



COAST GUARD BLUE DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of this private, non-profit organization shall be the Coast Guard Blue Dolphins Swim Team. For designation purposes, it may be referred to hereinafter as the Swim Team.

ARTICLE 2 – AFFILIATION

The Swim Team is and shall be affiliated with Virginia Swimming, Inc. (VSI) of USA Swimming, Inc.

ARTICLE 3 – PURPOSE

The goal of the Swim Team is to provide a program that will build confidence, character, sportsmanship, team spirit, physical fitness and skills for local, state, national, and international levels of competitive swimming in accordance with the rules of USA Swimming, Inc.

ARTICLE 4 – MEMBERSHIP

Membership is voluntary and not restricted on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Swim Team membership is accorded to swimmers duly registered with USA Swimming, Inc. and the Coast Guard Blue Dolphins Swim Team. Swim Team membership is also accorded to the parents or guardians of swimmers on the Coast Guard Blue Dolphins Swim Team.

ARTICLE 5 – ADMINISTRATION

A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the Coast Guard Blue Dolphins Head Coach, and nine duly elected members, with one-third elected each year. All Board members must be in good standing. From the nine elected at-large members, the Executive Board will elect a President of the Board, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The remaining members shall be designated as members at-large and may, at their discretion, volunteer to head any one of the standing committees that support the operation of the Team.

B. The Board has jurisdiction over and responsibility for all aspects of the Team.

C. The power to select, appoint and dismiss the Head Coach shall be vested in the parent members of the Board. Any such decision concerning the Head Coach shall have a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members of the Board.

D. The power to select, appoint and dismiss the Team Administrator shall be vested in the Board. Any such decision concerning the Team Administrator shall receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members of the Board.

E. The power to select, appoint and dismiss Assistant Coaches shall be vested with the Head Coach and reviewed by the Board.

F. The swimming operations of the Coast Guard Blue Dolphins Swim Team shall be under the supervision and direction of the Coaching Staff in accordance with policies approved by the Board.

G. The Board shall develop such policies as are required to ensure a sound financial plan for yearly operations and administrative support of the swimming operations of the Swim Team.

H. The fiscal year of the Swim Team shall be September 1 through August 31.

ARTICLE 6 – DUES

Member Families of the Swim Team shall pay dues as established by the Board and approved by the Membership. The dues structure will be published in the Standing Rules and Financial Agreements provided to each Member Family at the beginning of each fiscal year.

ARTICLE 7 – MEETINGS

A. Board meetings will be held regularly (at least eight times per year) as scheduled by the President of the Board. The proceedings will be recorded, will indicate members in attendance, and will include copies of the most recent financial statement and committee reports received by the Board. The minimum number of members required to be present before the Board can validly proceed to transact business shall be at least fifty percent (50%) of the Board members. Action by the Board will be by majority vote of the voting Board Members present. All regular Board meetings are open to the general membership.

B. Two regular meetings of the general Membership shall be held each year. The Annual Meeting shall be held before July 1, each year for the purpose of electing Board Members, and approving a preliminary or final budget. An Organizational Meeting shall be held at the start of the short-course swimming season to approve the budget in final form, to disseminate information concerning the upcoming swim season, and provide an orientation to new members.

C. Membership meetings may be called by the Board or when requested by twenty-five percent (25%) of the Membership.

D. Written and/or electronic (e-mail and/or web site posting) notification of all Membership Meetings shall be issued to all members of record at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

E. A simple majority of all members present shall be sufficient to approve any action or decide any issue.

F. All Swim Team Members in good standing may vote. Membership in good standing is defined in the Standing Rules. Only one vote per Member family shall be allowed.

G. All business meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order unless directed otherwise by the Constitution.

ARTICLE 8 – AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by a simple majority vote of the members present at a general membership meeting. However, no proposed alteration or amendment shall be voted upon unless the Board has given ten (10) days written notice of such proposal to all members of record.

ARTICLE 9 – BYLAWS

A. Bylaws will be established to provide an instrument for conducting normal business activities of the Swim Team.

B. Bylaws may be altered or amended by a simple majority vote of the members present at a membership meeting. However, no proposed alteration or amendment shall be voted upon unless the Board has given ten (10) days written notice of such proposal to all members of record.

ARTICLE 10 – STANDING RULES

A. Standing Rules will be established for further clarification and specification of Swim Team membership requirements and Swim Team obligations in special situations.

B. Standing rules may be added or deleted by the Board or by a simple majority of Swim Team Members present at a General Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE 11 – DISSOLUTION

A. Upon dissolution of the Swim Team, the Board shall be designated as trustees. They shall liquidate the assets thereof, as soon as practicable, and paying all existing debts and liabilities in proportion to the final available capital, including any monies rightfully due to the Membership.

B. In the event of dissolution, the assets of the Swim Team remaining after the payment of all outstanding liabilities will be transferred to one or more non-profit organizations exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

ARTICLE 12 – ADOPTION

This Constitution shall become effective upon adoption of a simple majority vote of the membership present at a General Membership meeting. Standing rules shall become effective when adopted by the Board or when adopted by a simple majority of the membership present at a General Membership meeting.

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