

Greenburgh Swim Team Parents' Association By-Laws

ARTICLE I

This Association shall be known as the Greenburgh Swimteam Parents' Association.

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the Parents Association shall be to foster interest in the Greenburgh Swimteam (GST) Program, to promote cooperation, communication and unity of spirit among parents, coaches, and athletes, to encourage an understanding among all concerned individuals and to provide a means for parents to be of service to the Greenburgh Swimteam.

The Greenburgh Swimteam is a program dedicated to the emotional and physical growth of its swimmers and to the high morale of the community. The coaches, parents, athletes, and all involved in GST will strive to make swimming a positive experience. The Parent Association will foster in both parents and swimmers alike, the benefits of hardwork and sacrifice, the traits of good sportsmanship, and the value of self-discipline.

ARTICLE III

The parents/guardians of all swimmers constitute the General Membership of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

1. The general operation of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Board consisting of four (4) directors who shall serve as officers and members at large.
2. The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and an ex officio.
3. The membership shall consist of parents who have contributed the mandatory annual dues per swim season as stated in the registration materials.
4. Election of officers shall be held at the end of the swim season during the swim team dinner.
5. Officers serve on the board for 2 years. Positions are staggered such that only 2 officers will be elected at one time.
6. Any officer who wishes to stand for election for another officer position must first vacate his/ her current officer position. Nominations will then be taken for the vacated officer position.
7. All officers will be elected to a term of two years. At the end of a term, any officer can be nominated for another position. The Vice President does not automatically assume the Presidency.
8. Any vacancy in an officer's position that occurs prior to the meeting immediately preceding the election meeting shall be filled by the appointment of the President, with

the consent and approval of the Executive Board. Any positions lacking candidates prior to the election shall be filled by the appointment of the President, with the consent and approval of the Executive Board. Such appointments shall last until the next election.

9. No member of this Association shall continue, as such, unless said person has a child who is currently on the swim team.

ARTICLE V

The Association shall hold an indeterminate number of meetings.

At each general membership meeting, the presence of two thirds of those present, shall constitute a quorum. The affirmative vote of a majority of those present shall be necessary to adopt any action proposed at a meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the (incoming) President of the Association in consultation with the board member(s). Chairpersons may serve one or more one-year terms at the discretion of the President.

These committees may include, but are not limited to, swim meet setup, timing, scoring, swim meet breakdown, banquet, snacks (donuts, water, juice, fruit etc.), team parties.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings for the Officers and members shall be determined and scheduled by the President with the consent of the board member(s).

ARTICLE VIII

The President, vice president, secretary, and treasurer shall be the Executive officers of the Association, and perform all duties pertaining to such office.

1. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the association.
2. The Vice-President shall assist with all duties of the committees of the association.
3. The Secretary shall conduct the entire correspondence for the Association and prepare all necessary items needed to disseminate information to swim team members. These items include, but are not limited to, preparing and circulating to the membership copies of meet events and entries, activity information, etc.
4. The Treasurer shall be in charge of all funds and securities belonging to the Association. S/he shall deposit the money of the Association to the credit of the GST Parents Association in such a bank as may be designated by the Executive Board. S/he shall pay from there all indebtedness incurred, which was properly authorized by the President. The Treasurer shall present at each meeting a statement of receipts and disbursements, and whenever required by the members shall report on the condition of the treasury.

The Association shall establish and maintain the GST Parents Association General Account. Such account shall be a depository for contributions and income for fundraising activities for the Association as well as monies by non-linear sources to cover the expenses of the Association. This account shall be administered by the President and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall pay out of the account all authorized expenses of the Association as well as such sums to GST as the Board shall authorize.

ARTICLE IX

The By-Laws of the Association may be amended by the members of the Association. Proposed amendments, after favorable consideration by the Executive Board, shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the General Membership of the Association and shall be voted on at that meeting.

An affirmative vote of a quorum, (two-thirds of those present), at the meeting shall be necessary for the adoption of the proposed amendment.

Compliance Rider

Two officer positions will be filled for 3 consecutive years (2009-2011) at which time elections will be held to fill the vacancies. Thereafter, these 2 same officer positions shall be held for elections every 2 years. This is for the express purpose of having staggered elections and thereby maintaining continuity in the executive board. This rider shall dissolve in 2011.