



# Constitution of the Brampton Extreme Slo-Pitch League

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## **Article 1 - Name**

The organization will be known as the Brampton Extreme Slo-Pitch League (BESPL) functioning with an affiliation to the City of Brampton. BESPL is in the process of becoming a registered not-for-profit organization

## **Article 2 - Purpose & Objectives**

The Purpose and Objectives of the BESPL shall be:

1. To provide a league for recreational and competitive players over the age of 19 in men's, ladies and Co-Ed divisions
2. To promote participation in a sportsmanlike manner always.
3. To Provide for the mutual interests of all players in a harmonious manner.

## **Article 3 - Membership**

### ***Section 1 - Existing Teams***

Each new season, the League will consist of all teams that played in the League in the previous season, provided that they:

1. Wish to retain their membership,
2. Agree to abide by the terms of this Constitution,
3. Have no outstanding monies owed (bond replenishment), and/or
4. Have not caused their own disbarment through disruptive actions in the league.

### ***Section 2 - New Teams***

1. Defined  
A new team will be deemed as one not maintaining at least 51% of its previous season members, as listed on the official eligibility list of that previous year.
2. Change of Sponsor  
A change in sponsor or team name does not represent new team status.
3. Acceptance  
New teams may be admitted to our League based on the decision of the Executive based on availability of spots within the requested night and division of play.
4. Abide by Constitution  
New teams are required to abide by this Constitution and agree to assume all other normal League duties as specified by the Executive.
5. Fees  
New teams will submit their entry fee along with the existing teams as well as a security bond. The fee will be returned if they are not admitted to the League but if they withdraw from league before it starts a \$100 administration fee will be charged.

### ***Section 3 - Player Eligibility***

1. Divisional play  
A person shall only be allowed to play (or be on a roster) of a team which is no more than 1 divisions lower then their highest rated team with SPO regardless if it is in BESPL or not. For example if you play on a men's "B" team you can only play as low as "C".
2. Disbarment

Should any Team cause their own disbarment for any reason and for any duration, then each player that is on the eligibility list at the time of the disbarment shall also be disbarred. Each player will be prohibited from playing in the League on any other Team until the disqualification has been dealt with. Any player, who is disqualified because of the disqualification of his team, may apply to the Executive for special consideration; however, it will be at the Executive Committee's discretion to allow that player to participate on another team.

#### **Section 4 - Play-off Eligibility**

##### 1. Attendance Requirement

A full-time player must be in attendance for at least 50% +1 of their team's games and registered on the score sheet whether it be as an active player or as an injury. (i.e. with a 14 game schedule, at least 8 games must be played) and a part-time player must have played 25% +1 of the regular season games (i.e. with a 14 game schedule, at least 4 games must be played) in order to be considered eligible for playoffs.

EXCEPTION - If you find yourself in a situation where you will be short, less than your required minimum for a night or a series (ex 5 guys as apposed to 6 in Tuesday Coed) then you can request permission from the Executive to use a player from your roster for that particular game in order to bring you up to your minimum number of players required. You may not ask for this request and have 7 males playing that night. You're only allowed this exception to give you the exact number of players required, without any additional. As mentioned above, this has to be done in writing to the Executive and permission granted also in writing before being done.

##### 2. Score sheet

For verification purposes team representatives should ensure that all score sheets contain the players' first and last names.

#### **Section 5 - Rosters**

##### 1. Cut off Date

A team's roster must be completed and returned to the executive no later than June 6 of that year.

##### 2. Penalty for failure to submit roster

Failure to do so will carry a forfeiture of all games played until the list is submitted. After three (3) forfeitures, the President shall call an Executive Meeting to determine the future of the offending team as pertaining continued membership within the League.

##### 3. Maximum Players

A team may carry a maximum of twenty (20) players plus a non-playing coach. A playing coach must be listed as a player.

##### 4. No Exchanges or Additions after cut-off

There will be no exchanging of or additions of players to any teams after May 31 of that. A team can apply to the executive to make changes to their roster at any time after May 31<sup>st</sup>.

##### 5. Awareness of Constitution

Inclusion of an individual's name on the roster is an indication that the individual is aware of the contents of this Constitution, and will abide by its rules, regulations and total intent.

## **Article 4 - Organisation**

### ***Section 1 - Executive Positions***

The BESPL executive shall consist of

- President
- 3 Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Umpiring Scheduler (non-voting)
- Umpire in Chief (non-voting)

All positions shall be elected to their positions on an annual basis at the season ending AGM. The position of Secretary can either be held by a unique individual or by another member of the executive except the President.

### ***Section 2 - Duties of the Executive***

#### 1. The President;

- Chair all meetings,
- Call meetings of the Executive and the League, as he deems necessary and subject to the requirements of this Constitution
- Be responsible for the placement of all ads in the newspaper concerning League activities.
- Conduct the fall elections.
- Ensure that all Executive members are fulfilling their obligations.
- Assign additional duties to other Executive members, as he deems necessary.
- Be responsible for the collection and distribution of all League awards.
- Ensure that all rights are trademarks of the League are protected at all times
- Receive, conduct and report on all League correspondence. In the event he cannot attend a function or complete a duty, he may appoint any Executive member of his choice as "Acting President."

#### 2. The Vice Presidents:

- Collect, process and distribute team contact lists.
- Prepare and distribute new team informational packages introducing the new teams to the Constitution and other requirements of the League
- Collect, check and file team rosters.
- Be responsible for the scheduling of all games. This will include the regular season and the play-offs.
- Be responsible for the purchasing and of all League awards and ensuring that the lowest price is paid by sending out request for quotes to multiple suppliers.
- Perform other functions as required by the League and the President.

#### 3. The Treasurer:

- Be responsible for all financial matters of the League.

- Keep an accurate record of fines levied and inform Team Representatives of their bond balance at each League meeting.
  - Collect new fine bonds as deemed necessary.
  - Keep accurate and updated records of League finances and report same to the Team Representatives at each League meeting.
  - Submit an annual financial report for the previous year to the incoming Executive by January 31 of the new calendar year.
  - Perform other functions as required by the League and the President.
4. The Secretary:
- Record minutes of all League meetings.
  - Maintain files with accurate records of all meetings, League correspondence, championship teams and rosters.
  - Report all game sheet fines to the Treasurer at least one week before each general meeting. Such fines to include uniforms, game cancellation procedures, etc.
  - Report game results and other statistics as available on the web site, under the direction and with the assistance of the Webmaster
  - Perform other functions as required by the League and the President
5. Umpiring Scheduler:
- Be responsible for the scheduling of umpires for all games. This will include the regular season and the play-offs.
6. Umpire in Chief:
- Be responsible for all other issues regarding umpires other than scheduling.
  - To ensure the quality of umpiring meets with BESPL standards.

***Section 3 - Team Representatives***

1. Team Representative Duties

Each team will submit the name address and telephone number of their 2 required Team Representatives, along with their registration fee at the Annual Spring Meeting. The Team is responsible for keeping the President current on changes that on the status of Representatives as well as their contact information. These Representatives shall have the following responsibilities:

- Act as liaison between the teams, the players and the Executive. Carry their team's vote at all League meetings. (One vote per Team)
- Distribute information concerning League operations to the players on their Team.
- Signs all protests made by his Team and submit such to the Executive.
- Ensures that all members of their Team are aware of the contents of this Constitution.
- Attends all League meetings, or if unable to do so, appoint an alternate Representative from their Team.
- Be responsible for all duties associated with game cancellation and rescheduling for games involving their Team.
- Perform other functions as required by the League and the President.

2. Team Rep Contact Info  
Each Team will submit the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two (2) alternates to be used in case the primary Representatives are unavailable when contacted.
3. Team Rep Email  
Each Team Representative must have an email address as the League is moving to complete communication through that medium
4. Executive as a Team Rep  
A member of the Executive can act as a Team Representative.

#### ***Section 4 - Executive Meetings***

1. When called  
Executive meetings will be called at the discretion of the President upon the request of any member of the executive.
2. Quorum  
A quorum (minimal number of people present) at any Executive meeting shall be 2/3 of the Executive and must include the President or his designate.
3. Absenteeism to cause termination  
Any member of the Executive, who absents himself from two (2) regular and/or Executive meetings, without having been granted a leave of absence by the Executive Committee, shall cease to be a member of the Executive.

#### ***Section 5 - General League Meetings***

Only the Annual Pre-Season Meeting and the Annual General Meeting in the fall are mandatory. If in the opinion of the Executive, the League business can be transacted and communicated to the members through the web site, through email and through the Team Representatives, then the meetings described below can be cancelled with 2 weeks prior notice. Any member, through their Team Representative, can raise issues that would generally be dealt with at a prescribed meeting and if those issues are not dealt with in a manner that is satisfactory to them, then they may request, and the Executive shall call, a general League meeting as soon as logistically possible.

1. Commitment Meeting  
A Team Commitment meeting will be held sometime between February 15 and March 31 each year. At that meeting, Teams must make a deposit as prescribed by the executive, towards their entry fee. The Executive will also outline plans for the upcoming season and distribute information to the Team Representatives that should be considered before the Annual Spring Meeting. Team Representatives will have an opportunity to question the Executive plans. The Team Commitment meeting will be advertised through the web site and email at least 2-3 weeks prior.
2. Pre-Season Meeting  
The Pre-Season Meeting is to be held between April 15 and April 30 each year. At this meeting, the remaining amount of the entry fee, by cheque, is due. Each team in good standing will receive their

balls, mats (if needed) and score sheets as well as any other material deemed necessary. Schedules will also be provided based on teams that have committed, but may change due to late team registration as BESPL will not turn teams away if the executive deems them beneficial to our league. For example if a team applies late but will make the division stronger without causing impacts to existing teams they will be admitted into the league.

### 3. Annual General Meeting

An Annual General meeting will be held during the month of October. This meeting will be held to discuss overall league issue, from possible rule changes to any issues that have risen during the course of the year. It is also at the AGM that a vote will be held regarding the executive positions. Done through mail.

### 4. Failure to Participate

Failure of a Team representative or an alternate, to participate in the mailing AGM forms leaves the team reps without a say. No fines will be imposed as every rep is given an opportunity to express their suggestions/comments etc etc and all that will happen is they won't be heard.

### 5. Allowed attendance

Only Team Representatives (or appointed alternates) and Executive Committee members are to sit in League meetings. The President may at his discretion, invite guests to sit at the meeting, for observation or input to certain issues. If certain members present, feel that there are certain League matters that should be kept private from anyone present, the President may request the person to absent himself or herself from the meeting during that discussion period.

## **Section 6 - Voting**

### 1. Quorum

A quorum at any Meeting is 2/3 of the Teams and must include the President or his designate.

### 2. Who to vote

At a General meeting, each Team and each Executive member have one vote.

### 3. Deciding vote

The President will be the last to cast his vote on any issue. In cases where this is the deciding vote, he will be allowed 24 hours to cast his vote.

### 4. Proxy

Votes may not be cast by proxy.

### 5. Levels of Acceptance at a vote

A 2/3 in attendance shall rule on all League issues, except Constitutional where 2/3 League vote is required. All votes will be taken after a reasonable discussion of the issues.

### 6. Excepting Executive Meetings

The above rules also apply to all other League meetings except Executive Meetings, where the Team Representatives are not present.

### 7. Team reps

A team representative can represent more than 1 team for all meeting purposes if they are designated as such with the league or acting on behalf of an existing team rep with notification to the executive that he/she is doing so.

## 8. Divisional Voting

On issues that affect only a certain division, voting will be limited to teams that are confirmed as participating in that division during that playing season. Either the President may propose a divisional vote, or a request from at least 2 teams from that division will suffice to allow for a divisional vote.

## ***Section 7 - Elections***

### 1. Positions open to vote

All positions shall be elected annually at the AGM by the team representatives, as found on that season's team representatives lists with one vote per team. In order to run for president you must have served on the executive as a vice president for at least 5 years and to run for vice president you must be on the executive for a minimum of three.

### 2. Nominations

Nominations must be presented in writing fourteen (14) days prior to the AGM and must be seconded at the meeting.

### 3. Date for voting

Voting will occur at the Annual Fall Meeting. For each position being voted upon each Team Representative in attendance will cast one (1) vote, with no team being able to cast more than one vote.

### 4. Nominations

In the event no nominations are received for a position, the Executive will retain their position until the next AGM.

### 5. Positions empty

In the event that a position becomes vacant due to a voluntary leave of an executive member and no one at the AGM wishes to run for that position the Executive will call an emergency meeting to discuss the feasibility continuing to run the league as is with that position open. If at the meeting called to discuss the lack of nominations, or if during the season an Executive member resigns voluntarily or otherwise, then it will be at the President's discretion to operate the League with one or more of the Executive positions unoccupied. The President will have the option of assigning the duties of the vacant positions to other executive members. The only position that must be filled is that of President.

### 6. When to fold the League

If the Executive decides that the continued existence of the League is no longer feasible, then all monies will be returned to the teams.

## **Article 5 - League Operations**

### ***Section 1 - Divisional Structure***

#### 1. Divisions

The BESPL will provide an opportunity for its members to participate in different divisions of play. These will be

- Sunday Co-Ed Rec.,
- Monday Co-Ed Elite,
- Monday Co-Ed Tier II,
- Tuesday Co-Ed Rec Tier III,
- Tuesday Co-Ed Rec Tier II,
- Tuesday Co-Ed Rec Tier I,

- Wednesday Men's Rec,
- Thursday Men's Rec,
- Thursday Ladies Rec,
- Friday Co-Ed Rec.

2. Players playing for more than 1 team

Individual players are eligible to play for more than one team as long as their name appears on the eligibility lists of each team and it is not ranked more than 1 division lower than their highest rated SPO team. No player will be eligible or allowed to play for more than one team in the same division.

**Section 2 - Scheduling**

1. Team Requirements

Every effort will be made to meet the requirements of each team. The assignments of diamonds, dates and times will be as fair and as equitable as possible.

2. Playoffs

Play-off schedules will be handled in the same manner.

3. Conflicts

Prior to the start of each season, and before the commitment meeting, the Executive will publish on the web site, the days that each division will participate in. If a team submits their entry fee for play in a certain division, they are agreeing to participate at the times that have been published. If BESPL is unable to run a certain advertised division due to lack of interest and the team is not willing to change nights a full refund of all monies paid will be refunded.

**Section 3 - Umpiring**

1. Umpire Schedules

Umpires will be scheduled by the Umpire scheduler on the Executive.

2. Playoffs

Will be the same as the regular season.

3. Pre-game

Umpires should arrive early enough to set up the ground rules before the start of the game. Post game it is both teams responsibility to have the umpire sign the game sheets.

4. At a forfeit

The team which does not forfeit is responsible to have the umpire sign their game sheet stating such.

5. When no umpire appears

If scheduled umpires do not show up, either team must call the league line to notify the executive to determine if an umpire can be sent there in sufficient time. If a replacement can not be found either a spectator or the teams themselves can umpire the game at the consent of both teams and the league notified of such. The teams involved will be remunerated monetarily for such an occurrence.

6. Infractions to be recorded

Umpires are responsible for recording on the game sheet, any infractions relating to the home team responsibilities.

7. Damages to be recorded

Umpires must record on the game sheet any occurrences of damage to property or personal injury. The President must be notified within 24 hours of any such occurrence.

8. Carding requirements

All umpires must be carded by SPOA.

9. Calling a game for rain or safety concerns

Umpires will be credited with games started and subsequently called due to adverse weather conditions. Calling of the game will be at the sole discretion of the umpire, taking into account safety at all times.

**Section 4 - Awarding Points**

1. For a win

Two (2) points will be awarded per win.

2. Tie games

Games that are declared official and have ended with the score even will remain tied. This is applicable whether the game is completed in seven innings or if it is called on time limit. In such an occurrence, each team will be awarded one (1) point.

3. Early termination of a game

If due to rain, darkness, time limit, or other reasons as determined by teams and umpires, before seven (7) innings, but after five (5) innings of play, the score at the end of the last complete inning will be used to award points.

4. Duration of a game

The game shall be for a maximum of 7 innings. If an inning is started it must be completed. No new inning will start after one (1) hour and five (5) minutes.

5. Games called before 5 complete innings

Games called before five (5) innings are complete must be rescheduled for replay.

6. Home team winning

If a home team is ahead, the bottom of the last inning need not be played to qualify as a complete inning.

7. Mercy rule

- One team is ahead by 15 runs after 4 complete innings.
- One team is ahead by 12 after 5 complete innings or the home team is ahead after 4 1/2.

**Section 5 - Ties for Positioning**

1. Breaking a tie for positioning

In case of a tie for positioning at the end of the regular season, the following will be considered, in order listed, to break the tie:

- Best won/lost record in common games involving common opponents
- Best run differential involving common opponents
- Least runs against between all common opponents
- Most runs for between all common opponents
- Least runs against between common opponents excluding highest and lowest
- Most runs for between all common opponents excluding highest and lowest

## ***Section 6 - Year End Playoffs***

At the end of the playing season, there will be playoffs scheduled to determine the Playoff Champions for each division.

### 1. Scheduling

- The playoffs will be scheduled such that the first place team will play the last place team, with all series being the best 2 out of 3, the team with the highest standings from the regular season play will be the home team for the first and third (if necessary) game.
- If a division has an odd number of teams there will be a 2 game series between the bottom 2 teams to determine who will move into the playoff round. If the two (2) games are split it will be decided in the following order:
  1. Plus / minus for the two (2) games
  2. Season head to head
  3. Plus / Minus season head to head
  4. Plus / minus season total

### 2. Awards

At the banquet, awards will be handed out to the winners and runner ups of the championship series and the winners of the regular season for each division.

## ***Section 7 - Score Sheets***

### 1. Supply of Score Sheets

Each Team will be issued sufficient score sheets for their scheduled games before the season starts. Extra score sheets are available from the Executive if the supply is exhausted.

### 2. Players names

For verification purposes, Team Representatives must insure that all players' names are on the score sheet regardless if they are injured or are playing.

### 3. Game Sheets

It is the responsibility of both teams to retain their game sheets to be produced upon request by any executive member for verification. Failure to be able to produce the required game sheets will result in umpire recoding of game.

## ***Section 8 - Team Responsibilities***

### 1. Bases

At the scheduled start time of the game, the home team has the responsibility to provide bags and the home plate and will default the game if the bases are not provided. Although it is the home teams' responsibility both teams must have their bags present as if the home team does not provide them and neither can the visiting team it will result in a double default.

### 2. Game Cancellation

Upon game cancellation, The Umpiring and the Scheduling Chairmen will set the new times, locations and dates and post the information on the web site and inform through email both team reps.

3. Field maintenance

The teams are encouraged to remove their rubbish from the playing field, the player's benches and the fan's benches before leaving for the night.

4. Game balls

The home team will supply one (1) new ball and one (1) used ball and at the end of the game, the balls will be returned to the home team.

**Section 9 - Game Cancellation**

1. Rescheduling Responsibility

The Vice President has the record of the diamonds available. For that reason, he must be contacted for the rescheduling of cancelled games.

2. Use of Foresight in rescheduling

Teams are expected to use common sense and foresight to play a game earlier than scheduled, if a conflict can be anticipated.

3. Games to be replayed for:

- Rain out:

- I. If the Executive feels the diamonds are unsafe for use, he will call the game on that day by posting a notice on the web site and informing team reps through email BY 4pm the day of your scheduled games.

- II. If the Team Representatives have not been contacted by 4pm, it must be assumed that there is still the possibility of play and everyone should show ready to play. If your team does not show up with the required number of players although a rain out would have been called it will be deemed a default.

- III. If, at game time, the umpires feel play is unsafe, then the game is cancelled and the executive will reschedule with new time, places and dates posted on the web site and reps informed through email.

- IV. If the game is not played, it will be a no game situation and no points will be awarded.

- Due to a tournament or other personal obligations:

- I. A Team may request a reschedule if they feel a tournament conflict is possible.

- II. If a team knows that they will have trouble fielding a team due to holidays or other events.

- III. The request must be made two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled game.

- IV. The request will only be granted at the discretion of the Executive.

**Section 10 - Game Commencement**

1. Grace Period

Teams will be no grace period at the start of the game.

2. Required players to start a game

Teams must have a minimum of eight (8) players to play the game.

- For Tuesday Co-Ed there must be a minimum of 3 ladies and a maximum of 6 guys to start with the understanding that 3 men can not bat in a row, therefore there will be an automatic out in the last ladies spot.

- For all other Co-Ed as it has to alternate male / female if starting the game with 5 males and 4 females there will be an automatic out in the 5<sup>th</sup> females spot.
  - For men's and ladies divisions you are able to start the game with seven (7) for the early game only.
3. Players arriving after game started  
If players arrive after the start of the game, they are to be listed at the bottom of the batting order and in the order that they arrive at the game.
- For Co-Ed they will be added as necessary to make it male / female.
4. Fine for Forfeiture  
A game forfeiture due to lack of players will result in a thirty (\$30) dollar team fine with \$15 going to the league and \$15 to be applied to the other team.

## **Article 6 - League Rules**

### ***Section 1 - SPOA Rules***

1. The BESPL will be affiliated Slo-Pitch Ontario for the purposes of obtaining all updated information on the sport of Slo-Pitch and to allow any of our teams to participate in the Divisional, Provincial and National Slo-Pitch tournaments.
2. Our League may not abide by all the rules and regulations of the SPOA. Some of the exceptions are in the following sections.

### ***Section 2 - BESPL Rules***

1. Equipment
  - No steel spikes
  - Balls provided by the League and will be used as game balls
  - Home plate will be a rubber mat measuring two (2) feet by three (3) feet supplied by the league if required.
  - All Teams will be responsible for the supply, maintenance and replacement of their own bases.
3. Other rules
  - Pitches must attain the height of six (6) feet measured from ground level after leaving the pitcher's hand and finish no higher than twelve (12) feet.
  - There is no lead off. The runner cannot leave his base until after the ball has been crossed the plate. Anticipation is allowed.
  - Teams will be allowed 3 courtesy runners at any time during the game.
  - Courtesy runners can be declared and substituted from any available person on the bench after the umpire has called time. In Co-Ed only male can run for male and female for female.
  - No infield or outfield practice ball will be allowed after the first inning.
4. Home Run Rule  
There shall be a rule of match plus two (2) for all divisions of played on fenced parks. All other balls hit over the fence will be an out.
5. Uniforms

- No later than June 15, all players on the team must have matching shirts that are of the same colour with unique numbers on them which are a minimum four (4) inches in height and be no more than two (2) digits in length.
  - Any and all teammates failing to wear a uniform top in accordance to our specific requirements (above) will result in an automatic OUT that players first time (only) at bat in each game. This will pertain to each player on your team out of uniform after the cutoff date of June 15.

#### 1. Protests

- Protests will not be accepted or considered when concerning judgment calls of the umpire.
- The umpires shall deal with protests as to the official rules of play immediately (before the next pitch). If unsatisfied, the Team Representatives can declare the balance of the game being played under protest. The umpire must note on the official game sheet that the game was completed under protest. The umpires shall also give a brief summary of the events and arguments surrounding the protest, on the back of the game sheet.
- The Team Representative must deal with any official game protest, either by following through or by canceling, within 48 hours. The protest must be submitted to the Vice President in writing accompanied by a fifty (50) dollar fee. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- Protests concerning the Constitution should be submitted to the President and protests regarding fines should be submitted to the Treasurer. Again, these protests should be accompanied by a fifty (50) dollar fee, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- Protest resolution procedures:
  - Within twenty-four (24) hours of an Executive committee member being made aware of a protest, the President shall be informed. The President will, within 48 hours, arrange a committee of three (3) Executive members or three (3) Team Representatives, none of who will be on the Teams involved in the protest.
  - The committee will be responsible for obtaining all the factual information regarding the protest.
  - Within ten (10) days of being assigned the task, the committee will gather information, make their decision and forward the package on to the President in writing.
  - The binding decision will be distributed by the President to the parties involved
  - The protest committee is an ad hoc committee. The members may vary with each new protest.

#### 2. Official Score

- In all games, each team is required to supply the opposing team a copy of the final batting order, complete with the names of all the players.
- Scorekeepers are encouraged to verify scores during the game.
- In the event of discrepancies, which cannot be resolved at the game site, the Home Team's score sheet shall be considered official.

### 3. Batting Order

- All players who occupy a defensive position on the field must be on the batting order.
- A player may be placed at the bottom of the order even if his team has gone through the batting order once.
- A player may be deleted from the batting order for reasons of sickness, injury or emergency. Such a player becomes ineligible for defensive play.

### 4. Rules applicable to the Mixed Division only.

- Playing Fields
  - A defensive line consisting of an arc shall be used. This line will be considered the edge of the infield where the grass meets the dirt. No outfielder (minimum of four) is allowed in front of this line until the ball is hit. If this is violated, the offense has the option of taking the result of the play or an award of one base to the batter and all runners.
  - No outfielder may make a force out at first base.
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- Tuesday Nights
  - In the batting order, no more than two (2) male batters may bat in a row. If there is an injury to one of the female batters and she cannot continue, the team either has to invoke the substitution rule to bring in a new female player or the position in the batting order will have to be counted as an out.
  - There shall be a minimum of four (4) female players on the field playing defense.
  - There will be no games scheduled to be played with other divisions of the League.
  - If a male batter is walked and there is a female batter on deck, he automatically advances to second base. The female batter, batting next in order, has the option of batting or receiving a walk to first.
  - There is a 5 run per inning limit until the last inning which is open.
- All other nights
  - The batting order must rotate between male and female batters.
  - If a game is started with 5 males and 4 females the batting spot for the fifth female is an automatic out.
  - If there is an injury to one of the female batters and she cannot continue, the team either has to invoke the substitution rule to bring in a new female player or the position in the batting order will have to be counted as an out.
- NEW RULE UPDATE
  - If you are playing coed the previous rule stated that you may not bat more guys than girls in an order. However after careful consideration we have amended this rule to say that if you want to bat more guys than girls not only in a short situation you may but in any situation where you

have more guys batting in a row than allowed you MUST take an automatic out where the girl should be. For example, if you play 5 & 5 coed and you find yourself with 6 guys and 5 girls one night you have to take an automatic out where the 2 guys end up batting back to back. Or if you have 7 guys and 5 girls you have to take 2 automatic outs in the order where the two guys bat back to back in two different spots. Where this rule differs from before is you used to only be allowed to do this in a SHORT SITUATION and now you may do it at any time. Please remember that you may bat more girls than guys at any time without penalty. In a 6 & 4 coed situation the same rule applies as above but its where you have 3 guys batting back to back that the out must be taken.

## **Article 7 - Discipline**

### ***Section 1 - Unsportsmanlike Conduct***

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct comes in many forms and degrees of severity. Although other forms exist, the scope of this Constitution limits itself to three (3) of the most common forms, and these are listed in Section 2
2. Other forms of Unsportsmanlike conduct shall be dealt with on an individual basis.
3. The punishment for such conduct will be no more or less, whether it is directed towards a fellow player in the BESPL, an Executive member, an umpire or a spectator.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct away from the game site may be deemed ball related and dealt with in the same manner.

### ***Section 2 - Unacceptable Behavior***

1. Physical Strike  
A physical strike by any member of the BESPL as a result of League activities shall result in the suspension of that member for a period of one (1) year from the date of the incident. Following the suspension, re-admission may only be granted through a General meeting vote with majority 2/3 in attendance affirmative vote.
3. Threats  
Any member, who threatens to strike someone as a result of League activities, will be suspended for the balance of the season. Following suspension, re-admission may only be granted through a General meeting vote with majority 2/3 in attendance affirmative vote.
4. Verbal abuse  
Verbal abuse or general threat will result in a penalty ranging from a warning to a one year suspension, depending on the extent, the severity and the nature of the abuse.

### ***Section 3 - Process to Follow***

1. The plaintiff should report unsportsmanlike conduct, in writing, to the President. Such reports should be fully documented and signed by the game umpire, if applicable. Reports must be submitted within forty-eight (48) hours of the infraction.

2. A quorum of the Executive will meet to discuss each report. The Plaintiff and the Accused will be invited to attend and give their side of the story. In their absence, the Executive will rule on the matter.
4. The Executive decision will not be put to a General League meeting.
5. Any member of the BESPL who feels they have been unjustly penalized may appeal the decision, in writing, to the President, within 48 hours of his notification. After reviewing the situation, the President's decision will be final.

***Section 4 - Player Ejection***

If a player is ejected from a game they will be issued one (1) plus one (1) game suspension. This means that they are out of the current game as well as the next one. If the player or his team initiates a protest, the game that must be sat out will be the one that immediately follows the completion of the protest, should the ejection be upheld.

**Article 8 - League Finances**

***Section 1 - Entry Fee***

1. The entry fee will be recommended by the Executive and put out to the league before the Annual Spring meeting on the website. Team Representatives will have a chance to study and question the estimates prior to the meeting being called.
2. The entry fee is to cover the operating expenses of the League for the upcoming season. The President will give his best estimate for the revenues and expenses to be covered based on previous years and expected increases in costs.

***Section 2 - Fine Bond***

1. A fine bond in the amount of one hundred (\$50) dollars shall be added to the entry fee and payable with the entry fee to all new teams.
2. Should the fine bond be exhausted, the Treasurer will inform the Team Representative and a new fine bond will be posted prior to the next game.
3. The Treasurer will have a list of fines levied against each team and will distribute this to each team once a month. Such listings shall include each Team's balance and the reasons for any fines.
4. All fines owing to the League must be paid on or before the Pre-Season meeting.
5. Late Payments are subject to a \$25 charge.

***Section 3 - Listing of Fines within the Constitution***

Following is a listing of fines within this Constitution, along with a short description of the infraction leading to the fine. Full descriptions can be found in the associated sections listed.

Article	Section	Paragraph	Description	Amount
3	5	2	Failure to submit a roster	Cancelled Games
4	5	4	Failure to attend a meeting	\$25

5	10	4	Forfeit of a game (half to league half to other team)	\$30
8	2	5	Late Fee Payments	\$25

**Section 4 - League Accounts**

- All League accounts will have co-signing power. All cheques issued by our League must be signed by at least two (2) Executive members with the President having no signing authority.
- No cheques may be signed blank. When signed, the cheque must be filled out completely, containing the date, amount, and payee and encoded to indicate the reason for the payment.
- The Treasurer's report will be submitted at regular and other League meetings. Failure to do so will cause the Executive to immediately investigate.
- It is advised that all League financial transactions be conducted in cheque form. Receipts should always be expected and should be filed for future reference.

**Article 9 - Constitutional Amendments**

1. Timing of introduction of Amendments  
Amendments can only be made at the Annual Spring meeting. If necessary, the meeting may be adjourned and continued at the next convenient time.
3. Submission of amendments  
Proposed amendments should be submitted in writing to the President at least one (1) week prior to the meeting.
4. Acceptance  
Each amendment, whether separately or in block form, shall be put to a General League meeting vote. Acceptance of such amendment shall require 2/3 League majority.
6. Midseason rule changes  
In order that the League be maintained, seasonal amendments may be put forward by the Executive during the year at any League meeting. Acceptance of these amendments shall not form a part of the Constitution until it has gained the 2/3 League majority vote at the Annual Spring meeting.
7. Enforcement  
It is understood that this Constitution represents the rules of the Brampton Extreme Slo-Pitch League, and as such, these rules will be enforced to the letter. Ignorance of any part(s) of the Constitution shall not be considered valid grounds for infractions.