

Storm Aquatics Bylaws

Spring 2009



Bylaws of Storm Aquatics
Fall 2007

ARTICLE I
Name and Location

- SECTION 1. Name: This organization is formed under the name Storm Aquatics (SA), hereinafter referred to as the “organization.”
- SECTION 2. Location: The principal office of this organization in the State of Washington shall be located in Snohomish County.
- SECTION 3. Mailing Address: The mailing address of the organization shall be: PO Box 171, Lake Stevens, WA 98258.

ARTICLE II
Purpose and Objectives

- SECTION 1. Purpose: The purpose of the organization is to promote the sport of amateur competitive swimming on a national and international level.
- SECTION 2. Objectives: The objectives of this organization are:
- a. To promote the sport of competitive swimming under the auspices of USA Swimming, Inc. and PNSA and any other local league the club may join.
 - b. To instruct and train individuals for the purpose of improving and developing their capabilities and further the physical fitness of youth.
 - c. To promote courtesy, honesty, teamwork, good sportsmanship and all other good, wholesome and moral attributes requisite of a respectable citizenry and community leadership.
 - d. To promote these purposes financially through fundraising efforts.

ARTICLE III
Policies

- SECTION 1. Political: The organization shall be nonsectarian and nonpartisan.
- SECTION 2. Campaigning: This organization shall not directly or indirectly participate in, or intervene, in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
- SECTION 3. Religion: This organization shall not directly or indirectly promote any specific religious sect or organization.
- SECTION 4. Nondiscrimination: This organization shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, age, religion, or national origin.

SECTION 5. Responsibilities: Any signification income (as determined by the Board of Directors) derived from the promotion of swimming by membership must be used for the further promotion of swimming or general welfare of SA as a whole.

SECTION 6. Dissolution: Upon dissolution, the net assets of the organization will not inure to the benefit of any private individual or organization, but will be distributed to an organization to be used exclusively for educational or charitable purposes exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to which contributions, bequests, and gifts are deductible under sections 170(c)(2), 2005(a)(2), and 2522(a)(2) thereof.

ARTICLE IV Membership

SECTION 1. Qualification: Any person having a sincere interest in the purpose of this organization shall be eligible for membership.

SECTION 2. Voting Membership: Each parent or legal guardian of a swimmer duly registered as a member of SA in good standing as far as the Board of Directors has determined, is entitled to one vote for each and every question or motion brought before the general membership at the annual meeting, regular meeting, and any special membership meeting called by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V Management

SECTION 1. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of the Head Coach and the elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Age Group Representative. Age Group Representatives shall not be elected members of the Board but volunteers approved by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Eligibility: Any member who is in good standing with the organization and has a minimum of one year observing how a USA Swimming program is organized is eligible to be elected for a Board of Directors position.

SECTION 3. Nominations: A slate of officers to stand for election will be prepared by an appointed nominations committee. Nominations will be announced 15 days in advance of the election at the annual meeting.

SECTION 4. Elections: Officers will be elected at the annual spring meeting by written ballot.

SECTION 5. Terms: Each officer serves his/her term of office from September 1st through August 31st the following year or until his/her successor is chosen. There is not a limit on the number of positions a member may hold, but a member may not hold more than one Board position during any term. A

member may not hold a Board position more than two (2) consecutive years with the exception of the position of Treasurer.

- SECTION 6. General Duties: The Board of Directors shall act for the general membership during the interval between its meetings except that it cannot amend these bylaws. The Board's duty is:
- a. To establish the program and policy pertinent to SA and to lend direction to the general membership.
 - b. To prepare and review the annual budget.
 - c. To call regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors.

- SECTION 7. Voting: The members of the Board of Directors shall individually have one vote on each and every question or motion brought before the Board if present at the meeting in which the decisive vote is taken. Age Group Representatives shall not have a vote in Board meetings. It is prohibited for any absentee, mail-in, or proxy voting by Board members. The President shall not vote on any issue unless there is a tie.

- SECTION 8. Officer Duties: The duties of the officers, elected and appointed, are hereafter set forth and such other as may be designated by the general membership and Board of Directors from time to time.
- a. President: The president calls the meeting when and where deemed necessary, presides at all meetings, and appoints committee chairpersons for all standing committees, and such special committees with advice and consent of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Vice President: The vice president shall perform the duties of the president in the absence of this officer. During the meetings the vice president shall perform the duties of the secretary in this officer's absence. The vice president shall also aid in the development of policy and coordination of those committees under his/her charge.
 - c. Secretary: The secretary is responsible for keeping accurate records of all meetings, conducting official correspondence, issuing copies of minutes to the Board of Directors. The secretary will also be responsible to issue notices of all meetings.
 - d. Treasurer: The treasurer receives all monies and pays all bills approved by the Board of Directors through its budget for activities of the organization. The treasurer is responsible for maintaining all financial records including banking and checking records and for making timely reports to the Board of Directors.
 - e. Age Group Representative: The age group representative is responsible for communicating between the Board and parents. The age group representative shall actively participate on the welcoming committee.
 - f. Head Coach: The head coach is a member of the Board of Directors and will keep the Board up to date with the needs of SA.

ARTICLE VI
Meetings

- SECTION 1. Annual: The annual meeting of the organization shall be held in the spring no later than May 15th for the purpose of electing officers and for the transaction of other business as may come before the meeting.
- SECTION 2. Regular: A regular membership meeting shall be held in the fall no later than October 15th for the purpose of disseminating materials for upcoming swim season and for the transaction of other such business as may come before the meeting.
- SECTION 3. Special: Should the president fail to call regular meetings or should special meetings be required, meetings shall be called upon request of the president or by any seven (7) parent members.
- SECTION 4. Notices:
- a. Not less than fifteen (15) days notice must be given by the secretary for any annual or special meeting of the general membership and the Board of Directors.
 - b. Notice of the meeting shall contain the time, date, and site. For special meetings the purpose of the meeting shall be given.
 - c. The Board of Directors may designate any place within Snohomish County as the meeting place for any meeting called under the bylaws. If no designation is made, the meeting place shall be at the Lake Stevens High School Pool.
- SECTION 5. Order of Business: At all meetings of the general membership or Board of Directors, the current Robert's Rules of Order are the procedural rules.
- SECTION 6. Quorum: A quorum at all general membership meetings shall consist of those present and voting. A quorum at the Board of Directors meeting shall consist of three (3) persons eligible to vote, including the presence of the president or vice president.

ARTICLE VII
Standing Committees and Responsibilities

- SECTION 1. Chairpersons: Committee chairpersons are appointed by the president and with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors for all standing committees as well as any special committees as the Board feels necessary.
- SECTION 2. Reports: Each committee chairperson is responsible to turn in a written report at appropriate Board meetings whether in person or by proxy.
- SECTION 3. Standing Committees: Standing committees are as follows:
- a. Public Relations and Website Committee: This committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) parent members. They shall submit articles

to the local newspapers on a regular basis and shall keep the website up to date with pertinent information. All articles and information to be posted to the website must have prior approval from the Board.

- b. Fundraising Committee: This committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) parent members. They shall head up any fundraising activities the Board finds worthy of raising funds for the benefit of Storm Aquatics.
- c. Apparel Committee: This committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) parent members. They shall be responsible for designing and ordering all team apparel. All designs and orders must be approved by the Board.
- d. Bulletin Board and Communications Committee: This committee shall consist of a minimum of two (2) parent members. They shall be responsible for the organization of a phone tree for communication purposes. They shall be responsible for keeping the team bulletin boards updated with current information and photos.
- e. Team Picture Committee: This committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) parent members. They shall be responsible for attending team functions including, but not limited to, team parties, swim meets, and banquets and taking pictures of swim team members of all ages. These photos shall be submitted to the public relations and website chairperson as well as the bulletin board and communications chairperson.
- f. Social Functions Committee: This committee shall consist of a minimum of four (4) parent members. They shall be responsible for all social activities including, but not limited to, the annual awards banquet and fall meeting, the annual spring meeting, and the summer league awards banquet. This committee shall also be responsible for the team banner.
- g. Welcoming and Mentoring Committee: This committee shall consist of a minimum of four (4) parent members. These parent members shall have a minimum of one year of USA Swimming experience. They shall be responsible for attending the fall registration to assist with sign up of all team members. They shall also be responsible for contacting new swimmer's parents/guardians and advising them on how SA is operated and how swim meets are run.
- h. Meet and Officials Committee: This committee shall consist of a minimum of five (5) parent members. They shall be responsible for organizing training for officials and shall verify that all SA parent officials are current with their certifications. They shall also be responsible for making sure that all hosted meets run smoothly from set up to clean up. They shall make sure that office staff has sufficient materials to perform adequately, coordinate timers and stroke and turn judges, and all other necessary details. They shall also be responsible for organizing the food concessions for all hosted meets. They shall also be responsible for recruiting volunteers to assure that the meet runs efficiently.

ARTICLE VIII
Miscellaneous

- SECTION 1. Amendments: These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed at any regular, annual, or special meeting called for that purpose by vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present provided a written draft of the proposed amendment be submitted to the secretary of the organization at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.
- SECTION 2. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the organization shall be from September 1 through August 31.
- SECTION 3. Interpretation: All questions regarding interpretation of bylaws shall be decided by the Board of Directors. Their determination shall be final.

We certify that this is a true and correct copy of the bylaws of Storm Aquatics. The original bylaws were adopted on March 1, 2002, amended this 11th day of March, 2009.

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Age Group Representative

Registrar