

East Granby/Granby Little League Constitution

East Granby, Connecticut
Granby, Connecticut
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ARTICLE I – NAME

This organization shall be known as the East Granby/Granby Little League, hereinafter referred to as "EGGLL."

ARTICLE II – OBJECTIVE

SECTION 1

The objective of EGGLL shall be to firmly implant in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, hard-work, 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.

SECTION 2

To achieve this objective, EGGLL will provide a supervised program under the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, hereinafter referred to as "Little League Baseball." All Executive Board Members, Non-Executive Board Members, Directors, 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 primary importance. In accordance with Section 501 (c) (3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, EGGLL 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.

SECTION 3

Little League Baseball and EGGLL do not limit participation in their activities on the basis of disability, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Eligibility. Any person sincerely interested in active participation to further the objective of EGGLL may apply to become a member. A member shall be someone who is in good standing with the league by fulfilling the membership requirements, who has not voluntarily withdrawn from membership nor has been expelled or suspended from membership after appropriate proceedings and provision as stated in the EGGLL constitution or bylaws.

SECTION 2

Classes. There shall be the following classes of Members:

- a) Player Members. Any player candidate meeting the requirements of Little League Regulation IV shall be eligible to compete for participation. Player Members shall have no rights, duties, or obligations in the management or in the property of EGGLL.
- b) Non-Player Members. Any adult sincerely interested in furthering the objectives of EGGLL may become a Non-Player Member of EGGLL. All Non-Player Members must complete a background check on an annual basis.

- c) Non-Player Membership Types. EGGLL Non-Player Membership shall consist of three (3) types of members: Executive Board Members, Non-Executive Board Members and Volunteer Members.
 - (a) Executive Board Members. Executive Board Members are those members actively serving on the Executive Board of EGGLL. Such Membership can only come upon election or Executive Board vote as hereinafter provided. The Secretary shall maintain the role of membership to qualify voting members. Executive Board Members are the only Members who maintain voting rights.
 - (b) Non-Executive Board Members. Non-Executive Board Members are those members appointed by the Executive Board to perform tasks vital to league operations. Such Membership can only come upon election or Executive Board vote as hereinafter provided. Non-Executive Board Members can provide valuable input, but do not maintain voting rights.
 - (c) Volunteer Members. Volunteer Members, include any other persons recognized by the Board as a volunteer in EGGLL, provided a volunteer form and background check is completed. Volunteer Members do not maintain voting rights. Managers, Assistant Coaches, Volunteer Umpires, Adult Advocates, etc., are considered automatic Volunteer Members.
- d) Honorary Members. (Optional) Any person may be elected as Honorary Member by the unanimous vote of all Executive Board members present at any duly held meeting of the Executive Board but shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of EGGLL.
- e) Sustaining Members. (Optional) Any person not a Non-Player Member who makes financial or other contribution to EGGLL may by a majority vote of the Executive Board become a Sustaining Member, but such person shall have no rights, duties or obligations in the management or in the property of EGGLL.
- f) As used hereinafter, the word "Member" shall mean a Non- Player Member unless otherwise stated.

SECTION 3

Other Affiliations.

- (a) Members, whether Non-Player or Player, shall not be required to be affiliated with another organization or group to qualify as members of EGGLL.
- (b) Non-Player Members should not be actively engaged in the promotion and/or operation of any other baseball/softball program, which would have a detrimental impact on EGGLL.

SECTION 4

Suspension or Termination. Membership in EGGLL may be terminated by resignation or action of the Executive Board as follows.

- (a) The Executive Board, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend, or terminate the membership of any Member of any class, including Managers and Coaches, when the conduct of such person is considered detrimental to the best interests of EGGLL and/or Little League Baseball. 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 Executive Board shall, in the case of a Player Member, give notice to the Manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. The Executive Board, in its sole discretion, may appoint a committee consisting of members of the Executive Board to investigate an incident involving a Player Member. Said committee shall investigate the circumstances of such an incident and report its findings to the Executive Board. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Executive Board or a duly appointed committee of the Executive Board. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) also may be present. The Executive Board shall have full power to discipline any player or suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum, as defined in Article V, Section 3 is required).

ARTICLE IV – DUES FOR NON-PLAYER MEMBERS AND PLAYER MEMBERS

SECTION 1

There are no dues for Non-Player Members, Sustaining Members or Honorary members. There are no dues for Player Members, who have paid the EGGLL registration fee for the current seasonal year.

ARTICLE V – GENERAL MEMEBERSHIP MEETINGS

SECTION 1

General Membership Meeting. A General Membership Meeting is any meeting of the Executive Board (including Special General Membership Meetings, as detailed in Article V, Section 7). These meetings should be held at a minimum, once per year and should be held once per month.

Annual Membership Meeting. An Annual Membership Meeting shall be held at a minimum, once per year, on the second Monday in October (see Article V, Section 6).

SECTION 2

Notice of Meeting. Notice of each General Membership Meeting shall be published via public means at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. Posting to the EGGLL website shall constitute sufficient publication by public means. Executive board meetings are held on the second Monday of every month.

Notice of the Annual Membership Meeting shall be published via public means at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. Posting to the EGGLL website shall constitute sufficient publication by public means.

SECTION 3

Quorum. At any General Membership Meeting, the presence in person of one-half of the Executive Board shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, no proposals, amendments nor changes whatsoever shall be made or voted on.

SECTION 4

Voting. Only Executive Board Members as referenced in Article III, Section 2 (b) (i) shall be entitled to make motions and vote at General Membership Meetings. However, the Executive Board members may invite, admit, and recognize guests for presentations or comments during General Membership Meetings.

SECTION 5

Absentee Voting. Generally, Absentee Ballots will not be allowed. In the event that a member of the Executive Board cannot be present for a Membership meeting where a vote is required, that member may vote through email communication to the President and Secretary.

SECTION 6

Annual Meeting of the Members. The Annual Meeting of the Members of EGGLL shall be held on the second Monday of October each year for the purpose of electing new Members, receiving reports, reviewing the Constitution, appointing committees, and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

- (a) The Membership shall receive at the Annual Meeting of the Members of EGGLL a report, verified by the President and/or Treasurer, or by a majority of the Executive Board showing:
 - i. The condition of EGGLL, to be presented by the President or his/her designate.
 - ii. A general summary as to EGGLL's financial stability.
 - iii. For the year immediately preceding, a statement detailing any expenditures made by EGGLL totaling more than fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars; and
 - iv. Any vacancies in the Executive Board, or other volunteer positions within EGGLL, as a result of resignation, or otherwise, which need to be filled (see Article VI, Section 3).
- (b) At the Annual Meeting, the existing EGGLL Executive Board shall determine the number of Executive Board Members to be elected for the ensuing year and shall elect such number of Executive Board Members. The number of Executive Board Members elected shall be not less than (8) eight.
- (c) After the Executive Board is elected, the Board shall seek to fill all Non-Executive Board roles. An Executive Board member's term of office shall continue until its successor is elected and qualified under this section OR until the Board has accepted the resignation of the Executive Board Member.
- (d) The Executive Board shall include, at a minimum, the President, one or more Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, one or more Player Agents, a Safety Officer, one or more Coaching Coordinators, one or more Umpire Coordinators, a Sponsorship Coordinator, and an Information Officer.

SECTION 7

Special General Membership Meetings. Special General Membership Meetings of the Members may be called by the Executive Board or by the President or Secretary at his or her discretion. Upon the written request of five (5) Members of the Executive Board, the President or Secretary shall call a Special General Membership Meeting to consider the subject specified in the request. No business other than that specified in the notice of the meeting shall be transacted at any Special General Membership Meeting. Such Special General Membership Meeting shall be scheduled to take place not less than ten (10) days after the request is received by the President or Secretary.

SECTION 8

Rules of Order for General Membership Meetings. Modified Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of all General Membership Meetings, except where the same conflicts with this Constitution of EGGLL.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1

Authority. The management of the property and affairs of EGGLL shall be vested in the Executive Board.

SECTION 2

Increase in number. The number of Executive Board Members so fixed at the Annual Meeting may be increased at any General Membership Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members. If the number is increased, the additional Executive Board Members may be elected at the meeting at which the increase is voted, or at any subsequent General Membership Meeting. All elections of additional Executive Board Members shall be by majority vote of all Executive Board Members present or represented by a properly executed and absentee ballot filed with the Secretary prior to the election meeting.

SECTION 3

- (a) Vacancies. If any vacancy occurs in the Executive Board, by resignation or otherwise, it may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Executive Board Members at any Meeting called for that purpose.
- i. If the position of President becomes vacant, then the duties of the President are temporarily assigned to the Vice President of Baseball and Vice President of Softball, or, if only a single Vice President exists, then that Vice President, by a majority vote of the Executive Board. The existing duties of the Vice President(s) remain in place during the time they are temporarily executing the duties of the President, and the Vice President(s) position are not deemed vacant.
 1. If the Vice President(s) do not wish to temporarily assume the duties of President, then the board may select an interim President from the existing Executive Board Members and that member shall be interim President by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

SECTION 4

(a) Board Meetings, Notice and Quorum.

- i. Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting and, on such days, thereafter, as shall be determined by the President or the Board.
- ii. The President or the Secretary may, whenever they deem it advisable, or the Secretary shall at the request in writing of the Executive Board, issue a call for a Special Board Meeting. In the case of Special Board Meetings, such notice shall include the purpose of the meeting, and no matters not so stated may be acted upon at the meeting.
- iii. Notice of each Board meeting shall be given by the President or Secretary personally, electronically or by mail to each Executive Board member at least one (1) day before the time appointed for the meeting.

SECTION 5

(a) Duties and Powers.

- i. Executive Board and/or President shall have the power to appoint such standing committees as it shall determine appropriate and to delegate such powers to them as the Executive Board or President shall deem advisable and which it may properly delegate.
- ii. The Executive Board may adopt such rules and regulations for the conduct of its meetings and the management of EGGLL as it may deem proper, provided such rules and regulations do not conflict with this Constitution.
- iii. The Executive Board shall have the power by a two-thirds (67 percent) vote of those present at any regular Board or Special Board Meeting to discipline, suspend or remove any Executive Board Member or Committee Member of EGGLL in accordance with the procedure set forth in Article III, Section 4 (a and b).

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

Appointments. In compliance with Little League Baseballs rules on “Roles and Responsibilities of Local Board of Directors”, EGGLL will, at a minimum, elect and maintain board members in the following roles:

SECTION 1

(a) President. The President shall:

- i. Conduct the affairs of EGGLL and execute the policies established by the Executive Board.
- ii. In conjunction with the Treasurer, present a report of the condition of EGGLL at the Annual Meeting
- iii. Assumes full responsibility for the operation of the EGGLL.
- iv. Maintain responsibility for the conduct of EGGLL in strict conformity to the policies, principles, rules and regulations of Little League Baseball, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to the EGGLL by that organization.
- v. Be the officer with whom District Six and Little League Headquarters maintains contact.
- vi. Represent EGGLL in the District organization and attend District President’s meetings.
- vii. Communicate to the Executive Board such matters as deemed appropriate and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of EGGLL.
- viii. Designate in writing other officers, if necessary, to have power to make and execute for/and in the name of EGGLL such contracts and leases they may receive, and which have had prior approval of the Executive Board.
- ix. Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to EGGLL and report thereon to the Executive Board as circumstances warrant.
- x. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Executive Board and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
- xi. With the assistance of the Player Agents, examine the application and support 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.
- xii. Other than those decisions which must be voted on by the full Board, make any and all decisions necessary for the adequate operation of EGGLL.
- xiii. Work with the Player Agent and the Vice Presidents to coordinate the player draft, determine placement of players and all other league-related items.

(b) Vice President (Baseball & Softball). The Vice President shall:

- i. Perform the duties of the President in the absence or disability of the President, provided he or she is authorized by the President or Executive Board so to act. When so acting, the Vice President shall have all the powers of that office.
- ii. Perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or Executive Board.
- iii. Assist the President and the appropriate Player Agent in determining the number of teams required based on the number of players that registered and their skill levels.

- iv. Attend all district board meetings prior to the start of the season and will attend the post-season tournament meeting with the President.
- v. Represent EGGLL at all softball scheduling meetings.
- vi. May be required to act as the post-season tournament director, as required.

(c) Secretary The Secretary shall:

- i. Be responsible for recording the activities of EGGLL and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.
- ii. Perform such duties as are herein specifically set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Executive Board.
- iii. Maintain a list of all Regular, Sustaining and Honorary Members, Executive Board Members, Non-Executive Board Members, and Committee Members and give notice of all meetings of EGGLL, the Board of Directors and Committees.
- iv. Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
- v. Conduct all correspondence not otherwise specifically delegated in connection with said meeting and shall be responsible for carrying out all orders, votes and resolutions not otherwise committed.
- vi. Notify Executive Board, Non-Executive Board, and Committee Members of their election or appointment.

(d) Treasurer The Treasurer shall:

- i. Perform such duties as are herein set forth and such other duties as are customarily incident to the Office of Treasurer or may be assigned by the Executive Board.
- ii. Receive all monies and securities, and deposit same in a depository approved by the Board of Directors.
- iii. Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of EGGLL, including the Auxiliary, approve all payments from allotted funds and draw checks therefore in agreement with policies established in advance of such actions by the Board of Directors.
- iv. Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Membership and Executive Board at the Annual Meeting, and to Little League International.

(e) Player Agent (Baseball & Softball) The Player Agent shall:

- i. Record all player transactions and maintain an accurate and up-to-date record thereof.
- ii. Receive and review applications for player candidates and assist the President in verifying residence and age eligibility.
- iii. Conduct the tryouts, the player draft and all other player transactions or selection

meetings.

- iv. Prepare the Player Agent's list.

Prepare for the President's signature and submission to Little League Baseball, team rosters, including players' claimed, and the tournament team eligibility affidavit.

- v. Notify Little League Baseball of any subsequent player replacements or trades.

(f) Safety Officer

- i. Be responsible for creating awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for youngsters and all participants of Little League Baseball.
- ii. Develop and implement a plan for increasing safety of activities, equipment and facilities through education, compliance and reporting.
- iii. NOTE: In order to implement a safety plan using education, compliance and reporting, the following suggestions may be utilized by the Safety Officer:
- iv. Education - Should facilitate meetings and distribute information among participants including players,
 - v. managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, guardians and other volunteers.
- vi. Compliance - Should promote safety compliance leadership by increasing awareness of the safety opportunities that arise from these responsibilities.
- vii. Reporting - Define a process to ensure that incidents are recorded, information is sent to league/district and national offices, and follow-up information on medical and other data is forwarded as available.

(g) Coaching Coordinator (Baseball and Softball) The coaching coordinator shall:

- i. Represent Coaches/Managers in EGGLL;
- ii. Present a Coach/Manager training budget to the Executive Board;
- iii. Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league- wide training program;
- iv. Order and distribute training materials to Players, Coaches and Managers;
- v. Coordinate mini-clinics as necessary;
- vi. Serve as the contact person for Little League Baseball and its manager-coach education program for EGGLL.

(h) Umpire-In-Chief (UIC) a/k/a (Umpire Coordinator) (Baseball and Softball). The UIC shall:

- i. Represent umpires in league;
- ii. Present an umpire training budget to the board;

- iii. Gain the support and funds necessary to implement a league- wide training program;
 - iv. Order and distribute training materials to umpires;
 - v. Coordinate mini clinics as necessary;
 - vi. Serve as the contact person for Little League Baseball and its umpire education program for EGGLL.
- (i) Sponsorship Coordinator
- i. Solicit and work with business to bring in sponsorships for teams and the parks
 - ii. Coordinator collecting funds for sponsorships electronically or in person
 - iii. Order and install signs on the dugouts and fields where the sponsor purchased
 - iv. Ensure sponsor name is given to equipment manager for printing on uniforms
- (j) Information Officer
- i. Manage and maintain all of the organizations electronic website, social media and other electronic mediums
 - ii. Post and update information on the website and social media on a regular basis
 - iii. Keep all documents, graphics and anything board related in electronic format.
 - iv. Send out communications to the league from other members of the board
 - v. Update and maintain the leagues electronic and information security

SECTION 2

- (a) The Executive Board may, at its discretion, create such other Executive Board positions as it may deem necessary or desirable, and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. The Executive Board may, at its discretion, determine which added positions will be full executive Board positions. All Executive Board positions will carry voting rights.
- (b) Any Executive Board positions that are created by the Executive Board, outside of the mandatory positions listed above in Sections 1 sun sections a through i, shall be listed of the EGGLL by-laws, along with their duties, powers and responsibilities.

ARTICLE VIII - AFFILIATION

SECTION 1

Charter. EGGLL shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. EGGLL 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.

SECTION 2

Rules and Regulations. The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as

published by Little League Baseball shall be binding on this EGGLL. Copies of current rules and regulations shall be made available to every Team Manager prior to the start of the regular season.

SECTION 3

Local Rules, Ground Rules and/or Bylaws. The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of this EGGLL, if any, shall be adopted by the Executive Board at a meeting to be held not less than one month prior to the first scheduled game of the season, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Little League Baseball, nor shall they conflict with this Constitution. The local rules, ground rules and/or bylaws of this EGGLL shall expire at the end of each fiscal year, and are not considered part of this Constitution. (See Article IX, Section 7 for fiscal year of this league)

ARTICLE IX – OTHER COMMITTEES AND NON-BOARD POSITIONS

Appointments. The President and/or Executive Board may appoint such Committees and Non-Board Volunteers as deemed appropriate to carry out league business. The President may also select a Committee Chairperson as it may deem necessary or desirable and may prescribe the powers and duties of each. Appointed Committee Chairpersons and Non-Board volunteers shall have no vote on actions taken by the Executive Board unless such individuals have been elected to the Executive Board by the membership or have been elected to fill a vacancy on the Board. The term of all Committee Chairpersons and non-board members shall be one year (or for as long as the President and/or the Executive Board deems appropriate) and there is no limit to the number of years a person may hold any specific position. Nor is there a limit to the number of positions a member may simultaneously hold

ARTICLE X - FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING

SECTION 1

Authority. The Executive Board shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of EGGLL and place income including Auxiliary funds in a common league treasury, directing the expenditure of funds in such manner as will give no individual or team an advantage over those in competition with such individual or team.

SECTION 2

Contributions. The Executive Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds for the common treasury of EGGLL, thereby to discourage favoritism among teams and to endeavor to equalize the benefits of EGGLL.

SECTION 3

Solicitations. The Executive Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball unless all of the funds so raised be placed in EGGLL treasury.

SECTION 4

Disbursement of Funds. The Executive Board shall not permit the disbursement of EGGLL funds for any purpose other than the conduct of Little League activities in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball. All disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the EGGLL Treasurer or the President.

SECTION 5

Compensation. No Executive Board Member, Non-Executive Board Member, or Member of EGGLL shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from EGGLL for services rendered.

SECTION 6

Deposits. All monies received/ including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of EGGLL in a member FDIC financial institution.

SECTION 7

Fiscal year. The fiscal year of EGGLL shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30.

SECTION 8

Distribution of Property upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of EGGLL and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct, as soon as reasonably possible and in a timely manner, the remaining property of EGGLL to another

Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in Article II of this Constitution which are or may be entitled to exemption under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any future corresponding provision.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

(A) This Constitution may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Executive Board at any duly organized meeting of the Executive provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting. If the Executive Board repeals, or make significant alterations to this Constitution, notification shall be submitted to Little League Baseball.