



**THE  
ONTARIO INTERCOUNTY HANDGUN LEAGUE**

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**CONSTITUTION**

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**THE**  
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# **CONSTITUTION**

## **SECTION 1 - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Ontario Intercounty Handgun League (hereafter referred to as the "League").

## **SECTION 2 - PURPOSE**

The purpose of the League shall be to promote handgun shooting through matches among member clubs.

## **SECTION 3 - MEMBERSHIP**

### **3.1 Any authorized handgun club**

Membership in the League shall be open to any authorized handgun club desirous of joining the League, and shall be contingent upon such club's acceptance by the League and payment of the required annual membership dues.

## **3.2 Privileges**

All clubs in good standing shall have the privilege of a voice and of a ballot in all matters pertaining to the activities and welfare of the League, except such matters of administration as are delegated by these by-laws or subsequently by proper action of the membership to the Executive Committee, Directors, Special Committees, or League Officers.

## **3.3 Duties**

It shall be the duty of all members of member clubs to conduct themselves at all times in a manner becoming of true sportsmen; to observe the rules and regulations of the League and the Shooting Federation of Canada pertaining to competition and safety; and to assist the officers of the League in maintaining proper order, discipline, safe conduct, and fair play.

## **3.4 Good Standing**

No member club will be considered to be in good standing, who is more than thirty (30) days in arrears in the payment of dues, or who has been suspended from the privileges of membership by proper action of the Officers and Directors of the League.

# **SECTION 4 - DUES**

## **4.1 Annual dues**

The annual dues shall be payable not later than the second scheduled directors' meeting of the Intercounty season.

## **4.2 Club dues**

The annual dues for Clubs shall be submitted to the Treasurer, by cheque, before December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **4.3 Member dues**

The annual dues for each member shall be as designated by the Directors.

## **SECTION 5 - LEAGUE MEETINGS**

### **5.1 Annual general meetings**

Annual general meeting shall be held prior to the start of the Intercounty season.

### **5.2 Regular meetings**

The dates of regular League meetings, if desired, shall be decided by the League members at their Annual General Meeting.

### **5.3 Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be held at any time upon the call of the President, the Executive Committee or upon a demand in writing signed by not less than three (3) League members.

### **5.4 Quorum**

Each club shall cast one vote and the Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall be followed at any meeting.

## **SECTION 6 - OFFICERS**

### **6.1 Elections**

The officers of this League shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Match Chairman, who acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the League of Directors.

They shall be elected by majority vote, by ballot of the league members in good standing present at the Annual Meeting. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

### **6.2 League directors**

Each member club will provide one or two league Directors.

## **6.3 General supervision**

The Executive Committee and the two Directors from each club shall have general supervision of all the activities of the league.

## **6.4 Meetings of directors**

Meetings of the Directors shall be held regularly at such time and place as the Directors may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand, in writing to the Secretary by two members of the Directors.

### **6.4.1 Voting**

Each club represented at an executive meeting is entitled to cast one vote and in the case of a tie, the chairman shall cast the deciding vote.

#### **6.4.1.1 Tie-breaking vote**

If the chairman happens to be the only representative of his club at a meeting, s/he may cast a vote as the club representative and may (after resuming the chair) cast the deciding tie-breaking vote as the chairman.

#### **6.4.1.2 Chairman vote**

Where the chairman is not the only representative of his club present, s/he shall not cast the vote on behalf of his club.

## **6.5 Vacancies**

The Director shall have the power to fill any vacancies which occur in the league.

## **6.6 Majority**

A simple majority of the Directors in good standing shall constitute a quorum at any Directors meeting.

## **SECTION 7 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **7.1 President**

The President shall preside as Chairman at all meetings, call special meetings, and generally supervise the league's activities.

### **7.2 Vice President**

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the latter's absence or at his request.

### **7.3 Secretary**

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep all records and minutes and to attend to all other clerical work.

### **7.4 Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds belonging to the League and be responsible for their safekeeping. He shall pay all bills approved by the Directors and shall collect the dues from the members.

### **7.5 Match Chairman**

The Match Chairman shall provide the match schedule for the year, compile and tabulate scores, obtain trophies and keep records of these items.

## **SECTION 8 - SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION**

### **8.1 Removal from office**

Any officer or Director may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Directors present at any special meeting called for this purpose. At such special meetings, the officer shall be given a full hearing on the written charges.

## **8.2 Charges**

Any individual member or member club may be suspended or expelled from the League for any cause deemed sufficient by the Directors, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting. At such meeting, the member club or individual under charges will be accorded a full hearing on the written charges.

## **8.3 Appeals**

Any individual member or member club suspended or expelled above may appeal to the full membership of the League. Such appeal shall be made to the Secretary in writing, who will notify the President, who in turn, will call a special meeting, where a full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds majority shall be required to reverse the action of the Directors.

# **SECTION 9 - COMPETITIONS**

## **9.1 Type of Competition**

The course of fire and any exceptions shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

## **9.2 Eligibility of competitors**

### **9.2.1 Members**

All competitors must be members in good standing with their respective clubs.

### **9.2.2 More than one club**

A competitor who belongs to more than one club in the League must declare his "home club" before the season begins.

### **9.2.3 New member dues**

Any new club member may join the League as long as League dues are paid before shooting in competition.

## **9.3 Equipment and ammunition**

### **9.3.1 I.S.U. rules**

See I.S.U. rules for course of fire being shot and the following special League rules.

### **9.3.2 Barrel length and grips**

I.S.U. barrel length and grip size restrictions do not apply.

### **9.3.3 Vostok pistol and muzzle brakes**

The Vostok pistol with the fixed muzzle brake is allowed, but detachable muzzle brakes on other types of pistols are not allowed.

### **9.3.4 Optical sights**

Optical sights of a non-projecting and not magnifying type, ie- "red dots" will be allowed in match shooting.

## **9.4 Targets**

### **9.4.1 Targets supplied**

All targets are to be provided by the home club.

## **9.5 Competition regulations**

### **9.5.1 General**

Competitions regulations shall follow as close as possible the rules set out in the I.S.U. Rule Book for the course of fire being shot. Exceptions to these rules may be made at the Annual General Meeting.

## **9.6 Shooter Classifications**

### **9.6.1 Annual General Meeting**

Shooter classifications are to be set out at the Annual General Meeting.

### **9.6.2 Six Classifications**

There will be six (6) classifications based on a shooter's previous season's League average. The average will be set at the start of each season by the Match Chairman and WILL NOT CHANGE DURING THE SEASON.

### **9.6.2.1 Upgrading of Shooter's Classification**

If a shooter's best 5 Match Score average is ONE class higher than his/her current classification, the Shooter will be raised to that higher level FOR THE FOLLOWING SEASONS.

If a Shooter's 2 Match Scores are TWO classifications or more above his/her current classification at any time during the seasons schedule, that shooter's classification will be raised to the higher classification (the scores shot) immediately after the second time. These higher scores need not be from consecutive matches.

### **9.6.3 Current classifications**

The current class average breakdowns are as follows:

Class AA - 525 to 600

Class A - 500 to 524.9

Class B - 475 to 499.9

Class C - 450 to 474.9

Class D - 400 to 449.9

Class E - 0 to 399.9

### **9.6.4 Downgrading a Shooter's Classification**

A shooter's classification can be downgraded only after two (2) seasons of below current classification shooting. This change must be requested by the shooter.

### **9.6.5 New shooter**

A new shooter will be classified as a Q1 at his/her first match. The score can NOT be used in any individual Class or in the team score totals. The only exception to this rule is if the team does not have five team scores, in which case the Q1 can be used in the team score.

A new shooter after his/her Q2 match will be assigned a League classification for the season based on the average of their Q1 and Q2 match scores. This score CAN be used in the individual and team scores in the Class that was assigned.

### **9.6.5.1 New shooter defined**

A new shooter is a person who has not shot in the League for at least two (2) years.

### **9.6.6 Temporary upgrading of classification**

A shooter may be re-classified for a match to the next higher class, if vacant, any number of times during a season:

By moving a shooter up for one match the team may not vacate any classification if there is only one shooter in the class. E.g.. If one team has one class "A" shooter only, the shooter must shoot in his/her regular class, and cannot be used as an "AA" shooter.

Any temporary re-classification by a team has to occur before the first shot and be announced to the opposing team captain at such time.

## **9.7 Scoring**

### **9.7.1 Targets scored by**

Targets will be scored by representatives of each club in accordance with the course of fire being shot.

### **9.7.2 Top five shooters**

The total score of the top five (5) shooters on each team shall be taken as the club score for any given match. The team with highest club score shall receive two (2) points for the match. The team with the highest score in any class shall receive one (1) point for the match. This provides a total of eight (8) match points.

### **9.7.3 Ties**

In the event of a tie between individual shooters in a match, the winning position will be determined by the rules of the course fire being shot.

In the event of a tie between individuals in the final standings, the winning position will be determined by the rules of the course of fire being shot.

### **9.7.3 Ties** *(continue)*

In the event of a tie between clubs in the final standings, the tie will be allowed to stand and prizes will be awarded equally to the two clubs.

### **9.7.4 Recording of scores**

All scores shall be entered into the scoring software in the week following the match. Failure to enter scores within this allotted time period shall result in the tardy club having match points voided for that particular match.

### **9.7.5 Challenges and Protests**

#### **9.7.5.1 Challenges**

In the event of a challenge, two members of each club, not including the shooter and scorer, will decide the outcome. Ties favour the shooter.

#### **9.7.5.2 Protests**

In the event of a protest involving winning points, each club shall submit a written report and relevant targets along with a ten dollar (\$10.00) fee from the protester to the League Secretary. The Secretary will then call a meeting of the Directors for the purpose of settling said protest. If the protest is verified to be correct, the error will be resolved and the \$10.00 fee will be returned.

#### **9.7.5.3 Defaults**

No defaults will be allowed. Any scheduled match which cannot be held, for any reason, must be rescheduled and shot prior to the end of the League shooting season. The teams and Match Chairman must be notified as soon as possible, preferably as soon as possible prior to the date of the scheduled match.

#### **9.7.5.4 Club points**

If a club fields less than five (S) shooters, the match may be run. The club will forfeit the club points for the top five shooters but is still eligible to win points in the various classes. In the event that neither club is able to field five team members, then neither club may claim the top five shooter points. In addition, any classes which have no shooters, have no points claimed.

## **9.8 Range control and commands**

### **9.8.1 Range officials**

The appointed range officials shall be allowed to shoot as competitors.

## **SECTION 10 - SCHEDULES**

### **10.1 Weekday shoots**

Weekday shoots will commence at 8:00 p.m. or at a time mutually agreed upon by both participating teams.

### **10.2 Sunday shoots**

Sunday shoots will commence as mutually agreed upon by the competing teams involved.

### **10.3 Match shooters starting time**

Any individual shooter must be present in time for the final scheduled relay, or in time for the second relay, if one is being run, or he will not be allowed to shoot in said match.

### **10.4 Poor Weather**

A complete team may be given one-half hour grace in the event of poor weather or other problems, in order to avoid rescheduling.

## **SECTION 11- AMENDMENTS**

### **11.1 Procedures**

For the purpose of constitutional amendments each member club shall cast one (1) ballot. By a majority vote of member clubs present, the above articles may be amended at any Annual General/Special Meeting, provided that the proposed change shall have been given to the Secretary in writing by the first day of the month preceding that in which the Annual General or Special meeting is to be held. A written notice of the proposed change shall be forwarded by the Secretary to all Directors by the fifteenth (15) of the month preceding that of the meeting.

### **11.2 Changes to constitution**

The Directors of the League shall have the authority to change or add to this Constitution and such change or addition shall remain in force until the Annual General Meeting, at which time it will come up for approval or rejection by the member clubs present. If approved, it will become part of this Constitution.