



Constitution of

INNISFIL MINOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
IMBA

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Article 1. Mission Statement

- (a) To promote and encourage children of all ages in Innisfil (and surrounding area) to play , learn and be involved in minor league baseball.
- (b) To advocate teamwork, cooperation and fair play.
- (c) To provide a safe and hospitable environment in which to play.
- (d) To encourage parental participation in coaching, umpiring and/or organizing.
- (e) To have fun.

Article 2. Member of SSMBA

(South Simcoe Minor Baseball Association)

- (a) IMBA (Innisfil Minor Baseball Association), all it's Executive, Coaches, Umpires, Players and Volunteers are obligated, bound and have adopted the constitution and by-laws that govern the SSMBA.
- (b) This obligation however does not limit or preclude the IMBA for adopting or including different/or additional statutes (into the IMBA constitution) as long as these statutes have no effect on league (SSMBA) by-laws and /or constitution.

Article 3. Executive and Board of Directors

- (a) The members of the Executive who shall handle the management of this Association shall be the President, 1st Vice-President, Director of Coaching and Umpiring, Secretary and the Treasurer, all with the exception of the Immediate Past President, to be elected annually. Two-thirds majority shall form an Executive.
- (b) The Board of Directors who shall handle the operation of this Association shall be the President, 1st Vice-President, Director of Coaching and Umpiring, Immediate Past President, Four(4) elected executive members, Secretary and Treasurer. Also the President may appoint up to four(4) additional members to the Board of Directors, only upon ratification by the Board of Directors.
- (c) The Board of Directors shall control the affairs of the Association and have the power to fill vacancies which may occur in it's number, subject to the provisions for appointments to the Board of Directors as laid down in paragraph (a) and (b) and to mend or alter the IMBAC (Innisfil Minor Baseball Association Constitution). The Board of Directors shall also have the power to deal with cases that are not otherwise provided or covered by the Constitution.
- (d) The Board of Directors shall meet during the season when business warrants. Seven members shall form a quorum for Board meetings (also constitute a full board).

(e) Any Officer or Board member who falls to attend three consecutive meetings, without reasons that in the opinions of the full Board are satisfactory, shall have automatically tendered his/her resignation. When the Third consecutive miss occurs, the Board of Directors will appoint a replacement.

(f) Executive Officers and Board members shall be nominated by any Executive or Board Member in good standing. The nomination must be in the hands of the Association Secretary not later than the date of annual meeting. In order for a name to remain on the ballot, a nominee must so request at the annual meeting in person, or must have indicated to the Secretary, prior to the election.

Article 4. Duties of the Officers

(a) It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the Officers and Board of Directors of this Associations, and shall perform such duties as necessary for the proper conduct of the office of President.

(b) The Vice- President, in absence of the President, shall have all powers and perform all the duties of the President.

(c) The Registrar and/or designated IMBA executive member shall be responsible for approving all player registrations and player birth certificates.

(d) All cheques issued by the IMBA must be signed by two of the following: Treasurer, President, Vice President or other designated executive member.

(e) The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed by him/her and report annually to the Association. The Treasurers books shall be audited annually.

(f) The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Association, including Officers and Board of Directors.

(g) All appointed members of the Board of Directors shall perform the duties as assigned by the President.

Article 5. Meetings

(a) Annual meeting of the Associate shall be held.

(b) Order of business - Annual Meeting:

1. President Address
2. Reading of the minutes of the last general meeting or any specific meeting during the year.
3. Secretary's report
4. Treasurer's report
- 5., Auditor's report
6. Correspondence
7. Reports of Executive Committees
8. Committees reports
9. Consideration of reports
10. Amendments-Notice of Motion
11. General Business
12. Election of Officers and Executive
13. Annual Meeting site for following year.

(c) Rules of Order of Annual Meeting

The following are the regulations that govern the Association during the time of business shall be disposed of in the following order:

(i) No motion shall be received unless properly moved and seconded and said motion shall not be opened for discussion until so stated by the presiding officer.

(ii) No member of the Board of Executive shall speak twice on the same subject without the permission of the chair, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

(iii) A member desiring to speak or submit a motion shall rise and remain standing and respectfully address the chair, and shall confine his/her remarks to the question and shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order.

(iv) No Amendment to a motion shall be in order after an Amendment to the Amendment.

(v) When 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.

(vi) Amendment, which entirely changes the subject to the original motion shall not be entertained as an Amendment or substituted for motion under debate.

(vii) After the motion has been stated by the Presiding Officer it becomes the property of the Association but may be withdrawn at any time previous to amendment, unless objected to by a delegate.

(viii) There shall be one debate upon any question after it has been put by the presiding.

(ix) When a vote is called, it shall be taken by each member holding up his/her right 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.

Article 6. Amendments

(a) An amendment or alteration of the Constitution must be made at an Annual Meeting and must have TWO-THIRD MAJORITY of the votes cast in order to carry. Notice of any property alteration or amendment must be filed with the Secretary in writing one month prior to the Annual Meeting. The Innisfil Minor Baseball Executive in good standing may only propose an amendment.

(b) A regulation may be proposed for the Annual Meeting for an experiment that differs from the Constitution. This experiment may be put into effect for no more than two years. The resolution would be accepted by a 2/3 majority vote at the Annual Meeting and would be subject to annual review by the Executive. Any subsequent references in the Constitution that are contrary to the experiment are suspended while the experiment is in progress.

Article 7. General

The Constitution of this Association as shown in this document 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 Executive, will have the authority to interpret and decide to the best of their judgment with regard to all these circumstances or any specific case, any matter pertaining to any or all clauses contained herein and that their decision shall be final. The Executive Committee shall appoint an advisory committee composed of the Past President and other Members to advise upon matters presented to them by the Officer of the Executive.