York Singles Club

A volunteer-based, not-for-profit, social club based in York Region, Ontario, Canada, established May 1999

Constitution

revised November 2025

1. Name of Club

York Singles Club (known for promotional purposes as "York Singles Social Club")

2. Objectives of the Club

To provide opportunities for members to meet new people, share interests and expertise, and enjoy socializing together in a respectful and supportive environment. We will do this by providing a variety of group social activities, suggested and organized by the members and their elected executives.

3. Membership

Membership is open to those over the age of 50 who are single, divorced, widowed or separated, not cohabiting. Membership is not limited to residents of York Region.

Memberships are granted for one year, beginning on June 1, to those who have completed and signed the required membership and waiver, have been approved by two members of the current executive following a face-to-face meeting, and have paid the required annual dues.

Should a member become married or cohabit they will continue as a member until May 31 of their membership year.

Should a former spouse/partner of an existing member wish to join York Singles Club, they will only be approved for membership if the current member agrees that they are comfortable with the applicant joining.

4. Administration

The Club shall be guided by its constitution, bylaws and code of conduct, administered by an executive consisting of 11 paid up members, voted in at the annual general meeting of members of the Club. They are accountable to the membership, their term beginning June 1st.

The executive shall be made up of a chair and vice-chair, treasurer, secretary, membership director, publicity director, three social directors and two members-at-large. Three positions on the executive (not including chair, vice-chair or treasurer) may be held by those with less than six months' membership. The term of office is two years, with no restriction on consecutive terms. Positions vacated during the term may be filled by giving advance notice of the vacancy to the membership and, when filled, announced to the membership at the next regular meeting.

The executive will meet at least monthly, where and when at their discretion. Quorum for executive meetings shall be 7 members present in person or electronically.

5. Meetings of Members

Regular meetings will be held monthly at a location within York Region, agreed by and communicated to, members well in advance of the meeting. The executive will report to membership on financial matters, review minutes, new and upcoming social events, review past events, and introduce new and potential new members.

The annual general meeting will take place in the month of May at the discretion of the executive, and agreed by and communicated to the membership at least 30 days prior to the date chosen. The main purpose of the meeting is to hold elections to fill open executive committee positions.

6. Amendments to Constitution, Bylaws and Code of Conduct (Governing Documents)

The constitution, by-laws and code of conduct may be amended, presented to the membership in advance of a vote, and passed by a majority of fifty percent plus one of members who are present at a regular meeting in person or electronically. Amendments may be made as required.

Members are invited to suggest amendments to the constitution, bylaw, or code of conduct to the executive. In this case, five members, three of whom have at least three years experience in the Club are required to support the amendment. The executive will decide whether to present the proposed amendment to the membership.

7. Operating Policies

Operating policies (other than governing policies) may be implemented by the executive throughout the year and communicated to members at the following regular meeting, (e.g. the executive was required to put in place the Ontario government protocols during the Covid pandemic.)