

# **Saskatoon Senior Men's Basketball League**

## **Articles of Association (1989) Amended (2013)**

THERE shall be an unincorporated association known as the Saskatoon Senior Men's Basketball League, which shall be governed by the following articles agreed to by the members of the association:

### **I. OBJECTS**

1. The object and purpose of the association is to operate a senior Men's basketball league in the City of Saskatoon, and any activities and social functions ancillary thereto.

### **II. MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any basketball team may make application for membership in such form, in writing or otherwise, as may from time to time be required by the officers of the association, and the applicant team shall become a member of the association upon:

(a) Approval by a majority of the officers; and

(b) Acceptance by the applicant of these articles, as witnessed by the signature of the authorized representative of the applicant.

Or

c) By registering and paying fees after the September / October league meeting to indicate readiness to begin play in the upcoming season.

2. Any member team in arrears of team fees prescribed from time to time by the officers shall be suspended until such time as the payment in arrears is tendered by the team and accepted by the officers.

### **III. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

1. An annual general meeting shall be held in September or October of each year. Notice of the annual general meeting shall be given to all present members by personal communication, email, telephone and or mail in such manner as the officers think fit, not less than 7 days before the date of the meeting, and in addition the meeting shall be advertised on our website more than 2 days before the date of the meeting.

2. A special general meeting may be called by the officers when they deem it advisable, or when requested to do so in writing signed by the representatives to do so in writing signed by the representatives of at least half of the teams, and in that event notice of the meeting shall be given in like manner as for the annual general meeting, except that the meeting need not be advertised.
3. A quorum at all meetings of members shall consist of representatives of not less than one-half of the present member teams.
4. Each member team represented at a meeting shall be entitled to one vote on any motion.
5. An applicant for membership may attend any meeting of members, but shall not be entitled to vote on any motion.
6. No member team whose membership has been suspended is entitled to vote on any motion.

#### **IV. OFFICERS**

1. The officers of the association shall consist of a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Administrator, who shall comprise the Executive Committee, and one representative from each league division. (Amendment No. 3, September 13, 1989)
2. Subject to these articles and to any resolution passed by three quarters of the members present and voting at any annual general meeting or special meeting of members, the officers shall be empowered to conduct the activities and operations of the association in accordance with its objects.
3. Officers shall be elected from persons nominated for that purpose at the annual general or special meeting of members, the officers shall be empowered to conduct the activities and operations of the association in accordance with its objects.
4. The officers may appoint any person to fill a vacancy in the officers caused by resignation, and such appointee shall hold office until the next annual general meeting.
5. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
  - (a) The President is the chief executive officer of the association, and shall oversee the activities of the association, act as chairman at all meetings of members or officers, and take charge of any correspondence received by the association. The address of the President shall serve as the address of the

association. The President shall be elected in even numbered years (i.e.: 1990, 1992, and 1994 etc)

(b) The Secretary shall keep a record of all current members of the association and their team representatives shall keep minutes of all meetings of members or officers. The Secretary shall be the coordinator of the Master's Division of the league. The Secretary shall be elected in odd numbered years (i.e.: 1991, 1993, and 1995 etc).

(c) The Treasurer shall keep the financial accounts and records of the association, shall prepare for each season of league play a budget and recommend to the officers the fees to be set for each member team, and shall be responsible for collecting all team fees and paying all accounts payable. The Treasurer shall be elected in odd numbered years (i.e.: 1991, 1993, and 1995 etc).

(d) The Division Representatives shall provide assistance to the President, Secretary and Treasurer in carrying out their duties, in so far as such duties pertain to their respective league divisions, including assistance in communications to members, scheduling, statistics, collection of fees, and any other matter that the Executive Committee may direct.

(e) The Administrator shall be the liaison between the league and the various groups association with it (i.e. The referee, the scorekeepers, etc.) The Administrator is responsible for organizing those associated functions so that all games have referees and scorekeepers. (Amendment No. 3, September 13, 1989) and shall be responsible for all scheduling, publicity and statistics. The Administrator shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve for the next basketball season.

6. A quorum for a meeting of officers shall consist of three officers, two of whom must be members of the Executive Committee. A quorum for a meeting of the Executive Committee shall consist of two members thereof. All questions at meetings of the officers or the Executive committee may be decided by a majority of those present and voting.

## **V. EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTS**

1. The Executive Committee may on behalf of the association hire such employees as may be necessary to carry out their duties, provided the cost of remunerating the employees is included in a budget that has been submitted to the annual or a special meeting of members, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Executive Committee may hire league or gymnasium commissioners and minor officials.

2. The Executive Committee may enter into contracts on behalf of the association for referees and for gymnasium rentals.
3. The Executive Committee may delegate signing authority for banking purposes and contracts to one or more of its members.

## **VI. PLAYER REGISTRATION**

1. A member team must register on the website, by the date prescribed by the Secretary at the annual general meeting. A member team's roster shall designate the team's representative and alternative representative. If the roster is not filed by such date, the member team is suspended until the roster is tendered by the team and accepted by the Secretary.

2. No player may be added to the roster of a member team after the date prescribed by the Secretary or Administrator at the annual general meeting, unless in the opinion of the Executive Committee it is in all the circumstances reasonable to allow the player to be added to the team's roster. The player is ineligible for playoffs unless so said player has played in half of the scheduled regular league games.

2 (i). Eligible players may be added to a team's roster until the first game after the New Year. After that time teams wishing to add new players must petition to the league administrator in writing for approval in cases where an emergency has occurred (injuries, transfers etc.) and a new player is needed by a team.

3. A player not on a team's roster is an ineligible player. Any team using an ineligible player forfeits the game.

4. Registration of a player with a member team shall also constitute affiliation with Basketball Saskatchewan Inc. and Basketball Canada, and the Secretary shall take such steps as may be necessary to effect such affiliation.

5. No player may be on the roster of more than one team, and once a player has played for one team, (except for Masters) he is an ineligible player for any other team during that season. Violations will be subject to review by the executive committee.

6. No roster shall include any person on the roster of any university, college or high school basketball team during that same season of play, unless approval of the Executive Committee is first obtained.

Required is a letter signed by a parent/guardian and the player's coach.

6(i). High school students who are not playing on a high school team that are in grade twelve (12) may apply to the league administrator to play in the league. Required is a letter signed by a parent or guardian. Such players must be placed on a team's roster by December 1st of the season. Application must be in writing to the league administrator before that player may play in a league game. Required is a letter signed by a parent or guardian.

7. No roster shall include any person under the age of 18 years, unless approval of the Executive Committee is first obtained as in 6(i)

8. The Executive Committee may prescribe that no player shall be eligible to be included on a team's roster unless the player has first signed a release of all liability or potential liability of the association and its officers and employees.

## **VII. FORFEITURE, DEFAULT and PROBATION**

1. The Administrator shall decide all questions regarding scheduling, and shall have the exclusive authority to reschedule games.

2. A member team whose membership is suspended for non-payment of team fees or failure to file a roster forfeits all games until the suspension is lifted.

3. Defaults will be covered in the following fashion:

(i) A separate \$150 default cheque due with registration fees must be submitted to the SRML each season. If the Administrator has not been notified a week prior to game time a team default occurs. When a team defaults the \$150 will be deposited by the SRML Treasurer. A subsequent default in the same season will result in expulsion from the league and loss of entry fees. In the 2012/2013 season Hudsons TapHouse was expelled. In addition 2 team's default cheques were deposited.

## **VIII. DIVISIONAL ALIGNMENTS**

1. The Saskatoon Basketball League shall consist of divisions designated A, B, C and so on. The newly elected Executive Committee may decide on the number of teams per division as it sees fit.

2. Subject to section 5, a new member team must start in the lowest division.

3. At the start of each season, the top two teams in each division other than A move up one division and the bottom two teams in each division other than the lowest division move down one division. The top two teams shall consist of the first place team in the division standings and the winner of the division playoffs; if the first place team also won the playoffs, the second place team also moves up. The bottom two teams shall consist of the last and second last place teams in the division standings.

4. If a team which would have moved up a division has ceased to be a member team, the team that is still a member team and is next from the top of the division standings shall fill the vacancy.

5. Where a vacancy in a division is created by a team ceasing to be a member, the teams who played the last season in the same division but are by section 3 to move down a division shall have the first option to fill the vacancy. If no such team exercises such option, the teams who played the last season in the next lower division and are not by section 3 already moving up shall have the option to fill the vacancy. Where more than one team is granted an option under this section, the option shall be offered first to the team having finished higher in the standing. Subject to section 6, if no team with an option to fill the vacancy elects to do so, the team highest in the standings in the next lower division created by the operation of this section shall be filled in like manner.

6. A new member team may start in other than the lowest division if no present member team wants to move to the higher division to fill a vacancy referred to in section 5

7. The playoff structure of the league shall be determined each year by the executive committee and reported to the membership. The object is to get an optimum number of teams in each division into post season play. The number of teams per division in playoffs shall be dependent on the number of teams per division and the availability of play dates and finances. In the 2012-2013 season the set up was as follows:

<b>A Div.. 12 teams</b>	<b>B Div. 12 teams</b>
<b>C Div. 15 teams</b>	<b>D Div. 16 teams</b>
<b>E Div. 14 teams</b>	<b>F Div. 12 teams</b>
<b>M Div. 6 teams</b>	

## XII. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

1. Any player charged with two technical fouls in a single game shall be suspended from league play for at least one game. The player, through his team representative may appeal to the league executive within five days of the game to have his case reviewed. The Executive Committee shall then schedule a time and place within the next 7 days for the appeal to be heard, and advise the team representative of such time and place. On the appeal, the suspended player or his team representative has the right to be heard, and to present as a witness any person present at the time of the incident which gave rise to the suspension. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee on the appeal is final.

1b. Any player being assessed a technical foul shall be suspended for the remainder of the half in which the technical foul was assessed. (Amendment No. 3, September 2007)

1c. Any player suspended for the second occasion in any season shall be suspended for a minimum of three games. (Amendment No. 2, September 14, 1988)

1d. Any player that accumulates 3 Technical fouls during the season will be suspended for 1 game.

## XIII. DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION

1. In the event of dissolution of the association, its assets shall be distributed equally among the teams that are then members of the association.

## XIV. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

1. These articles may be amended at any duly constituted meeting of the members of the association by a resolution passed by three quarters of the members present and voting.