

Ontario Masters Softball Cricket Clubs Inc.



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CONSTITUTION

I NAME

The name of the organization is the Ontario Masters Softball Cricket Clubs Inc. The OMSCC will operate as a non-profit organization under the laws of Ontario and Canada.

II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Ontario Masters Softball Clubs Inc. also referred to as “the League” is to promote the advancement of the game of Softball Cricket and sports goodwill in the Province of Ontario by:

- a) Providing the forum for meaningful dialogue among the softball cricket clubs in Ontario, and other cricket organizations.
- (b) Providing opportunities for over-40 adults to participate in outdoor activities.
- c) Providing advice and guidance on cricket issues to Toronto’s Parks and Recreation Department and the Public and Catholic School Boards and make representations on such matters as the location and preparation of playing fields, issuance of permits and the provision of related facilities.
- d) Establishing a relationship with Toronto’s Parks and Recreation Department and the Public and Catholic School Boards to ensure adherence/compliance of by-laws pertaining to the use of the playing fields and related facilities.
- e) Initiating, promoting and encouraging activities which will improve the standard of Softball Cricket in Ontario.
- f) Engaging sponsors and cricket enthusiasts to promote the objectives of the League.

- g) Arranging and regulating Softball Cricket competitions in the Province of Ontario.
- h) Promoting cultural, coaching and physical activities that will be beneficial to the community.

III INTERPRETATION

- a) "League" means Ontario Masters Softball Cricket Clubs (OMSCC).
- b) "Members" means member of a club of the League.
- c) "Club" means a Softball Cricket club that satisfies the criteria set out under Section IV and is accepted for membership by the League.
- d) The ruling of the majority of Executive members present at an executive meeting shall be final as regards to the interpretation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the League.
- e) Each member club in good standing will be allowed only one (1) vote. "Good Standing," means full payment of annual and any outstanding fees and not being subject to any disciplinary proceedings.

IV MEMBERSHIP

A club may apply for membership with the League and shall be required to complete an application showing their interest and commitment by e-mail or regular mail to the League's Secretary. The request must be accompanied with a deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100). This amount may not be refunded should the application be denied due to shortcomings on the applicant's side e.g. failure to provide full commitment or funds by a set date. Should the membership be accepted, the deposit will be applied to general membership fees.

The request for membership will be reviewed by an Executive quorum. This matter will be tabled at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for consideration.

Two representatives from each “new club” will be invited to attend the AGM where they may provide additional information as requested but are not entitled voting rights.

Applications to join the League will be considered on a “first come, first serve” basis. Applications should be submitted during the months of December to February.

Category of Membership

- a) Active membership: consists of clubs which are actively engaged in playing competitive and non-competitive Softball Cricket sanctioned by the League.
- (b) Inactive Membership: consists of clubs that are inactive for a maximum of two years. However, all voting privileges are suspended until all annual dues and any outstanding fees are paid.

V OFFICERS

- a) The Executive Committee shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician and Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer/Umpire Coordinator and shall have the full power of managing and administering the affairs of the League and to take the necessary disciplinary action, as it may deem fit, against any member, Club or Executive Member for contravening any article of the Constitution and By-laws or the League’s Code of Conduct.
- b) (i) Elections of Executive positions shall be at the AGM. Temporary appointments may be made by the President and majority of the Executive body until the next AGM.

- (ii) Executive positions will be for a two-year period for a maximum of two consecutive terms in the same position. This term limitation can be extended or reduced by majority vote at the AGM under unusual and extenuating circumstances.
 - (iii) The President, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer /Umpire Coordinator positions shall be up for election in even-numbered years while the Vice-President, Secretary and Statistician positions shall be in the odd-numbered years.
 - (iv) Any Executive may tender their resignation to the President in writing during his/her tenure. Any outgoing Executive will hand over to the President or other executive any documentation, records or monies that are the property of the League or Member Clubs.
- c) The Executive Committee, under certain conditions may appoint an appropriate person(s) of outstanding background to represent the League.
- d) Only members serving a minimum of one year in an Executive capacity are eligible for nomination as President or Vice-President. Any member in good standing may be nominated for all other committee positions.
- e) Members of first year clubs are not eligible for Executive positions during their mandatory probationary period of one year.

VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President shall:

- a) Preside at all meetings of the League.
- b) Represent the League at all public functions and performs all other functions as determined by the Executive.
- c) Have final authority of the League's website including the acceptance and posting of advertisements.
- d) Prepare the League's Match Play Schedule.
- e) Delegate the above duties or other officers' duties, as required.

Vice-President shall:

- a) Perform all the duties of President in the absence of the President or as requested by the President.
- b) Chair the Disciplinary Committee.
- c) Obtain field permits, League insurance and balls.

Secretary shall:

- a) Keep records of the minutes of all meetings in a proper hard & soft copy file, and distribute such minutes in a timely manner.
- b) Keep a record of all clubs and their members.
- c) Be responsible for all League correspondence.
- d) Assume duties of the President or Vice-President in their absence.

e) Perform such other pertinent duties as the President or Executive Committee may determine from time to time.

f) Arrange venue(s) for all league meetings and inform the appropriate members in a timely manner.

Treasurer shall:

a) Keep accurate and detailed records of League's finances. Record all financial transactions of the League.

b) Present a current financial statement when called upon to do so by the Executives and a financial report for the AGM.

c) Perform such other pertinent duties as the President or Executive Committee may determine from time to time.

d) Responsible for collecting all outstanding dues.

e) Adhere to established banking and accounting protocol with regards to League's funds.

Statistician shall:

a) Be responsible for the compilation and confirmation of all clubs registration forms and members.

b) Provide a record (e-file) of all clubs and members to the Secretary.

c) Receive and confirm registration pertaining to: club membership, player transfers and play-off eligibility.

d) Perform other duties as the President or Executive Committee may determine from time to time.

- e). Compile and maintain all statistics of all member clubs on the appropriate section of the web site.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer/Umpire Co-coordinator shall:

- a) Plan and co-ordinate the development of League Umpires.
- b) Arrange the services of “neutral umpires” as requested by the League.
- c) Perform all the duties of the Secretary in his absence, or as requested by the Secretary/President.
- d) Perform all the duties of the Treasurer in his absence, or as requested by the Treasurer/President, except cheque signing authority.
- e) Perform all the duties of the Statistician in his absence, or as requested by the Statistician.
- f) Be a member of the Disciplinary committee and act in the capacity of Secretary for that committee.
- g) Write correspondence in the absence of the Secretary.

Note: No elected official from another cricket organization in Ontario will be allowed to hold any executive position on the OMSCC.

Signing Officers:

- a) The League's cheque signing officers shall be the Treasurer and President. The Vice-President and Secretary are authorized to sign if the President and Treasurer are not available.
- b) All cheques shall bear two of the above-authorized signatures.

Disciplinary Committee

- a) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of five members as follows: Vice-President (Chairman), Umpire Coordinator (Secretary), and three other registered players elected at the AGM. These three members will not be part of the executive committee and their positions will be for a maximum term of two years. The committee shall be responsible for the adjudication of disciplinary action or charges brought against any club registered in the League, its members or affiliates thereof.
- b) Such action or charges shall be presented to the Committee in writing, with the necessary evidence, within three (3) days of the alleged infringement except during the play-offs competitions where such action or charges has to be presented to the Committee in writing within twenty four (24) hours after the completion of the game in question.
- c) In the event that adjudication is warranted, the Committee shall summon a formal meeting of its members and invite the parties to the dispute for a formal hearing.
- d) The final decision of the Committee shall be binding on all parties. See item X1.
- e) In an emergency situation, where the disciplinary committee cannot be summoned, any Executive(s) present can intervene on behalf of the Disciplinary Committee.

VII REPLACEMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Any Executive member who absents himself/herself from two (2) consecutive Executive and/or League meetings is expected to inform the other executives. In addition, any Executive member, whose performance or conduct is deemed unsatisfactory will be removed from office by 2/3 of the Executive Committee. If required, the remaining members of the Executive Committee will appoint a member of the League to fill the vacant post until the next AGM. Similarly, any Executive Member may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote of the Member Clubs.

VIII Fees

- a) All member clubs shall pay an annual membership fee as determined by the Executive and ratified by the membership at the AGM.
- b) All member clubs must submit an annual registration form, current membership list (name, address, phone numbers, contact members and title) to the Secretary and Statistician by the captain's meeting. It is the duty of each club to inform the Secretary and Statistician of changes in their membership and mailing addresses. A portion of the League fees plus any outstanding fees must be paid at the same time. The remaining League fees must be paid upon request or latest, at the Captains' meeting.
- c) All member clubs are required to purchase twelve (12) trophy presentation tickets and support other events that may be sponsored by the League.
- d) All club members are required to read and sign an insurance waiver form, and abide with the rules and regulations pertaining to the use of cricket grounds and public recreational facilities as required by Parks and Recreation.

e) Any new club(s) admitted to the League, shall be subjected to an initiation fee as determined by the Executives.

IX MEETINGS

- a) The Executive Committee shall meet at least monthly during the regular season and/or as required to conduct/manage the affairs of the League. Notice of meetings shall be sent out at least seven (7) days and/or relayed verbally before each meeting. The notice should show the date, time and venue of the meeting with an agenda. A shorter notice may be given for special meetings.
- b) Special Quorum - at least two-thirds (2/3) members of the Executive shall constitute a quorum. The League shall meet at least two (2) times per year i.e. AGM and Captains' meeting. These meetings will consist of the Executive Committee and two representatives from each member club.
- c) Minutes - all relevant contents of the minutes of the Executive Committee Meetings shall be transmitted to the members at the regular meetings. The minutes of the League's meetings shall be distributed by e-mail to all the member clubs of the League within two weeks after the meeting.
- d) Meeting - the AGM of the League shall be held in March /April of each year. Notification of the AGM by e-mail shall be given at least 15 days prior to the meeting.
- e) Special Meetings - may be called at the request of two-third (2/3) of the Member Clubs and/or Executive of the League.
- f) Quorum - at any League meeting (special or otherwise), representatives from 50% of the clubs shall form a quorum.

- g) Adjournment of Meeting - if a quorum is not present after half an hour of the appointed time for a meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned and rescheduled.
- h) Committees - the Executive Committee of the League may appoint sub-committees, comprising members of the League or special advisors as it sees fit.
- i) All sub-committees must be chaired by a member of the Executive and are required to report proceedings to the Executive.

X APPEALS

- a) Any appeals should be submitted in writing to the Disciplinary Committee no later than three days upon receipt of said decision. All appeals will be referred to the executive committee for final decision.
- b) If the appeal relates to a play-off game , then the appeal has to be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee no later than twenty four hours upon receipt of said decision.

XI AMENDMENTS

- a) An article of this Constitution may be altered, amended or suspended by the consent of two thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing present at any AGM or special meeting called for that purpose.
- b) Such amendments must be proposed by a member in "good standing" or by the Executive as a whole. Copies must be sent or mailed to the Secretary of the League no later than thirty days (30) prior to the AGM or a special meeting called for that purpose.
- c) Notification of all proposed amendments to the constitution and By-laws shall be sent by the Secretary of the League to the members thereof at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the meeting.

- d) A member in “good standing” is one who has not been subjected to discipline by the League for one (1) year from the date of the decision.

XII VOTING PROCEDURES

- a) The President/Chairman of any Committee shall waive his right to vote, but shall exercise this right only in the event of a tie.
- b) Executive members shall have the right to vote only at the Executive/Disciplinary Committee meetings. Executive members will **not** be allowed to represent their respective clubs or vote on their behalf.
- c) Only one (1) vote per member club will be allowed at the AGM and Captains’ meeting.
- d) Seeking nomination by proxy is not allowed unless there are extenuating circumstances, supported by a written request by the person(s) seeking a particular position, to the Secretary or President.

XIII RESIGNATION OF MEMBER CLUBS

Any member club may resign from the League at any time. Notice of resignation shall be in writing to the Secretary of the League. All dues paid to the League shall remain the property of the League.

XIV REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE

Any Member club refusing to participate in League games or abide by the rules and regulations of the League and unilaterally withdraws from the League, shall forfeit all fees paid to the League. Any Member club that forfeits three (3) consecutive games will be considered to have withdrawn unilaterally from the League.

XV GROUND USAGE

No member club in good standing shall be barred or prevented from using a cricket ground to which the club has been assigned, unless there is good reason(s), e.g. the club has been suspended by the League, bad conduct, non-payment of membership fees, violation of the League's, Parks and School Board rules and regulations, non-maintenance and abuse of cricket pitch and facilities.

BY-LAWS

Failure of any club to attend 2/3 of the Meetings in any one calendar year will result in a review of that club's membership within the League.

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ONTARIO MASTERS SOFTBALL CRICKET CLUBS INC.

Cricket By-Laws

Rules for the 20 Overs Competition, Players Code of Conduct

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Match Play System.

20-OVERS COMPETITION AND PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

I) FEES

All outstanding fees must be paid to the Treasurer of the League on or before the Captains' Meeting. Game balls will be distributed at this meeting.

II) REGISTRATIONS

- (a) Clubs have until Wednesday of the week prior to the start of the scheduled games to register players.
- (b) Additional players for registration during the season must be registered by fax or e-mail to the Statistician, copying the Secretary, no later than 9:00 p.m. Wednesday before the day of the next game.
- (c) Registration/transfer/release of players is not permitted after July 15th. This date may be adjusted depending on

the playoff cut-off date. This date is the date of audit for a number of players in a team. Players above the preset number will be subjected to penalty.

- (d) Any club playing a person not duly registered shall automatically be considered to have lost the game. The club may also be suspended from further competition and their conduct will be reviewed for the next year.
- (e) Member clubs will be charged an administration fee, as determined by the Executives, for registering beyond 20 players during the season.
- (g) Any person playing under an assumed name shall be suspended by the League, his/her team forfeiting the game and also, resulting in additional penalty/fine to the club for which the offending person played.

NOTE: No player is allowed to represent another team unless officially released from his previous team and properly registered with the new team.

III) RELEASE OF PLAYER

A player leaving a Member club must have an official release from the Captain and /or President of the club. This release must be submitted to the Statistician and filed thereafter with the Secretary. The Executive shall have the power to investigate any match in which it appears that players have been chosen contrary to the best interests of League cricket, and to take such action as it feels necessary. In an event of a dispute between a player and club, the player may approach the executive for resolution.

IV) PLAY-OFFS

Players, representing teams in any play-off games must have played at least the minimum number of regular games as determined by the League for that team prior to the start of play-off games.

In the event of two teams or more teams having the same points to qualify for a play-off position, the team with the highest cumulative net run rate during the regular season will advance.

NOTE: Players will not qualify for game(s) in which they are declared on the match card but fail to show up before the end of the first innings. "Did Not Show" (DNS) must be written alongside that player's name on the match card.

V) REGULAR GAMES

All clubs must field a team for all scheduled matches except for the following:

- (a) Schedule matches may be canceled due to weather or other conditions. No scheduled matches shall be postponed except by Executive ruling.
- (b) The Executive may assign teams to another ground when it's not practical to play on the scheduled ground.

VI) FIXTURES

All games under the jurisdiction of the League shall be played under the Rules of the OMSCC.

VII) MATCH CARD

Team captains must exchange match cards before the toss is made, which is 5 minutes before scheduled start time of 1:00PM. The presiding Umpire must keep both signed match cards or

Captains must sign and keep the opposing team's match card. No changes are allowed after the card is submitted to the Umpire/opposing Captain.

VIII) OFFICIAL MATCH CARDS

All teams must submit their completed match cards to the Statistician no later than Tuesday 9:00 p.m. after the completion of each League game. A fine will be imposed for late submissions.

Team captains are responsible for reporting the correct scores of each game on the match cards, which must be signed by the official Umpire or opposing Captain. Also, Captains may report on ground conditions and other issues pertaining to the game played. Additionally, the Umpire(s) and/or Captains must state all awards to player(s) on both match cards.

Match card notation: Players who Did Not Bat to be recorded as "DNB" and players who were declared on the match card and were not present before the first side batted should be noted as Did Not Show, "DNS".

IX) REPORT BY UMPIRE(S)

Umpire(s) shall report in writing to the Executive within three (3) days of the League game concerning any and all teams not ready to commence play by the starting time, stating fully the circumstances. They shall also report in writing on the match cards to the Executive any player or members or Member club, teams or organizations whether present as players or spectators, who at any time during the game are guilty in their opinion of conduct detrimental to the best interest of the game. An official complaint in writing has to be lodged within 72 hours of the game

and in the case of play-offs, within twenty four (24) hours of the game.

X) PAYMENT OF UMPIRE(S)

Each team shall be responsible for paying the professional Umpire(s). Teams must pay the Umpire(s) prior to the commencement of the game or during the 15 minutes between innings break. Failure by one or both teams to pay the Umpire(s) at least by the end of the game would result in a fine imposed on the club(s) amounting to twice the amount due to the Umpire.

XI) UMPIRE(S) IN CHARGE

The umpire(s) shall be in charge of the game and shall settle all disputes arising from the game. Any decisions rendered by the Umpire during the game are final. The Umpire also has the right to caution players who use abusive language on the playing field.

Should no official Umpire(s) be present at a scheduled game, then each Captain shall use two of their declared players (not non-players) to officiate the game when batting.

However, if an OMSCC qualified Umpire not designated for this game is present, the two Captains could request his service. If he agrees to do so then the following should be implemented.

- 1) Umpire to declare his club's affiliation to both Captains.
- 2) Umpire should be acceptable to both Captains.

NOTE: If the Captains cannot get these answers, then they should revert to using two players from each side. The onus is on the Captains to ensure that the game is umpired fairly.

In such a case, as described above, if an Umpire is later found to be dishonest in his declarations, i.e. he belongs to the winning team, then that team shall be penalized with a demerit of six points. On the other hand, if the Umpire is found to be affiliated to the losing side, then a demerit of 3 points shall be deducted from their total points.

Comments on either situation should be recorded on the match card(s) for that particular match and, should be sent in to the Statistician, copy to Secretary, within 3 days.

If deliberate cheating is proved for any of the above scenarios, then the defaulting team shall be penalized with a demerit of three (3) points earned during this match.

XII) DUTIES OF THE OFFICIAL UMPIRE(S)

The Umpire(s) shall:

- a) Always umpire from the bowler's end,
- b) See that team lists are exchanged,
- c) Note the start time,
- d) See that the toss is carried out properly and on time,
- e) See that someone umpires from square leg with the onus on the batting team to provide this umpire if no one else is available,
- f) Ensure that the ground is suitable for playing,
- g) Note the players for awards on the match cards, &
- h) Make a note on the match card of any individuals, spectators or clubs who are guilty in their opinion during the game of conduct detrimental to the best interest of the game.

XIII) PROTEST AND COMPLAINT

- (a) All matters of protest and complaint which members may wish to bring before the Executives shall be in writing within

72 hours of the alleged offence or in the event of the play-offs, it has to be within twenty four hours after the completion of the game in question, and in the case of clubs or organizations shall be signed by the Captain protesting or complaining Member club. Full details of the issue/incident must be submitted. E-mail is an acceptable form of communicating this request.

XIV) CHEATING WHILE UMPIRING

Player-Umpire are required to render decisions which are fair and reasonable, to pay due care and attention to the game while officiating and to refrain from commenting on the game or coaching their teammates.

A Player-umpire may be removed from umpiring where it appears that umpiring is not fair. This is a decision between the Captains only. A player or his team will be penalized if the Player-umpire is abused during this discussion.

NOTE Breach: prohibition from umpiring for minimum one (1) month to maximum one (1) year; suspension from playing up to a maximum of one (1) year where outright cheating is proven.

XV) TALKING ON THE FIELD

- (a) Talking is permitted between members of fielding team to each other, but not while the bowler is ready to bowl and particularly not by "close-to-the-wicket" fielders in such a way as to distract the batsmen.
- (b) No talking to the Umpire except to request information with respect to time, balls remaining, or to request permission to speak to other batsman or leave the field. Absolutely, no arguments are allowed following the umpire's decisions.

XVI) VERBAL ABUSE

No verbal abuse, racial slurs, obscene language or threats of violence are permitted, whether directed at teammates, opponents,umpires, or members of the Executive. Any such abuse, slurs, obscene language or threats directed at umpires or members of the Executive will be treated most severely of all.

NOTE: Breach: Reprimand up to one (1) year suspension and/or expulsion.

XVII) DRINKING OF ALCOHOL

- a) Consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted at parks/grounds except in areas licensed for that purpose.

- b) While the enforcement of the liquor laws of the Province of Ontario are generally the responsibility of the law enforcement authorities, the League may take action against any persons or member clubs that consume alcoholic beverages at parks/grounds.

Breach: Penalties range from minimum fines of \$25.00, suspension or expulsion from the League.

XVIII) ASSAULTS

- a) Any player or member of a club in attendance at a game is not permitted to strike another player or person. If any such incident occurs, the player(s) or Captains **must** report the matter to the League which will hold disciplinary hearings that could result in penalties to the player(s) and member clubs. Players or Captains may also report this matter to law enforcement.

- b) Players are not permitted to make threatening gestures with bats, balls, stumps or other implements.

- c) While assaults on players will be viewed with the utmost seriousness, assaults on umpires and members of the Executive will result in harsher penalties.

NOTE: Breach: Penalties range from minimum three games suspension to expulsion from the League.

MATCH PLAY SYSTEM

1) MATCHES

All matches may be played on the following basis unless otherwise determined by the Executives.

2) HOURS OF PLAY

- (a) Regular Season - Normal hours of play shall be from 1.00 PM to 4.00 PM or until game is completed on Sundays which times shall include a 10-minute water break to be taken by each team after 10 overs and a 15 minutes break between innings.

NOTE: Under no circumstances, game times and conditions should be altered without proper approval from members of the Executives.

- (b) In the event of a delay in the start of the game due to adverse weather conditions and an Executive decision is not made, the two Captains may then decide on a later start time to no later than 3:00Pm of that day to allow for the completion of that game.

- (c) Once play has commenced and the game is then subsequently interrupted by weather or other conditions, the result will be determined by run rate. The following condition must exist: Team 1 batted their 20 overs and team 2 batted 10 or more overs.

3) PLAYING CONDITIONS

- (a) The matches shall consist of one inning per team. All matches shall be completed on the same day, unless otherwise determined by the Executive.
- (b) Two clubs may decide on rescheduling a game with the Executive's approval. The request to reschedule a game must be done at least two weeks in advance and must be accompanied by a replacement game date mutually agreed upon by the two club captains. If the game is not played on the rescheduled date, each team will earn three points.
- (c) Each bowler is limited to a maximum of 3 overs. Over this amount may result in loss of game.
- (d) Umpires are provided by the batting team and are expected to be neutral. Umpires may also be provided by the League. Umpires are mandatory for the playoffs.
- (e) Match cards must be exchanged before the start of the game. The registered name of players (not nickname) must be used and it is the Captain's responsibility to ensure that this is done correctly. The opposing Captain should also verify the actual players versus the names on the match card.

4) RESULTS AND POINTS

- (a) The winning team receives 6 points.
- (b) For a tie or an abandoned game, each team receives 3 points. In the case of a default, the non-defaulting team receives 6 points and the defaulting receives minus 3 points in penalty. This decision must be approved by members of the Executives. Default information to be shown on the match card.

NOTE: A team shall be considered in default if it fails to adhere to the rules that governs OMSCC games.

- c) Bonus points will be allocated as follows:
 - 1) 1 Extra point for bowling out opposition in the allotted 20 overs.
 - 2) 1 Extra point for scoring 150 runs or more.
 - 3) Drawn Games- Bonus points and individual performances will be recognized.
- d) A suspension of play may prevent the team batting second from receiving its quota of overs. In this case, the winner will be the team achieving the highest run-rate if the second team batted 10 or more overs. If this condition is not met, the match is considered a draw, both teams receive 3 points each and article "C" above is applicable
- e) In the event one team batting is all out in less than its full quota of overs, the run-rate will assume the team batted out 20 overs.
- f) In order to ensure a result, each team must have received a minimum of 50% of the maximum over allowed unless a team has been dismissed in less than the minimum number of overs set out above.

- g) Where total runs and total overs are equal, the winner shall be the team that lost fewer wickets. The result is declared a tie only if scores, wickets lost and overs bowled are equal.
- h) If, under normal conditions, a team does not take the field 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time it will automatically default the game. The team not in default will be awarded the six (6) points and the team in default, minus 3 points. However, the team not in default, through its Captain, may overrule the automatic default rule and allow the game to start even though the 15 minutes grace period has passed. But once the game has started the decision cannot be reversed and all rules normally applied will be enforced.
- i) If a team has seven (7) or more registered players present and on the playing field in uniform 5 minutes prior to the scheduled start of a game, and the opposing team does not have that number, the team with 7 or more registered players ready to play automatically wins the toss. The Captain who wins the toss must then inform the Umpire and the opposing Captain of his decision to bat or field.

5) LEG BEFORE WICKET (L.B.W.)

Leg before Wicket (L.B.W.) does not apply.

6) SIX BALL OVER

The ball shall be bowled in all League matches in overs of six legal balls from one end of the wicket as agreed upon by both Captains prior to the start of the game. In the event of a dispute, the Umpire or a member of the League Executive shall decide.

NOTE: Over arm bowling shall not be permitted, balls must be delivered from under the waist. Pelting is not allowed.

7) EXTRAS

No balls, wides, byes, leg byes and overthrows will be counted as run(s) in accordance with established cricket rules (I.C.C.)

NOTE: Wide ball crease shall be 24 inches from both sides of the stumps and over the shoulder of the batsman in a standing position.

8) BALLS:

- (a) Balls will be provided by the league. An initial amount will be determined by the Executives as appropriate for the entire season. Any team requesting extra balls will have to pay \$1.50 per ball. The colour and type of balls will be determined by the Executives.
- (b) Balls must be changed after 10 overs. In other instances, a ball should be replaced if it is found to be damaged, e.g. cuts, rips or busted. Such decision must be rendered by the Umpire or mutually agreed upon by the Captains. Only new balls shall be used as replacement balls.
- (c) Batting teams must provide ball for the fielding teams. The fielding team may supply the balls in the event that the batting team is unable to do so.

9) BATS

Bats must not be more than 4.25 inches wide (standard I.C.C. bat). Cane bats are allowed.

10) STUMPS

Four (4) stumps must be planted 12 inches wide on the outside and 28 inches high from the surface of the ground. Three bails each side must be used at each wicket. Two bails can be used based on mutual agreement by the captains

Bails must be dislodged in order that a player can be given out. In the event that the bails are dislodged and the ball is still in play, the stumps must be removed before a batsman can be given out.

11) PITCH

The length of the pitch shall be 60 feet from stump to stump and the width should be a minimum of 9 feet. The batting crease shall be 4 feet in length and 2 feet from either side of the stumps and be properly marked by the home team. The bowling crease shall be 4 feet in length and 4 feet from either side of the stumps and properly marked by the home team.

12) PLAYERS

A team may declare up to 12 players on their match card before the start of the game. All 12 players may bat but only 11 can field at any given time. Substitution is only allowed from/by the remaining player.

13) BATTING

The batsmen shall change sides at the end of each over.

14) RUN OUTS

In the event that the batter leaves the crease at the non-striker's end before the ball is delivered and the bowler dislodges the bail(s) during the process, the batter is considered to be run out.

15) INGOING BATSMAN

The ingoing batsman must pass the out coming batter with a bat before the latter leaves the field. The incoming batter must be at the appropriate crease within 3 minutes otherwise they will be deemed out by virtue of being time out unless approved by the umpire.

16) PLAYERS

No players are allowed to leave the playing field during the game unless the umpire gives permission

17) BOUNDARIES

All playing fields must be clearly marked to indicate the official boundaries. Failure to do this by 1.05 PM shall be interpreted as failure by the home team to have the ground ready for commencement of play. The opposing Captain or team shall be entitled to claim the toss. In such a case the home team shall then mark the boundaries as best as possible making all efforts to balance the boundaries on all sides. If the home team refuses to mark the boundaries, then the opposing Captain shall be entitled to claim six points. A report must be made on your match card. If the opposing Captain or his designate is not satisfied with the preparation of the ground and the home team is not prepared to remedy the situation, then the game may be played under protest. Should the ball in play come into contact with any permanent obstacle(s) on the playing field, the Umpire shall call a dead ball.

NOTE: Both Captains or their designate must be satisfied with the ground preparation including setting of the boundary markers before the game starts and this must confirm to established OMSCC rules. No other team members should be involved in this decision. Any disagreement should be duly noted on the match card.

18) INJURIES

No batsman with a previous injury shall be allowed a runner. However, if he was injured in the said game, then he is allowed a runner.

19) TEAM WALKING OFF THE GROUND DURING A MATCH

Any team walking off the ground during a cricket match because of any dispute, etc., shall forfeit the game, and the other team shall gain six points. Both captains or their designate along with the Umpires are expected to settle any dispute and try to diffuse this scenario. If sportsmanship does not prevail and the game is abandoned, both Captains or their designate and the Umpires must submit a written report by the following Tuesday to the Executives.

20) IDENTIFICATION OF EACH PLAYER

A declared player has to show his or her identification when asked to do so by the presiding umpire or captain of the opposing team. Failure to do so shall lead to suspension. The onus is on the player to prove his or her identification as a bona fide playing member. Any valid photo identification or photocopies of such is accepted.

NOTE: It is the team's responsibilities that their members are registered using valid names as appeared on their ID. The league will only recognize legal documents as asserted by the Province of Ontario.

21) ATTIRE

All teams must choose a unique form of attire that must be worn by all players in every match. Any member(s) not in uniform will be penalized. No shorts or armless shirts allowed. Footwear, running shoes or cricket boots, are required at all times and gloves not permitted while fielding. All new teams are expected to be in uniforms after four regular season games, at the latest.

NOTE: Breach: Monetary fine and/or loss of 3 game points.

Be Competitive without being Combative.