

LAKOTA FAMILY YMCA YOUTH SWIM TEAM CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE I **NAME:** The competitive Swim Team of the Lakota Family YMCA (hereinafter YMCA) shall be called the Stingrays.

ARTICLE II **PURPOSE:**

Section 1 The purpose of the Swim Team is to provide youth members of the YMCA an opportunity to participate in competitive swimming.

Section 2 The purpose of the Swim Team Boosters (hereinafter Boosters) is to:

1. Provide parents of Swim Team members a voice in the operations of the team.
2. Provide parents and other interested members of the YMCA with an opportunity to enhance the experience of the Swim Team members.

Section 3 The purpose of the Swim Team Board (hereinafter Board) is to:

1. Serve as the liaison for communications between parents and the coaches, Executive Director, Aquatic Director and the YMCA Board of Directors (hereinafter YMCA Board);
2. Identify equipment needs to the Executive Director and YMCA Board, and to establish fund-raising programs for approved equipment acquisitions;
3. Assist the Executive Director and Aquatic Director in recruiting and interviewing the coaching staff;
4. Review rules and regulations established by the coaches and recommend their approval by the Executive Director/Aquatic Director;
5. Assist the Executive Director in ensuring that all applicable rules and regulations of the IRS, national YMCA, and all other regulatory bodies are followed by the Swim Team.

ARTICLE III **SWIM TEAM REQUIREMENTS:**

Section 1 All Swim Team members must be members in good standing of the YMCA.

Section 2 All Swim Team members must abide by the rules and regulations of the Swim Team that will be provided at the beginning of the season.

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- Section 3 All Swim Team members, deck officials, and parents must abide by the rules of the pool at which the team competes.
- Section 4 All Swim Team members, deck officials, and parents must abide by the rules of the swim league(s) in which the team competes.
- Section 5 All Swim Team members and parents must read, sign, and abide by applicable team code of ethics.

ARTICLE IV SWIM TEAM BOOSTERS:

- Section 1 Membership in the Boosters is open to all parents of the Swim Team and in good standing with the YMCA and the team.
- Section 2 Only parents or legal guardians of swim team members in good standing with the YMCA are eligible to vote on matters brought to the team by members of the board or boosters, as well as in elections for members of the board. Only one vote shall be permitted per family.
- Section 3 The annual general meeting of the boosters shall be held in April. Notice of the annual general membership meeting shall be made by email to all previous swim team participants, current swim team members, and shall be posted in the lobby of the YMCA and digitally on the YMCA website, at least two weeks in advance.
- Section 4 Special meetings of the Boosters may be called when deemed necessary by the Board, or upon written request to the Board from ten (10) or more voting members. Notice of special meetings will be emailed to all current swim team participants, posted digitally on both the Stingrays Website and YMCA Website, and posted in the lobby of the YMCA ten (10) days in advance of the meeting.
- Section 5 Members of the Boosters will be required to participate in fundraising programs and volunteer programs and to serve in various capacities necessary to run the swim meets or be responsible for monetary compensation to the team as deemed necessary by the board.

ARTICLE V SWIM TEAM BOARD:

- Section 1 The Board shall consist of at least five (5) members who shall be the parent or legal guardian of a Swim Team member.

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- Section 2 Members of the Board shall serve two (2) year terms, with elections being Staggered so that no more than three (3) members are elected annually to complete a full-term. Members will have the option to serve a second two year term if so elected by the boosters. No member shall serve more than four consecutive years as a board member, elected or appointed.
- Section 3 The Board shall be elected by secret ballot at through computerized voting made available to all registered members and is to be completed in the month of August during that years swim season registration, and shall serve until their successors are elected.
1. All Swim Team Boosters who are eligible to vote may nominate themselves or others to the Board by notifying the President of the nomination prior to August. The President or any returning board member, if the President is at the end of his or her term, shall call for nominations through email notification. All nominations must be received by the board prior to 1 August. 1 August will mark the official close of the nomination period.
- Section 4 The Board shall elect its officers – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer – at its first meeting after the election of the new Board members. A vacant office shall be filled by the Board as soon as practical.
- Section 5 Vacancies occurring during the season shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Board members effective until the next annual meeting.
- Section 6 The Board shall meet monthly April through August, and as needed from September through March.
- Section 7 The Board shall determine what items, with a maximum individual cost of under \$200.00 to purchase for the Swim Team with funds raised by the Boosters. For items with an individual purchase price of more than \$200.00, the Board shall obtain the approval of the Executive Director of the YMCA prior to embarking on a fundraising campaign and subsequent purchase.
- Section 8 The Head Coach, Aquatic Director and YMCA Board Representative shall serve as non-voting, ex-officio members of the Board.
- Section 9 All members of the Board shall be members in good standing of the Lakota YMCA.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE BOARD OFFICERS:

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Section 1 The President shall:

1. Preside over all meetings of the Boosters and the Board;
2. Serve as an ex-officio member of all Swim Team committees
3. Appoint committee chairmen and special committees;
4. Appoint two members of the Board to assist the Aquatic Director in recruiting and interviewing the coaching staff.
5. Provide the YMCA Board with an annual report of the Swim Team and Board's activities.

Section 2 The Vice President shall:

1. Act as an aide to the President
2. Perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Section 3 The Secretary shall:

1. Keep accurate records of all meetings of the Boosters and Board;
2. Maintain all other required records;
3. Perform all correspondence on behalf of the Board

Section 4 The Treasurer shall:

1. Receive all Swim Team money not directly paid to the YMCA;
2. Determine in conjunction with the Executive Director the banking relationships and procedures for depositing the distributing Swim Team funds;
3. Maintain an accurate record of budgets, expenses, and receipts;
4. Provide the Board and Executive Director with a monthly financial statement of account from April through August;
5. Provide the Executive Director and YMCA Board with a year-end financial statement by January 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE VII SWIM TEAM COMMITTEES:

Section 1 Standing Committees

1. Concessions
2. Volunteer
3. Social/Banquet
4. Fundraising

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Section 2 The Board may appoint other committees from time to time as may be needed to operate the team.

Section 3 Committee chairmen shall be responsible for obtaining sufficient number of workers to handle committee functions.

ARTICLE VIII COACHING STAFF:

Section 1 The coaching staff shall be employees of the YMCA.

Section 2 All coaches must abide by the rules of the pool at which the team competes.

Section 3 All coaches must abide by the rules of the swim league(s) in which the team competes.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS:

Section 1 These bylaws may be amended by a majority of the voting members at any meeting of the Boosters, and upon approval of the YMCA Board

Section 2 Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by the Board or any five members of the Boosters who are eligible to vote.

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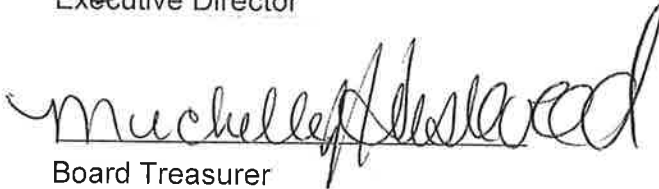
Board President



Board Vice President



Executive Director



Board Treasurer



YMCA Board Member Representative



Board Secretary