

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
EAST YORK CURLING CLUB INC.

ARTICLE ONE – NAME

This organization shall be known as the East York Curling Club Inc. (EYCC).

ARTICLE TWO – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the EYCC are:

- To foster, promote and play the game of curling;
- To develop and instill sportsmanship among all participants;
- To emphasize and encourage the social aspects of the sport;
- To be active participants with other clubs in fostering curling;
- To encourage participation by all members in club activities;
- To maintain an active membership in curling associations, most particularly the Ontario Curling Association and the Toronto Curling Association.

ARTICLE THREE – MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership shall be submitted to the EYCC accompanied by the established membership fee.

Upon receiving an application for membership, the EYCC shall, in due process, accept or reject the application and notify the applicant of such acceptance or rejection.

To be a member in good standing, all fees shall be paid when due, including any charges related to the provision of goods, services and hospitality.

Each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each question arising at the Annual General Meeting or any Special Meeting.

League memberships and their associated fees shall be set by the Board of Directors prior to each curling season. In addition to the classes of membership, the Board of Directors may designate a member as an Honourary Life Member. An Honourary Life Member shall be an individual who has contributed outstanding service to the EYCC which is deemed to warrant special recognition. An Honourary Life Member shall not be liable for any membership fees.

ARTICLE FOUR – EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION OF A MEMBER

The Board of Directors shall have the power, at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Directors, to expel or suspend a member by passing a resolution via a majority vote. Grounds for expulsion or suspension include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The conduct of the member on or off the premises of the EYCC is, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, improper, unbecoming or likely to endanger the welfare, interests or character of the EYCC;
- A member willfully violates or neglects to observe any duly authorized regulation, resolution, by-law or rule of the EYCC;
- A member, upon receiving notice of arrears of fees or other payments owing to the EYCC, fails to bring the said arrears current within fifteen days.

Where a member is expelled or suspended, the Board of Directors shall provide written notice to the member of such expulsion or suspension and the reasons for the decision.

Any member who is expelled or suspended has the right to appear before the Board of Directors to appeal the decision. If such a request is made, the Board of Directors shall convene a special meeting of the Board of Directors at a time, date and place convenient for both the Board of Directors and the expelled or suspended member. At the meeting, the member shall have an opportunity to explain why the expulsion or suspension should be revoked. Following this hearing, the Board of Directors shall vote as to whether to revoke the expulsion or suspension. If the Board of Directors does not resolve, by a majority of the votes cast to maintain the expulsion or suspension, the expulsion or suspension shall be revoked and deemed never to have been imposed.

ARTICLE FIVE – THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following members:

- President;
- First Vice President;
- Second Vice President;
- Treasurer;
- Secretary;
- Social Director;
- Members at Large (up to 2);
- Past President (in the absence of the immediate Past President, a member who has previously served on the Board of Directors may be appointed as the Club Advisor);
- Ontario Curling Association / Toronto Curling Association Representative.

All members of the Board of Directors shall be members in good standing with the EYCC and shall not be in arrears in respect to payments owing to the EYCC at the time of election or appointment.

ARTICLE SIX – DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the EYCC in a manner consistent with the constitution.

The President shall be responsible for the general direction and supervision of the affairs of the EYCC, shall chair meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive, shall be an ex-officio

member of all committees and sub-committees of the EYCC and shall also perform such duties as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

The First Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence and shall also perform such duties as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Second Vice President shall perform the duties of the First Vice President in his/her absence and shall also perform such duties as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall:

- Keep EYCC funds in a recognized Canadian financial institution that is a member of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation;
- Keep a full and accurate accounting with respect to all financial transactions of the EYCC, including all monies received and disbursed by the EYCC, and the assets and liabilities of the EYCC;
- Present an inspected financial statement at the Annual General Meeting;
- Present, by request, a financial statement at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive, and shall also perform such other duties as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Social Director shall foster a positive social atmosphere at the EYCC through various means and shall also perform such duties as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

Members at Large shall perform such duties as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Past President or **Club Advisor** shall use his/her past experience on the Board of Directors to support the current Board of Directors and shall perform such duties as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Ontario Curling Association (OCA) / Toronto Curling Association (TCA)

Representative shall be the EYCC's liaison to the OCA and TCA, and shall perform such duties as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

All members of the Board of Directors are responsible for regularly attending meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive.

ARTICLE SEVEN – POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall have the power to make and authorize expenditures on behalf of the EYCC in furthering the objectives and purposes of the EYCC.

The Board of Directors may appoint agents and engage employees as deemed necessary and such persons shall have the authority and shall perform duties prescribed by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may delegate to any person the power to enter into contracts and to take such action, as are necessary for the conduct of the everyday business of the EYCC, subject to the limitations and conditions imposed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE EIGHT – ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors, with the exception of the Past President or Club Advisor, shall be elected by a secret ballot, if required, of members of the EYCC at the Annual General Meeting. The President shall be elected from the current Board of Directors or Executive.

Members of the EYCC who are in good standing and eighteen years of age or older at the time of the Annual General Meeting shall be eligible to be nominated for a position on the Board of Directors.

Up to two (2) Members at Large may be elected at the Annual General Meeting. In the absence of nominations, the Members at Large positions need not be filled. A vacant Member at Large position may be filled by appointment during the regular season by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The Past President or Club Advisor shall oversee the nomination and voting process at the Annual General Meeting. In the absence of the Past President or Club Advisor, another member of the EYCC shall be appointed to oversee the nomination and voting process.

The Past President or Club Advisor shall present the posted slate of nominations at the Annual General Meeting. Only where there are no nominations for a particular position may the Past President or Club Advisor call for nominations from the floor for that position.

The Past President shall automatically be a member of the Board of Directors following the end of his/her term as President. In the absence of the immediate Past President, the incoming Board of Directors may appoint a Club Advisor. The Club Advisor must be a member in good standing who has previously served on the Board of Directors.

The incoming Board of Directors shall take office immediately following the Annual General Meeting. Their term of office will run until the following Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE NINE – VACANCIES

The office of a member of the Board of Directors shall automatically be vacated where:

- The member ceases to be a voting member of the EYCC and was provided notice of the reason for this loss of privilege;
- The member, by providing written notice to the Board of Directors, resigns his or her office;
- At a meeting of the Board of Directors for which notice has been provided by/to the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors passes a resolution by two-thirds of the votes cast at the meeting removing the member from office before the expiration of the member's term of office. The member who is subject to the resolution is not eligible to vote on such a resolution;

- The member is in arrears in respect of payment and has failed to bring his/her account into good standing despite notice to do so.

The Board of Directors is empowered to fill any vacancy that may occur. The term of any member so appointed will expire at the next Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE TEN – MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held regularly during the curling season or as deemed necessary by the President. A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be convened by the President or any two members of the Board of Directors at any time. The Secretary, when so directed by the President or any two members of the Board of Directors, shall convene a meeting of the Board of Directors by providing notice to all members of the Board of Directors not less than two days before the meeting is to take place.

Fifty percent plus one of the filled positions on the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

All voting members of the board must be elected positions. The Chair of the meeting shall vote only in the event of a tie vote.

ARTICLE ELEVEN – THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive shall consist of the Board of Directors, a representative from each of the sanctioned leagues/sections of the EYCC, the Webmaster and the Club Manager.

Also included shall be the University of Toronto representative so long as EYCC remains their club of record.

All members of the Executive are responsible for regularly attending meetings of the Executive.

ARTICLE TWELVE – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive shall:

- Assist and advise the Board of Directors in making decisions about the operation of the East York Curling Club.
- Provide input to the Club Manager regarding that facility operation, including capital projects and program planning & development;
- Conduct fundraising;
- Act as a voice for and reflect the concerns and needs of the total membership of the EYCC;
- Assist the sections of the EYCC to conduct their business and interpret club rules in the best interests of the leagues and the EYCC;
- Perform any duties delegated to it by the Executive.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN – MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive shall meet regularly during the curling season or as deemed necessary by the President.

Fifty percent plus one of the filled positions on the Executive shall constitute a quorum.

Minutes of all proceedings of meetings of the Executive shall be kept by the Secretary. If the Secretary is unable to attend, the President shall, at the beginning of the meeting, appoint another Executive to take the minutes of that meeting. Minutes of every Executive meeting shall be made available, upon request, to any member of the EYCC in good standing.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting of the members of the EYCC shall be held within one month following the last day of curling at EYCC at a time and place arranged by the Board of Directors for the purpose of receiving reports, approving the financial statements, and the election of the Board of Directors for the upcoming season.

Written notice of the meeting shall be posted prominently on the EYCC premises no less than twenty one days prior to the scheduled day of the Annual General Meeting.

Motions to be introduced at the Annual General Meeting shall be deposited with the Secretary no less than fourteen days prior to the meeting. The text of all motions received shall be posted no less than seven days prior to the meeting.

Members of EYCC in good standing who are not able to attend the AGM are able to vote by proxy. The member must complete the required documentation in person at least one week prior to the AGM.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN – SPECIAL MEETINGS

A Special Meeting of EYCC members may be called by a majority vote of the Board of Directors or at the written request of no fewer than twenty-five members, aged eighteen years or older and in good standing, to discuss a specific matter of business. Written notice of the meeting shall be posted prominently on the EYCC premises no less than seven days prior to the scheduled day of the meeting.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN – INDEMNIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The EYCC shall indemnify each of the members of the Board of Directors and his/her heirs and legal representatives from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, expenses, liabilities, claims and causes of action whatsoever kind such member may sustain or incur or become subject to by reason of or in respect of any act, matter of thing done or permitted, or not done or permitted, by such member, in the execution of the duties of his/her duties as an agent of the Board of Directors. This indemnity shall not apply to claims occasioned by dishonesty or willful default of such member.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN – BUSINESS OF THE SECTIONS

The activities of the EYCC shall be organized into curling sections, namely Daytime Women, Women, Day Men, Men, Day Mixed, Mixed & Sunday Open, Sunday Sinners, Brooms, Little Rocks and Bantam / Junior, or into such other number and manner of sections as the Board of Directors shall see fit to establish.

Sections shall manage their own curling operations, including the control and operation of draws, competitions, playdowns, fundraising and other functions of the respective sections. Sections shall have the responsibility for drafting by-laws to govern their affairs.

The members of each section shall, every year, select one representative from among themselves to sit as the section representative on the Executive. The representative is responsible for regularly attending meetings of the Executive.

Each section shall be responsible for keeping minutes of any section meetings and submitting a financial statement and most recent by-laws to the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting or shortly thereafter.

A section may be disbanded by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN – AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION

Amendments to this Constitution may be made at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special Meeting. Amendments must be presented to the members at least fourteen days prior to the meeting. Adoption of amendments must have the approval of at least two-thirds of the votes cast by members in good standing present at the AGM.