

CABBAGETOWN GROUP SOFTBALL LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

Article 1

Name

The name of the organization shall be the “Cabbagetown Group Softball League” (CGSL), herein referred to as the “league”.

Article 2

Purpose

The purpose of the CGSL is to provide a venue for individuals (predominantly from the gay community) to play adult slow-pitch softball, in an environment free of harassment, for persons of all skill levels and abilities regardless of sexual orientation, gender, race, creed, religion or national origin.

Article 3

Private and Non-Profit

The CGSL is a private, incorporated, non-profit organization. No part of the net earnings, if any, or assets of the CGSL shall inure to the benefit of any member, individual, person, firm or corporation, unless designated as an individual in a paid position to perform a service to the Executive Committee (i.e. Umpire-in-Chief; Website Administrator).

Article 4

Membership

Membership in the CGSL shall be open to all individuals who wish to participate in the activities of the organization provided that they:

- Agree to abide by the Constitution, By-laws and Ethics Policy; and
- Agree to abide by the rules of competition; and
- Pay any applicable fees; and
- Are in good standing; and
- Are 18 years of age or older.

The honour of “member emeritus” may be awarded by the Executive Committee in a public setting to a past member that has made significant lifetime contributions to the league. This membership is granted for as long as the organization endures. It is the highest honour the league can offer to an individual.

**Article 5
Executive Committee**

An elected, executive body shall govern the league.

The executive body shall be known as the “Executive Committee”.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of members in good standing within the league.

A member with any criminal record is not eligible to be a member of the Executive Committee. Failure to disclose this information will result in automatic dismissal.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of five to seven Executive Officers. They include:

- Commissioner
- Assistant Commissioner
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- One to three additional positions to be determined based upon need.

The Executive Committee shall enforce all rules and regulations as indicated in the Constitution, Bylaws, Ethics Policy and Rules of Play.

Specific roles and responsibilities of all Executive Officers must be identified in the by-laws.

The Executive Committee will incorporate “reasonableness” in all decision-making processes.

The Commissioner can only be removed by a vote of the general membership at a properly convened meeting with a quorum as provided in the bylaws.

**Article 6
Executive Committee Powers**

The Executive Committee, shall have the power to:

- 1) Manage all affairs of the league
- 2) Act on any, and all questions relating in any manner whatsoever thereto, and make all contracts necessary for the proper transaction of league business.

In addition to the Constitution, the Executive Committee may create by-laws and an ethics policy as separate regulatory documents to govern the internal affairs of the organization.

The by-laws, rules of play and ethics policy may be made, altered, rescinded or added to, by the Executive Committee at any time.

The Executive Committee may create League Officer positions as required.

The Executive Committee may create committees to implement initiatives and activities.

One Executive Officer will be responsible to oversee the activities of his/her assigned committee(s). The Executive Officer has the option to appoint a chairperson to a committee in their place, based on Executive Committee approval.

**Article 7
League Structure**

The league will consist of recreational and competitive teams.

The league will have an open division and a women's division.

In the event that either division has three teams or less, the Executive Committee has the authority to disband the division.

**Article 8
League Officers**

League Officers are identified for the purpose of fulfilling a specific purpose of the organization.

Each team will have a "Team Manager" that will be a League Officer and the official team representative to the Executive Committee.

The league may appoint an Umpire in Chief as a League Officer for the purpose of managing the umpires on behalf of the organization.

The league may appoint a webmaster as a league officer for the purpose of facilitating communications between the Executive Committee and general membership. In addition, the web site administrator will maintain the functionality of the system.

Article 9 Meetings

The Executive Committee will meet regularly to discuss league business.

An Annual General Meeting of the membership will take place at least once a year.

General Membership meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or by petition of 30 members of the league membership.

A quorum at Executive Committee meetings will be 50% plus one member.

A quorum at the Annual General Meeting, Special Meetings and Other meetings will be 10% of the general membership.

A quorum to vote at the Annual General Meeting, Special Meetings and Other meetings will be 10% of the general membership.

Article 10 Affiliations

The league will maintain membership with the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance (NAGAAA).

The league will assess the rules, regulations, decisions and procedures of NAGAAA and determine the appropriateness for the league.

Rules of play will be those adopted by the Amateur Softball Association (A.S.A.), unless specifically amended by CGSL rules.

The league has the ability to join/affiliate with other organizations for the purpose of creating a common-good or to the benefit of the league.

The league will allow commercial affiliation. Approval of any advertisements, proposals, contracts and donations must have prior approval of the Executive Committee before being ratified. All material, facility donations and distribution of the same must be approved by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee has sole discretion to determine when there is a sponsorship conflict.

The league will have no political affiliation or participate in political issues, except where the function and/or existence of the league are jeopardized, and except where the well being of the gay community is jeopardized.

Article 11 Amendments

The Constitution can only be rewritten, altered, rescinded or added to by a vote by the general membership.

Any member of the league in good standing may propose additions, amendments and deletions to these articles.

Constitutional amendments may be adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds of a quorum of the league membership.

The By-laws, Ethics Policy and Rules of Play may be rewritten, altered, rescinded or added by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at any time.

Article 12 Dissolution

The league shall be dissolved by two-thirds of the Executive Committee and general membership voting at any special meeting called expressly for that purpose, provided that such purpose is plainly stated in the notice of such meeting.

Upon dissolution of the league, any funds remaining shall be distributed to one or more charitable, educational, scientific, or philanthropic organizations to be selected by the Executive Committee.