

MANITOBA ALL-FOURS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Article 1.0 **THE ASSOCIATION**

- 1.1 The **MANITOBA ALL-FOURS ASSOCIATION**, hereinafter referred to as the “Association” is established in the city of Winnipeg, in the province of Manitoba, as a non-profit cultural and recreational association.

Article 2.0 **DEFINITIONS**

- 2.1 Words in this constitution and by-laws have the same meaning as in the Corporation Act, and reference herein to officers, member and meetings, unless contrary intention appears, shall be construed as having reference to Officers, Members, and Meetings of the Association.
- 2.2 The designation, “Association” for all intents and purposes, shall mean the Manitoba All-fours Association.
- 2.3 A member of the Association means a member in good standing who has been granted admission into the association as a member in accordance with its constitution and by-laws, and whose payment of annual membership fees are not in arrears.

Article 3.0 **OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1 To recognize ALL-FOURS as the primary cultural activity of the Association.
- 3.2 To provide for its member opportunities to participate in a variety of cultural and recreational activities originating from the Caribbean.
- 3.3 To promote interest amongst its member so as to interact with and enhance the Canadian cultural mosaic.
- 3.4 To establish relationships with other Associations with similar objectives.

Article 4.0 **FISCAL YEAR**

- 4.1 The fiscal year of the Association shall be November 1st to October 31st.

Article 5.0 **MEMBERSHIPS**

- 5.1 Membership shall be granted on a team basis whose members agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the Association.
- 5.2 Individual members of registered teams shall be considered member of the Association providing their names have been duly submitted to the Association.
- 5.3 Membership in the Association entitles one to all rights and privileges enjoyed by all members.
- 5.4 Each member team names one representative to the Board of Directors of the Association

Article 6.0 **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

6.1 The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of one representative from each member organization.

Article 7.0 **OFFICERS**

7.1 The officers of the Association shall consist of the:

- (a) Chairperson
- (b) Vice Chairperson
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Assistant Secretary
- (e) Treasurer, and
- (f) Public Relations Chair, and shall

7.2 Serve on the Board of Directors of the Association, and

7.3 Be elected by and from the official representatives of the member organizations.

Article 8.0 **TERM OF OFFICE**

8.1 The officers shall hold office for one year, subject to re-election, but may not hold the same office for more than two consecutive years.

8.2 The Immediate Past Chairperson shall be a member of the Board of Directors for one year.

8.3 An Officer shall cease to be a member of the Board of Directors:

- (a) If at a general meeting of the members of the Association a resolution is passed by a two-thirds majority vote that he or she be removed from the Board of Directors, providing that notice of such a resolution has been submitted in writing to the secretary at least four weeks prior to the same meeting.
- (b) on death
- (c) on resignation

8.4 A member of the Board of Directors may resign at any time by submitting written notice to the secretary.

8.5 A member missing three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall cease to be a member of the Board. The Board, in its discretion, shall constitute reasonable cause, and shall advise the member team to name a new representative to the Board.

8.6 Should a vacancy occur within the Board, such a vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Board.

8.7 A member of the Board shall surrender to the Board all documents and other properties concerning or belonging to the Association upon termination of his or her Office.

Article 9.0 **FEES**

- 9.1 Annual team membership fee shall be determined by the membership at the October general meeting and are due and payable on or before January 15th.
- 9.2 Individual player fee shall be determined by the membership at the October general meeting.

Article 10.0 **DISCIPLINE**

- 10.1 If an individual player's behavior is deemed counter-productive, by the disciplinary committee, to the well being of the Association, such a player shall be subject to disciplinary action as deemed just and appropriate by the disciplinary committee. The player is entitled to due process.
- 10.2 The member whose conduct is being considered must be so advised in writing within one week after a complaint has been received.
- 10.3 A complaint against a member must be submitted in writing to the secretary no later than two weeks after the alleged infraction.
- 10.4 The Board may initiate a complaint against a member.
- 10.5 A decision of the disciplinary committee may be appealed at a general meeting providing intent of appeal has been submitted in writing to the secretary at least one week prior to the meeting.

Article 11.0 **DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**

- 11.1 Shall be comprised of one member from each registered team and shall be struck when needed.
- 11.2 Shall appoint a chairperson from among themselves who shall immediately convey the committee's decision to the secretary.
- 11.3 Shall dispose of a complaint within four (4) weeks of the infraction.

Article 12.0 **SIGNING OFFICERS**

- 12.1 The legal signing officers of the Association with respect to contracts, banks or trust accounts, cheques, drafts, bonds or certificates, shall be any two of the Secretary, Treasurer and President, there being not less than three signing officers.

Article 13.0 **DISSOLUTION**

- 13.1 In the event of a dissolution of the Association, all its assets, after payment of its liabilities shall be donated to a registered charitable organization as decided by the membership.

Adopted this 15 day of November 2002.

 Sais Madansingh
(Chairperson)

 Harry Dyal
(Secretary)