

By-Laws

Missouri Valley Masters Swim Association

Section I

Name: The name of the association shall be Missouri Valley Masters Swim Association (MOVY), a subsidiary of United States Masters Swimming, Inc.

Jurisdiction: Missouri Valley Masters Swim Association includes all of Kansas, and that portion of the western part of Missouri including and bounded by Schuyler, Adair, Macon, Randolph, Audrain, Callaway, Cole, Moniteau, Morgan, Benton, Hickory, Polk, Grenne, Christian, and Taney Counties. The association is located in the Breadbasket Zone which includes Iowa, Midwestern, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ozark, and South Dakota.

Section II

Purpose: To promote and encourage fitness swimming and to foster amateur competition in swimming, to heighten awareness throughout the Missouri Valley area of the life-long benefits of aerobic conditioning through swimming, and to act as a resource on related topics and concerns to swimming. All dues, entry fees, and other moneys received by the association shall be spent on events implementing the purpose of the association, with no part of the revenues inuring to the private benefit of any officer or member.

Section III

Membership: MOVY shall be open to all individuals regardless of swimming ability, who are age 18 or older and who have completed an application form.

Section IV

Meetings of Members: The officers shall call an annual meeting before September 30th of each year. Notice of this meeting shall be communicated to the membership through the newsletter or other means at least 15 days prior to the meeting. A time and place will be designated by the officers within the boundaries of MOVY.

Other meeting deemed necessary by the officers may be called by complying with the above requirements for notice and place of meeting.

Section V

Voting: Voting will be by those members currently registered. Ballots may be included in the newsletter or made available by other appropriate means.

Section VI

Officers: The officers of this association are:

Chairman
Registrar/Treasurer
Top Ten Records
Web Master
Officials/Sanctions
Newsletter Editor
Fitness

Option: The officers may create additional offices and elect officers to fill the new positions, as they deem necessary.

a. The duration of office shall be two years, beginning at the time of appointment. At the end of two years, or when an officer resigns, the MOVY membership will be informed that candidates will be accepted for that office. Any registered member interested in serving, including the current officer, may submit his/her name to the Chairman. An election will be held if more than one member submits his/her name.

b. If an election is held, the office will be awarded to the person receiving the majority of the votes cast.

Section VII - Officers' Duties

Chairman: Serves as the MOVY representative to the USMS, Inc. Annual Meeting or designates a substitute and gives that person his/her proxy. Will also serve on national committees where appropriate. The Chairman will handle inquiries within and without MOVY or delegate the inquiry to the appropriate person. The Chairman will assist in the association, will preside over the election of officers, and will call together the officers for meetings when the need arises or at least once each year.

Registrar/Treasurer: The Registrar/Treasurer shall also serve in the capacity of First Vice-Chairman in that in the absence of the Chairman will direct the affairs of the club, and assume the Chairman's other duties or delegate them to an appropriate party. In addition, the Registrar/Treasurer will be responsible for the following duties: monthly reports to National, issuing Association membership cards, overseeing annual re-registration procedure, paying all bills for the association, registering new clubs within the association, keeping the mailing list up-to-date and current.

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Top Ten Records: shall keep up-to-date and current records of all swim meets sanctioned by the association, both Long Course and Short Course. In addition will maintain a Missouri Valley Records list for the fastest times swum by registered MOVY swimmers in all age groups and events, updating it upon receiving results from sanctioned events, coordinating efforts with those of National for the purposes of maintaining current national records, and the Breadbasket Zone for maintaining current Zone records. Will make application to national on behalf of any MOVY member who breaks a national record. Will submit association meet results for publication in the association newsletter.

Officials/Sanctions: Will handle the sanctioning of all MOVY events requiring sanction. Will coordinate the meet schedule within the association and with surrounding associations, if possible to avoid double-scheduling wherever possible.

Web Master: Will maintain the MOVY website.

Newsletter Editor: Will oversee communications within the Association, including the publication of a newsletter.

Fitness: To promote and encourage swimming as a fitness tool for both competitive and non-competitive swimmers.

Section VIII

Advisory Board: will serve in an advisory capacity at the request of the officers. No specific requirements shall be made of the Board members, but generally, they will be encouraged to share experience and knowledge with the club and its officers and support its activities.

The Advisory Board shall be comprised of the current Association officers, the immediate past Chairman, and a designated representative of each of the local clubs within the association. The Board shall meet at least once each year in conjunction with the Association annual meeting or more if needed. Meetings may be called by the Association chairman or by the Advisory Board itself in order to conduct its association business.

Section IX

Amendments to the By-Laws: Any proposed amendment to the by-laws shall be submitted to the Chairman in writing at least one month prior to a newsletter deadline. Such amendment must receive at least a 2/3 affirmative vote of the membership responding.

Section X

Dues: Active members shall pay the presently stipulated membership fee on or before they plan to compete in a sanctioned meet. Membership shall begin within the month that dues are accepted and shall be good through the last day of October of each year. There will be no refunds for any part of the annual dues. The amount of dues to be paid shall be determined and directed by the National Board of Governors and may be changed at their direction. It is the option of each club within MOVY to charge local club dues to support the activities of the local swim clubs. One half of the annual MOVY membership fee is submitted to National.

Section XI

Functions: Each function approved by the officers must include a budget of expenditures, which will be reviewed in advance of scheduling the event by the officers. Sending a representative to the USMS, Inc. Annual Meeting is a top priority. The association should plan accordingly in its annual expenditure of funds. Of lesser priority is attendance at Zone meetings and other functions. The newsletter, although not a function in the true sense, should abide by the intent of this section.

If deemed necessary, any special assessments for the specific events shall be on a “per participant” basis to cover costs.

Section XII

Resignations: Any member may resign from the association by giving written notice to the Registrar or by non-payment of dues at renewal time. The Officers may resign in the same way.

Section XIII

Application for membership: must be made in writing giving specific information requested on the membership application form and submitted to the Registrar with the annual membership registration fee. A MOVY/USMS number will be issued and this number must appear on all meet registration forms. No “call-in” numbers will be issued.

Application for sanctions: must be made in writing giving information requested on the sanction application form. This form is submitted to the TT/R/Sanctions officer and a sanction number will be issued. No event will be covered under the USMS Inc., liability insurance without a sanction number, nor will records swum in the event be recognized if the event is unsanctioned by MOVY.

Section XIV

Standing Committees: the only standing committee contemplated by the by-laws is a Special Events Committee, which shall consist of the Chairman and his/her designees from within the membership. Membership on this committee is at the discretion of the Chairman and replacement is at his/her discretion.

Section XV

Dissolution: In the event of dissolution of this association, any funds remaining in the treasury, after bills have been paid shall revert to USMS, Inc.