



CONSTITUTION

Association of MITCHELL MINOR SPORTS Inc. COUNCIL

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the association shall be the Association of Mitchell Minor Sports Inc. Council (M.M.S.C.), hereinafter referred to as the "COUNCIL".

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

Section A - Mandate

The stated aim of the Council, and of all member organizations and of all coaches, managers, players and officials is as follows:

"It shall be the aim of the Association of Mitchell Minor Sports Inc. Council to foster and promote good sportsmanship through athletics not only among minors, but also in Midget Fastball, Midget Baseball, Midget Hockey, U19 Ringette and Soccer up to and including the age 19 in Mitchell and Area, without restriction to level of ability. Any sport on a year to year basis may request permission to use over age players with the approval of Council."

Section B - PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the Council to provide a wholesome experience, not only for the girls and boys participating, but also for the coaches, managers, and league officials. Our main interest shall always be the girl or boy and not her or his ability. Sportsmanship, fair play, good citizenship, friendly competition, enjoyment and full participation for all team members shall always be our guideposts. All decisions of the Council shall be tempered with reason and will always consider the feeling of the individual. It is our belief that this atmosphere will provide the greatest enjoyment and wholesome experience for all concerned.

Section C - MOTTO

The motto of the Council is: Sports for all – get involved.

Section D - PRINCIPLES

The basic principles of the Council are:

1. No boy or girl who wants to participate is turned away because of financial standing or ability to take part in the sport.
2. Each participant deserves a fair share in the sport.

Section E – DEFERRAL/SUBSIDY

The potential subsidized party must contact the President of that sport. A deferral/subsidy request form must be completed and signed by the participant and submitted to the President of the sport involved. The President will inform the Treasurer of that sport. Only the President and Treasurer of the particular sport will be involved. No discussion regarding subsidy shall take place without the signature of the subsidized party showing their acknowledgment. The President of the sport is not to contact the potential subsidized party first. All subsidy request forms will be kept by the sports President to record payments (if any). The President of each sport is to report to Mitchell Minor Sports, the quantity of players and the amount of dollars subsidized for reimbursement at the end of each of their seasons. Mitchell Minor Sports will be responsible to reimburse that sport the total amount subsidized. The President of Mitchell Minor Sports reserves the right to view the subsidy request forms if deemed necessary. The subsidy request forms shall be shredded each year after Mitchell Minor Sports has granted reimbursement.

ARTICLE III MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Any sports organization may become a member organization after application to, and acceptance by Council at a Council Meeting.

In order to apply for membership in the Council, a sports organization must:

1. Have been in operation a minimum of one year, or at the discretion of the Council.
2. It is the intent that all respective sports associations within the Council raise 100% of their approved budget. Should any unforeseen circumstances that will negatively impact their respective budget arise, the sport association is to communicate the impact to the Council.
3. Agree to conform to the Council's Constitution and By-laws.

ARTICLE IV EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Council shall be the President, Past President, First Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Advertising Chairperson, Website Coordinator, and a minimum of three directors (including Council Representative). The President and First Vice-President may not remain in any one of those offices longer than two years unless approved by the current executive. The Treasurer and Secretary shall not hold office for more than six consecutive years unless approved by the current executive. The Vice-President shall be encouraged to stand for President in the succeeding year. All persons fulfilling requirements may be nominated for any available executive office. The sole responsibility of the Council is to conduct sports programs for the citizens of this community.

ARTICLE V GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

The general membership shall consist of one representative from each sport organization and the Executive Council, all of whom shall be voting members. All members shall be 18 years of age or over. With the exception added April 2008: To elect youth directors, Age 15-17 yrs as a voting member. This would be a position to listen to youth's ideas and to mentor youth to becoming active volunteers in our community.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section A - AD HOC COMMITTEES

The council may appoint, from time to time, such committees as deemed necessary to carry out functions of the Council.

Section B - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee shall consist of three appointees by the council. The nominating committee shall submit a report of nominees to the Secretary on or before the 1st of April. The Secretary shall give notice of the report of the nominating committee to the general membership by the 15th of April each year. All nominations must be actively involved in minor sports. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. All nominations shall be in writing with the written consent of the nominee attached. The election of officers from among those nominated shall take place at the Annual General Meeting at the end of April.

Section C - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the event an Executive Committee Meeting is required, the Executive Committee must be comprised of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least one other Executive Officer. The President of a specific sport presence may also be required.

ARTICLE VII QUORUM

A quorum will consist of a majority of voting members, plus two members of the Executive Committee of the Council for General, Special, and the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII MEETINGS

There must be an Annual General Meeting during the calendar year, on or about the 30th of April and there will be Special, General, and Executive Committee Meetings when necessary. The officers elected at the Annual General Meeting shall take office as of May 1st.

ARTICLE IX CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

Section A - CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

The constitution may be amended at an Annual General Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those voting members in attendance, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given in writing to the General Membership at least thirty days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Section B - BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

The by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the voting members in attendance at a General, Special, or Annual General Meeting, provided written notice is given to the General Membership at least thirty days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Association of Mitchell Minor Sports Inc. should dissolve, any lottery/bingo funds be returned to that organization. Any funds of the member organization shall be returned to that organization based on a three-year average of income/expenses. Any funds under the Council should be allocated to the member organizations as percentage of annual expenses based on the previous three seasons.

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1975

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