

**Tri County Swim League
Constitution and By Laws
Revised April 2010**

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Tri County Swim League (TCSL).

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of the organization is:
1. to promote interest in safe swimming through friendly competition.
 2. to provide incentives for improving swimming skills.
 3. to improve water safety awareness in children and young adults.
 4. to promote health, fitness, and sportsmanlike conduct among all participants, including coaches and parents.
 5. to conduct all league competitions in the fairest and safest manner possible for all participants.
- B. The above purpose is to be achieved by:
1. organizing dual meet competition among leagues member teams in accordance with the TCSL Rules and Guidelines.
 2. organizing league championships to be held at the conclusion of the dual meet season in accordance with the **TCSL Meet Information**

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- A. Qualifications for membership in the Tri County Swim League are as follows:
1. Member teams must have a viable parent or booster organization.
 2. Teams may join the league after a positive vote by a simple majority of current member teams.
 3. Member teams agree to comply with Rules and Guidelines of the Tri County Swim League.
 4. Memberships dues are \$10.00 per team annually when deemed necessary.
 5. Membership may be suspended at a called "special" meeting upon favorable majority vote of 2/3 of the membership.
- B. Qualifications for swimmers who compete in the Tri County Swim League are as follows:
1. As prescribed under "eligibility" in TCSL Rules and Guidelines.
 2. No swimmer may be excluded from participation in the league membership due to membership on other USA, YMCA, or NCAA team, as member teams are considered to be "summer clubs".
- C. League Organization
1. The league organization is composed of the designated representatives, i.e. president/vice-president and/or coach of each member team's parent organization.
 2. Two representatives are suggested for each team. Vice-presidents are encouraged to attend for the sake of continuity for the next year.
 3. Each member team has one vote.
- D. The league member teams shall be made up of subdivisions for the dual meet season.
1. Member teams shall be ordered according to the finish in championships in the prior season.
 2. Top half (Division I) shall swim each other in dual meets, and lower half (Division II) shall swim each other in dual meets.
 3. Any amount of crossover in divisions in addition to the league schedule is permitted in accordance to the wishes of the individual team.
 4. New teams in the league must enter the league at the Division II level.

5. Any team designated to swim the top half of the league can request to swim in the bottom half of the league by petitioning the Executive Committee and the League Scheduler by April 1.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS AND DUTIES

A. Titles and Officers

1. The president
 - a. presides over all meetings.
 - b. supervises the work of the other officers and committees.
 - c. represents the organization.
 - d. appoints committees as needed.
 - e. makes arrangements for the location and conduct of all league meetings.
 - f. plans the program for all the league meetings.
 - g. serves as ex-officio member of all committees.
2. The vice-president
 - a. aids the President and presides in his/her absence.
 - b. succeeds to the office of the Presidency if the office becomes vacant during one current term.
 - c. shall act as meet director for the annual TCSL Championships.
3. The secretary
 - a. notifies the membership by email of scheduled meetings.
 - b. keeps and distributes electronically copies of minutes to the membership.
 - c. files copies of committee reports.
 - d. handles correspondence.
 - e. compiles Tri-County Swim League membership list, updated annually, including name, address, home and work phone number of each member team's representative.
 - f. shall notify members by email of any proposed changes or additions to the TCSL Constitution and By Laws or to the Rules and Guidelines.
4. The Treasurer
 - a. handles all the finances of the Tri-County Swim League.
 - b. keeps a record of income and expenses.
 - c. prepares financial reports and distributes copies to the membership.
 - d. helps prepare the annual budget.
5. The Scheduler
 - a. prepares the season's schedule.
 - b. reverses "home" and "away" from the previous season.
 - c. has ready a tentative schedule for approval at the league's spring organizational meeting.
 - d. distributes copies to the league membership.

B. Election of Officers and Length of Term

1. Officers are elected from the member teams at the regular spring meeting for a term of three years by a simple majority of members present and voting.
2. Officers may be re-elected.
3. Vacancies may be filled by appointment by the president pending the next general election.
4. Officers may be removed by a favorable vote of 2/3 of the membership.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

A. The Executive Committee:

1. consists of the President, vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Scheduler.

2. carries on necessary business between regular meetings of the league.
 3. prepares the annual budget.
 4. supervises the work of all other committees together with the president.
- B. The President shall appoint other standing or special committees, committee chairmen, and committee members when deemed necessary.
- C. Committee chairmen may select additional members.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

- A. The annual meeting of the league shall be no later than April 1.
- B. Special meetings
1. may be called by the president at his/her own request.
 2. may be called when requested in writing to the President by one-fourth (1/4) of the member clubs.
- C. A quorum shall be a simple majority of current member teams.
- D. Committee meetings shall be held at the discretion of the committee chairmen or as directed by the President.
- E. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary procedure of the league, except as otherwise specified in this constitution and by- laws.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

- A. These articles may be amended at any official meeting of the league, except as otherwise specified in this Constitution and By Laws.
- B. A favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of members is required for the amendment to be adopted.

Amendment I

Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal revenue Code, or corresponding section of any federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated for such a purpose.