



# Constitution for 2024

## **Article 1: NAME**

The name of this Non-Profit Association shall be: OSHAWA SLO-PITCH LEAGUE or OSPL

## **Article 2: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Association shall be:

- a) To promote the sport of Slo-Pitch
- b) To cooperate with the official bodies in promoting the sport of Slo-Pitch

## **Article 3: MEMBERSHIP**

The membership rules are as follows:

- a) Men's Division membership shall be restricted to those persons who are eighteen (18) years of age or older in the current year
- b) Co-Ed Division membership shall be restricted to those persons who are eighteen (18) years of age or older in the current year
- c) Eligibility to play in the Men's 35+ Division shall be restricted to persons who are thirty-five (35) years of age or older in the current year
- d) Eligibility to play in Men's or Co-ed division's, will be limited to 16 years of age, with a parental consent form completed and submitted to the Oshawa Slo Pitch League for approval before eligibility is granted.

## **Article 4: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The Executive Officers shall be comprised of:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Scheduler
- Treasurer
- Webmaster/Statistician

The aforementioned positions shall be elected at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting from among the members of the Association who are in good standing. The day-to-day affairs of the Association shall be



governed by the Executive Officers of the Oshawa Slo Pitch League. Elections will happen only if there is a challenge from the membership to an open or currently held position on the OSPL Executive, by a member in good standing order with the league. Such a challenge must be presented at the first AGM of the current season of play by the OSPL to allow for time for the election to take place at the second AGM. No other election shall take place once the first AGM has passed.

The duties of the EXECUTIVE OFFICERS shall be as follows:

1. **President:** shall preside at all meetings of the Association and generally manage the day-to-day affairs of the Association. Shall act as a contact for members of the Association.
2. **Vice-President:** shall act as liaison between the association and the city of Oshawa pertaining to permits diamonds and lights and shall act as a liaison for the members of the Association and perform such duties as may be delegated to them by the President. Vice President can perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.
3. **Secretary:** shall record minutes of all meetings of the Association as well as maintaining the official file of minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall further be responsible for maintaining the MASTER COPY of the Association's Constitution, By-Laws and Rules. Shall act as a contact for members of the Association.
4. **Scheduler:** shall be responsible for the scheduling of all league games, playoffs and any tournaments the Association may have. The Scheduler shall coordinate with the official bodies as may be required. Shall act as a contact for members of the Association.
5. **Treasurer:** shall keep an accurate record of all receipts and disbursements of every kind and shall deposit in the bank account of the Association all such receipts. The Treasurer shall issue any cheques as required with the signature of the Treasurer and any one other Executive Officer with signing authority as designated by the Executive Officers. The Treasurer shall also supply the Association with a statement of the Association's accounts at the annual membership meeting. Shall act as a contact for members of the Association.
6. **Webmaster/Statistician:** shall be responsible for the official website of the Association and as such has the responsibility of updating the site as deemed necessary by the Executive. The Webmaster/Statistician will also post the results of the games, as well as the stats of the teams, on the website in a timely manner. Shall act as a contact for members of the Association.

### **Executive Sub-Committee**

The Executive shall appoint members of the Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee will act as an extension to the Executive and shall carry out duties as assigned by the Executive.

## **Article 5: EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY**



The OSPL Executive, collectively or individually, shall not be responsible for any financial loss incurred by this Association while executing their day-to-day duties on behalf of and in the interest of this Association know as Oshawa Slo Pitch League or OSPL.

### **Article 6: EXECUTIVE AND LEAGUE LIABILITY**

The OSPL Executive (and Sub-Committee), individually or as a whole, shall not be responsible for any legal matters pertaining to, but not restricted to the following:

- Drinking on City premises including parking lots
- Drinking and driving
- Smoking and vaping on City of Oshawa owned parks area
- Injury on and off the field
- Physical altercations on or off the field
- Death
- Or any fee associated, but not restricted to, the above.

Each team will be responsible for completing a waiver form prior to the start of each season.

### **Article 7: EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY EXECUTIVE**

The Association authorizes the OSPL Executive to expend funds of the Association, for the purpose of conducting day to day business on behalf of the Association. These funds are to be used at the discretion of the OSPL Executive each year. The OSPL Executive shall ensure that the expenditure of these funds does not cause the Association to have a negative bank account balance in any year of operation. These funds will also include available monies for legal representation of the Oshawa Slo Pitch League and its executive officers.



### **Article 8: PAYMENT OF LEAGUE DUES**

All teams are required to pay an entrance fee as determined by the Executive. The Executive shall determine the date payable of such fees. Any team having not paid the required fee, in full, by the specified due date may be excluded from the league for the balance of the season. Exclusion under this section shall be determined by the President and the Treasurer. Any refund of advanced fees shall be determined at the discretion of the Executive after consideration of diamond time used by the excluded team, insurance costs, umpires costs, an administration fee and default fines for games missed up to the expulsion of the team.

### **Article 9: CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Changes or amendments to the Constitution or the By-Laws of the Association can only be made at an annual membership meeting or at a special membership meeting called for this purpose and can be proposed only by a member of the Association in good standing. No change can be made without the affirmative vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of the members present. If more than one team member is present so any OSPL league meeting, only one team member can vote per team. Notice of any proposed change or amendments shall be lodged with the OSPL Executive Officers at least two (2) weeks prior to such a meeting be called by the OSPL Executive on behalf of its membership. The Chairperson at such meetings may accept and submit to a vote of the members present, changes or amendments not previously made by written notice at the Chairperson's discretion.