



**SOUTH CENTRAL
SWIM LEAGUE**
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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BY - LAWS

ARTICLE I – ORGANIZATION

1. The name of the organization shall be the South Central Swim League which herein after shall be referred to as the SCSL.

ARTICLE II – ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSES

1. The SCSL is a non-profit coalition of several aquatic clubs, teams and similar organizations that are joined together for the purposes of promoting amateur aquatic sports, encouraging the development of local aquatic skills, providing the opportunity for inter-club competition.
2. Within the context of any aquatic sport, SCSL is committed to treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion, disability or political persuasion, on any grounds.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: General

Membership in the SCSL shall be open to all clubs, teams and other existing organizations, private or public, and to all government or municipal agencies sponsoring an active aquatics group that will participate in SCSL activities. Organizations applying for membership will be accepted into the SCSL by completing a SCSL membership form and paying appropriate fees.

Section 2: Participation

Participation in the SCSL by member organizations shall be through the designation by each organization of a representative delegate. This designation shall be on a seasonal basis by written communication stipulating the authorized delegate and one or more alternate delegates. In all activities of the SCSL the authorized delegate shall represent the interests of his/her respective organization.

Section 3: Privileges

All individual members of organizations participating in the SCSL shall be privileged to attend any or all meetings of the SCSL. A bona fide member of an organization participating in the SCSL shall have the right to sign petitions, to be committee members and to hold offices. All members must be in good standing and actively participate in their respective organization to be entitled to the privileges described. Each member organization shall be entitled to one vote.

Votes shall be cast by the authorized delegate from each member organization or in his/her absence by the authorized alternate.

Section 4: Duties of Member organizations

Each member organization is responsible for being represented at all meetings by their authorized delegate or alternate delegates. Member organizations are responsible for the costs incurred by the SCSL in the form of seasonal fees. Fees shall be assessed on the basis of swimmer participation as defined in the SCSL rules. It is mandatory that each organization have on file with the President of the SCSL, the names and phone numbers of not less than three persons who may be contacted.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Number of board members

The Board of Directors shall consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the authorized delegate of each member organization and the Chairman of Standing Committees. The principal officers of the SCSL (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) shall automatically be alternate delegates of their respective organizations.

Section 2: Powers

Subject to any limitation as provided by the Constitution and By-laws and California State Law, the Board of Directors shall have the following specific powers:

- a. To conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the SCSL and to make such rules and regulations, as are deemed necessary, not inconsistent with California State Law and the Constitution and By-laws of the SCSL.
- b. To appoint any committee deemed necessary for the benefit or operation of the SCSL.
- c. To declare vacant the seat of any officer who shall absent him/herself from two successive meetings of the board without good cause.

Section 3: Term of Office

The term of office for each officer shall be one year from the date of installation, which shall be the first meeting in September. Each officer shall serve until his/her successor has been elected. Any vacancies occurring in an elected office during the year shall be filled for the unexpired term by a majority vote of the delegates attending any regular meeting or special meeting.

Section 4: Election of Officers

- a) Nominating Committee - On or before July 1st of each year the President shall appoint one member of the Board of Directors as Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who shall in turn appoint at least two members of the SCSL as

members of the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee shall not belong to the same club.

- b) Nominating from the Floor- At the next regularly scheduled meeting, the nominees will be solicited from the floor for each office. Such nominations, if seconded by at least one other delegate, shall be included on the list of candidates. The candidate must have given his/her consent to serve before being nominated.
- c) List of Candidates- Within fifteen days after the meeting defined in section 4 paragraph (b), the secretary shall provide each delegate a complete list of candidates for election in ballot form.
- d) Balloting -The officers of SCSL shall be elected by majority vote at the first meeting in August or September.
- e) Installation- The officers shall be installed at the first meeting in September.

Section 5: Duties of Board Members

- I. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
 - a) President- President shall have general supervision of the SCSL as provided for by these By-laws. He/she shall preside over all meetings of the Directors unless unavoidably absent and shall have such other powers as may be provided for in these By-laws. He/she shall make appointments as are necessary for the successful operations of the SCSL. He/she shall also be ex-officio member of all committees.
 - b) Vice-President - The Vice-President shall carry out such duties as may be determined by the President and shall also serve as presiding officer in the absence of the President. He/she shall act as meet manager for all SCSL Championships He/she shall also be an ex-officio member of all committees.
 - c) Secretary - The Secretary shall maintain at all times a complete and accurate record of the minutes of the Board of Directors meetings. He/she shall provide a copy of the minutes to all board members following each meeting.
 - d) Treasurer - The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of the SCSL funds and shall have the accounts available for inspection at all times. Each check or warrant shall be signed by the SCSL President, Secretary, Treasurer, or any two of the three. He/she shall receive all moneys, giving receipt for the same and deposit in such banks as approved by the Board. He/she shall pay all bills approved by the Board, maintaining an accurate record of all SCSL financial transactions.
- II. The duties of the member organization delegates shall be as follows:
 - a) The authorized delegate shall represent his/her organization and all relationships with the SCSL.
- III. Responsibilities of standing committee Chairman shall be as follows:

- a) Chairman of Information and Publicity - The Information and Publicity Chairman shall be responsible for the dissemination of information to all news media.
- b) Chairman of Awards -The Awards Chairman shall be responsible for determining the quantity and quality of all awards including ribbons, medals, trophies, patches, emblems, etc. as designated by the Board. He/she shall make all arrangements for ordering and proper disbursement of awards.
- c) Chairman of Records- The Records Chairman shall maintain a complete, up-to-date record of performance for each swimmer. These records shall be available to the league.
- d) Chairman of Rules - The Rules Chairman shall be responsible for definition and interpretation of SCSL rules and other such rules and/or regulations as they affect SCSL members.

Section 6: Directors' Meetings

Whenever possible, regular meetings of the SCSL shall be held quarterly at a time and a place designated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may authorize additional meetings on either an individual basis or regularly scheduled basis. Notice of such meetings shall be given to each member by email or phone.

Section 7: Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose may be called at any time and place by the President or if he/she is absent, unable, or refuses to act, by any two directors. Notice of time and place of meeting shall be placed with all Directors not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting by email or phone. In the event a regular or special meeting cannot be held to conduct emergency business, an attempt to poll all member clubs by email or phone shall be made by the President.

Section 8: Quorum

A simple majority of the member clubs shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business except for adjournment. Every act of the Board of Directors present at a meeting of a majority of the total voting delegates shall be considered an act of the entire Board.

Section 9: Adjournment

A quorum of the voting delegates may adjourn any meeting of the Board of Directors to meet again at a stated day and hour or in the case of a lack of a quorum it shall be sufficient for those members present to adjourn to a specified date and time provided special notice is furnished to all members of the Board.

Section 10: Fees and Compensations

The directors shall not receive any fee or salary for their services as director other than direct compensation of accrued bills authorized by a majority of voting delegates.

Section 11: Vacancies

A vacancy or vacancies shall be deemed to exist in the event of death, resignation, or removal of any officer. A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President. Member organizations shall be responsible to change, revise, or fill any vacancy of authorized delegates which may exist.

ARTICLE V - VOTING

At all meetings, except for the election of officers and directors, all votes shall be by voice. For election of officers, ballots shall be provided and there shall not appear any place on such ballot that might tend to indicate the person who cast such ballot.

At any regular or special meeting, if a majority so requires, any question may be voted upon in the manner and style provided for election of officers and directors. At all votes by ballot the chairman of such meeting shall, prior to the commencement of balloting, appoint a committee of three who shall act as "Inspectors of Election" and who shall, at the conclusion of such balloting, certify in writing to the Chairman the results and the certified copy shall be physically affixed in the minute book to the minutes of that meeting.

No inspector of election shall be a candidate for office or shall be personally interested in the question voted upon.

ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended, altered, changed, or repealed in whole or in part, and new By-laws adopted in lieu of all or in part thereof from time to time herein provided.

- a) Any member may propose an amendment to these By-laws.
- b) A special meeting may be called by the Board of Directors for the purpose of altering, changing, repealing, or adopting any By-laws.
- c) A proposed amendment to the By-laws shall be adopted by a membership referendum vote. An affirmative vote by two-thirds of the membership shall be required to affect the change.

ARTICLE VII ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Reading & approval of the Agenda
- 3. Reading & approval of the Minutes of the preceding meeting
- 4. Reports of Committees
- 5. Reports of Officers
- 6. Old and Unfinished Business
- 7. New Business
- 8. Adjournments

ARTICLE VIII – COMPETITION

Section 1: Seasonal Competition

The SCSL shall conduct seasonal competitions. All member clubs will meet at a specified facility for monthly competitions.

Section 2: Rules for Competition

Except as modified by SCSL rules, all competition shall be in accordance with the rules of USA Swimming, USA Water Polo and American Water Polo.

Section 3: Eligibility of Swimmers

Swimmers are eligible who:

- are registered with a member club of this league
- have paid dues for the appropriate season
- do not represent more than one club within the SCSL during a league season.

Section 4: Age Group Game or Competition

Athletes shall compete in corresponding age group as defined by SCSL prior to game or competition.

Section 5: Birthdays

Athletes will move up in age group on their birthday regardless of the status of league competition.

Section 6: Schedule of Events

The schedule of events for league meets shall be in accordance with current rules of the SCSL.

ARTICLE IX- SALARIES

The Board of Directors shall receive no compensation for their service as officers but may receive reimbursement for reasonable expenditures incurred on behalf of SCSL.

The Board of Directors shall hire and fix the compensation of any and all employees which they in their discretion may determine to be necessary for the conduct of the business of the organization.

ARTICLE X – DUES

The dues of this organization shall be determined by the board of directors prior to the start of the competition season. All dues shall be payable to “South Central Swim League”.

ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

The SCSL may be dissolved only with authorization by its Board of Directors given at a special meeting called for that purpose and with subsequent approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Voting Members (status determined by Membership Committee). Upon dissolution or other termination of SCSL, all remaining assets of SCSL, after payment in full of all its debts, obligations, and necessary final expenses, or after the making of adequate provision therefore, shall be distributed to such tax-exempt organizations (with purposes similar to those of SCSL) as shall be chosen by the then existing Board of Directors of SCSL.