Fernley Softball Little League By-Laws

**Article 1 – Name**

Section 1 This organization shall be known as Fernley Softball Little League. It will hereinafter also be referred to as “local league”.

**Article 2 – Objective**

Section 1 To achieve this objective, the local league will provide a supervised program under the rules and regulations of Little League Softball, Inc. All persons working for the local 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 citizens is of primary importance. In accordance with section 501-c-3 of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, the local league shall operate exclusively as a non-profit organization providing a supervised program of competitive softball games. No part of the net earnings shall be used for profit. No substantial part of the activities of the local league shall be concerned with attempting to influence legislation or other participation in politics.

**Article 3 – Membership**

Section 1 Any person sincerely interested in active participation may apply for membership in the local league.

Section 2 There shall be the following classes of members:

1. Player members- Any player candidate ages 4 through 16 meeting the age cutoff requirements of Little League and who resides within the authorized boundaries of the local league shall be eligible to compete and participate but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of the local league.
2. Regular Members- All board members, managers, coaches, umpires and other local league volunteers in good standing may vote at the annual meeting to elect board members.
3. As used hereinafter, the word “member” shall mean a Regular member unless otherwise stated.

Section 3 Other Affiliations

1. Regular and player members shall not be required to be affiliated with any organization or group to qualify as a member of the local league.
2. Regular members may be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of another baseball/softball program with approval from regional headquarters.

Section 4 Suspension or termination of any member may occur through resignation or action by the local league board. The local league board members, by a two-thirds vote of all the board members, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any regular or player member when the conduct of the member is considered to be detrimental to the best interest of the local league of Little League Baseball. The member involved shall be notified of such meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and shall be given the opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges. In the event of a player member, the board member shall notify the player’s manager and parents of the meeting.

**Article 4 – Dues**

 A reasonable participation fee may be assessed as a parent’s obligation to insure the continuous operation of the local league. $125 will be charged for (1) child in Tball and Rookies, $150 will be charged for (1) child in Minors, Majors, and Juniors/Seniors. At no time should the payment of any fee be a prerequisite for participation in the local league program in accordance with Little League Regulation XIII.

**Article 5 – Meetings**

 Refer to Article 5 of the Fernley Softball Little League Constitution

**Article 6 – Board of Directors**

 Refer to Article 6 of the Fernley Softball Little League Constitution

**Article 7 – Duties of the Board of Directors**

 Refer to Article 7 of the Fernley Softball Little League Constitution

**Article 8 – Other League Positions**

Refer to Article 7 of the Fernley Softball Little League Constitution

**Article 9 – Managers/Coaches**

 Team managers and coaches will be appointed by the president and approved by the Board of Directors annually. Current coaches will be given the opportunity to advance when available. It will be understood that the manager is responsible for all coaches, spectators and parents under his/ her direction. The President will investigate all manager and coach complaints and take whatever action he/she deems necessary pending board approval. Coaches and managers are required to attend all mandatory coaches, safety and umpire meetings.

**Articles 10 – Affiliation**

The official playing rules as published by Little League Baseball International of Williamsport, Pennsylvania shall be binding on this local league. The local league rules will be established by the board of directors, but shall in no way conflict with the rules and regulations of Little League Softball Inc.

**Article 11- Financial and Accounting**

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

Section 2 The board should not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual team but shall solicit same for the common treasury of the local league, there by discouraging favoritism among teams and to equalize the benefit of the local league.

Section 3 The Board should not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all the funds so solicitated are placed in the common treasury of the local league. The board shall not permit disbursement of funds for any other purpose other than that of the local league.

Section 4 No Board member, regular member or player member shall receive any monetary compensation unless approved by the board directors.

Section 5 All money received shall be deposited in two business days in the local league treasury and all disbursements will be made by check or local league credit card.

Section 6 The fiscal year of the local league will begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.

Section 7 Travel expenses for league businesses must be supported by receipts. No receipts no money!

Section 8 All League (one item) expenses over five-hundred dollars must be approved by board of directors.

**Article 12- All-Star Teams –** *Subject to change*

Section 1- Every player member league ages 8-16 in good standings may submit their name in consideration to be voted on for an All-Star team in which a division they qualify for the league age of 8-10, 9-11, 10-12, Juniors 13-14, Seniors 13-16. The local league will send out commitment letters regarding the financial and time requirements needed for All-Star players, parents, managers, and coaches by the date selected.

Section2 Every manager or Coach in good standing may submit their name for consideration to be voted on for an All-Star Team in a division they coached (i.e. a person who coached a minor team may only be considered to coach 9-10 or 10-11 team). (Date to be determined yearly)

Section 3 The Board may establish up to five All-Star Teams at the end of any given season. The five possible age groups are as follows: 9-10-year-old, 10-11-year-old 11-12, 13-14-year-old, and 15-16-year-old.

Section 4 The Board will determine on an annual basis the number of coaches to travel with the All- Star team and the financial support if any.

Section 5 At least seven prior to the tabulation of player votes, each board member should vote for the All-Star manager in each age group. The names for each group are to be read and received, one vote and the top vote getter will be the All-Star manager for that division. In case the vote is tied the league, president shall select the All-Star manager.

Section 6 The original manager and coach for each division will vote from commitment letters. A total of six players will be voted in by division managers and coaches. In case of a tie the Player automatically gets in. The rest of the All-Star team gets selected by the All-Star manager of their division.

Section 7 Little League players and board members do not vote All-Star candidates. Unless the board member is the manager or coach during league season.

Section 8 The All-Star manager from each division shall select his All-Star coaches, with board approval.

Section 9 The Board will decide when and how the list is posted, in compliance with Little League International rules.

Section 10 A person’s commitment to the League (i.e. manager, coach, or board member) does not guarantee your child a spot on the All-Star team.

Section 11 The scorebook for that season will have documents of unsportsmanlike conduct that can determine eligibility.

Section 12 No late commitment letters will be accepted. (Family emergencies will be the only exception).

Section 13 Any player who has not played their 60% play time during regular season must submit a valid Doctors note to the board. From there the board will vote if the player is eligible to try out and play all-stars.

Section 14 Special games approved through the district administrator can count towards the regular season games.

**Article 13- The Try-Out**

The league try-outs may be conducted in a variety of ways (e.g. try-out stations, skills testing one by one, or other) as determined by the Board depending on weather and time limitations.

**Article 14- The Draft System**

Section 1 The Serpentine Draft System.

 The managers draw numbers to determine who will select the first player.

 (See Little League Rule Book, page 253)

Section 2 A new coach shall not be appointed or approved until after the draft to avoid (red shirting) of players through selective coaching appointments. A returning coach through the manager, may exercise the option, in writing, to the player agent

1. The coach has served as a manager or coach in the league (at any level) for the past 2 years and,
2. The coach is returning to the same major league team as last year.

Section 3 Managers must keep in mind that they must not select more than eight players in each age group. The team Roster may be comprised of player’s age 8, 9, and 10 for minors, 10, 11, and 12 for majors, 12 and 13 for intermediate, 13 and 14 for juniors, and 13, 14, 15, and 16 for seniors.

Section 4 Secrecy: Players shall never be told the position in which they were drafted.

**Article 15 – Options of Sons, Daughters and Siblings**

Section 1 An option is an agreement between a manager, coach and the player agent covering a special condition. An option must be in writing (Except No 1) and be submitted to the player agent 48 hours prior to the draft. There is a limit and structure to optioned players as follows. At no time shall a team have on its roster more than 2 optioned players with the exception of a board approved circumstance. The options are as follows:

1. Brother/Sister in the draft. When there are two or more siblings in the draft, and the first brother or sister is drafted by a manager, that manager automatically must draft the other brother or sister in the next round.
2. Brothers/Sisters of players currently on a team. If desired, a manager/coach shall submit an option in writing on a draftee if the player candidate’s brother or sister is a member of that manager’s team. If such an option is submitted, the manager MUST draft the sibling by a round specified by the league.
3. Sons/Daughters of Manager/Coach. If a manager or coach has sons and or daughters eligible under Regulation II for the draft, and wishes to draft them, he/she must submit the option in writing. If so, stated the parent/manager/coach is required to exercise the option at or before the close of a specific round designated by the league. Parent/Manager/Coach options take priority over any other option.

Section 2 Draft Rounds

If an option is submitted in writing for any of the above-mentioned options, such candidates must be drafted in or before the following rounds: SEE PAGE 257 of the little league rulebook.

**Article 16 – Duration of Title**

 Each player acquired shall, for the duration of their major/minor league career be the property of the team making the acquisition, unless subsequently traded or released, or league redraft.

**Article 17 – Trading**

 ALL TRADES SHALL BE MADE THROUGH AND WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE PLAYER AGENT. The following restrictions also apply:

 Once outside the draft room all picks are final.

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.

**Article 18 – The Teams**

 The league shall, at least 10 days prior to the first regular game, establish the number of players on each team. Seniors through Majors: There will be a minimum of 9 players but no more than 15 on each team. Minors through Tball: There will be no minimum or maximum established at these levels.

**Article 19 – Alternative Methods of Operations**

Section 1 To aid leagues that are having a difficult time getting enough players for their regular season teams the following option is available:

 A pool of players from existing regular season teams can be created with players that are willing to participate in extra games during the regular season when teams face a shortage of rostered players for a regular season game.

Section 2 Guidelines:

1. The league’s Player Agent will create and run the pool. The league’s Player Agent will use the pool to assign players to teams that are short of players on a rotating basis if notified ahead of time. If it is at the last-minute pick-up players that are willing to play and draw their names out of a hat.
2. Managers and/or coaches will not have the right to randomly pick and choose players from the pool
3. Players used from the pool will not be allowed to pitch, except during player’s own regular season scheduled game.
4. Pool players required to play 9 defensive outs and 1 at bat.
5. If the team has 9 players for a game, they CANNOT pick up a pool player.
6. Pool player games do not count towards all-star eligibility.
7. If a rostered team player shows up during game for play, he/she is placed at the bottom of the batting order. The pool player must finish required play. The late player must still meet minimum play requirements.
8. All team players present must be able to play offense and defense in order to pick up a pool player.

**Article 20 – Late Registrations**

 Any player candidate registering after the player draft shall be added to the Player Agents pool for team assignments. Those assignments shall be made to those teams short of players first. If more than one team is short of players, assignment shall be made to the team who has been short the longest. If the involved teams have been short of players for equal time, the team shall draw a number for first assignment.

**Article 21 – Division Rules and Field Decorum**

Section 1 JUNIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

1. The junior league regular season baseball shall consist of at least 12 games. Make up rounds shall not disrupt the flow of the already scheduled games of the local league.
2. The junior league shall be comprised of players whose league age is 13 or 14. Seniors can play League but not All Stars
3. Run rule…. 5 runs per inning. Unlimited runs in last inning. The 10-run rule after 5 completed innings will be permitted as well.
4. Mandatory Playing Rule: Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of 6 defensive outs and 1 at bat.
5. Penalty: The player involved shall start the next scheduled game and play any previous requirements not completed and the requirement for this current game before being substituted.
6. The manager shall for the: “First Offense” – receive a written warning “Second Offense” - a suspension for the next scheduled game “Third Offense” – a suspension for the remainder of the season.
7. All players shall have equal play time unless absent or injured.
8. All junior level games will have no new inning start after a 1:30 time limit or after 6 innings.
9. No inning will start after 10:30 pm on any day.
10. Any runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag. (Refer to 7.08 section 3a)
11. A returning pitcher is allowed no more than 5 warm up pitches. A new pitcher may throw up to 8 warm up pitches.

MAJOR DIVISION SOFTBALL

1. The major league regular season shall consist of at least 12 games. Make up rounds shall not disrupt the flow of the already scheduled games of the local league.
2. The major league shall be comprised of players whose league age is 11 or 12. 10-year-old players may be on the major league roster if necessary.
3. Run rule…. 5 runs per inning. Unlimited runs in last inning. This will include the 10 runs rule after 5 completed innings will complete the game.
4. Base stealing is permitted once the ball leaves the pitcher’s hand. Base stealing is unlimited for all bases based on play.
5. Mandatory Playing Rule: Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of 6 defensive outs and 1 at bat.
6. Penalty: The player involved shall start the next scheduled game and play any previous requirements not completed and the requirement for this current game before being substituted.
7. The manager shall for the: “First Offense” – receive a written warning “Second Offense” - a suspension for the next scheduled game “Third Offense” – a suspension for the remainder of the season.
8. No new inning after 1:30 time limit.
9. No inning will start after 10 pm on any day.
10. Intentional walk: Such notification must be made by the defensive manager. The manager must request and be granted (time) by the umpire and inform the umpire of the defensive intent to walk the batter. The ball is dead, and no other runners may advance unless forced by the batter’s award.
11. Any runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag. (Refer rule book 7.08 section 3a)
12. A returning pitcher is allowed no more than 5 warm-up pitches. A new pitcher may throw up to 8 warm-up pitches.

MINOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

1. The minor league regular season shall consist of 12 games. Make up rounds shall be coordinated through the player agent but shall not disrupt the flow of already scheduled games of the local league.
2. The minor league should be comprised of players whose league age is 9 or 10. 8-year old may be on the league roster in the event of a shortage of 9 and 10-year-old players.
3. The five-run rule per inning will be in effect for the home and visitors in all innings played. An offensive inning will be over when 3 outs or 5 runs have been recorded. In case home team is down by more than 5 runs after 3 ½ innings, the home team MUST complete their ½ of the inning.
4. The opening inning will be decided by the umpire and both head coaches. The umpire will decide when an opening inning is an option and use of the opening inning option will be decided and agreed upon by both head coaches.
5. Batters may be walked on 4 pitched balls and strike out on 3 strikes.
6. Stealing is permitted with the exception of home plate. Players may lead off of the base once the pitched ball crosses home plate.
	1. Runners may only steal home when the defensive team attempts a play at 3rd base.
7. Mandatory Playing Rule: Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of 6 defensive outs and 1 at bat.
8. Penalty: The player involved shall start the next scheduled game and play any previous requirements not completed and the requirement for this current game before being substituted.
9. The manager shall for the: “First Offense” – receive a written warning “Second Offense” - a suspension for the next scheduled game “Third Offense” – a suspension for the remainder of the season.
10. No new inning after 1:15.
11. The 10-run rule will be in place after the completion of the 4th inning.
12. A returning pitcher is allowed no more than 5 warm-up pitches. A new pitcher may throw up to 8 warm-up pitches.
13. Any runner is out when the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag. (Refer rule book 7.08 section 3a)

ROOKIE LEAGUE

1. Mandatory Playing Rule: Every player on a team roster will participate in each game for a minimum of 6 defensive outs and 1 at bat.
2. Penalty: The player involved shall start the next scheduled game and play any previous requirements not completed and the requirement for this current game before being substituted.
3. The manager shall for the: “First Offense” – receive a written warning “Second Offense” - a suspension for the next scheduled game “Third Offense” – a suspension for the remainder of the season.
4. No new inning after 1:15.
5. Only 9 players are on the field at a time.
6. Offensive batting consists of 3 outs or a 5 run rule each ½ inning.
7. Coaches are allowed on the field to provide instruction to their players. The manager or coach shall not interfere with play in any manner.
8. The first 6 weeks of game play will consist of coach pitch. After the first 6 weeks, the pitching machine will be used for the remainder of play/season, including playoffs.
9. Each batter will receive a maximum of five pitches. If a batter does not swing at the fifth pitch, the batter is out. IF the batter swings and it is a foul tip, she continues at bat until either a pitch is missed or put in play.
10. A ball pitched by the pitching machine that is considered “unhittable” (in the dirt, too high) will be called as a “dead ball” and will not be counted as one of the batter’s 5 pitches.
11. If a batted ball makes contact with the pitching machine, this is considered a live ball and will be played accordingly.
12. No Hit by Pitch
13. Coaches are also the umpires.
14. A batter/runner may continue to run as long as the ball is in play. Once the pitcher has the ball, runners stop at that base.
15. There are no walks in the game. Batters may strike out.
16. Foul balls will be called as in conventional baseball except the ball that travels less than 3 feet in fair territory from home plate, which is also called a foul ball. A batter cannot strike out on foul balls.
17. The five-run rule is in effect in all innings.

NOTE: When the five-run rule is in effect, the half inning is complete when the fifth run crosses the plate even though the team in the field has recorded fewer than 3 outs.

NOTE: If, at the end of the open inning, the score is tied, the game will end in a tie.

NOTE: Managers and coaches are encouraged to de-emphasize scores and no league records will be kept with regard to team standings. The focus should be on skill development.

1. There is ABSOLUTELY no base stealing.
2. All base runners may advance one base on an overthrow at the runner’s own risk on the first throw of any play originating in the infield. NO additional advancement may be made on any additional overthrow. (See Dead Ball Below)
3. In cases where the overthrown ball goes out of the field of play, runners will not advance beyond the base they were attempting at the time of the overthrow.
4. All further advancement by any base runners will stop when the ball is returned to the infield by the team in the field, and the ball is to the pitcher.

NOTE: The only exception to this rule will be if an outfielder throws the ball to first base. On any play where an outfielder throws the ball to first base, the throw will be treated the same as a first throw on the infield. Advancement of the base at the base runner’s own risk will be allowed. No advancement will be allowed as a result of a second overthrow.

1. The infield fly rule does not apply.
2. Players must use approved 2 5/8-barrel USA bat ONLY.

\*Dead Ball: one overthrow and the ball is “dead” and the play is over.

TBALL LEAGUE

1. Games will consist of 2 full innings or 1 hour of play.
2. All players play in the field and all players bat during the inning.
3. If a player is put out they return to their bench (they do not run the bases for practice).
4. A player may not run on an overthrown ball.
5. Once the ball is fielded and thrown to the pitcher, runners must stay on their base.
6. Visitors are up to bat first and take the first base bench.
7. Coaches may be in the field while on defense to assist their players. Coaches shall not interfere with play in any matter.
8. Coaches and/or parents can be base coaches. (Make sure parents are aware of their responsibilities and now the rules).
9. All players and coaches should strive to be at opening ceremonies.
10. There are no walks in Tball.
11. Foul balls will be called as in conventional baseball except the ball that travels less than 3 feet in fair territory from home plate, which is also called a foul ball.
12. No strikeout will be called at the Tball level.
13. There is no base stealing.
14. There is no advancement on an overthrow in Tball.
15. The infield fly rule does not apply.
16. Players must use approved 2 5/8-barrel USA bat ONLY.

**Article 21 – Division Rules and Field Decorum(continued)**

**Section 2 – General Field Decorum**

1. No tobacco (including chewing tobacco) or liquor products are allowed within the Little League player area. Managers or coaches who use any tobacco and/or liquor products shall refrain from such use until game and/or practice is completed or he/she shall leave the playing area (no less than 30 feet). Any violator will be subject to removal from the playing area. No vapor EZ cigarettes.
2. The players of the participating teams are required to stay in the dugout during the game. Players in particular are not, allowed to be sitting in the stands, running to the snack bar (except to use the restroom), or playing with friends.
3. No junior, major, or minor team shall have more than 3 adults (17 years and older okay with approved background check) in the dugout at any time during the game and those three must be listed on the teams’ official line-up card issued to the scorekeeper in the press box.
4. Any time a player misses three consecutive games for any reason, the player’s manager must immediately notify the player agent. The player agent will contact the player’s family and determine if the player is going to return for any of the following reasons.
5. He/she moves to another city or state too distant to commute for practice or play.
6. He/she is injured and will not be able to return during the present season. (any player missing two weeks from the time of the injury must receive a doctor’s release stating he/she will not be able to play before the end of the season).
7. He/she has for personal reason decided to terminate his/her relationship with the team.
8. Any other justifiable reason reviewed and approved by the Board. If the player agent does determine that the player is not going to return during the present season, she will contact the league president. If the league president determines that the player is not going to return for any valid reason, the president will contact the manager of the affected team and said manager will have two weeks to select a player from the next lowest level. If, after the two-week period, a replacement has not been chosen, the player agent shall select a replacement for the affected team.

NOTE: If a player misses two consecutive weeks of preseason practice the manager will contact the player agent and the player agent will determine the status of the player.

If the player agent is unable to contact the players’ family within 7 days, the player will be assumed to have abandoned his/her roster spot.

If the manager knows a player is going to be going on an extended vacation or is in any way going to miss more than three games with an excused absence, it is that manager’s responsibility to inform the parents to contact the player agent before leaving.

Penalty: Any manager who does not report a player who misses three consecutive games to the player agent will be suspended for one game for every game not reported over three.

1. All managers and coaches shall attend at least 75% of scheduled practices and games to remain eligible to manage or coach. The Board shall have the authority to discipline managers or coaches who violate this ruling. Managers and coaches must keep accurate attendance records. If a player is to be suspended for a game the manager must give written notice of such action to the president, players agent, or officer of the day prior to the start of the game.
2. No team player may add, subtract, or change the issued uniform of the team. This is to include but is not limited to: changes in jersey color or style, etc.
3. Foul language is strictly prohibited. There will be strict enforcement of unsportsmanlike conduct. Managers, coaches, or players throwing bats, helmets, or other equipment in anger will be subject to ejection from the game at the discretion of the head umpire. All flagrant misconduct could result in being expelled from one full game. The umpire has discretion to expel any player or coach. Harm to others will result in immediate expulsion. The board will review all incidents rendering a final decision.
4. **The coaches will conduct field maintenance. Both teams will prepare the field for the upcoming game. Both teams for the last game of the day will be responsible to manicure and clean up the field at the end of the day. The teams may agree that 1 team prepares, and the other team cleans up as long as the maintenance is completed. The Board shall have the authority to discipline managers or coaches who violate this ruling.**
5. Any abusive or erratic conduct by a manager, coach, player, or fan will not be tolerated. Such an infraction will be grounds for removal from the ballpark area. This will be ordered by the umpire of the game and result in a one game suspension. The Board may impose further sanctions as deemed necessary.
6. Fighting, violent conduct of any nature, heckling of any of the participants of a game (players, coaches, or umpires) or obstruction of an umpire in any manner by any manager, coach, player, or fan will be grounds for immediate expulsion from the game without warning. Any manager or coach in an inebriated state during games or practices will be subject to immediate expulsion from the field and further appropriate action will be taken by the Board.
7. Balls and Strikes, base calls, infield flies, etc., are judgement calls and are not to be debated by managers, coaches, players, or fans. Questions of rules may be discussed with the umpire. This discussion shall be conducted by the team manager only, or in the absence of the team manager, one coach from the team involved. NOTE: Appeals should be made only to the umpire who made the protested decision. If a decision appealed, the umpire making the decision may ask another umpire for information before making a final decision. No umpire shall criticize, seek to reverse or interfere with another umpire’s decision unless asked to do so by the umpire making the call.
8. The team manager is responsible for all persons in their respective dugout area. They are also responsible for the conduct of their fans. If a fan becomes abusive towards any person, the manager is responsible to get the fan under control. If the fan remains abusive, the fan shall be escorted from the area of the field.

**Article 22 – Scorekeeping**

 The home team is responsible for keeping the official book (and scoreboard at In Town Park).

**Article 23 – Discipling A Member**

 In the case of a regular member (not a player), Fernley Softball Little League’s procedure is for the Board to gather complaints in writing(email). At this point, the board could dismiss the case, or the board could send a written notice to the accused, stating the charges in general, as well as when and where to appear to answer the charges. This process is detailed below. Discipling a member should not be confused with NOT RE-APPOINTING a member to a specific position, such as manger, coach, or umpire. If the local league president does not choose to re-appoint a person (annually), he or she DOES NOT have to give any reason for doing so.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL ANY PERSON WHO IS A KNOWN CHILD-SEX OFFENDER, FELON, OR CONVICTED OF WEAPON/DRUG CHARGES WITHIN THE LAST 5 YEARS; BE PERMITTED TO HOLD ANY OFFICE OR POSITION IN THE LOCAL LEAGUE OR ANY OTHER LEVEL OF LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL OR SOFTBALL. ADDITIONALLY, ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIME INVOLOVING OR AGAINST CHILDREN SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO HOLD ANY POSITION IN THE LOCAL LEAGUE. (Regulation I (c) 9).

At the disciplinary meeting for Regular Members:

1. Re-state charges for the record.
2. Give the accused ample opportunity to respond.
3. Board could decide to take no further action.
4. Board could decide to draft a warning letter of reprimand.
5. Board could decide to revoke all, or part of the person’s membership privileges for a specific period of time, but no longer than the remainder of the fiscal year.
6. Any punishment must be approved by 2/3 vote of the board.

In the case of a Player Member, a committee gathers complaints, in writing if possible, and reports its findings to the Board. The board could dismiss the case, or could send written notice to the accused, stating the charges, as well as when and where to appear to answer the charges. They player’s manager should also be present. This process is detailed below.

At the disciplinary meeting for a Player Member (May be entire board or the committee):

1. Re-state charges for the record
2. Give the accused ample opportunity to respond.
3. Board could decide to take no further action.
4. Board could decide to draft a warning or letter or reprimand.
5. Board could decide to revoke all, or part of the player’s membership privileges for a specific period of time, but no longer than the remainder of the season.
6. Any punishment must be approved by 2/3 vote of the board.

**Article 23 – Miscellaneous**

Any issue or matter that should arise regarding the operation of this local league that is not specifically spoken of in these pages shall be handled by the president of the local league or the other elected members of the Board. Any attempt to circumvent the letter and/or spirit of this constitution and by-laws is strictly forbidden.

THE BY-LAWS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ELKO LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL AND A COPY HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL INC HEADQUARTERS.