

The Constitution and Bylaws relating to the affairs of The Mile Of Gold Basketball Club

ARTICLE 1 Club Information, Name, Logo, Colours, Philosophy of Play

The headquarters of The Club shall be:

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website: klswampdonkeys.com
Facebook: [Facebook/klswampdonkeys](https://www.facebook.com/klswampdonkeys)

The organization shall have the name of "The Mile of Gold Basketball Club" with the team name "KL Swampdonkeys", to be used by all The Mile Of Gold Basketball Club (hereafter noted as "The Club") house teams, rep teams, and basketball camps ranging from U8-U19.

The logo shall be:



All teams associated with The Club will wear the colours designated by the Executive Committee.

All teams associated with The Club will follow the Mile of Gold Basketball Club's principles of team play, found within the Club's Coaching Manual, established by the Executive Committee, which parallels the fundamentals of the OBA Coaching Certification Process and Canada Basketball's coaching framework.

ARTICLE 2 Affiliation

The Club is affiliated with the Ontario Basketball Association, hereafter noted as the OBA. In all matters not otherwise covered by this Constitution, this association shall fall within the framework of the OBA, and shall be governed by those official rules.

ARTICLE 3 Mission Statement and Objectives

Mission Statement

The Mile Of Gold Basketball Club's mission is to strive to prepare and develop players, coaches, and officials for the next level of life and basketball.

Objectives

1. Develop sportsmanship, pride, self-worth, and teamwork in all participants within a fun basketball environment.
2. Develop the game of basketball in our community for girls and boys ages 4 - 19.
3. Develop basketball coaches and officials in our community.
4. Establish and maintain house league basketball in our community for girls and boys.
5. Establish and maintain rep teams in our community for girls and boys to compete in exhibition and OBA sanctioned events.
6. Establish and maintain basketball camps in our community for girls and boys to improve basketball skills.
7. Establish and maintain an inventory of equipment to support and enhance basketball activities, using the most modern strategies and tools.

ARTICLE 4 Membership

Membership in The Club includes all current members of the Executive Committee, players, volunteers, coaches, officials, and parents of players.

Voting members shall consist of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 4.1 Club Membership

Membership may be terminated by a majority vote at an Executive Committee meeting. Membership in The Club may be terminated:

1. if the member submits a signed letter of resignation to The Club;
2. if the member is no longer registered with The Club;
3. if the member willfully violates any provisions of the Constitution of The Club, policies of the board or rules of the league, or commits any act which is inconsistent with principles and standards of good sportsmanship and fair play.
4. if the member violates OBA rules or regulations.

The Executive Committee of The Club may reinstate an individual who has been suspended or expelled, by a simple majority vote.

Registration fees, late fees and all other fees or payments shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Discipline of Club Member

A Member may be censured, suspended or expelled from Membership for cause and only after charges have been laid in accordance with The Club's published rules and a hearing held in accordance with the The Club's and the OBA's published rules. An individual whose membership has been suspended loses all rights of membership until the suspension has been terminated.

Player and team official discipline for game infractions is governed in accordance with the procedures published by the OBA.

Any member, who infringes the Articles or rules of The Club or brings The Club into disrepute, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from The Club after a hearing by the Executive Committee of The Club, at which hearing the member is entitled to attend.

Any Executive Committee member with a conflict of interest in a hearing shall not have a vote and shall not sit as an Executive Committee member for that hearing.

ARTICLE 4.2 Executive Membership

1. The Executive Committee members of The Club are the governing body of The Club and are responsible for the management of all aspects of business (allocation of funds, personnel, programming).
2. An Executive Committee member shall be 18 years of age or older.
3. The members of the Executive Committee shall consist of a minimum of 3 Directors and a maximum of 10 Directors.
4. A Director may resign at any time by either submitting a signed letter of resignation or announcing his/her resignation at an Executive Committee meeting. The resignation shall take effect upon receipt of notice and acceptance of the resignation is not necessary to make it effective.
5. A vacant position on the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the Directors. A person so elected shall hold the position for the remainder of the term.
6. Each year:
 - 3 Director positions (if there are 8 - 10 Directors)
 - 2 Director positions (if there are 7 Directors)
 - 1 Director position (if there are 6 or less Directors)

come up at the Annual General Meeting for renewal. Remaining Directors will select from the AGM list of nominees to fill vacant Director positions up to a maximum of 10, based upon a vote at the Post AGM Meeting.

The first implementation of the order of renewal was conducted by a random draw, and will be followed, in subsequent years, by the seniority of the Directors.

The current renewal order (to be amended each AGM) is as follows:

1. Jodi Ryan
2. Lindsay MacLean
3. Colette Carter
4. Ren Rivers
5. Todd Turner

7. After Directors have been chosen at the Post AGM Meeting, the new Executive Committee will nominate a Chair for the year, who shall be responsible for the flow of all meetings for the year and who will only vote on issues to break a tie. Any Director whose term is up for renewal at the end of the year may NOT be chosen as a Chair.
8. Nominations for the Executive Committee may be made by any Director or by any member of The Club. The Nominee must be in good standing in The Club. Nominations must be made either at an Executive Committee meeting or, if from the general membership, in person at the AGM.
9. All Directors shall be elected by the Executive Committee by a majority vote of the Executive Committee members in attendance at an Executive Committee meeting, with a minimum of three Executive Committee members voting.
10. Any Director may be voted out of his/her seat by the Executive Committee, according to single or multiple reasons in 4.2.12.
11. No Director shall be removed for arbitrary reasons but may be removed if:
 - the Director is unable to perform the duties expected of the position due to, but not limited to any of the following reasons:
 - o if he/she becomes incapable of performing the business of The Club.
 - o if he/she is absent from three successive meetings without reasonable cause.
 - o if he/she no longer resides in reasonable proximity to The Club.
 - o if the Director has compromised the integrity of The Club due to, but not limited to, any of the following reasons:
 - if he/she has been found guilty of a criminal offense regardless of whether or not the offense directly affected The Club.
 - if he/she has failed to properly account for monies or other property belonging to The Club.
 - a majority of the Executive Committee has voted for dismissal.

ARTICLE 5 Meetings

1. Regular Executive Committee meetings shall be held monthly. An official notice of these meetings shall be given to all Directors at least 7 days before the meeting is to be held at such place, and at such date as the Executive Committee may determine. The Executive Committee may hold additional meetings at any time giving adequate notice (7 days or more, if necessary) to each Director either personally or by email, telephone or mail.
2. A minimum of one more than half the Directors must be present at Executive Committee meetings to constitute quorum.
3. Each Director shall be entitled to one vote, except the chair, who votes only in case of a tie.
4. A majority of the Directors present may adjourn a meeting to another time or place. All Directors shall be notified of the adjournment and the new time and place of the meeting.
5. Special meetings of The Club shall be called by the Executive Committee upon receipt of a written request submitted to The Executive Committee, by at least five general members. No other business but that specified in the request may be transacted at such a special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present.
6. Any parent/guardian of a participating member under the age of 18 may request, in writing, a special meeting with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall respond to the request within fourteen (14) days, in writing.

7. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held annually, preferably in July, once the year-end financial statements are complete.

The AGM is open to all members of The Club.

The agenda of the Annual General Meeting shall include:

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of Previous AGM
3. Directors' Reports
4. Treasurer Report
5. Unfinished Business
6. Amendments to the Constitution
7. Nominations for the Executive Committee
8. New Business
10. Adjournment

8. Post AGM Executive Meeting

Immediately following the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee shall meet. The Agenda for the new Executive Committee Meeting shall include:

1. Voting on Director Nominations
2. Election of a Chair
3. Vote on Amendments to the Constitution
4. Assign Portfolios
5. Other Business
6. Next Meeting Date
7. Adjournment

Amendments to the Constitution will be published on The Club's website before the new season begins. Newly elected Directors will be notified immediately and will participate in the Post AGM Executive Meeting.

ARTICLE 6 Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of The Club, all of The Club's assets shall be liquidated and all proceeds donated to one or more not-for-profit related organizations, or any not-for-profit athletic community organizations, as determined by the current Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 7 Miscellaneous

If a situation arises which is not adequately covered by the constitution of The Club, the Executive Committee shall have authority over such matters. Directors will obtain concurrence from the Executive Committee prior to expensing any items on behalf of The Club.

ARTICLE 8 Adoption and Amendment of Constitution

This Constitution may be amended, supplemented, or repealed in response to a written request, by any Member in good standing, to the Executive Committee at least four weeks prior to the AGM or by review of the Executive Committee two weeks prior to the AGM.

All requests to amend or repeal this constitution shall be voted upon by the Executive Committee of The Club during the Post AGM Executive Meeting if a request was made during the AGM. In the case of a request being forwarded during the year, voting will happen at an Executive Committee Meeting.

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote, represented by at least 2/3 of the Executive Committee.

The Directors must sign and date the official copy of the Constitution.

Director Name	Director Signature	Date
Colette Carter		
Marc LaRouche		
Lindsay MacLean		
Ren Rivers		
Jodi Ryan		
Todd Turner		