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1. Name

The name of the League shall be the Metro Intermediate Baseball League. The Metro Intermediate Baseball League will be referred to as the MIBL or as “the League” within this constitution.

2. Objective

The objective of the League is to foster, improve and co-ordinate Intermediate baseball for the MIBL members in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

3. League Governing/Administrative Structure

This structure consists of a Board of Members and an elected executive. The responsibilities for each are listed below.

3.1. Board of Members

The Board of Members is the group of individuals that represent each team holding full or probationary membership status within the MIBL. Team representatives will be announced at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the League and all positions shall be for a one- year term. The Board is responsible to represent their teams at all league meetings and to communicate all decisions and policies to their teams. In addition to the team representatives, the Board will solicit volunteers to take on the positions of League Scheduler and Statistician.

3.2. Executive Member Responsibilities

At the League’s AGM, nominations and elections will be held for the following positions:

- League President
- League Vice President
- Secretary -Treasurer

In addition to the elected positions, there will be one additional executive position held by the League’s Past President. All executive positions are for a one-year term with the incumbent individuals being allowed the option of re-offering to serve in their position for a maximum of 3 years.

The Executive is responsible for the development of League Operating Procedures, Discipline Policies, and Admission Policies for new teams. It is also responsible for the day-to-day orderly functioning of the league and in that capacity they are authorized to make any changes to this document on a temporary basis if such changes are deemed by the Executive to be *‘for the betterment of baseball’*. Any such changes must be presented at the next Board meeting for discussion and approval. These temporary changes must be approved at the next AGM to become permanent.

Specific responsibilities are listed below for the President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer:

The League President shall:

- Be an elected member of the Executive;
- Act as spokesperson for the MIBL;
- Chair all meetings;

- Be a signing officer; and
- Present a year-end report at the AGM.

The Vice President shall:

- Be an elected member of the Executive;
- Chair all meeting in the absence of the President;
- Assist the President whenever possible in all phases of his/her duties;
- Be a signing officer'
- Coordinate league awards as applicable; and
- Carry out other duties as assigned by the President.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall:

- Be an elected member of the Executive;
- Keep an accurate written record of all meetings;
- Be a signing officer;
- Keep a true and accurate record of receipts and disbursements;
- Prepare and present a financial report at the AGM; and
- Carry out other duties as assigned by the President.

3.3. Board Operating Procedures

Board meetings will be held as determined by executive, beginning with a start-up meeting on or around April 15. There must also be an Annual General Meeting for all members of the League to be held after the end of the season on a date determined by the executive but no later than the end of October.

A quorum for a Board Meeting shall be no less than 60% of team representatives.

All motions must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote. Each team representative from teams with full member status in the MIBL will have one vote. Members of the Executive do not carry a vote. In the event of a tie, the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer will each have one vote to break the tie. The Past President does not have a vote in any situation.

A Board member may provide a fellow team member or another Board member with a proxy for a specific Board meeting so long as the President or Vice President is notified prior to the Board meeting. In extreme circumstances, a member of the executive may be given a team's proxy but this is not to be the norm.

The signing officers of the League shall be the President, the Vice President and the Secretary-Treasurer. Two of the three signatures are required for any checks written against the account.

The Board shall be empowered to establish committees to assist in league operations.

At any time, the Board may review the status of any existing member team and suspend/assign probationary status to teams for behaviour not in the best interests of the League. The Board can also establish terms for re-admission to the League.

Teams that decide not to participate in the League for a given period lose their membership privileges, but can send a representative as an observer to all Board meetings. Such teams must reapply for membership as specified in Section 10 MIBL Membership Criteria

A member team in good standing may be granted a one-year leave of absence (ie absence from play for one season) by a vote of the Board of Members. The application for a leave of absence must be submitted to the Executive than April 15 of the year for which leave is sought. Any member team granted a one- year leave of absence is eligible for re-entry into the League the year following the leave with all the privileges of a member team in good standing. Notice of intention to re-enter must be given by April 15 of the year re-entry is sought.

3.4. Member Team's Responsibilities

Abide by the terms of this document and other documents referred to herein.

By May 15 each year, each team must provide to the Executive:

- Proof of field dues paid for the coming season;
- Proof of umpire assignor fees paid;
- A preliminary roster (see sub-para 4.1 for details)
- A performance bond (certified cheque or money order) of \$450.

As an absolute mimimum have representatives attend and participate in the May League start-up meeting and the League Annual General Meeting.

Failure to meet these deadlines and /or requirements will result in a team being fined iaw section 11.3.

Support all approved decisions of the Board and Executive.

4. League Operating Procedures

All team personnel, Board Members, and Executive officers are considered members of the League. All of the above must also be members of Baseball Nova Scotia (BNS).

4.1. Team Rosters

Fifteen (15) player names are required for the preliminary roster. Changes to the roster must be forwarded to the Executive before they become effective. The final team roster must be submitted to the Executive by July 1st of the current playing season as well as proof that BNS registration and insurance costs have been paid. The Executive will distribute copies of all member teams' preliminary rosters by May 25th. Final rosters will be distributed to each team representative by July 8th. Teams can register a maximum of 20 players, one trainer and one general manager. Teams can register an identified unlimited number of coaches.

The Executive must approve changes to team rosters after July 1st. In the event of a dispute, the Board shall be the final judge as to the status of any player who wishes to play in the League.

4.2. Affiliate Teams

Each team may affiliate with one lower age team (Midget or Junior) who will be registered with BNS. This affiliate cannot be affiliated with another Junior/Intermediate or Senior team. The team must notify the Board of their intent to affiliate and provide a copy of the affiliate roster by July 1st of the

current playing season.

A player must appear on the affiliated team's roster in order to be eligible for play. If a player plays three regular season and/or National/Provincial elimination games after July 1st, then the player becomes ineligible for further call-ups. Use of a player beyond three games will result in team discipline from the league. Anytime an affiliate player's name appears on a line-up card counts as an official game for the player.

4.3. Residents of Nova Scotia

All residents of Nova Scotia are eligible to play on any team in the League. In order to qualify, a player must have a Nova Scotia address when they apply to join that team.

4.4. Non-Resident Players

Non-resident players are not permitted in this league.

4.5. One Team Only

A player can only appear on one MIBL roster at any given time and may not play on any other Intermediate Baseball team as recognized by the Executive. Players who were registered on a MIBL team in the previous playing year must notify the team Coach or General Manager before the first game of the season if they intend to transfer to another team in the MIBL. In this instance, the gaining coach is to contact the losing coach to confirm that they are aware of the transfer. After that date and up to July 1st, a player is not eligible to play for another MIBL team during that season without a release form (example at Appendix 2) signed by the team's representative and sent to the MIBL Executive. A copy of the release is to be filed with the Secretary prior to the player appearing for another team. After July 1st no further transfers are allowed.

A player who appears on more than 3 line-up cards in Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League play after July 1st shall be considered ineligible to return to or be added to a MIBL roster.

5. Games

5.1. Innings

All League games shall be scheduled for seven innings. In the event of a tie a maximum of two extra innings may be played to break the tie. After nine complete innings of play, the game shall be recorded as a tie.

5.2. Forfeiture

Teams unable to field enough players must provide notice to the opposing team by noon of game day. This situation will be classified as a postponement. Between noon and two hours before the scheduled game start time, a team notifying the other team representative that they will not be able to field enough players will forfeit the game points. Teams not able to field a team as defined under BNS rules (ie by the end of the designated grace period) will forfeit the game and will be subject to the fine defined in section 11.3.

5.3. Ten Run Rule

Provided that a team has completed at least 5 innings at bat, the game shall be declared complete because of the 10 - run rule.

5.4. Designated Hitter

The designated hitter rule will be in effect in all League games.

5.5. Catcher Change Out Rule

With two outs recorded, the offensive team, at their discretion, may replace the catcher with the last player put out, prior to the next play.

5.6. Equipment

5.6.1. Baseballs

All baseballs used by league teams for game play must be of a model approved by the Executive for that playing season.”

5.6.2. Bats

Composite wood and solid wood bats only have been approved for MIBL play.

5.6.3. Uniforms

Teams must have suitable uniforms for games. Tops and pants must be of similar colour and design. All players must carry a unique number on the back of the jersey. Coaches must be in uniform or suitable matching warm-up clothing with reasonably matching team colours. At no time are players or coaches to be dressed in street attire on the field once the game has begun.

5.7. Home Team Responsibilities

The home team shall ensure that the following are in order for each home game:

- Ensure that adequate field conditions (within their control) exist prior to the game;
- Umpires have been assigned and paid;
- An official scorer has been designated and made known to the other team;
- Provide all the balls required for the game.
- In case of an incident occurring that needs to be brought to the attention of the Executive, the home team is to complete the Game Report sheet at Appendix 2 offer the visiting team the opportunity to review and sign this sheet and then send it with the Game Statistic Sheet to the Executive; and

Note: Each team is responsible for submitting their own statistics to the League Statistician using the Game Statistics Sheet at Appendix 2. In the event of a dispute, each team is to photocopy and submit their scorebook sheets to the statistician who will make a decision on the final statistics that will be recorded. The statistician’s decision may not be challenged.

5.8. Warm-Up Procedure

The following warm-up procedure should be adhered to by both teams for all MIBL games, to the extent possible given conditions on the day.

Time Before Game Start, (minutes)	Event
45	Both Teams, Stretch, Run
25	Home Team Infield/Outfield
15	Visiting Team Infield/Outfield
5	Home Plate Meeting

5.9. Incomplete Games

If a regular season game is called before 5 complete innings the game will be re-played in its entirety.

5.10. Ineligible Players

A team, which uses an ineligible player, shall lose the win in the case of a victory in that game(s). The game shall be scored 7-0 as a loss against the penalized team and a fine shall be imposed as detailed in section 11.5.

5.11. Media Contact

The League Statistician will contact the media with respect to publishing game scores and highlights. Any other matters involving media contact will be handled by the Executive only.

6. Regular Season

6.1. Schedule

All teams must submit their schedule requirements by April 15th. These requirements to include home field location, day and time. The Executive will then develop the schedule with the objective of having an equal number of games for each team against every other team and completing the regular season by the end of the third week in August. The schedule will then be submitted to the Board for approval. Once approved, the schedule is FINAL and the objective will be to have the schedule finalized and distributed by third week in May of the current year.

6.2. Rescheduling Games

6.2.1. First Half of Season

Participating teams must mutually reschedule games within two weeks of the original game date. In any event, the rescheduled games must be completed no later than the mid-season date, which will be determined annually by the Board. At this point, the Executive will run a League Midseason Tournament where the tournament pools will be set up to maximize the number of makeup games. The other tournament games will also count as league games to free up schedule slots later in the season that can be used for second half make-up games.

6.2.2. Second Half of Season

Participating teams must mutually reschedule games within two weeks of the original game date. In any event, the rescheduled games must be completed no later than the Sunday of the second full week in August. The third week in August and Monday of the last week in August will be used for Executive or team scheduled make-up games. Teams failing to play a Executive scheduled game will forfeit the points. The objective will be to complete all scheduled games by Monday of the last week in August.

At the end of the season, the Executive will review the schedule and any teams that have missed an Executive scheduled game will be fined iaw Section 11.3.

6.3. Regular Season – Determination of League Standings

Regular season standings will be determined by use of a point system with 2 points awarded for a win or forfeit, 1 point for a tie (after nine innings – see section 5.1) and 0 points for a loss

If two or more teams are tied for first place at the end of regular season play, then the league season winner will be determined in the following manner:

- record versus the tied teams;
- runs for versus the tied teams;
- runs against versus the tied teams;
- result of the last game played between the tied teams.

7. Provincials

Member teams may register at whatever level they deem appropriate for Provincial playoffs. Baseball Nova Scotia may move teams based on their criteria.

8. Play-Offs

8.1. Format

All teams participating in the season will be included in the playoff round. The playoff will consist of a Wildcard round followed by a championship tournament. At season's end, the bottom two teams will play a single wildcard game with the winner advancing to a five-team tournament that will be played on a weekend in the middle of September with the following weekend to be the weather backup date

8.2. Tie Breaking System

If two or more teams are tied for a playoff position, then the tie will be broken as follows:

- record versus the tied teams;
- runs for versus the tied teams;
- runs against versus the tied teams;
- result of the last game played between the tied teams.

8.3. Cost Share Structure

The costs for playoffs will be shared amongst all the teams of the MIBL. Each team is expected to participate and as a minimum each team will pay \$100 towards the costs of the event. The remaining amount will be covered on a pro-rated basis. The team eliminated in the Wildcard round will be assessed 10% of the total playoff costs, and the remaining teams playing the championship tournament will evenly split the remaining cost.

8.4. Playoff Responsibilities

8.4.1. MIBL Executive Responsibilities.

For the playoffs the Executive will be responsible for

- arranging and paying for the required fields;
- arranging and paying for the necessary umpires; and
- supplying the requisite number of new balls.

8.4.2 Home Team Responsibilities

For the playoffs, the home team responsibilities will be as follows:

- Ensuring that adequate field conditions (within their control) exist prior to the game;
- Umpires have been assigned and paid; and
- An official scorer has been designated and made known to the other team;

8.5. Suspended Games

In the event a play-off game is called prior to five complete innings, the game will continue from the point of suspension. After five innings, the game will be considered final unless it is tied at the point of suspension, in which case it will be continued from that point at the next opportunity.

8.6. Protests

During play-offs, a team may file a protest of a violation of the rules of baseball as described in section 11.9.

9. League Awards (*Interim AL2 Amendment for 2008 Season*)

Any or all of the following awards may be given at the end of playdowns by the Executive.

- *Regular Season Champion Shield* – given to the team that has the best “regular season record’ at the end of the regular season. For a team to qualify for this award, all regular season games must be completed. Ties will be broken by:
 - *Reviewing the season match-up record between the two teams;*
 - *Runs Against;* then
 - *Runs For.*
- *League Championship Trophy* - given to the team that wins the MIBL Playoff Tournament. This team will be named as League Champions.
- *League Honours* -. A Committee is to be established to make up voting ballots for all honours and to distribute to teams. Ballots to be collected by Saturday of Playdown tournament weekend and winners to be announced at Sun championship. Website to list yearly winners, no awards)
 - *MVP*
 - *this award is given to the player that shows the following qualities: Leads by example; Clutch player; is important to the success of the team. Each team will be asked to nominate a single player at seasons end. The team representatives are then asked to rank all nominees with the exception of their own player using the following scale*
 - *1st (highest rank) – 15 points*
 - *2nd – 12 points*
 - *3rd – 9 points*
 - *4th – 6 points*
 - *5th – 3 points.*
 - *The nominee receiving the highest point total will be announced as the League MVP. Ties will be broken through ordinal votes given by the team representatives.*
 - *Top Batter*
 - *The MIBL Executive will identify three nominees from the year end statistics based on Batting Average; RBIs and Home Runs. Again team representatives will be asked to rank score the nominees based on the same scale as for the MVP.*
 - *The nominee receiving the highest point total will be announced as the League;s Top Batter. Ties will be broken through ordinal votes given by the team reps.*
 - *Top Pitcher*
 - *The MIBL Executive will identify three nominees using the year end statistics. A minimum innings pitched must be met to qualify and the*

selection will be based on Wins, Strikeouts, ERA and WHIP. Team representatives will be asked to rank score the nominees based on the MVP scale.

- *The nominee receiving the highest point total will be announced as the League;s Top Pitcher. Ties will be broken through ordinal votes given by the team reps.*

10. MIBL Membership Criteria

This policy outlines the process of admittance of teams as members of the League. The intent is to provide stable membership for the MIBL as well as foster baseball at the Intermediate level in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

New teams wishing entry into the League must meet the requirements established in this section and be approved by a two-thirds vote of existing member teams.

10.1. Application For Membership

Teams must apply in writing to the Board by 1 April of the current playing year. A certified check or money order in amount of \$450.00 must accompany this request and will be considered as their performance bond. The application must also describe how the following requirements will be met:

- The team has suitable access to a home field with dimensions approved by Baseball Canada for Intermediate baseball, or to a field currently being used by the MIBL.
- The team's home field meets HRM standards as a minimum with regard to:
 - Being groomed on a regular basis;
 - Having suitable washroom facilities; and
 - Having dugouts for both teams on their respective sides of the field.
- Providing assurances that a sufficient supply of umpires is available in their area.
- Providing a Preliminary Roster of at least 15 players;
- Identification of team management including coaching staff, executive and other support staff.
- Providing three suitable character references for the team management;
- Demonstrating they have been/ are currently in good standing with Baseball Nova Scotia as applicable;

10.2. Application Review Process

The applicant's request for membership will be reviewed at the first subsequent meeting. The member teams shall then vote with a two-thirds majority required for entry into the League on a one-year probationary basis. Once granted probationary status, the new team must meet the conditions

outlined in Section 3.4, Member Team Responsibilities.

Following the one-year probationary period, the Board shall vote on full membership at the following seasons start up meeting. A two-thirds vote is required for full membership.

11. MIBL Discipline Policy

The League shall adopt a procedure to discipline members whose behaviour is not in the best interest of the League. The Executive, as outlined in Section 3.2, may make temporary changes to this policy during the season. Any changes must be tabled for discussion/approved at the next AGM.

11.1. Enforcement

The Executive are responsible to enforce all aspects of discipline and take appropriate action when deemed necessary. All suspensions will be determined as required by Baseball Nova Scotia. The MIBL board will ensure that any penalties or suspensions given to a team or individuals by Baseball Nova Scotia are carried out pending the results of any appeals. Team representatives must indicate ejections from any games on the Game Report reports.

11.2. Payment of Fines

The President will notify a team and/or player both, as applicable, of any fines that have been levied by the Executive. The fine shall automatically be deducted from the team's performance bond unless the team files an appeal. Teams are required to restore their performance bond back to the original \$450 at the beginning of each month.

Fines/fees collected by the league will be used to offset the costs of League playoffs.

11.3. Team Penalties

The following table outlines the minimum penalties that shall be imposed for team violations. Where the number of offences exceed those covered in the table or the violation is not listed in the table, the Executive shall determine the penalty.

Violation	1st Offence	2nd Offence	3rd Offence
Failure to submit Game statistics sheets to statistician within 7 Days of Game	Warning	\$10.00	\$20.00 fine and review by executive
Failure to meet home team responsibilities within their control	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$50.00 and review by executive
Failure to field enough players	Offending team, Umpire Costs & \$20 fine	Offending Team Umpire Costs & \$50 fine	Offending Team Umpire Costs & \$100 fine review by the executive
Failure to play an Executive scheduled game	Loss of points Umpire Costs as required \$50.00 fine	Loss of points Umpire Costs as required \$100.00 fine	Loss of points Umpire Costs Membership review by Executive.
Failure to provide or maintain performance bond	Suspension from League	N/A	N/A
Failure to attend May MIBL Start-up or AGM meeting	\$50	\$50	\$50 fine and review by the executive
Team conduct or operations inappropriate or reflecting poorly on MIBL.	Penalty /fines as determined following review by Executive	Penalty/fine/ Suspension as determined by review by Board	Suspension From League

11.4. Individual Penalties: Players/Team Officials

Individual player penalties are set and determined by Baseball Nova Scotia and its executive. The MIBL Board will work with the affected team's representative to ensure that the player has been treated fairly and that the assigned penalty or suspension is served accordingly.

However, all individuals associated with any team in the MIBL whether as a player or a team official will display good sportsmanship and team play at all times and will show respect to all, coaches, players, league officials, umpires and spectators.

These same individuals will not use abusive or profane language, they will not taunt or humiliate any other player, and they will not abuse, mistreat or mishandle any equipment or property (e.g: throwing batting helmets, bats, etc.)

Lastly, queries of any umpire calls are only to be initiated by the team coach or on field manager in a subdued and respectful manner.

Failure to abide by this code of conduct will result in the Board assessing the individual penalties as shown in the table in section 11.4.1.

11.4.1. Individual Penalties

The following table outlines the minimum penalties that shall be imposed over and above the penalties awarded by BNS for the various individual violations as shown. For purpose of determining the repetitive number of an offence, records will be maintained by the Executive of all penalties awarded and each offence will be considered as current for one year from the time of the infraction. For example if a penalty is assessed in Aug 05 and the player commits the same or a different infraction in June 06, the latest infraction will be considered his 2nd occurrence and the penalty assessed as applicable for 2nd offence. The following system will be used by the MIBL executive and teams to manage suspensions:

- Umpire ejection occurs - Team with ejection completes MIBL game report and submits to exec.
- Umpire submits incident report - copy to Pres - Pres sends to Ex and Team with ejection
- BNS responds with penalty - copy to Pres - Pres discusses with Ex add-on MIBL penalty
- Pres forwards BNS reply with additional MIBL penalty (if necessary) to Team with ejection, cc Ex and Board members (so all teams are aware of action),
- Team with suspension to inform player that he will be suspended 24 hours from the time of receipt of notification by the MIBL Executive
- Team with suspension informs ump and other team at "Coaches and Captains" meeting that "Player X is serving suspension this game"
- On completion of suspension, Team with suspended player sends email to Pres, cc Board, BNS informing all that suspension for Player X has been served.

Violation	1st Offence	2nd Offence BNS Penalty plus	3rd Offence BNS Penalty plus	4th Offence
Player Ejection*	Penalty as awarded by BNS, Offence recorded by MIBL Board, no further penalty	One game	Two Games	In the unlikely situation there is a 4 th offence in any category, the offending individual will be banned from further play in the MIBL.
Coach Ejection		Nil	Nil	
Verbal abuse		Two games	Three games	
Instigating fighting or shoving		Three Games	Penalty determined by Executive	
Fighting or shoving		Three Games	Penalty determined by Executive	
Initiating physical contact with an umpire		Penalty determined by Executive	Suspension for Life	
Contact rule		Two Games	Penalty determined by Executive	
Intent to injure		Penalty determined by Executive	Suspension for life.	
Ineligible player		\$20 fine	\$40 fine	
Individual conduct inappropriate or reflecting poorly on MIBL.		Penalty determined by Executive	Penalty determined by Executive	
<p>* Player Ejection - can result from an argument, equipment tossing, cursing, etc. Note Player Coaches may continue to coach while serving player ejections.</p> <p>** Verbal abuse is defined as abusive language after the point of ejection.</p>				

11.5. Appeals - MIBL General

If a League member takes issue with the interpretation of a provision in the Constitution or a decision by the Executive, the League member may request a hearing to determine the issue by notifying the President within 24 hours of being advised of the applicable deadline or of receiving notification of the questioned decision. This must then be followed by a notification in writing, which may include email or fax transmission. The written submission must include a fee of \$30.00 payable to the League. The written submission and fee are required within 72 hours of being advised of the applicable deadline or of receiving notification of the questioned decision.

The President shall appoint a committee of three to rule on the dispute. The committee shall consist of one member nominated by the aggrieved League member, one member nominated by the Executive, and a team representative from a neutral team chosen at random.

In the event that the President has made the impugned decision, the committee shall consist of one member nominated by the aggrieved League member, two members nominated by the remaining members of the Executive, excluding the President.

The committee shall decide what form of representation each of the involved parties shall have. The committee shall render their verdict within seven days of receipt of the written submission. The Secretary-Treasurer shall inform all involved parties as to the decision. If the decision favours the League member, then \$15.00 of the fee shall be returned otherwise the entire amount remains with the League.

There shall be no further appeal from the decision of the committee.

11.6. Appeals – Baseball Nova Scotia Discipline Policy

The MIBL adheres to the Appeals process as established by Baseball Nova Scotia. In the case where a league member intends to appeal a BNS decision, the member should inform the Executive to ensure that appropriate representation from the League Executive is present during the appeal process.

11.7. Protests – Baseball Canada Rules

Any coach or manager may protest an occurrence in a game, in which there is a violation of the rules of baseball. No other items of protest shall be entertained.

11.7.1. Immediate Action

Such protest must be filed with the umpire immediately after the occurrence and prior to the next baseball play. Should the alleged violation occur as a result of the game ending play, the umpire must be notified prior to his/her departure from the field.

11.7.2. Filing The Official Report

The protesting team must then file a report with the President within 48 hours of the conclusion of the game outlining their protest of the incident. Such report must be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order for \$100.00 payable to the League. The team must also provide proof that a copy of the report has been received by other involved parties in the protest. Such proof shall consist of either a delivery receipt from the involved party, a courier, Certified Mail, or Registered Mail documentation.

11.7.3. Resolution To The Protest

The President shall immediately convene a committee as deemed appropriate, which shall decide the disposition of the protest. The Chairperson shall inform the involved parties as to the outcome of the committees discussion. Where the protest is upheld, an amount of \$75.00 shall be returned to the protesting team. If not upheld, the entire amount remains with the League. Even if it is held that the protested decision violated the rules, no replay of the game will be ordered unless in the opinion of the committee the violation adversely affected the protesting team's chances of winning the game.

12. Website

12.1. Acceptable Use Policy

To be developed

13. Constitution Amendments.

This constitution shall be binding from the date of approval and may only be permanently updated at an Annual General Meeting. As outlined in section, 3.4, the Executive may temporarily amend the Constitution if the action is deemed to be "*in the best interests of baseball*."

Glossary

AGM	Annual General Meeting
BNS	Baseball Nova Scotia
Board of Members	The group formed by the representatives of each team in the MIBL
DH	Designated Hitter
Executive	The individuals elected to serve on the board as President, Vice President, Past President and Secretary Treasurer
MIBL	Metro Intermediate Baseball League

Appendix 1 – Player Release Form

**MIBL Internal
Player Release Form****

I _____, as the manager/coach/official of
(Name of Official)

_____ do hereby release _____
(Name of Team Releasing Player) (Player's Name)

to play with _____ effective _____
(Name of New Team) (Date)

Signatures

(Releasing Team Official)

(Accepting Team Official)

(MIBL President)

(Date Received by MIBL)

**NOTE: IAW MIBL Constitution, Article 4.5, A player can only appear on one roster at any given time. Players who are registered on a MIBL team roster in the previous playing year must notify the team Coach or General Manager, in writing, if they wish to transfer to another team in the MIBL before the first game of the season. After that date, a player is not eligible to play for another League team during that season without a release form signed by the team's representative and sent to the MIBL Executive. A copy of the release is to be filed with the President prior to the player appearing for another team.

Appendix 2 – Game Report

MIBL Game Report - if a significant incident occurs, complete this sheet, attach to Game Statistics Sheet and submit to MIBL Executive

Date: _____ Home: _____ Visitor: _____

Field: _____ Game Duration: _____

Umpires: _____, _____, _____

Please circle 'yes' or 'no' then sign at the bottom of the page.

(Note: if 'no' is circled you are required to provide details of the problem)

Home Team

Did the game start on time?	Yes	No
Were the officials in control of the game?	Yes	No

Was the officiating satisfactory?	Yes	No
Did the game proceed without incident(s)?	Yes	No

Visiting Team

Did the game start on time?	Yes	No
Were the officials in control of the game?	Yes	No
Was the officiating satisfactory?	Yes	No

Was the field in good condition?	Yes	No
Did the home team perform its duties?	Yes	No
Did the game proceed without incident(s)?	Yes	No

Details: Please provide details of any incidents.

Visiting Team

Name: _____

Signature _____

Home Team

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Appendix 3-Application Form-New Team Membership in MIBL

REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP IN MIBL

Team Name:

Team Manager:

Mailing Address:

Phone Numbers:

Email Address:

Home Field Name & Location:

Entry Requirements		Yes	No*	MIBL Executive Confirmation/Comments
Home Field	Dimensions Acceptable			
	Groomed Regularly			
	Dugouts for both Teams			
	Sufficient Umpires			
	Washroom Facilities			
Umpires	Sufficient supply in area			
Baseball NS	Team is in good standing with BNS			
Attachments	List of Team Management			
	Preliminary Team Roster			
	Performance Bond \$450			
	List of Three References			

* Note: If you check any column as a no, please attach an explanation and justification as to why MIBL should still consider your application.