

## 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: **2021**

## 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 2020, the W.O.A.A. had 459 teams composed of approximately 8,000 registered participants. In addition, close to 1400 people involved throughout our association, serving as Executive Members, Convenors, officials and volunteers. The global Covid Pandemic forced the end of the playoffs for all hockey in March 2020 as well as the cancellation of the Softball season in 2020 and 2021 and the 2020-21 Senior Hockey season. All attempts were made to run a modified minor hockey season in 2020-21 following the provincial health regulations and guidelines put into place to help slow the spread of the COVID virus.

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

(\* Deceased)

### **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.

### **Mr. David Black**

Mr. Dave Black was the Recreation Director in Lucknow and served for many years as the Lucknow Minor Hockey Contact. He worked his way up to a Level 4 referee and officiated over a span of 30 years from the 1970's to 2004. Dave served as Referee in Chief for Lucknow and became involved in the WOAA Referee Committee, first as a Supervisor and then as Committee Chairman. He was a Director on the WOAA Board from 1998 to 2004. In 2006 Dave was elected as president and served for the next 4 years. In 2010 he served as the Past President of the WOAA, a position he still held in 2021. Dave has also previously held the Chairman title for the Senior Hockey and Women's Hockey. For the time leading up to the building of the new WOAA office, Dave served on the Capital Campaign Fundraising and Building Committees. He was selected as a Life Member in 2021.

## **Mr. David Garinger**

Mr. Dave Garinger's involvement with the WOAA originated in the late 1980's when he served as the Warton center contact and was also appointed as a WOAA convenor. In 2000 Dave was appointed as the Novice Convenor. In 1996 Dave was elected to the WOAA Board of Directors and in 2006 he filled in as president for a short term. He also served as 2nd Vice President for a year and was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice from 2004 to 2021. In 2001, Dave started a 20 year run as WOAA Minor Hockey Chairman as well as the OMHA Regional Executive Member for this area. During the tenure he served and chaired on virtually every OMHA Committee, including a long standing appointment to development both at the OMHA and OHF levels. Dave was also involved in Softball as the WOAA Midget convenor as well as a carded umpire. He also worked on the WOAA Capital Campaign Fundraising Committee from 2002 to 2007. As part of the WOAA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations in 2017, Dave was named as one of the WOAA Community Sports Builders. Dave was selected as a WOAA Life Member in 2021.

## W.O.A.A. HONOUR AWARD

The **O. M. "Mike" Weichel Trophy**, an award presented annually by the W.O.A.A., was 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 - **Co-Winners** - Mr. Clarke Pollock - Kincardine and Mr. Garnet Troyer - Mount Forest  
1991 - Mr. Don Culp - Drayton  
1992 - Mr. Harry Yost\* - Milverton  
1993 - Mr. Bob Colvin - Teeswater  
1994 - **Co Winners** -Mr. Rick Vivian – Mitchell and 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  
2013 - Mr. Doug Neil –Wingham  
2014 - Mr. & Mrs. (Don and Vonnie) Crawford – Keady  
2015 - Mr. Wayne Martin – Palmerston  
2016 - Mr. Dan Wilken – Ripley  
2017- Mr Steve Campbell – Clinton  
2018 - Mr. & Mrs. (Dave & Marg) Bradley – Pinkerton  
2019 - Mr. Randy Alton – Lucknow  
2020 - *No Receptient – Covid 19 Pandemic*  
2021 – Mr. Rick Fisk - Minto

\* Deceased



## 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  
2013 - Ty Sebastian – Brussels  
2014 - Mr. Tom Fischer – Teeswater  
2015 - Mr. Tyler Pauli – Mitchell  
2016 - Mr. Keegan Angel – Tara  
2017 - Mr. Dawson Currie – Wingham  
2018 - Mr. Brett MacLeod – Listowel  
2019 - Mr. Mackenzie “Mac” Fischer – Teeswater  
2020 - *No Recipient – Covid 19 Pandemic*  
2021 – Mr. Tyler Murray - Lucknow

\* Deceased

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

The **W.O.A.A. President's Award** was established as part of the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 62<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
2013 - Miss Coreen Harding – Fordwich  
2014 – Mr. Doug Walker – Belgrave  
2015 – Mr. Barry MacDonald – Ripley  
2016 – Mr. David Millen – Teeswater  
2017 – Mr. John Thompson – Waterloo  
2018 – Mrs. Gayle Irvine – Wingham  
2019 – Mr. Dave Garinger – Owen Sound  
2020 – *No Recipient – Covid 19 Pandemic*  
2021 – Mr. Rick Vivian - Mitchell  
\* Deceased

## 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 - 2006 - Mr. Dave Garinger - Owen Sound  
2006 – 2010 - Mr. David K. Black – Lucknow  
2010 – current – Mr. Allan Dickson - Wingham

## 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**

**The Western Ontario Athletic Association is an organization recognized as being leaders in providing structured sports programs for all age individuals. In co-operation with our local and provincial partners, we will continue to provide sustainable sports programs while maintaining good financial practices.**

## **VISION STATEMENT**

**We will provide sports programs for all individuals to play, perform and grow.**

## **VALUES STATEMENT**

**We value service, excellence, teamwork, accountability, respect and integrity.**

## **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

### Working With Our Future

#### **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.