

GREATER ANNAPOLIS SWIM LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – Name

1. This organization shall be known as the Greater Annapolis Swim League, hereafter referred to as the GASL.

ARTICLE II – Objectives

1. The aims and objectives of the GASL shall be as follows:
 - a. To encourage interest in competitive swimming to all individuals
 - b. To teach fundamentals, skills and techniques, rules and any other factors of conditions conducive to good competitive swimming.
 - c. To stress team spirit, individual and team fair play, sportsmanship, character building and any other attributes conducive to good citizenship and the general furtherance of athletes.

ARTICLE III – Membership

1. Membership in the GASL shall be designated as Group Membership
 - a. Group Membership – Any bona-fide swim club, community swim team or recreation facility making application for membership.
 - i. Swim club or swim team is defined as a constitutional organization comprised of officers, policies and aims, and objectives conducive to the purposes of the GASL as stated in the Constitution.
 - ii. Recreation facility is defined as a entity engaged in providing recreation either for profit or not and is comprised of officers, conducive policies and aims to the purposes of the GASL as stated in the Constitution.
 - b. Each member association shall be the sole judge of the qualifications of individuals to become members of its organization.
 - c. Official representation to the GASL at a general meeting shall be as follows:
 - i. Each member association shall appoint two delegates to the Board of Management of the GASL.
 - ii. One member shall be designated as the voting member representing that association.
2. Voting rights will be limited to one (!) vote per association in all voting matters.
3. Membership shall be limited to those organizations that abide by the following stipulation.
 - a. The association and facilities must be located within the greater Annapolis area.
4. The Board of Management shall have sole jurisdiction in deciding membership and will make all decisions in the best interest of the GASL.

ARTICLE IV – Officers

1. The officers of the GASL shall be a Commissioner, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
2. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Management as provided in the Constitution and shall hold that office for one (1) year or until they are re-elected or successors are elected.
3. No more than one (1) member of an association shall be permitted to serve as an officer at any given time.

ARTICLE V – Duties of Officers

1. The duties of the officers shall be those common to the office held.
2. The Commissioner shall act as presiding officer of all GASL meetings. The Commissioner shall appoint all committees and committee chairmen with the approval of the Board of Management.
3. The Commissioner shall schedule meetings of the Board of Management where and when he shall deem necessary; shall perform a duty which appertains to the office of the commissioner.
4. The duties and responsibilities of the League Treasurer are:
 - a. To receive all funds and dues of the GASL.
 - b. To disperse the same with the approval of the Board of Management
 - c. To account for any monies received, over and beyond the membership fees.
 - d. Secure awards and ribbons for dual meets as well as championship meets.
 - e. To keep an accurate record of all transactions.
5. The duties and responsibilities of the League Secretary are:
 - a. To conduct all official correspondence of the GASL.
 - b. To keep an accurate record of the business of the organization and send proper notices of all meetings to those who should receive them.
 - c. To keep minutes of all GASL meetings.
 - d. To receive official copies of all meet results.
 - e. To receive and keep current team rosters of all teams.
 - f. To maintain a current list of all League Records.

ARTICLE VI – Nomination and Election Procedures

1. The Commissioner shall invite nominations from the floor.
2. The vote shall be by acclamation unless there be two or more nominations for the same position from the floor, in which case there shall be a secret ballot and the persons receiving the most votes for each office shall be declared elected.

ARTICLE VII – Meetings

1. The annual meeting shall be held in late February at which time there shall be the annual election of officers.
2. At least two (2) regular meetings of the GASL shall be held each year. Special meetings of the GASL may be called by the Commissioner or by any three members of the Board of Managers.
3. A quorum shall consist of one more than half of the organization representatives.

ARTICLE VIII – Duties of the Board of Management

1. The Board of Management shall be the governing body of the GASL. It shall act on all policy matters including finance, legislation, public relations and after a proper hearing, disciplinary action against an individual or group member.
2. The Board of Management of the GASL shall have the following duties:
 - a. To admit to membership any organization eligible under this Constitution if they deem proper.
 - b. To remove from the League by a 2/3 vote any member association which consistently displays behavior contrary to the goals of the GASL.
 - c. To impose and enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution or Standing Rules of the GASL.
 - d. To remove from office by 2/3 vote any member of the Board of Managers who, by neglect of duty, or by conduct tending to impair his usefulness as a member, shall be deemed to have forfeited his position.
 - e. To fill any vacancy which may occur in the Board of Management.
 - f. To collect and expend all dues and funds of the GASL.
 - g. To call regular and special meetings of the GASL and to fix the time and place of such meetings.
 - h. To explain, define, interpret, or execute any provision of the Constitution or Standing Rules of the GASL, should they deem it necessary.

ARTICLE IX – Conditions of Competition

1. The conditions of competition in any meet sponsored by the GASL, and the execution and judging of said meets shall be described in the current edition of The USS Handbook: Official Rules for Competitive Swimming.

ARTICLE X – Protests

1. Protests on meet conduct or eligibility will be filed and disposed of as defined in the Standing Rules for the current year.

ARTICLE XI – Amendments

1. Upon approval of the executive committee, this Constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Management at a general meeting, provided written notice of such amendment and a copy thereof shall have been mailed to each member at least ten (10) days prior to that meeting of the Board of Management.