

VALLEY SWIM LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

Established October 7, 1982

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of the organization shall be the VALLEY SWIM LEAGUE.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1 - To organize Lehigh Valley Swim Clubs for the purpose of planning and executing competition in swimming and diving.

Section 2 - To establish and encourage not only excellence in the fundamentals of swimming and diving, but also such character traits as dependability, perseverance and good sportsmanship.

Section 3 - To provide an organization through which the members may speak on matters of both individual and common interests or differences.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - The Valley Swim League will consist of a maximum of eight (8) teams.

Section 2 - Any club seeking admission to the League must submit a letter of application to the League Secretary prior to the Spring Meeting (Passed Spring Meeting 1996).

Section 3 - Requirements for League Membership:

- a. Agree to make payment of dues by June 15 of each year.
- b. Agree to have an official representative at each of the League's semiannual meetings.
- c. The club must be a private club (i.e., no daily admission fee and no public or municipal pools) with no special membership available for the purpose of obtaining competitive swimmers). A public pool may be accepted by a vote of all other clubs in the League in accordance with Section 4 below.
- d. Agree to abide by the Valley Swim League Constitution and Rules and Regulations.

Section 4 - Acceptance of new members will be by a 2/3 vote of League members.

Section 5 - New members will be ineligible to vote for one (1) year on Constitutional or rule changes.

Section 6 - A club desiring to withdraw is requested to submit a letter of resignation thirty (30) days prior to the fall meeting.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1 - The elected officers of the League shall be : President, Secretary, and Statistician. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Host Club for the Championships.

Section 2 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the League, shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided in this Constitution, be an ex officio member of all committees , shall be the chief executive officer of the League, and shall perform all other functions usually attributed to this office.

Section 3 - The Secretary shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, shall preserve League records, and shall keep a correct list of all member club representatives and their coaches.

Section 4 - The Statistician shall send weekly meet results to the members and update all League records and standings during the season. The Statistician shall keep four (4) sets of records: League and Championship, each in meters and yards. For the fall meeting the Statistician shall prepare an annual report, shall see that the Secretary receives this report for preservation, and shall issue a copy of this annual report to all member clubs.

Section 5 - The Treasurer shall handle all funds or the League Championship and submit a final report of Receipts and Expenditures at the fall meeting.

Section 6- Terms and Succession

- a. President - Two (2) year term.
- b. Secretary - Two (2) year term.
- c. Statistician - Two (2) year term.
- d. Treasurer - One (1) year term.
- e. The officers shall be elected at the fall meeting of even numbered years with exception of the Treasurer who shall be appointed each year by the Host Club of Championships. If a vacancy shall occur, a special meeting shall be called the President, Secretary, or statistician in that order depending on which office becomes vacant, at which time elections will be held to fill the vacancies.

- f. Club representatives shall serve a term of two (2) years. No coach may serve as a club representative.

ARTICLE V - LEAGUE MEETINGS

Section 1 - The semiannual meeting shall be held in early fall and late spring at the discretion of the President.

Section 2 - The meetings of the League shall be called by the order of the President or on the written request of two (2) member clubs.

Section 3 - No meeting shall be held unless a quorum consisting of 2/3 of the member clubs are present.

Section 4 - For all voting, except as noted in ARTICLE III, Section 5, each member club will have one (1) vote.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1 - Nominating Committee - A Nominating Committee representing at least two (2) different clubs shall be appointed at the spring meeting to present a slate of officers at the following fall meeting.

ARTICLE VII - DUES

Section 1 - Member Clubs shall pay and annual dues which shall be determined by the League at the spring meeting. Dues are to be used for running the Championship Meet and expenses incurred by the Secretary and Statistician for postage and supplies.

ARTICLE VIII - LEAGUE FUNCTIONAL OPERATIONS

Section 1 - Dual Meet Schedule

- a. The Dual Meet Schedule shall be set up in such a manner that the second meet of the previous season shall become a club's first meet of the next season and the first meet of the previous season shall become the last meet of the next season. The place of competition shall also be reversed.
- b. Any changes in the schedule shall be made at the spring meeting.
- c. Any unforeseen emergency necessitating a change in schedule shall be worked out by the clubs involved.
- d. All competition must be held prior to the Valley League Championships.

Section 2 - Rules - Valley Swimming Rules and the Nationals Federation Rules will be adhered to.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote at any regular meeting of the League provided that proposed amendments have been previously studied by the President and that copies have been sent to member clubs two calendar weeks in advance of the meeting.

ARTICLE X - RULE CHANGES

Rules may be changed or established by a 2/3 vote of those present at the League meeting.