

SASKATOON MEN'S BASEBALL LEAGUE

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ARTICLE I: NAME AND OBJECTIVES

A. The name of this organization shall be the SASKATOON MEN'S BASEBALL LEAGUE (SMBL).

B. The objective of this league shall be to provide an opportunity for players to enjoy the game of baseball in a league where sportsmanship and fair play takes priority over competition. If participation is our primary objective, then an opportunity for all team members to play, in a non-abusive atmosphere is a necessity. This league philosophy necessitates that each team manager be accountable for the behaviour of his team, although the league reserves the right to take action to enforce high standards of player conduct if team officials are unwilling or unable to do so.

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS, THEIR ELECTION AND THEIR DUTIES

A. The Board of Directors for the SMBL shall be:

- (1) the Executive, including President
- (2) one voting delegate from each team in good standing.

B. The Executive of the SMBL shall consist of the following:

President and 3 other Executive Members

C. The members of the Board of Directors shall have one vote at all

league meetings. Voting shall be by show of hands unless any member requests a vote by secret ballot, in which case voting shall be by secret ballot.

D. Each team shall have the right to send their executive members to all league meetings. Any of these individual team executive members shall have the right to make or second motions or resolutions. They shall also have the right to participate in all discussions on any motions or resolutions. However, only one team executive member shall have the right to vote on any motions or resolutions.

E. Each team attending a league meeting shall designate to the presiding officer their voting delegate.

F. It shall be the duty of the Executive of the SMBL to carry out the policies as established by the Board of Directors in accordance with the league constitution and bylaws.

G. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be two-thirds (2/3) of its members.

H. The league Executive shall have full power to deal with all matters to ensure that the SMBL is administered according to its constitution and bylaws, and also shall have full power to enforce any decision set forth by the Board.

I. The President shall:

(1) attend and preside at all league meetings. If the President cannot attend, another member of the Executive or a League Administrator can chair the meeting.

(2) ensure that all members of the Executive perform their duties,

(3) enforce Board, Executive and Committee decisions,

(4) preside and be a member of the league protest committee,

(5) preside and be a member of the suspensions and reinstatements committee,

(6) have the same rights as other Board members and vote on all motions or resolutions,

(7) be one of any two required to sign all cheques and ensure that

league funds are used only as directed by the constitution or the

bylaws of the Board, unless he gives approval to the league administrators to carry out.

(8) shall have second or casting vote.

J. The other Executive members shall:

(1) attend all league and executive meetings,

(2) in the absence of the President, perform all duties of the President,

(3) if the office of the President falls vacant, be acting President until a new President is elected,

(4) render assistance to any team or Board member as directed by the Board or Executive,

(5) be a member of the protest committee,

(6) be a member of the suspensions and reinstatements committee,

K. The League Administrator shall:

(1) receive all revenue, fees, performance bonds, and fines, keep a record of each team's payments and deposit promptly all money with a bank or credit union,

(2) record all transactions in a manner acceptable to the Board, in accordance with good accounting practices,

(3) provide a yearly statement of revenue and expenditures,

(4) pay no money unless authorized by the President or the Board,

(5) keep full and accurate account of the proceedings of all league and Executive meetings,

(6) record all motions, with the mover's and seconder's names, in the minute book,

(7) be one of any two required to sign all cheques and ensure that

league funds are used only as directed by the constitution or the bylaws of the Board.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIPS AND FRANCHISES

A. Memberships in the SMBL shall be composed of teams that are acceptable to the Board by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. The teams shall abide and comply with the constitution and bylaws of the SMBL.

B. Any team holding a franchise and not abiding and complying with the constitution of the SMBL or a decision by the Board or the Executive shall be subject to a fine as determined by the Board or automatically forfeit its membership and franchise rights.

C. No club holding a franchise shall move said franchise for any of its scheduled home (or playoff) games without such changes of location granted by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board.

ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS

A. The articles and bylaws of the SMBL are always subordinate to the official rules of baseball as amended by the Canadian Federation of Amateur Baseball (CFAB) and supplied by Baseball Canada. Unless the articles and bylaws are approved by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

B. No amendments shall be made to the SMBL constitution or bylaws except at meetings set forth in Article II(G).

C. All amendments to the SMBL constitution shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board of Directors present.

D. All amendments to the SMBL bylaws shall require a simple majority of the Board of Directors present.

E. League constitution and bylaw amendments and / or additions shall be made only at the semi-annual league meetings.

F. Any amendments to the league constitution and bylaws must be given by written notice one (1) week prior to the league meeting to all Board of Directors.

SMBL BYLAWS

101. ANNUAL FEES

A. Annual fees for each team shall be determined at semi-annual meetings.

B. A \$ 500 deposit shall be paid before first league game.

C. Each team shall pay a \$100 performance bond.

102. REGULAR SEASON GAMES

A. All single games shall start at 6:30pm, or at a time determined by the League Scheduler for weekend games.

B. A team may use a substitute runner which will consist of the last out (except the pitcher) for the catcher after 2 outs and the catcher on base.

C. A team may, choose prior to the game, to enter its entire bench in the batting order, or just to bat 9 fielders.

D. Teams choosing to bat 9 players shall be subject to official rules re: lineups. A designated hitter is allowed. NO UNLIMITED DEFENSIVE SUBSTITUTIONS.

E. Free defensive substitutions are allowed if entire bench bats. However no advantage to the batting order shall be obtained as a result of these substitutions.

F. A minimum of 8 players is required for a team to begin a game. A team playing a game with only 8 players shall have an automatic out recorded each time this team's ninth batter is due up to bat.

G. If a team is ahead by 10 or more runs after five innings (or 4 1/2 if home team is ahead) the game is over. (Regular Season and Playoffs).

H. In the event of a rain-shortened game, the game will be considered complete after 5 innings are played (or 4 1/2 if the home team is ahead).

I. It shall be the responsibility of the league to pay the fees of the umpires for all league and playoff games.

J. All teams shall be responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, and managers.

K. Home team supplies the 3 new baseballs for the game.

L. Ties must be played until a winner is decided or until darkness sets in.

M. If any team wants to postpone a game they must give the other team, league administrator and the President a minimum of one week notice for said changes. If less than one week's notice, the opposing team and the scheduler (President or League Administrator) must agree to the change or it is a default.

N. A lineup card shall be given to the umpire before the start of the game designating whether 9 players or all players on the bench are hitting.

O. Home teams must finish their infield practice ten minutes prior to game time. Visiting teams must finish their infield practice prior to game time. Under no circumstances shall a game be delayed because of infield practice.

P. Any team that cannot field a team at game time shall forfeit the game. With a minimum of 8 players (see F). If player(s) are coming

late, that team must ask the plate umpire to get the other team's permission before the game is started. If they don't get permission from both parties or have not notified each of their intentions, the players are not eligible to play.

103. PLAYOFFS

A. The top 8 teams in each division make the playoffs. The 1st place team will play the lowest place team, the 2nd place team will play the next lowest team, 3rd will play 6th, and 4th will play 5th. Winners advance all series are best-of-three. The schedule maker has the final say on the dates that the games will be played.

B. Should a tie occur among two or more teams at the end of the regular schedule the following shall apply to break the tie:

(1) The team with the most wins.

(2) The team with the most wins in games played amongst the teams involved.

(3) The best runs for and against ratio in games among the teams involved.

(4) By a coin toss.

C. If a tie should occur in a playoff game the game shall be replayed in full.

104. PROTESTS

A. A team wishing to protest the results of a league or playoff game shall forward a letter within twenty-four (24) hours after the game in dispute to the league President. A \$25.00 protest fee shall accompany the letter. If protest is upheld the fee shall be returned.

B. The protest committee shall be comprised of the President and 3 Executive members.

105. SUSPENSION AND RE-INSTATEMENTS

A. The Executive shall be members of the suspensions and re-instatements committee.

B. Any team that violates the league constitution or bylaws, or refuses to abide by a decision of the Board shall be suspended and thereafter subject to fines and / or expulsion from the SMBL. (Failure to comply with a decision of the Board shall result in the forfeiture of the offending team's performance bond and the teams' permanent expulsion from the league).

C. In accordance with league objectives any display of abusive behaviour (verbal or physical) will not be tolerated. Such abuse directed against umpires, opponents, or fans is grounds for immediate ejection from the game. Umpires must report details of any such ejection to a member of the suspensions and re-instatements committee immediately following the completion of the game.

D. Any ejection of a participant from a game results in an automatic 1 game suspension.

The suspensions committee shall have the power to suspend a player, coach, or manager for more than one game.

E. The second time a player is ejected in the same season, he will receive an additional two game suspension. A third ejection in the same season will result in an additional five game suspension. Note: All additional games that a player is suspended are to be served immediately following the game he was ejected from. A fourth ejection will be ruled on by the Board of Directors.

F. Should a player, coach or manager be suspended at or near the end of the regular schedule or during the SMBL playoffs his suspension shall carry over into the next season if there are not enough games in the current year to fulfill his suspension.

G. The suspensions and re-instatement committee may ask the Board of Directors to help in their decision on suspensions.

H. The length of suspension can be appealed to the Board, with a \$25 appeal fee, at the request of the team or player only if the length of suspension is more than one (1) game. Appeal fee shall be returned if appeal is upheld.

I. All fines shall be paid to the league Treasurer.

106. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- A. All players shall be required to compete in six (6) league games with the same team that he is playing with in the playoffs to be eligible for the SMBL playoffs.
- B. SMBL players are to be allowed to play a maximum of 2 games in the SSBL or any other senior league. Any player registered in the SSBL or any other senior league is not allowed to play in the SMBL. This applies only to league play and not provincial playoffs.
- C. Any player that leaves one team to play for another team in the SMBL cannot play for the previous team again in the current year.
- D. A player cannot move to another team when the team the player wants to go to has 10 games or less remaining to play in the regular season. Team receiving player is responsible to let Executive know of player movement.

107. FINES WITHOUT APPEAL

- A. Teams and / or members of the Board of Directors shall be automatically fined without opportunity for appeal in the following instances:
- (1) Failure to field a team by game time without 7 days advance notice will result in a fine of \$300.00.
 - (2) Failure to pay league fees in full before first league game results

in \$75.00 fine + default of game. Fine and unpaid amount due next league game. Failure to pay by 2nd game results in revoking of franchise.

(3) Failure of the home team playing at the Diefenbaker, Stonebridge or Meadowgreen diamonds to put the bases in the green lock box and lock it will result in a \$75.00 fine.

B. Fines will be paid to the league Secretary-Treasurer before the Team's next league or playoff game or within seven (7) days from the date of notification or whichever comes first.

C. Failure to pay fine(s) will result in forfeiture of the next league or playoff game.

D. The amount of the fine(s) shall be set between a minimum of \$25.00 and a maximum of \$150.00, unless otherwise specified, at the discretion of the League executive.

108. STATISTICS

A. Both teams must keep accurate records of scores, rosters, etc. including last names of all players.

B. Winning team is responsible for notifying the www.smb1.ca website administrators by text at 306-280-8647. In the event of a tie, the home team is to text in the results.