

# Oakville Mixed Slo-Pitch League Constitution

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## **ARTICLE 1      League**

### **1.1**

This League shall be known as the OAKVILLE MIXED SLO-PITCH LEAGUE, sometimes abbreviated to “OAKVILLE MIXED SLO-PITCH” or “OMSPL”.

### **1.2**

The League is located in the Town of Oakville in the province of Ontario, Canada.

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## **ARTICLE 2      Purpose**

### **2.1**

The purpose of the League shall be to promote, govern, improve, and develop the game of Slo-Pitch, both League and (possible Tournament play), in a responsible and organized environment for the personal enjoyment and recreation of its participants.

### **2.2**

The League is run by and / or on behalf of amateur athletes who are 18 years old or over.

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## **ARTICLE 3      By-Laws**

### **3.1**

The By-Laws, appended to this Constitution, shall describe the Organization and Function of the League and the Terms of Membership of each individual player.

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## **ARTICLE 4      Voting Procedures**

### **4.1**

The only Voting Members of the League are members of the League Executive Committee who hold a position, not including the President (see ARTICLE 4.3 below).

#### **4.1.1**

The President, in trust, will keep the official list of the Voting Members of the League Executive Committee.

### **4.2**

For a vote to be cast three-quarters ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the Voting Members must be present.

**4.3**

Each Voting Member may only cast one vote regardless if said Member holds multiple positions within the Executive Committee. For a motion to take effect, over half of the votes must be cast. A motion will not take effect if less than half is cast. The President will only cast a vote if a tie ensues from the Voting Members.

**4.4**

If scheduling does not permit an Executive Meeting in where a vote must be cast, the President may conduct a motion by telephone or email (as per ARTICLE 4.3 above).

**4.5**

Any vote conducted by telephone or email (as per ARTICLE 4.4) a vote must be cast by an eligible Executive Member with seven (7) days, otherwise the voting member forfeits their vote.

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**ARTICLE 5      Membership and Sponsorship****5.1**

The League may be affiliated with recognized sanctioning bodies and would pay membership fees / dues as required.

**5.1.1**

Each team may be affiliated with one or more sponsors.. It is the responsibility of each team to secure their own sponsorship.

**5.1.2**

Any sponsor who wishes to be affiliated with the League (or a team of the League), must be in line with the image / culture / integrity / etc. of the League, as deemed by the League Executive Committee.

**5.2**

Any person and / or team may apply for membership to join the League with an application (with team or player registration form), accompanied by the annual registration fee as submitted before the date as set by the League Executives. All persons, either individual or team, must qualify by being either a resident of Oakville or local areas and defined as an adult by Canadian standards (18 years of age or older).

**5.2.1**

The League has the right to refuse membership to players or teams who have not been sanctioned to play.

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## **ARTICLE 6 League Executives**

### **6.1**

Any League Member(s) may volunteer their services, to the League President, to become a proposed League Executive Member. The League President will relay said proposition to the other League Executives during Executive Meetings who will vote on the motion of said proposition (as per ARTICLE 4 above).

### **6.2**

The League Executive Committee will consist of the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Director of Operations
- Director of Finance
- Director of IT
- Director of Membership
- Social Director
- Director of Communications

### **6.3**

The League Disciplinary Committee will be responsible for determining the course of action resulting from a Grievance Filed to the Executive Committee. The Disciplinary Committee for each grievance will consist of three (3) executive members, selected by the hierarchy as defined by the Executive Committee list (See ARTICLE 6.2 Above). If a voting members team is involved in the grievance that member will not be eligible for selection to the Disciplinary Committee.

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## **ARTICLE 7 League Meetings (Executive or Otherwise)**

### **7.1**

All Meetings will be determined by the League's Executive Committee throughout the course of the season and off-season.

### **7.2**

If League Member(s) wish to have a Meeting of any kind (League Meetings, Coaches' Meetings, Captains' Meetings, etc...) they may propose said meeting to any Member of the Executive Committee, who will in turn relay the proposition to the other Executive Members, who will then decide on a proper date and time for said meeting.

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## **ARTICLE 8 Amendments to Constitution and League Rules**

### **8.1**

No amendments or modifications shall be made to any part of the Constitution of this League except at predetermined Executive Meetings and only by vote (as per ARTICLE 4 above).

### 8.1.1

Any proposed amendments or modifications to the Constitution must be filed with the League's Executives, in writing, preferably in the form of email, to all members of the League's Executive Committee, prior to each Executive Meeting at least 7 days before the date of a meeting. Any proposed changes that are filed after the 7 day deadline may not be considered or even viewed during said Executive Meeting. Amendments or Modifications must be presented in the following manner:

- Include the proposed Amendment and the Article in which the Amendment applies to if applicable
- List the reason(s) for the proposed Amendment in said Article
- Include the modified version of said Article
- List all "pros" and "cons" for said proposed Amendment

### 8.2

No amendments or modifications shall be made to any part of the League Rules of this League except at predetermined Executive Meetings and only by vote (as per ARTICLE 4 above).

#### 8.2.1

Any proposed amendments or modifications to the Rules must be filed with the League's Executives, in writing, preferably in the form of email, to all members of the League's Executive Committee, prior to each Executive Meeting at least 7 days before the date of a meeting. Any proposed changes that are filed after the 7 day deadline may not be considered or even viewed during said Executive Meeting. Amendments or Modifications must be presented in the following manner:

- Include the current Rule for which the proposed Amendment applies
- List the reason(s) for the proposed Amendment in said Rule
- Include the modified version of said Rule
- List all possible "pros" and "cons" of the proposed altered Rule

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## **ARTICLE 9      Team and Individual Responsibilities**

### 9.1

The winning team is responsible for submitting each score to the following email address: [scores@omspl.com](mailto:scores@omspl.com) as per League Rules.

#### 9.1.1

Any disputes to the scores can be filed with the Executive Committee within 30 days from the time the scores are posted on the Official Website. The Executive Committee will then review the scorebooks of both teams, and vote (as per ARTICLE 4 above) on the proper outcome, at a predetermined date set by the Executive Committee.

## 9.2

It is the responsibility of the League Members and Fans / Spectators to behave in a civil and proper manner that treats the League, the umpires, the teams and their respected affiliates, the town of Oakville, any spectators, etc... with the utmost respect and consideration. (Also see ARTICLE 10 below).

## 9.3

It will be the responsibility of the League Executive Committee to properly and fairly discipline any member(s) who fails to abide by ARTICLE 9.2 above. Disciplinary actions may include anything from a verbal warning, to a written warning, to suspensions (from 1 game to full expulsion) from the League, as decided by the League's Disciplinary Committee by vote (as per ARTICLE 4 above).

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## ARTICLE 10 Code of Conduct

### 10.1

The League shall adopt *Slo-Pitch Ontario's* "Code of Conduct" as displayed on their website at <http://www.slopitch.info/handbook/codeofconduct.htm> and here:

#### ***Slo-Pitch Ontario – Code of Conduct (As of February 23, 2011)***

***All slo-pitch participants are expected to, at all times, display respect for the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, coaches, officials, other volunteers, media, friends, and spectators and to treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability. This will be demonstrated by following the Code of Conduct.***

***No Team Member or Fan will conduct themselves in behaviour contrary to this code both on and off the field.***

***No Team Member or Fan will cause any form of personal abuse, including verbal, physical and emotional abuse, towards other athletes, officials, host personnel, spectators and others.***

***No Team Member or Fan will refuse to abide by an official's decision, threaten an official, or at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or make incidental physical contact with the body or kick dirt or other matter on the official or attempt to cause physical contact when disputing a decision. This includes causing or attempting to cause physical contact another participant at the tournament.***

***No Team Member or Fan will make any disparaging remarks or actions towards other athletes, officials, host personnel, spectators and others.***

***No Team Member or Fan will react in a violent manner to any incident nor use any form of profane, vulgar, obscene or abusive language or gestures, whether it is directed at an official, opponent, playing colleague, team official, tournament official or spectator. Neither will they tolerate profane, vulgar, obscene or abusive language or gestures from any supporters and other members of their team.***

***No Team Member or Fan will use intimidating or threatening behaviour towards officials, opponents, playing colleagues, team officials, tournament personnel or spectators nor will they permit any others to openly or maliciously criticize,***

*badger, harass, or threaten an official.*

**No Team Member or Fan** will make objectionable demonstrations by throwing bats, gloves or other equipment in a forceful manner.

**No Team Member** will discuss publicly with participants and spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner any decision by the officials or any opinions of players.

**No Team Member or Fan** will cause the destruction of property belonging to others.

**No Team Member** will use any intoxicating substances during the course of the game, or appear to be in an intoxicated condition.

**No Team Member or Fan** will harass, heckle, insult, jeer, or use verbal tactics to embarrass or insult an association representative, employee or other participant at the site before, during or after a game.

**No Team Member or Person** involved with any team in any capacity will make derogatory, disdainful, disparaging comments or remarks regarding any person or program connected to the Association on any public forum, message board or bulletin board.

**No Team Member** will use any improper and unapproved equipment.

**No Team Member or Fan** will give false or misleading information or fail to cooperate with a legitimate request from a Slo-Pitch Ontario official in the discharge of his/her official duties.

**No Team Member or Fan**, when requested by the game official, will refuse to assist him/her in the enforcement of this Code of Conduct and the control of players making threats.

**No Team Member or Fan** will engage in a continuous verbal attack upon an official or other participant or spectator after they have been ejected from a game or make a verbal threat of physical violence upon an official.

#### **10.1.1**

Any Team Member or Fan found conducting themselves in behaviour contrary to the Code of Conduct will face disciplinary action from the League as per ARTICLE 9.2 and ARTICLE 9.3 above.

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