

CONSTITUTION OF THE WINNIPEG RINGETTE LEAGUE

I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the “WINNIPEG RINGETTE LEAGUE” and/or as the “WRL”.

II. DEFINITIONS

In this constitution and related By-laws:

- A. “League” means the Winnipeg Ringette League.
- B. “Local Associations” means the ringette associations formed by communities (by community centres, recreation organizations, geographic proximities, or otherwise) and as approved by Ringette Manitoba.
- C. “Ringette” means the sport of ringette in all age groups from U10 up to and including Open.
- D. “Council” means the representative, operational and decision-making body of the Winnipeg Ringette League, as defined by the By-Laws.

III. OBJECTS

The objects of this League are:

- A. To operate a ringette league in Winnipeg and surrounding area and rural Manitoba.
- B. To facilitate and administer organized gameplay of ringette within various age categories and loops.
- C. To endeavour to ensure that teams are afforded the opportunity to participate in game play that is competitive and comparable to their overall calibre of play.
- D. To strive to provide a rewarding and enriching experience and to impart and uphold principles of respect in sport to those participating in the sport of ringette.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The Winnipeg Ringette League exists to carry out its objects for and in the interest of its members, which Members include: Local Associations (as defined in subparagraph B. and who represent teams, bench staff and players from their Local Associations), Ringette Manitoba and their officials.
- B. Local Association members of the league are:
 - BoniVital Ringette Association
 - Eastman Ringette Association
 - Interlake Ringette Association
 - Macdonald Ringette Association
 - North West Ringette Association
 - Portage Ringette Association
 - River East Ringette Association
 - Southwest Winnipeg Ringette Association

- o St. James Ringette Association
- o Transcona Ringette Association

Local Associations are subject to change, in accordance with the rules and procedures of Ringette Manitoba.

V. STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL

- A. The affairs and operations of the league shall be managed by an Executive. Members of the Executive shall be elected in accordance with the By-Laws.
- B. The actions of the Executive shall be directed and ratified by a council. Council members shall be determined (through election or appointment) in accordance with the By-Laws, along with their roles, duties and voting privileges defined therein.
- C. The league shall be a member of Ringette Manitoba.
- D. The league shall operate ringette gameplay as provided by and in accordance with the By-laws, rules and regulations, and as approved by Ringette Manitoba.

VI. MEETINGS

A. Annual General Meeting

There shall be an annual general meeting (AGM) of the members of the league at a date determined by the Council but shall be no later than June 15th of each year. The date of the AGM shall be announced no later than 60 days prior to the AGM. Any proposed amendments, reports, minutes or notices of motion to be considered at the AGM shall be filed no less than 45 days prior to the AGM. A package of meeting materials which includes all proposed amendments and notices of motion shall be distributed to members and Council no less than 21 days prior to the AGM.

B. Special Meeting

A special meeting of the league may be called at the discretion of the President or Vice-President. The President or Vice-President shall call such a meeting on the request of a majority of the Executive or Council or at the written request of at least 12 Council members.

C. Executive Meetings

The President or Vice-President may call a meeting of the Executive, on at least three (3) days notice to the Executive. The President may invite other member(s) of Council or guest(s) to an Executive meeting or portion thereof.

D. Council Meetings

There shall be a meeting of the Council, as follows:

- i) At least six times during the fiscal year of each ringette season; and

- ii) Upon at least seven (7) days notice to Council members by the President or Vice-President.

E. Email Voting for Operational Decisions

At the discretion of the President, Council members may vote on an administrative decision via email given the following procedures. Changes to policy and procedure may not be considered via email and must be brought to a regular council meeting.

- i) Item(s) for consideration must be communicated by email to council membership by the President or their delegate.
- ii) The items for consideration will be presented in the email and opened for discussion. There will be a minimum discussion window of six hours. All discussion shall take place via email.
- iii) At the conclusion of the discussion window, the President or their delegate will present the final item(s) for consideration (as it may contain amendments) and open the item(s) for voting.
- iv) Members will be asked to reply to the email with either “Yes”, “No” or “Abstain”. A time will be set for the close of the voting period.
- v) If a member fails to participate in the voting period, that member’s vote shall be recorded as an abstention.

F. Robert's Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail at all meetings of the League except if they conflict with the Constitution and/or By-Laws.

VII. QUORUM

- A. The quorum for the annual meeting shall be two-thirds of eligible voters, as permitted in the By-laws.
- B. The quorum for all other meetings shall be no less than 51% of eligible voting Council members.

VIII. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended at the annual general meeting of the league by a vote of no less than two-thirds majority of the eligible voters present, which includes members Council and any other persons that are granted voting privileges in accordance with the By-laws, and who vote in favor of the constitutional amendment.

All proposed amendments to this constitution must be submitted by a member of Council, in writing, no later than 45 days prior to the annual general meeting.

IX. POLICY AND PROCEDURE

A. Consistency

WRL shall ensure that its rules, policies and procedures are consistent with all Ringette Manitoba and Ringette Canada rules and policies. If a conflict should arise between WRL and Ringette Manitoba or Ringette Canada rules, policies or procedures, WRL shall call a special meeting to remedy said conflict. If determined appropriate by Council, and if WRL receives the written consent of Ringette Manitoba, a conflict in rules, policies or procedures may continue.

B. Council may establish and modify rules, policy and procedures in order to fulfil the objects of the league. Failure to comply with league rules, policy and/or procedures may result in remedial, disciplinary or other action or measures as contemplated in the policies, rules, and By-laws.

C. Amendment of Policy and Procedures

WRL rules, policy and procedures may be amended by a majority of Council members present at any Council meeting.

X. BY-LAWS OF THE LEAGUE

A. By-laws outlining Council structure, responsibilities and authorities shall be in place for the League.

B. These By-laws may be amended by a favourable vote of no less than two-thirds majority of eligible voters present at any AGM or special meeting, upon 21 days notice being given to Members.

XI. DISSOLUTION

It is specifically provided that in the event of dissolution or windup of the league, all remaining assets, after payment of its liabilities, shall be distributed among the remaining local associations, or, in the absence of any, shall be forwarded to the governing body of ringette in Manitoba. The manner in which the remaining assets, if any, are to be distributed, is to be decided by the Executive.

XII. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Treasurer shall file a financial report for review at the annual general meeting. Following the annual general meeting, the financial report shall be submitted to Ringette Manitoba for review. Ringette Manitoba may request a review of any or all financial documents or records relating to the financial report.

XIII. DUES

A. Each team registered in the Winnipeg Ringette League shall pay an annual membership in the form of team registration fees. Said registration fee amounts and schedule of payment shall be set by the Council each year and ratified at the annual general meeting.

B. All funds raised or earned by the league shall be utilized for the operation of the league and in carrying out the League's objectives as outlined in Section III.

XIV. INSURANCE

All registered players and bench staff shall be properly registered with Ringette Manitoba and adequately insured. WRL shall, at all times, maintain in force such Directors and Officers liability insurance.