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## ERIN MILLS MEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE

### CONSTITUTION – April 2019

#### ARTICLE A: NAME

This organization is known as the Erin Mills Men's Slo-Pitch League (EMMSPL) functioning as an affiliated association with the City of Mississauga.

#### ARTICLE B: PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

1. The purpose of the EMMSPL is to provide amateur slo-pitch on a "league" basis for men Twenty-five (25) years of age and older at the start of the calendar year. New players must live within Mississauga to be eligible to join the League. All new players to the League must present, upon request, a photo-ID to confirm compliance with the age and residency restrictions.
2. EMMSPL will target to have at least 80% of its membership reside within Mississauga.
3. The EMMSPL is intended to provide slo-pitch at a competitive level stressing the "fun" aspect of the game together with developing good sportsmanship and elements of fair play.
4. The EMMSPL is a non-profit organization.
5. In the event that the League disbands, any money held by the League will be evenly divided amongst the following non-profit charities: the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Canadian Cancer Society, The Canadian Diabetes Association, and the Kidney Foundation of Canada.

#### ARTICLE C: AREA OF OPERATION

The EMMSPL is to function as an independent organization but may at any time become affiliated with another association or agency within the City of Mississauga for the purpose of better fulfilling its own functions and objectives.

#### ARTICLE D: EXECUTIVE BODY – Revised 2016

##### ***Executive Body:***

An Executive Body, consisting of a minimum of 5 members, comprising of the following elected officers, will conduct the affairs of the EMMSPL:

- President
- Treasurer
- Directors (min 3) in roles to be determined by the Executive

##### ***Team Representatives:***

In addition to the above, one representative from each team will also sit in on General Meetings.

***Election of the Officers:***

This will take place at the Annual General Meeting and will be by a majority vote of those present. It is preferred that Team Representatives not serve on the League Executive nor a League Executive serve as a Team Representative in the absence of the recognized Team Representative and all exceptions to such shall be at the approval of the remaining members of the executive

***Quorum:***

For the purpose of any General Meetings of the EMMSPL, all Team Representatives must be notified within a reasonable time before the conduction of said meeting. 75% (rounded up) of the Team Representatives must be present to form a quorum to conduct any business. For a motion on the floor to pass, a two-thirds (66.66%) majority vote is required.

A majority of the serving Executive Officers is sufficient to form a quorum for an official Executive Officers' Meeting.

**ARTICLE E: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The President will call the Annual General Meeting before April 30 of the playing season.

**ARTICLE F: DUTIES OF PRESIDENT AND TREASURER**

***President***

The President will act as Chairman at all EMMSPL meetings. The President will act on behalf of the EMMSPL where an immediate decision is required and an Executive Meeting is impossible to convene.

The President will see that all Articles of the EMMSPL Constitution and By-Laws are carried into effect. The President will, with the Treasurer, act as a second signing officer for all EMMSPL financial transactions.

***Treasurer***

The Treasurer will keep full and accurate books of account in which will be recorded all receipts and disbursements of the EMMSPL.

The Treasurer will maintain an account with a Chartered Bank in the name of the EMMSPL through which all receipts and disbursements are to pass. The Treasurer will, with the President, counter-sign all cheques as payment for disbursements.

The Treasurer will prepare a financial statement of receipts and disbursements for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

**ARTICLE G: RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE – Revised 2016**

The League Executive will be charged with interpreting the rules and regulations as set out in the Constitution, By-Laws and Appendixes, past history, or precedent if a new rule is in effect depending on the situation.

The Constitution may only be changed by the Team Representatives (a 66.66% vote is required at a meeting with quorum).

In addition to the League Constitution and By-Laws, the League will be governed by a series of appendixes attached to this document. Each individual appendix will be maintained by a majority vote of a duly called General Meeting (with quorum) of Team Representatives (see Article D, #4 above).

As a guideline, it is expected that issues brought to the Annual General Meeting have been discussed and voted on by the individual teams before the Meeting. The Team Representative represents the direction of the majority of the team he represents. Therefore, he votes on League issues as the majority team would vote. This will ensure that true team representation is present not just the Team Representative's opinion.

## ERIN MILLS MEN'S SLO-PITCH LEAGUE

### BY-LAWS - 2014

#### ARTICLE H: ADMISSION OF NEW PLAYERS

Players are admitted to the EMMSPL at the discretion of the Executive Body whether they are registered as a "protected player" by an individual team or as part of the annual, open draft. If admitted, they will be expected to abide by the provisions of the EMMSPL constitution and League by-laws.

#### ARTICLE I: ENTRY FEES and BONDS – Rev April 2018

Each player in the EMMSPL will be levied an annual entry fee as established by the League Executive from year to year. This fee is payable to the EMMSPL Treasurer on a date set by the League Executive Body and is non-refundable after that date.

Bonds: A team's Forfeit Bond (\$100) is surrendered if a game is forfeited:

- a) Under Rule 7, when if after the 15 min grace period a team does not have 8 players; or
- b) The team is aware prior to the game of the need to forfeit but gives less than 24 hours' notice.

In this case, \$50 is given to the opposing team, and \$50 pays the umpire. Additional forfeits will result in \$100 owing per forfeit

A team with insufficient players will forfeit the game without financial penalty if:

- a) *Notification* is received AND acknowledged by the League more than 24 hours in advance of the game; or
- b) a team drops below the minimum number of players during a game under Rule 7.

League Contact for *Notification* is any Executive Member, and it is the team's responsibility to get an acknowledgement. Do not "leave a message". This notification is irrevocable, as umpires and opponents will be notified as quickly as possible.

Game defaults and forfeits under other provisions of the Rules will not result in financial penalty.

#### ARTICLE J: PLAYER REGISTRATIONS

The League Executive maintains a League Roster of players. The Roster contains Player Name, Team Affiliation, Home Address as well as day (optional) and night-time phone numbers and any additional details necessary to manage the affairs of the EMMSPL. To maintain League membership, a player must pay his annual registration fee **and** be properly recorded on the League Roster. It is the duty of the Team Representative to update the League Roster for all active and Reserve players. The Roster update will be done at the discretion of the League Executive, but will typically be done at the Spring Meeting.

#### ARTICLE K: TEAM ROSTERS – Revised 201

1. A team will carry a roster of from 14 to 18 players.
2. Rosters will be locked on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Any team needing a new play-off eligible player after June 15<sup>th</sup> must approach the Appeals Committee (significant circumstances only).

3. No registered or reserved League member may substitute for any team other than the team he is registered to on the League Roster.
4. All players and subs to be registered at the League website within a reasonable time after playing, but in any case, prior to playing a second game.
5. Attendance: (**affirmed 2019**)
  - a) A player must play in 50% of the games or at the team captain's discretion to maintain membership in the league.
  - b) A player must play in half (50%) of the scheduled games he is eligible to play to qualify for the play-offs. The team captain's discretion will apply. Where an exception occurs (i.e. playing less than 15 games of a 30 game, regular season schedule) the Team Captain must inform the League Executive the intention of not using this player in the Play-offs.

#### **ARTICLE L: SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS – Revised 2019**

If needed to bring the total number of players to ten (10), a team may call substitute players. There is no limit to the number of games a sub may play for a particular team.

The League approved Subs List will be maintained by the Registrar and will include all undrafted players from the evaluation and recruitment process, and any other players identified as useful candidates for the list, including those players identified by team captains etc. Substitute players that only want to play on specific teams shall be noted on the list.

Substitutes can be called upon to play without registration but must be registered after the game in a reasonable time frame but in any case, prior to playing a second game on the field (insurance requirement). --**Rev 2019**

Substitute players: -- **Rev 2019**

- a) conform to age and residency requirements or must be a previously registered member of the League;
- b) May NOT play in play-off games (see article K)
- c) Must be placed at the bottom of the batting order (ahead of late-arriving, League-Registered players); and identified as a substitute. A team will forfeit any game where an ineligible Substitute is listed on the score sheet.

#### **ARTICLE M: RULES – Revised 2016**

1. The official rules of the EMMSPL will be those outlined in the current edition of the Slo Pitch Rules Association as adopted by the Umpire Association that EMMSPL has chosen to work with. In the event that no preference is stated, SLO-PITCH NATIONAL SLO-PITCH RULES shall be the official Rule Book. Where any conflict rises between the rules and by-laws of the EMMSPL and the rules of the **SLO-PITCH NATIONALSLO-PITCH RULES**, the rules and by-laws of the EMMSPL will take precedence.
2. EMMSPL shall maintain list of House Rules (Appendix C) which may only be changed by Team Representatives (a simple majority vote is required at a meeting with quorum) and as needed a simplified rules document to serve as a reminder of rules for umpires and game day reference.

**ARTICLE O: SCHEDULE – Revised 2016**

The League Executive will establish the Schedule of League Games and address such issues as start-times, curfews and game rescheduling all subject to the majority approval of the Team Representatives.

**ARTICLE Q: ERIN MILLS – Alcohol [Also in Game Day Rules]– Revised 2016**

EMMSPL enforces a strict policy that no alcohol may be consumed on the bench or in the stands by any players or the game will be forfeited. Players drinking before the start of a game at the field or coming to the game intoxicated will not be allowed to play. Team captains must enforce this.

Alcohol is not to be present or consumed by game roster players either before or during a game. The umpire will report such contraventions to the League. If observed BEFORE the game, has started, the offending player(s) will not be allowed to play. If during the game in any location, either in or outside the team dugout, the offending player(s) will be ejected from the game AND the game will be declared a forfeit. Note that in the event of a contravention of this rule, registered Team Representatives, as well as the offending player(s), will be subject to a suspension as per the Suspension Guidelines as specified in Article P of the Constitution.

**ARTICLE R: ANNUAL DRAFT - Revised March 2016**

Each team must declare a roster size for the season before the draft begins. Teams will choose in reverse order of league standing from the previous year.

***NEW PLAYER LIST***

Based on Team Registration and Declared Roster size, the Executive will call out, for evaluation, new players who have expressed an interest in joining the League and who comply with the League membership restrictions. To facilitate this process, the Executive will maintain a Wait List of potential candidates and will call out approximately 5 players more than League requirements from this list, in a first-come-first-serve basis, to form the New Player List. New Player List players will be invited to an Evaluation Day. To be eligible for the Draft, a New Player List player must attend and participate in the Evaluation Day. At its discretion, the Executive will maintain this list from season to season to assure that a potential player who is not called out one year maintains a priority position the next.

***RESERVE LIST -- [Removed April 2018]***

***MOVE LIST [Removed April 2018]***

**PROCEDURES**

- 1) A player from the Move List may identify one team (excluding the team he is leaving) for which he does not want to play. Then, all Move List players are added to the New Player List to form the Draft List.
- 2) A player properly selected from the Draft must play only for that team or relinquish his membership in the League.
- 3) If a Move List player is not drafted, he can, at his discretion, be added to the Reserve list for up to 2 years; otherwise, is no longer a registered player of the League.



- 4) The Draft will continue until all players in the Draft have been selected. Once started, a Team cannot skip its turn in the Draft or adjust its declared Roster size to avoid a selection.
  - A) Each Team will declare its Roster Size with consideration for returning Reserve Player(s) from the previous year and will fill its declared roster by participating in the Annual D and/or protecting players subject to the following guidelines based on the team's record in the preceding year: Effective the 2016 season, there is no requirement for teams to use the draft regardless of the record in the previous year. Team participation in the draft is voluntary, however once declared must be followed through.

#### **ARTICLE S: DIVISION FORMAT – Rev May 2017**

There shall be two balanced divisions, known as East and West. Each year divisional alignment will be defined using the following formula:

1. The divisional winners of the regular season (not the play-offs) will remain in their respective divisions.
2. The remaining ten (10) teams are to be listed 1 through 10 based on the regular season standings. Ties are solved by head to head results and then, if necessary, by aggregate runs-for-and against throughout the year.
3. Odd numbered teams (1, 3, 5, 7, and 9) are placed in the East division. Even numbered teams (2, 4, 6, 8, and 10) are placed in the West division.
4. In the event that the first and second place teams overall from the regular season would end up in the same division, teams number 1 and 2 above are swapped so that the second-place overall team is moved to the "other" division.
5. In the event that a team does not return, the entire list is re-ranked based on the finishes of the regular season. Should a division winner not return, the next best overall team from the previous year takes the top spot in the open division and all of the remaining teams are re-ranked as per above

In the event two (2) teams remain tied based on the criteria of head-to-head-games and runs-for-and-against, each will remain in the division they were in the previous year.

#### **ARTICLE T: PLAYOFF FORMAT – Rev May 2017**

##### ***PLAYOFFS:***

6. Each Division plays a 6-team double knockout, with the Winner of the "Winner's Bracket" and the Winner of the "Loser's Brackets" both advancing to the second weekend.
7. The Winner of each "Winner's Bracket" plays the Winner of each "Loser's Bracket" in a Best of 3 series
8. The two Winners play a best 2 of 3 nine (9) inning games.
9. Specific schedule, including dates and venues will be provided by the League in advance of the Play-offs.

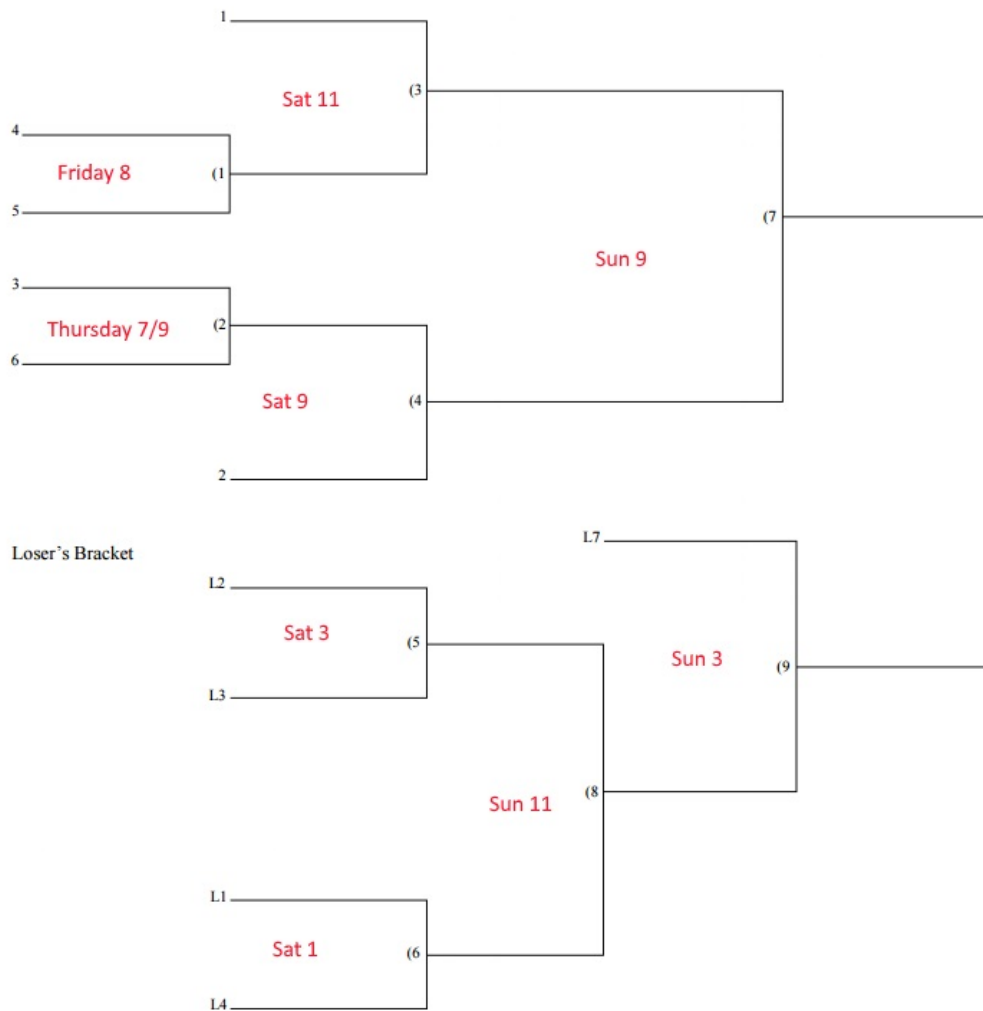


Figure: First Weekend Double Knock-out, Two Teams advance from each Division.

## Appendixes

### Appendix A1 Reserve Fund, Excess-to-Reserve Fund & Excess Re-Distribution

**Purpose:** To document the process by which excess funds are re-distributed back to registered players in the League.

**Proposal:**

1. **Identify** a RESERVE FUND as the amount of money necessary to start the season. It is based on inflation-indexed, prior year actuals and includes:
  - a. City levied user fields;
  - b. Purchased equipment (bases and balls);
  - c. Purchased liability insurance;
  - d. Pre-Season expenses such as costs for League meetings;
  - e. Plus ANY anticipated, start-of-season, exceptional expenditures. For example, it is understood that User Fees for 2014 will be increased 25% so the 2014 Reserve Fund would include 25% of the 2013 user fees;
  
2. **Identify** an EXCESS-TO-RESERVE FUND, based on the year-end bank balance (once all current year bills have been paid), calculated as the amount of money in excess of the Reserve Fund. An excess of less than \$1,000 will be returned to the Reserve Fund.

Subject to the majority vote of the League Reps, monies in the Excess-to-Reserve Fund will either be rolled into the Reserve Fund or redistributed to teams registered in the League at the start of the following year. If so directed by a League vote, redistribution is governed by the following:

- a. Only teams that are registered in the league share in any redistribution.
  - A team that doesn't return for the next year does not share in any redistribution (see below)
  - Players that don't register to return the next year also do not share in any redistribution.
  
- b. From a logistics perspective, no money is sent directly to any players. Redistribution is done via a credit to each team to be applied against that team's league fees for the coming season. The one exception to this is in the case where a player goes on the move list, SHOWS UP AT THE DRAFT READY TO PAY, but is not drafted. In this case, the league will send a cheque for his individual share of the redistribution amount.

- This will mean that each team is free to decide what to do with the redistributed funds, and the league doesn't have to worry about giving money directly to individual players.
3. **Redistribution** of the Excess-to-Reserve Fund (in the form of a credit to the coming season registration fee) will be in 12 equal shares. If a team does not return, that share will be credited to a new team entering the League to assist in exceptional start-up costs. If no team joins, the extra share will revert to the Reserve Fund.

***[Draft Note: remove examples, they only confuse]***

Example (based on incomplete 2013 financials):

(a) \$21,400 2013 Closing Bank Balance

\$ 11,994 2013 Season Start-Up Cost

\$ 1,668 + Anticipated 2014 User Fee Increase

(b) \$ 13,662 2014 **Reserve Fund** (Projected)

\$ 7,788 **Excess-to-Reserve** (a) - (b)

### Appendix B Team Colours

The following are the EMMSPL recognized Team Names and Colours. Names and Colours can only be changed upon formal application to, and approval of EMMSPL. In the event that Team Colours are similar, EMMSPL approval must be granted to change the design of the Tops.

The League must approve team colours.

<b>Team</b>	<b>Top Colour</b>	
Blue Jays	Dark Blue w White	
Cardinals	Grey on Grey	
Brewrens	Blue with Red	
Indians	White/Red	
Cubs	Blue	
Reds	Grey	
Astros	White	
Dodgers	Purple	
Athletics	Yellow / Black	
T-Bats	Dark Blue	
Pirates	Camo	
Giants	Orange	

## Appendix C: Game Day Rules

*[Note to Reader, many of the rules that are duplicated in the SPO handbook have been removed from the EMMSPL rules. Blanks are left so the numbering doesn't change*

### **Official Rules**

- 1) The official Rule Book of the EMMSPL will be the SLO-PITCH ONTARIO SPO HANDBOOK. Where any conflict rises between the rules and by-laws of the EMMSPL and the rules of the SLO-PITCH ONTARIO SPO HANDBOOK, the rules and by-laws of the EMMSPL will take precedence.
- 2) **The legality of bats** is governed by both **ASA/USA** Softball See bats on the ASA website under certified equipment) and USSSA (same) as qualified by any withdrawn bats lists.

### **Game Start, Rainout Curfew, Suspended, Mercy**

- 3) **Scheduled Start** for 7:00pm and 8:45pm weekdays and 9:00am, 10:45am and, if scheduled, 12:30pm on Sundays.
- 4) **Time between games** will be limited to 5 minutes plus necessary additional time to complete the pre-game conference activities.
- 5) **Inclement Weather:** All teams must show up ready to play regardless of the weather conditions. The umpire may delay or cancel the game if, in his sole discretion, the field or prevailing weather conditions present a significant safety risk.
- 6) **Rainouts:** If a game is called due to rain, the following games are also declared rained out.
- 7) **Minimum number of Players:** required to start and complete a game shall be eight (8). A team unable to field eight (8) players at the commencement of a game will be given a fifteen (15) minute grace period to produce sufficient addition players. If, at the end of the grace period, the team is still unable to produce eight (8) players, it will forfeit the game to the opposing team.  
  
If for any reason during the game, (ejection, medical, player departure, or other) a team roster of players at the field falls below 8, the game is considered complete and recorded as a forfeit in favour of the team who can still field a team of 8 players.
- 8) At the start of the game, or at any point in the game, a team has fewer than 9 players, the opposing team will provide a catcher for non-defensive purposes. The substitute catcher will only return pitched balls to the pitcher and will not become involved in any plays after the batter has hit the ball. – **Revised 2016**
- 9) **Game Length:** Unless interrupted by in climate weather or other rule, all games will be at least nine (9) innings. (including all double headers) (unless tied, see Rule 10). **Rev 2019**
- 10) **International Tie-Breaker** is to be utilized starting in the tenth inning. Starts with 1 out and the last batter to complete an at bat of the previous inning on 2<sup>nd</sup> base. (Until Curfew) **Rev 2019**
- 11) **Curfew:** No new inning will start 100 minutes after the scheduled start of a game Additionally, there is to be a hard stop of 11pm on weekdays and 1pm Sundays if there is another permitted group waiting to take the field.

- 12) ***Mercy Rule:*** will be invoked and the game will be considered complete if there is a 20 run differential on/after 7 or later complete innings. Innings are capped at 7 runs per inning, with the exception of the 8th and 9<sup>th</sup> innings if played, or any inning starting after 85 minutes. If an over the fence home run is hit, with runners those runners will NOT count towards the score, and if applicable, the home run does NOT count towards the home run total. – ***Revised 2018***

Note that a team can choose to quit playing and leave the field at any time. In this event, the game will be considered as completed. The remaining team is declared as the winner. If the remaining team is leading at the time the game concluded, then the score will stand. If, however, the remaining team is losing at the time game concluded, the score would be recorded as 7-1 in favour of the remaining team.

- 13) ***Regular Season:*** At least 5 innings (4½ Innings if Home Team is winning) must be completed in order to constitute an official game or the game is recorded as “not played” and may, at the discretion of the scheduler, be made up if the schedule allows. If a game remains tied at its conclusion (i.e. park permit curfew or inclement weather), and game is official then the game is recorded as a tie. – ***Revised 2019***
- 14) ***Forfeiting/Cancelling of Game, Field Use & Umpires Role.*** If a game is forfeited for any reason, the umpires will leave the field and the field is available for exhibition play or practice and belongs first to the non-forfeiting team, then to the forfeiting team, then to any other team or player in the league that claims the space
- 15) Teams are responsible for the conduct of their fans. If a fan is deemed to be unruly or disruptive to the game, the game official is to request that the responsible team control or its fan. The game will be forfeit upon failure to do so.
- 16) ***Play-offs:*** Complete nine (9) inning games will be played for all play-off games, except that all Mercy Rules apply. Incomplete games will be suspended, to be completed from that point at the next available game slot regardless of published schedule. -- ***Rev 2019***

If a game is tied after 9 complete innings, it will be continued until a winner is declared. As per regular season, See rule 10 for International Tie Breaker rule.

#### ***Players, Eligibility, Uniforms, Batting Order,***

- 17) Batting Orders are given to the umpire and opposing team, prior to the game on standard roster forms (see website). All changes must be formally announced to the umpire. A player who has not batted may be moved to the bottom of the order without penalty. Players leaving before the end of the game, or a player listed in the order that is not present, may be deleted without penalty. Once deleted, the player is not eligible to play. Line-up cards to show First Initial, Last Name and Number for all players. Improper line-up cards result in team being assessed one out at start of game (no batters lose at-bat). Line-up cards must be fixed. --***Rev 2019.***
- 18) Substitute players must be identified as a substitute on the game roster presented to the umpire at the start of the game. Substitute players will bat at the bottom of the batting order (ahead of late-arriving, League-Registered players) and after of out-of-uniform players as per Rule 23
- 19) Late arriving players are eligible to enter the game *upon arrival*. They are to be formally announced to the umpire upon arrival and added to the bottom of the order and given reasonable time to dress and warm-up; otherwise they will become ineligible to play.

- 20) After July 1<sup>st</sup>, out-of-uniform, registered players must bat AFTER uniformed-registered players and BEFORE spares. Uniforms are defined as: uniform tops with exposed numbers that correlate with the score sheet. Jackets and Sweaters are permitted. Caps, if worn, they must be proper baseball caps, worn in traditional form. No metal spikes will be allowed. Umpires are to impose this rule without the need for formal appeal. A player may (re)join the game when he is in proper uniform. – **Revised 2017**

### ***Field and Equipment***

- 21) The Home Team in each game must supply two (2) game balls; one (1) new, one (1) in good shape to the umpire at the start of each game.
- 22) The Home Team is responsible for setting up the diamond, in consultation with the Umpire,
- a) 1st & 3rd bases are 65 feet from home plate;
  - b) the pitching mound is 50 ft from home plate;
  - c) the Commit line is 20 ft from home plate
  - d) a safe line at home.
  - e) The Strike Zone is a two by three foot MAT (WOODEN BOARD), placed on home plate.
  - f) Double (orange and white) bag at first base.

### ***Playing Rules***

- 23) Disputes regarding scoring must be resolved at the end of the half inning in question. It is the team's responsibility to verify the score at the end of each half inning.
- 24) The starting pitcher and any new pitcher will be allowed enough time for five (5) warm-up pitches. After that, all warm-up pitches will be limited to one (1) pitch per inning. After the first inning no infield/outfield warm-up balls are allowed.
- 25) Any player not present, when due at bat, will be declared out.
- 26) A pitched ball must be over six (6) feet high. Maximum arch is twelve (12) feet.
- 27) A batted ball that hits Home Plate or Matt will be called a foul ball.
- 28) *Intentionally left blank (Rev 2019)*
- 29) *Intentionally left blank (Rev 2019)*
- 30) **Home Run Rule All Parks:** Teams may only hit a maximum "+5" natural home runs (i.e. hit over the fence) relative to their opponents. After reaching the limit, every subsequent natural home run hit by that team will be considered a single, until the opponent hits at least one more natural home run. On-base players will be allowed 1 base. -- **Rev 2019**
- 31) *Intentionally left blank (Rev 2019)* however EMMSPL strongly advises that no jewellery be worn in play



- 32) **Lead-offs:** No anticipation steps shall be allowed. Base runners shall only leave a base when the Batter has made contact with the ball. **PENALTY:** The Base runner (only one) shall be called out and NO PITCH will be declared for the Batter.....
- 33) A maximum of seven (7) Courtesy Runners may be used per game. The courtesy runner may be any player. Should a runner be required for an injury after the team allotment of seven, the injured player will come out of the game and the courtesy runner will be the last player "out". If the pinch runner is due to bat, either an out must be recorded or another pinch runner must be used. -- **Revised 2016**
- 34) *Intentionally left blank (Rev 2019)*
- 35) *Intentionally left blank (Rev 2019)*
- 36) *Intentionally left blank (Rev 2019)*

#### **Protests**

- 37) Any protest must be made to the plate umpire at the time of the infraction and before play resumes. Decisions involving the umpire's judgement are not open to protest

#### **Alcohol**

- 38) Alcohol is not to be present or consumed by game roster players either before or during a game. The umpire will report such contraventions to the League. If observed BEFORE the game, has started, the offending player(s) will not be allowed to play. If during the game in any location, either in or outside the team dugout, the offending player(s) will be ejected from the game AND the game will be declared a forfeit. Note that in the event of a contravention of this rule, registered Team Representatives, as well as the offending player(s), will be subject to a suspension as per the Suspension Guidelines as specified in Article P of the Constitution.

#### **Ejections And Suspensions**

- 39) All ejection will be reported through the official game sheet.

The Executive will use the following as guidelines for dealing with ejections within the same year:

- a) 1<sup>st</sup> Ejection (Profanity/Non egregious cause only) balance of game and no suspension
- b) 1<sup>st</sup> Ejection (2<sup>nd</sup> for Profanity or 1<sup>st</sup> otherwise) minimum of 2 consecutive games (including play-offs);
- c) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ejection - minimum of 5 consecutive games (including play-offs);
- d) 3<sup>rd</sup> Ejection - a LIFETIME disqualification from the league;
- e) Fighting - a minimum 2 consecutive games suspension. The league executive will convene and decide on further discipline at its discretion.

Consecutive Game Suspensions assigned at the end (including Playoffs) of one season, will be served at the start of the next season.

At the discretion of the Executive, the player is suspended until:

- a) Both team captains submit a report;

- b) An umpire submits a report if deemed necessary; and
- c) A League Executive Meeting is convened to discuss the ejection and to decide on a course of action.

Ejected players must leave the field and park immediately. If an ejection results in a team fielding less than eight (8) players during a game, the game is a forfeit. There is no appeal for ejection based on judgement calls.

If an ejection results in an automatic suspension, then the suspension is in force immediately. Suspended players must stay away from the park during suspended games. Should a suspended player show-up at the park, the game official will request the appropriate team captain to request the player leave the park. Failure of the suspended player to do so will result in a game default.

A player with a 2nd balance-of-game ejections, or 1<sup>st</sup> General Ejection (or more) will be subject to an automatic and immediate minimum 2-game suspension so the offending player is to stay away until the League Executive is consulted.

**Revised/Clarified 2018.** "Not Played Games" do not count towards suspensions.

### ***Captains Responsibilities***

- a) Prepare 2 game rosters (i.e. batting order) on forms supplied by the League (see EMMSPL Game Roster Form). A simple slip of paper is not acceptable. Sub(s) to be highlighted with an "\*" so that it is obvious that each is not a regular roster player) to the Umpire at the pre-game conference. Note that Subs are listed last but will be before late arriving players;
- b) Include the jersey number and the League-registered name for all regular players. Nicknames or abbreviations, etc. are not acceptable;
- c) Announce all roster changes (i.e. late arriving or early departing players) to the Umpire;
- d) All players and subs to be registered at the League website within a reasonable time after playing, but in any case, prior to playing a second game. Rosters are locked June 15<sup>th</sup>.  
**(Revised 2019)**
- e) Keeps score, announcing to the umpire at the end of each half inning the score as recorded.
- f) Is responsible for the conduct of fans. Team will default the game if, upon request of the game official, decorum is not restored.
- g) (Winning Team) Retrieve umpire-initialled score sheet and keep with team records until the end of the season in case the League needs to review the game results.
- h) (Winning Team) Submit the game result via EMMSPL Game Report within by the following Wednesday. Note that, if a Game Result is not reported by the following Wednesday, the result will be filed as a TIE. NOTE: If the game ends in a tie OR is rained out, the onus is on the HOME TEAM to report the game result.
- i) Captain of the home team is to contact the captain of the home team from the follow-on game; captain of the visiting team is to contact the captain of visiting team of the follow-on game. See website for Captains List.
- j) Team Captains need to be aware to consult with the umpire for the consequence of an ejection and advise the offending player accordingly. All ejections will be reported to the League. Balance-of-game ejections will not carry a subsequent 2-game suspension at the discretion of the umpire. This decision will be made based on the egregious and persistent nature of the action.

Suspensions where applicable are automatic, and subsequent games are default if a suspended player is in line-up. Team Captains are to advise the offending player to stay away until the League Executive is consulted

Ejected players must leave the park immediately and suspended players must not show up at the park as a spectator while serving their suspension.

- k) Advise League Executive in the event of a known forfeit. See Forfeit Bond Rules for specifics. It is Team Captains' responsibility to get confirmation from Executive. A blind email is not enough. **[24hrs Notice and response, per Forfeit Rule]**

### ***Umps Responsibilities***

in addition to the usual game responsibilities:

- a. Receive and verify that the game rosters are filled out correctly. If the roster is not completed as required, delay the start of the game until the roster is completed correctly with no adjustment to the game curfew time;
- b. Ensure each team has a copy of the other team's roster;
- c. Keep track on the forms supplied and announce to both teams any changes (e.g. new players, departing players, ejected players) as the changes arise;
- d. Keep track and announce the score upon request. Settles any disagreement with the announced score. Note that:
  - I. In the event that the umpire's score differs from both of the team kept scores, the **Home Team** score will be deemed as correct;
  - II. Once a new half-inning has started (i.e. after first pitch to a batter in the new half-inning) the score, as announced after the previous half-inning is considered correct and no longer open for discussion.
- e. Keep track of courtesy runners;
- f. Initial and give to the winning team the score sheet containing the final game score;
- g. In the event of an ejection (balance-of-game or otherwise), provide to the League an ejection report at jcorbett72@gmail.com and rboult@suncor.com.
- h. Must not engage fans directly on matters of decorum. Rather, will engage the captain of the aligned team and, if decorum is not restored in a reasonable time, will default the game to the non-offending team. If it is not evident who the fan aligns with, the efforts of both teams should be requested.
- i. Announce any forfeit and leave field.

**Appendix D: CONSTITUTION CHANGE TABLE**

This log documents changes to the Constitution. For major (non-operational) decision of the League, refer to the Decision Log below

Date	Description
March '99	Article B 1 – Set residency guidelines Article B 5 – To establish guidelines if the League dissolves Article D 4 – To establish Team Colours New Player List – To define <i>Try-out vs. Evaluation</i> guidelines Reserve List – To allow 2 years on the Reserve List
February 2000	Article B 1 – Require Photo-ID to affirm League age & residency compliance Article D 4 – Document Mud Hens & Diamondbacks name & Team colour selection; Article E – Change Substitute game limits and require Photo-ID; Article F 2c – To all late arriving, Registered players join a game without penalty; Article J 6 – To remove reference to the 15 foot Commit Line; Article K, Annual Draft Reserve List – to reflect that a <i>Reserve List</i> player plays as a “Substitute”; Article K, Annual Draft, Procedures 6 – To define the order of Protect/Draft to fill-out a Team Roster. As well, to remove the special status of Team Roster positions 15 and 16;
February 2001	Article J 8 – To add the usage of the International Tie-Breaker process to games in the Play-offs
March 2001	Article D 2 (added): Team Roster –to define Injured Reserve List; Article D 5 : Update Blue Jays Top Colour; Article F 2 d: Updated to reflect that Players require a top of a uniform colour with exposed numbers; Article J 7 b (added): Injured Reserve List and play-off Eligibility
March 2002	By-Laws F.2.c updated to require late arriving players to enter the game immediately or become ineligible to play; By-Laws F 2 j updated to remove restriction on who is to used as a pinch runner. Article also updated to allow pinch runners, beyond the 5 courtesy runners, in an injury situation.
March 2002	By-Laws F 2 d: Updated to harden uniform requirements to require uniform tops (i.e. not simply of the same colour)
February 2003	<i>Scorekeepers</i> Article E, F.2.c, Article F.2.c.1, Article I, updated to address the League decision to not have scorekeepers
February 2003	<i>Injured Reserve</i> Article D.2(now deleted), J.7.b (now deleted) updated to reflect the League decision to eliminate the <i>Injured Reserve List</i>
February 2003	<i>Mercy Rule</i> : Article F.2.i, Article H updated to reflect the League decision to redefine the existing mercy rule.
February 2003	<i>Usage of Catcher from Opposing Team</i> : Article H Rule changed to provide a catcher from the opposing team if a team has 8 or 9 players.
February 2004	<i>Mercy Rule</i> : Article F.2.i, Article H updated to reflect the League decision to exclude <i>Rule</i> from the play-offs.
December 2004	<i>Game Deferral Article Q.5</i> Article removed by League vote 12/14/2004.
March 2005	<i>Uniform Colours – Article K.4</i> updated to reflect change in Pirates uniform

Date	Description
March 2005	<i>Article O – Games</i> updated to change length of games when one team is playing more than 1 game in a day.
Apr 2007	<i>Article M – Rules</i> Mercy Rule to be invoked if a team is ahead by 25+ runs after 5 or 15+ runs after 7 complete innings.
Feb 2008	<i>Article M 2.n</i> – updated rule obligating a team to be responsible for their own fans under pain of default
Feb 2008	<i>Article P – Ejections</i> -- Suspended players are not allowed to be present for games during their suspension. Consequence for attending a game under suspension is default of game. Onus to manage the player resides with the team captain.
Feb 2008	<i>Article P – Ejections</i> – updated to recognize a 1 <sup>st</sup> ejection for profanity or a non-egregious act resulting in no suspension.
Feb 2008	<i>Article B – Purpose and Objective</i> – Update to reflect the League entry age of 25
Feb 2008	<i>Article M – Rules</i> Mercy Rule to be invoked if a team is ahead by 25+ runs after 5 or 15+ runs after 7 complete innings.
Mar 2009	<i>Article Procedures</i> Draft schedule updated so teams finishing under .500 can fill out roster with protected players. Teams finishing .500 and above can protect 2 players then must draft a player
Mar 2010	<i>Article M – Rules</i> Slo-Pitch National rules recognised as the rules of play for the League.
Mar 2011	<i>ARTICLE M: RULES 2.i</i> Mercy rule moved from the constitution.
Mar 2014	<b>Added Appendix A1</b> Reserve Fund, Excess-to-Reserve Fund & Excess Re-Distribution. Appendix added by unanimous decision of the League
April 2016	Administrative: <i>Article D:</i> Changed Make up of Executive to 5 officers minimum, President, Secretary/Treasurer and Minimum 3 Directors with portfolios to be assigned.  <i>Article D and G:</i> Quorum defined as 75% of teams.  <i>Article G:</i> Appendices established that require only simple majority of meeting with quorum
April 2016	<i>Article Q:</i> Alcohol rule formally adopted.
April 2016	Bylaws: <i>Article K:</i> Team Colours moved to Appendix  <i>Article L:</i> Previously registered players, playing as subs are grandfathered for residency purposes.  Reorganization of Rules.... <i>Articles K-4 M, N, O, P and Q</i> moved to Appendix C: Game Day Rules, with some exceptions.  <i>Article R:</i> Requirement to draft is eliminated, Draft is now a service for those teams needing players.
April 2017	<i>Article S</i> Divisions Changed to East and West, some clarifications of division alignment to ensure top 2 teams do not end up in same division.

Date	Description
May 2017	<i>Article T</i> Playoff Format Changes, first weekend to 6 team Double knock-out, teams 1 and 2 get a bye thru to Saturday. Two teams from each division advance and cross-over in a 2 of 3 for Semi Finals. Finals are winners of Semi's in 2 of 3.

**Appendix E: Decision Log**

(Under Construction)

The following log records major decisions made by the Executive Body and/or the General Body of the EMMSPL. The purpose of the log is to document these decisions, and *not* to reflect these decisions in the league constitution. Routine operational decisions may not be logged. Updating of the constitution remains a separate process.

Date	Situation	Decision
08/99	Braves requested that a named player be added to their roster so as to ensure they could field a team for the rest of the season and during the play-offs	By majority vote of the General Body, Braves can add the player during the play-off as the 8th player so as not to forfeit a play-off game.
08/99	Braves requested that the named player be exempted from 3-game substitute limit so as to reduce the likelihood of having to forfeit a regular season game.	By direction of the President, the player may play the additional games.
04/99	Several players across the League cannot play due to injuries. This raises the concern as to how to proceed with the draft.	By majority vote of the General Body, a player may be registered with the League as an <i>Injured Reserved</i> (IR) player. An IR: Does not count against the 14-16 man Team Roster; Is not liable to pay league fees while on the IR list; Subject to the 16-man team roster and upon explicit approval of the League Executive, can rejoin the team at any time by paying a pro-rated annual fee;
04/99	Indians requested an exemption to League Residency rules to protect a non-resident, former League member.	Exemption granted by majority vote of the General Body
12/98	Executive Body requested that the League Substitute rules be amended to allow a Substitute play as the 11th player during a game.	Motion defeated by majority vote of the League Body. Existing rule reinforced that, subject to the approval of the opposing captain, a Substitute may play as the 11th player. ( <i>Constitution revised to reinforce this position</i> )
12/98	Lions requested that the League Reserve List limit be increased from 1 year to 2, thereby providing more flexibility to Reserve List players.	By majority vote of the General Body, the Reserve List Limit was extended from 1 year to 2. ( <i>Constitution Updated</i> )
12/98	League traditionally only calls out to the League Evaluation the number of Draft players required to fill the League Roster and commits that each and every on called-out will have a spot in the League.	By majority vote of the General Body, additional players will be called out to the Evaluation and the League will advise all Draftees non-drafted players will not come into League Membership. ( <i>Constitution Updated</i> )
08/98	Indians tabled a concern that the Executive Body exceeded its authority by allowing a	By majority vote of the General Body, the decision of the Executive was reversed and

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	Reserve List player be reinstated on the Lions Team Roster	the identified player was removed from the Lion's Team Roster and replaced on the Reserve List.
7/98	Lions advised Executive Body that its Protected pick would not join the team and requested options to be pursued..	Executive Body gave exemption to the Lions to allow a Reserve List player to return to the Team Roster for the balance of the Season
4/98	Based on Team registration and a declared limit of 14 players, the Reds are to Draft 2 and Protect 1. Reds advised the League Body that a player, who had be registered as a Reserve List Player for the coming Season would be re-instated to the Team Roster and therefore, the Reds would not require the 2nd Draft Pick allocated to them.	By majority vote of the General Body, the Reds must honour their requirement of 2 Draft players. The Reserve List Player may join the team as the 15th player on the Team Roster
2/2000	Require process to verify compliance to League age and residency requirements.	By 2/3rd majority vote of the League, update Constitution to require presentation of Photo-ID for all Registered and substitute players.
2/2000	<i>Tigers Name Change to Mud Hens</i>	Acknowledge and document new team name and record colours as Red/Blue/White.
2/2000	Substitute Players: Standardize the number of games a Substitute and Reserve List player can play to 5 games/team to a maximum of 10 League games. Also, to allow substitute players in the play-offs only to bring a team to 8 players	By 2/3rd majority vote of the League, update Constitution to reflect the 5 & 10 game limits and the use of substitutes in play-offs.
2/2000	Require process to verify compliance to League age requirements. Need to verify name of Substitute to commence the logging of participation process.	By 2/3rd majority vote of the League, update Constitution to require presentation of a photo-ID prior to play.
2/2000	Late Arriving Players: To allow late arriving players to join a game in progress without penalty.	By 2/3rd majority vote of the League, update Constitution to allow late arriving, League-registered players to join a game in progress without penalty.
2/2000	Commit Line: Wish to revert to the SPO/SPN standard of 20 feet.	By 2/3rd majority vote of the League, update Constitution to remove reference to a 15 foot commit line and thereby revert to SPO/SPN standards..
2/2000	Draft Order: To change the draft process to allow a team to alternate <i>Protecting</i> and <i>Drafting</i> players to fill out their roster. Also to eliminate the special restrictions to roster position numbers 15 and 16.	By 2/3rd majority vote of the League, update Constitution to reflect the agreed-to process to fill out the Team Roster..
5/2000	Status of Subs vs. Late-Arriving Players	By majority vote, after first pitch of a game sub(s) still on the game roster, present and playing may remain even if late arriving players increase the number of players above 10.



Date	Situation	Decision
6/2000	Constitution currently does not reflect curfew.	Curfew: No new inning will commence 90 minutes after first pitch of the game. It is <i>not</i> based on scheduled start of the game.
6/2000	Pirates uniform colours defined	Update Team Colour table
7/2000	Indians requested a game result to be changed due to a scoring error identified well after the game was concluded	The score, including any possible scoring errors, was deemed accepted once play continued. In this case, once the Indians left the field.
8/2000	A game was "called" by the umpire for unsafe conditions after the sprinklers came on and could not be turned off.	The Executive concluded that this was no different that a game called due to inclement weather or a City-Imposed curfew. The game became "official" once 5 complete innings had been played (4.5 innings if the home side was ahead when the game was called) as per the official rules of baseball.
9/2000	Player ejected for un-sportsmanlike conduct after a post-game discussion. A 2-game suspension as per the Constitution was assessed. The player requested a League Meeting to gain an exemption from the League Rule.	The motion was posed and distributed by email and defeated. <i>Consideration:</i> Without explicit direction to the contrary, the Executive considered that the umpire was "in control" from the moment he arrived at the park until he left;
9/2000	Scorekeeper harassment	Background (Steve Patton): The scorekeeper was viewed as an official the same as the umpire. Since the scorekeeper does not have the power to eject a player as an umpire does, any complaint from the scorekeeper involving a player disputing a judgment call by the scorekeeper is communicated to the league executive who ejected the player on behalf of the scorekeeper after both sides of the story were heard. The league executive therefore becomes the umpire in this dispute and applied the 1st ejection as used by umpires for un-sportsmanlike conduct to an official. Note also that slow pitch Ontario rules that un-sportsmanlike conduct penalty is 30 calendar days from date of ruling.
2/2001	After July 1st, all registered players must wear a team jersey of a uniform colour with exposed numbers. A player cannot play until he complies.	Passed by a two-thirds vote of the AGM (2/20/01)
3/2001	Injured Reserve List: A player who cannot start the Season due to an injury can be placed and remain on the <i>Injured Reserve List</i> until he is fit to play. He can return to the active roster upon application to the League Executive and payment of a prorated Registration fee at which time his	Adjustment to how players are registered and counted against the Team Roster was made at the beginning of the 2000 Schedule. Update to the Constitution was made to cover this off.

Date	Situation	Decision
	Team must extend their Roster to accommodate him.	
5/2001	<i>Residency Requirement</i> – Diamondbacks requested the League to waive the residency restriction so that a non-Mississauga resident who was the son of registered player could be protected and thereby play with his father.	By majority email vote, the League granted a one-time exception to the restriction so that the father and son could play on the same team.
8/2001	The Braves requested a one-time exemption to the League Draft Rules to 'protect' 2nd player instead of drafting for the 2nd player. They extended their roster size to 15 to be able to be able to field a team. They'd protected 1 player during the Draft in the Spring; thus, under the Constitution, the 2nd player should come from the Wait List. The Braves are seeking an exemption due to the lateness in the season. The player they wish to add has played as a sub with the team. and thus will fit in readily	By majority email vote, the League granted a one-time exception to the restriction so that the Braves could continue to field a team.
3/2002	<i>Residency Requirement</i> – Reds requested the League to waive the residency restriction so that a non-Mississauga resident who was a long time team member could rejoin the team as a protected player	By majority vote, the League granted a one-time exception to the restriction so that the non-resident player could join the team.
3/2002	<i>Late Arriving Player Rule:</i> Discussion surrounding whether a registered player who was at the park but not in the game, could join the game at some point	By majority vote, the League directed that a late-arriving player must enter the game (i.e. name on the score sheet) upon arriving at the park or become ineligible for play.
3/2002	<i>Courtesy Runners:</i> Discussion pertaining to determining who could run as a courtesy runner. Pervious criteria became confusing. Also, discussion what should happen if a team had used its courtesy runner limit and an injury occurred	By majority vote, the League decided that anyone could be used as a courtesy runner. Also, if a 6th (or subsequent) runner becomes necessary due to an injury, the last recorded "out" is to be used and the injured player must come out of the game.
5/2002	<i>Injured Player Withdrew Requesting his Registration Money back:</i> A registered (i.e. paying) League player could not play due to injury and requested his money back citing irreparable differences with his team.	Executive decision: Since the number of games played was minimal (< 3), the request was denied with the registration money being applied to the 2003 season
5/2002	<i>Team Replacing a Withdrawn Player:</i> Registered Player withdrew from the beginning of the season. The Constitution (Article D.3) provides "the first player from the waiting list". The team (Braves) requested an exemption to replace the withdrawing player by a protected pick.	By majority vote of the Team representatives, the Braves were granted a one-time exemption to replace the lost player via a protected pick;

Date	Situation	Decision
7/2002	<i>Team Increasing Roster After Start of Season:</i> Blue Jays, wanting to extend their roster to, requested a one-time exemption to add a <u>protected</u> pick since the replacement would be their 1st selection in the 2002 season.	By majority negative vote of the Team representatives, the Blue Jays were not allowed to add a player in this manner.
7/2002	<i>Team Replacing Players:</i> White Sox lost 3 players after the start of the season: 2 from season-ending injury and one whose League fees bounced. The Team requested a one-time exemption to project a player and an exemption to add a non-resident player.	By majority vote of the Team representatives, the Sox were allowed to add a non-resident player.
8/2002	<i>Reinstatement of a Player from the Injured Reserve:</i> The Indians tabled a request of the Executive that a player from the injured reserve be reinstated and be eligible for the playoffs in keeping with the provisions of the Constitution.	The Executive ruled that the returning player would be eligible for the playoffs if he was reinstated and registered before the end of the regular season
02/2003	<i>Huron Park:</i> A discussion pertaining to the viability of Huron Park for League Play.	By 66.6% League vote, directed the Executive to locate a larger field to replace Huron Park. If unable to do so, to provide a series of options to make play at Huron Park more conducive to League Play.
02/2003	<i>Cash Awards vs Trophies</i> A discussion pertaining to providing cash awards for Divisional & League Championship awards	By majority vote, directed Executive to continue with cash awards.
02/2003	<i>All-Star Game:</i> A discussion considering the viability of the All Star game as a routine League event	By majority vote, directed Executive to discontinue the All Star game as a routine League event..
02/2003	<i>Infield/Outfield Balls:</i> In an effort to speed up games on the larger field, propose that after the 1 <sup>st</sup> inning, there would be no warm-up balls and play would commence after a single warm-up pitch.	By 66.6% League vote, agreed to eliminate infield/outfield warm-up balls and to limit the pitcher warm-up to 1 pitch except in the 1 <sup>st</sup> inning or a new pitcher. <b>NOTE</b> <i>this rule is not entrenched in the Constitution. No update was deemed necessary..</i>
02/2003	<i>Start Times:</i> The schedule for Sunday games would be rolled back by 30 minutes so that games would be scheduled for 8:30am, 10:15am and 11:45am	By 66.6% League vote, agreed to move the Sunday schedule forward by 30 minutes. <b>NOTE</b> <i>this guideline is not entrenched in the Constitution. No update was deemed necessary..</i>
02/2003	<i>Game Deferral:</i> Discussion to limit the number of games a team could defer and with recognition that a team could be scheduled to play a double header (i.e. a regularly scheduled game plus a make-up game) Also included a discussion of lead time to defer the game,	By 66.6% League vote, agreed to allow each team to defer 1, and only 1, scheduled date to a League assigned alternate date. Further, notice to the League of the deferral must be made 1 week in advance of the identified date. <b>Note:</b> This is how the current Constitution reads. No Constitution change is required.
02/2003	<i>Scorekeepers:</i> Discussion pertaining to getting rid of the League Statistician and	By 66.6% League vote, agreed to eliminate scorekeepers, League Statistician and

Date	Situation	Decision
	scorekeepers. Consideration included related processes (e.g. recognition of substitutes); impact on budget, League awards, etc.	League awards that are based on statistics.
02/2003	<i>Injured Reserve:</i> Discussion pertaining to the ongoing problems and associated benefits of maintaining an Injured Reserve status for League Players.	By 66.6% League vote, agreed to eliminate the <i>Injured Reserve List</i> from the Constitution and all associated League membership processes.
02/2003	<i>Mercy Rule:</i> Discussion pertaining to impacts of a non-optional Mercy Rule;	By 66.6% League vote, agreed to terminate and consider complete game any time after 7 <sup>th</sup> complete innings when 1 team has a lead of 20 or more runs.
02/2003	<i>Opposing Team Catcher:</i> Consideration of the benefits for the provision of a Catcher when a team has 9 players.	By 66.6% League vote, agreed to require a team to provide a catcher whenever the opposing team has 9 or less players for the sole purpose of returning a pitched ball to the pitcher.
02/2003	<i>Lions Motion:</i> With consideration to making the team more competitive, the Lions requested a one-time exemption from participating in the League Draft in 2003, there by allowing 2 protected picks instead of 1 x protected and 1 x draft.	By 66.6% League vote, agreed to provide the Lions a 1-time exemption from the League draft in 2003 and allow it to protect 2 players.
4/2003	<i>Residency Rule:</i> In an effort to increase the base from which the League can draw and with consideration that to remain affiliated with the City, discussion was held how we could draw players from outside Mississauga and remain compliant with the City limit of <20% of the registered Players.	By League vote the Giants (2), Braves (2) and Lions (1) were granted a one-time exemption to protect non-Mississauga residents..
6/2003	<i>Home Run Rule in Smaller Parks:</i> A motion was tabled to reduce the impact of a home hit in a small park.	By majority vote, the League rejected the motion; therefore, home runs hit in a small park are the same as home runs hit in the larger park.
2/2004	<i>Mercy Rule:</i> A motion to exclude Mercy Rule from Play-offs	By 2/3rd majority vote of the League, update Constitution to exclude the Mercy Rule from the Play-offs
2/2004	<i>League Residency:</i> A motion to establish target percentage of League players resident within Mississauga	By majority League vote, the target residency will be 90% based on the League Roster of the previous year. Once residency exceeds 90%, the League will consider and establish a process to facilitate non-resident players.
2/2004	<i>Executive Empowerment:</i> the empowerment of the League Executive to make these decisions on its own. Decision making to be based on 3 criteria: Initially, the Constitution. Failing specific detail in the Constitution, by precedence; and failing this, based on an understanding and consistent application of the principals and	By majority League vote, the Executive is empowered.

Date	Situation	Decision
	values of the League. At the end of the year, at the AGM, each incident would be discussed and ratified.	
2/2004	<i>Team Representative on the Executive:</i> Contrary to Article D, Section 3 Election of the Officers, a one-time exemption was requested so that the Team Representative of the Cardinals could continue his role on the League Executive.	By 2/3 <sup>rd</sup> League vote, and subject that the Representative abstain from the decision making process when it directly involves the Cardinal team, the motion was passed
4/2004	<i>Request to assign Bill Kennedy &amp; Tim Harris</i> from the Lions' Roster to the Indians' roster;	Request granted by majority vote of teams represented at the meeting.
4/2004	<i>Request to assign Wayne Field</i> from the Lions' roster to the Cardinals' roster	Request granted by majority vote of teams represented at the meeting.
4/2004	<i>Due to League Requirement</i> for new players for both draft and protected picks and the relatively small number of requests to go on the wait list, a motion was tabled to amend the Draft : Protected Pick ratio ( <i>one-time-only</i> ) from 1 : 1 to 1 : 2	Motion passed by 2/3 <sup>rd</sup> of the teams represented at the meeting.
4/2004	<i>Team Awards.</i> Due the lost revenue caused by the Braves not registering a team in the League for the coming season, a motion was tabled to forgo division winning and Championship series running-up cash awards.	Request granted by majority vote of teams represented at the meeting.
5/2004	<i>Reserve List Management:</i> Upon formal request a registered White Sox was moved to the Team Reserve List with paid fees to be applied to the 2005 season.	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 03/08/05 League Meeting
5/2004	<i>Pro-Rated Registration Fee:</i> Fees for players added to Team roster after the start of the season set at a per-game fee pro-rated fee	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 03/08/05 League Meeting
5/2004	<i>One Game Deferral:</i> Executive re-establish the notice period for a game deferral to 3 days and granted a deferral upon 4 day notice. Subsequently, a 24-hour request for deferral was declined citing the re-established 72-hour (3-day) notice period.  Due to the objections raised caused by the Executive decision to decline the 24-hour deferral request, the Executive reversed its decision to establish the 3-day notice period and reverted to the 7-day period as provided by the Constitution.	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 03/08/05 League Meeting
5/2004	<i>Non-Wait List Players added as Protected players:</i> Exception granted to fill out teams by protected players instead of from the	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 03/08/05 League Meeting

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	Wait List as Constitution requires. Process necessitated due to lack of players on the Wait List.	
5/2004	<i>Non-Residency Exemption:</i> Exemption granted for several protected players due to lack of players on the Wait List. Added players did not compromise the League's 80% residency target;	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 03/08/05 League Meeting
6/2004	<i>BSUA Single Game Surcharge:</i> Accepted non-contracted surcharge by BSUA to handle a single game	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 03/08/05 League Meeting
7/2004	<i>Roster Update:</i> Extended final date to augment team roster from game 5. No final date (or game) target established.	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 03/08/05 League Meeting
7/2004	<i>BUSA Services:</i> Redefined BSUA service definition by eliminating age and residency verification requirement. No change to per game fee.	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 03/08/05 League Meeting
8/2004	<i>Injured Reserve Management:</i> A registered player on the "long-term" IR (so that the 2004 fees would be applied to 2005) returned to the team roster by paying the <i>Pro-Rated Registration Fee</i> .	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 03/08/05 League Meeting
12/2004	League Age Restriction Entry age reduced to 25 for the 2005 Season only.	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 12/14/04 League Meeting
12/2004	<i>Protected vs Drafted Players:</i> Teams can protect an unlimited number of players with drafting players until March 1, 2005	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 12/14/04 League Meeting  End date extended to March 31 at League Meeting 3/8/2005
12/2004	<i>Game Curfew:</i> No new inning can start after 90 minutes from the scheduled start of the game	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 12/14/04 League Meeting
3/2005	<i>Fee Refund:</i> Upon formal application from a registered 2004 League player citing a severe medical condition that prevented him from playing in 2004 or 2005, the registration fees were reimbursed in full. (Constitution and prior practise hold that fees are non-refundable.)	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at 03/08/05 League Meeting
5/2005	<i>Mid-Season Roster Addition:</i> Request by Mud Hens to add a Protected player to the roster after the start of the season to address possible player shortages due to injuries.	Citing Constitutional coverage and several precedences, the Executive decided to decline the request. It was noted that none of the injured players were lost for the balance of the season or were 2005 Protected players. Further, the League Wait list is not empty.
6/2005	<i>Mid-Season Roster Addition:</i> W'Sox request to add a mid-season addition to the roster to replace a retiring player	As per Constitutional provisions, a player was added from the existing League Draft/Wait List.

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6/2005	<i>Mid-Season Roster Addition:</i> Cardinal request to add a mid-season Protected pick player to the roster to replace a 2005 Protected Pick who can no longer play due to work commitments.	As per current practise, a mid-season protected pick to replace a current year Protected pick was allowed
2/2006	<i>Scorekeeping-</i> Team captains will report game results electronically if umpires will not do so	Subsequent negotiation with umpires, game officials will report game results along with ejection game reports
2/2006	<i>Subs –</i> Captains will use on-line player registration to register subs. Captains responsible for confirming residency and age restrictions	
2/2006	<i>Article L (a)</i> Age waiver to 25 years from 30 years	Reduce entry age to attract sufficient players to fill League vacancies
4/2007	<i>Article L (a)</i> Age waiver to 25 years from 30 years	Reduce entry age to attract sufficient players to fill League vacancies. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year
4/2007	Players who have not paid registration fees are ineligible to play	
3/2008	<i>League Age Restriction</i> Entry age reduced to 25	Decision approved by majority vote of teams present at March 2008 League Meeting
3/2008	<i>Mercy Rule:</i> A motion to exclude Mercy Rule from Play-offs	Playoff mercy rule to be the same as the regular season
3/20/2008	<i>Article L (a)</i> Age waiver to 25 years from 30 years	Reduce entry age to attract sufficient players to fill League vacancies. – 3 <sup>rd</sup> year
04/2008	<i>Residency Exemption:</i> Request by Indians to allow the son of one of the long-time players join the team – issue being that son lives outside Mississauga	In the absence of a pending League meeting, Executive decision to grant the exemption since the protected player was the son of a long-standing and long-serving player.
11/2008	Executive Decisions – Several individuals – Jim Dunlop of the Blue Jays & John Stygall of the Lions – to come off the reserve list after a number of roster players had left the team in mid season. The decision to reschedule a game (Syndicate & Mud Hens) that had originally been forfeited due to the weather (the entire day was lost due to rain). Forfeit by a team (Syndicate) to another team – White Sox during the playoffs – using non roster (ineligible) players.	Decision <i>Approved</i> by League during Fall Meeting
11/2008	<i>Syndicate League Status:</i> The Syndicate used “illegal” players on their roster and forfeited a play-off game to play a tournament.	Decision by the League to remove the Syndicate from the League for: 1) use of illegal players; and 2) demonstrated priority of the team to tournaments and not the League particularly during the League playoffs;
11/2009	<i>Usage of Membership List:</i> A request tabled to share the League membership list	Decision of the League to not use or share the League membership list for purposes

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	for the purpose of advertising a personal business	other than material League business,
03/2010	<i>Draft/Protected</i> Player schedule for completing team roster at the start of the year	Decision by the League to base the schedule on the performance of the team in the previous year. All team with a record below .500 in the previous year may fill out it s roster with protected players. The other teams can protect 2 players and draft 1 player, continuing the 2 protected and 1 draft player until its roster is complete. The PROCEDURES section was updated to reflect this decision.
03/2010	<i>Umpiring Association</i> Discussion with BSUA regarding renewal of services contract for 2010. BSUA pushed for an increase of services fees and a reduction in services to be performed. Executive located a recommended contracting with SPN who are prepared to provide additional services at a cheaper service fee.	Decision of League to contract for Umpiring Services with SPN.
03/2010	Ruling slo-pitch rules	Decision by League to engage an umpiring association that is aligned with <i>Slo-Pitch National</i> . Accordingly, the rules of <i>Slo-Pitch National</i> are recognized as the rules of play except for those defiled as league house rules. ARTICLE M: RULES is updated to reflect this decision.
03/2010	Home Run Rule (Streetsville only) Due the small dimensions at Streetsville consideration and decision proposed to limit the number of home runs at Streetsville.	Decision by the League to set a team-limit of 5 home runs over the fence) for the Streetsville field. Subsequent balls hit over the fence will be limited to a single. Runners can advance one base only.
03/2011	Decorum Rule	Extended discussion regarding the decorum rule ( <i>Rules 2.d</i> ) since, as currently posed, the rule is generally not exercised. The decision by League to not remove or change the uniform decorum rule section <i>Rules 2.d</i> .
03/2010	Clarification – Balance of Game	All ejections are to be reported. Those of a persistent or egregious nature in the mind of the umpire will be subject to the prescribed 2-game suspension. Those of a less severe and not prolonged nature will not, at the umpire’s sole discretion, include a 2-game suspension. This decision can be changed by the Executive based on additional information
03/2011	Mercy Rule	By decision of the League, the Mercy Rule (ARTICLE M: RULES 2.i) is removed from the Constitution.



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03/2011	Draft Exemptions: <b>Brewers</b> requested to protect additional players as the identified players would not play for another team if they went through the draft; <b>Indians</b> requested to protect an additional player as the team's premier player would likely be unavailable to complete the current season or play in the play-offs;	By decision of the League: <b>Brewers</b> exemption request accepted; <b>Indians</b> exemption request rejected;
02/213	Bond for Game Forfeits Teams who forfeit games due to lack of players cost the League as umpires are paid whether a game is played or not	By decision of the League: Each team will post a \$100 bond; refundable at the end of the season if there was no forfeit without notice If a team does forfeit more than 1 game and it's bond, it will be the team's responsibility to reimburse the league for that monetary amount. If the team does not, it will NOT be eligible for the playoffs (team is now in financial arrears) Team must notify league executive(s) 24 HOURS in advance of request NOT to play a game \$100 bond is shared: \$50 to the League for umpire expenses; and, \$50 to the other team to compensate for inconvenience.
02/2014	Excess League Funds League has excess funds due to a City reversal on user fees that resulted in the League increasing membership fees then having excess when the user fees were reduced. <b>Longhorns</b> have left the League but have threatened legal action to recover their portion of any redistribution of the excess funds	By decision of the League: A League subcommittee will be created to recommend how the League should handle excess funds; The executive is authorized to set aside \$400 for the Longhorns' share of the redistribution; Caution that the executive should deal with the individual registered players of the Longhorns instead of a single team representative;
3/2014	Excess League Funds Subcommittee tendered for ratification a proposal for the identification, reporting and distribution of excess League funds.	By League decision: The proposal was accepted as presented.
6/2014	Exemptions to Decorum Rule	The following teams granted exemptions to the Decorum Rule for the balance of the 2014 season: Rangers, Thunderbats, Tigers, Diamondbacks
<b>2015</b>	<b>Needs Research</b>	
March 2016	Two New Teams Join	Pirates, and Giants. Welcome.

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March 2016	Roster Size	Rosters allowed to move up to 18 for one year, (reaffirmed in 2017)
Aug 2016	Roster Exemptions	League Approved: Reds and Brewers to add 1 additional player if required to make 10 on field for playoffs.
Nov 2016	Player suspensions coming out of 2016 Playoffs	Mike DeCosta – Standard 2 game suspension Kyle Acker, -- Actions ruled in excess of standard, 5 game suspension.
Mar 2017	Team Changes	Tigers now known as Cardinals, Colours Grey Remaining Brewers merged with former Mudhens to become the Brewhens. Wearing former Mudhens colours, dark blue with red.
	<i>Rule 1, Official Rule Book</i>	SLO-PITCH ONTARIO SPO HANDBOOK 2j:
	<i>Rule #33 Pinch Runners</i>	5 pinch runners changed to 7
	<i>Rule #8 Providing a Catcher</i>	Catcher provided for teams with UNDER 9 players. (rather than 8)
Mar 2017	<i>Rule 13 – Game Suspension Rule.</i>	Game Suspension rule modified to indicate games may not be made up.
Mar 2017	<i>Rule 12 – Mercy Rule.</i>	Mercy Rule Modified - -7 Run Per Inning cap added, except 8 <sup>th</sup> and 0 <sup>th</sup> innings if played
Mar 2017	<i>Rule 20 – Uniform Rule.</i>	Uniform Rules modified to allow Sweaters and Jackets. Caps modified to any baseball (ie regardless of colour) worn properly.
April 2017	Player Registration Exemptions	1) Indians request an Exemption to the Residency Rule so a friend of a team-mate can join the team. (9 votes, 7-2 for carried)  2) T-Bats request an Exemption to Residency Rule so a friend of a team-mate can join the team. (9 votes, 7-2 for carried)  3) Giants request an exemption to the Age Rule so a Son (24 we think but maybe 23) can play with a father on the team. (9 votes, 9-0 for, carried)  4) Reds request an exemption so a friend can join team. (9 votes, 7-2 for, carried)
April 2017	Appeals Committee in place for 2017 Members 2 Executive, 3 Captains	Appeals committee to rule on rules exemption requests following Executive

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	The Intent is to reduce the number of appeals granted by circumventing the preference for Team Captains to “be a good guy”, or to “follow the rules” and take the needs of the situation into account. (	interpretation.
April 2017	New Web Service	<a href="http://www.teampages.com">www.teampages.com</a>