



## North York Women's Softball League Regulations

1. The name of the organization shall be "NORTH YORK WOMEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE".
2. The objectives of this league shall be:
  - a. To foster the playing of Women's amateur softball.
  - b. To initiate and regulate competitions among its members and schedule such games as will serve the best interests of those member and the game of softball.
  - c. To encourage and receive applications for membership from teams that will play in a league schedule.
  - d. To declare annually the various Divisional Champions as the opportunity presents itself from year to year.
3. MEMBERSHIP
  - a. Teams/Associations currently affiliated in previous season agreeing to abide by the rules and regulations of the League and that are in good standing in the Province shall be eligible for membership.
  - b. Any Team/Association applying for membership sin the league must first obtain approval from any/all member Associations, in good standing whose boundaries in whole or in part will be infringed upon. Without this approval the application for membership will not be considered.
  - c. Application for new League membership by Teams/Associations not currently affiliated will be considered, subject to conditions in 3(b), at the January meeting each year.

#### 4. RIGHT TO VOTE

At any league meeting each Officer and Association Director is entitled to one vote.

#### 5. EXECUTIVE

Consists of:	Elected Officers:	Chairperson Vice Chairperson Treasurer Secretary (To be selected at annual general meeting.)
	Directors:	One appointed member from each Current member association.
	Conveners:	One Convener to be appointed for each Division, Mite, Squirt, Novice, Bantam, Midget and Junior.



## 6. DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Elected Officers shall:

- a) have the authority and responsibility of overseeing all phases and functions of the League
- b) call an annual meeting of the League in January or February of each year
- c) record and distribute minutes of all League meetings to the membership
- d) Keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed through a Chartered Bank or Trust Company. Signature of at least two Officers shall be required on all cheques issued by the League. The league account shall be in the name of the League.
- e) At least once a year a financial statement shall be prepared and presented to the membership.
- f) Call meetings from time to time when needed for proper management of the League.

The Directors Shall:

- a) Represent all teams within their Association at all League meetings and act as their liaison.
- b) Fill positions on various committees as established by the Executive

The Conveners shall: (with Officers approval)

- a) Call a Divisional coaches meeting prior to the start of the season to distribute, League rules and League Regulations and Operating Rules.
- b) Keep Divisional standings and submit to teams regularly
- c) Schedule Divisional play-offs
- d) Provide a Divisional report at the annual meeting.

(Revised at Annual Meeting January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1998.)



## OPERATING RULES

### LEAGUE PLAY

1. Softball Canada and PWSA playing rules will apply  
  
EXCEPTION: Re-entry rule will be waived in the case of injury for all league and play-off games.  
Unlimited substations is allowed and all batters will bat.  
Double base is mandatory for all Divisions.
2. All participating teams must affiliate with the PWSA and may only be registered with One League.
3. League approval must be obtained for two Associations to combine players to play in the North York League. (i.e.) in order to field a team due to lack of numbers in a particular age group.
4. Minimum of THREE teams to comprise a Division
5. League fees to be determined annually at the Annual meeting based on the cost of play-offs and awards. Deadline date for team entries and entry fee payment will be April 20<sup>th</sup> of each year.
6. A copy of the approved P.W.S.A.'s Team Registration Certificate must be submitted to your Divisional Convener not later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. Scheduled League games to commence at the latest, the week following the Victoria Day Weekend.
8. Home team to provide one new and one good used softball for games.
9. Home team shall provide two umpires, preferably two carded but at least one carded plate umpire.
10. All games to be 7 (seven) innings or curfew, and ties to be played out if time permits. No new inning to start after 1 hour 45 minutes maximum in all Divisions.



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11. Acceptable reasons for re-scheduling games up until June 30<sup>th</sup> are group functions at school, Girl Guides etc. After June 30<sup>th</sup>, only rained out games should need to be re-scheduled. Rained out games must be re-scheduled with 7 (seven) days and the Conveners notified.
12. Any team may borrow up to a maximum of THREE players for League games only. The scorebook to indicate borrowed players. Players must be borrowed from a lower classification.
13. Protest from League games to be ruled on by three League Officers or three person appointed by the Chairperson. Any appeals or questions should be directed to your Divisional Convener. If Conveners need assistance and guidance on any matter, they shall contact the Chairperson.
14. Members/Associations of any team that fails to meet League obligations but not limited to attendance at the Annual meeting, scheduled meetings, special meeting and game commitments will be subject to the following fines:
  - First Offence.....\$50.00
  - Second Offence.....\$100.00
  - Third Offence.....\$150.00

After the third offence, the Member/Association will be required to go before the League Executive. Each fine must be paid before the team can participate in any further League activity. It is the obligation of the offended team to report the breach to the Convener within 24 hours (or be subject to the same penalties) for it to be acted upon.
15. A league Scheduler shall be appointed by the Memembers/Associations and the Scheduler will be compensated with an honorarium as agreed to by the Scheduler and League Executive.
16. Any Association representing a team that does not give 24 hours notice (excluding weather related) to allow cancellation of umpires will be responsible for the remuneration of such umpires' fees and will have to compensate the home team or the Association for the full amount. The Association who cancels a game is also responsible for notifying their Divisional Convener.

### TAMPERING

- 1) Any team manager/coach/Association may not approach a player and/or parent for solicitation/try-out for the team from May 1<sup>st</sup> until after August 31<sup>st</sup> or the last League Play-off game, if after that date.



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- 2) Any team manager/coach/Association approached by a parent/player must advise that individual(s) that they cannot be contacted until after August 31<sup>st</sup> of after the last League play-off game, unless they have a letter permission from their current Association.
- 3) Any team manager/coach/Association connected with a team found guilty of 'Tampering' will automatically lose the right to sign such player(s) for the next season and may be subject to discipline by the League Executive.
- 4) Any team found guilty of violating the 'Tampering' rule will be assessed a fine of \$250 and may be suspended for up to 12 (twelve) League games (play-offs included).
- 5) The League Executive shall notify the offending team or Association in writing within 30 days of the offense and all Associations within the League will be copied. The results of any of the decisions will be delivered by registered mail.
- 6) The accused team/Association has the right to appeal the decision within 7 (seven) days of receipt of the written decision. All appeals must be in writing to the Secretary of the League.

### VIOLATION OF RULE and REGULATIONS

Any Coach/Manager/Association/Player violating the Rules and Regulations of the League shall be subject to suspension.

NOTE: PWSA suspension rules will apply to all League play. (PWSA operating rule eight)

Any violation of the Rules and Regulations of the North York Women's League must be reported to the Secretary of the League, in writing, within 30 days of the violation, along with a \$50.00 fee (refunded if charge of violation is upheld.)\_.

Report to the League must include

- The nature of the infraction
- Names of all persons involved
- Name of Association involved



## LEAGUE PLAY OFF RULES

1. PWSA Tournament Rules shall apply in all Divisions.

2. Participation

All teams will participate in the League play offs. Five teams or more will be a double knock out tournament. Four teams or less will be a round robin series. Standard draw for all Divisions. Home team advantage to the team that place the highest in League standing. except in the Championship game where home teams shall be decided by a toss of coin. The other team to have their choice of bench.

3. Standings

League standings will be based on winning percentage, with zero points awarded for any games fewer than 85% of the scheduled games. Ties in League standing after all scheduled games have been completed will be broken as follows:

- Winning percentage (total games played (min 85%) divided by games won multiplied by 1000 - Tie + ½ win)
- Head to head record between the two teams
- Most wins
- Runs for and against – differential between the two teams

4. Awards

Large banners to League Champions and Play off Champions Top three teams in play off to be recognized with individual awards. Participation medals to all Mite participants except top three teams. (Actual awards to be determined annually after cost established).

5. The North York Women's Softball League will pay up to \$200 for park fees for all League Play off tournaments.

6. Only players listed on PWSA Team Registration Certificate are eligible to play in the League play offs. NO CALL UPS ALLOWED UNLESS APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE.

7. Softball Canada substitution and lineup rules will apply. Unlimited substitutions are not allowed.



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8. Home team will be the team which finished higher in the final League standings.
9. Home team to occupy third base bench. (Unless playing back to back games then they will retain their bench).
10. Home team will be the official scorekeeper.
11. Divisional convener retains the right to modify schedule if warranted due to weather or field conditions.
12. All teams must be ready to play fifteen (15) minutes before scheduled start time.
13. All games are to be played until a winner is determined.
14. In non-medal games, after 7 innings of regulation play or time limit is reached (whichever occurs first) and score is tied, the Tie Breaker rule shall be used.
15. In non-medal games, in all divisions, no new inning shall begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes, unless game is tied.
16. In Medal games, no time limit will apply. Games shall be 7 innings.
17. PWSA mercy rule will apply in all games.
18. No protests shall be allowed. Umpire's decision is final.



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