Vice Presidents (Jr./ Sr. Baseball, Intermediate Baseball, Major Baseball, Minor Baseball, Rookie Baseball, Softball, Challenger and Tee-Ball), Technology Director, Concessions Director, Facilities Director, Safety Director, Uniform & Equipment Director, Fundraising Director, Public Relations Director, Umpire Director and Scheduling Director.

The following Board of Director positions will be elected at the Annual Meeting with a meeting date held in odd years: President, Secretary, Player Agent, Divisional Vice Presidents (Intermediate, Minor Baseball, Softball, Tee-ball), Concessions Director, Safety Director, Fundraising Director and Umpire Director.

The following Board of Director positions will be elected at the Annual Meeting with a meeting date held in even years: League Vice President, Treasurer, Divisional Vice Presidents (Jr./ Sr. Baseball, Major Baseball, Rookie Baseball, Challenger), Technology Director, Facilities Director, Uniform & Equipment Director, Public Relations Director and Scheduling Director.

It is the intention that each sitting position is a two-year term based on the odd/ even year schedule outlined. The purpose of this rotation is to ensure prior experience on the Franklin Little League board to promote continuity. In the event of a vacancy for any reason, the Board of Directors shall vote on a replacement party by simple majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the next regular scheduled meeting to fulfill the remainder of the term. This applies to all sitting positions with the exception of President.

In the event of a President vacancy, a special meeting shall be called by the League Vice President for the purpose of a special election. The special meeting for the President election shall be held no later than 90 days of vacancy notice. The special meeting for the President election must be publicly posted to the Corporation on the Franklin Little League website. The President election will be held consistent with the Annual Meeting voting rights and quorum.

All Board of Director positions, except for the President and Player Agent, shall retain the privilege of managing, coaching or umpiring during the regular season.

## **ARTICLE VII – EXTENSION PROGRAMS ELECTION/ OTHER COORDINATOR APPOINTMENTS**

Franklin Little League offers extension programs that operate outside the regular season. These extension programs will be overseen by coordinators. The Junior Saber Tournament Team Program coordinator position(s) will be elected at the Annual Meeting with a meeting date held in odd years. The Fall Ball Program coordinator position will be elected at the Annual Meeting with a meeting date held in even years.

Other coordinator positions may be needed throughout the year for special activities. The Franklin Little League President shall appoint those coordinator positions as needed for that activity.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUSINESS MEETINGS**

The Board of Directors shall meet within thirty (30) days following the Annual Meeting, at a time and place designated by the Franklin Little League President. The yearly goals and schedule will be determined at that meeting. Thereafter, the Board of Directors shall have regular monthly scheduled business meetings at same time each month. All regular monthly scheduled business meetings shall be publicly posted on the Franklin Little League website.

#### **ARTICLE IX – QUORUM FOR BUSINESS MEETINGS**

One-third (1/3) of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for official business transactions during regular monthly scheduled business meetings.

#### **ARTICLE X – VOTING RIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall have equal voting rights on matters pertaining to Franklin Little League. No Board of Director shall be permitted more than one vote regardless of number positions held.

Two-thirds (2/3) affirmed vote of the Board of Directors present shall be considered a passed vote. Voting can be done orally or through written ballot at the discretion of the Franklin Little League President.

#### **ARTICLE XI – SPECIAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

Special Meetings may be called at any time by the President, or at the written request of at least three (3) members of the Board of Directors, or at the request of no less than ten (10) members of the Corporation. The purpose for the meeting shall be expressly stated, and matters not so stated, will not be allowed to be acted upon. A minimum of 5 days written notice must be provided to the Board of Directors prior to the Special Meeting. The Special Meeting shall be held consistent with the business meeting quorum and voting rights.

#### **ARTICLE XII – MEETINGS – ORDER**

The President shall conduct the Annual Meeting, regular monthly business meetings, as well as, any special meetings as described in Articles II, VIII and XI. The “Roberts Rules of Order” shall prevail in all matters not covered within these By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE XIII – POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall manage the official affairs that support the best interest of Franklin Little League. They shall also decide all matters pertaining to the financial policy of the Corporation. It shall be a general policy to place all income in a common treasury, directing the expenditures of same in such a manner as will provide the most benefit to the Corporation. All expenditures greater than five hundred dollars (\$500) shall require Board approval before the funds may be disbursed.

The Franklin Little League President shall have the discretion to form committees and appoint individuals to handle specific tasks for the betterment of Franklin Little League.

No member of the Franklin Little League Board of Directors shall speak on behalf of the Corporation at any public or special meetings unless authorized by the Board of Directors.

Any position may be removed from the Board of Directors with cause. The procedure for removal requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors present at any special meeting called for that specific purpose.

## **ARTICLE XIV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OVERVIEW DUTIES, TERM**

The Board of Directors shall be non-salaried. The Board of Directors supervise and control all business and affairs of Franklin Little League. The Board of Directors positions shall act whenever urgent matters arise that requires decisive action, whenever a regular or special meeting. At no time shall the Board of Directors transact any business that may affect the vital interests of Franklin Little League without the knowledge of the Board of Directors. The term of office for all Board of Directors shall be two (2) years, alternating odd/ even with the prescribed schedule, commencing from the election date to the election date of the following year.

The Board of Directors of this organization are:

**PRESIDENT** - Shall be the principal executive officer of the Corporation, and shall preside at all meetings of the membership, and assume responsibility for the entire operation of Franklin Little League. He/ She shall perform the duties involved with the office of President.

**LEAGUE VICE PRESIDENT** – Shall be responsible for obtaining sponsors for the league and maintain positive public relations with the business community. He/ She shall carry out other duties as may be delegated by the President.

**SECRETARY** – Shall record accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board and the membership. He/ She shall give notice for all meetings of the membership of the Corporation, and perform other duties as may be delegated by the President.

**TREASURER** – Shall be responsible for all funds of the Corporation. He/ She shall co-sign all checks, disburse funds as approved and report on the financial

condition of the Corporation monthly. He/ She shall keep the financial records, prepare the budget, and assume the responsibility for the Corporate finances.

**PLAYER AGENT** – Shall be in charge and responsible for overseeing all player selections and skill assessments, as well as, determining eligibility status via birth records and home residences. He/ She will oversee a conflict resolution committee as needed. He/ She shall perform other duties as may be delegated by the President.

**DIVISIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS** – Shall be the operations officers of the individual Divisions. He/ She shall perform other duties as may be delegated by the President.

**TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR** – Shall develop and maintain a database of members of the league. He/ She shall develop and maintain a website displaying information for members of the league. He/ She shall provide Little League Baseball, Inc. with team rosters and enrollment information as requested by Little League Baseball, Inc.

**CONCESSIONS DIRECTOR** – Shall be responsible for the operation of the concession building, which includes the purchase and disbursement of food, drink, and other items.

**FACILITIES DIRECTOR** – Shall be responsible for the operation of the Franklin Little League complex, fields and capital improvements.

**SAFETY DIRECTOR** – Shall be responsible for completing the yearly insurance, ASAP plan, background checks, safety clinics and all league safety needs.

**UNIFORM & EQUIPMENT DIRECTOR** – Shall be responsible for all uniforms and equipment needs. He/ She shall preside over equipment hand-out and return dates. He/ She will be in charge of spirit wear.

**FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR** – Shall be responsible for a fundraising plan prior to the season, communicating the plan to the league and in charge of all fundraising initiatives during the season.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR** – Shall be responsible to promote Franklin Little League throughout the community and surrounding areas. He/ She shall be in charge of promoting registration and other Franklin Little League activities during the course of the year.

**UMPIRE DIRECTOR** – Shall be responsible for soliciting and training umpires. He/ She shall maintain an umpire schedule for games played at the Franklin Little League fields.

**SCHEDULING DIRECTOR** - Shall be responsible for the league wide game and tournament schedule. This also includes coordinating inter league as appropriate.

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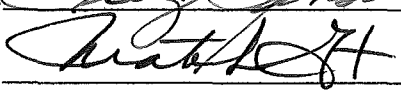

COORDINATORS – Voted or appointed coordinators are not sitting Board of Directors but shall be authorized as needed for operating needs. A schedule of such coordinator positions and their duties shall be published in the Franklin Little League Policy & Procedures. Coordinators report to the Franklin Little League President.

**ARTICLE XV – AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS**

The By-Laws as contained herein of the Corporation may be amended in whole or in part. To amend any By-Laws, a special meeting of the Board of Directors must be called, and a 2/3rds majority vote must be returned, as described in Article XI but no more than every two (2) years from the last date signed below.

**ARTICLE XVI – DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION**

In the event of dissolution of the Corporation and after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of Franklin Little League, FLL will dispose all assets in such manner, or to such organizations operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Regulation). Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal location of FLL is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. The decision of dissolution of the Corporation will be confirmed by the Board of Directors returning a 2/3rds vote.

SIGNED:  PRESIDENT DATE: 03/08/2018  
SIGNED:  SECRETARY DATE: 3/9/18  
SIGNED:  DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR  
DATE: 3.11.18 WISCONSIN DISTRICT # 6