

# **FRIENDS OF SUNRISE SHARKS BYLAWS**

2021 Revision

## **NAME**

The name of this organization will be the "Friends of Sunrise Sharks"; hereafter called the "Sunrise Sharks".

## **SPONSORSHIP**

1. Sunrise Sharks is an organization under the sponsorship of Sunrise Recreation and Park District, hereafter called the "District".
2. Sunrise Sharks works cooperatively with the District through the District's assigned personnel to promote the purpose of Sunrise Sharks and the overall program of the District.
3. A statement of the District's policies and responsibilities relative to the recreational swimming program is attached for the reference of the Sunrise Sharks.

## **PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of the Sunrise Sharks is to:
  - a) Assist District personnel with the promotion, organization and operation of the recreational swimming program.
  - b) Provide, through fundraising, monies and/or services for materials, awards and services not provided by the District.
  - c) Encourage participation and assist all interested youth in recreational swimming.
  - d) Organize and sponsor the annual team awards ceremony and other special events and programs related to the recreational team.
2. The role of Sunrise Sharks officers is to coordinate and direct activities of Sunrise Sharks during the pre-season and the swim season. The President and Vice President work as liaisons between District, coaching staff, team members and parents to offer suggestions about the program to assure its success. The President and Vice President also have authority and assume responsibility to resolve any issues.
3. The goal of Sunrise Recreation and Park District recreational swim team is the development of lifelong positive attitudes and good sportsmanship through the sport of recreational swimming. This program stresses individual skill technique, goal setting, achievement, fun, fitness, friendships and competition with a recreational setting.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

1. All parents and guardians of registered team members of the District's recreational swim team are automatically members of the Sunrise Sharks.
2. Friends and families of Sunrise Sharks are welcome to assist with Sunrise Sharks activities if so

interested.

3. Failure to adhere to the Code of Conduct as outlined by the Northern California Swim League or the annual Parent Handbook is grounds for disciplinary action, up to and including forfeiture of membership, as determined by the Executive Board.
4. There will be no dues for members of Sunrise Sharks.
5. The role of the members is to assist with the recreational swimming program and Sunrise Sharks events. Each member family is required to provide a volunteer to work a minimum of five (5) qualifying shifts. Qualifying shifts are during dual meets, time trials, and Shark-A-Thon. Each member family may earn one (1) qualifying shift per day. All member families are required to work a minimum of two (2) additional shifts for Championships in which their swimmer competes.
  - a) Each member family will remit a \$300 volunteer deposit at registration, which will be destroyed at the end of the season, dependent upon completion of required volunteer commitment.
  - b) The volunteer deposit will be forfeited upon failure to complete the required number of qualifying shifts or the second failure to show for a volunteer shift.
6. Any exceptions to member responsibilities will be determined by the Executive Board.

#### **OFFICERS**

1. The officers will consist of President, Vice President, Ways and Means (Fundraising), Secretary, Treasurer, League Representative, Activities Coordinator, Computer Director/Webmaster, Clerk of the Course (Head Team Parent), Volunteer Coordinator, Equipment, Snack Bar, Hospitality and six (6) Members-at-Large. These officers will constitute the Executive Board and will meet at the call of the President to conduct business of the Sunrise Sharks.
2. Duties of officers:
  - a) **President.** Conducts meetings and activities of the Sunrise Sharks; acts jointly with the Treasurer to administer the finances of Sunrise Sharks; appoints committees and delegate their chairmen and duties; acts in conjunction with the League Representative as a liaison to the District as official spokesperson for the Sunrise Sharks; serves as chairperson for all recreational swimming programs of the regular season.
  - b) **Vice President – Director of Meet.** Appoints co-chairperson(s) as needed for the organization and conduct all swim meets in cooperation with District personnel, including but not limited to the following: officials, pre- and post-meet arrangements, or other duties as assigned by the President.
  - c) **Ways and Means (Fundraising).** Organizes, appoints co-chairs, and coordinates all fundraising events for the swim team to include, but not limited to, special events, Shark-A-Thon, ad sales, and clothing/accessory sales. Coordinates the arrangements and distribution of team incentive prizes and team clothing/accessories.

- d) **Secretary.** Keeps an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings and activities of the Sunrise Sharks and Executive Board; acts in matters of Sunrise Sharks correspondence, including Shark Bites newsletters; serves as chairperson of committee to complete paperwork matters and registration procedures relative to the recreational swim team and members.
- e) **Treasurer.** Keeps an accurate record of all revenues and expenditures of the Sunrise Sharks; provides updated accounts/budget reports at each Executive Board and Annual Parent meeting; maintains annual budget for Executive Board vote annually in September; receives and disburses funds of the Sunrise Sharks and jointly administers finances with the President.
- f) **Clerk of the Course (Head Team Parent).** Organizes, appoints, and coordinates all team parents. Coordinates Ready Bench during home meets.
- g) **Activities Coordinator.** Organizes, appoints co-chairs, and coordinates all the social activities for the swim team and appoints co-chairs.
- h) **Computer Director/Webmaster.** Oversees the computer operation for all meets including data management, organization for registration for meets, meet preparation, and meet communication. Maintains team website, co-chairs registrar, and manages email communication to members.
- i) **League Representative.** Attends all league meetings and represents the District's recreational swim team at league meetings; schedules all dual meets with other league swim teams; liaison reports all information to the Sunrise Sharks and Executive Board.
- j) **Volunteer Coordinator.** Schedules and coordinates volunteers for all shifts, including Championships; tracks and reports status of fulfillment of volunteer commitments.
- k) **Equipment.** Maintains inventory of team equipment, assists in set up & take down at home & away meets, including Championships. Assists with transporting equipment to and from meets, including Championships. Provides equipment status and needs for replacement, as needed.
- l) **Snack Bar.** Operates home meet snack bar, including getting snack bar item donations, finding best cost available for items not donated, preparing price menu, assisting with set up & take down of snack bar, and settling all monies at the end of each meet with treasurer.
- m) **Hospitality.** Oversees hospitality operations for all volunteers at home meets, requests donations of food, drink, & paper items, collects all items morning of home meets, organizes food & drink for all volunteers, oversees the distribution of food & drink, assists with hospitality clean up at the end of all home meets.
- n) **Members at Large.** Additional individuals to support the responsibilities and activities of the Board, meet operations and team functions.

3. A quorum will consist of half of the current board, plus 1; President or designee must be one of the quorum. An employee of the District will be invited to attend all meetings of the Sunrise Sharks or the Executive Board as a non-voting member of the Executive Board.
4. The President will appoint a nominating committee consisting of not less than three (3) individuals. The nominating committee will present nominations for officers ten (10) days prior to the last home meet. Nominees will be selected among members in good standing. Not more than one (1) committee member will be a member of the Executive Board. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the time of elections. Individuals nominated must give their consent to serve, if elected. Voting by the members will take place at the week of the last home meet.
5. The election of officers will end at the last Home Meet. Newly elected officers will begin their term immediately following the end of the season (Awards Ceremony or Championships, whichever is later). Officers may serve more than one (1) term of office if so nominated and elected. If an officer resigns mid-term another officer may be appointed by the Executive Board to fulfill the vacant position.

### **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

1. The Executive Board will govern the general business of Sunrise Sharks, including but not limited to finances, operating procedures, and event planning and coordination.
2. The approved budget will be presented at the Annual Parent Meeting.
3. A quorum of Executive Board members or full Executive Board majority vote will decide all Sunrise Sharks and Executive Board matters.
4. There will be a minimum of two (2) general meetings will be held each swim season.
5. Additional general meetings of Sunrise Sharks may be called with three (3) days written notice by the President or by a petition containing the names of ten (10) Sunrise Sharks members. A quorum will consist of ten (10) members.
6. All members in good standing are invited to attend all open sessions of Executive Board meetings. Closed sessions will be summarized in Executive Board meeting minutes made available on the website.
7. Amendments to the bylaws will be made available with written notice to Sunrise Sharks members at least one (1) week prior to a general meeting. Membership majority vote will approve any amendments.

### **FINANCES**

1. There will be no dues for members of the Sunrise Sharks.
2. Monies for the operations of the Sunrise Sharks will be raised through special events and money raising projects. All members are expected to assist with these practices.
3. After an event where money is collected, all monies need to be turned into the treasurer within 48 hours of the event. All other reimbursements and deposits will be done on Thursday evening during swim practice 6:30pm-8:30pm; it is your responsibility to connect with the

treasurer if you are not able to make the Thursday evening deadline.

4. Two (2) people must count all monies from events, the person in charge of the event (i.e. snack bar coordinator or clothing sales representative) and another member in good standing (excluding the treasurer who will make the final count prior to deposit.) The two individuals counting the money cannot be members of the same family or share the same home address. A deposit form must be completed and signed by both parties counting the money. This form will be turned in with the monies.
5. A valid, original, and itemized receipt, along with reimbursement the reimbursement form must be submitted to the treasurer within 15 days of purchase for all reimbursement requests. All reimbursements should have been approved prior to purchase if not the requester will need to gain Executive Board approval prior to being reimbursed.
6. All reimbursements to individuals will be issued checks from the Sunrise Sharks bank account. There will be no reimbursements to individuals from cash at events.
7. All purchases must have Executive Board approval. Purchases outside of the approved budget without Executive Board approval will not be reimbursed.
8. No blank checks will be issued. All checks will be made out to a specific person or company with the approved amount. The amount will be documented on the reimbursement form along with who the check is being made out to.
9. The President and Treasurer will administer the finances of the Sunrise Sharks within limits established by the Executive Board and these bylaws.
10. A checking account will be opened and maintained at a local bank for deposits of all funds, except petty cash, which is not to exceed \$200.00. All withdrawals will require two (2) signatures consisting of a combination of the President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Executive Board. Modifications to authorized signatories will be decided by the Executive Board annually.

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