

TSCL CONSTITUTION



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Document description: The TSCL constitution defines the existence of the entity and regulates the structure and control of the entity and its members. Supporting documents include Bylaws and playing conditions for different formats of the game.

ARTICLE I - TITLE

1. The name of the organization shall be Tri State Cricket League, here in after referred to as “TSCL” or “The Tri State Cricket League”.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

1. To promote competitive club cricket in the states of Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas.
2. To promote teams and players of TSCL from these states
3. To uphold the Laws of Cricket as established by the International Cricket Council and as modified by the League.
4. To foster and maintain the highest ethical standards of club cricket while protecting the interests and welfare of the member clubs and players.

ARTICLE III - HEADQUARTERS

1. The headquarters of the League shall be at a civic address of the current President or as adopted by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

1. Any cricket club seeking membership in the League shall submit a completed application to the Secretary with the membership fee and other dues.
 - a. Full Member: Club/Team that is a member of the “A” division in TSCL in the immediate previous season.
 - b. New Member: Club/Team that was not a member for the immediately previous 35 over season, will be joining the “B” division of the league. There will be some eligibility criteria which has to be fulfilled by “B” division teams (published by the EC, subject to AGM) to be eligible to move up to “A” division with the permission of the AGM with Full members voting in a majority
 - c. New Full Member: New Member or any Club/Team which has been playing “B” division and has been promoted to “A” division as per laid down rules and regulation by the AGM in a majority of “A” Division Club/team

- d. Voting rights- Each full member will be entitled to one vote at the AGM and each New Full Member will serve a probationary period of 2 years playing in “A” division before being eligible to vote.
2. All applications for membership shall be subject to the approval at the AGM. In the event of any application being rejected, the membership fee including forfeiture fee if applicable shall be returned to the applying club.
3. Each Club may have more than one team and shall be recognized and addressed by the League in the following hierarchy:
- a. President of the club
 - b. Captain (s) of the team
4. New member clubs seeking membership shall enter the League in the “B” division. At the first AGM of the following season, the voting members (Full Members) shall vote to induct the club in the “A” division, only, if the club has fulfilled all the eligibility criteria as published. If a club does not justify its viability during the period, the AGM shall extend them to continue playing in the “B” division if those teams so choose.
5. Player transfers- As a general rule, a player registered with the TSCL through a member club/team at the beginning of the season are NOT permitted to represent another club/team before going through a formal transfer procedure as listed below.
- a. A player that has not represented any TSCL team in the immediate previous season is permitted to transfer to another club but it must be no later than the club/team’s THIRD game of the season.
 - b. A player able to provide proof of change in residence and/or job that shows his relocation to another city, thereby bringing him significantly closer to the new club/team, may be permitted to transfer clubs/team.
 - c. A player may transfer to another club/team as per clause 5 (b) upon agreement of the captains from both teams involved. The captains are required to initiate the transfer with supporting and requested documents. The EC may choose to intervene in case of a disagreement or when requested by either or all parties concerned to intervene.
 - d. Both clubs/teams must sign the transfer form/**electronic** and send it to the TSCL Secretary. Any transfer fee, if required, will be decided by the EC on a case-by-case basis. Note: the transferring player must have met his financial obligations with his current club before a transfer is initiated.
 - e. Players of age 18 and under and age 50 and above may play for any club/team without penalty for the player or the club/team.
 - f.** Lending players to the opposition on match day is not affected by the transfer rule and the player is allowed to play as a regular player for the team he is representing. All COC violations against the player shall apply as if he is a player of the represented team. This habit promotes the spirit of cricket, a spirit that we all try to live up to. This borrowed player from the opposition on the

day of the game can bat, bowl, wicket keep and field. Further more any TSCL registered player can be used for fielding for any league games excluding playoffs.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

1. AGM of the League:

- a. Before the Start of each season there shall be one Annual General Meeting. Each Club will be represented by its President and Captain/s.
- b. The AGM shall be held the last weekend of February (weather permitting). Location may be rotated between full member cities or a suitable city and will be decided by the mid-January.
- c. The Secretary shall communicate the notice of each AGM to the Club President's and EC at least 14 days before the meeting.
- d. A quorum at an AGM shall be half of the member clubs. Only Full Members will have the right to vote. A voting delegate will count towards the quorum
- e. The meeting shall transact the annual business of the League and consider items submitted in writing/electronic to the Secretary no later than start of the meeting.
- f. In the case where the Club President or any player for the member club cannot attend the meeting, their team vote will not be counted
- g. Any person who is not a registered player or officer of the league or officer of a member club shall have no say at any meetings of the League.
- h. Meetings of the members of TSCL shall be conducted according to The Roberts Rules of Order

2. Executive Committee meetings:

- a. The Executive Committee shall meet at a minimum of seven times a year: one AGM of the League and at least six others (via conference call) during the season.
- b. Special Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held whenever called by the President of the League.
- c. The Secretary shall notify the date of meeting, in writing (electronic), to each Executive Officer at least one day in advance.
- d. A quorum at the meeting shall be at least three-fifth of Executive Committee. No other business except that indicated on the agenda shall be dealt during the meeting, unless there is unanimous decision to do so.
- e. Each Officer shall have one vote at any meeting of the Executive Committee. The officer shall not have a vote with any related decisions pertaining to his own club. The Officer will not participate in any discussion and may be asked to disconnect and rejoin by the President or presiding officer. In such case the quorum will be three-fifth of the rest of the Executive Committee.

- f. All Registered Players of TSCL are allowed to participate in EC meetings, only with permission and prior written notification from the EC.

3. Meetings Chairman:

- a. The President shall chair all meetings of the League and the Executive Committee.
- b. The Vice President shall chair in the absence of the President.
- c. The Secretary shall chair in the absence of the President and Vice President.

ARTICLE VI- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES

1. Composition

- a. The Executive Committee of the League shall comprise of the following Executive Officers: i. President ii. Vice President iii. Secretary iv. Treasurer v. Committee member/Umpiring coordinator
- b. Two or more members of the Executive Committee cannot be represented by the same member club.

2. Duration of Mandate

- a. Each officer shall be elected to hold office for a period of one year, but if re-elected, may serve for a maximum of one more term. After two consecutive terms, he may not serve on the Executive Committee for the next term for any position on the committee unless appointed by a two-thirds majority at the AGM for exceptional performance.
- b. All records of the League shall be turned over to the new Executive Committee at the end of the term of the existing officers and should be willing and ready to help the new EC, if required for transition.

3. Powers of the Executive Committee

- a. To fairly administer and organize the business of the League, paying due regard to the rules and regulations set out in the League's constitution, by-laws, code of conduct and playing conditions directed by the general membership at general meetings from time to time.

4. Termination of Executive Committee member

- a. The Executive Officers at a Special Meeting may remove any officer for good cause. The motion to remove an officer shall be promulgated in the notice of the meeting and shall be a Special Order of that meeting.
- b. Any member so terminated can appeal by writing to the Executive Committee requesting reinstatement.
- c. A majority vote by the remaining Executive Committee members is required for a reinstatement.

- d. If reinstatement is denied, the Executive Committee, by majority vote, shall appoint a replacement on an interim basis, after requesting volunteers willing to serve from the league club/team.

5. Resignation of Executive Committee member

- a. Any Executive Committee member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the President or the Vice President.
- b. The resigning member shall not be eligible to hold an Executive Committee position in the next term of TSCL- EC.
- c. Such resignation shall take effect, unless otherwise stated, at the time specified therein. The acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- d. Vacancies created by reason of resignation shall be filled by election at the next regular EC meeting or at a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee. The committee may, at its discretion, defer replacement of the committee member but not until the next AGM.
- e. Election of officers at a Special Meeting shall be by a majority of two-third votes in favor.

6. Termination of the Executive Committee

- a. The EC may not be suspended for a period of one year from its election at the AGM.
- b. Fresh elections will be held during the AGM and a new term will begin.

7. Formation of Umpiring Committee (UC)

- a. The Executive Committee shall create an umpiring committee to assist in the administration of the affairs of the League.
- b. This committee shall comprise of three league players one of whom will be the Umpiring coordinator of the EC.
- c. Term of office of UC members will be the same as the EC.

8. Formation of Judiciary Committee (JC)

- a. Each club is required to assign one member to assist the league in case of code of conduct violations. Three members from this JC will hear cases on a rotation basis and under no circumstances can a Team/Club sit as JC when one of their own players is the accused/accuser, which is the ONLY disqualifying circumstance for serving in a JC. The JC shall fully cooperate with the EC regarding any questions/Clarifications EC has regarding the process of JC. All communication has to be in writing. JC Shall conduct the actual JC hearing with an EC member(s) present for the hearing.

9. Formation of Sub-Committees

- a. The Executive Committee shall create sub-committees to assist in the administration of the affairs of the League.

- b. The terms of appointment of members and operating procedures shall be as agreed upon by majority vote of the Executive Committee.
- c. Disbanding or modification of terms of any existing subcommittee shall be as agreed upon by majority vote of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII- DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

1. President: The president's primary function shall be to provide leadership in the realization of the objectives of TSCL. On his own initiative the president will identify short and long-term goals and would formulate plans towards their attainment. The president would activate the EC to execute prioritized tasks. The president shall;

- preside over and call for meetings of the EC and Captains committee
- form liaison among the Executive Committee
- be one of the signing officers of the TSCL
- represent the TSCL with all external media
- govern by consensus
- preside over all appeals processes
- be entitled to 1 vote in meetings
- be entitled to a tie-breaking vote in case of a tie

2. Vice President: Shall comply with the directives of the President assuming that they are within the stipulations of this document. At the option of the president, the vice-president may be delegated the responsibility to oversee the execution of specific tasks. In the absence, of the president, however, the V.P. shall function as the president and shall have the same rights, privileges and obligations as that of the former. The Vice-President shall be entitled to 1 vote in meetings

3. Secretary: Shall comply with the directives of the President assuming that they are within the stipulations of this document. The secretary shall;

- be responsible for all communication from and within the TSCL
- create/maintain all non-financial records for the organization
- record and distribute minutes of meetings within 5 days of the held meeting
- carry out all external correspondences upon approval from the president
- advise the EC on legal obligations (may consult professionals, if/when the need arises)
- help with the flow of information within TSCL including captains, especially when significant changes are made on the website.
- help disseminate to the general body all changes to the laws of the TSCL as approved by the EC.
- be entitled to 1 vote in meetings

4. Treasurer: The treasurer shall be the financial officer of the organization. He shall comply with the directives of the President assuming that they are within the stipulations of this document. The treasurer shall;

- administer cash flow of the TSCL
- create and record all financial transactions of the TSCL

- prepare and report the financial status biannually
- deal with Internal Revenue Service and other financial bodies, both federal and state, as required by law
- provide necessary receipts
- be entitled to 1 vote in meetings

5. Committee member/Umpiring coordinator: Shall comply with the directives of the President assuming that they are within the stipulations of this document. The committee member shall;

- be the link between the General Body and the Executive Committee
- chair the umpiring committee
- be entitled to 1 vote in meetings

ARTICLE VIII- FINANCE

1. Income

- a. The League's income shall be obtained from membership fees and from any other available and legally proper source, as approved by the Executive Committee.
- b. Such income shall be used for the furtherance of the objectives of the League and in particular accord with the budget approved by the membership at the AGM.
- c. The forfeit and Lawyer fees have to be kept separate from the General fund and cannot be spend by the league as general fund. When a team forfeits, then the penalty will be moved over to general fund and the remainder of the forfeiture fee to make it \$200 will be collected from that team the next year.

2. Signing Officers

- a. Treasurer and one other signing officer (President and/or Any EC member as decided by the EC) shall be the joint e-signatories for all League bank accounts and for checks with amounts greater than US \$200, and all payments should only be made after getting a majority decision of the EC.

3. Fiscal Year

- a. The fiscal year of the League shall be start of the AGM to the beginning of the next AGM. Immediately after the AGM the previous Treasurer will hand over the league funds to the incoming Treasurer as per the AGM budget.

4. Budget

- a. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget of the estimated expenditures for the ensuing year. The budget shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for initial approval. Upon approval, the budget shall be presented at the AGM. Upon approval it will stand as the limit of expenditure for the purpose specified. Additional expenditures, whether in excess of the budget or for other purposes, shall not be expended without prior approval of the Executive Committee.

5. Remuneration of Members of Executive Committee

- a. The Executive Officers of the League shall not be paid for their services.

6. Financial Controls

- a. The Executive Committee shall from time to time implement financial controls as deemed necessary to preserve the integrity of the League.

ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS, PLAYING CONDITIONS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The by-laws on the rules of games played under the sponsorship of the League and not covered by the constitution shall be established by the EC.
2. Playing conditions shall be established for each format of the game by a majority vote at the AGM. Any changes recommended by the teams will be approved by a majority vote before start of the season.
3. A Code of Conduct for players, officers and umpires shall be established by majority vote at AGM. Any changes recommended by the teams will be approved by a majority vote before start of the season.

ARTICLE X – COMMUNICATION

1. www.tscl.us will be the official website of TSCL.
2. Communication with the EC will be done via EC's official email address ec@tscl.us. Only the Secretary will communicate to the Team/Club on behalf of the EC.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Alterations or additions to this constitution can only be made at a specially called general meeting and at which, proposed amendments are carried by majority vote in favor.
2. Proposed amendments must be jointly sponsored by not less than three full member clubs.

ARTICLE XII – DISSOLUTION OF THE LEAGUE

1. The League shall not be dissolved unless all liabilities have been discharged and a motion has been passed by a two thirds majority of all eligible voters recorded at a general meeting convened for the purpose of dissolution.
2. Any remaining funds at the time of dissolution may be donated to any charitable organization, as the majority at the general meeting shall decide. All funds will be withheld for two years with a joint account of all EC members.