

**KENTUCKY YMCA/YWCA  
COMPETITIVE SWIM LEAGUE  
K.Y.C.S.L. CONSTITUTION  
1981-1984 (Revised: 9-94, 9-95, 3-98 & 10-00, 9-08)**

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

1. The league name of this organization shall be the Kentucky YMCA/YWCA Competitive Swim League.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this league is to provide boys and girls an opportunity to participate in supervised competitive swimming under conditions that will promote Christian fellowship, skillful aquatic ability, systematic physical exercise, education, and sportsmanship of the highest caliber.

**ARTICLE III. JURISDICTION**

1. This league claims jurisdiction within the state of Kentucky over those YMCA/YWCA's affiliated with it which are involved in promoting its program and purpose.

**ARTICLE IV. MANAGEMENT**

1. The management and direction of the league shall be vested in an Executive Committee composed of the league officers. This Executive Committee shall have the power to enforce this Constitution during the season and to act on cases not covered in this Constitution.
2. The officers shall be elected at the fall organizational meeting. The league officers shall be President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
3. Officer's duties:
  - A. President - call meetings; preside at meetings; review league rules each year; organize meet schedules; issue league standings; organize League Championship.
  - B. Secretary - Keep minutes of all league meetings; maintain files of all league correspondence; conduct meetings in absence of President.
  - C. Treasurer - Prepare financial statement; report on financial matters at each league meeting; receive entry fees, fines, forfeits, maintain savings account; issue payment for all bills, expenses approved by President.
  - D. The Executive Committee must approve all purchases.

4. The duties of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into a single office of Secretary/Treasurer if insufficient volunteers are available.

## **ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

1. Any YMCA/YWCA in Kentucky (hereinafter referred to as member club) shall be eligible for membership by appointing a delegate to represent each member club at all league meetings and by paying the annual fee.
2. The fees shall be \$100.00 for the first year and \$50 (as of 9/22/2008) annual renewal thereafter. League fees shall be due on or before November 11 in the office of the league Treasurer.
3. Any member club not paying the fee will forfeit all meets until said fee is paid.
4. Any member club failing to pay the annual fee by January 2 shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the league. Membership thereafter shall require payment of initial fee of \$100.00 for reinstatement.
5. Late payment fees, extensions of time and other extenuating circumstances as may arise will be dealt with on an individual basis by the Executive Committee.
6. Each individual swimmer shall pay a league fee of \$25 (as of 9/22/2008) payable to the K.Y.C.S.L. due to the league Treasurer by November 11. Swimmers added to original roster throughout the season must pay this league fee in full. Send roster information and fee to league Treasurer prior to swimmer participation in league meets.
7. The league treasury (consisting of individual swimmer fees) shall be split amongst the hosting teams as follows to cover cost of hosting:

45% .....State Meet host

35% .....Entire League Invitational host

20% .....10 & Under League Invitational host

## **ARTICLE VI. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER CLUBS**

1. Acceptance of membership in this league shall bind such members to abide by all conditions of this Constitution, rules of the league and to accept and enforce such decisions as may properly be made by the governing body.
2. Each member club in the league shall submit an updated, complete roster containing the following information:
  - A. Name, address and telephone number of the member club's office.
  - B. Name of the swim team.
  - C. Name, address and telephone number (home and office) of the head coach and all assistant coaches.
  - D. Equipment available.
  - E. Name, address and telephone number of the club delegate.

\* The above shall be sent to the League President on or before November 11, of each year.

\* All roster additions must be sent to League Treasurer 1 week prior to meet.

## **ARTICLE VII. REPRESENTATION**

1. Each member club shall be entitled to one vote. This vote shall be cast by the club delegate or an appointed alternate.
2. Additional active members present at any league meeting shall be entitled to participate in all discussions and debates, but shall not vote.

## **ARTICLE VIII.**

1. Notice of every league meeting shall be sent in writing by the Secretary to every member club. Said notice shall be postmarked no later than twenty (20) days prior to the date of the meeting. An agenda should be included in possible.
2. At all meetings, a quorum shall consist of more than one-half of the voting members.
3. Suggested agenda for each meeting:
  - A. Roll call
  - B. Amendment/approval of previous minutes
  - C. Treasurer's report
  - D. Committee reports
  - E. Old business
  - F. New business
  - G. General discussion
  - H. Adjournment

## **ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS**

1. No amendment shall be made to the Constitution except by two-thirds vote of all member clubs entitled to vote.

## **ARTICLE X. SWIMMER'S ELIGIBILITY**

1. A swimmer must be a full physical privilege member in good standing of the member club represented. All swimmers must be members of their respective team. An ineligible swimmer shall forfeit any points earned and team scores shall be adjusted accordingly.
2. New swimmers may be added at any time during the season. The League Treasurer shall be promptly notified of an addition(s) or deletion(s) from the team roster, one week, in writing, in advance of meet in which said swimmer will participate.

3. Swimmers registered with a U.S. Swimming team other than his or her member club team are not eligible to compete in the K.Y.C.S.L.
4. Each member club shall prepare an official team roster consisting of swimmer's names, birthdates, and ages as of December 1. This roster must be sent to the League Treasurer on or before November 11. Failure to submit said roster shall result in forfeiture of all meets until the League President receives such roster.
5. A swimmer's age group for the season as determined by the swimmer's age on December 1. All swimmers shall swim in their respective age group except as noted below. All swimmers must compete in at least two (2) league meets and be a member in good standing at any time during the season in order to compete in the League Championship.
6. Age groups shall consist of all the following divisions:
  - A. 6 and under
  - B. 7 and 8
  - C. 9 and 10
  - D. 11 and 12
  - E. 13 and 14
  - F. 15 thru 18
  - G. Open
7. A swimmer may swim in a higher age group for an individual event during the meet, but must remain in that age group for the entire meet.
8. A swimmer may swim in a higher age for relay events and still compete in the proper age group for individual events.
9. A swimmer may compete in only one Medley Relay and one Freestyle Relay in a league meet.

## **ARTICLE XI. SCORING**

1. Dual meets: Relays score 7 - 0; All other events score 5-3-1-0.
2. Triangular meets: Relays score 8-4-0; All other events score 6-4-3-2-1-0.
3. All other meets:
  - A. 4 Lane pools: Relays score 10-6-4-2;  
All other events score 5-3-2-1.
  - B. 5 Lane pools: Relays score 12-5-6-4-2;  
All other events score 6-4-3-2-1.
  - C. 6 Lane pools: Relays score 14-10-8-6-4-2;  
All other events score 7-5-4-3-2-1.

- D. 8 Lane pools: Relays score 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2;  
All other events score 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.
- 4. State meet only effective 2001. The top 3 swimmers from each team can score on an individual event and one from each relay event. (Motion passed Sept. 19, 2000)
- 5. Disqualifications: When an individual is disqualified the following places in that event shall move up accordingly and points awarded to conform to the revised placement.

## **ARTICLE XII. ORDER OF EVENTS**

- 1. Any event not contested by a team will be forfeited to the team with entries. The event must be swum to score.
- 2. All swimmers are limited to three (3) individual events and two (2) relay events.
- 3. Only two (2) swimmers in an event at a dual or triangular meet may score for one team. If, by mutual consent prior to the meet, more than one heat of an event is to be swum, only the first heat of an event will be scored. The second (or more) heats will be for exhibition only. Score 1 & 2 place to one team and 3 place would go to the next highest place on another team. Example: If one team places 1, 2, 3 place, only place 1 & 2 score, the 4th place swimmer will score the third place points.

**\* REVISED 9/25/95**

**ARTICLE XII. ORDER OF EVENTS**

*1.	Girls	8 and under	200 yd.	Medley Relay	2.	Boys
3.	Girls	9 and 10	200 yd.	Medley Relay	4.	Boys
5.	Girls	11 and 12	200 yd.	Medley Relay	6.	Boys
7.	Girls	13 and 14	200 yd.	Medley Relay	8.	Boys
9.	Girls	15 thru 18	200 yd.	Medley Relay	10.	Boys
11.	Girls	7 and 8	50 yd.	Freestyle	12.	Boys
13.	Girls	9 and 10	100 yd.	Freestyle	14.	Boys
15.	Girls	11 and 12	100 yd.	Freestyle	16.	Boys
17.	Girls	13 and 14	100 yd.	Freestyle	18.	Boys
19.	Girls	15 thru 18	100 yd.	Freestyle	20.	Boys
21.	Girls	6 and under	25 yd.	Breaststroke	22.	Boys
23.	Girls	7 and 8	25 yd.	Breaststroke	24.	Boys
25.	Girls	9 and 10	50 yd.	Breaststroke	26.	Boys
27.	Girls	11 and 12	50 yd.	Breaststroke	28.	Boys
29.	Girls	13 and 14	100 yd.	Breaststroke	30.	Boys
31.	Girls	15 thru 18	100 yd.	Breaststroke	32.	Boys
33.	Girls	OPEN	500 yd.	Freestyle	34.	Boys
35.	Girls	6 and under	25 yd.	Backstroke	36.	Boys
37.	Girls	7 and 8	25 yd.	Backstroke	38.	Boys
39.	Girls	9 and 10	50 yd.	Backstroke	40.	Boys
41.	Girls	11 and 12	50 yd.	Backstroke	42.	Boys
43.	Girls	13 and 14	100 yd.	Backstroke	44.	Boys
45.	Girls	15 thru 18	100 yd.	Backstroke	46.	Boys
47.	Girls	9 and 10	200 yd.	Freestyle	48.	Boys
49.	Girls	11 and 12	200 yd.	Freestyle	50.	Boys
51.	Girls	13 and 14	200 yd.	Freestyle	52.	Boys
53.	Girls	15 thru 18	200 yd.	Freestyle	54.	Boys
55.	Girls	6 and under	25 yd.	Butterfly	56.	Boys
57.	Girls	7 and 8	25 yd.	Butterfly	58.	Boys
59.	Girls	9 and 10	50 yd.	Butterfly	60.	Boys
61.	Girls	11 and 12	50 yd.	Butterfly	62.	Boys
63.	Girls	13 and 14	100 yd.	Butterfly	64.	Boys
65.	Girls	15 thru 18	100 yd.	Butterfly	66.	Boys
67.	Girls	6 and under	25 yd.	Freestyle	68.	Boys
69.	Girls	7 and 8	25 yd.	Freestyle	70.	Boys
71.	Girls	9 and 10	50 yd.	Freestyle	72.	Boys
73.	Girls	11 and 12	50 yd.	Freestyle	74.	Boys
75.	Girls	13 and 14	50 yd.	Freestyle	76.	Boys
77.	Girls	15 thru 18	50 yd.	Freestyle	78.	Boys
79.	Girls	7 and 8	100 yd.	Ind. Medley	80.	Boys
82.	Girls	9 and 10	100 yd.	Ind. Medley	82.	Boys
83.	Girls	11 and 12	200 yd.	Ind. Medley	84.	Boys
85.	Girls	13 and 14	200 yd.	Ind. Medley	86.	Boys
87.	Girls	15 thru 18	200 yd.	Ind. Medley	88.	Boys
*89.	Girls	8 and under	200 yd.	Free Relay	90.	Boys
91.	Girls	9 and 10	200 yd.	Free Relay	92.	Boys
93.	Girls	11 and 12	200 yd.	Free Relay	94.	Boys
95.	Girls	13 and 14	200 yd.	Free Relay	96.	Boys
97.	Girls	15 thru 18	400 yd.	Free Relay	98.	Boys

**\*Revised 9-25-95 from order of events 6 & under 100 IM and 50 Free were deleted.**

### **ARTICLE XIII. EQUIPMENT**

1. The following is a list of the equipment needed to properly conduct a meet. Those member clubs hosting a meet should arrange to provide this equipment by working with the other member clubs within the league.

Lane Lines	Starter Tables
Backstroke Flags	Whistle (2)
Starter Guns	Entry Cards
Blank Cartridges	Judge's Cards
Starting Blocks	Score Sheets
Stop Watches	Lap Counters
Recall Rope	Clip Boards
PA Equipment	Pencils
First Aid Kit	Timer's Chairs
Scorer's Table	

2. Backstroke Flags shall be located 15 feet from each end of the pool and shall be a minimum of 7 feet above the water.
3. Starting Blocks shall not exceed 30 inches above the surface of the water and shall be flush with the end of the pool. Firm starting grips, flush with the end of the pool, should be provided for the backstroke.
4. Lane Lines shall be tightly stretched at the competitive water level with visibly marked floats to identify the lateral limits of each lane.
5. Failure of the home team to provide racing lanes shall result in forfeit of the meet. Failure to provide backstroke flags at both ends of the pool shall result in disqualification of the host competitors in all events where the backstroke is swum.

### **ARTICLE XIV. MEETS**

1. Official NCAA Swimming Rules shall govern all meets, except where special league rules are specifically indicated.
2. The home team shall send written meet confirmation and directions to the pool to each visiting team at least two weeks before the scheduled meet. The home team shall send the results of the meet to the visiting teams and League President within one week after the meet is completed.
3. Scheduled meets may be postponed only because of severe weather conditions or mechanical pool problems by permission of the League Executive Committee. The visiting team(s) should make the postponement, in most cases, and must notify the other member clubs as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary travel, expense and inconvenience. Cancellation of a scheduled meet for any other reason not priorly approved by Executive Committee results in a \$200.00 fine to the canceling team to be paid to the opponent within 30 days. Dates of rescheduled meets must be mailed to the League President immediately.

4. If the member clubs cannot swim the events as listed in this constitution, due to lack of swimmers for the event, then the team involved shall be forfeit these events. The other team(s) must swim the event to score points. If sufficient time has been allowed to complete the scheduled events the home team shall forfeit the meet unless otherwise agreed upon by the participating teams.
5. Any team failing to show up for a scheduled meet shall forfeit the meet.
6. All member clubs involved in meets must make every effort possible to start and conduct meets on time. All participants and spectators must conduct themselves in such a manner as to uphold the purpose of K.Y.C.S.L.
7. The duties of each official shall be carried out as described in the current official NCAA Rule Book.
8. The following is the suggested minimum number of officials to properly conduct a meet. If these cannot be supplied, the visiting team(s) should be consulted. For dual meets, there shall be at least one nationally certified YMCA official. For the League Championship there shall be:
  - A. One referee
  - B. One starter
  - C. Two stroke and turn judges, one at each side of the pool
  - D. Two finish judges, one at each side of the finish line
  - E. Two timers per lane
  - F. One or more back-up timers to substitute for a lane timer in the event of watch failure or operator error.
  - G. One scorer
  - H. One runner (take heat results to scorer)
  - I. One awards worker
9. Each member club must provide at least one (1) certified official for every ten (10) swimmers entered in the League Championship.
10. The league will sponsor 3 meet officials clinics in three different areas with the league absorbing the costs for instructor. Any team by the 2001-2002 swim season that cannot meet one official to every 25 swimmers will be fined \$100.00 a team. The first and second clinic will be level one and the third clinic will be level two (level two will be in a central location). (Motion passed Sept. 19, 2000)
11. Scratch meetings will be held before each meet begins. Only a reasonable number of swimmers will be permitted to add or drop from the scheduled events. All changes must be made during the scratch meeting.



12. **No member team shall be allowed to enter or compete in any of the three league sponsored meets (those being the State Championship Meet, the All Age Group Invitational, and the 10 & Under Invitational) until it has paid its league dues in full. There will be a \$75.00 late fee applied to league fees after November 11th of each league season. There will be no exceptions to this rule without a majority vote of the Executive Committee to allow it. (revised 1/15/97).**

#### **ARTICLE XV. PROTESTS**

1. Any protests concerning judgment calls by an official or placement decisions by finish judges can only be considered by the meet referee. All other protests must be in writing and sent to the League President postmarked no later than 96 hours after conclusion of the meet. The violation committed must be detailed and the protest must be signed. Unsigned protests will not be considered under any circumstances.
2. Consultation with the meet referee, aquatic director or other staff members should be undertaken to resolve protest and prevent problems before they occur.
3. Any protest properly received shall be resolved by the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days. The protester and any team(s) involved shall be notified in writing of the Executive Committee's decision. In addition, the Executive Committee shall report the protest and its decision at the next scheduled K.Y.C.S.L. meeting.
4. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be considered final.