

PREFACE

WESTERN ONTARIO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

BY-LAW NO. 4

A By-Law respecting historical data, procedures for meetings, submission of amendments, rules of order and other relative statements of the WESTERN ONTARIO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

BE IT ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED AS A BY-LAW OF THE WESTERN ONTARIO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (herein called the Corporation) as follows:

REVISED: 2012.

A SHORT HISTORY

The W.O.A.A. was founded in 1942 by a well known person in this region, Mr. W. T. "Doc" Cruickshank of CKNX Radio and TV, Wingham. Tremendous desire best describes the personal effort put forth by Mr. Cruickshank. Two other persons who assisted and were members of the original Executive were Mr. M. L. "Tory" Gregg of London and Mr. Alfred Lockridge of Wingham. With determination, these sports-minded citizens worked together to build the organization and are known to be the founders. There were many others who devoted their talent, time and efforts to this endeavour. In its initial stages, the W.O.A.A. was composed of seven hockey teams banded together to provide inter-community competition.

The aims established in the beginning remain the prime emphasis of the W.O.A.A. "to promote and improve year round sports, to create a kindly feeling in the small communities and rural area of Western Ontario." Unlike many other associations who are dependent upon and favourable to the larger centres, the W.O.A.A. is interested in the smallest hamlets and the larger towns. This organization provides an opportunity for competitive recreation for each individual desirous of participation regardless of skill.

The "Western" has always taken a keen interest in minor sports. An event conducted each year within the region is the Young Canada Pee Wee Hockey Tournament in Goderich, Ontario.

On the 24th day of July, 1986, under the Ontario Corporations Act, the Western Ontario Athletic Association became an incorporated body.

The W.O.A.A. continued to grow and thrive. It became apparent that it had out grown its small headquarters at the corner of John St. and Josephine St., in the upper compounds of a leased office space in Wingham, Ontario. In 2005 a group of dedicated individuals who had worked very closely with the W.O.A.A. over the years and who were from all areas of Western Ontario formed a Fundraising Committee and a Building Committee to build a new home for the W.O.A.A. The Fundraising Campaign was appropriately titled "Building for Our Future". A building lot was purchased and in November, 2007 the W.O.A.A. moved into its new home on Alfred Street in Wingham.

Thanks to many individual donors, corporate donors, teams and centres within the W.O.A.A., countless fundraising events and thousands of dollars of in kind donations, the W.O.A.A. now enjoys a state of the art office building complete with board room and training centre. The Grand Opening of the new facility was held in September 2008. In 2009 the remainder of the fundraising pledges were received. The Capital Campaign "Building for Our Future" was an overwhelming success.

In 2012, the W.O.A.A. had 503 teams composed of approximately 9,000 registered participants. In addition, there were approximately 2,125 people involved throughout our association, serving as Executive Members, Convenors, officials and volunteers.

LIFE MEMBERS

Mr. Wilfred "Doc" Cruickshank*

Mr. Wilfred "Doc" Cruickshank was one of three founding members of the W.O.A.A. He was well known throughout the region being the owner of CKNX Radio. Through the use of such facilities he provided many free hours of air time promoting sports. A firm believer in Minor Sports, an overall interest and organizational talent, he was instrumental in the formation of the original W.O.A.A. Executive and the first competitive league which was composed of seven hockey teams.

With generosity and personal financial assistance, he provided the W.O.A.A. with a foundation on which to build. His devotion to the "Western" is known to be dedicated and incalculable.

Mr. Mervyn Lloyd L. "Tory" Gregg*

Mr. M. L. "Tory" Gregg was one of the founders of the W.O.A.A. and served as the first President, a position he held for eight years. His efforts can be best described as unending, for on many occasions he worked with diligence and perseverance. Mr. Gregg availed himself to amateur sports, taking a deep personal interest in every phase. His contribution to the "Western" can only be described as invaluable, and faithful.

Mr. Alfred "Alf" Lockridge*

Mr. Alfred "Alf" Lockridge was one of the founders of the W.O.A.A. His foresight and contribution in every phase was displayed through his keen interest and desire in co-ordinating inter-community competition associated with amateur sports. His first real task was the acceptance of the responsibility to act as both Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer, a work load which increased with expansion and each season. Mr. Lockridge served "Amateur" sport in many capacities, never losing sight of the true competitive spirit and competition for the amateur.

For 35 years, "Alf" provided a service which was frequently under very trying and difficult circumstances. In 1968 he retired as Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer. On three subsequent instances he returned to serve in the same capacity, then continued attendance of meetings until his demise.

His influence will undoubtedly prevail for many years throughout the W.O.A.A. Upon his initial retirement from the "Western", he was presented with a plaque inscribed in part which reads "For faithful, meritorious and dedicated service".

Mr. Hubert "Hugh" Hodges*

Mr. Hugh Hodges has been a tireless worker for the W.O.A.A. He became associated with the organization in 1959 and has since served on the Executive in every capacity including his two year term as President. He was one of the founders of the Huron-Perth Umpires Association. For Mr. Hodges no task ever given him was too challenging or too difficult. He has always completed the assignments, which were many, without complaint, and to a high standard. His contribution to the "Western" can be best described as faithful and dedicated.

Mrs. Donald "Joyce" McClure

Mrs. Donald "Joyce" McClure has contributed greatly in supporting the W.O.A.A. She has accepted her responsibilities without hesitation, completing her assignments while ensuring a very high standard. Having served as a dedicated Executive member, she was elected the first female President in 1977. Since then she completes her assignments with special emphasis and interest in enhancing the referee's program. She has devoted herself and skills in supporting the W.O.A.A.

Mr. William "Bill" DeHaan

Mr. William "Bill" DeHaan has been a dedicated supporter of the W.O.A.A. since 1980. He was selected to the Board in 1981 and served a term as President in 1985-86. He has always been active in the Softball programs and has been an umpire in the W.O.A.A. since the early eighties. He also has been active in the O.A.S.A. for many years and has been the Liaison to the W.O.A.A. for many years. Bill has been very active in the community of New Hamburg, Ontario, where he resides and always is there when asked to do trophy presentations, instruct umpire clinics and perform the task of a Past President in the presentation of Honour Awards; as well as facilitate during the yearly election of Officers. He has served the W.O.A.A. with pride and was selected as a Life Member at the Annual General Meeting of 2001.

* Deceased

W.O.A.A. HONOUR AWARD

The O. M. "Mike" Weichel Trophy is an award presented annually by the W.O.A.A. Donated in 1953 by Mr. Mike Weichel of Elmira who was a well known sports enthusiast throughout the Western Ontario region. In presenting the trophy to the W.O.A.A., it was his desire to ensure that the people in this area be recognized and rewarded for their outstanding efforts in minor sports. He devoted endless hours to sports serving in many capacities, providing actual contributions and assistance.

An excerpt from his final presentation speech in 1964 is as follows:

"In a youngsters' life their guidance of Christian training, education and recreational well being is of paramount importance. A leader who guides and shapes today's youth, paves the way for those who will be tomorrow's leaders and citizens."

Each year the Board of Directors of the W.O.A.A., on behalf of Mr. Weichel, selects a person or persons whom they consider to be worthy of its possession. Accordingly, each community is requested to submit the name or names of whom they judge to be worthy recipients.

The presentation of the trophy as directed by Mr. Weichel is announced at the W.O.A.A. Annual General Meeting, and presented by the Immediate Past President.

HONOUR AWARD RECIPIENTS

1954 - Mr. Murray Grant - Paisley
1955 - Mr. L. O. "Nip" Whetstone* - Goderich
1956 - Mr. C. F. "Cully" Rocher* - Listowel
1957 - Mr. Jim Inglis* - Atwood
1958 - Mr. Joseph Higgins* - Mitchell
1959 - Mr. John Patterson - Seaforth
1960 - Mr. M. E. "Mait" Edgar - Clinton
1961 - Mr. Jack Vipond* - Mitchell
1962 - Mr. Howard Carroll - Goderich
1963 - Mrs. M. Greenwood - Durham
1964 - Mr. George McLean* - Harriston
1965 - Mr. Bud Bitton - Listowel
1966 - Mr. Milton Filsinger* - Mildmay
1967 - Mr. Walter Schaefer* - Durham
1968 - Mr. John Walsh - Arthur
1969 - Mr. George Ste. Marie* - Clifford
1970 - Mr. Elmer Courtney - Ripley
1971 - Mr. Gordon Cerson* - Teeswater
1972 - Mr. Ted Baynton* - Mildmay
1973 - Mr. Eldon McLaughlin* - Palmerston
1974 - Mr. Joe Akkerhuis* - Harriston
1975 - Mr. Norval "Nute" Catto - Kincardine
1976 - Mr. Alfred Lockridge* - Wingham
1977 - Mr. & Mrs. (George & Elaine) Wicke - Gadshill
1978 - Mrs. Liz Kueneman - Hanover
1979 - Mr. Jim Prior - Brussels
1980 - Mr. Larry Reay - Durham
1981 - Mr. Bob Tout - Kincardine
1982 - Mr. Elmer Best* - Harriston
1983 - Mr. Charles McArthur - Port Elgin
1984 - Mr. Dave Neilson* - Gorrie
1985 - No Recipient

1986 - Mr. Gord Hymers - Listowel
1987 - Mrs. Pat Palmer - Arthur
1988 - Mr. Bruce Williams* - Wallace
1989 - Mr. Randall Hamilton - Wroxeter
1990 - Mr. Clarke Pollock - Kincardine (Co-Winners)
&
Mr. Garnet Troyer - Mount Forest
1991 - Mr. Don Culp - Drayton
1992 - Mr. Harry Yost* - Milverton
1993 - Mr. Bob Colvin - Teeswater
1994 - Mr. Rick Vivian - Mitchell (Co-Winners)
&
Mr. Gord Reaburn - Durham
1995 - Mr. Reg Walls - Clifford
1996 - Mr. Wm. "Bill" Hunter* - Lucknow
1997 - Mr. & Mrs. (Sade* & Wilda) Widmeyer - Fergus
1998 - Mr. Dale Steinhoff - Paisley
1999 - Mr. George King* - Teeswater
2000 - Mr. Charles Smith - Monkton
2001 - Mr. & Mrs. (Bill & Betty) DeHaan - New Hamburg
2002 - Mr. Al Harrison - Wingham
2003 - Mr. Dennis O'Malley* - Teeswater
2004 - No Recipient
2005 - Mr. Kim McKinnon - Zurich
2006 - Mr. Randy Fink - Rostock
2007 - Mr. & Mrs. (Vince & Jane) Mullin - Chepstow
2008 - Mr. William T.H. "Bill" Page* - Mount Forest
2009 - Mr. Dwight Leslie - Teeswater
2010 - Mr. John R. Gross - Listowel
2011 - Mr. Larry Lyman - Shallow Lake
2012 - Mr. Jim Dentinger - Walkerton

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W.O.A.A. BURSARY AWARD

The W.O.A.A. Scholastic Bursary Award was established as a result of a generous donation by Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Gravett and family.

For many years Mr. Gravett had been a loyal supporter of the W.O.A.A. serving in varied capacities.

In 1992, the 50th Anniversary of the W.O.A.A., he expressed a desire in providing financial assistance to a registered sports oriented person who is pursuing a post secondary education. Each year the Board of Directors may select an eligible candidate who will then receive a pre-determined grant. After the passing of Mr. Donald J. Gravett in 1997, the W.O.A.A. Scholastic Bursary Award became known as the W.O.A.A. "Donald J. Gravett Memorial" Bursary Award.

BURSARY AWARD RECIPIENTS

1994 - Miss. Ainslie Martyn - Ripley
1995 - Mr. Shane Pegg - Bluevale
1996 - Miss. Elaine Troyer - Mount Forest
1997 - Mr. Scott Walls - Palmerston
1998 - Mr. Joel Martin - Palmerston
1999 - Miss. Alison Bradley - Cargill
2000 - Miss. Brandy Flett - Teeswater
2001 - Mr. Tyler Stewart - Blyth
2002 - Mr. Kent Smith - Point Clark
2003 - Mr. Russell Schneider - Drayton
2004 - Mr. Patrick Rozendal - Wingham
2005 - Mr. Tom Pettigrew - Wingham
2006 - Mr. John Fischer - Teeswater
2007 - Miss Katie Barclay - Chepstow
2008 - Mr. Luc Lang - Elmwood
2009 - Mr. Shawn Smailes - Chesley
2010 - Miss Charmila Ireland - Teeswater
2011 - No Recipient
2012 - Miss Diane Bushell - Lucknow

* Deceased

W.O.A.A. PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The W.O.A.A. President's Award was established as part of the 60th Anniversary celebration in 2002 to acknowledge the person or persons considered to have significantly contributed to the betterment of the organization. On September 11, 2006 at the 62nd Annual General Meeting this award was dedicated in memory of Dave Jacobi for his many years of service as W.O.A.A. President (1987-2006), and from that night forward to be known as the "David H. Jacobi Memorial" President's Award.

This award is selected by the President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President and is presented annually to the individual(s) who strives to continue "Working With Our Future".

PAST RECIPIENTS

2002 - Ms. Linda M. Espensen - Wingham
2003 - Mr. John Craddock* - Cargill
2004 - Mr. Jon Bateson* - Wingham
2005 - Mrs. Joyce McClure - Seaforth
2006 - Mr. David H. Jacobi* (posthumously) - Walkerton
2007 - Mr. Harold Turnbull* (posthumously) - Walkerton
2008 - Mrs. Kaye Holmes - Keady
2009 - Mr. Hugh Nichol - Kincardine
2010 - Mr. Grant Currie - Wingham
2011 - Mr. Bernie Zacher - Walkerton
2012 - Mr. and Mrs. (Brian & Lois) Hopper - Palmerston

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PAST PRESIDENTS

1942 - 1950 - Mr. Mervyn Lloyd "Tory" Gregg* - London
1950 - 1953 - Mr. Hugh Hawkins* - Clinton
1953 - 1954 - Mr. Harry Doughty* - Walkerton
1954 - 1955 - Mr. Hugh Hawkins* - Clinton
1955 - 1957 - Mr. Nelson Hill* - Goderich
1957 - 1959 - Mr. John Bell* - Listowel
1959 - 1961 - Mr. Norman Hill* - New Hamburg
1961 - 1963 - Mr. Jim Inglis* - Atwood
1963 - 1965 - Mr. John Crewson* - Wingham
1965 - 1967 - Mr. Richard Parker* - Harriston
1967 - 1968 - Mr. George Wicke - Gadshill
1968 - 1970 - Mr. Hugh Hodges* - Clinton
1970 - 1972 - Mr. Allan Baxter* - Port Elgin
1972 - 1975 - Mr. Ivan Gardner* - Wingham
1975 - 1977 - Mr. David Neilson* - Gorrie
1977 - 1978 - Mrs. Joyce McClure - Seaforth
1978 - 1979 - Mr. Hugh Flynn* - Londesboro
1979 - 1981 - Mr. George Foulon* - Wingham
1981 - 1982 - Mr. Bev Nixon* - Durham
1982 - 1983 - Mr. Bill Kieffer - Bluevale
1983 - 1985 - Mr. Bill De Haan - New Hamburg
1985 - 1987 - Mr. Don Hill - Durham
1987 - 2006 - Mr. David H. Jacobi* - Walkerton
2006 - Mr. Dave Garinger - Owen Sound
2006 - 2010 - Mr. David K. Black - Lucknow

HONOURARY PRESIDENTS

Mr. Harley Crawford* - Wingham
Mr. William Mitchell* - Kincardine
Mr. Bill Lustig - Chesley
Mr. Campbell Grant* - Walkerton
Dr. J. R. Riddell* - Palmerston

*Deceased

MISSION STATEMENT

1. The objects and aims of the Corporation shall be to govern, improve, foster and perpetuate the game of Softball, Hockey, or other amateur sports.
2. To promote a kindly feeling among the members, protect the interests of the teams, game officials and registered participants.
3. To institute and regulate championship play in all series and classifications as may be deemed feasible so that trophies, medallions and/or pennants may be awarded.

MEMBERSHIP - GENERAL

1. The Board of Directors will consider acceptance of all applications of entry or registration from leagues, clubs or individuals who apply, but reserve the right of rejection should an application not be in the better interest of the Corporation.
2. When extenuating circumstances prevail, late applications will be considered at the discretion of the Board of Directors. No application will be accepted after the playdown format is prepared.

HONORARIUMS

The President shall receive an appropriate honorarium each year. Other honorariums may be granted. The Board of Directors shall determine the amount in each instance.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

1. The Annual Meeting for the election to the Board of Directors shall be held in accordance with By-Law No. 1, Paragraph 39.
2. Order of Business: Agenda
 - (a) Call To Order
 - (b) President's Address
 - (c) Introduction Of:
 - (i) Board Of Directors
 - (ii) Executive Administrator - Staff
 - (iii) Guests

- (d) W.O.A.A. O.M. "Mike" Weichel Honour Award Presentation
- (e) W.O.A.A. "Don Gravett Memorial" Bursary Award Presentation
- (f) W.O.A.A. "David H. Jacobi Memorial" President's Award Presentation
- (g) Adoption Of Minutes
- (h) Business Arising From Minutes
- (i) Reports - Management:
 - (i) Executive Administrator
 - (ii) Directors: Finance - Auditor
- (j) Statements By Liaisons:
 - O.A.S.A.
 - O.W.H.A.
 - O.M.H.A.
- (k) Proposed Amendments
- (l) Ballot Registration Report
- (m) Board Of Directors: Nominations - Elections
- (n) Reports - Sports:
 - Chairperson Senior Hockey
 - Chairperson Softball
 - Chairperson Minor Hockey
 - Chairperson Women's Hockey
- (o) Break Period - Door Prize Draw
- (p) Election Announcements
- (q) Resolution: To Destroy Ballots
- (r) Good & Welfare
- (s) Resolution: Adjournment

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ANNUAL SPORTS MEETINGS

1. These meetings shall be held each year as directed in By-Law No. 1, Paragraph 39.
2. Order of Business:
 - (a) President's Address - Introduction
 - (b) Presentation of Minutes
 - (c) Executive Administrator's Report
 - (d) Report - Chairperson
 - (e) Amendments
 - (f) Adjournment

AMENDMENTS

1. An amendment to the By-Laws and Manuals of Operation may be proposed. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in printed, written or typewritten manner by a member and forwarded to the Executive Administrator at least thirty (30) days prior to the specified date of the meeting.

Any proposal shall:

- (a) Have the name of the mover thereon.
- (b) Clearly identify the By-Law, paragraph, parts or part thereof.

2. Copies of the proposal shall be available to members for perusal at the meeting or may be reviewed prior to said meeting. Impromptu or Ad Hoc amendments shall not be considered at any time.

RULES OF ORDER - MEETINGS

1. The following shall be the governing procedures during the time of business. The business shall be disposed of in the following order:

- (a) No resolution shall be considered unless submitted in writing. A resolution shall not be open for discussion until so stated by the presiding Chairperson.
- (b) A member desiring to speak shall respectfully address the Chairperson and shall confine the remarks to the question. He shall not be interrupted unless upon a point of order.
- (c) A member shall not speak twice on the same subject without the permission of the Chairperson unless in explanation or the mover in reply.
- (d) Upon a point of order being raised while a member is speaking or when called to order by the presiding Chairperson, the point of order shall be stated by the person objecting. The presiding Chairperson shall decide without debate, then the member may continue.
- (e) No amendment to a resolution shall be in order after an amendment to an amendment.
- (f) When a resolution is under debate no other resolution shall be entertained except to table or amend. Resolutions shall take precedence in the order so stated by the presiding Chairperson.
- (g) An amendment which entirely changes the subject of the original resolution shall not be considered.

- (h) No member, except one who has voted with the majority, shall be allowed to move for a re-consideration.
- (i) After the resolution has been stated by the presiding Chairperson, it becomes the property of the Corporation. It may be withdrawn any time previous to an amendment unless objected to by a member.

COMPETITION

The category and classification for the specific sport is set forth and outlined in the Manual of Operations.

CLASSIFICATIONS

1. The current issue of the Ontario Municipal Directory shall be the official population figure for classifications. Any club which enters from an unlisted community shall be classified by the Board of Directors.
2. The Board of Directors reserves the right to place a team in a classification or group it deems to serve the best interests of the sport.

INTERPRETATIONS

1. Any clause in the By-Laws or Manuals of Operation may be defined and clarified at any time by the Board of Directors.
2. In instances where an Agreement of Affiliation is in effect, the administrative procedure therein shall apply provided that said procedure does not abrogate or delineate existing W.O.A.A. procedures.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES

1. All players twenty-one (21) years of age and under, born in Canada, must provide a regulation birth certificate issued by the Registrar of that province or territory.
2. Players born outside of Canada who cannot procure a regulation birth certificate may sign a player's certificate upon producing a Statutory Declaration sworn by the parents or guardian establishing the date of birth or in lieu thereof:
 - (a) The original copy of the record of birth, or
 - (b) The age at the date of entry into Canada as certified by the forms filed at the Port of Entry.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All members of the Board of Directors and employees of the Corporation shall respect the confidentiality of the matters brought before the Board of Directors. They shall keep in mind that unauthorized statements could adversely affect the interests of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may give authority to one or more Directors or employees of the Corporation to make statements to the members, press or public concerning matters brought or placed before the Board of Directors. The persons authorized to make factual based statements shall be the President, Executive Administrator, or a Sport Chairperson. When required a Chairperson may issue statements that are relative to that specific sport.

DATED this 13th day of August, 1987 as By-Law No. 4 by the Directors of the Corporation at a meeting duly called and regularly held, at which a quorum was present.

WITNESS the Seal of the Corporation

Donald R. Hill
President

David A. Neilson
Secretary

The foregoing By-Law No. 4 as enacted by the Directors of the Corporation is hereby ratified, sanctioned, confirmed and approved without variation by the affirmative vote of all members entitled to vote at a meeting of members, duly called and regularly held at the Town of Wingham, at which a quorum was present on the 5th day of November, 1987.

David H. Jacobi
President

David A. Neilson
Secretary

NOTE: Original signed copy on file in the W.O.A.A. Office, Wingham, Ontario.