

**CONSTITUTION**  
**Inland Northwest Masters Swimming Committee**

**Article One: Name**

This organization shall be called Inland Northwest Masters Swimming Committee and hereafter may be referred to as IWMSC.

**Article Two: Goals and Objectives Article**

- 2.1 To encourage and promote improved physical fitness and health in adults in the Inland Northwest region.
- 2.2 To offer adults the opportunity to participate in a lifelong fitness and/or competitive swimming program.
- 2.3 To encourage local organizations and communities to establish and sponsor Masters swimming programs.
- 2.4 To enhance fellowship and camaraderie among Inland Northwest Masters swimmers.
- 2.5 To stimulate research in the sociology, psychology and physiology of Masters Swimming.

**Article Three: Duration Article**

The duration of IWMSC shall be perpetual.

**Article Four: Jurisdiction**

The IWMSC shall have jurisdiction over the sport of Masters Swimming as delegated to it as an LMSC by United States Masters Swimming (USMS). The geographic boundaries of IWMSC shall be as defined and published by USMS in its rules.

**Article Five: Nonprofit**

- 5.1 **General:** This organization does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and is organized solely for non-profit purposes.
- 5.2 **Earnings:** No part of the property or earnings of IWMSC shall be paid or distributed to or inure to the benefit of any private individual member, officer or participant of the organization except as approved by the Board of Managers as reasonable reimbursement for goods or services rendered. The IWMSC shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from the Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- 5.3 **Dissolution:** Upon dissolution, the net assets of the IWMSC shall not inure to the benefit of any private individual or corporation, but will be distributed to either USMS, to be used exclusively for educational or charitable purposes, or to any other corporation as may be described by the IWMSC Board of Directors, and which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to which contributions, bequests and gifts are deductible under Section 170(c)(2), 2055(a)(92) and 2522(a)(2) thereof. Such assets shall be distributed to such 501(c)(3) corporation, to be used exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

**Article Six: Membership Article**

- 6.1 The following classes of membership shall be recognized in the IWMSC:
  - A. Individual Membership: Those persons who meet the requirements as stated in the bylaws for membership.
  - B. Team Membership: Those groups of individuals who meet the requirements as stated in the by-laws.
- 6.2 Application for membership shall be in the form prescribed by the by-laws of the IWMSC and acceptance of membership shall bind such individuals or teams to abide by the Constitution, By-laws and rules of United States Masters Swimming and IWMSC.

### **Article Seven: Board of Managers**

7.1 The affairs of the IWMS C shall be managed and directed by a Board of Managers consisting of the Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Registrar, plus one member from each duly registered team and the Chair of each IWMS C standing committee. The number, qualifications, terms of office, manner of election, time and place of meeting and powers and duties of the Board are prescribed by the By-laws of the IWMS C. None of the Board members shall receive any compensation for their service as such, except that those expenses incurred or services rendered for the carrying on of IWMS C business that are approved by the Board shall be reimbursed.

### **Article Eight: By-Laws**

8.1 The Board of Managers shall operate under a set of By-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution, as shall be appropriate to the conduct of the affairs of the IWMS C.

8.2 The by-laws of the IWMS C may be altered, amended, or repealed as the purposes of the IWMS C may require by the following procedure:

- A. Proposed amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary who shall notify the Chair so that discussion on the proposal can be scheduled for the next appropriate Board of Managers meeting. The Secretary shall also send copies of the proposed amendment to the members of the Board for review before the meeting at which it will be discussed.
- B. At the Board of Managers meeting, the individual or team representative of the team who proposed the amendment shall present that amendment to the Board for discussion and vote. Proposed amendments shall be approved by a 2/3 majority of a quorum of the Board of Managers. If a quorum is not present, the Board may decide to send a ballot to the other Board members for their vote or retain the issue on the agenda for the next Board of Managers meeting.

### **Article Nine: Constitutional Amendments**

This constitution may be altered, amended, or appealed in whole or in part by the same procedure as for the By-laws set forth in article 8.2.

### **Article Ten: Standing Rules and Policies**

10.1 Conduct of IWMS C meets will be governed by a set of rules and policies consistent with USMS policies and rules and developed and approved by the Board of Managers. A current set of these rules and policies will be made available to each duly registered IWMS C team by the Secretary.

10.2 Changes to the standing rules and policies can be made through the same procedure as for the By-laws and Constitution.