

TEE-KAY SLOW PITCH LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION (2019)

ARTICLE #1 - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the TEE-KAY SLOW PITCH LEAGUE, hereinafter referred to as the "LEAGUE".

ARTICLE #2 - JURISDICTION

The LEAGUE claims jurisdiction over and recognizes its responsibilities as the governing body over the game of slow pitch softball as played by members of this LEAGUE.

ARTICLE #3 - AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the LEAGUE is to operate a non-profit organization in order to provide slow pitch softball to eligible amateur players and to foster, promote and regulate the playing of the game within its area of jurisdiction

The LEAGUE shall do all such things as may be necessary to fulfill its aims and objectives.

ARTICLE #4 - MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP FEES AND FRANCHISE FEES

Membership is open to any team that meets the eligibility requirements of the LEAGUE. Each member team must indicate at or before the first meeting of the year its intention to compete for that year. Failure to comply by the prescribed date or deadline could result in loss of franchise.

The Board of Directors will determine annual team Membership fees. **The Membership fees are payable prior to or no later than the first Thursday in July (roughly two weeks after the opening tournament) and are non-refundable. NO EXCEPTIONS. Teams that do not pay their fees will not be permitted to participate in the playoffs. Membership status in the league will be posted on the league website.**

The franchise fee for any new team will be established at the time the new franchise is considered by the Executive. Such fees shall be not less than \$400.00 per franchise. Any proceeds from future liquidation of LEAGUE assets shall be distributed equally among eligible member franchises at time of LEAGUE dissolution ONLY.

ARTICLE #5 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of one representative from each member team.

Officers of the LEAGUE who shall be elected from and by the Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the LEAGUE. The officers are hereinafter are referred to as the "EXECUTIVE".

ARTICLE #6 - DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

The LEAGUE shall have the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Registrar and Treasurer. The EXECUTIVE shall be elected for a term of one year at a Directors Meeting (usually before season starts).

The duties of the EXECUTIVE shall be as follows:

- A. To conduct the business of the LEAGUE between Directors Meetings and General Meetings.
- B. To carry out such duties as required by this Constitution.

The President shall preside at all General, Director's and Executive Meetings.

The Vice-President shall assist the President and shall preside in the absence of the President.

The Secretary-Registrar shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of General, Director's and Executive Meetings, and retain any official LEAGUE documents.

The Treasurer shall complete and keep full and proper financial records of the LEAGUE. He shall deposit all monies in a financial institution in the name of the LEAGUE. He shall promptly pay all approved accounts. He shall present a financial accounting to the Board of Directors at least once a year.

ARTICLE #7 - MEETINGS

There shall be one General Meeting per year, prior to commencement of LEAGUE play at such time and place as designated by the EXECUTIVE. The Representatives of each team will be notified of the meeting by email. Team Reps acting as the Board should make every effort to attend such meetings. In the event that a Rep can't attend, they should notify the league prior to the meeting and if possible appoint another team member to attend on their behalf.

The EXECUTIVE may call a special General Meeting of the LEAGUE. Notice of such a meeting shall be no less than 48 hours.

ARTICLE #8 - AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Amendments shall only be made on the recommendation of the Board of Directors (team reps).

Amendments may only be enacted at any Director's Meeting.

An amendment must obtain more than 50% of the votes of the Directors present to be approved.

ARTICLE #9 - NOMINATING AND VOTING PROCEDURES

A Directors Meeting for the purpose of electing the EXECUTIVE shall be held at the conclusion of the playing season and prior to the Annual Wind-up Banquet. At this meeting an election, to be chaired by the Past President or, in his absence a designated chairman, shall be conducted for the purpose of filling the EXECUTIVE positions. Members of the Board of Directors shall be eligible for nomination and election. Each Director shall have one vote and voting shall be done by a show of hands. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

The candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary-Registrar and Treasurer receiving the most votes will be elected to those positions.

ARTICLE #10 - APPEALS

The EXECUTIVE will adjudicate on appeals to committee rulings. All appeals must be in writing. The decisions of the EXECUTIVE shall be final.

ARTICLE #11 - PENALTIES

Suspensions, expulsions or any combination thereof may be levied by the EXECUTIVE against any member who violates the LEAGUE rules and regulations or this Constitution.

ARTICLE #12 – ROSTERS & LIABILITY

The LEAGUE accepts no liability or responsibility for personal injury or property damage sustained during its games or other activities. (Done through the registration and insurance process)

Team Reps are responsible to ensure all players are registered through the SPN website. The LEAGUE Secretary/Registrar may assist in this process. It is understood by all players that by failing to register they are not insured and therefore not entitled to any available insurance through SPN.

ARTICLE #13 - REINBURSEMENTS

Expenses incurred by an individual for the benefit of the LEAGUE, by prior arrangement, shall be reimbursed in an amount deemed justifiable by the EXECUTIVE.

With EXECUTIVE approval, individuals may be reimbursed for all or part of any expenses incurred by attendance at Manitoba Softball Association clinics.

ARTICLE #14 – FORFEIT PROCEDURE

The LEAGUE policy on teams forfeiting games shall be as follows. In the event that one team forfeits a game (not enough players to compete, no-shows, etc.) the remaining team shall have the option to accept the win or loss in the standings.

ARTICLE #15 – RAINOUT POLICY

In the event of a rainout on a scheduled games night, it is the league's responsibility to call games in the event of bad weather. If it is raining all day and the field conditions are poor, Buhler Park will make every effort to post on their website any cancellations or changes as soon as possible.

ARTICLE #16 – PLAYOFF FORMAT

Depending on the number of teams in the LEAGUE, the format for the playoffs may need to be adjusted. Any adjustments to the playoff format must be made at the opening meeting in the spring. Changes must be voted on and approved by the majority of the teams before implementation of any format change.