

Southern Ohio Swim League By-Laws

1. The name of the organization shall be the Southern Ohio Swim League (SOSL).
2. Membership is defined as the Board of Directors, Committee Members, Coaches, and Parents of registered swimmers.
3. This organization shall be non-profit. All assets belong to the organization and shall not be used for the sole benefit of any member or group of members.
4. Authority:
 - A. Authority resides in the Board of League Representatives, one from each swim team in the SOSL, plus a League President. The League President shall be a representative from one of the team members and serve a 2-year term. The League President shall run the meeting of the Board of Representatives, but will have no vote on issues, except to act as a tie breaker. Each team shall serve as the League President in the following order:
 1. Idle Hour
 2. Cardinal Hill
 3. Preble County
 4. Germantown
 5. Miamisburg
 6. Cassel Hills/Vandalia
 7. West Carrollton

If a team drops out of the league, the term of League President shall fall to the team immediately following in the above order. If a new team is added to the league, that team shall be placed below the name of the team that previously held the presidency before the current team. A Secretary and/or Treasurer may be selected from the League Representatives at any Board meeting in which a quorum is present.
 - B. The Board shall have the authority to establish, amend, and enforce the by-laws and rules/procedures of the SOSL, including appropriate disciplinary actions.
 - C. Quorum: At any meeting of the Board, more than ½ of the current voting Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
5. Board of League Representative responsibilities
The Board shall:
 - A. Meet at least quarterly with the last meeting of the swim season being held before the start of the League Championship Meet.
 - B. Establish and publish the schedule of regular and championship meets at least 4 weeks prior to the 1st regular meet.

- C. Establish and distribute through the League Representatives all changes, exceptions, and deletions to both USA Swimming rules and rules governing the conduct of all swim meets.
- D. Establish the location of the League Championship Meet.
- E. Provide for Officials training prior to the 1st regular meet.
- F. Provide for the common swim meet supplies such as lane slips and score sheets.
- G. Select a League Head Official at any meeting prior to the 1st swim meet of the summer. The League Head Official shall arbitrate any swim meet rules interpretations during the swim season and at the League Championship Meet.
- H. Make any and all decisions necessary for the effective conduct of League business and distribute the results of these decisions to each team's League Representative.
- I. Shall review, amend, and distribute these By-Laws at least once between the time of the League Championship Meet and the 1st scheduled swim meet of the next season.

6. Swim Team Responsibilities

Each team in the SOSL shall establish written by-laws, constitution, charter, or other document which defines their rules and operating policies. At a minimum, this document shall address:

- A. The eligibility, selection procedures, and responsibilities of a board of officers to conduct the business of the swim team. The officers shall number at least 3 and 1 shall be designated as League Representative.
- B. Age eligibility of children to compete in the SOSL: Eligibility shall be restricted to children up to and including the summer immediately after high school graduation. Although there is no mandatory minimum age, it shall be stipulated that all swimmers must be able to swim unassisted for 25 meters to participate in regular meet events. Exceptions shall be made for swimmers with a disability, as per USA Swimming rules. No flotation devices will be allowed during any league swim meet.
- C. It shall be further stipulated that a swimmer may not compete in more than 3 individual events at any meet and must compete in at least 2 regular swim meets to be eligible to compete in the League Championship Meet.
- D. The non-profit nature of the swim team.
- E. The qualifications, hiring/firing procedures, salary and responsibility of a coaching staff of at least 1.
- F. The requirements to have at least 3 members trained as meet officials.
- G. The requirement to provide for liability insurance to cover all swimmers, coaches, parents, volunteers, meet officials, and other persons attending any swim meet or swim practice held at their facility. A copy of liability insurance shall be filed with the League President prior to the start of the season each year.

7. League Fees

All team members of the SOSL shall pay a league fee, the amount to be established by the League President and based upon League expenditures from the previous season. League fees shall be paid to the League President by June 7th each year and the League President shall provide an expense report to each League Representative by the first meeting after the League Championship Meet.