



# LITTLE AXE YOUTH SPORTS

2023 Annual Report

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## **L.A.Y.S. 2023 Board Members**

President: Tiffany Earhart  
Vice President: Vacant  
Treasurer/Secretary: Vacant

### **Board Members**

Rabecka Ross  
Courtney Earhart  
Susan Tiger  
Richard Ketakeah

### **Concession Staff**

Concession Manager: Jill Dickerson

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## 2023 Little Axe Youth Sports Board

Position	Name	Phone Number	Alternate Contact
<b>President</b>	Tiffany Earhart	928-257-5868	<a href="mailto:SnowBunnie1978@gmail.com">SnowBunnie1978@gmail.com</a>
<b>Vice President</b>	Vacant		
<b>Treasurer/Secretary</b>	Vacant		
<b>Board Member</b>	Courtney Earhart	928-257-9868	Courtney.earhart@newspin.com
<b>Board Member</b>	Rabecka Ross	405-803-0083	
<b>Board Member</b>	Susan Tiger	405-434-2866	
<b>Board Member</b>	Richard Ketakeah	405-432-3417	
<b>Board Meetings are held on an Adhoc basis</b>			
<b>Concession Manager</b>	Jill Dickerson	928-246-9316	
<b>Community Center Contact</b>	Gabby	292-9771	

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## **1. Narrative of all League and Tournament Activity**

Community and coaches' meetings were held several times throughout the year to recruit new board members; at which time, any unoccupied offices were open for election and new members seated. Unfortunately, in 2023, no new board members were found, therefore LAYS has several open board vacancies to be filled. We will continue to host community open meetings to try to gain more participation from adults in the community.

Before the CY23 season began, State, City and County permits were renewed. The Cleveland County Health Department performed an in-person inspection and the concession stand passed without violations.

For the 2023 Season, LAYS sanctioned again with the Babe Ruth Organization and participated with the North Canadian Athletic Association (NCAA) for league play and were able to hold online registrations. The online registration period ran from January through March. Coaches also participated by obtaining their background checks and registration through the Babe Ruth Portal and SportsEngine. Teams were organized, and parents were notified by coaches. Coaches attended the Coaches meeting where LAYS passed out 2023 OK Kids/NCAA Rules and answered questions for the upcoming season. For 2023, LAYS participated in the North Canadian Athletic Association which consisted of several towns.

LAYS also partnered this summer with Little Axe High School Softball program to use the high school field for the Road to the Show Tournament. We were able to donate \$1000.00 to the high school softball program from the tournament. We anticipate growing the partnership with the high school softball program to bring funds into LAYS and the high school program.

As LAYS is solely revenue dependent on League and Tournaments, LAYS was able to partner again for Spring/Summer with Big Show Productions for field use to host overflow from their various tournaments across the metro. This partnership is the primary source of income for LAYS for the 2023 calendar year. Unfortunately, due to newer turf fields within the metro, LAYS was not selected to partner with Big Show Productions for 2024 field use. This is a significant revenue hit for our program and LAYS is working diligently to find substitute opportunities to bring necessary revenue in to continue park operation for the 2024 calendar year.

Field improvements and maintenance are continually ongoing by LAYS. Base plugs, pitching rubbers and some bases were replaced again for the 2023 season. Field 2 had to be completely scraped again to remove grass and level the playing surface as much as LAYS can with limited resources. We purchased over 20 tons of topsoil for the infields as it washes out each rain event due to the drainage issues. The temporary sand bags the City of Norman put along the North side of Field 2 did not hold up. LAYS requested a updated quote from United Turf and Track which included correcting the

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drainage issues that are still ongoing and getting the infield surfaces, specifically for Field 2 to a safe and maintainable state. LAYS is continuing to seek out additional quotes, grants, donations to help with drainage correction, field renovations.

This year, LAYS was able to purchase a used deep freezer for the concession which greatly helped concession staff stay stocked up throughout the year.

As of Fall 2023, it is LAYS understanding there are still open projects to correct the erosion problems, drainage, and other areas of improvement to be completed at the facility. LAYS continues to communicate with Parks to request status updates as several areas of erosion are growing, including separation of drainage covers and retaining walls. In lieu of a permanent fix, sand bags were placed along the north side of field 2. Unfortunately the sand bags did not hold up, and drainage/erosion problems still exist on this field. There are also significant new erosion issues around the fenceline of field 3, due to the run off from the higher elevation surrounding the field. Until the drainage and erosion issues are corrected, LAYS will continue to have to mitigate the damage to the infield playing surfaces to the best of their ability.

## **2. Organizational Mission Statement and Goals**

These are included in the organization's By-Laws. A copy is attached to this report.

## **3. All League and Tournament Fee Structure**

The organization charges a league fee of \$40 per child.

The gate fees for league were set by NCAA League. SCGCL gate admission is: Ages 16 & under are Free; Ages 17-59 is \$5.00, and those that are over the age of 65 are free.

## **4. Number of games, teams, players, tournaments, and scholarships**

GAMES – Average of 16 per team (double headers) for Spring League

TEAMS – For Spring 2023, we had 6 League Teams from Little Axe participate.

PLAYERS – Baseball had 65 participants. Softball had 12 participants and 10 adult volunteers.

TOURNAMENTS – LAYS hosted 15 tournaments in 2023.

## **5. Age of Participants**

USSSA guidelines regulate the age of participants. Players at Little Axe range in age from four to twelve years.

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## **6. Breakdown of Revenue**

SEE ATTACHED REPORT

## **7. Disclosure of all Commissions, Refunds, and Rebates to the Organization**

The league received reimbursement for:

☐ N/A

## **8. Revenue Beginning and Ending Fund Balance**

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## **9. Annual Budget**

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## **10. Current Record of Officers**

All expenditures are approved by a quorum of officers' present at any duly called meeting.

Certain expenses were given an annual blanket approval, such as regular field maintenance allowance, and the purchase of weekly supplies for the concession stand.

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## **11. Names of Those Responsible for Maintaining Books and Records**

The By-Laws dictate that the secretary, Tiffany Earhart, will be responsible for all records.

Each team has a roster containing a roster, contracts, and birth certificates. These records maintained electronically via SI Play. For 2023, they will be maintained in SportsEngineHQ.

☐ Meeting Minutes are on file.

☐ Insurance coverage is on file.

☐ A copy of all correspondence sent or received is on file.

The By-Laws dictate that the Treasurer, Tiffany, will be responsible for all records pertaining to the finances. The organization has a bank account with MidFirst Bank. All revenues are deposited into this bank account. All expenditures are processed through

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this bank account. The organization maintains a business checkbook. A monthly financial report is provided to the board and available to the community upon request. All receipts and invoices are maintained and placed in a binder. All bank statements and any other financial documents are organized in this binder.

**12. Affirmation That Organization is Filing Yearly State Tax Returns**

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# **LITTLE AXE YOUTH SPORTS INC.**

## **BY-LAWS**

The organization shall be known as the Little Axe Youth Sports, Inc., herein referred to as L.A.Y.S. It shall be operated under the direction of the Little Axe Youth Sports Committee herein referred to as the L.A.Y.S. Committee. L.A.Y.S shall be compliant with the City of Norman contract. Abide by the Rules and Regulations of the N.C.A.A. and OK Kids Association.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of L.A.Y.S. is to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideas of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier boys and girls and will grow to be decent, healthy and trustworthy men and women.

To achieve this objective, the L.A.Y.S. will provide a supervised program of baseball and softball games regulated by the rule and policies of the N.C.A.A. Directors, officers and members shall bear in mind that stressing exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games is secondary and that the type and quality of leadership extended to the boys and girls is of prime importance.

## **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the corporation shall run from January 1 until December 31. These stated by-laws will be in effect until the establishment of another revision of these by-laws, but must be reestablished and voted upon the following year by the L.A.Y.S. Committee.

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## **L.A.Y.S. COMMITTEE**

### **ARTICLE 1**

The L.A.Y.S. Committee shall consist of the following listed in hierarchy:

- President – 4 year position
- Vice President – 3 year position
- Treasurer – 2 year position
- Secretary – 2 year position
- Concession Stand Manager – 3 year position
- Up to seven (7) Board Members – 3 year position

Any L.A.Y.S. Committee position that is available will be open for nominations during the first January meeting. The L.A.Y.S. Committee in private will vote on the nominations. All nominations voted into office will be called by the President and informed of the decision. All offices shall be elected with a majority vote by the L.A.Y.S. Committee present.

Any vacancy in office due to death, resignation, and removal or otherwise shall be filled by a person chosen and voted on by the L.A.Y.S. Committee. In the event the office of President becomes vacant the Vice President may take the office of President for the remainder of the term. The vacant office shall be filled by a person chosen and voted on by the L.A.Y.S. Committee for the remainder of the term. Any member may be carried over past written time limit if no applicants apply for open positions. Any member may reapply for position but will not be allowed to vote or be present during voting of that position.

All resignations must be hand written and accepted by the board. A verbal resignation shall only be accepted if the member fails to perform duties thereafter. If a member officially resigns and chooses to return to the board, a vote must be conducted in a non-emergency, regularly scheduled meeting to bring them back into the board.

The L.A.Y.S. Committee shall meet annually in the month of January as votes are tied, to obtain a majority rule.

Seven (7) of the Seventeen (17) officers of the L.A.Y.S. Committee will constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. A majority vote by an established quorum of officers present will be sufficient to approve or reject a motion. In the absence of a called meeting, or between meetings, the President may circulate a motion by any method to include phone calls, text, or e-mail for the resolution of any question he/she deems of sufficient importance. In this instance a majority vote of the entire board will be required for approval. An attempt must be made to contact all board members. In the event of an urgent action, an emergency meeting can be called. During this meeting the minimal number of board members constituting a quorum shall be three. Attempts shall be made to contact all Board Members. Ample time shall be given to Board

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members to respond depending on the severity of the situation before a meeting is called into motion and a decision made.

The officers of the corporation shall not be personally liable for any debt, liability, or obligation of Little Axe Youth Sports, Inc. All persons, corporations, or other entities extending credit to, contracting with, or having any claim against, the corporation, may look only to the funds and property of the corporation for the payment of any such contract or claim or for the payment of an debt, damages, judgment or decree, or of any money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the corporation.

The LAYS does not recommend voting in any board members that are married. In the event that this does happen, the married couples vote shall constitute one vote between the two.

L.A.Y.S. Committee officers shall not receive compensation for any services performed on behalf of the L.A.Y.S. Committee or the maintenance/repairs of the fields. Items of reimbursable expense must be voted on by the L.A.Y.S. Committee and approved. All expenses will be briefed during meetings and made available in the meeting minutes.

All items identified as requiring purchase must be preapproved during a duly called meeting and identified in the meeting minutes. The board may elect to approve annual spending for regular or reoccurring items such as monthly electric bill or concession purchases. Payment or purchase receipts must be kept for records by the treasurer. Any emergency purchases may be made by phone contact to board members with verbal authorization. This authorization shall be documented in the next meeting minutes.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **OFFICES**

**President** - The President shall be the chief operations officer and shall have the authority and responsibility for the general and “everyday” management of the L.A.Y.S. business of the organization as prescribed and take full responsibility for the L.A.Y.S. Complex.

The President may delegate to other officers of the L.A.Y.S. Committee such portions of his/her responsibilities as he/she deems appropriate but shall be held accountable for their actions and the result thereof.

The President shall oversee the scheduling of practice, games, umpires and concession.

The President shall assist the Umpire Commissioner with paying the umpires.

The President shall receive and follow-up on all protests.

The President shall be responsible for compliance and maintenance of any contracts with the City of Norman that might be in effect, as well as maintaining working relations with the City of Normans Community Center.

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The President shall be present at all city and league meetings, and must keep the L.A.Y.S. Committee updated of any and all business transaction at such meetings.

Any action required of, or responsibility placed upon the President shall pass to the next member in seniority if the President should be incapacitated, or for any reason should be unable, or simply fail, to take action or fulfill such responsibility.

At the end of the current season the President shall call a meeting of the L.A.Y.S. Committee to discuss any changes required to the by-laws or items of interest. This includes maintenance of the facilities, equipment and or items needed for the following season.

The President shall call an L.A.Y.S. Committee meeting in the month of January prior to the community meeting in January to establish what positions needing filled and any pertinent information that needs discussed during the community meeting.

The President shall be removed if failure to operate in the best interest of the L.A.Y.S. or fails to accomplish stated responsibilities by a vote of the L.A.Y.S. Committee.

**Vice President** – The Vice President functions as an assistant to the President.

In the absence of or disability of the President he/she shall assume and perform the duties of the President.

The Vice President shall in the absence of the President be present at all city and league meetings, and must keep the L.A.Y.S. Committee updated of any and all business transacted at such meetings.

The Vice President shall relay problems/suggestions to the President as they occur.

The Vice President shall assist the Umpire Commissioner with paying the umpires.

Vice President the Vice President is responsible for the sign out and tracking of all keys within the facility. All members receiving a facility key will sign for the key. All keys received by other than L.A.Y.S. Committee members shall be returned at the end of the season.

The Vice President shall be listed on the checking account but will only act during the absence of the Treasurer.

The Vice President shall control or assist in the practice/game schedule.

The Vice President shall be removed if failure to operate in the best interest of the L.A.Y.S. or fails to accomplish stated responsibilities by a vote of the L.A.Y.S. Committee.

**Secretary** –The Secretary shall maintain all of the records of L.A.Y.S. including but not limited to meeting minutes, agendas, contracts, N.C.A.A, OK Kids, and USSSA rules and regulations. He/she is responsible for the filing of all records and ensuring proper forms are available at all

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times. He/she shall ensure all paperwork at the end of the season deemed critical (birth certificates, social security numbers, etc) is destroyed by shredding or burning. He/she will have at the minimum one board member present during this process. Electronic documents may be sustained for possible future use, but these documents may not be shared for any purpose other than official L.A.Y.S business.

The Secretary shall keep all L.A.Y.S. Committee, N.C.A.A., City of Norman, and USSSA contact information current and on file.

The Secretary shall ensure a current copy of the meeting minutes are available at the concession stand or designated area deemed appropriate by the L.A.Y.S. Committee at all times during the season.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall manage the checking account and all funds transactions including but not limited to paying Association's bills, maintaining league funds records, and the submission of progress reports. He/she shall prepare a Financial Statement for presentation at the annual Norman Parks and Receptions meeting in the month of July. Such statement shall reflect, in reasonable detail, the income and expenses of the past year and the amount of assets and liabilities of the Association as of the moment said report is being made. This information will be updated in the last week of December for the annual Board meeting in January.

The Treasurer is responsible for filing all L.A.Y.S. taxes at the end of the year or when due and briefing the current status to include the starting check number, ending check number and current fund total during the L.A.Y.S. Committee meetings. He/she shall ensure \$1500.00 is allocated for after season expenses.

The Treasurer shall file all non-profit paperwork on behalf of the L.A.Y.S. Committee.

The Treasurer shall write all receipts and assists the Baseball and Softball Commissioners during sign ups.

All proceeds received from the sponsorship program shall be tracked. This money shall be maintained in the L.A.Y.S. checking account but shall have a separate total from other income due to field use only. This money may be used towards \$1500.00 allocated during the season for any additional expenses.

The Treasurer shall design an Accounts form for the tracking of funds made by the concession stand, and shall provide copies to the Concession Stand manager for completion.

**Concession Stand Manager** – The Concession Stand Manager is responsible for stocking the concession stand and ensuring the concession stays stocked. He/she shall be responsible for the restrooms and any maintenance and or repairs needed on the concession stand. He/she shall maintain all concession stand equipment. Any repairs and or replacement of items will be briefed to the L.A.Y.S. Committee.

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The Concession Stand Manager shall present to the L.A.Y.S. Committee at the beginning of the season an established list of consumable items and prices to be voted on by the committee.

He/she shall establish a sign in/out log for tracking all volunteers and team participation.

He/she shall be responsible for establishing a list of scheduled volunteers for the concession stand and gate admissions and ensuring appropriate money is available during tournaments, this includes a hand stamp for the gates.

He/she shall schedule a food handler's class through the Community Center. He/she shall keep track of volunteer's names from each team for scheduling purposes.

Current copies of the N.C.A.A. by-laws, L.A.Y.S. by-laws, rule books, team schedules, practice time schedule, and meeting minutes shall be kept in the concession stand at all times.

The Sonic Corporation may supply cups but must be given advance notice. All toiletries may be supplied by the community center but must be given advance notice.

The Concession Stand Manager is responsible for scheduling the Health Department from the City of Norman and ensuring all Health Department requirements are met.

No individual under 16 years of age shall be allowed to enter the concession stand during hours of operation. In the event of an emergency, the concession stand must be closed and locked.

An Accounts form designed by the Treasurer shall be filled at the end of any day the concession stand was opened.

**Advertisement Manager** – Advertisement Manager is responsible for ensuring all sponsorship letters/information is distributed and collected from businesses in the local community and abroad. He/she shall keep a record of all businesses donating and the amount donated for future reference. A copy of these records shall be given to the Treasurer for tax purposes.

He/she shall ensure all sponsors receive a personal letter of appreciation from L.A.Y.S.

**Field Manager** – The Field Manager is responsible for ensuring all fields, equipment, and structures are properly maintained. This includes mowing, dragging and preparation of the fields. He/she shall be responsible for the procurement of bases and any maintenance the fields may require. He/she shall make all calls for rain delays and shall inform the Baseball and Softball Commissioners.

**Baseball Commissioner** - The Baseball Commissioner shall be responsible for L.A.Y.S. baseball compliance with N.C.A.A. and /or OK Kids Association, and USSSA Rules and Regulations, and must maintain a current copy of the rules and regulations to help with any conflicts that may occur.

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He/she shall coordinate with the Vice President, Softball/T-ball Commissioner and Field Manager on the practice/game schedule. The schedule shall be posted at all times at the concession board or window and L.A.Y.S. office.

The Baseball Commissioner shall correspond with the baseball coaches regarding any questions and/or problems. He/she shall relay problems/suggestions to the President as they occur.

The Baseball Commissioner shall make and receive calls such as, but not limited to, contacting the coaches when practice or games are canceled or changed.

The Baseball Commissioner shall be responsible for all sign up paperwork/packages, collecting all applicable money and the completion of all preseason and post season tournaments along with the distribution of all baseball trophies.

**Softball/T-ball Commissioner** – The Softball/T-ball Commissioner shall be responsible for L.A.Y.S softball/T-ball compliance with N.C.A.A , OK Kids Association, and USSSA Rules and regulations, and must maintain a current copy of the rules and regulations to help with any conflicts that may occur.

The Softball/T-ball Commissioner shall coordinate with the President, Baseball Commissioner and Field Manager on the practice/game schedule. The schedule shall be posted at all times at the concession stand board or window and L.A.Y.S. office.

The Softball/T-ball Commissioner shall correspond with softball and T-ball coaches regarding any questions and /or problems. He/she shall relay problems/suggestions to the President as they occur.

The Softball/T-ball Commissioner shall make and receive calls such as, but not limited to, contacting the coaches when practice or games are canceled or changed.

The Softball/T-ball Commissioner shall be responsible for all sign up paperwork/packages, collecting all applicable money and the completion of all preseason and post season tournaments along with the distribution of all softball/T-ball trophies.

**Umpire Commissioner-** Shall be responsible for all umpires, assuring that they are properly certified and aware of the league rules.

The Umpire Commissioner shall ensure that the umpires have the correct uniforms.

The Umpire Commissioner shall be responsible for scheduling of umpires and notifying the umpires when games are canceled.

The Umpire Commissioner shall sign all umpire payment slips with the President, Vice President or appointed representative.

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**Board Members** – Up to seven (7) board members can be elected to sit on the committee.

Board Members shall attend all L.A.Y.S. Committee meetings to vote when necessary on issues with the L.A.Y.S. Committee as well as advise the L.A.Y.S. Committee as to public concerns or comments.

Board Members may be required to assist different duties that are appointed to them by the L.A.Y.S. Committee, such as but not limited to, working concession and collecting gate fees.

Board Members are required to attend at least two (2) home games a week and all home tournaments. Exceptions may be made with President approval. If a board member misses more than two scheduled board meetings in a row without President approval, he or she will be removed from the board.

L.A.Y.S. Committee or board members that have custody or legal guardianship of children playing baseball/softball shall have the child's start up fee paid for by the L.A.Y.S committee. No L.A.Y.S. Committee or board member shall have more than 3 children sponsored at a time.

**Coaches** – Coaches shall be required to sign a Coaches Agreement with the Little Axe Youth Sports, Inc.

Coaches shall coordinate with the commissioner(s) on all matters pertaining to the team or league.

Coaches shall operate the team within the rules and regulations of the N.C.A.A., OK Kids Association, and USSSA.

The last coach to practice on a field must ensure the bases are stored in the L.A.Y.S. barn.

The home team is responsible for cleaning both the home and away teams dug outs after each game or practice.

Coaches are required to attend all coaches meetings throughout the season and are highly encouraged to attend board meetings. During these meeting Coaches may suggest changes to bylaws or park improvements.

Coach's at the end of the season shall turn in all coach's packages to the L.A.Y.S. to be destroyed. This ensures that no pertinent information falls into the wrong hands. This step is to ensure the welfare of the child stays intact.

Coach's/parents, if birth certificates are requested by the parents at the end of the season to use towards another sport the L.A.Y.S. must be notified in advance before they are shredded. A photo Identification is required before any birth certificates will be given to the requester.

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Coaches should:

- Allow players to have fun
- Teach players fundamentals
- Teach players sportsmanship
- Ensure that all players play at least 2 innings
- Be considerate of player's feelings and exhibit self-control at all times.
- Show respect for opposition and fans
- Cooperate with officials and fans
- Keep winning and losing in their proper perspective. Stress effort rather than scores.

Coaches shall refrain from:

- Baiting officials or disputing their decisions on the field
- Angering the opposition or fans by word or gesture
- Yell at, insult, or belittle the players on the field
- Attend practices or games with beer or alcohol on his/her breath

Coaches will be selected in the following order:

- Head coach of team from previous year
- Head coach moving up a league
- Assistant coaches from previous year moving up to head coach
- Coaches that have previously coached in our program
- New coaches on a first come, first served basis

A coach's position is not a guaranteed position. The L.A.Y.S. board may elect to replace a coach at any time if they deem it appropriate for the best interest of the league or players. In the event that the Coach is being removed during the season, the Coach shall have an opportunity to speak at the L.A.Y.S. Committee meeting where on behalf of his removal/discharge is being considered. Any removal/discharge shall require a majority vote of an established quorum. In the event a Coach is being considered for removal/discharge, he/she will not be eligible to constitute a quorum or vote. If a Coach is considered for removal outside of the season, the Coach is not guaranteed a right to speak on his/her behalf for the vote.

Any Coach shall be required to submit to a background investigation, if such investigation is warranted and requested by a majority vote of an established quorum of the L.A.Y.S. Committee. Should a background investigation be performed the cost of such investigation shall be paid for by the Coach of with the investigation is performed on, not to exceed \$25.00. In the event the background investigation exceeds said amount the remainder of the balance shall be paid by L.A.Y.S.

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**Parents/fans** – All parents, legal guardians/custodians/fans shall support all children; not only the children in which they are legally responsible for. They shall display sportsmanship and support all coaches and represent themselves accordingly.

Any parent having difficulty or can't pay in full any of the fees required shall contact any of the L.A.Y.S. board members to set up a payment plan. If a payment plan can't be established the board shall set up a work plan for the parent, this may include working in the concession, field clean up or other jobs in need of completion.

We wish parents to understand that the purpose of the program is to teach their children fundamentals and sportsmanship, but most of all, to have fun. It is our hope that the parents understand the overall program and goals and will assist in carrying them out.

The L.A.Y.S. board appreciates responsible reporting of infractions that are not in the best interest of the program. However, parents should refrain from complaining about close calls, judgment calls, or other questionable arguments. Parents, fans, or coaches, who under the opinion of the ranking L.A.Y.S. board member are disrupting the game will be asked to leave the park. Failure to comply may result in the calling of authorities.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **GENERAL**

The by-laws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or in part at any duly organized meeting of the L.A.Y.S. Committee by a majority vote of an established quorum of the L.A.Y.S. Committee present, provided notice of the proposed change is included in the notice of such meeting.

All rules and by-laws shall be followed in the following hierarchy

- All Federal, State, and Local laws in which the Little Axe Community falls into jurisdiction
- The LAYS contract with the City of Norman
- OK Kids Association rules and by-laws for baseball
- USSSA rules and by-laws for softball
- NCAA rules and by-laws
- LAYS by-laws herein

#### **Rules of the Fields**

The following rules shall apply to the entire baseball/softball field area to include the barn, fields, concession stand, or any area where a child might be present for the purpose of participating in a L.A.Y.S. event.

- All local, state, and federal laws pertaining to public parks shall be followed.
- Smoking shall only take place in the parking lot according to local law (Sec 10-503).

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- There shall be no use of profane or offensive language in the park, fields, or around children.
- Parents/fans shall not be permitted on the baseball/softball fields without the explicit consent of the coach during practice. Parents/fans shall not be on the baseball/softball fields during games.
- Parking in the North parking lot may only be utilized by those with a handicap sign on their vehicle. Parking in front of the barn shall be used by L.A.Y.S. board members only, and will only be used when picking up or dropping off equipment or supplies.
- The two western most aisles of the South parking lot shall be reserved for Frisbee-Golf participants if a Frisbee-Golf game or tournament is scheduled at the same time as any L.A.Y.S. event.
- Any assault or battery happening in or on L.A.Y.S. Complex premises to include parking lots shall be handled by the L.A.Y.S. or individual(s) assaulted. The L.A.Y.S. or individual(s) reserve the right to prosecute according to Oklahoma law OSA 21-650.1 under assault and battery of a sports official. This includes Umpires, Time keepers, Coach, Official or other person having authority in connection with an athletic contest. Assault and Battery includes:
  - a. Assault-An unlawful attempt, coupled with apparent ability, to commit a violent injury on the person of another; or an intentional, unlawful threat by word or act to do violence to the person of another, coupled with an apparent ability to do so, and doing some act which creates a well-founded fear in such other person that such violence is imminent.
  - b. Battery-Willful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another; or actual, intentional and unlawful touching or striking of another person against the will of the other; or unlawfully and intentionally causing bodily harm to an individual.
- L.A.Y.S. reserves the right to make any decisions, policy or reinforce any punishment deemed appropriate by the L.A.Y.S.
- Any Coach, Commissioner or league member being reported must be reported in the following sequence:
  - a. Coach
  - b. Commissioner
  - c. Vice President
  - d. President
  - e. L.A.Y.S Committee

If the complaint starts with the coach, the coach shall be addressed, if a solution cannot be agreed upon, the complaint shall be taken to the commissioner and so on until satisfactory results are achieved.

- All lost and found items left in the care of any board member shall be returned to the rightful owner or held by the board for one year at which time the item becomes

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property of the LAYS. The LAYS board shall at that time determine what to do with the item. All items shall be kept in the LAYS facilities.

- During the playing season, the home team is responsible for removing debris or trash from the field said team played on at the conclusion of each game. This is to include the visitor's dug-out and play area. Failure to clean the fields will result in a fine of \$50 for each infraction. Coaches are encouraged to notify a board member if they are inheriting a field with trash before they take control of the field to prevent catching blame for the mess.
- During the practice season, each team is responsible for cleaning the field in which they practice on at the conclusion of each practice. This shall include both dug-out areas. The team practicing on Field 3 is also responsible for the batting cage, whether said team used the batting cage or not. Failure to clean the fields after each practice will result in a fine of \$50 for each infraction. Coaches are encouraged to notify a board member if they are inheriting a field with trash before they take control of the field to prevent catching blame for the mess.

### **Financial Regulations**

All purchases on behalf of L.A.Y.S. that are not covered by this set of by-laws must be approved by a majority vote of an established quorum. Receipts shall be signed by the President, Vice president and or Secretary/Treasurer.

The Field Commissioner shall be permitted to make routine purchases for the maintenance of fields and/or equipment with solely the consent of the Treasurer if the cost of said purchase is not more than \$200.00. If the Treasurer does not approve of the purchase of a requested item, the question of purchasing that item must be approved by a majority vote of an established quorum.

The Concessions Manager shall be permitted to make routine purchases for the concession stand with solely the consent of the Treasurer for the purpose of restocking approved menu items or cleaning items. In this case, a list of items being purchased must be made for the Treasurer's approval, and nothing may be purchased that is not on the approved list. If the Treasurer does not approve an item on the list, that item must be marked out from the list and may not be purchased. If the Concession Manager continues to wish to purchase a disapproved item, that item must be approved by a majority vote of an established quorum.

Sponsorship of the L.A.Y.S. fields shall cost \$125.00 per field sponsorship with an unlimited number of sponsors per field. Sponsors are encouraged to provide a 5' X 8' vinyl banner at their expense to be displayed during the current season and any off season tournaments. No banners shall be displayed having derogatory, racial, profanity, or pictures determined inappropriate for the L.A.Y.S. Complex.

All players fees shall be collected before the start of the preseason tournament or the player/s will not be permitted to participate during the preseason tournament or any practices/games there after until fees are paid due to insurance purposes.

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All pre and post season fees shall be collected two weeks prior to the start of the preseason tournament. Once pre and post season fees have been collected by the board and payment made to the NCAA league no refunds shall be given. If a team has not paid or refuses to pay they shall not be allowed to practice or play any games on the LAYS fields until the fees have been collected. Any game on the LAYS fields shall be considered as a forfeit and reported as such to the league. Any difficulties making this deadline shall be presented to the L.A.Y.S. Committee.

The league shall not be responsible for any items sold by a coach, team or any member not associated with the L.A.Y.S. Committee.

Coach's/parents receiving money for merchandise and failure to deliver said merchandise or reimbursement of payment will not be allowed to coach until commitments have been honored. Once all commitments have been met, the L.A.Y.S. Committee shall decide upon reinstatement of the coach/parent.

Little League teams not associated with the L.A.Y.S. wanting to practice during the N.C.A.A. season shall pay the L.A.Y.S. Committee \$100.00 dollars (without light and amount agreed upon by board with lights) and shall be scheduled during open practice times. L.A.Y.S teams have priority over the fields when scheduling considerations are being made. This rule may be waived by a majority vote in an established quorum.

### **Record Keeping**

All records containing personal information for any L.A.Y.S. Committee member, coach, or player shall be reviewed at the end of the year. Any records determined to be no longer required shall be destroyed in such a manner that any personal information on such records is illegible and/or cannot be used to obtain identity information by the public. Any records determined to be required shall be maintained in the office with restricted access to prevent such record to be used to obtain identity information by the public. All records perceived as confidential and no longer required shall be shredded by the Secretary and one board member.

### **Umpires**

Umpires shall only be paid for the games they umpire. If two umpires are required and it is decided by both teams that one shall call the game, that umpire shall only receive the normal amount of pay.

Umpires shall receive a food card for every two games they umpire. If during the day three games are called only one food card will be given. Any additional items shall be purchased at the umpire's expense.

### **Volunteers**

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Volunteers working the concession stand shall have a food handler's license as required by the State of Oklahoma. Food handler's license will be paid by the volunteer. Upon completing required scheduled concession stand time the food handler's license cost shall be reimbursed to the volunteer.

Volunteers working at least (4) four hours during game and or tournaments will be given a free meal. These meals shall be tracked by the Concession Stand Manager and totaled at the end of the day for record keeping.

All teams shall have a minimum of (5) five volunteer positions to work the concession stand or gate during games and or tournaments. These volunteer positions shall be scheduled through the Concession Stand Manager. Any team not submitting the minimum (5) five volunteer positions shall be charged \$100.00 per volunteer position not supplied.

### **Renting out the Fields**

A review of the contract with the City of Norman shall be made before a contract is made with an entity wishing to rent the baseball fields. This is to assist in setting the prices.

No L.A.Y.S. Complex equipment (tractor, field drags, etc.) shall be used during games or tournaments by the team, business or renter renting the L.A.Y.S. Complex. Only L.A.Y.S. Committee members are authorized to use said equipment.

Any team wanting to lease the L.A.Y.S. Complex for games or tournaments during the N.C.A.A. season shall have a contract set by the L.A.Y.S. Committee for a fee agreed upon by the committee. The L.A.Y.S. reserves the right to open and keep any proceeds from the concession or gate.

Any team, business or leaser renting the L.A.Y.S. Complex fields for games, practice or tournaments shall be responsible for any broken/damage to complex equipment/items during the lease agreement. Broken/damaged equipment/items shall be replaced at teams, businesses or leaser's expense.

Any team holding games or tournaments not associated with the L.A.Y.S. shall pay all umpires fees

### **Liquidating Assets**

Any Item deemed surplus or disposable with a cost value shall be voted upon by the board. If deemed disposable items shall be thrown in the trash or donated to whoever wants the item. If deemed surplus a price shall be agreed upon and or a method of liquidating. The items shall be liquidated in one of three ways.

- First – The item may be traded for another item or work to be completed.
- Second – The item may be sold by a set price.

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- Third – The item may be sold by silent auction. The auction shall have a designated close out date. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and given to the treasurer. On the close out date the board shall determine a winner. In the event of a tie, both names will be placed in a hat with the winning bidder's name being drawn. All notices of sale or silent auction shall be posted on the concession display board.

In the event that the LAYS should ever shut down or dissolve all items being rented and or leased shall be returned to their rightful owner as soon as possible. All remaining items shall be voted upon for possible disposal, liquidating or allocating to a local Little Axe Little League sport or the Little Axe School for further advancement of the community. No board member shall keep for personal gain any item belonging to the LAYS during a shut down or dissolve. All items may be sold and all debts paid at which point the remaining monies shall be distributed to whom the board votes.

### **CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION**

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above stated By-Laws were adopted at a duly organized meeting of the L.A.Y.S. Committee on the 20th day of April 2011 and that a quorum was present and voted to accept these by-laws.

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President, Little Axe Youth Sports, Inc.

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Vice President, Little Axe Youth Sports, Inc.

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Secretary, Little Axe Youth Sports, Inc.

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Treasurer, Little Axe Youth Sports, Inc.

[Confirmation](#)

## Confirmation

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**Your return has been submitted.**

**Confirmation Number:** 1-422-523-552

**Account ID:** STS-10252802-04

**Filing Period:** December 31, 2023

The return will be posted to your account after it is processed and filed in the next business day.

If you have any questions or concerns, many of these answers can be found in the **OkTAP FAQs** located on the left of the action bar.

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Tax Commission

# Little Axe Youth Sports Inc

## Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
Income	
Field Resevation	700.00
Income	1,500.00
Non Profit Income	5,269.00
Concessions	6,600.50
League	6,495.81
Registration	0.00
Tournament	41,662.00
<b>Total Non Profit Income</b>	<b>60,027.31</b>
Refunds-Allowances	171.36
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$62,398.67</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$62,398.67</b>
Expenses	
Advertising	50.00
Bank Charges	1,008.10
Commissions & fees	220.83
Concession Workers 1099	7,634.50
Dues & Subscriptions	1,979.76
Insurance - Liability	1,712.00
League Fees	391.00
Office Expenses	276.88
Promotional	
Donation	1,000.00
<b>Total Promotional</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
QuickBooks Payments Fees	324.01
Repair & Maintenance	250.15
Field Maintenance	7,956.32
Landscaping 1099	6,100.71
Fuel	226.72
<b>Total Landscaping 1099</b>	<b>6,327.43</b>
<b>Total Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>14,533.90</b>
Supplies	
Concession Supplies	19,786.99
Equipment	844.43
Janitorial Supplies	112.36
Trophies	178.20
<b>Total Supplies</b>	<b>20,921.98</b>
Taxes & Licenses	215.33
Online Fee	11.91
<b>Total Taxes &amp; Licenses</b>	<b>227.24</b>
Tournament Fee	330.37

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## Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	TOTAL
Umpires 1099	8,225.00
Utilities	8,470.03
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$67,305.60</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$ -4,906.93</b>
Other Expenses	
Reconciliation Discrepancies	409.05
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$409.05</b>
NET OTHER INCOME	<b>\$ -409.05</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$ -5,315.98</b>

# Little Axe Youth Sports Inc

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Little Axe High School	20.00
Little Axe Youth Sports Inc (4077)	-646.24
Petty Cash	342.00
QuickBooks Checking Account	-4,885.25
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$ -5,169.49</b>
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	582.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$582.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ -4,587.49</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ -4,587.49</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Cleveland County Payable	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Equity	
Retained Earnings	728.49
Net Income	-5,315.98
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ -4,587.49</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ -4,587.49</b>