

BARRIE
Recreational Evening Co-ed Slo-pitch
Constitution and By-Laws

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PART 1 – AIMS, OBJECTS AND POWERS

Article 1 - Name:

The name of the League shall be the Barrie Recreational Evening Co-Ed Slo-Pitch, BRECS for short and hereinafter called **the League**. The League operates as a Not for Profit League.

Article 2- Membership:

- a) Membership shall consist of all persons who are registered with a team in the League.
- b) Any new team making application for membership in the League must be done in writing, to the President.
- c) The power of approval for membership shall rest with the Executive Committee of the League.
- d) Members may be suspended or expelled at the discretion of the Executive Committee for any of the following:
 - i) use of boisterous or obscene language
 - ii) any teams, team members, or spectators associated with these teams caught drinking alcoholic beverages in the park or parking lot before or after league or tournament games
 - iii) physical or verbal abuse of umpires, team members or spectators before or after a game
 - iv) failure to comply with the League rules and regulations
 - v) a suspension has been issued by another League or organization
 - vi) inappropriate behavior at any league sanctioned function
 - vii) any sponsor or affiliate of the league is abused financially in any way
- e) The Executive may ask an individual player(s) to be removed from their team(s) if it is deemed that he/she should be playing in a higher division (without refund)

Article 3 - Dissolution:

- a) The League may be dissolved and an end brought to its existence by the unanimous decision of the Executive Committee and voting members by a 60% majority vote.
- b) Final dissolution may not take place until all obligations and debts of the League have been settled in full
- c) If, upon dissolution of the League, and after the satisfaction of all obligations and debts, there remains any property or funds whatsoever such property or funds may be given or transferred, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, to some other organization having similar aims and objectives.

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PART 11 – BY-LAWS

Article 4 - Management:

- a) The management of the League shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the League.
- b) Members of the Executive Committee shall be 18 years of age or older.
- c) The Executive Committee shall consist of no less than four (4) members and will be made up of the following:
 1. President
 2. Secretary
 3. Treasurer
 4. Scheduler/Stats
- d) Team appointed Reps. One for each Team in the League. These are not Executive positions.

PART 111 – POSITIONS / DUTIES

- 1) President
 - Two (2) year term upon appointment by current Executive (one person position)
 - Convenor of League Tournament(s)
 - Applies for permits on behalf of the League
 - Will be co-signing officer for the League account
 - Representative for all parks and recreation meetings
 - Oversees all League fines
 - Represent the League at Slo-Pitch National meetings
 - Responsible for all League re-scheduling in conjunction with the Scheduler
 - Chairs all League meetings and functions
 - Be the deciding vote in the event of a hung decision
 - Obtains umpires for the league and tournament games
 - Work with SPN for team rankings
 - Submits final expenses and profits to Secretary/Treasurer
 - In charge of league awards
 - Handles all Tournament duties required
 - May delegate any of above responsibilities when necessary
- 2) Secretary
 - Two (2) year position
 - Responsible for the preparation of all agendas, minutes, League related business
 - Keeps the President and Executive informed of all correspondence received written or verbal at each meeting and as the occasion arise
 - Responsible for the League Contact List

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- 3) Treasurer
 - Two (2) year position
 - Responsible for the preparation of financial statements and any other League financial related business
 - Maintains bank books and monthly statements
 - Will be a co-signing officer for the League account
 - Keeps the President and Executive informed of the financial position of the League with an up-to-date financial statement at each meeting
 - Acts as League liaison with Bank

- 4) Scheduler/Statistician
 - Two (2) year position
 - Prepare schedule each season for the league and tournament play
 - Re-schedule (with President) any rainout games
 - Instruct coaches re: scoresheets and player eligibility procedure
 - Keep an account of player eligibility for play-offs
 - Every week make league standings available to teams and media

- 4) Team Reps
 - One (1) year position
 - Not considered a League Executive member
 - Represents a selected team
 - Main contact of the team they represent for League meetings, questions and problems
 - Must attend all League meetings
 - Should attend games throughout the season to ensure smooth running of the team they represent

Article 5 - Elections:

- a) The election of the Executive Committee shall be held every 2nd year at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on a date to be decided each year by the existing Executive Committee.

- b) Any person wishing to run for a position on the Executive Committee must be a member in good standing with the League for a period of at least one year from the previous elections.

- c) The Executive Committee will be elected by the teams of the League who have been in the League for at least one full season. Each team will have ONE (1) vote for each of the positions open.

- d) After the election of a new Executive Committee, if any of the positions hereinafter set forth are vacant, the Executive Committee will meet and

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among themselves, vote in the following officers for the term designated hereunder:

President	(1)	-	2 years
Secretary	(1)	-	2 years
Treasurer	(1)	-	2 years
Scheduler/Stats	(1)	-	2 years

- e) At the first meeting each year, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Executive Committee will announce how many positions on the Executive Committee are available for the coming year. Applications from interested parties will be accepted until the start of the 2nd meeting. Applications will be accepted only by the Chairperson or Vice Chairpersons (President or Secretary/Treasurer).
- f) Members of the existing Executive Committee will be elected.
- g) At the 2nd meeting (or such other time when the elections are being held as designated by the Executive Committee), all members of the existing Executive Committee except the President or Secretary/Treasurer if their terms are still running, will resign and a new Executive Committee will be elected.
- h) Any member of the Executive Committee can resign, with written notice to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee can choose to appoint a person from the League to fill such vacancy or can choose to leave such position unfilled until the next election. At all times, however, there shall be no less than three (3) members on the Executive Committee. If this said position is that of Chairperson, the Executive Committee will elect a Chairperson from amongst the current Executive, and that person will then begin serving a 2 year term.
- i) Any member of the Executive Committee can be removed by the remaining members of the Executive committee, if such remaining members decide unanimously to do so. Such vacancy can be filled or not, in the discretion of the Executive Committee, provided that there are always at least five (3) members on the Executive Committee.
- j) If the offices of the President, either or both the Secretary, Treasurer, or the Scheduler/Stats positions should become vacant at any time, the members of the Executive Committee shall appoint themselves, a person or persons to fill such vacancies for the remainder of their term.
- k) With respect to disciplinary and other matters that the Executive Committee votes and rules on pertaining to members of the League and their respective teams and the business of the League, the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final and it shall not be brought to a vote of the general membership, unless the Executive Committee decides to do so.

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- l) In the result of half or a greater number of the Executive Committee decide not to seek re-election, those Executive Committee members whose term is up and are seeking re-election, will automatically retain their position as Executive Committee member for the remainder of the set term to ensure the continuity and smooth operation of the League from year to year.

Article 6 – Duties of Officers:

- a) The President shall call all meetings in the Executive Committee and the League
- b) Secretary or Treasurer shall perform the duties of the President in the event of his/her absence
- c) Any two (2) members of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum
- d) Any ties in a voting situation shall be broken by the President
- e) All Executive Members must carry out all duties to the best of their ability for the duration of his/her term of office. Failure to do so will result in suspension or expulsion from the Executive Committee.
- f) Financial statements will be issued at the beginning of each season by the Treasurer and at the pre-Tournament meeting.

PART 1V – LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Annual Constitution and By-Laws meeting will consist of Executive Members only, and further, all motions received by the meeting date be reviewed and voted on by the Executive. Any amendments will be adopted and shall be deemed rules for the following season. If a motion comes up during the current season, and the Executive decides it should be applied immediately, it will be brought up at the next league meeting for all League teams to vote on and implemented if passed.

Teams cannot change the schedule or any rules or regulations. If there is any change of the rules and regulations, the offending team(s) will be deemed to default the game in question and appropriate fines, as determined by the Executive will be levied.

PROFANITY

- a) Use of boisterous or obscene language is strictly prohibited. Refer to Profanity Rule in SPN rule book.
- b) Vehicle Parking is allowed only in designated areas

DRINKING

- c) Any team, team member or spectator associated with that team, found drinking alcoholic beverages before, during or after a League game, on Public property and/or unlicensed areas will be fined and may be ejected from the League. This will affect the offending individuals whether they are players, spectators or coaches. Executive ruling is final.

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LEAGUE RULES

- d) The League will be regulated by the Slo-Pitch National current rule book, unless otherwise indicated in the League Rules. Any rules not governed by either will be voted upon & clarified by the League Executive with the assistance, if necessary of SPN.

UMPIRES

- e) The President will be in charge of booking Umpires for all league and tournament play

PROTESTS

- f) Any grievances, protests or problems will be settled by the League Executive Committee. All protests that are brought before the Executive Committee must be accompanied by one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) cash. If the protest is upheld, the money will be refunded. If the protest is denied, the one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) will go to the League treasury. At the time of the protest, both teams will have the umpire record and sign their scorebooks, before the next pitch. A team may lodge their protest by fax within 24 hours, to either the President or the Secretary and when the protest meeting is scheduled, the protest must be accompanied with one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) cash. If the protest is withdrawn after the protest meeting has been scheduled, the team protesting will forfeit the one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00). A protest may be lodged by the team rep or alternate rep.

Notification of any appeals must be given (verbally) within 24 hours. A written statement must be received within 2 days of the action by the League's Executive Committee.

ROUGH PLAY / UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- g) Any act of rough play will draw an automatic ejection from the game as a player. Further action by the Executive Committee may be taken. Minimum five (5) game suspension for any violent act, which includes fighting or intent to injure. The Executive committee must be notified of all ejections. The umpires will be asked to file a report on any ejections due to 'rough play'.

ROSTERS

- h) Maximum of 20 players per team. Team players' list (minimum of 12) must be submitted to the Executive Committee by the last league meeting in April - date to be announced. There will be a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine if late. The players' list must have full addresses and must be signed by each player. Players must be 18 years of age or older as of the calendar year. **If under the age of 18 at the start of the season, must attach a letter from parent/guardian signing "Release & Waiver" on behalf of minor for safety reasons, no consideration will be given**

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to anyone under 16 years of age. A final roster (Maximum of 20 players) must be submitted by the June Deadline – first Sunday in June prior to 6:00 pm.

Teams not submitting the list by the Meeting, in addition to fine, will forfeit all games played after that date until the list is submitted. No additions to the roster may be made after the June Deadline unless an application is made to and approved by the Executive Committee.

QUESTIONING THE UMPIRE / ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

- i) Only the designated team captain or assistant captain (not both) may question the umpire(s). The umpire(s) may eject anyone from the game if they are being ‘abusive’ towards an umpire. Foul language will not be tolerated by any umpire at any time, regardless of who it is directed at. The player can be asked to leave the playing field/park at the umpire’s discretion. Failure to do so will warrant default of the game and a fine against the team’s performance bond. A sixty second warning will be given. A team’s spectators are also the responsibility of that team. The team captain is responsible for ensuring that the umpire is not abusive to any player or spectator. Any problems should be reported to the Executive Committee immediately (within 24 hours) and should be noted on the score sheet. (“Abuse” is considered to be before, during and/or after a game. Umpires must notify the Executive Committee of any player ejected from a game). Refer to **Profanity rule** in SPN rule book.

FEES / PERFORMANCE BONDS / TEAMS NOT RETURNING

- j) Registration fee for each team is to be set by the Executive and announced at the AGM. There is a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) performance bond for each team. The bond will be retained at the end of each season upon the team’s letter of intent to return the following season to the League. If not returning, the bond is refundable, less fines. Notice must be given in writing to the Executive by February 15. **If we have not received notice by this date**, the League will retain the bond. Further, for the teams returning, their performance bond must be reinstated to its original value if fines have been levied, by the pre-playoff tournament meeting in September of that year. If the bond is not brought up to the \$100 level by the September meeting, the team will be granted a 72 hour grace time from the Executive to do so. If still the bond is not brought up to the \$100 level after grace time, a fifty (\$50.00) fine will be levied. The Executive may decide to replace the team after grace time or arrange a time to meet and settle all outstanding fines. Teams must pay all their league fees by the April meeting of the current year. In failure to do this the Executive will give a 72 hour grace time. If still the league fees have not been paid after grace time, a fifty (\$50.00) fine will be levied. The Executive may decide to replace the team after grace time or arrange a time to meet and receive payment of all league fees plus the fine levied for lateness.

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League fee includes: balls, scorebooks, eligibility sheets, league umpire fees, representation of League at Slo Pitch National meetings, affiliation with Slo Pitch National, insurance coverage, printing costs of all rules, permits, schedules and other League operating costs, and user fees.

FINES

k) If a team is charged with a default for any reason, the following penalties will apply:

	Game Default	Missed Meeting
1 st OFFENSE	\$25.00	\$25.00
2 nd OFFENSE	\$50.00	\$50.00
3 rd OFFENSE	\$75.00 and possible expulsion from the League.	\$75.00 & possible expulsion from the League

Charges by the Municipality for failure to comply with their rules and regulations with respect to the Ball Field are the responsibility of the respective Team Rep. This includes the turning off of lights as assigned by the League Scheduler/Stats. person. (The Municipality fee for leaving lights on could exceed \$250.)

Note: all fines MUST BE PAID by the last meeting BEFORE the playoffs begin. Failure to do so, will result in teams forfeiting their playoff position.

If a team wishes to continue playing after its' performance bond has been exhausted, it may apply to post a further one hundred dollar (\$100.00) bond, but the decision as to whether or not the team is allowed to continue rest solely with the Executive Committee.

LEAGUE MEETINGS

l) If a team is late for any meeting, it must report to the Executive Committee with a valid excuse, however, the Executive Committee may decide against the late team or teams and institute the appropriate fine. A calendar of events will be handed out at the AGM.

INDIVIDUALS NOT REGISTERD AND ON AND ACTIVE TEAM ROSTER

Individuals, adult or minor child, are not covered under SPN Insurance coverage if they are not an active member of a BRECS Team Roster. As such, Team Representatives are required to make it known that any individual, adult, or minor child, is not allowed to enter the playing field or be present in the dug-outs. BRECS assumes no liability from any resulting injury if this policy is not adhered to.