

Winnipeg Senior Baseball League

Constitution

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1 NAME

- 1.1 Winnipeg Senior Baseball League (WSBL).

2 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To provide a league of senior caliber play for individuals in or around the city of Winnipeg.
- 2.2 To cooperate and coordinate with the Minor Baseball Associations throughout Manitoba and the Manitoba Junior Baseball League.
- 2.3 To coordinate baseball programs with the Manitoba Baseball Association.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 New teams must be accepted by majority vote at an annual meeting and must agree to accept the Constitution and League Rules of Play of the WSBL.
- 3.2 Membership for an accepted expansion franchise will consist of a \$300 performance bond and a \$500 expansion fee. All expansion teams will endure a 2 year non-voting probation period. The probation will be effective the annual meeting of the first year until after the acceptance vote under first order of business under Special Business at the annual meeting of the third year.

4 GOVERNMENT

- 4.1 The WSBL Executive shall consist of President, 3 or 4 Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 4.2 The WSBL Executive shall be elected at the annual meeting of the WSBL by the Team Representatives.
- 4.3 All teams are required to have 1 representative at general meetings.

5 MEETINGS

- 5.1 General meetings of the WSBL shall be scheduled as required. The President may call additional general meetings.
- 5.2 The first general meeting for each calendar year shall be designated the WSBL AGM. The President and WSBL Executive Members of the previous year shall prepare the Agenda. All elected positions shall take effect on adjournment of the AGM.
- 5.3 Executive meetings of the WSBL shall be held as required and are to be called by the President or any 3 members of the Executive.
- 5.4 A special general meeting may be called by the President, or 50% of the Team Representatives.
- 5.5 All WSBL meetings will be run according to Bourinot's Rules of Order.
- 5.6 Teams will be fined \$50 for failure to have a Team Representative attend any General Meeting. Teams will be fined \$100 for failure to have a Team Representative at the WSBL AGM. These fines may be waived by the League Executive for special circumstances.
- 5.7 Notice of the WSBL AGM shall be given to all teams at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

6 VOTING RIGHTS

- 6.1 At the AGM and all other general meetings each team of the WSBL shall be entitled to one vote, excluding teams that are on probation. The Chairperson shall vote only to break a tie.

7 QUORUMS

- 7.1 All League Meetings must have at least 50% of the league-voting members plus one.
- 7.2 The AGM must have at least 75% of the league-voting members in attendance.
- 7.3 All Executive Meetings must have at least 50% of the Executive Members plus one.

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8 ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS

- 8.1 Signing officers for the disbursement or investment of WSBL funds shall be the President and Treasurer and 1 Vice President to be assigned after elections at the AGM. Any cheque over \$1000 will require 2 of the 3 signing authority's signatures.
- 8.2 All funds and securities shall be deposited in the name of the WSBL in an account of a Chartered Bank or other financial institution approved by the WSBL Executive Members.
- 8.3 All financial transactions shall be recorded by the Treasurer and a report presented to the AGM, or by request of the WSBL Executive.

9 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 9.1 The Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority of voting delegates at an AGM, or by unanimous vote at a General Meeting.

10 TERMS OF OFFICE, RECALL OF OFFICERS

- 10.1 There shall be no set term of office for any Executive Member.
- 10.2 Any member of the League Executive may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the Team Representatives at a Special General Meeting.
- 10.3 WSBL Team Representatives shall have the right to fill vacant positions at any General Meeting.

11 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- 11.1 Neither the WSBL nor Member Teams shall be liable for injuries of players or persons traveling to and from, or participating in, WSBL activities.

12 PUBLIC MEETINGS

- 12.1 All meetings of WSBL shall be open to the public as observers. The Chairperson of any meeting shall have the right to declare a closed session to discuss subjects of a sensitive nature.

13 WSBL SEASONAL GUIDELINES

- 13.1 WSBL Seasonal Guidelines shall be approved every year at a General Meeting before commencement of league play.

14 DUTIES OF LEAGUE EXECUTIVES

- 14.1 President (or the President's delegate)
 - 14.1.1 Shall preside as Chairperson at all meetings of the WSBL.
 - 14.1.2 Shall prepare agendas for meetings.
 - 14.1.3 Shall represent WSBL and shall communicate WSBL policies and decisions to parties external to the WSBL.
 - 14.1.4 Shall sit on all committees of the WSBL as an ex-officio member.
- 14.2 Vice Presidents
 - 14.2.1 In the absence of the President, or in the event of inability to act, the League Executive shall elect an acting President from the 3 Vice Presidents.
 - 14.2.2 Shall accept those duties assigned by the President.

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14.3 Treasurer

14.3.1 Shall administer all funds of the WSBL.

14.3.2 Shall prepare reports for Executive Meetings or General Meetings.

14.3.3 Shall carry signing authority with the President or Vice President for the payment of accounts.

14.4 Secretary

14.4.1 Shall be responsible for recording the minutes of all meetings.

14.4.2 Shall maintain records of all WSBL correspondence, Constitution, Seasonal Guidelines and committee reports.

14.5 Umpire-in-Chief

14.5.1 Shall be selected at the AGM by a majority vote of the Team Representatives.

14.5.2 Shall schedule umpires for all league games.

14.5.3 Shall be responsible to the Executive for umpire certification and registration programs.

14.5.4 Shall recommend to the League Executive any changes in umpire fee schedules.

14.5.5 Shall report to the Protest, Appeal and Discipline Committees as required.

15 PROTESTS

15.1 All protests shall be handled by the League Executive.

15.2 Protests of judgment decisions by the umpires shall not be allowed.

15.3 Protests can only involve violation or interpretation of game playing rules, constitution, league rules of play or any “unforeseeable circumstance” the league executive deems protest able. The decision to hear or not hear a protest of “unforeseeable circumstances” is not subject to appeal.

15.4 Any protests must be received by the league President within 48 hours of the incident in question with a \$75 cash deposit. The deposit will be returned if the protest is upheld.

16 APPEAL OF PROTESTS OR EXECUTIVE RULINGS

16.1 All appeals shall be handled by Team Representatives at a General Meeting special or otherwise.

16.2 Notice to appeal shall be made in writing to the League Executive within 7 days following the decision. The appeal shall include a \$150 deposit. The deposit will be returned if the appeal is upheld.

16.3 If required the League Executive shall convene a Special General Meeting to hear the appeal.

17 DISCIPLINE

17.1 All discipline matters shall be handled by the League Executive.