

The West End Co-Ed Slowpitch League (WECSL)

The Constitution — 2023 Update

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Article I — ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 The name of the organization shall be "The West End Co-Ed Slowpitch League" ("WECSL" or "the League").

Article II — AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The League's aims are to foster, develop and promote the playing of amateur softball within a social atmosphere in the West End; and to provide the proper safeguards in accordance with the spirit of true sporting manner.
- 2.2 The League shall be carried on without the purpose of gain for its members. Any profits or other accretions to the League shall be used in promoting its objectives.

Article III — MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 The members of WECSL are players who have registered and paid for the upcoming season. Membership is open to adults, nineteen (19) years of age and over.
- 3.2 Membership shall cease upon the opening of player registration for the next season of play.
- 3.3 Every member should uphold the constitution, fundamental tenets and league rules. A member may be terminated or suspended by a majority vote by the League Executive, for reasons such as the violation of the constitution, tenets or league rules. Any member who has their membership terminated by the Executive is not entitled to any refund.
- 3.4 Membership may be terminated by a member's own choice, by notifying a team captain or Executive member. Members are not entitled to any refund of membership fees if they choose to terminate their membership, though the Executive may determine that unusual circumstances warrant the granting of a refund. Twenty percent (20%) of the registration fee is non-refundable under any circumstance. Players who join the League and become members after the season begins may pay a pro-rated registration fee, at the discretion of the Executive.

Article IV — EXECUTIVE

- 4.1 The affairs of the League will be managed by a Board of Directors (“The Executive”) consisting of a president, vice-president, treasurer, head umpire, equipment person, secretary, and social co-ordinator. The aim is that, whenever possible, no two members of the Executive shall play on a single team.
- 4.2 The quorum of directors required to conduct business is three (3) directors.
- 4.3 If any member of the Executive resigns or is to be replaced for any reasonable reason, the remaining Executive members may choose an interim replacement.
- 4.4 If any Executive position falls vacant, the president shall assume the duties of that position until a replacement is chosen, but the president cannot cast a vote on behalf of the vacant position. If the president’s position falls vacant, the vice-president shall assume the duties of the president until a replacement is chosen, but he or she cannot cast a vote on behalf of the vacant position.
- 4.5 The general duties of the Executive shall be to conduct the business of the League between annual general meetings, and carry out duties as are required by the League’s constitution and rules, and relevant official rules of Softball Canada.
- 4.6 The specific duties of the Executive are:

- 4.6.1 The president shall preside at the annual general meeting, special general meetings, and meetings of the Executive.

The president will make recommendations to the Executive on problems involving players who do not abide by the League's constitution and playing rules.

They shall be the liaison person with the Parks Board and other softball leagues, and is responsible for all other "official contacts."

The president shall be responsible for the season schedule.

- 4.6.2 The treasurer shall keep full and proper records of the financial transactions of the league. All funds of the League are deposited in a Canadian Charter Bank or Trust Company to be decided by the Executive. All approved accounts are to be paid by cheque or an agreed-to method such as E-Transfer. Two (2) members of the Executive shall sign all cheques.

The treasurer must present financial statements at the annual general meeting as well as all meetings of the Executive.

The treasurer will ensure that any expenditure over \$50.00 will be approved in advance at a meeting of the Executive by a majority vote.

If any member of the league expresses a desire to see the current books, the treasurer will arrange a time and place to make them available for inspection.

- 4.6.3 The head umpire will be responsible for the selection of umpires, scheduling of their duties and their training, and will work with the Executive on questions of ground rules and playing rules.

When cancelled games are rescheduled, the head umpire will ensure that umpires are provided and will confer with the equipment person to see that the equipment and the fields are available. The League Executive, in consultation with team captains, shall determine if and when make-up games are to be played.

- 4.6.4 The equipment person will take care of all equipment in possession of the League, and make purchases as authorized by the Executive for all equipment.

The equipment person will also ensure that equipment and resources related to health, such as a first aid kit, are readily available to players.

- 4.6.5 The secretary will ensure Executive members and team representatives, as needed, are aware of and available for Executive and team captains' meetings and will inquire if there are items they want to place on the agenda. The secretary will take minutes on the business of each meeting, and make them available to the Executive within one week of a meeting.

The secretary will conduct whatever correspondence and communication is necessary for the affairs of the League.

- 4.6.6 The social co-ordinator will be responsible for all social functions. No more than thirty percent (30%) of the monies received from the annual registration fees will be made available for social events.

- 4.6.7 The vice-president shall act on behalf of the president in their absence and support the business and activities of the Executive as needed. In the absence of the president and vice-president, meetings shall be chaired by other Executive members on a rotational basis by alphabetical order.

Article V – NOMINATING & VOTING PROCEDURES

- 5.1 The election of the Executive shall be by ballot at the annual general meeting, voted by members.
- 5.2 Nominations for the League's Executive may come from two sources:
 - a. Written submissions from potential candidates indicating their intention to run for a specified office. These candidates do not have to attend the meeting to accept their nomination.
 - b. From the floor of the annual general meeting by a league member. The member nominated must be in attendance to accept or decline the nomination.
- 5.3 The elected Executive shall serve a one-year term.
- 5.4 If there are more than two candidates nominated for an Executive position, there shall be a run-off between the nominees with the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes eliminated from each succeeding ballot. A final majority of 50 percent plus one vote is necessary for election to the Executive.
- 5.5 An Executive member shall vacate office by submitting a written resignation, or if, at any special general meeting of the membership, a resolution is passed by sixty-six percent (66%) plus one vote of eligible voters present.
- 5.6 Votes by proxy are not allowed. Each member in attendance at the annual general meeting and special general meetings will have one vote.
- 5.7 The chair of the annual general meeting, special general meetings and Executive meetings shall not vote on any matters at hand, unless there is a tie, in which case the chair shall cast the deciding vote.

Article VI – MEETINGS

- 6.1 A quorum for special general meetings and the annual general meeting is 10 League members present.
- 6.2 The Executive shall arrange for an annual general meeting of the League to be held around mid-March at an hour allowing sufficient time for the conduct of all business. The agenda will be set by a meeting of the Executive. The membership may add business to the agenda.

- 6.3 The president, or a majority of Executive members, may call a special general meeting of the League. Seven (7) days' notice shall be given to the membership for any special general meeting and such notice shall set forth in clear language the entire business to be conducted at the special general meeting.

Notification for such a meeting shall be posted in a conspicuous place agreed to by the Executive. In addition, each team representative will be advised to inform their team of said meeting, including time and date, at least one week prior to the special general meeting.

- 6.4 A quorum of the Executive shall be three (3) members of the Executive. At Executive meetings during the season, time may be set aside for team captains to discuss league business, team balancing, or other items as required. Captains may express their opinion on matters, but the final decisions will rest with the Executive, unless the Executive agrees to submit a matter to the Captains for them to vote upon.

Article VII — AMENDMENTS

- 7.1 The constitution, fundamental tenets and League rules may be amended only at the spring annual general meeting and only by a majority vote of eligible voters.