

# WORTHING SWIMMING CLUB

## CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Club shall be Worthing Swimming Club and the Club colours shall be green and white.
2. The objects of the Club shall be those of the Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) and British Triathlon (BT) and in particular, to promote the teaching and practice of swimming, water polo, diving and triathlon.
3. The Club shall be affiliated to the ASA South East Region and to such other bodies, as the Executive Committee shall decide.
4. The affairs of the Club shall be conducted under ASA and BT Laws and all competing members shall be eligible competitors as defined in ASA and BT Laws except those competing in masters competitions who may be professionals. The Club shall adopt the ASA and BT Child Protection Procedures. The members of the Club shall comply with the ASA and BT Child Protection Procedure requirements.
5. Applications for membership shall be made on the prescribed application form. Membership is available to juniors (5-16 years of age) and seniors (17 years of age or over). The Executive Committee shall have the right to refuse any application for membership.
6. The Club shall be managed by an Executive Committee comprised of the Officers as displayed on the Club notice board, President, Past Presidents and 4 elected Committee Members. All except Past Presidents may stand for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.
7. The Executive Committee shall meet 10 times a year at intervals of not less than 4 weeks, with 5 forming a quorum. Sub Committees shall be formed to deal with special matters which shall be reported at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
8. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur during the year on the Executive Committee.
9. Life Members and Vice Presidents may be nominated at any time by the Executive Committee. They shall be invited to attend meetings of the Executive Committee but shall not have the power to vote at these meetings if they attend solely as Life Members or Vice Presidents.
10. The Annual General Meeting shall be held during October in each year for the election of the Executive Committee and the approval of the examined accounts. At this meeting an Auditor, who shall not be an elected Officer of the Club or a Committee Member, shall be appointed. Members shall be given not less than 14 days notice of the meeting.

11. Nominations for Officers and Committee Members must be made on the prescribed nomination form, proposed and seconded by members of the Club and countersigned by the nominee. Nomination forms must be received by the Secretary not later than the 10th September. Voting shall be confined to senior members, junior members only being allowed to vote on matters concerning juniors.
12. Proposals for alterations and additions to this Constitution may only be made at an Annual General Meeting and must be submitted in writing, proposed and seconded by members of the Club, and received by the Secretary not later than the 10th September.
13. A Special General Meeting may be called at 14 days notice by the Executive Committee or upon written request to the Secretary by 20 members. Such meeting shall only deal with matters of which notice has been given and which will form the agenda for the meeting.
14. The Club financial year shall be from the 1st August to the 31st July.
15. Membership subscriptions shall become due on the 1st November. Any member whose subscription is unpaid by the 1st December shall be deemed lapsed members and shall not be entitled to participate in any Club activities. Lapsed members may rejoin the Club on payment of the current lapsed membership fee. Membership subscriptions and any other fees shall be fixed by the Executive Committee and advised to members at the Annual General Meeting.
16. Funds and property of the Club shall not be distributed among members, except as legitimate out of pocket expenses incurred in running the Club, but shall be applied towards the furtherance of the objects of the Club or for charitable purposes. In the event of the Club being dissolved, the funds and property remaining shall be devoted to objects similar to those of the Club or for charitable purposes.
17. The Executive Committee may suspend a member for a period of time, or require a member to resign if, in its opinion, that member has compromised the interests of the Club. Such action shall only be taken if the member has been notified, by registered post or recorded delivery, stating the reasons for the action being taken. In the event of the member failing to reply accepting the suspension, or declining to resign within the stated period, a special meeting of the Executive Committee shall be called, of which at least 14 days notice shall be given to the member. The member concerned shall, at that meeting, have the opportunity of defending their actions. At the meeting, should two thirds of the Executive Committee present vote in favour of the action proposed and this is suspension, the member's suspension shall take immediate effect and apply for the period specified. If expulsion is proposed, the individual shall cease to be a member of the Club. Such action may be subject to any overriding ASA or BT complaints procedure. Breaches of ASA or BT Law by members shall not be dealt with by the Club but shall be referred to the ASA District Judicial Tribunal or relevant body of BT.
18. The Executive Committee shall have the power to make supplementary regulations to this Constitution and to settle any disputed matters not otherwise provided for.