

Regular Committee for participation Tri-county Swim League Bylaws

ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Landen Stingrays Swim Team, hereinafter referred to as the "Stingrays". The Stingrays are a summer league recreational swim team and 1 of 13 members in the Tri County Swim League. Our team colors are black, blue and yellow.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of the Stingrays shall be:

1. To provide a safe, enjoyable, and well-organized recreational swim team program
2. To provide children with the opportunity to improve technical swim ability, encourage and develop good sportsmanship, individual integrity and to instill a positive team atmosphere for all members
3. To focus equally on our novice swimmers and our experienced swimmers

ARTICLE III. PARENTAL SUPPORT, GOVERNANCE

SECTION 1. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT

As a volunteer organization, the Stingrays depend on parent involvement to achieve its goals on behalf of our children. Parents are required and expected to support the Stingrays by participating in and supporting various meet work opportunities. Swim meets are conducted with parents as officials and meet workers in numerous duties ranging from judges, timers concessions, social activities and more. Social events are organized and administered by parents to help our children enjoy the fun experiences associated with the hard work of practices and competitive swimming. The Stingrays need parents to be active, to be involved, to be participants and to be supportive of those activities that benefit our children. Supporting the meet worker requirements of the Stingrays is essential to the success and future of the Stingrays.

SECTION 2. GOVERNANCE

The objectives of this organization are promoted through the parent Board of Directors (hereafter referred to as the Parent Board) to all members. The Parent Board is responsible for governance of the team and establishing team policies, dues and fees and hiring coaches. These Bylaws provide a summary guidance to the Parent Board and parents regarding the effective, efficient, and economical governance of the Stingrays.

ARTICLE IV.. BASIC POLICIES

The following are basic policies of the Stingrays:

1. The swim team requires parent involvement in the organization. No child is permitted to register unless a parent signs up and meets the team committee work requirements during swim meets.
2. All swimmers, parents, and spectators are expected to adhere to all pool, team, and league rules. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in the child not being allowed to participate.
3. Swimmers and families will conduct themselves at practices and meets to exhibit good discipline and sportsmanship to all coaches, swimmers and meet officials. Any swimmer not adhering to this guideline, by discretion of the Head Coaches, meet officials or the Parent Board, may be suspended from practices, meets, social events or expelled from the team..
4. Communication between swimmers, coaches, parents, and the Parent Board is accomplished via email, website and text messages or any other means communicated to the swimmers by the Board at the pool. Parents and swimmers are responsible for checking their emails on a weekly basis and before league meets..
5. Swimmers must arrange their own transportation to and from meets and practices.
6. Parents should contact the Parent Board and the head of their committee if they are unable to keep their meet work commitment with the name and contact information of their replacement for that meet work obligation.

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ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP AND FEES

SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY

The Stingrays shall register its summer swim team members in the spring, prior to the summer season (May-July). Registration dates will be determined by the Parent Board..

SECTION 2. PARENTS RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

Parents in good standing have the right, subject to the rules and procedures of the Stingrays, to announce and compete for the election to the Board and to the offices and committee chairs of the swim team. They also have the right to serve on the committees and otherwise participate in the Stingrays programs to the extent determined by and under the direction of the Parent Board and Head Coach of the Stingrays.

To maintain good standing, parents must:

1. Be the parent, grandparent, or guardian of the swim team members.
2. Fulfill meet work requirements and support swim meets as workers or

officials.

SECTION 3. REGISTRATION FEES

Each summer swim team program participants shall pay a membership/ registration fee by the date set by the Parent Board. Registration fee amount will be determined by the Parent Board.

ARTICLE VI. The Landen Stingrays Parent Board

SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS

The Stingrays will establish a functioning Landen Stingrays Parent Board responsible to the swimmers and parents for the operation of the swim team. All corporate powers and governance responsibilities will be exercised under the authority of the Parent Board, subject to any limitations set forth in these Bylaws, to include managing and conducting the business and financial affairs of the Stingrays.

SECTION 2. PARENT BOARD OFFICERS

The Parent Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Registration Director and Meet Director. Although each Parent Board member is responsible for specific tasks, each member will support the other board members to maintain order, safety and success of the swim team season, all while ensuring that the team and league policies are adhered to.

SECTION 3. HEAD COACH

The Head Coach will be asked to participate in Parent Board discussions; however, the Head Coach will not hold a Parent Board position thus not having any voting rights. The Head Coach will coordinate swim practices, the swim season program and hiring assistant and volunteer coaches.

SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS

1. Be a parent in good standing.
2. Only one parent per family may serve on the Parent Board at the same time.

SECTION 5. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

1. All Parent Board members may hold office for no more than 5 years.

2. Elections for new Parent Board members will be held, if warranted, at the end of the current swim season. The new Parent Board members will be voted on by the current Parent Board and the Heads from each committee.

SECTION 6. TERMINATION, VACANCIES AND RESIGNATIONS

1. The Parent Board may terminate any officer, with due cause, but only at a meeting called for the purpose. The advance notice of the meeting must state that one purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on the possible termination of the officer. Any such terminations will be effective by a majority vote of the currently serving Parent Board and Committee heads.

2. The Parent Board members may resign their position at any time with written notice to the Parent Board. The resignation will be effective when the written notice is received by the Board or on a date discussed and agreed upon by the Parent Board.

ARTICLE VII. COMMITTEE CHAIRS/HEADS OF COMMITTEES

The Parent Board will establish various committees to assist in the support of the Stingrays. The type and number of committees may vary depending upon the requirements. The committee will have a Committee Chair or Head. The Committee Heads will organize their committee and delegate responsibilities to the volunteers working under them in their given committee.

ARTICLE VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. BYLAW CONFLICTS

In the event of conflicts between these Bylaws and the League regulations, or the League Bylaws, the League shall prevail.

SECTION 2. ISSUES, CONCERNS AND GRIEVANCES

Swimmers or parents desiring to express an issue, concern or grievance should do so professionally and personally. In matters pertaining to coaches or coaching, the Head Coach may be the initial contact. In matters pertaining to governance, one of the Parent Board members may be the initial contact. If the situation is not resolved or corrected, a written letter to the Parent Board with all the relevant facts may be submitted so that it may be placed on the agenda for a discussion.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS TO OR REPEAL OF THE BYLAWS

The Bylaws may be amended or repealed and new Bylaws may be written and approved by the Parent Board.