

BY-LAWS OF THE SYRACUSE SPEED SKATING CLUB, INC

ARTICLE I. NAME AND LEGAL STATUS

1. The name of this organization shall be the Syracuse Speed Skating Club, Inc., referred to in these by-laws as the "Club".
2. The Club is incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of New York State.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose and objectives of the Club shall be to promote, support, foster, and advance speed skating; to lease facilities for and to conduct practice sessions in speed skating; to teach and coach speed skating, and racing; and to do any and all things which shall be lawful and appropriate in furtherance of any of these purposes and objectives.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership is open to skaters, officials, parents and supporters of speed skating. Any prospective member who is under the age of eighteen must have written consent of a parent or guardian.
2. Any family of two or more persons is eligible for a family membership. A family shall consist of one or more adults and or the child(ren) of such adult(s), living in the same household.
3. Applicants shall be enrolled as members upon completion of an application form and payment of membership dues, ALSO any SSSC member or former member who has distinguished himself/herself as an elite skater, category I skater, National team member or World team member will be granted a lifetime free membership to the club.
4. Each membership shall be for one year beginning on October 1. All existing memberships shall remain in effect until September 30 following the effective date of these by-laws.

ARTICLE IV. DUES

1. The Board of Directors shall determine a schedule of annual dues for individual and family memberships. The schedule can be overridden by a simple majority of the members voting at a membership meeting.
2. A member must pay current membership dues to remain in good standing. Any member who fails to pay the current dues within 60 days of the beginning of the membership year may be removed from the membership roll.

ARTICLE IVa. ICE FEES

1. A schedule of ice fees will be provided at the beginning of each season. Payment of said fees is necessary for on ice participation.

ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the Vice- President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and three additional directors. The immediate past President shall be one of the additional directors.
2. The Board shall be the governing body of the Club. It shall manage the Club consistent with the purposes and objectives set forth in these by-laws.
3. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times per year. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Each member shall have one vote. If the board is unable to meet in person, board members may vote by mail, fax, telephone or e-mail. The secretary will solicit votes by e-mail with at least 48 hours notice. Any board member can request to be notified by telephone instead of e-mail.
4. Members in good standing who are at least 18 years of age (or the adult guardians of members in good standing who are not 18 years of age) are eligible to serve as officers or directors. Officers and directors shall be elected at the annual membership meeting. A nominating committee, consisting of one Board Member and two Non-Board Members shall create a slate of officers based upon member's recommendations. The slate of officers must be created at least 10 days prior to the annual membership meeting.
5. Members in good standing who cannot attend the annual meeting may vote by mail. Only votes received before the annual membership meeting will count.
6. In the case of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the remaining directors shall appoint a person to serve for the remainder of the term of the person replaced.
7. The members have the power to remove any officer or director for cause. Any member who seeks the removal of an officer or director shall submit to that person a written statement of the grounds for removal. The officer or director shall have the opportunity to address the allegations at a membership meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members voting is necessary to remove an officer or director.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Club and shall serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors. The President shall represent the Club on the Board of Control of the Northern New York Skating Association.
3. During the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall have all the powers and duties of the President. The Vice President shall have such other duties as the Board of Directors may prescribe.
4. The Secretary shall keep records of all Club and Board meetings, maintain a membership roll, attend to correspondence, and receive and distribute notices to the members.
5. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts and financial records of the Club, receive all funds, pay all bills, present a financial report at the annual meeting, and oversee the filing of any required governmental forms.
6. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall fill that office for the remainder of the President's term. If a vacancy occurs in any other office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a person to fill that office for the remainder of the term of the person replaced.

ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS

1. There shall be an annual membership meeting held in the spring. The Board of Directors may call additional membership meetings as necessary.
2. Ten percent of the membership in good standing may request in writing that the board of Directors call a special membership meeting. The Board shall schedule a meeting within a reasonable time, upon reasonable notice to all members.
3. Twenty percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum.
4. All votes must be cast in person, unless the Board of Directors establishes procedures for voting by mail. Proxy voting is not permitted. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast.
5. Each member shall have one vote, except that each family holding a family membership shall have no more than two votes. Votes of members under 18 years of age must be cast by a parent or guardian.

ARTICLE VIII. FINANCES

1. The Treasurer shall deposit dues and other club funds in the name of the Club in a bank or other financial institution which the Board of Directors selects.
2. Any withdrawal of Club funds must be approved by two of the officers. All checks, drafts, notes, and other orders for payment of money from Club accounts in the amount of \$1,000.00 or greater must be signed by two officers.
3. Any expenditure of the Club funds over \$200 must be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors.
4. The Treasurer shall report all financial transactions periodically to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX. CONSTRUCTION

If any provision of these by-laws conflict with the certificate of incorporation, the provisions of the certificate of incorporation shall govern.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT

These by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members voting at a membership meeting. Members must be given notice of proposed amendment(s) a reasonable time prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XI. RATIFICATION

These by-laws shall be effective when approved by a 2/3 majority of the members voting.

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