

BY-LAWS

Article I: Purposes

The purposes for which the Wenatchee Valley Summer Swim League (WVSSL) is formed are those set forth in its Articles of Incorporation, as from time to time amended. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income, or profit of the corporation is distributable to, or inures to the benefit of its directors or officers except to the extent permitted under the Nonprofit Corporation Act of the State of Washington. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The purposes of the corporation are promoted through and are governed and qualified by the basic policies set forth in Article II.

Article II: Basic Policies

The following are basic policies of the corporation:

- a) The WVSSL exists to provide recreational and sportsmanlike swimming competition for youth ages 18 and under.
- b) The WVSSL shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.
- c) The name of the WVSSL or the names of any members in their official capacities shall not be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest or for any purpose not appropriately related to promotion of the objects of the corporation."

Article III: Membership

Section 1 – Membership

- a) A league member is defined as being a swim team that practices and competes during the summer months only. Specifically, all practice, instruction, and competition occurs during an agreed-upon period established annually by the WVSSL Board. This period generally begins no earlier than June 1st and ends no later than September 1st.

- b) Member teams at the date of the adoption of these by-laws are identified as:
 - i. Cashmere Swim Team
 - ii. Quincy Swim Team
 - iii. Upper Valley Swim Team
 - iv. Waterville Swim Team
 - v. Wenatchee Summer Swim Team
- c) Competing swimmers must not have had their 19th birthday on or before June 1st of the current season.
- d) All member teams must certify annually that their member swimmers are eligible to compete in the league based on requirements set forth in the Policies and Procedures governing the League.
- e) Teams applying for membership shall certify that their member swimmers are eligible to compete in the league, and agree to comply with the Policies and Procedures governing the League, and follow all application procedures required by the Board. The Board will vote and notify the applicant(s) of their decision as soon as practicable.

Section 2 – League Board

Each member consists of one representative appointed by each member team. A member team may replace its' representative at any time.

Section 3 – Voting

Each member team shall be entitled to one vote. A quorum consisting of no less than 2/3, defined as 3 of 5; 4 of 6; 5 of 7, of the Board members is required before any vote is taken. Should a quorum not be present at a meeting of the board when an issue has been presented for a vote of the board, a subsequent meeting will be held not less than 7 days henceforward, and the absent member teams will be notified by mail sent to the addresses provided on their annual team application. At such subsequent meeting, the requirement of a quorum is withdrawn and the issues will be put to a vote of the teams represented.

It is acknowledged that due to lengthy travel, a represented team may lodge their vote to be carried to the subsequent meeting. However, in the event this is done, no new business is to be undertaken at the subsequent meeting.

A simple majority vote will prevail. In the event of a tie vote the motion will be presented to the board for discussion and vote a second time at a subsequent meeting not less than 14 days henceforward. In the event of another tie vote the President is directed to break the tie by casting an additional vote. In the absence of the President the Vice President is directed to cast the tie-breaking vote.

Section 4 – Termination of League Membership

Voluntary: Membership: shall be terminated by the resignation of a member team.

Involuntary: A team found to be in violation of the policies and procedures governing the League shall be subject to having its' membership terminated by a vote of the League Board, the representative of the team found to be in violation does not have the right to vote on this issue.

Suspension: The membership of a team may be suspended for a season when it is found that the team will not be able to participate for the season but intends to return to active participation in the future. During the term of suspension, the member team may continue to send a representative to the league board meetings, but will not have the right to vote.

Temporary Membership: When a vacancy in the league schedule is created by the temporary suspension of a team, the board may agree to accept applications from eligible teams for temporary membership for the season. A team granted temporary membership may send a representative to board meetings but does not have the right to vote.

Section 5. Power and Authority of the League Board

- a) Appoint, remove, hire and fire at its' discretion, all agents and employees of the League, and to prescribe their duties and fix their compensation in their hired position.
- b) Approve and make expenditures as deemed necessary.
- c) Establish and collect Member Swim Team League fees.
- d) Manage and conduct the affairs and business of the League and generally do and perform or cause to be performed any and every act which the League may lawfully do and perform.
- e) To add or remove a Member Swim Team to or from the League.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

Section 1. Meetings

Meetings of the League Board shall be held as deemed necessary by the President or a majority of the League Board. A two-week prior notice of meetings shall be given to Member Swim Team Representatives. Notification may be given by e-mail, phone, or in writing.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1 Indemnification of Officers, Directors, Employees, and Agents

The corporation shall indemnify its officers, directors, employees, and agents to the greatest extent permitted by law. The corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation or who is or was serving at the request of the corporation as an officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, other enterprise, or employee benefit plan, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of any status as such,

whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of this Article

Section 2 Officers

The Officers of the League shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers of the League shall be elected annually by the League Board. Each officer shall be elected to a one (1) year term and may hold offices.

Section 3 Removal

Any officer may be replaced by the League Board at any officially called meeting by a majority vote of the remaining board members.

Section 4 Vacancies

A vacancy of any office because of resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise will be filled by the remaining members of the League Board for the unexpired term.

Section 5 President

The President shall be the principal executive officer of the League and shall in general supervise and control all of the business and affairs of the League. He/she shall preside at all of the meetings of the Board and in general shall perform all duties of the office of the President, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board.

Section 6 Vice-President

In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have all powers and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President.

Section 7 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, full and accurate accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the League. He/she shall receive and deposit all monies and other valuables of the League in the name and to the credit of the League in such depository as may be designated by the Board. In the event the Board fails to designate a depository, the funds of the League may be placed in a depository selected by the treasurer. The Treasurer shall disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the League as directed by the Board, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements. The Treasurer shall render to the Board accounts of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial conditions of the League. He/she shall submit and cause to be transmitted to the Board quarterly financial statements as required. The most recent statement of the financial institution acting as depository shall be attached to required financial statements, The Treasurer and/or the Board may cause an annual audit of the financial affairs of the league.

Section 8 Secretary

The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board in one or more books provided for that purpose; be custodian of the league records; and in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of Secretary.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Formation

Committees may be formed for furthering the purpose of the League. The President shall appoint the chairman of all committees. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. Committees may include but are not limited to, Finance, Records, Officials, Legislation, and Planning.

ARTICLE VII. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for the League shall run from October 1 to September 30.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT OF BY- LAWS

These By-Laws shall be approved, amended, altered, or repealed by a simple majority vote of all members of the League Board. Should all team representatives not be present at the meeting of the board when amended By-Laws have been presented for a vote, a subsequent meeting will be held not less than 14 days henceforward, and the absent member teams will be notified by mail sent to the addresses provided on their annual team application. At such subsequent meeting, the requirement of a vote by all members of the League Board is withdrawn and the vote will be put to the teams represented.

A simple majority vote will prevail. In the event of a tie vote the President is directed to break the tie by casting an additional vote. In the absence of the President the Vice President is directed to cast the tie-breaking vote.

It is the responsibility of the Member Swim Team Representatives to make copies of the By-Laws available to their team.