

We, the members of the Parksville Indoor Slo-pitch League,

in order to promote and organize competitive and recreational Slo-pitch ball

in a community spirit of sportsmanship,

do hereby

establish this Constitution to govern the operations of the League.

Dated February 18, 2026

Article I

The name of this organization shall be “Parksville Indoor Slo-Pitch League” herein after referred to as “The League”.

Article II

Section 1: Objectives of the League shall be:

- A. To organize regular slo-pitch ball games and tournaments
- B. To promote fair play and sportsmanship.
- C. To provide opportunities to play for all player skill levels
- D. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of all participants

Article III

Section 1: Membership:

A: Membership is open to all individuals over the age of 55 in all skill levels

B: Members must agree to abide by the rules of the league.

C: Members of the League must be enrolled in PGOSA, with dues paid in full, and have submitted a completed Liability Release form as to play at your own risk. PGOSA supplies insurance for players in organized events.

D: Participation of member with paid dues shall be determined prior to the start of each session. Session dues are payable at the time of registration of each session, ie. January – Winter and September - Fall.

Article IV

Section 1: Governance:

A: League shall be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of:

- Manager
- Assistant manager
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- League Commissioners (2): “A” Division and “B” Division

B: Terms of office shall be for 1 year, determined by vote at the annual general meeting after acceptance of the Constitution and acceptance by the members. Exception to this is the Captains positions which will be determined at the start of each season.

For the inauguration of this constitution, past members may vote and present amendments for acceptance by members, for the first term.

C: Duties of the Officers: ** See attachment I – Clarification of Duties **

Manager - Preside over League meetings and Oversee the operations of the League.

Assistant Manager - Assists the Manager or steps into place, if needed.

- Maintains and updates the League website.
- Manages heating apparatus (gas and electric) for cold operational days.

Secretary - Maintains records, meeting minutes and communications.

Treasurer - Handles all finances, including budgets, dues and acquisitions.

League Commissioners (2) - Consults with Captains of each team in the division and oversees games, rules, player conduct, schedules and equipment for his division. Implements rule changes or any other adjustment to play as deemed by a League vote. Passes any play issues or concerns of players to the attention of the presiding League Commissioner.

Captains - P resides over their team members to facilitate scheduling of games, arranges for “stand-ins” for openings created by absent team members and conveys any rule changes or concerns to the players on his team.

- Autonomously manages the team and team play, which includes consulting umpires on questionable plays.

- Takes any concerns voiced by team members to the appropriate Commissioner to remedy or to clarify any issue.

- Members wishing to become Captains shall notify the Secretary. If more than 4 members volunteer for the positions there will be a draw with all interested members in attendance to verify their position and team selections. Members wishing to take on duties as a Captain must be present for the drawing of these positions.

Article V

Section 1: League Structure:

A: The League shall be divided into two Divisions:

“A” Division being a competitive league.

“B: Division shall be of a non-competitive nature.

B: Regular seasons shall consist of approximately 20 games in each session, Winter and Fall.

C: Playoffs will follow the end of the regular season and shall consist of a “Round Robin” event with placement determined by total wins, total runs for and against as well as total points for the session.

Article VI

Section 1: Rules and Regulations:

A: All games shall be played under the Softball BC Rules along with the following modified League rules:

See attachment II *** Modified League Rules ***

New or modified rules will require a 2/3 majority at a GM.

B: All players are subjected to:

- No fighting, utterance of threats or abusive language.
- Penalties for misconduct shall include possible suspension or expulsion from the League.
- Umpires to contain disruption with warnings or immediate expulsion from facilities.

C: Ethics - Discrimination, intimidation, harassment or retaliations will not be tolerated in any form by any member. If this rule is breached the offending act will be documented and brought before the Committee and relevant Captains for disciplinary action.

Article VII

Section 1: Meetings

A: Annual General Meeting to take place within one month of the start of the winter (January) session in order to iron out any members concerns regarding rules, modifications, finances or physical adjustments to the play area.

B: Any changes to the constitution requires a quorum of 40 persons with a pass of 2/3 majority, at an AGM.

C: Meetings shall be guided by the “Roberts Rules of Order”. ** See attachment III**

Article VIII

Section 1: Finances:

A: The League shall maintain a registered bank account in its’ name (Parksville Indoor Slo-pitch League).

B: The treasurer shall supply a financial statement at each General Meeting or at the request of the Manager. All current bank statements and receipts shall be readily available at these meetings.

C: All expenditures must be approved by the Treasurer and two other executive members.

*** An external audit shall be performed initially to establish a starting point for PISL under a new constitution, ***

Article IX

Section 1: Amendments and Complaint Resolutions:

A: Any member shall be able to propose or initiate an amendment to the Constitution in its’ entirety.

B: Amendments to the Constitution, must be submitted, in writing (email), to the next layer of the League and must be carried by a 2/3 majority at a General Meeting. Members are to be notified of such amendments prior to the voting and ratification.

C: Complaints shall be brought to the attention of the League Commissioners, and a Resolution Committee, consisting of no less than three members

of the Executive Committee, shall resolve said complaints and implement any necessary changes. In the event of a tie vote, the Manager prevails.

D: Complaints will be documented and resolutions will be placed on the PISL website within a week.

ATTACHMENT I – Clarification of Duties

Manager:

Is to ensure the smooth overall operation of the League including:

- collection of dues.
- completed schedules of play in place for upcoming session.
- arrange Captain selection through committee approval process.
- arrange for the “Team Selection” draws.
- ensure barn fees have been paid prior to League start up.
- Line up umpires (2 if possible) on a pre-determined schedule.
- Assemble a final list of League players.

Assistant Manager:

Assist Manager in his collection and distribution of information and assignments.

Secretary:

Maintain written records of meetings \ decisions made by committee.

- Receive and secure all documents from League Players.
- Receive/request documents from Arbutus Meadows indicating rental cost.
- Acknowledge/Provide information to/from appropriate committee members.
- Keep records or minutes of AGM’s or any interim Committee meetings.

Treasurer:

Keep financial account records up to date.

- Collect monies from the League players and maintain deposit/withdrawal records.

- Pay and issue receipts for fees and expenditures, as required.

- Provide monthly financial statements to Committee, or as required.

League Commissioner: A & B:

Assist in smooth operation of League play by:

- Verbally addressing any minor concerns or discrepancies.

- Receive and forward any written requests/concerns from League members.

- Keep concerned parties informed about any issues passed on to Committee.

- Assist Committee in passing information through to League players as required.

Captains: Competitive and Non-competitive Leagues:

Assist in smooth operation of the team level by:

- Managing team players to facilitate positional play and corresponding skill levels.

- Informing players of amended rules and maintain overall compliance to said rules.

- Ensuring that League equipment is returned to supplied storage lockers and barn seating is returned to storage stacks. Maintaining general cleanliness of play area.

ATTATCHMENT II - Modified League Rules

For play at Arbutus Meadows – known as “The Barn”

1. As long as the arc of the pitch is within specifications, any ball hitting the “plate” is a strike regardless of the bounce direction – See attached SPN rule.
2. Hitting ceilings – remains a strike.
3. Hitting the ball over the outfield net results in a two base hit.
4. Hitting the main wires that run across the field results in a “dead ball” and counts as a strike, unless it is the third strike, in which case it is just a dead ball.
5. Catch up from behind – a team can catch up if more than 5 runs are needed, but not to pass.
6. Batted ball in the outfield net – the ball remains in play unless it goes through the man-way holes in net.
7. If spares are required because a team has less than 11 players or no pitchers, captains can obtain spares of the same caliber and must notify opposing captain of the changes prior to the game starting. Any one player can only spare for other teams once per week.
8. Pinch runners may only be used when a player requests one due to injury, illness, etc. Pinch runners shall only run for one designated player per game for as many times as that player attains at least first base. Pinch runners should be designated and listed on teams score sheet prior to game starting.
9. A team missing regular players may play a game while fielding as few as 9 players. The opposing team can still field the regular 11 players, if available.
10. No intentional walking. If the umpires deem it an intentional walk, the player attains second base.
11. Any player that attains the age of 75 during the fiscal year may use a 1.21 bat if desired.
12. Only female players can use the “small” ball and any female player may use a 1.21 bat if desired.

13. Throwing equipment in a fit of frustration, profane language or improper conduct – one warning from umpire or League President, second warning is removal from League for the remainder of the season, Return to play is subject to League approval.

ATTACHMENT III – Roberts Rules of Order

“Simplified”

Guiding Principles:

- Everyone has the right to participate in discussion if they wish, before anyone may speak a second time.
- Everyone has the right to know what is going on at all times. Only urgent matters may interrupt a speaker.
- Only one thing (motion) can be discussed at a time.

A ***motion*** is the topic under discussion (e.g., “I move that we add a coffee break to this meeting”). After being recognized by the president of the board, any member can introduce a motion when no other motion is on the table. A motion requires a second to be considered. If there is no second, the matter is not considered. Each motion must be disposed of (passed, defeated, tabled, referred to committee, or postponed indefinitely).

How to do things:

You want to bring up a new idea before the group.

After recognition by the president of the board, present your motion. A second is required for the motion to go to the floor for discussion, or consideration.\

You want to change some of the wording in a motion under discussion.

After recognition by the president of the board, move to amend by

- adding words,
- striking words or
- striking and inserting words.

You like the idea of a motion being discussed, but you’d like to reword it effectively

Move to substitute your motion for the original motion. If it is seconded, discussion will continue on both motions and eventually the body will vote on which motion they prefer.

You want more study and/or investigation given to the idea being discussed.

Move to refer to a committee. Try to be specific as to the charge to the committee.

You want more time personally to study the proposal being discussed.

Move to postpone to a definite time or date.

You are tired of the current discussion.

Move to limit debate to a set period of time or to a set number of speakers.

Requires a 2/3rds vote.

You have heard enough discussion.

Move to close the debate. Also referred to as calling the question. This cuts off discussion and brings the assembly to a vote on the pending question only.

Requires a 2/3rds vote.

You want to postpone a motion until some later time.

Move to table the motion. The motion may be taken from the table after 1 item of business has been conducted.

If the motion is not taken from the table by the end of the next meeting, it is dead.

To kill a motion at the time it is tabled requires a 2/3rds vote.
A majority is required to table a motion without killing it.

You believe the discussion has drifted away from the agenda and want to bring it back.
Call for orders of the day.”

You want to take a short break.
Move to recess for a set period of time.

You want to end the meeting.
Move to adjourn.

You are unsure the president of the board announced the results of a vote correctly.
Without being recognized, call for a “division of the house.” A roll call vote will then be taken.

You are confused about a procedure being used and want clarification.
Without recognition, call for "Point of Information" or "Point of Parliamentary Inquiry." The president of the board will ask you to state your question and will attempt to clarify the situation.

You have changed your mind about something that was voted on earlier in the meeting for which you were on the winning side.
Move to reconsider. If the majority agrees, the motion comes back on the floor as though the vote had not occurred.

You want to change an action voted on at an earlier meeting.
Move to rescind. If previous written notice is given, a simple majority is required. If no notice is given, a 2/3rds vote is required.

Unanimous Consent:

If a matter is considered relatively minor or opposition is not expected, a call for unanimous consent may be requested. If the request is made by others, the president of the board will repeat the request and then pause for objections. If none are heard, the motion passes.

You may INTERRUPT a speaker for these reasons only:

- to get information about business –point of information
- to get information about rules– parliamentary inquiry
- if you can't hear, safety reasons, comfort, etc. –question of privilege
- if you see a breach of the rules –point of order
- if you disagree with the president of the board’s ruling –appeal
- if you disagree with a call for Unanimous Consent –object

SPN Ruling on strikes:

Sec. 5 A STRIKE IS CALLED BY THE UMPIRE:

- A. For each fairly delivered pitched ball by the pitcher, that lands entirely or partially, on any part of the home plate / strike mat, before touching the ground.
- B. For each pitch struck at and missed by the batter.
- C. For each batted ball striking the batter, while they are in the batter's area.
- D. For each foul ball not caught in flight.
- E. For leaving the batter's area after the pitcher starts their pitching motion.

EFFECT Sec. 5 The ball is dead after any strike.