

Constitution of The Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League

1. Name

- .1 The name of the organization will be the "Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League" (hereinafter referred to as "the League", or "the SOHL").

2. Intent, Nature and Purpose

- .1 The intent of the League will be to promote and organize the playing of recreational hockey for adults.
- .2 The nature of play in the League will be maintained at a strictly recreational level, with low emphasis on competition between teams, and significant emphasis on the promotion of comradery and good sportsmanship among all players.
- .3 The League will be operated on a nonprofit basis.

3. Membership

- .1 Any person in good standing of any community league is eligible for membership in the League, subject to age restrictions and other criteria as set forth in the Bylaws, and as approved by the Board of Directors.
- .2 Memberships will not exceed a duration of 12 calendar months from the date of registration, will be reviewed annually by the Board, and must be renewed annually by members.
- .3 Memberships in the League by any member may be revoked by the Board of Directors at any time, in accordance with the Bylaws.
- .4 Any person who elects to become a member of the League accepts the terms and conditions of the Constitution of the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League and the Bylaws of the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League.

4. Membership Fees

- .1 Each member duly accepted will be obligated to pay an annual membership fee.
- .2 The amount of the annual membership fee may be amended from year to year, as determined by the Board of Directors.
- .3 Methods of payment of membership dues will be as outlined in the Bylaws.

- .4 Membership fees, once paid, are non-refundable, regardless of circumstance, unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

5. **League Executive, Team Representatives and Board of Directors**

- .1 The business and affairs of the League will be managed by the Board of Directors.
- .2 The Board of Directors will consist of all members of the League Executive, plus one Team Representative (Captain or Assistant Captain) from each team, hereinafter referred to as the Team Representative. (amended February, 2019)
- .3 The League Executive will consist of the following officers, who will be elected to these positions in accordance with the Bylaws:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Past President (for a period of 1 year)(amended February, 2019)
- .4 Each team in the League will be represented by the Team Representative, satisfactory to the balance of members of the Board of Directors. (amended February, 2019)
- .5 A Team Representative may hold a position on the Executive, provided that an additional individual, satisfactory to the balance of the Board of Directors, agrees to act as Team Representative.

6. **Committees**

- .1 Committees may be established by the Board of Directors at any time, as considered appropriate, for the conduct of the current year's business.
- .2 Such Committees will report to the Board of Directors, and will at all times, operate and represent the League in accordance with the terms of this Constitution and the Bylaws of the League.
- .3 The Board of Directors will have the authority to disband any Committee, for any reason as it sees fit, at any time.
- .4 Any member in good standing in the League may occupy a position on a Committee, subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors.

7. **Playing Rules and Regulations**

- .1 Playing rules and regulations as outlined in the Bylaws will be adhered to by all members at all times.
- .2 Amendments to playing rules and regulations will be developed in accordance with the intent, purpose and nature of the League.

8. **Meetings**

- .1 Meetings will be convened and attended by the Board of Directors as required to conduct League business. Such meetings will be known as Regular League Meetings.
- .2 The Board of Directors will conduct Regular League Meetings at least twice per playing season.
- .3 Once per playing season, the Board of Directors will invite the entire League membership to convene at a general meeting, called the Annual General Meeting, where League business as outlined in the Bylaws will be conducted.
- .4 At any time, the Board of Directors, or any member in the League may organize and conduct a general meeting of League members. Such meetings will be known as Special Meetings.
- .5 Any member in good standing will have the opportunity to attend any League meeting.

9. **Quorum for Meetings**

- .1 For the purpose of conducting League business at an Annual General Meeting or any Special Meeting of the general League membership, the following will constitute a quorum:
 - .1 The League President or Vice-President or Past President, plus
 - .2 The League Treasurer or Secretary, plus
 - .3 Two thirds of the number of teams in the League, each represented by one Team Representative,
 - .4 A minimum of fifteen (15) members of the general League membership, who do not hold a position on the Board of Directors.

(amended February, 2019)

- .2 For the purposes of conducting League business at any meeting of the Board of Directors, where such meetings and business are permitted by this Constitution and accompanying Bylaws, the following will constitute a quorum.

- .1 The League President or vice-president or past president, and
- .2 The League Treasurer or Secretary, plus
- .3 Two thirds of the number of teams in the League, each represented by one Team Representative.

(amended April, 2003)

10. **Voting Rights and Privileges**

- .1 Voting rights during Regular Meetings will be limited to the following:
 - .1 Each of the five members of the Executive will have one vote, for a total of five votes.
 - .2 Each Team Representative in the league present at the meeting will each have one vote unless they are acting in a League Executive position and vote in that capacity. Such indication will be provided prior to the vote being taken.
(amended February, 2019)
- .2 Decisions by the Board of Directors at Regular Meetings will be rendered by a simple majority vote of those with voting privileges.
- .3 At any Special Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting, each member in good standing will have one vote.
- .4 Decisions by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting or any Special Meeting will be rendered by a simple majority vote by those with voting privileges.
- .5 In the event of a tie vote at any meeting, the President's vote will be considered the deciding vote.

11. **Adoption and Amendments**

- .1 This edition of the Constitution of the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League and this edition of the Bylaws of the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League may be adopted by the League by a simple majority vote of the general membership in the League, provided that at least two-thirds of the members present have voted. (amended February, 2019)
- .2 Amendments to the Constitution of the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League are permitted provided that at least two thirds of the membership present at a Special Meeting or Annual General Meeting agree to the amendment, and provided that notice of the proposed amendments have been provided to all current League members.
- .3 Amendments to the Bylaws of the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League are permitted by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors during any Regular Meeting, Special

Meeting or Annual General Meeting, provided that all members of the Board of Directors are present.

12. Indemnification

- .1 As a condition of membership and participation in the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League and in consideration of the management and other duties provided by the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League, the Executive thereof and anyone acting upon the behalf and/or instruction of either or both of them, and for good and valuable consideration, all members agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League, the Executive and members thereof, the Southdale Recreation Association and anyone acting upon the instruction and/or behalf of any, several or all of them, and their heirs, executors, assigns, and administrators from and against all liabilities, actions, losses, costs, charges, damages and expenses which may be incurred by the member, or his estate, heirs, executors, assigns and administrators, howsoever caused and more specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, caused by reason of the performance of their duties as members of the Board of Directors, or by virtue of their positions in the League, or in any matter relating thereto.
- .2 All members acknowledge that Oldtimers' hockey carries with it the risk of personal and other injury, acknowledge acceptance of that risk, and forever release the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League, the Executive, Team Captains and Assistant Captains, all members of the League and the Southdale Recreation Association, and/or other persons acting on behalf and/or instruction from any, several or all of them, from liability arising from that risk.

13. Precedence

- .1 The Constitution of the Southdale Oldtimers' Hockey League will take precedence over the Bylaws.