

**TORONTO SPARTAN
VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**



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ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of the league shall be the Toronto Spartan Volleyball League

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Toronto Spartan Volleyball League are:

1. To provide and protect the opportunity for adult individuals, who support the bonds of gay fellowship to play volleyball in an atmosphere of recreational and/or friendly competitive play where they are free of discrimination on the basis of age, race, creed, gender, sexual orientation and playing ability
2. The TSVL will have no political affiliation or participate in political issues, except where the function and/or existence of the League is jeopardized, and except where the well being and existence of the Toronto Gay community is jeopardized.

Should the executive make a decision to become involved, where jeopardy exists, with a political issue, cause or movement, that decision must be presented to and voted upon, by the majority of the membership at large.

When the membership at large votes to act upon a political issue as specified above, before action is taken, any member of the League will have the opportunity to remove his/her name from the membership lists and to disassociate him/herself from the League, formally.

3. It shall be a function of the League executive to promote the concept of the "team" as a unique operational unit within the League structure, and to promote the growth of leadership, coaching and playing skills in the League.
4. The TSVL will allow any commercial affiliation and sponsorship. Approval of any advertisements, proposals, contracts and donations must have prior written approval of the TSVL executive before being ratified.

All material and facility donations and distributions of the same must be approved by the TSVL executive.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in this League shall be open to all individuals who comply with the objectives of the TSVL Constitution, and who are in good standing and paid their annual membership fees.
2. Any member whose name has been brought forward to the attention of the executive on charges of unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct unbecoming a member of the TSVL, and/or violating the Constitution of the TSVL during play, may have his/her membership status reviewed by the executive. As a result of said review, the executive may recommend that a member may have his/her membership suspended from the League, forfeiting all dues, fees paid and the right to participate in the activities for the balance of the calendar year. Any suspensions must be ratified by 75% of the current Executive.
3. The executive shall determine the amount of the annual dues that each member pays for that particular season, and the membership fee must be submitted with the application for membership and injury waiver and be made payable to the TSVL prior to commencing play.
4. The executive may, at its sole discretion, revoke the membership of a member for the season or part thereof where that member, without prior notice to his/her captain, fails to attend a day of scheduled play after three (3) such absences.

ARTICLE IV: THE EXECUTIVE

The executive shall consist of the following officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recreational Play Coordinator, Competitive Play Coordinator, Social/Events Coordinator.

ARTICLE V: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1. All members of the executive have one (1) vote. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the deciding vote. **At least four (4) executive members must be present to have quorum.**
2. In addition to the duties of the individual League officers which are described in article 5.5, each executive member shall regularly attend executive meetings, take an active role in participating and discussing issues brought before the executive, and contribute to the implementation of League policies. Each executive member shall assist and provide support to other executive members where required.
3. Each outgoing executive member whose position is to be filled by a newly elected or appointed member shall assist the incoming member to ensure a smooth transition of office.
4. Each executive member must account to the executive for all expenditures purportedly made for League purposes, and shall provide receipts therefor. In particular, any expenditure exceeding twenty (20) dollars should be approved by the executive prior to its making.
5. Impeachment: A special meeting of the membership solely for the purpose of impeachment of any officer may be called by a two-thirds majority of the executive or by a simple majority of the general membership (by petition to the executive). Any officer so impeached shall be removed from office only upon a two-thirds majority vote in favour of such removal of those members present at such a meeting, with proper notice to all members having been given.

5. The principal duties of each executive member are as follows: These duties are not exclusive to each role, rather, the present executive may decide to delegate the below mentioned responsibilities to suit their strengths as they see fit.

a) **President**

The President is the chief officer of the League. The President is the primary spokesperson for the League, and acts as a liaison between all outside organizations and the League.

In particular, the President is responsible for obtaining and maintaining gym permits for League play, securing facilities for TSVL events (e.g. banquets) and shall assist the Social/Events Coordinator in establishing and overseeing committees to organize such events. The President is responsible for sponsorship and commercial affiliation as outlined in article 2.4. The President is the director of the annual Entre Amis/Between Friends Tournament and is the liaison between leagues in other cities and the TSVL. The President maintains the e-mail account and phonenumber, checks the mailbox and chairs executive meetings. The President is ultimately responsible for play scheduling matters. The President shall take part in reviewing the financial status of the League on a regular basis. An election shall be held for this position every May to commence the following season.

b) **Vice-President**

The Vice-President performs all duties of the President in the event of absence or disability of the President. If for any reason, the position of President is vacated before the end of its term, the Vice-President shall assume the position of President for the remainder of the term.

The Vice-President is responsible all internal affairs within the League. The Vice-President is responsible for addressing complaints and bringing any such complaints or disputes before the executive. The Vice-President recruits volunteers for various tasks and events where necessary and assists the Play Coordinators in player development nights. The Vice-President shall take part in reviewing the financial status of the League on a regular basis and shall assist the Treasurer in collecting outstanding dues from members. An election shall be held for this position every December to commence the following January.

c) **Treasurer**

The Executive shall appoint a member of TSVL to the position of Treasurer for a minimum two-year term, in odd years. The Treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate records of all monies received and disbursed, and reviewing and maintaining the League's accounts. The Treasurer shall ensure that all permit fees and League bills are paid promptly. The Treasurer shall be responsible for preparing financial reports when requested by the executive. The Treasurer acts as a liaison to the League's banking partners, and ensures that signing authority records are up to date. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining membership lists and assisting in registration.

d) **Recreational Play Coordinator**

The Recreational Play Coordinator is responsible, with the assistance of the President, for distribution of players to teams by draft or otherwise, and for setting the play schedule for the recreational division of the TSVL. The Recreational Play Coordinator shall be responsible for overseeing the recording of scores, maintaining League scores and statistics, and making League scores and statistics available to the membership. The Recreational Play Coordinator shall work with volunteer web-site coordinators to ensure the availability of such information as denoted above. The Recreational Play Coordinator is responsible for inventory, the upkeep of equipment, player development and the purchase of awards. An election shall be held for this position every May to commence the following season.

e) **Competitive Play Coordinator**

The Competitive Play Coordinator is responsible for the overseeing of the competitive division of the TSVL. The Competitive Play Coordinator establishes the play schedule for the competitive division and acts as the liaison between competitive players and the Vice-President. The Competitive Play Coordinator arranges referee clinics and player development sessions when deemed necessary. An election for this position shall be held every May to commence the following season.

f) **Social/Events Coordinator**

The Social/Events Coordinator shall establish and oversee committees to promote regular social activities during League play, and events outside of normal League play. The Social/Events Coordinator is responsible for set up of events (e.g. banquets) and catering if required. The Social/Events Coordinator shall notify the membership of upcoming events on a timely basis and make a listing of these events easily accessible to the membership. The Social/Events Coordinator shall inform other executives, particularly the President, Vice-President and Treasurer, of upcoming events, prior to distributing information to the general membership. An election shall be held for this position every December to commence the following January.

ARTICLE VI: TEAM CAPTAINS

Team captains are appointed by the executive. Team captains act as liaisons between the executive and the individual team members. Team captains shall handle all administrative matters associated with their individual teams, and are responsible for relaying updates in the schedule and social events to members of their team. Each captain is responsible for making reasonable efforts in coaching their team with respect to playing skills and rules, and shall, at all times, encourage and exemplify sportsmanlike conduct within the team, and within the League as a whole. Team captains shall ensure that their responsibilities with respect to the supply of referees for league games, the management and setup of equipment, and the reporting of scores are met.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

1. Elections are to be conducted on an annual basis during regular League play, to ensure the maximum participation of the membership.
2. The current executive members, including those not running for re-election shall organize the elections and establish a committee comprised of members not running in the election to count election votes and report election results.
3. All nominees for elected positions must come from either the membership of the current year, or the membership of the previous year.
4. Nominations for executive positions shall be submitted prior to the executive prior to the closing date for nominations as set by the current executive.
5. **The positions of President, Recreational Play Coordinator and Competitive Play Coordinator shall commence each September and the positions of Vice President and Social/Events Coordinator shall commence each January.**

ARTICLE VIII: DAY TO DAY OPERATION OF THE LEAGUE

The current executive has the power to make additional regulations necessary for the smooth operation of the League. The executive shall make available to the membership any regulations or deviations from standard rules that will be instituted in League play.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Amendments are to be proposed in writing to the membership during regular play to ensure maximum participation by members of the League. Amendments must be ratified by a majority vote in favour of the amendments.
2. Members may propose amendments to the Constitution by submitting the proposed amendment to an executive member. The executive shall propose the amendment to the membership on behalf of that member in accordance with article 9.1.

This Constitution is based on the document entitled “TSVL Constitution” last modified January 25th, 1998 and is intended to replace that document in its entirety.

This Constitution has been drafted and approved by the executive of the Toronto Spartan Volleyball League, this _____ day of _____, in the year, _____, in the city of Toronto.

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President Tyson Quinlan

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Vice President Brian Sansome

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Treasurer Michael Ku

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Play Coordinator Alex Tan