

SOUTHWEST OHIO YMCA SWIM SWOYSL CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION 1

The organization shall be known as the "Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim SWOYSL", hereinafter referred to as the "SWOYSL".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION 1

The purpose of the SWOYSL shall be to:

- A. Establish a strong healthy program, providing the maximum opportunity for each swimmer to progress, achieve and derive the fullest portion of benefits possible.**
- B. Improve the program of competitive swimming for both the participant and the spectator.**
- C. Further the program of competitive swimming at all levels by adopting and promoting high standards of conduct by coaches, parents and participants.**
- D. Improve the contribution of swimming to the health, fitness, character and recreational needs of the participants.**

SECTION 2

In carrying out these objectives, the SWOYSL shall regulate, supervise and administer the competition among its members as set forth under "RULES THAT GOVERN YMCA COMPETITIVE SPORTS" and the SWOYSL Addendum to Rules that Govern YMCA Competitive Sports.

SECTION 3

The SWOYSL shall provide both short course and long course swim seasons.

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ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Any YMCA within Southwest Ohio may qualify for membership by a majority vote of the SWOYSL.

YMCAs outside Southwest Ohio may petition for membership in the SWOYSL. They may then be granted membership by a vote of the SWOYSL.

YMCAs that are not in Southwest Ohio, but are members of the SWOYSL, may retain their membership with full privileges granted all teams.

SECTION 2

Membership may be suspended at a called "SPECIAL" meeting and upon a favorable vote of the SWOYSL members.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1

The government of the SWOYSL shall be vested in the executive committee and the voting body as herein stated.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

SECTION 1

The SWOYSL shall conduct at least one annual general meeting and special meetings as needed.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1

Any proposed change to the Constitution Must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will discuss the proposal via meeting, conference call or email as deemed necessary by the president.

An amendment receiving a 75% positive vote of the Executive Committee will be presented to the voting body of the league via

General meeting (if held within 30 days of approval of the Executive committee.)
Special meeting (if deemed necessary)

Email from the executive Committee to voting members. (Vote must be returned within 10 days of the day sent. The proposal needs a 75% positive vote of the voting members to pass.

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ARTICLE I - DUES AND FEES

SECTION 1

An initiation fee of \$50 shall be assessed each new incoming YMCA. This fee is not transferable.

SECTION 2

Annual membership dues shall be \$25.00 per fiscal year (September 1 - August 31) payable to the Treasurer upon official notification. Members delinquent in their dues on November 1 shall be dropped from the SWOYSL: Reinstatement to consist of reapplication, approval and payment of both dues and initiation fee.

The annual fee may be waived if the SWOYSL has sufficient funds.

SECTION 3

The SWOYSL shall have the exclusive rights to sale of Championship patches, pins, shirts, etc. (The right may be granted to a member team upon approval from the executive committee.)

ARTICLE II – VOTING MEMBERS

SECTION 1

Each member team of the SWOYSL is entitled to two votes. (One YMCA staff member. One volunteer.)

SECTION 2

Voting members and other YMCA Team representatives may attend a SWOYSL meeting, but only two (2) may vote. No member may vote more than once.

One vote shall be represented by a YMCA full-time Staff Person and the remaining vote shall be represented by a Team Volunteer. Any Team lacking YMCA full-time Staff representation at a SWOYSL meeting forfeits one vote. A full-time Staff person may send a Substitute with written permission. Only a YMCA full-time Staff person may substitute for the Staff voter.

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ARTICLE III - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1

There shall be four (4) elected Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Appointed officers include: Webmaster, Records Chairperson, Officials Chair, YMCA Regional Representative, Meet director for each of the 3 A championships meets, AA Championship Meet Director, Long Course Meet Director, a USA Representative and a minimum of 2 at large coach representatives. Other Executive Officer positions may be appointed by the President with approval from the members of the executive committee. Each member of the executive committee has one vote in executive committee meetings. A simple majority rule in executive meetings is enough to refer decisions to the voting body.

At-large Officer Appointees to the Executive Committee shall assume such duties as assigned by the President, with approval from the executive Committee.

SECTION 2 - President

The President shall preside at all SWOYSL meetings and appoint all committees. The President shall call, arrange for, and conduct all SWOYSL meetings. The President shall plan and approve the agenda for all SWOYSL meetings. The President shall serve as a member ex-officio of all committees.

SECTION 3 – Vice-President

The Vice-President shall, during the absence of the President, perform all duties of the President and, if the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall succeed to the Presidency for the unexpired term.

SECTION 4 - Secretary

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the SWOYSL and shall properly record all minutes of all regular and special meetings. Copies of same are to be supplied to the SWOYSL web site.

SECTION 5 - Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and safely keep all moneys of the SWOYSL in a custodial account at a Southwest Ohio YMCA, and the same shall be disbursed under the direction of the executive committee. The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fees, and pay SWOYSL bills. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of the finances, and render a financial statement at all regular meetings of the SWOYSL.

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SECTION 6

Of the Members of the Executive Committee, at least two (2) must be full-time YMCA Staff members.

SECTION 7 – Terms of Officers

The term of all Officers shall be for one (1) year, subject to removal for cause by two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of members attending an official SWOYSL meeting.

SECTION 8 – Expenditures

The executive committee may approve expenditures up to \$500 without the approval of the voting body.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1

All elected Officers shall be elected annually by the SWOYSL during the regular Fall Meeting, which shall be an open general membership meeting.

SECTION 2

Vacancies that occur during the term shall be filled by the President, with approval from the executive committee.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

SECTION 1

The SWOYSL shall at least one annual meeting.

SECTION 2

Special meetings of the SWOYSL may be called by the President at his/her own request, or when requested to do so by at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the SWOYSL member YMCA Teams. Request for special meetings must be in writing to the President, with an additional copy forwarded to the Secretary.

SECTION 3

Committee meetings shall be at the discretion of the Committee Chairman, or as directed by the Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE VI - QUORUM

SECTION 1

A quorum to conduct SWOYSL Executive Committee business shall consist of the members present. A quorum to conduct SWOYSL business shall consist of at least fifty percent (50%) +1 of the SWOYSL member YMCA Teams that are active for the current season.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

The President shall appoint Committees and Committee Chairmen as needed, with approval from the other elected Officers.

ARTICLE VIII - RULES OF ORDER

SECTION 1

Except as otherwise specified in this Constitution and Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary procedures of the SWOYSL.

ARTICLE IX - RATIFICATION

SECTION 1

It shall require a two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of the SWOYSL members to approve this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1

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