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ARTICLE 1. The name of this organization shall be the **EXETER-
WEST GREENWICH LITTLE LEAGUE.**

ARTICLE 2. OBJECTIVE:

SEC. 1 The objective of the EXETER-WEST GREENWICH LITTLE LEAGUE shall be to Implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children, and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens.

SEC. 2 To achieve this objective the EXETER-WEST GREENWICH LITTLE LEAGUE will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All Directors, Officers and Members shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary and the molding of future citizens is of prime importance. In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the EXETER-WEST GREENWICH LITTLE LEAGUE shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing a supervised program of competitive baseball and softball games. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

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SEC. 3 Reference in this document to the LEAGUE, means the Directors, Officers and Body.

Reference in this document to the BOARD, means the Board of Directors. Reference in this document to the BODY, means the voting members of the LEAGUE.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP:

SEC. 1 Any person interested in the object of this organization and further desires to be a member, may apply to the secretary of the LEAGUE.

SEC. 2 CLASSES, There shall be the following classes of members;

(A) **PLAYER MEMBERS:** Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation V who resides within the authorized boundaries of the local LEAGUE shall be eligible to compete for participation but shall have no rights duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the local LEAGUE.

(B) **REGULAR MEMBERS:** Any person actively interested in furthering the objective of the local LEAGUE may become a regular member upon applying to the secretary of the LEAGUE. The secretary shall maintain the role of membership to qualify voting members.

see ARTICLE 3, SECTIONS 5&6

All Officers, Committee Members, Managers, Coaches, Volunteer Umpires and all other elected or appointed officers or committee members must be active regular members in good standing.

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A person who has applied to the Secretary, and has attended four (4) meetings in the previous year, ARTICLE 3, SECTIONS 5&6, is a voting member in good standing.

(C) HONORARY MEMBERS. Any person may be elected as an Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all BOARD Members present, at any duly held meeting, but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the local LEAGUE.

(D) SUSTAINING MEMBERS. Any person not a regular member who makes financial or other contributions to the local LEAGUE may by a majority vote of the BOARD members present become a Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the local LEAGUE.

(E) As used hereinafter, the word “MEMBER” shall mean a Regular Member unless otherwise stated.

SEC. 3 OTHER AFFILIATIONS.

- (A) Members, whether Regular or Player, shall not be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of the local LEAGUE.
- (B) Regular Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball.

SEC. 4 SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION. Membership can be terminated by resignation, non renewal, or Action of the BOARD.

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(A) The BOARD, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline or suspend or terminate the membership of any member of any class when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interest of the local LEAGUE.

The Member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

(B) The BOARD shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an advisor, with the player and at least one parent or guardian, before a duly appointed committee of the BOARD which shall have full authority to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

(C) Any Member of any class, may at their discretion, appeal any suspension or termination to the membership. The suspended or terminated person shall ask for a hearing of the membership by notifying the Secretary of the LEAGUE in writing. The Secretary shall call a special meeting for this purpose only. The voting members present, at such a called meeting, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority may overturn the ruling of the BOARD. Notice of special meetings of the membership is to be posted at the concession stand in a visible spot, written notice is to be mailed to the BOARD of Directors and any person who is eligible to vote. Voting members as defined by SECTIONS 5&6.

SEC. 5 A member must attend four (4) regular meetings in the twelve(12) months preceding a by-law change, or suspension, or termination of any member, in order to be eligible to vote on said issues.

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SEC. 6 A Member must attend four (4) meetings a year, November-October in order to be eligible to vote in the annual elections to be held in October.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

SEC. 1 The **BOARD of DIRECTORS** shall be elected and consist of **(but not be limited to)** the following positions;

Director- President
Director- 1st Vice President (Major Division)
Director- 2nd Vice President (Senior Division)
Director- 3rd Vice President (Level AAA Division)
Director- 4th Vice President (Level AA Division)
Director- 5th Vice President (Level A Division)
Director- 6th Vice President (T-Ball Division)
Director- Secretary
Director- Treasurer
Director- Player Agent
Director- Umpire in Chief
Director- Information-Safety officer
Director- Equipment Manager

SEC. 2 **PRESIDENT:** The President shall;

- (a) Conduct the affairs of the local LEAGUE and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
- (b) Communicate to the Membership, such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of the local LEAGUE.
- (c) Be responsible for the conduct of the local LEAGUE in strict conformity to the Policies, Rules and regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

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- (d) Designate in writing, other officers if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/ and in the name of the local LEAGUE such contracts and leases as may have received prior approval of the Board of Directors.
- (e) Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to the local LEAGUE and report thereon to the Board of Directors, or Committees as circumstances warrant.
- (f) With the assistance of the Player Agent, examine the application and supporting proof of age documents of every player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for tryouts and selection.
- (g) The President is allowed to manage or coach a team in any Division of the League, under guidelines issued by headquarters or district.

Sec. 3 **VICE PRESIDENTS:** The Vice Presidents shall;

- (a) Preside in succession, in case of the absence or disability of the President, and provided he/she is authorized by the President or Board so to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office, and shall have such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the BOARD or by the PRESIDENT.
- (b) The 1st Vice President, shall when called upon, assist the President. He/She shall also oversee the Major Division.

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- (c) The 2nd Vice President, shall when called upon, assist the President. He/She shall also oversee the Senior Division.
- (d) The 3rd Vice President, shall when called upon, assist the President. He/She shall also oversee the Minors Level “AAA” Division.
- (e) The 4th Vice President, shall when called upon, assist the President. He/She shall also oversee the Level “AA” Division.
- (f) The 5th Vice President, shall when called upon, assist the President. He/She shall also oversee the Level “A” Division.
- (g) The 6th Vice President, shall when called upon, assist the President. He/She shall also oversee the T-Ball Division.
- (h) The Vice Presidents shall not umpire in their respective Division.

SEC. 4 SECRETARY: The Secretary shall;

- (a) Be responsible for recording the activities of the local LEAGUE and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- (b) Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customary incidental to the office of secretary or as may be assigned by the BOARD, or PRESIDENT.
- (c) Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Officers and committee members and give notice of all meetings of the local LEAGUE and committees.

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- (d) Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
- (e) Keep an attendance log. Said log to be in the form of a book, wherein the date of each meeting will be logged at the top of the page. Each member in attendance shall sign this book. The Secretary shall close each page with vertical lines from the last signature to the bottom of the page and have the President sign each page in verification. Each meeting page is to be consecutive, and no page is to be removed from the book. Said book or log is to be present at each meeting.
- (f) Shall conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meetings and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- (g) Notify Members, Officers and committee members of their election or appointment.

Sec. 5 **PLAYER AGENT:** The Player Agent Shall:

- (a) Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- (b) Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in checking residence and age eligibility.
- (c) Conduct the player auction or draft and all other player transaction or selection meetings.
- (d) Prepare the Player Agent's List.

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- (e) Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Headquarters, team rosters, including players; claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.
- (f) Notify Little League Headquarters of subsequent player replacements or trades.
- (g) The player agent may be assisted in the record keeping tasks listed above by a registrar, as authorized by the PRESIDENT.

Sec. 6 UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF: The Umpire-in-Chief shall:

- (a) Serve in the capacity as stated in the by-laws and the Little League Rule Book.
- (b) Recruit and train individuals as umpires.
- (c) Coordinate with the equipment manager as to the needs of the umpires.
- (d) Ensure the umpires are dressed properly.
- (e) Shall be responsible for provisions for umpires at each scheduled game.

Sec. 7 SAFTY AND INFORMATION OFFICER

- (a) Prepare, submit, and over see the leagues safety program
- (b) Conduct first aid/CPR/AED training
- (c) Conduct safety audits of the EWGLL Complex
- (d) Working with the Facility Manager, perform lighting audits on all fields where lights exist.

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- (e) Conduct accident investigations
- (f) Working with the Equipment Manager, conduct inspections of all league equipment to ensure compliance with little league.
- (g) Manage the league's website, including on-line registration, scheduling, and articles
- (h) Assign administrative rights to volunteers and teams
- (i) Collect post and distribute important information regarding league activities including direct dissemination of fundraising and sponsor activities to Little League International, district, public, league members, and media.
- (j) Prepare articles for submittal to local newspapers

Sec. 8 EQUIPMENT MANAGER

- (a) Maintain an inventory of all league equipment including what is in storage and what has been assigned to teams
- (b) Research and purchase equipment for the league
- (c) Working with the Safety and Information Officer, conduct inspections of all league equipment to ensure compliance with little league.
- (d) Purchase all awards for the league including; trophies, medallions, recognition plaques and clothing
- (e) Purchase all uniforms for league

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Sec. 9 MANAGERS:

Managers may be elected or appointed as the board directs to any board position.

Sec. 10 COMMITTEES:

Committees shall be appointed by the president. The committees shall be **(but not be limited to)** as follows:

EQUIPMENT
BUILDING AND GROUNDS
SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING
NOMINATING
BANQUET
RULES
MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 10 PROTEST BOARD:

The protest board will consist of the following:

PRESIDENT
UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF
DIVISION VP (DIV. WITH PROTEST)

ARTICLE 5 MEETINGS:

SEC. 1 At any meeting, seven (7) directors shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting a meeting.

SEC. 2 This organization shall be governed by “Robert’s Rule of Order”, Revised, on all points not covered by these by-laws and or Little League Regulations.

SEC. 3 Regular meetings of this organization will be held monthly, except for December and July, in which meetings will not be held, unless called by the

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chair.

SEC. 4 ANNUAL MEETINGS

The annual meeting of the Members of the Local League shall be held in October of each year for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, which shall be the first order of business after the reading of the previous meeting minutes and the Treasurer's Report. The new board will be seated and the President shall conduct the meeting under normal precedent and guidelines.

SEC. 5 NOTICE of MEETINGS

- (a) Notice of each meeting of the **Board** shall be communicated electronically, personally, or by mail to each member at the last recorded address at least seven (7) days in advance thereof, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting.
- (b) Notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Board, at a regular convened Meeting.

SEC. 6 SPECIAL MEETINGS

- (a) Special meetings of the Members may be called by the Board, or by the **Secretary or President** at their discretion, or upon the written request of ten (10) Members.
- (b) All special meetings will be called to consider a specific subject. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any special meeting of the Members.

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SEC. 7 QUORUM:

- (a) The presence in person of seven (7) Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting, or special meetings called by duly elected or appointed officials, shall be required to constitute a quorum.
- (b) At a special meeting called by the Body, or at the request of the Secretary for a suspended or terminated member, must have ten (10) voting members present. In the absence of all elected or appointed officials, the members present may elect a temporary President to conduct the business for which the meeting was called.

SEC. 8 VOTING:

Only regular Members, who qualify under Article 3, Section 5 or 6, shall be entitled to vote at the annual or special meetings of the Local League.

SEC. 9 ABSENTEE BALLOT:

- (a) For the expressed purpose of accommodating a regular member in good standing who cannot be in attendance at the annual meeting, an absentee ballot may be requested and obtained from the Secretary of the League. The absentee ballot shall be properly completed, signed and returned in a sealed envelope to the Secretary prior to the date of the annual meeting and the election of members to the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall present all absentee ballots to the Election Chairman on the date of the annual meeting prior to the conducting of the election process.
- (b) Each Member shall be entitled to one vote in

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person or by absentee ballot.

ARTICLE 6. DUES:

- SEC. 1** Dues for regular members may be fixed at such amounts as the Board shall determine prior to the beginning of any membership period.
- SEC. 2** Members who fail to pay their fixed dues within thirty days from the time the same become due may by vote of the Board be dropped from the rolls and shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership.
- SEC. 3** A reasonable Little League participation fee may be assessed as a parents' obligation to assure the operational continuity of the local Little League. Although it is recommended that no fee be collected, a maximum amount will be recommended by Headquarters from time to time, **AT NO TIME SHOULD PAYMENT OF ANY FEE BE A PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL PROGRAM.** (Little League Regulation XIII (c).)

ARTICLE 7 BOARD, DUTIES, and POWERS:

- SEC. 1** There shall be a **minimum of** ten (10) members on the Board of Directors.
- SEC. 2** The business of the League shall be conducted by a simple majority of the Board of Directors present.
- SEC. 3** (a) The Board of Directors shall have the sole authority to, amend, add to, or delete the local ground rules.
- (b) They shall also establish a policy book for the setting forth the duties of such people as managers, coaches, mothers, concession stand personnel and others

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as it is necessary.

- (c) It shall also set forth the duties of the various committees the times they shall meet and conduct business.

ARTICLE 8 MANAGERS AND COACHES

SEC. 1 MANAGERS AND COACHES

- (a) Managers and coaches will be screened and approved by the Board of Directors, and appointed by the President. The Division Vice President's, Umpire-in Chief, and the Player Agent shall be present in an advisory capacity.
- (b) Any person desiring to manage should submit an application in writing to the Board of Directors for consideration. The Board at its discretion may appoint individuals who have not submitted written applications. The Board may also solicit such applications. The Board shall in no way be limited or bound, solely by such written application.
- (c) Managers are responsible for the selection of their coaches, and players, and the behavior on the field.
- (d) Coaches selected by the managers are subject to the approval of the screening committee. They shall not be **appointed until after the draft**, in their respective Division.
- (e) The Player Agent shall not manage, coach, or umpire.

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ARTICLE 9 AFFILIATION

SEC. 1 (a) Charter. The Local League shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Inc. and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter.

(b) The Local League shall devote its entire energies to the activities authorized by such charter and it shall not be affiliated with any other program or organization or operate any other program.

SEC. 2 **Rules and Regulations.** The official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Inc., Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding on this Local League.

SEC. 3 **Local League Rules.** The local rules of this League shall be adopted by the Board at a meeting to be held not less than one month previous to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Inc..

ARTICLE 10 FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SEC. 1 The Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it shall place all income in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of same in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

SEC. 2 The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit same for the common treasury of the Local League, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of the Local League.

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- SEC. 3** The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all the funds so raised be placed in the Local League treasury.
- SEC. 4** The Board shall not permit the disbursement of Local League Funds for other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules and policies of Little League Baseball, Inc..
- SEC. 5** No Officer or Regular Member of the Local League shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary or compensation from the Local League for services rendered as Officer or Member.
- SEC. 6** All monies received shall be deposited to the credit of the Local League in any bank as directed by the Board, and all disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the Local League treasurer and such other officer or officers or persons as the Board shall determine.
- SEC. 7** The fiscal year of the Local League shall begin on the first day of November and shall end on the last day of October.
- SEC. 8** **Distribution of property upon Dissolution.** Upon dissolution of the Local League and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall distribute the property of the Local League to such other organization or organizations maintaining an objective similar to that set forth herein, which are or may be entitled to exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

ARTICLE 11 **ELECTIONS**

- SEC. 1** Election shall be by a show of hands and a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to be elected. Any voting member may call a paper ballot.

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- SEC. 2** All Directors shall be nominated by a nominating committee and/or from the floor and elected at the annual meeting held in October. The members with the most votes within the category of election will be selected.
- SEC. 3** No member can be elected unless the member is present when the election is held, or by sending a written statement that they will stand if elected.
- SEC. 4** Vacancy in any office of the league, shall be filled by a majority vote, of the board of directors.
- SEC. 5** Any elected or appointed official of this League who fails to perform their duties as designated shall be removed from office.
- (a) If the official in question is appointed, they may be removed by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of the entire Board.
 - (b) If the official in question is a Director, they can only be removed by the Membership at a special meeting called for that purpose. See Article 5 Meetings, Sec. 5.
 - (c) If a Director is also holding an appointed position, they can be removed from that position by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Either a simple majority of the Entire Board, or a unanimous vote of a legal quorum, seven (7).

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ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENTS

- (a) This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a majority vote at any duly organized meeting of the Members provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

- (b) All voting Members must meet attendance requirements as set forth by Article 3, Sec. 5& 6.

- (c) Drafts of all proposed amendments shall be submitted to Little League Baseball, Inc., for approval.

- (d) Upon its approval by Little League Headquarters, this charter will supersede any and all earlier documents used for the governing of this league. Published or otherwise.

Board of Directors

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Ron Patalano, President

Jim Larisa, VP Majors

Robert Ricard, VP Seniors/Juniors

Pete Persechino, VP Minors Level AAA

Ron Walker, VP Minors Level AA

Chris Johnson, VP Minors Level A

Peter Thadeio, VP T-Ball

Joanne Patalano, Secretary

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Nancy Thadeio, Treasurer

Rick Lamoureux, Safety and Info Officer

Kevin Ryan, Umpire in Chief

Mike Kroian, Equipment Mgr.

Wilfred Hernandez, Player Agent
