

SOUTHWEST OHIO YMCA SWIM LEAGUE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION 1

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

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

SECTION 1

The purpose of the League 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 League shall regulate, supervise and administer the competition among its members as set forth under "RULES THAT GOVERN YMCA COMPETITIVE SPORTS".

SECTION 3

The League shall provide both winter and summer swim seasons.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

Any YMCA within Southwest Ohio may qualify for membership by League Council vote.

YMCAs outside Southwest Ohio may petition for membership in the League. They

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may then be granted membership by League Council vote.

YMCAs that are not in Southwest Ohio, but are members of the League, 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 League Council members.

ARTICLE IV - GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1

The government of the League shall be vested in a League Council and Officers as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

SECTION 1

The League shall conduct four (4) regular meetings per year, and special meetings as needed.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1

A proposed change in the Constitution may be introduced at any regular meeting of the League. The Secretary shall notify all members by mail of any proposed changes in the Constitution. Upon approval by the Southwest Ohio YMCA Program Council and CEO Group, the proposal will then be voted upon at the next regular League Council meeting. A favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting at the meeting shall be required for amendment.

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BYLAWS

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 October 15 shall be dropped from the League: Reinstatement to consist of reapplication, approval and payment of both dues and initiation fee.

SECTION 3

The League shall have the exclusive rights to sale of Championship patches, pins, shirts, etc.

ARTICLE II - COUNCIL

SECTION 1

The League Council shall consist of one (1) full-time Staff Person and one (1) Volunteer from each member YMCA. Full-time Staff League Council members shall be appointed at the discretion of a CEO or Branch Executive by July 1 yearly.

Each League Council member has one (1) vote.

SECTION 2

Voting League Council members and other YMCA Team representatives may attend a League Council 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 League 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. Other Executive Officer positions may be appointed by the President with approval from the other elected Officers.

Only members of Southwest Ohio shall be eligible to hold elected Officer positions.

At-large Officer appointees to the Executive Committee shall assume such duties as assigned by the President, with approval from the other elected Officers.

Each Executive Committee member has one (1) vote.

SECTION 2

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

SECTION 3

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

The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the League Council and shall properly record all minutes of all regular and special council meetings. Copies of same are to be supplied to each member organization. The Secretary shall maintain an accurate register of the members.

The Secretary will record each League Council member's attendance in all League minutes. Following each League meeting the minutes will be supplied to the following:

1. Southwest Ohio YMCA Swim League
2. Southwest Ohio YMCA Program Council Officers
3. Southwest Ohio YMCA CEOs & Branch Executives
4. Mid-America Field Offices

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SECTION 5

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

SECTION 6

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

SECTION 7

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 League meeting.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

SECTION 1

All elected Officers shall be elected annually by the League Council 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 other elected Officers.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

SECTION 1

The League shall conduct four (4) meetings per year.

SECTION 2

Special meetings of the League 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 League 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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SECTION 4

The Secretary shall notify all members by mail of any meeting of the League. The Secretary shall notify members by mail of any proposed changes in the Constitution and Bylaws, additions, or any proposed League policy change.

ARTICLE VI - QUORUM

SECTION 1

A quorum to conduct League Executive Committee business shall consist of the members present. A quorum to conduct League Council business shall consist of at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the League 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 League.

ARTICLE IX - RATIFICATION

SECTION 1

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

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1

A proposed change in the Bylaws may be introduced at any regular meeting of the League. The Secretary shall notify all members by mail of any proposed changes in the Bylaws. Upon approval by the Southwest Ohio YMCA Program Council and CEO Group the proposal will then be voted upon at the next regular League Council meeting. A favorable vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting shall be required for amendment.