



# TOTTENHAM LADIES LOB-BALL LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

***Tottenham Ladies Lob-Ball*** is a non-profit, recreational, draft league for women 21+. The TLLB encourages all players to play with a “fun first” winning second attitude. The TLLB believes that encouraging good sporting behaviour is why many players join and remain in our league. Playing with TLLB spirit provides a welcoming, fun environment for all levels of players.

## Article 1: EXECUTIVE

- 1.1 The affairs of the league will be run by an executive team to be elected every two years from the nominations during the Annual General Meeting. The executive team will consist of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Statistician and Media Relations.
- 1.2 Captains will be a sub-committee of the executive team, that will be selected on an annual basis.
- 1.3 President may be a captain.
- 1.4 To be nominated for president, an individual must be in the league for a minimum of 3 consecutive years.
- 1.5 Duties
  - 1.5.1 President – Communication with the Umpire in Chief, SPN Liaison, permits, town bookings, coordination, banquet lead, league updates. Jobs/tasks not assigned to other members in the executive group.
  - 1.5.2 Vice President – All aspects of scheduling, helping to organize meetings and the banquet.
  - 1.5.3 Secretary – To attend all meetings and keep records of the minutes, registration database maintenance, SPN individual registration, assist when needed.
  - 1.5.4 Treasurer – To be responsible for all monies paid to by any form and registration database management. All cheques must be signed by two of the three appointed executive members.
  - 1.5.5 Statistician – To collect score sheets, keep track of points, update stats on the website within forty-eight (48) hours of game completion.
  - 1.5.6 Media Relations – To be responsible for all aspects of sponsorship, website and social media updates throughout the season, league advertising and photography.

## Article 2: CAPTAINS

- 2.1 The previous years captains will have the first priority to remain as captains for the next season. Additional volunteers will be placed on a waitlist until a spot is available. In the event the league has a lower number of teams in the next season, the last appointed captain(s) will have to step down and will be placed first on the waitlist.
- 2.2 Duties
  - Create and maintain a positive and safe environment, always leading by example that is consistent with the Tottenham Ladies Lob-Ball philosophy/mandate.
  - Ensure all players feel valued, welcomed and encouraged to ask questions, make suggestions, try new positions and voice any concerns. Players are encouraged to



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bring team or league issues forward to their captains, who will engage the executives for a resolution.

- Effectively manage their teams with respect to league communications, scheduling, line-ups, spares and make-up games, and provide an effective conduit for communication between the players, umpire and league executives.
- Maintain all assigned equipment throughout the duration of the season including proper storage and care, and notify the executive of any faulty equipment or absence of.
- Bring the first aid kit to all games and ensure they promptly complete an incident report if needed.
- Ensure at least one of the captain pair attend all league meetings.
- Attempts should be made to play all players equally.
- Each captain will be responsible for obtaining the necessary substitutes.
- If the team player called their captain and said they cannot play and a substitute player is called to replace the team player and then the team player arrives, the substitute player will still play.

## 2.3 Home Team Specific Duties

- Provide timely submissions of game sheets and player ratings.
- If executing the first home game of the evening, install bases, unlock washrooms, and turn on lights. If executing the final game of the evening, remove bases, lock washrooms and turn off lights.
- The home team is to supply the umpire with a new ball for each game. At the end of the game, the umpire will return the ball to the home team.
- The home team shall provide the official scorekeeper for each game. (Scorekeeper must be competent.)
- The home team is responsible for ensuring that pitchers are pitching from the pitcher's box (between 50 and 60 feet from home plate, refer to SPN rule book for further clarification.)

## Article 3: VOTING

- 3.1 Any new matters relating to the constitution, that fall outside of the Annual General Meeting, will be voted on by all captains. Should there be a tie, the president will cast the deciding vote. These new matters will then be brought to the next Annual General Meeting to be officially ratified.
- 3.2 All registered members of the league, attending the Annual General Meeting constitute a quorum.
- 3.3 All league members have the right to vote for all upcoming executive positions and other matters as discussed at the Annual General Meeting. All executive votes must be done on a private ballot. Secretary to count all votes with one other league member, verified by the president.

## Article 4: ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 All players must be 21 or older by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year.



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- 4.2 Registration fee must be paid before the close of registration to be eligible to be drafted onto a team.
- 4.3 Each team shall have a minimum of ten (10) and a maximum of twelve (12) players. No players may be added to any team during the season without the executive's permission.
- 4.4 Registration will be capped by the executive. Any additional players will be placed on a waitlist until an empty spot becomes available that accommodates their rating.
- 4.5 All players are required to play 60% of their team's regular season games to be eligible to participate in playoffs. At the beginning of each season, the executive will communicate the exact number (60%) of games that are required to be played. This number will change year to year based on the number of teams and the number of games scheduled for the season.

### Article 5: DRAFTING TEAMS

- 5.1 All registered players names will be included in a blind draft by captains, to be conducted behind closed doors, for team selection. The executive team will oversee the preparation, organization and execution of the draft.
- 5.2 New players attaching themselves to a league member can do so for their first year only.
- 5.3 There will be no attachments permitted after final draft of teams have been made. Any new player will be placed on the next available team based on ratings.
- 5.4 No captain has the right to waive the right to additional players at draft.
- 5.5 Family member attachment (be it mother-daughter/daughter-in-law, sisters/sisters-in-law, spouses/common-law partners) will be capped at 2 attachments (for a total of 3).
- 5.6 League members are not allowed to utilize both 5.2 and 5.5 in one season.

### Article 6: RULES OF PLAY

#### ***SPN Ladies E rules will apply, subject to the following clarifications:***

- 6.1 Players will not start with 1 ball and 1 strike at the beginning of their turn to bat.
- 6.2 To field a team, a minimum of six (6) team players must be present. Substitutions are allowed to a maximum of ten (10) players, but if the pitcher is away, the team may pick up a pitcher as their 11<sup>th</sup> player.
- 6.3 A team must have a minimum of eight (8) players to start a game.
- 6.4 League members coming late to a game, may join before their team bats through their entire batting order once or before the end of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) inning, whichever comes first. The player may not join if a substitute has been brought in to fill their spot on the team for the game.
- 6.5 In the event a player needs to leave the game due to injury or an emergency, leaving their team with nine (9) players, a substitution, agreed upon by both sets of captains, can be inserted into the batting order, in the missing players spot, to complete the game.
- 6.6 Anyone leaving during the game must have played a minimum of two (2) innings and make her departure known to the scorekeeper in order to not be considered an automatic out when her name appears in the batting order.
- 6.7 Every member of the team is included in the batting order.



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- 6.8 A runner may have a substitute runner for reasons of injury. A courtesy runner may be called upon and is open to any player. Each courtesy runner can only be used a maximum of twice per game. A player may take a courtesy runner at any base, but once a courtesy runner is used, the batter must use a courtesy runner, at 1<sup>st</sup> base, for the remainder of the game.
- 6.9 Mercy Rule
- 6.9.1 Each inning, each team is allowed a maximum of six (6) runs, except in the last inning which will be open.
- 6.9.2 If after five full innings of play, one team leads another by fifteen runs or more, captains on the team with the lowest score can choose to concede.
- 6.10 The runner commit line will be used on the third base line, with a force out rule at home plate. The catcher is required to play the plate while the runner is required to cross the extension of the first base line behind home plate. Runner cannot be tagged out between the commit line and home plate.
- 6.11 If a player consistently does not call or show up to play, the following will apply: first no show – a discussion between the captain and the player; second no show – warning by executive; third no show – suspension for the remainder of the season and a forfeit of league fees.

### Article 7: TIME LIMIT

- 7.1 One (1) hour twenty-five (25) minutes is the maximum time allowed for the completion of each game. Umpire to call at the one (1) hour fifteen (15) minute open inning. If time is called the score will revert back to the last complete inning. A full game will consist of seven (7) innings. Four (4) innings must be played to constitute a legal game. A game called by the umpire before four (4) innings are completed shall be replayed in its entirety.

### Article 8: RESCHEDULED GAMES

- 8.1 If the President or Vice President cannot decide whether to play the game within one (1) hour of game time due to rain, all teams must show up at the park prepared to play. The umpire and captains will decide whether the game is playable due to safety issues.
- 8.2 It is forbidden to arrange with your opponent to not play a game and take a tie, as this can affect the standings of other teams in the league.

### Article 9: UMPIRE

- 9.1 The umpire will decide if a game is to continue due to rain, darkness, etc. Before the umpire can decide whether a game will commence, he/she must first get approval from the team captains; in the event of a split, the umpire will make the decision.
- 9.2 Players ejected by the umpire are suspended until the league captains and executives can address the issue (within seven (7) days).
- 9.3 All decisions made by the umpire are final.
- 9.4 One umpire will be supplied per game except for the final season tournament playoff game, which there will be two (2) umpires or at the discretion of the executive team.



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- 9.5 Only the President is allowed to approach the Umpire in Chief with any problems. Any complaint about an umpire must be directed to the captain who in turn will notify the president of the league in a timely manner.

### Article 10: RATINGS - SUBSTITUTIONS

- 10.1 A rating committee of three (3) will be assigned by the executive of the league. The responsibility of this committee will be to determine the ratings of the individual players over the course of the season and submit to the executive. Each player is rated at the end of the season by their captains which will be given to the rating committee for consideration when doing their final ratings.
- 10.2 Ratings for new players will be re-assessed by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season. A list of the new ratings will be printed for each team and substitutions will be based on the updated list.
- 10.3 A substitution player can be any league player willing to spare. Captains must be fair in choosing a substitute. They can only pick someone from the same rating group or lower.
- 10.4 Pitchers will be rated only for the purpose of sparing for teams in any position other than as a pitcher. Ratings of pitchers will be under consideration when drafting teams.
- 10.5 President and Vice President are the only individuals able to give ratings to individuals to ensure privacy of those ratings are adhered to.

### Article 11: STANDINGS

- 11.1 Standings will be determined based on points earned during the regular season. Two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. The team with the greatest number of points will finish first in the regular season.
- 11.2 Tie in the Standings: In the event of a tie in standings, the higher placed team will be determined by:
- 11.2.1 The most overall wins.
  - 11.2.2 Who has the better record, runs for and against.
  - 11.2.3 The games the tied teams played against each other (head-to-head), wins versus losses, then runs for and against for the head-to-head games.
- 11.3 All game sheets must be handed in by the home team within forty-eight (48) hours of playing, either electronically or hand delivered.

### Article 12: EQUIPMENT

- 12.1 All equipment must follow all SPN rules and regulations including, but not limited to bats, gloves and balls.
- 12.2 All equipment is the property of the league and must be returned at the end of each season.