



Constitution

Believing that all children have a natural right to the full enjoyment of baseball in Scarborough, and believing that such cannot be fully realized except through a united, free and democratic organization, we do hereby unite ourselves to create the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League.

The purpose of the league shall be to provide baseball to children who live in the city of Scarborough. It shall further be the objective of this league to provide baseball to all children regardless of nationality, race, creed, colour, sex or religious belief.

This preamble shall be and form part of the Constitution of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League.

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Section I Names and Affiliations

- a) This organization shall be known as the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League.
- b) The Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League (W.A.B.L) shall be an affiliate of the Scarborough Baseball Association (S.B.A).
- c) Any expansion or deletion of teams in the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League shall be decided upon by the Executive.
- d) For identification purposes the primary colours of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League shall be Navy Blue, Red and White.

Section II Objectives

- a) To promote organized baseball within the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League area and others who are in the W.A.B.L. system.
- b) To protect the mutual interests of the other various affiliated leagues and the Scarborough Baseball Association.
- c) To carry out competitions for the various series through league play and play-offs, and assist our Representative teams that may continue into further competition when necessary.
- d) To implant firmly in the minds of all participants of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League the ideals of good sportsmanship so that they may grow to be good living, clean minded, truthful, healthy and loyal citizens.
- e) Any member of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League who represents the league must conform to a code of conduct complimentary to our League.

Section III Boundaries

- a) The official boundaries of Scarborough constitute the boundaries of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League.
- b) The boundaries of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League are set down by the Scarborough Baseball Association to be rezoned as required by the Scarborough Baseball Association.
- c) All players must be properly registered to be eligible to play in the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League.

Section IV Responsibilities of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League

- a) The Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League shall elect its own executive to handle its own internal affairs using the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League constitution or the Scarborough Baseball Association constitution as its guideline.
- b) The annual General Meeting of the Agincourt Baseball League shall be held each year at a place designated by the executive and prior to the Scarborough Baseball Association Annual General Meeting. The membership of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League shall be notified at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Any W.A.B.L. Member (*W.A.B.L. Member shall be any immediate family member of anyone involved in the W.A.B.L.*) attending the Annual General Meeting is entitled to vote providing they are not suspended from any affiliated League or organization and providing they have signed in.
- c) Anyone running for office other than President or Treasurer must have been a member, parent, manager or coach in the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League and be in good standing at the time of the elections for a minimum of one (1) full season.
- d) Anyone running for office of President or Treasurer of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League must have served at least the last two (2) consecutive years on the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League Executive.
- e) Nominations will be received from the floor. If no nominations are received the incoming Executive may delegate the position at their discretion. Proxy votes will not be accepted. (Proxy nominations will be accepted up to fourteen days prior to the annual General Meeting by the W.A.B.L. Secretary. Proxy nominations must be accompanied by a signed letter of acceptance by the nominee.)
- f) Notice of any proposed alteration or amendment to this constitution must be made to the Secretary of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League in writing at least twenty-one (21 days) prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- g) There will be absolutely no fund raising by Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League managers, coaches, players or any other individuals unless sanctioned by the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League executive.
- h) There will be no double assessment of any sponsor.
- i) There shall be only one sponsor per team unless at the discretion of the executive this clause is waived.
- j) No fund raising or soliciting of monies shall be undertaken by any competitive or house league team without the written consent of the W.A.B.L. Executive. Monies collected by any team(s) above the W.A.B.L. registration fees must be reported in a financial statement. This statement must be submitted to the W.A.B.L. Treasurer or Executive by September 15 of that year.
- k) All teams must wear the W.A.B.L. issued uniform. Any team(s) wanting to change or alter the present W.A.B.L. uniforms must have the written permission of the W.A.B.L. Executive.

- l) Any team(s) wishing to purchase or have donated any other accessories such as jackets, track suits, bags, hats, etc. must have written permission from the W.A.B.L. Executive.

Section V Duties of the Executive

- a) The Executive of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League will consist of President, Past President, Vice-President – House League, Vice-President – All Star, First Vice-President, Treasurer, Registrar, Equipment Manager, Uniform Manager, Two Snack Bar Chairpersons, Sponsorship Chairperson, Publicity Director, Scheduler, Umpire-in-Chief T-Ball to Midget, Convenors for each division (T-Ball, 4-Pitch, Rookie Ball, Mosquito, Peewee, Bantam, and Midget) and Select Chairperson. Maximum Executive 23.
- b) A quorum shall consist of at least fifty (50) percent of the Executive body.
- c) The Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League President or his/her appointed representative shall have the power to vote at all Scarborough Baseball Association meetings.
- d) A committee will be named by the Executive, being the President as Chairperson, and three to five Executive members to handle any emergency situation in the event the entire Executive cannot be convened.
- e) The Executive of the Wexford-Agincourt Baseball League shall decide and authorize all expenditures by a majority of seventy-five (75) percent.
- f) The Executive of the W.A.B.L. shall be informed and have the power to permit or prohibit any or all exhibition games.
- g) The Executive of the W.A.B.L. has the power to appoint a replacement of any Executive Officer who resigns. Should it be necessary to request the resignation from and W.A.B.L. Executive member said Officer can be removed only by a majority of seventy-five percent of the remaining Executive.
- h) The Executive of the Emergency Committee shall take any disciplinary action against all persons associated with the W.A.B.L. who operates contrary to the League and Baseball's general code of ethics.
- i) The W.A.B.L. Executive shall meet at least once a month, if possible.
- j) Once elected, no executive member may be elected to a second Executive position unless no other nominations are received.

Section VI Duties of the Executive Officers

- a) President: shall preside at all meetings of the League with the usual privileges of office. S/He shall be an ex-officio member of any standing or special committee. S/He has the power to countersign all cheques along with either the Treasurer of the Vice President of House League. S/He will sit on the Executive as Past President for a maximum of two years.

- b) Vice-President House League: shall perform all the duties of the President in his/her absence. S/He becomes the interim president in the event the President resigns or becomes incapable of fulfilling his/her term. S/He shall oversee all of the house league organizing and general operation of the house league. S/He will be responsible to report all activity to the President and the W.A.B.L. Executive.
- c) Vice President All Star: shall attend all S.B.A. meetings. S/He shall be responsible for the distribution of all Ontario Baseball Association (O.B.A. playing cards and for the return of these cards at the proper time in the proper order. S/He shall inform all managers of playing rules and regulations prior to the start of the season. S/He shall conduct a minimum of two (2) meetings with All Star Managers during the season. S/He shall be responsible for all competitive teams, T-Ball through Junior. Roster sheets will be submitted to the W.A.B.L. Registrar when approved. S/He will be responsible to report all activity to the President and W.A.B.L. Executive.
- d) First Vice-President: shall provide assistance to the President, and to other members of the Executive, to reduce the administrative workload.
- e) Treasurer: shall collect and receipt all monies paid into the Treasury and shall keep such books as are necessary to contain the accounts of the W.A.B.L. S/He shall issue all cheques countersigned by either the President or VP House League and file a proper receipt for same. S/He shall submit a report each month to the Executive so that it will be entered into the minutes of the meeting. S/He shall submit a copy of the W.A.B.L. annual statement to the Secretary of the S.B.A. at least one week prior to the Annual General Meeting. S/He shall see that affiliation fees are paid to the S.B.A. The Treasurer's records must be presented to the Executive for auditing prior to the annual General Meeting.
- f) Secretary: shall be responsible for accurate reporting of the minutes of all meetings of the W.A.B.L. Executive, receive and file all correspondence and perform other secretarial duties as required.
- g) Registrar: shall be responsible for keeping an updated file of all players in the W.A.B.L. S/He shall see that all players are properly registered as to age and residential requirements. The Registrar is responsible for collecting all monies before a child can play ball and supplying a receipt if necessary. S/He shall see that W.A.B.L. House League registrations are submitted to the S.B.A.
- h) Equipment Manager: shall submit a proposed budget to the executive before the beginning of every season. S/He shall be responsible for the purchase of all equipment. In his/her absence, the President is the only other Executive member with the power to purchase any equipment from the places of transaction so approved by the Executive. S/He shall submit a report at season's end.
- i) Uniform Manager: shall submit any proposed uniform changes and a proposed budget before the beginning of every season. S/He shall be responsible for the purchase, distribution and collection of uniforms. In his/her absence, the President is the only other Executive member with the power to purchase any uniforms from the places of transaction so approved by the Executive. S/He shall submit a report at season's end.

- j) Snack Bar Chairpersons (2): shall be responsible for the entire operation of the W.A.B.L. Snack Bar. S/He shall receive start up monies from the W.A.B.L. at the beginning of the season. S/He shall submit a report at season's end.
- k) Convenor of T-Ball Division: shall operate the day-to-day functions of the House League T- Ball Division, administering all existing rules and regulations, forming and balancing teams. S/He shall communicate rules to the coaching staff of T-Ball and keep records of standings for the T-Ball Division.
- l) Convenor of 4-Pitch Division: shall operate the day to day functions of the House League 4-Pitch Division, administering all existing rules and regulations, forming and balancing teams. S/He shall communicate rules to the coaching staff of 4-Pitch and keep records of standings for the 4-Pitch Division.
- m) Convenor of Rookie Ball Division: shall operate the day-to-day functions of the House League Rookie Ball Division, administering all existing rules and regulations, forming and balancing teams. S/He shall communicate rules to the coaching staff of Rookie Ball and keep records of standings for the Rookie Ball Division.
- n) Convenor of Mosquito Division: shall operate the day-to-day functions of the House League Mosquito Division, administering all existing rules and regulations, forming and balancing teams. S/He shall communicate rules to the coaching staff of Mosquito and keep records of standings for the Mosquito Division.
- o) Convenor of Peewee Division: shall operate the day-to-day functions of the House League Peewee Division, administering all existing rules and regulations, forming and balancing teams. S/He shall communicate rules to the coaching staff of Peewee and keep records of standings for the Peewee Division.
- p) Convenor of Bantam Division: shall operate the day-to-day functions of the House League Bantam Division, administering all existing rules and regulations, forming and balancing teams. S/He shall communicate rules to the coaching staff of Bantam and keep records of standings for the Bantam Division.
- q) Convenor of Midget Division: shall operate the day-to-day functions of the House League Midget Division, administering all existing rules and regulations, forming and balancing teams. S/He shall communicate rules to the coaching staff of Midget and keep records of standings for the Midget Division.
- r) Umpire-in-Chief: shall be responsible for acquiring umpires. S/He shall ensure all umpires have a copy of the rules for all series and they understand all rules. S/He shall have at least one (1) meeting with all umpires prior to the start of the season to review the rules for each division. S/He shall be responsible for the scheduling of all umpires for each division. S/He will be responsible for the conduct of all umpires. S/He will be responsible to report all activity to the President and the W.A.B.L. Executive.
- s) Sponsorship Chairperson: shall be responsible for soliciting sponsorship for all teams. S/He shall be responsible for submitting a list of sponsorships to the Secretary. S/He shall submit a list of sponsors and any pertinent information (i.e. colours, logos, etc.) to the Uniform Manager at the earliest possible time. S/He shall be responsible for sending each sponsor a letter of thanks on behalf of the W.A.B.L.

- t) Publicity Director: shall be responsible for any and all materials published in the local papers including information regarding tournaments, awards, etc. S/He shall be responsible for the coordination of the annual picture-taking event.
- u) Select Chairperson: shall be responsible for Select Coaches and informing the Executive of tournament requests and approvals. S/He will also be responsible for handling any teams which choose to participate in the ‘Select Loop’, if that is an option.
- v) Scheduler: shall be responsible for the scheduling of all House League games and all rescheduled games. S/He shall also be responsible for supplying the Umpire-in-Chief and the Vice-President House League with copies of the house league schedules and all rescheduled games. If s/he is unable to perform this duty, it will become the responsibility of the Vice-President of House League.

Section VII Order of Business, Meetings

- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call of Officers
- c) Reading of Minutes of Previous Meetings
- d) Business arising from the minutes
- e) Reports of Officers
- f) Amendments to the Constitution (Annual Meeting Only)
- g) Unfinished Business
- h) Installation of Officers
- i) New Business
- j) Proposals for the Good and Welfare of the A.B.L.
- k) Adjournment

Section VIII Conduct of Meetings

- a) Robert’s Rules of Order shall prevail at all meetings.
- b) When a member wishes to speak or submit a motion, s/he will address the Chair, confine himself/herself to the subject and avoid personalities.
- c) In all cases of dispute, subject to appeal, the decision of the President shall prevail.
- d) No member shall address the meeting unless a motion is before the Chair or general business is being discussed.
- e) No amendment can be received after an amendment to the amendment.
- f) All decisions shall be decided by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is requested – the simple majority ruling.

Section IX Amendments or Alterations

- a) No amendment or alterations shall be made to any part of this Constitution except at the Annual General Meeting of the W.A.B.L.
- b) This Constitution shall be reviewed at least every two (2) years by the W.A.B.L. Executive.

Section X Honorariums and Awards

- a) There shall be no honorarium or award made to anyone to team or any team member in the W.A.B.L. without prior approval by the W.A.B.L. Executive.
- b) If it so desires, and it is in the best interest of the W.A.B.L. the Executive has the power to grant an honorarium, Award or Gift during or at the end of the season providing the funds are available.

Section XI Sponsorships

- a) Sponsors will not provide any additional honorariums, uniforms, equipment, jackets or awards to any W.A.B.L. team before, during or after the playing season.
- b) The sponsorship fees will be reviewed annually for each series and shall be noted in the minutes.
- c) Each year, the W.A.B.L. will provide to the S.B.A. with a list of sponsors for the previous year to protect them from other Leagues soliciting for the following year.

Section XII Wexford-Agincourt Baseball Responsibility

- a) The W.A.B.L. does not accept responsibility for any injured player, manager, coach, scorekeeper, umpire, executive member, spectator or any other person at W.A.B.L. games or activities.
- b) The W.A.B.L. does not accept responsibility for personal debts incurred by any teams, managers, coaches, scorekeepers, executive members, or any other individuals.
- c) The W.A.B.L. does not accept responsibility for any injury to or by an act of the umpires, scorekeepers or any other person at any A.B.L. game or activity.
- d) The W.A.B.L. was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in May 1988.

Section XIII Exhibition Games

- a) All applications for Exhibition Games outside the W.A.B.L. must first receive approval from the President forty-eight (48) hours in advance.
- b) Home Exhibition Games require approval by the President or the Vice President All Star.