



## HALTON WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 2019/2020

### **Article 1:**

**Name** The name of the league shall be "HALTON WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE" ("HWVL").

### **Article 2:**

**Purpose** The purpose of this league is to provide a recreational night out in the form of competitive volleyball for women in the Halton Region.

### **Article 3:**

**Membership** Membership each year is open to women who have reached the age of 18 years or at the discretion of the Executive.

### **Article 4:**

**Dues** League dues must be received by September 30<sup>th</sup> each year. The captain is responsible to collect and submit payments for their teams. Only team payments will be accepted; no individual payments will be accepted. After September 30<sup>th</sup>, late fees or player eligibility will be discussed.

The fee per team shall be determined each year by the Executive Committee.

A non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 is required by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the June preceding the start of the next season to secure a team's position in the league for the following season. The league fees for the upcoming season are \$1,650.00 (less the \$150.00 deposit); this includes team insurance fees. There will be a late fee of \$25 per month applied to team deposits received after June 30<sup>th</sup>. Late fees will not apply to any new team entries.

### **Default**

If a team defaults an entire night of play, the first default for the team in a given season will be forgiven. If the same team defaults an entire night of play again in the same season, that team will be charged a \$30.00 fee for expenses incurred (referee and gym costs). If a team defaults a second whole night, that team will be charged \$60.00. If a team defaults a third whole night, that team will be charged \$120.00. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> default the team must pay the league within 2 weeks. If a team defaults 3 full nights, they will meet with the executive about remaining in the league. If a team defaults during the playoffs they will automatically be eliminated from playoffs and will not be eligible to win a division or any prize money.

### **Article 5:**

**League** The league shall be comprised of 14 teams.

### **Article 6:**

**Teams** Each team shall consist of a minimum of 7 players.



### **Team Representatives**

Each team is required to have a team representative (who may or may not be an Executive Member) who is welcome to attend Executive Meetings but is not required to do so. The team representative is responsible for being a liaison between their team and the Executive, which includes distributing all required information (i.e., league rule changes, equipment instructions, meeting minutes) to their team members.

### **Team Captain**

There shall also be at least one Captain chosen to represent the team on the court during play. The Captain may or may not be the same as the Team Representative.

### **Replacements**

New players may be rostered throughout the season. No players may be rostered in the last rotation without the approval of the Executive. The league neither collects nor refunds dues to individual team members. A team may not pick up players that are not already rostered for the playoffs without the approval of the Executive. If players are added to team rosters after the team rosters and waivers are submitted to the HWVL Executive, then the new player(s) must sign the waiver (included in each court's binder) on their first night of play with their team.

### **Article 7:**

#### **Position**

Each team shall be guaranteed its position in the League for the next year upon receipt of a \$150.00 non-refundable deposit.

### **Article 8:**

#### **Meetings**

Executive Meetings shall be called periodically at the discretion of the League President. Copies of the Minutes of each Executive Meeting will be posted under the news section on our website.

### **Article 9:**

#### **Decisions**

From time to time, the Executive may have to make a decision that affects the league immediately. These decisions may only be made at a meeting where each team is given the opportunity to be represented. Such decisions remain binding for the duration of the year in which they were made. These decisions will come forth as proposed changes to the Constitution at the Annual General Meeting.

### **Article 10:**

#### **Amendments**

All changes to the Constitution shall be made following voting at the Annual General Meeting. Such decisions remain binding for the duration of the year in which they were made. **It is mandatory to have team representation at this meeting for a vote to count toward league changes.** Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be given to the Executive in writing so they can be communicated to the other teams prior to the Annual General Meeting. Any proposed changes to this Constitution shall be discussed and voted upon at the Annual General Meeting each year. Changes approved shall be incorporated into the Constitution for the following year. Changes cannot be made retroactively.

## **Article 11:**

**Ethics Team** From time to time it may be necessary to discuss conduct within the league. At such times, a team will be formed consisting of the Executive and Team Representatives.

## **Article 12:**

### **Executive**

#### **President – Naomi Khan – Social Scene**

- to co-ordinate all committees/activities related to the league
- to call the Executive Meetings when the need arises and to chair those meetings
- to be responsible for ensuring any problems/crises are solved immediately
- to be the league contact with the City of Burlington

#### **Secretary – Maddie Kovacs – Nice Tips**

- to obtain the permits for the gyms from the City of Burlington
- to cancel games due to inclement weather
- communications (i.e., email management, communicating with other roles as required)

#### **Treasurer – Naomi Khan – Social Scene**

- to collect all league fees and ensure all teams are fully paid
- to co-ordinate the mandatory liability insurance
- to be responsible for all payments including: gym rentals, referees' fees, and other costs

#### **Referee Coordinator – Meaghan Quennell – Nice Tips**

- to co-ordinate the procurement and scheduling of referees
- to ensure that all referees are thoroughly familiar with all rules and they maintain a consistent standard of refereeing utilizing OVA rules
- to ensure that referees have the equipment they require and are aware of their responsibilities

#### **Administration Coordinator – Terri Van Loon – Slammers**

- to create the schedules, input scores and update webmaster accordingly to ensure schedule and standings on the website are accurate and up to date
- to ensure the binders located at each court are up to date with schedules and score sheets

#### **Equipment Coordinator – Natalie Annett – Pancake Tuesday**

- to maintain all equipment and purchase new equipment required
- to ensure that all teams know the combination to the locks on the cages at both facilities

#### **Webmaster – Alison Hilborn – Shibby**

- to maintain the volleyball website by:
  - ensuring there is a current schedule posted
  - ensuring the standings are always as up to date as possible
  - updating the other pages as the website as required



## **Article 13: Playing Regulations**

### ***League Play***

Each week every team will play 2 matches against two different teams. Each match consists of 2 sets. To begin the season, there will be a 5-week round robin. After the five nights of play, teams will be placed in division A or B as determined by their match results. Approximately every 8 weeks the top two and bottom two teams from each division will exchange places. If these 4 teams do not wish to switch divisions they may discuss with the Executive and the captains of the other teams affected.

### ***Schedule***

Copies of the schedule will be available on the website. There will also be a schedule in the binder on each court.

### ***Time***

Games at Tansley Woods shall start promptly at 8:00 p.m. (see below) and 9:25 p.m. (please be at the gym by 9:15 and prepared to start the late games as soon as the first games are finished). Those teams scheduled to play the second set of games must be ready to start as per the scheduled time. Games at M.M. Robinson will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m.

### ***Defaults***

Game start time has been set at 8:10 p.m. in both facilities. Teams must have 4 players on the court ready to play by 8:10 or when the nets are up, whichever is later. If a team is not on the court ready to play, they must wait for their 4<sup>th</sup> player to avoid default. Once the 4<sup>th</sup> player arrives the games will begin. Scores will be awarded for games that are finished to 25. Any other games unfinished will count as default. If a team does not have 4 players by 8:30 the entire match will be recorded as a default and the team will be charged a fee. All default situations are at the discretion of the referee.

### ***Order of Play***

The order in which the matches appear on the schedule is the order in which they must be played.

### ***Nets***

The staff at Tansley Woods provides net set up and tear down.  
All teams are responsible to set up and tear down the nets at MMR.

### ***Cancellations***

Cancellations by the President or Secretary (due to inclement weather or accidents) will be communicated to the Team Reps. An initial email will be sent out by 12pm on the day of play to indicate the possibility of a cancellation. A final decision and email to team reps will be sent by 5:00 p.m. on the day of play. The Referee Rep must also be informed.

If we receive a last minute (one month or less) cancellation at M.M. Robinson from the City, Tansley Woods Recreation Centre will remain open to ALL teams to practice, scrimmage, etc. The scheduled games will not count for that night.



### ***Number of Players***

A team will be allowed to play with a minimum of 4 players. Rostered players from another team may be asked to play for a team that is short players and in a default situation. The team may pick up as many players as they need to get to 4 players. To avoid default, a team may not pick up players from other teams who are playing games at the same time, regardless of how many spare players there may be.

### ***Matches/Games and Scoring***

Each game will consist of two rally point games played to 25, cap 27. All games will start at 0 points. Game times must start as closely to the scheduled time as possible to get games in. Refs should indicate a 2-minute warning before the end of the game/match. The Referee will record the score after each game. The Referee will send the scores and rosters to **Terri at 905-320-9317 or tvanloon@cogeco.ca** to ensure that accurate standings are updated each week.

### ***Points***

There will be two points for a win, zero points for a loss and 1 point for a tie or a game not started. In scenarios where there is insufficient time to finish a game, there must be a spread of two in the game to determine a winner (e.g. 10-8, 10 wins, but 10-9, game is split which is a tie).

### ***Captains***

The Captain is the only person who may approach the referee during a game. Captains will be asked to sign the score sheet and enter their team roster at the end of each game.

### ***Coin Toss***

A coin toss will only be performed for the first set of each match. During all subsequent games the teams will alternate service.

### ***Rotation/Substitution***

Teams may choose to either rotate or substitute players. Whichever system is chosen must be continued for the duration of the game. Once a substitution is made those players can only substitute for each other. The Libero rule is optional – teams may designate a back row defensive player for the whole game who may rotate in and out for any player in the back row.

### ***Time-Outs***

Each team will be allowed one 30-second time-out per game. After the two-minute warning no time-outs will be allowed.

### ***League Standings***

League standings will be posted on our website. In the event of a tie, 1<sup>st</sup> place will be determined by a) number of wins and b) total points for/against c) head to head between the two teams.

### ***Discretionary Calls***

- A. First hit of the ball after a serve may be 'unclean' but cannot be a deliberate lift or throw (referees' discretion).
- B. Centre line of net a foot and hand can go half way over the centre line.
- C. Full body contact including feet is permitted. This includes kicking the ball in a reactionary method. No follow through or intentional kick play will be allowed.



D. Net calls:

- At Tansley Woods: all basketball nets are out, and re-serves will not be called if a ball contacts a basketball net during play.
- At M.M. Robinson: all basketball nets are re-serves if the ball contacts a basketball net on serve or during play.
- If any calls are unclear, the **two playing Captains** will decide the appropriate course of action with the referee based on the general intent of obstruction calls relative to the game of volleyball.

***Player Conduct***

If a referee has any problems or concerns with any aspect of the league including teams and/or individual players, please bring this to the attention of the Referee/Equipment Reps who will then take it to the President and Treasurer.

Penalties for arguing with the referee or displaying unsportsmanlike conduct shall be: warned the first time. If the conduct continues, a 3-game consecutive suspension will be handed out (the game in which the suspension is given out will be considered the first of three games). The second time such an infraction occurs. The player will receive a 6-game suspension. The refs in conjunction with the Executive will address the situation.

***Jewellery***

Wear at your own risk.

***End of Year Playoffs***

Playoffs will occur during the last two weeks of the season, on Tuesday nights. It will be a round robin format with semi-finals and finals to decide division champions. In the event of a tie after the round robin, the criteria to determine 1<sup>st</sup> place will be:

1. Total Wins
2. Total Points (plus/minus)
3. Head to head

All players are playoff-eligible provided that they played **at least three nights of play for the same team within the season**. Team Captains are responsible for ensuring their players' playoff eligibility. If a Captain is unsure about player eligibility, they are to contact the League President for guidance on next steps. If a team defaults during the playoffs they will automatically be eliminated from playoffs and will not be eligible to win a division or any prize money.

***Prizes***

Prizes will only be awarded for the final league winners in each division.

**UNLESS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 13 ABOVE, CURRENT O.V.A. RULES APPLY.**



## **Article 14: H.W.V.L. Payer Code of Conduct – 2019/2020**

1. Players who participate in the H.W.V.L. are expected to conduct themselves in a professional, courteous and sports person like manner within their team, while in competition with other teams and to all referees and volunteer executive members.
2. Ownership and responsibility for each individual team falls under the leadership of the team representative (rep).
3. Team reps are elected by each individual team without any involvement by the league Executive. The only exception to this rule is when space for a new team arises and it is necessary for the executive to appoint someone to take responsibility for organizing the team until a future team rep may be determined.
4. In the event of a discrepancy within a team, the ownership for resolving the discrepancy lies within the jurisdiction of the team rep and each individual team member.
5. If for some reason this combination of leadership is ineffective at resolving the discrepancy, the team may then approach the league Executive to act as a mediator to resolve the situation.
6. The league Executive will then assist the team in the best possible manner to determine a resolution to the problem.
7. In addition, players who act in an un-sports person like manner as deemed by the referees will be given a verbal warning and then will be carded. If the player does not take corrective action immediately for their conduct the refs will be obligated to report them to the league Executive. If this should occur the league Executive will then deal with the player and their conduct.

