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In 2017 Little League provided additional clarification regarding a local league's limitations with non-Little League individuals, teams, events and/or programs. Regulation I (g) states that a local league is not permitted to sponsor, administer, underwrite, advertise, pay any fees or otherwise support in any manner, any team for the purpose of participating in a non-little league Baseball or Softball program, event or game.

When the situation at Mattawan Little League (MLL) regarding travel programs was brought to my attention my concern centered on the collecting of fees through MLL's registration portal that included funds for both Mattawan Baseball Club (MBC) in 2016 and Mattawan Softball Club (MSC) in 2017. Further, the Mattawan Board of Directors required that these travel ball players pay full registration fees to participate in Mattawan Little League.

Fiscal review of the accounts of MLL confirm that 100% of the funds of both travel organizations operated without using any MLL funds. The detail of the accounting showed MBC at a zero balance in 2016 and MSC zeroed out their funds held by MLL in January of 2017.

At the February 27th meeting, the board revised the league's by-laws pertaining to field usage by any entity.

I commend MLL in this swift corrective action. MLL needs to be diligent in their separation of travel and MLL Little League. The consequences of failing to comply with this new regulation is loss of All-Star play and may include loss of your Little League Charter.

Respectfully,

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