The Role of the Board

And the 3 Hats Community League Board Members Wear

Governance

• This is setting the tone and direction for the organization

Oversight

• This is making sure the organization runs effectively

Operations & Programming

• This is delivering the work of the organization to the community.

Understanding Your Governing Documents

Working with Bylaws and the Tripartite Agreement

Legal Framework of a Community League **Federal Law** Provincial Law (Including the *Societies Act*) **Bylaws** Policy Procedure

What your bylaws should include

- 1. Boundaries
- 2. Membership
- 3. Board Composition
- 4. Executive
- 5. Audit Requirements
- 6. Meetings
- 7. Voting
- 8. Remuneration
- 9. Borrowing Powers
- 10. Bylaw Alteration



The Tripartite Agreement

- The agreement is between the league, the City and the EFCL
- Allows for the use of licensed land
 - League facility
 - Programming
 - Membership development
 - Long term rentals
 - One-time or Short-term rentals
- Responsibilities of the league
 - Utilities
 - Maintenance of the hall and parking lot
 - Reporting to the City
 - Provide recreation

EFCL Code of Ethics

Article 1 The first duty of a community league must be to strictly observe its constitution and bylaws as registered under The Societies Act RSA 1980 c S-18 equally and without regard to race, creed, colour, religion, ethnic origin, sex or political affiliation

Article 2 A community league should restrict membership to those residents living within the boundaries of that league as designated by the Society and the City of Edmonton.

Article 3 Where a neighbourhood does not operate as a community league, then the nearest neighbouring community league may enroll residents from that neighbourhood as members or associate members of their league.

Article 4 Each community league must honour other league memberships for the remainder of the current membership year with regard to members moving their place of residence from one league to another.

Article 5 Where enrollment capacity permits, each community league will admit members from other community leagues to all programs for a uniform admission fee and without an additional membership charge

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Article 6 Each community league should support and strengthen the Society in a true community spirit.

Article 7 Each community league should always endeavour to improve relationships among individual leagues, the Society and the City of Edmonton.

Article 8 Leagues should encourage and support inter-league communication and cooperation, particularly in shared programs.

Article 9 Each community league should be prepared to help new leagues with advice or resources in order for the new leagues to become established and successful.

Article 10 Each league should hold regular meetings to which officers should conscientiously attend as well as attending the Society meetings.

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Article 11 Each community league should maintain a complete and accurate record of all its business and comply with the requirements of the Societies Act in respect of its Annual General Meetings and extraordinary resolutions.

Article 12 Each league should encourage fair play among its members in all activities. Each league should further observe that it is participation and enjoyment that counts far more than winning.

Article 13 Community leagues should always observe and respect municipal, provincial and federal laws of the land.

Article 14 Each league should conduct their business in a manner that is open, ethical, in compliance with their by-laws, and which avoids a perceived conflict of interest.

Article 15 Each league should use its best efforts to comply with decisions made by the EFCL membership at general meetings.

Policy

How it Simplifies the Work of the Board

What is the item that the board discussed?

Why was the board decision / discussion needed?

What was decided?

Would the decision be the same all the time?

Are there any additional steps needed after the decision?