



PROPOSED SWIM BC BYLAW CHANGES

ARTICLE 2 – Business of Swim B.C.

Section 2.07

The financial year end of the Society shall be **July 31** in each year.

ARTICLE 3 - Membership

Section 3.01 **General**

The membership of the Society shall consist of:

- Class A Members (Registered Clubs);
- Class B Members (Special Interest Associations);
- Class C Members (Registered Coaches);**
- Class D Members (Registered Swimmers);**
- Class E Members (Swim B.C. Board of Directors);**
- Class F Members (Members of Members).

Section 3.02 **Class A Members (Registered Clubs).**

- (a) Qualification. Class A Members (Clubs) shall be all Clubs whose application for membership has been approved by the Board.
- (b) Members' Meetings. Each Class A Member in good standing shall be entitled to
 - (i) receive notices of Members' Meetings; and,
 - (ii) elect or appoint one (1) Class A Delegate who shall be entitled to attend all Members' Meetings and exercise one (1) vote at such Members' Meeting.
- (c) Designation. Recognition of a Club will be based on registration of the Club as a Member in accordance with the rules, policies and procedures of the Society.

Section 3.03 **Class B Members (Special Interest Associations)**

- (a) Qualifications. Class B Members (Special Interest Associations) shall be the following entities:
 - (i) MSABC (Masters Swim Association of British Columbia)
 - (ii) any other special interest association approved for membership by the Board.
- (b) Members' Meetings. Each Class B Member in good standing shall be entitled to
 - (i) receive notices of Members' Meetings; and,
 - (ii) elect or appoint one (1) Class B Delegate who shall be entitled to attend all Members' Meetings and exercise one (1) vote at such Members' Meeting.

Section 3.04 **Class C Members (Registered Coaches)**

- (a) Qualification. Class C Members are
 - (i) all individuals who are duly registered coaches with Swim B.C. and are affiliated with a Class A Member in good standing.
- (b) Members' Meetings. Class C Members
 - (i) shall be entitled to receive notices of Members' Meetings; and,
 - (ii) shall be entitled to one vote per Class A Member to whom the coach is affiliated with, and exercise one (1) vote at such Members' Meeting.

Section 3.05 **Class D Members (Registered Swimmers)**

- (a) Qualification. Class D Members are all individuals who are duly registered swimmers with Swim B.C.;



- (b) **Members' Meetings.** Class D Members shall not be entitled to receive notices of Members' Meetings, shall not be entitled to attend Members' Meetings and shall not be entitled to vote at Members' Meetings.

Section 3.06 Class E Members (Swim B.C. Board of Directors)

- (a) **Qualification.** Class E Members are all individuals who are duly elected and /or appointed current members of the Board of Directors of Swim B.C.;
- (b) **Members' Meetings.** Class E Members shall be entitled to receive notices of Members' Meetings, shall be entitled to attend Members' Meetings and shall be entitled to one (1) vote at Members' Meetings.

Section 3.047 Class F Members (Members of Members)

- (a) **Qualification.** Class F Members are,
- (i) all individuals who are members of Class A or B Members; and
 - (ii) employees, volunteers and owners of any Class A or Class B Member and any person who provides time and services to the Society on a paid or volunteer basis.
- (a) **Members' Meetings.** Class F Members (i) shall be entitled to attend Members' Meetings but shall not, subject to section 77 (2)(a) of the Societies Act receive notice of Members' Meetings from the Society; and (ii) shall have no vote at Members' Meetings.

Section 3.058 Registration of Members

- (a) The Society shall grant membership to every person who has complied with the bylaws, rules, policies and procedures of the Society and who has paid the applicable membership fee (if any).
- (b) The Society shall keep a register of members in which shall be entered the names, addresses, contact number and electronic address of all Members as well as the date the Member was admitted as a member, the class of membership and, if applicable, the date the Member ceased to be a member.
- (c) It shall be the responsibility of the Class A and Class B all Members to provide the Society with their current information, including a mailing address and an electronic mail address for delivery of notice.

Section 3.069 Membership Fees

- (a) Each Class A, Class B, Class C and Class D Member shall be required to pay an annual membership fee to the Society. The annual membership fee is determined each year by the Board. No portion of the annual membership fee shall be refundable for any reason.
- (b) Class A, Class B, Class C and Class D Member's shall remain inactive until the requisite Club fees are paid to the Society as per the annual registration information.

Section 3.0710 Termination of Membership. Membership in the Society shall be terminated if:

- (a) The Member withdraws by delivering written notice of such resignation to the Executive Director of the Society, which resignation shall take effect upon delivery.
- (b) The Member dies.
- (c) The Member is terminated for non-payment of fees pursuant to section 3.069.
- (d) A Member is expelled as provided in section 3.0811 below.
- (e) A Member is terminated in accordance with the rules, policies and procedures of the Society.

Upon the happening of an event noted above, the Member's name will be removed from the register of members. Termination of membership will not relieve a person from liability for any debts owing to the Society. A terminated Member shall not participate in any Swim B.C. sanctioned event.

Section 3.0811 Expulsion from Membership. A Class A or Class B Members' may be expelled by a Special Resolution passed at a Members' Meeting. The notice of meeting for such Members' Meeting shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons for the proposed expulsion. The affected Member shall receive notice of the Members' Meeting to consider an expulsion, which notice shall be sent by single registered mail to



the last known address of the Member shown in the records of the Society. The affected Member shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the Members' Meeting before the Special Resolution is put to a vote.

Section 3.0912 Good Standing.

- (a) Members shall at all times observe the bylaws of the Society and all rules, policies and procedures of the Society;
- (b) All Members are in good standing until membership is terminated or suspended in accordance with these bylaws or the rules, policies and procedures of the Society.