



**CONSTITUTION OF THE
WASAGA BEACH MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
(WBMBA)**

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1.01 – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the “Wasaga Beach Minor Baseball Association.” (Unless the context otherwise requires, hereinafter referred to as the “WBMBA”). The WBMBA is authorized to carry on its business under the name “Wasaga Beach Minor Baseball” or “Wasaga Beach Whitecaps”.

1.02 – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the WBMBA shall be in order of priority.

1. To foster and improve baseball at all levels within Wasaga Beach.
2. To protect and promote the mutual interests of the teams within.

1.03 – MEMBERSHIP

1. Everyone who wishes to play baseball within Wasaga Beach or any other person who cannot find a team within their own town shall be allowed to play in Wasaga Beach based on team roster numbers and availability. This will be handled by the WBMBA executive members only for approval.

1.04 – ELIGIBILITY

1. Players Eligible: To be eligible, all players must qualify in all stipulations set out by the league constitution of which they are playing (O.B.A. or South Simcoe Minor Baseball Association).

1.05 – OFFICERS AND WBMBA MEMBERS

1. The board of directors as set out in the incorporation will oversee all of the WBMBA operations and discretionary authority over its operation.
2. Management of the WBMBA shall be handled by the WBMBA executive members. The members of the executive board shall include:

- President
- Vice-president
- Immediate Past President (if requested by the President)
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Equipment Manager
- Uniform Manager
- Registrar
- Umpire in Chief

Other members to support running of the league (as determined by the President) such as coach liaison, website/social media support, fundraising, sponsorship, etc.

3. The president and vice-president shall be elected annually for a maximum of 3 successive terms. The additional members of the WBMBA executive are appointed by the president and shall be members of the WBMBA executive board.
4. WBMBA executive members shall handle the day-to-day operations of the WBMBA operations.
5. Each member of the WBMBA executive shall have 1 vote at all meetings with the exception of the president, who may vote only in the event of a tie. Annually, at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), all WBMBA executive board members (as listed above) shall be appointed by the WBMBA president, (after the president is elected), with membership term to run from October to October. In the event that there is more than one person nominated for an executive position, a vote will be taken at the AGM meeting to determine the elected executive member.
6. Nomination of Officers:

Any member (as laid out in the incorporation) will have the right to nominate any person for a position on the WBMBA executive. All nominations must be made at the AGM meeting of the WBMBA to be valid.
7. Past Presidents:

Past presidents shall have the right of delegates at all annual meetings and special meetings of the WBMBA, including the right to vote.
8. WBMBA and its incorporation reserve the right to refuse any nominations based on past experience with said individuals.

1.06 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. It shall be the duty of the president to preside at meetings of the WBMBA, as well as attend and represent the WBMBA at SSMBA meetings. The President shall also perform such other duties as are necessary for the proper conduct of the office of president.
2. The vice-president, in the absence of the president, shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the president. The vice president shall also perform such duties as may be assigned to him/her by the president.
3. The immediate past president and all life members shall perform such duties as advisors to the president and shall offer such advice and guidance to the WBMBA executive members as may be requested.
4. The registrar shall be responsible for managing registration; preparing and submitting all team rosters to SSMBA for approval; verifying player age via a valid copy of the player(s) birth certificates and/or health card (as required); and securing insurance for all executive members, coaching staff, players, and umpires through the OBA. The WBMBA registrar shall work in conjunction with the treasurer and secretary in the processing of related documents for WBMBA, SSMBA and OBA.
5. The secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the WBMBA, including agendas and minutes, and provide copies to all executive members within 5 days of the set monthly executive meetings. The secretary will be responsible for all email (and/or written) correspondence that is

required to be sent to all WBMBA players and families, including but not limited to information about picture day, tournaments, special events and all-star games, throughout the season.

6. An operating budget will be prepared and presented by the treasurer at the first meeting of the newly elected executive board members (following the AGM), and a vote will be taken to adopt said budget after discussion of any requested changes. The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed by the WBMBA and provide monthly budget reports at all meetings of the WBMBA. The treasurer will be responsible for authorizing, managing, and processing any and all expenses incurred by executive board members and/or its delegates, in accordance with good accounting principles, including but not limited to the collection and retention of original receipts. A modest discretionary fund (cash) will be retained by the treasurer in an amount agreed at the time of the operating budget approval. Any executive member may request access to and use of these funds. The treasurer provides the Town of Wasaga Beach a copy of all required accounting documentation as requested. The treasurer is one of two executive board members who have signing authority for cheques written against the WBMBA bank account. The second signatory will be determined at the AGM following election of the new executive committee each year, and both parties (and the outgoing signatories) must make the necessary administrative changes at the financial institution as required, within 30 days of election.
7. The equipment manager will be responsible for the overall management and maintenance of all equipment owned by WBMBA. At the end of each season a full inventory reconciliation of all equipment will be conducted by the equipment manager and verified by a second executive committee member. The inventory report will be presented at the first executive committee meeting of the newly elected executive board members (after the AGM), with discussion and agreement on equipment needs for the upcoming season. After agreement from the executive committee on required equipment, the equipment manager will be responsible for ordering, pickup, and distribution of all new equipment purchased for an upcoming season. At the start of the new season the equipment manager will distribute equipment to the team coaches. At the end of the season the equipment manager will arrange for pickup of all equipment from coaches.
8. The uniform manager will be responsible for the overall management and maintenance of all uniforms owned by WBMBA. At the end of each season a full inventory reconciliation of all uniforms will be conducted by the uniform manager and verified by a second executive committee member. The uniform manager will be responsible for ordering, pickup, and distribution of all uniforms purchased for an upcoming season. At the start of the new season the uniform manager will distribute uniforms to the team coaches, managers, or uniform managers. At the end of the season the uniform manager will arrange for pickup of all uniforms from coaches, managers, or uniform managers.
9. The umpire in chief shall be responsible for ensuring all umpires to be employed by WBMBA have attended the appropriate umpire clinic for certification; scheduling of umpires for all home games and any hosted tournaments in Wasaga Beach for all divisions; and for representing the umpires to the WBMBA. The umpire in chief will also be responsible for paying all WBMBA umpires using funds provided by the treasurer. The umpire in chief is responsible for confirming / approving all umpires to be employed by WBMBA, annually.
10. All appointed members of the WBMBA executive shall perform any additional duties as assigned to them by the president and as outlined by the incorporation, and may perform duties of other WBMBA members if necessary and appropriate as agreed by the executive committee.

1.07-MEETINGS

1. The Annual General Meeting of the WB MBA shall be considered the first meeting after the awards ceremony in September of that year, and shall be held no later than November 17. The new executive shall be elected at that time, and dates and locations for future meetings will be determined.
2. Special Meetings - The president may call a special meeting of the WB MBA ("Special Meeting") at any time, if deemed required by the president, or at the request of any member requesting this of its executive.

1.08-AMENDMENTS

1. An amendment to the WB MBA constitution may only be made prior to the AGM each year, and must be submitted in writing and approved by 2/3 of the votes cast in respect of such amendments in order to carry. Amendments passed and carried shall become effective at the conclusion of the meeting at which they are passed.
2. At any meeting prior to the AGM, the WB MBA executive members may propose a resolution for an experiment that differs from the WB MBA constitution. This experiment may be put into effect as an experiment for no more than 1 season. In order to be adopted, the resolution must be approved by 2/3 of the votes, cast in respect of the resolution and would be subject to annual review by the WB MBA executive members. Any references in the constitution that are contrary to the experiment are suspended while the experiment is in progress. Once the time period for the experiment has expired, matter of the experiment, the resolution shall be of no further force and effect and the suspension of any references in the WB MBA constitution rules shall be removed.
3. Rules of Order of a Meeting or Special Meeting:

The following are the regulations or the government of the WB MBA during the time of business, and the business shall be disposed of in the following order:

- a) No Motion shall be received unless properly moved and seconded. Said motion shall not be open for discussion until so stated by the presiding officer.
- b) Except for motions requiring a special majority pursuant to the WB MBA constitutions, all motions shall be decided by a majority of votes cast.
- c) No delegate shall speak twice on the same motion without the permission of the chair, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.
- d) In speaking, a delegate shall respectfully address the chair and shall confine his/her remarks to the motion under debate. The delegate shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order. Non-delegates may be permitted to speak at the discretion of the chair.
- e) No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to the amendment.
- f) When a motion is under debate, no motion shall be entertained except to lay on the table or amend and these motions shall take precedence in the order named.

- g) An amendment, which entirely changes the subject of the original motion, shall not be entertained as an amendment or substituted for the motion under debate.
- h) After the motion has been stated by the presiding officer it becomes the property of the WBMBA but may be withdrawn at any time prior to amendment, unless objected to by a delegate.
- i) There shall be no debate upon any question after the presiding officer has put it.
- j) When a vote is called, it shall be taken by each delegate holding up his/her hand. The presiding officer shall declare the vote on all questions, and should his/her declaration be disputed, he/she may require the delegates voting “Yea” and “Nay” to rise and stand until the number voting for the affirmative and the negative be counted by him/her.

1.09-GENERAL

1. All Officers, members of the WBMBA executive (or employees thereof), and coaches appointed may be financially reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses pertaining to WBMBA Business. All out-of-pocket expenses must first be estimated and pre-approved in writing by the treasurer. If the treasurer anticipates out-of-pocket expenses for him/herself, he/she must have them pre-approved by another executive committee member. Receipts or copies of statements must be provided to the WBMBA treasurer within 4 weeks of expenditure, or no reimbursement will be made.
2. The WBMBA constitution is intended as a general guide and cannot specifically cover each situation that may arise. Therefore, the president, in regular or special meetings, with a quorum of the WBMBA executive members, will have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of his/her judgment with regard to any specific case, circumstance or matter pertaining to any and all clauses contained herein. Their decision shall be final.
3. The WBMBA constitution shall be reviewed annually by the WBMBA executive.

1.10-APPEAL PROCEDURE

1. Any decision made by the WBMBA must be appealed in writing to the president (to wasagabeachbaseball@gmail.com) within 14 days of the decision being delivered.
2. When the president receives an appeal in writing, the president shall review the appeal and determine whether, at the president’s discretion, the appeal either (i) presents new information not available or presented which made the decision appealed from or (ii) represents an important and compelling matter which justifies the holding of an appeal. Where the president determines that either (i) or (ii) applies, the president shall name a committee of at least 3 members from the WBMBA executive who shall hear the appeal. The decision of such sub-committee shall be final.
3. The president shall establish the time and place for the appeal hearing. The hearing must be held within 7 days of receiving the written appeal. The 7 days shall begin the day following the receipt of the written appeal. The appellant must be present in person at the hearing. Failure to appear will result in a default decision and no further appeal shall be allowed.

1.11-FEES

1. The WBMBA executive shall decide player registration fees annually.
2. Umpire wages will be consistent with the fees set out by the SSMBA annually. The executive committee will decide the frequency of umpire payment. The frequency of pay, once decided, will only be considered for revision upon formal request by the umpire in chief. Each case will be decided by the umpire in chief. All payments will be given to the umpire in chief to give to the league umpires, with payment method to be determined by the WBMBA executive each season.

1.12-COACHES

1. WBMBA coaches and assistant coaches are to identify their interest in coaching via the registration form or in email to wasagabeachbaseball@gmail.com. All coaches and assistant coaches will be required to fulfill all obligations for training and police screening as outlined by the SSMBA. The WBMBA will cover the costs of required training for coaches and assistant coaches, and may cover the cost of additional training upon request.
2. All coaches must attend a SSMBA coach's mandatory scheduling meeting with SSMBA executives prior to the commencement of the season. The goal of this meeting is to develop the playing schedule for all centres within SSMBA; to ensure coaches and assistant coaches understand the expectation of their role as it is governed by the SSMBA; and to document contact information for all coaches and teams within SSMBA and review procedures for canceling and/or re-scheduling any games.

1.13-FINANCIAL CLAIMS

All official receipts for financial claims must be submitted to the WBMBA Treasurer within 4 weeks of expenditure. All claims submitted will have been pre-approved by the WBMBA executive in writing, otherwise they will not be considered for remuneration.

1.14-SUSPENSION AND EXPULSIONS

1. Any member of the WBMBA violating the WBMBA constitution or refusing to abide by the decisions of the WBMBA executive members or its committee(s) may be expelled or suspended.
2. Teams, officers or players may be suspended by the WBMBA executive for knowingly:
 - a) Permitting betting or improper conduct by players or officers at WBMBA games.
 - b) Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any WBMBA game or being interested in any pool or wager thereon.
 - c) Having on its list of signed players any disqualified players.
 - d) Permitting officers to conduct business against the best interests of baseball.
3. Any team or players which plays under an assumed name shall be suspended from the WBMBA and any coach or manager knowingly permitting a player to play under an assumed name shall be suspended from the WBMBA, subject to appeal.

4. Any player found guilty of playing over the age limit permitted in the series in which he/she is participating shall automatically be suspended along with the coach or assistant coach of the team.
5. Any team found guilty of playing a player over the age limit permitted in the series in which the team is participating, shall automatically be suspended along with the coach or assistant coach of the team.
6. Any manager or coach using an O.B.A. or otherwise ineligible player shall be automatically suspended indefinitely, subject to appeal.
7. Any player, coach or manager making physical contact with an umpire will be immediately suspended indefinitely, subject to appeal.
8. Any Umpire making physical contact with a player, coach or conducting him/herself in an unprofessional manner shall be subject to indefinite suspension from further WBMBA s, subject to an appeal to the WBMBA and its executives.

1.15-TOURNAMENTS

Each year, the WBMBA executive members will submit for discussion and approval the tournaments WBMBA may wish to host within the SSMBA and outside upon approval from the SSMBA. Prior to the season starting, SSMBA will host monthly meetings, each centre interested in hosting any tournaments on the behalf of SSMBA, are to present their centres interest in doing so to SSMBA. SSMBA will have the final decision as to which centre will play host to any SSMBA sponsored tournaments.

1.16-AWARDS

The WBMBA will present participation awards to all registered players in all divisions at the awards ceremonies held at the end of the season. Coaches will determine and provide to WBMBA, one player on their teams for each of the Most Valuable Player, Most Sportsmanlike Player and the Most Improved Player. WBMBA will furnish additional trophies/medals for these recognized players. All sponsorships, donations, coaching staff, volunteers and executive members, should be also recognized at the awards ceremony.

1.17-INSURANCE

The WBMBA is required to obtain insurance for all registered players (as listed on team rosters), umpires, coaching staff, and executive members each season, as required by SSMBA. Individuals not confirmed as being insured through WBMBA are not permitted on the baseball diamonds during practices or games, and the WBMBA will not be held liable for any injury or circumstance resulting from non-compliance. WBMBA Treasurer will pay the OBA directly for insurance coverage prior to the commencement of play or practices each season. Proof of insurance must be sent to SSMBA prior to the date identified in their rules. For the purpose of insurance coverage only, the WBMBA sanctions all usual baseball activities including games, practices, tournaments, and executive activities conducted by WBMBA.

1.18 BOND HOURS:

Bond hours are to be determined annually by the WBMBA executive. The WBMBA executive committee reserves the right to release any parent/family from any incomplete bond hours at their sole discretion.

1.19 PLAYING RULES:

The WBMBA will follow the rules of the SSMBA for all exhibition, regular season, and playoff games and tournaments.

APPENDIX B

PAST PRESIDENTS:

1995 - DON HICKLING

1996 - RICHARD NATHIER

1997 - MARTY HICKS

1998-1999 - ROB MACLEAN

2000-2001 - FRED CAISSIE

2002-2003 - NEIL CONNOLLY

2003-2004 - HAROLD ORTON

2005-2009 - DAVID ARBON

2010-2011 - ROBIN PARSONS

2011-2013 - SEAN MURPHY

2013-2014 - TOM MAGYA

BRIGHTY RISK

BOB POZZEBON

2019-2020 - MIKE MOORE

2021-2024 - MELANIE SLADE MORRISON