

# TORONTO SPARTAN VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

## **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the league shall be the Toronto Spartan Volleyball League (“**TSVL**”).

## **ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES OF THE TSVL**

The TSVL will:

1. 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, gender identity, gender expression, and playing ability;
2. Ensure that the TSVL is, at all levels, participant-centered;
3. Provide leadership in the LGBTQ and volleyball communities;
4. Ensure that opportunities in the TSVL are equitable and accessible to all members of the local community;
5. 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 wellbeing and existence of the Toronto LGBTQ Community is jeopardized;
  - 5.1. 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;
  - 5.2. when the membership at large votes to act upon a political issue as specified above, before action is taken, any member of the TSVL will have the opportunity to remove his/her name from the membership lists and to disassociate him/herself from the TSVL;

6. Promote the concept of the “team” as a unique operational unit within the TSVL structure, and to promote the growth of leadership, coaching and playing skills in the TSVL;
7. Allow any commercial affiliation and sponsorship;
  - 7.1. approval of any advertisement, proposals, contracts and donations must have prior written approval of the TSVL executive before being ratified;
8. Strive to ensure the long-term financial stability of the TSVL, and efficient as well as effective management of resources.

## **ARTICLE II: PROMOTING FRIENDLY RELATIONS**

1. All members are obliged to observe the TSVL By-laws, house rules, policies, and principles of fair play; as well as the principles of loyalty, integrity, and sportsmanship.
2. The TSVL shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any internal dispute that may arise between its Members.

## **ARTICLE III: UNFORSEEN CONTINGENCIES AND FORCE MAJEURE**

The TSVL Board of Directors shall have the final decision on any matters not provided for in the TSVL Bylaws, the TSVL Constitution, house rules, and league policies or in cases of force majeure.

## **ARTICLE IV: AMENDMENTS TO THE TSVL BYLAWS AND POLICIES**

The Executive has the power to repeal, amend, or add policies as necessary for the operation of the league. The Executive will make available to the membership a period of no less than 30 days’ notice of any changes to TSVL policies and house rules. Only the membership at an AGM or a Special General Meeting has the ability to repeal, amend or add to the TSVL By-laws. The TSVL Board of Directors will make available to the membership a period of no less than 30 or greater than 50 days’ notice of any proposed changes to the TSVL By-laws.



## **ARTICLE V: AMENDMENTS TO THE TSVL CONSTITUTION**

1. Amendments are to be proposed to the membership in writing at an AGM or special general meeting to ensure maximum participation by members of the League. Amendments must be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote in favour of the amendments.
2. Members may propose amendments to the Constitution by submitting the proposed amendment to an executive member in writing. The executive shall propose the amendment to the membership on behalf of that member in accordance with the bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VI: DISSOLUTION**

1. Any decision relating to the dissolution of the TSVL requires a 2/3 majority of all voting Members of the TSVL, which must be obtained at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting specifically convened for this purpose.
2. Upon dissolution of the TSVL, any funds or assets remaining after paying all debts shall be distributed to another organization incorporated under the ACT which have similar objectives consistent with those of the TSVL, as determined by the general membership and the Executive at a special general meeting.

This Constitution is based on the document entitled "Toronto Spartan Volleyball League Constitution", updated as of May 30, 2003 and replaces that document in its entirety.

**PASSED by the board on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.**

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**AND CONFIRMED by the members on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2016.**

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