

# **Proposed Changes to the Constitution - Mike Moore**

## **BOTSC Proposal to Move from AGE based divisions to SKILL based divisions.**

### **General Concept:**

Essentially all registered players (approx. 220 +) would go into the draft pool.

Convenors will be given data on All players rated based on: Skill 1-5 , Attendance , Position, Age, Division they played in previous year and Other relevant information.

The "A" Division Convenors would draft the first 6 teams from the entire pool. Approx. 18 per team (total 108 players). Then the B Division Convenors select from who is remaining.

Goals of this proposal are:

- Attract and retain players of all skill levels and ages for their lifetime.
- To improve and balance the level of play in both divisions.
- To balance the number of players in each division annually.
- This will allow us to set the number of teams in each division without concerns about team size.
- To remove age from the mix so that we attract more players....e.g. Burlington Old Timers Hockey has approx. 1100 players in Eight Skill divisions.
- Lower the eligibility age to 40 Years old to attract more "recreational" players. As we grow the league....divisions can also be added to reflect the make up of the Club...e.g. "Masters", "Walking Soccer", 70+...A-B-C Divisions, etc...

### **Some Anticipated Issues:**

- Some players may only want to play in one of the divisions, so we would accommodate by including their preference of division at registration (e.g. only A, only B, both). Flexibility in the first few years will be necessary.
- We will need to improve the quality of our grading of players to ensure Convenors have accurate information prior to the draft.
- Make adjustments to ensure we have Goalkeepers for every team. 3. "B" division draft may need to be moved to another day or later in the same day to allow Convenors to prepare.
- Might need to allow for A level skill being a convenor in B level...having the best convenors will be a priority.
- Special accommodations for individuals can continue to be handled as we do now.

## **Proposed Changes to the Constitution - Chris Lynch**

Article 6 (k). Add "Any items voted on by e-mail shall be published on the Clubs web site within 2 days of vote tabulation."

Rationale: As written the Article states that to maintain transparency, votes shall be conducted during regular meetings, to which members are entitled to attend. By permitting votes by e-mail that transparency is not assured.

Article 8 (a). Change "complete **his** term of office" to "complete **a** term of office".

Article 8 (b). Change "Any **player** who .." to "Any **person** who " and "even if **he does** not intend" to " even if **they do** not"

Rationale: To comply with the potential under Article 7 (d) that either a female or non-player accepts a position on the executive.

Article 9 President. Add "...the President shall appoint a qualified replacement **from the executive committee**"

Rationale: President position should always be a member voted on by the membership. As written, it could be anyone who the President feels is qualified from the general public.

Article 9 Team Convenor: Add bullet "Team convenors shall ensure that club supplied corner flags, net pegs, ties and balls are available at each venue no less than 15 minutes prior to scheduled kick-off time even if they cannot attend the game personally"

Rationale: There has been a noticeable decline in this area, especially net pegs.

Referees have been supplying them. Clarity is required as to who must ensure the obligation is met.

Article 10 (c). change "A quorum of three **Club** members shall..." to "A quorum of three **Discipline Committee** members shall..."

Rationale: Clarity.

By-law 3: (a). Change "...and **his** sub-committee..." to "...and **the** sub-committee..."

Rationale: To comply with Article 7(d)

By-law 8: (4). Change "...all team members to..." to "...all team members **who are present** to..."

Rationale: Minor point to remove any potential objection.

## **Proposed Changes to the Constitution - Chris Lynch (Cont'd)**

By-law 9 (b). Add sentence: "Should a claim of mistaken identity be made, the team convenor must identify the correct identity who shall then be the person accused."

Mistaken identity is NOT an acceptable reason for avoidance of punishment."

Rationale: Complies with FIFA and commonly accepted Discipline procedures.

By-law 9: (c). Change "referees report has been received the accused will have..." to "referees report has been received **and that additional sanction is being considered the accused shall have....**"

Rationale: As currently written the clause states the player SHALL be notified of automatic (mandatory) suspensions - these are not contestable. The DBR/DBH system is intended for appeals of potential increases to the automatic suspension.

By-law 9(f). Remove in entirety.

Rationale:

1). The Club accepts FIFA Laws of the Game. Those Laws state that the referees report regarding factors during the game are final and cannot be challenged (except identity see 9 (b)).

As written this clause states that unqualified individuals can report something that they believe is a contravention of FIFA LotG and then that report carries full referee authority as stated in the Laws. Should fully qualified individuals witness the same event and believe no breach of the Laws occurred, their opinion cannot be accepted or considered by the Discipline Committee.

2). By-law 9 (e ) already covers the situation should a member believe that an incident should be investigated by the D. Committee.

## **Proposed Changes to the Constitution - Mike Shaw**

### **BY-LAW 2: REGISTRATION**

H: Any player at the time of registration shall provide dates of absences greater than 2 weeks, for the upcoming season, this will provide conveners information leading to optimum team selection & attendance.

### **BY-LAW 3: REPLACEMENT PLAYERS Section C. Replacement Player Guidelines during Playoffs.**

C: Semi-Finals & Finals no replacement players allowed, teams must use existing players

### **BY-LAW 6: TEAM SELECTION & PLAYER DRAFT**

H: After the draft is complete if all conveners agree, up to two trades from each team will be allowed.