



Fort Gratiot Little League

By-Laws

League ID: 01220715

Objective

Fort Gratiot Area Little League (FGLL) shall endeavor to provide an opportunity for the youth located within our Little League boundary to participate in an organized, enjoyable, and educational baseball or softball experience. Fort Gratiot Little League is here to insure that a child's experience in baseball or softball is positive.

The primary goals of FGLL are to teach children the most important lessons in the game of baseball/softball which include teamwork, dedication, good fundamentals, and good sportsmanship. FGLL will not tolerate abuse of managers, coaches, umpires or especially children. We ask that everyone remember that this program is for the development of our children and all board members, managers, coaches, and umpires are all volunteers.

To achieve this objective, FGLL 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, FGLL 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.

Article 1 – Executive Committee

The league shall be managed by a seven member Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of:

1. President
2. Vice President – Baseball
3. Vice President – Softball
4. Treasurer
5. Secretary
6. Player Agent
7. Safety Officer

The above positions shall be elected by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting of the League. They will hold their office for a term of two years.

Article 2 – Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the seven Executive Committee positions listed in Article 1 plus the following positions:

8. Director of T-ball (4, 5 & 6 year olds)
9. Director of Pitching Machine (7 & 8 year olds)
10. Director of Minor League (9 & 10 year olds)
11. Director of Major League (11 & 12 year olds)
12. Director of Junior League (13 & 14 year olds)
13. Director of Senior League (15 & 16 year olds)
14. Director of Softball 8U
15. Director of Softball 10U
16. Director of Softball 12U
17. Director of Softball 12U
18. Tournament Director
19. Equipment Manager
20. Information Officer
21. Scheduling Coordinator

These are the only positions that will have voting rights on any decisions to be made by the Board of Directors. Any additional positions will have non-voting rights.

Article 3 - Election/Nomination/Eligibility

1) Executive Committee:

1. The following positions will be voted on at the annual meeting every odd year (i.e. 2011, 2013, etc.): President, VP Baseball and Player Agent.
2. The following positions will be voted on at the annual meeting every even year (i.e. 2012, 2014, etc.): VP Softball, Treasurer, Secretary and Safety Officer.
3. In the case of the resignation of the President, the Vice President will complete the remainder of the President's term.
4. In the case of the resignation of the Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer before the two year period is over, a special election will be held to elect the party who will finish out the remainder of the term.
5. Any board member in good standing who has been an active participant for at least one year may run for Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Player Agent, and Safety Officer.
6. There is no limit to the number of term limits a person can have as long as they are voted into that position after each term has expired.
7. Any board member in good standing who has been an active participant for at least three years may run for President.
8. Interested applicants for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Player Agent, and Safety Officer should notify the current Secretary at least one month prior to the vote for new officers.

9. The election for these positions will be held at the annual meeting that will be scheduled for the second Thursday of October. The entire board of directors will be notified of the vote at least one month before it occurs.
10. Any candidate for each of these positions must receive at least 51% of the available votes to gain the position.

2) Regular Members / Board of Directors:

1. Existing Board Members
 - a. All members of the Board of Directors must be in good standing from the prior season.
 - b. Two consecutive missed meetings without valid reason is grounds for possible dismissal from the Board of Directors.
2. New Board Members
 - a. Each member of the Board may only nominate or sponsor one new perspective member per annual year.
 - b. Newly elected Board members may not nominate or sponsor any new members until the next annual year.
 - c. Newly nominated Board members must appear before the Board prior to the vote. A vote of the addition of new board members may occur during any monthly meeting. At least 70% of the current board members are required to conduct a vote. All new candidates must receive at least 51% of the votes to become a board member.
 - d. A spouse of another Board member is not eligible to hold or run for any office with voting capacity.
3. Regular Members. Any adult person actively interested in furthering the objectives of the Local League may become a Regular Member upon election. The secretary shall maintain the roll of membership to qualify voting members.
 - a. Only Regular Members in good standing are eligible to vote at General Membership Meetings.

Article 4 - Withdrawal, Suspension and Expulsion of members:

A member may withdraw from membership at any time on written notice to the Secretary. If any member shall willfully violate or fail to comply with the By-Laws of this League, decisions of the Executive Committee, or be guilty of any conduct which is deemed detrimental to the welfare of the League, such member shall be liable to automatic suspension by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. Suspension will be effective until the next Annual or other meeting of the League, and, thereafter, to expulsion or re-instatement in accordance with the majority vote of the Members at such a meeting. The Executive Board of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team of which the player is a member. Said manager may appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors, which shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation.

1. Membership may be terminated by resignation or action of the Board of Directors as follows.

- a. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted Board meeting (quorum is required), shall have the authority to discipline or 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 the Local League and/or Little League Baseball, Incorporated. 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 of Directors shall, in case of a Player Member, give notice to the manager of the team for which the player is a Player Member. Said manager shall appear, in the capacity of an adviser, with the player before the Board of Directors or a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors. The player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may also be present. The Board of Directors shall have full power to suspend or revoke such player's right to future participation by two-thirds vote of those present at any duly constituted meeting (quorum is required).

Article 5 - Powers and Duties of Officers

President:

1. The President shall preside at all league meetings and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall perform the duties usual to the office of the President.
2. Conduct the affairs of the FGLL and execute the policies established by the Board of Directors.
3. Present a report of the condition of the FGLL at the annual meeting.
4. Communicate to the Board of Directors, such matters as deemed appropriate, and make such suggestions as may tend to promote the welfare of FGLL.
5. Be responsible for the conduct of FGLL in strict conformity to the policies, principles, Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, as agreed to under the conditions of charter issued to the FGLL by that organization.
6. Investigate complaints, irregularities and conditions detrimental to FGLL and report thereon to the Board or Executive Committee as circumstances warrant.
7. Prepare and submit an annual budget to the Board of Directors and be responsible for the proper execution thereof.
8. With the assistance of the Player Agent and Secretary, examine the proof-of-age documents of every All-Star player candidate and certify to residence and age eligibility before the player may be accepted for team selection.
9. The President may call a meeting of the Executive Committee at any time and must do so on the request of three (3) members of the Executive Committee.

Vice President:

1. In case of the absence or disability of the President, and provided he is authorized by the President or Board to so act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of that office.
2. The Vice President shall assist the President and shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the President or the Board of Directors.

Treasurer:

1. The Treasurer shall be the principal financial officer of the organization and have the care and custody of all its funds, securities, evidences of indebtedness and other personal property and deposit the same in accordance with the instructions of the Board of Directors.
2. 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 Board of Directors.
3. Keep records for the receipt and disbursement of all monies and securities of FGLL, 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.
4. Help prepare an annual budget, under the direction of the President, for submission to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
5. Prepare an annual financial report, under the direction of the President, for submission to the membership and Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
6. The Treasurer and one other member of the Executive Committee shall be the signing officers of all financial transactions carried on in the name of the League and shall be the sole signing officers under the seal of the Association. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President or the Vice President may assume this responsibility in his place. A third Executive Committee member will receive all bank statements and review expenditures against previously approved meeting minutes.

Secretary:

1. The Secretary shall keep the records of the League and of the Executive Committee, shall conduct all correspondence, issue notice of all meetings of both the League and Executive Committee.
2. The Secretary shall be responsible for recording the activities of the FGLL and maintain appropriate files, mailing lists and necessary records.

3. Perform such duties as are herein set forth, in addition to such other duties as are customarily incident to the office of Secretary or as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.
4. Keep the minutes of the meetings of the Members, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, and cause them to be recorded in a book kept for that purpose.
5. 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.
6. Coordinate the annual league registration, sponsor letter mailing, and collection of necessary volunteer applications.
7. Another Board member will take the meeting minutes in the absence of the Secretary.

Article 6 – Duties and Powers of the Executive Committee

1. The Management of the affairs of FGLL shall be conducted by the Executive Committee or any sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee.
2. The Executive Committee shall have the power to impose and enforce penalties for violation of the By-Laws of FGLL.
3. The Executive Committee may, by majority vote of the Executive Committee, forthwith remove from office any member of the Executive Committee for neglect of duty, or for conduct tending to impair such member's usefulness.
4. The Executive Committee may, by majority vote of the Executive Committee, forthwith remove from office any member of the Board of Directors for neglect of duty, or for conduct detrimental to the league.
5. The Executive Committee shall supervise the collection and authorize the expenditure of funds of the League provided always that funds coming into FGLL shall be allocated in accordance with the purpose so intended; interpret, define and explain all provisions of the By-Laws of the Association, and adjudicate all disputes between members which may arise between Annual Meetings.
6. The Executive Committee has the authority to decide on matters that cannot be resolved by the Board of Directors.

Article 7 – Meetings of the League

1. The Annual Meeting of the League shall be held the second Thursday of October each year.

2. General Meetings will take place the second Thursday of each month and shall be delivered electronically to each Member at the last recorded address at least 10 days in advance of the meeting, setting forth the place, time and purpose of the meeting. In lieu of the above methods, notice may be given in such form as may be authorized by the Members, from time to time, at a regularly convened General Membership Meeting.
3. A quorum for all meetings shall consist of at least 51% participation from all regular members.
4. A Special General Meeting may be called at any time upon reasonable notice by the Secretary on the instructions of the President or Vice President, or if requested by a petition signed by a majority of the membership of the Board of Directors. Such petition must be sent to the President or Secretary and shall state the reason such Special General Meeting is requested.
5. Each meeting of the members shall be held at such place as may be designated in the notice of meeting, or, if no place is designated in the notice, at the office of the League.
6. Members of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may participate in a meeting of the board or committee by means of teleconference or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Article 8 - Committees

The Executive Committee shall appoint, as it deems appropriate, other league members to oversee the management of various league operations. These appointed league officials will not be considered members of the board, nor may their term of appointment extend beyond the term of the board by which they were appointed.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE. The Board of Directors may appoint a Building and Property Committee consisting of one Executive Committee member and three Directors. The Building and Property Committee shall be responsible for repair and improvement recommendations, other than normal maintenance, and supervise the performance of approved projects.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE. The Board of Directors may appoint a Grounds Committee consisting of one Executive Committee member and three Directors. The Grounds Committee shall be responsible for the care and maintenance of the playing fields, buildings and grounds. It shall operate within the amount appropriated in the approved budget for that purpose.

PROTEST COMMITTEE. The Protest Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Umpire-in-Chief and two Directors. The Protest Committee shall be

responsible to determine the proper application of the rules and other sanctions in the event of protest or other rule violation by managers, coaches, players or other affected parties. Should any member of the committee feel compelled to abstain the position would be filled by: Secretary, Treasurer or another board member.

All protests must be filed in accordance with the requirements of Little League Baseball, Inc.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE. The Board of Directors may appoint a Competition Committee that shall consist of three Executive Committee members and the responsible League Director. The Competition Committee is responsible for creation of draft methodology and the methodology for appointing coaches.

The Executive Committee has the right to establish, add or modify committees as it deems them necessary.

Article 9 – Financial and Accounting

The books, financial records and accounts of FGLL shall be compiled at least once each year by the Treasurer or such duly qualified person or persons as the Executive Committee shall from time to time determine. A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books for the previous year shall be submitted at the Annual Meeting of FGLL. The books and records of FGLL may be inspected by any member of FGLL at the Annual Meeting provided for herein or at any time upon giving reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the Treasurer having charge of same. Each member of the Board of Directors shall at all times have access to the books and records.

1. Authority. The Board of Directors shall decide all matters pertaining to the finances of the Local League and it shall place all 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.
2. Contributions. The Board shall not permit the contribution of funds or property to individual teams but shall solicit funds 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.
3. Solicitations. The Board shall not permit the solicitation of funds in the name of Little League Baseball, Incorporated unless all of the funds so raised be placed in the Local League treasury.
4. Disbursement of Funds. 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, regulations and policies of Little League Baseball, Incorporated. All

disbursements shall be made by check. All checks shall be signed by the FGLL Treasurer and such other officer or officers or person or persons as the Board of Directors shall determine.

5. Compensation. No Director, Officer or Member of FGLL shall receive, directly or indirectly any salary, compensation or emolument from FGLL for services rendered as Director, Officer or Member
6. Deposits. All moneys received, including Auxiliary Funds, shall be deposited to the credit of Fort Gratiot Little League at Talmer Bank.
7. Fiscal year. The fiscal year of FGLL shall begin on October 1 and shall end on September 30.
8. Distribution of Property upon Dissolution. Upon dissolution of FGLL and after all outstanding debts and claims have been satisfied, the Members shall direct the remaining property of FGLL to another Federally Incorporated entity which maintains the same objectives as set forth in 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 10 – Conflicts of Interest

If any person who is a director or officer of the league is aware that FGLL is about to enter into any business transaction directly or indirectly with himself any member of his family, or any entity in which he has any legal, equitable or fiduciary interest or position, including without limitation as a director, officer, shareholder, partner, beneficiary or trustee, such person shall:

1. Immediately inform those charged with approving the transaction on behalf of the league of his interest or position;
2. Aid the persons charged with making the decision by disclosing any material facts within his knowledge that bear on the advisability of such transaction from the standpoint of the League; and
3. Not be entitled to vote on the decision to enter into such transaction.

Article 11 Rescinding of By-Laws

By-Laws may be rescinded, altered or added to by an Extraordinary Resolution passed by a 51% majority of the voting members.

Article 12 – Remuneration

Unless authorized at any meeting and after notice of same has been given, no officer or members of FGLL shall receive any remuneration for his/her services.

Article 13 – Delegate Expenses

When approved in advance by the Executive Committee, reasonable transportation, subsistence and hotel expenses of the members of the Board incurred in attending approved events of FGLL or in conducting affairs of FGLL shall be paid by FGLL when funds are available.

Article 14 – League Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the organization, all assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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

Article 15 – Managers, Coaches, and Umpires

Section 1 Team Managers and Coaches shall be nominated annually by the responsible League Director. The Executive Committee along with the responsible League Director (or a nominated Competition Committee) will review and vote on the nominated coaches and managers. Managers shall be responsible for their actions on the field. In addition, Baseball and Softball Managers are responsible for the selection of their teams in accordance with established draft procedures.

Section 2 Umpires shall be appointed annually with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article 16 – Playing Rules

1. The playing rules for all divisions of Baseball and Softball shall be the rules provided for these divisions in the Little League Baseball and Softball Rule Books.
2. Any additional rules for any division shall be approved by the Executive Board and the Director of that affected division (greater than 51% of the vote must be obtained). These local rules must be clearly communicated to the Managers and Coaches.
3. Any Managers or Coaches who do not adhere to the appropriate rules are subject to suspension or termination of their coaching position with FGLL.

Article 20 – Affiliation


CHARTER. FGLL shall annually apply for a charter from Little League Baseball, Incorporated and shall do all things necessary to obtain and maintain such charter. FGLL 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.

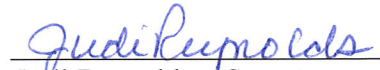
RULES AND REGULATIONS. The Official Playing Rules and Regulations as published by Little League Baseball, Incorporated, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, shall be binding in FGLL.

LOCAL RULES. FGLL Local Playing Rules shall be initially adopted by a vote of the Board of Directors. Such local rules shall continue, unless revised and approved by a vote of the Board of Directors, but shall in no way conflict with the Rules and Regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated.


Implementation and storage of By-Laws


These By-Laws have been approved by the FGLL Board of Directors on March 10, 2011. These By-Laws do not “expire” but will be reviewed annually. Any changes will be done per Article 11. An electronic copy of these By-Laws will be stored and available to all members on the league web site. This electronic document is controlled. Once this document is printed it becomes uncontrolled and obsolete. Refer only to the electronic document.


 Ron Raymo - President


 Judi Reynolds - Secretary


 Cory Clark - VP Baseball


 Jennifer Sox - Player Agent


 Ron Jacobs - VP Softball


 Dave Steinhauer - Safety Officer


 Lindsay Sheckler - Treasurer

Revision History

Rev #	Date	Description of Change	Article #	Authorizing Signature
Rev "A"	March 20, 2011	Implementation of By-Laws into FGLL	All	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg
Rev "B"	Oct. 10, 2013	Clarification of duties	Treasurer #6	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg
Rev "C"	Oct. 13, 2014	Added VP Softball on Executive Comm.	Article #1	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg.
Rev "C"	Oct. 13, 2014	Added SB Directors for 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U	Article #2	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg.
Rev "D"	Dec. 9, 2014	501-3-c info added per LLI Requirements	Objective	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg.
Rev "D"	Dec. 9, 2014	Regular members clarified per LLI Req.	3, 2-3	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg.
Rev "D"	Dec. 9, 2014	Termination of member clarified per LLI Req.	4, 1	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg.
Rev "D"	Dec. 9, 2014	General mtgs clarified per LLI Req.	7, 1 & 2	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg.
Rev "D"	Dec. 9, 2014	Change in quorum to 51% per LLI Req.	7, 3	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg.
Rev "D"	Dec. 9, 2014	Financial process added per LLI Req.	9, 1-8	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg.
Rev "D"	Dec. 9, 2014	Change in by-laws to 51% per LLI Req.	11	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg.
Rev "D"	Dec. 9, 2014	Creation of teams deleted per LLI Req.	17, 18 & 19	R. Raymo - Per board Mtg.