

# Salmon Arm Slo Pitch Constitution

The proceeding document outlines the structure, governance and procedures of the Salmon Arm Slo-Pitch League. It is designed to serve as a set of guidelines to enable the year-to-year operation of the League to run smoothly and according to a standardized procedures. The document is based on the traditions of the League and simply represents a codification of the rules and laws which govern roles, responsibilities and, when needed, disciplinary action.

## Board of Governors

The governing committee (also known as the Executive) for the Salmon Arm Slo-Pitch League shall be as follows:

- One Captain for each team in the league who has voting privileges. In the event a Captain is unable to attend a league meeting, he may delegate ONE representative from the team to vote in his place.
- One President, elected to a ONE-year term. The president casts the deciding vote in the event of a tie among the League Captains. He does NOT vote on behalf of his team during normal voting. That responsibility must be delegated to another representative. The President need not be a team Captain.
- One Vice President. (optional – if elected) The vice presidents are elected for ONE-year terms. Vice President CAN vote on behalf of his team during normal voting. The Vice Presidents need not be Team Captains, but they only retain voting rights if they are Team Captains.
- One League Treasurer. The League Treasurer can vote. He or she is appointed each at the AGM. The League Treasurer need not be a Team Captain.
- One League Secretary. The League Secretary can vote. He or she is appointed each at the AGM. The League Secretary need not be a Team Captain.
- The League Executive is comprised of the President, one Vice President (if elected), one Treasurer and one Secretary.

## League Authority

The League Executive is in place to make day-to-day operational decisions relating to the normal business of the League. The League Executive has the authority to:

- Draft the complete season schedule.
- Set and collect League dues each year as deemed necessary to continue the normal operation of the League.
- Discharge monies from league funds to pay outstanding League debts.
- Represent the interests of the League Captains at meetings with Municipal officials, insurers or any group, entity or organization which requests an audience with the League.
- Set the location and date of the Year-End Banquet and tournament, if applicable

## Team Captians

The body of Team Captains must be consulted by vote on any of the following matters:

- Player Misconduct. That is, any incident involving drinking, drug use or behavior in contravention of acceptable League rules or what is considered to be reasonable conduct that may result in suspension.
- Any changes to existing League rules and regulations.
- Matters pertaining to expansion of the number of teams in the league.
- Matters pertaining to the use of umpires for the Year-End Tournament.
- Matters pertaining to the addition or deletion of tournaments.
- Matters pertaining to the League Season, including duration and frequency of the regular season, its games and tournaments.

As with normal Parliamentary procedure, any item requiring a vote must be brought forward by motion by a Team Captain. The mover must be supported by a Seconder. The mover has first right to speak to the motion, then the Seconder, then the floor is opened for debate, followed by a vote. A majority vote is required to pass a motion. In the event of a tie, the League President would cast the deciding vote. If there is a tie and the League President is not present, the motion would be considered defeated.

## **Elections**

Elections for Executive Positions are held at the end of each February. Each year, the position of President shall be elected first. A candidate for President who is not elected MAY be nominated for one of the Vice Presidential positions. At the outset of the election process, the floor is opened for nominees for President. Nominees may be put forth by Team Captains. At the end of the call for nominees, sitting President shall ask if there are any further nominations three times. The vote will then take place. The same procedure is followed for the election of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer Executive are elected for a one-year term.

## **Resignations**

In the event that a member of the League Executive resigns, the following protocol shall be followed:

### **- President**

In the event of the resignation of the President, the Team Captains shall hold a vote and choose one of the Vice Presidents to serve as the new President at the first possible meeting of the Team Captains. An open election would then be held to fill the vacated Vice President position.

### **- Vice President**

In the event of the resignation of one of both of the Vice Presidents, nominations from the floor for Team Captains to fill the role(s) will be called for and a by-election will be held at the first possible meeting of the Team Captains.

## **Amendments to the Constitution**

- Constitutional amendments must be supported by 50 percent of the Team Captains PLUS THREE additional Team Captains.

*For example, in a 16-team league, it would require the support of eight teams plus three additional teams (total eleven) to pass an amendment to the League Constitution.*

- This is to guarantee that any substantive changes to the Constitution have the overwhelming support of the majority of League Captains.

## **Expulsions and discipline**

In the event of gross misconduct by a Team or its players, in keeping with League guidelines, it may be necessary to expel a team or player from the League or discipline that individual or team for a prolonged period of time.

Procedure:

A motion to EXPEL or DISCIPLINE a team or player (on the 3 strike you are out guideline) must be put forward by a League Captain and accompanied by a completed complaint form. In order to expel a team or player, as with an amendment to the Constitution, half of the League Captains PLUS THREE must support the motion, voting YES. The mover of the motion has the first right to speak to explain the motion for expulsion. The individual (or The Captain of the Team the expulsion motion is cast against) then has the opportunity to respond in defence. The floor is then opened for additional comments from Team Captains. The vote is then called for.