

SLIPPERY ROCK COMMUNITY SWIM TEAM BY-LAWS

TEAM NAME

This non-profit organization will be known as the "Slippery Rock Eels".

TEAM INITIALS

SRST

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Slippery Rock Eels is to develop excellent physical health while promoting good sportsmanship in our community young people through a developmental and competitive swim program. This goal will empower our young people to be champions and valued citizens for a lifetime in and out of the water.

LEAGUE NAME

Our team will have the opportunity to participate in the Western Central Pennsylvania Swim League. SRST will fall under the by-laws of this organization as well as those described in this document.

PARENT BOARD

The Mission of the Parent Board is to ensure the club maintains focus on the best interests of the swimmer. The Parent Board exists to ensure the continuation and excellence of the Slippery Rock Eels. This will be accomplished by providing the best possible environment for swimmers to succeed and grow all while carrying out the necessary business functions of the club. The Officers are responsible for all team funds and the distribution of such funds for the promotion of good physical, social and mental health of our swimmers. All monies are to continue the development of the swimmers and the team. They will represent the Eels at SRST, and WCPSL meetings. The Officers are also responsible for the timely and detailed team related communications to swimmers and parents.

The Parent Board shall consist of four positions that are normally held for a minimum of two years and should not change more than two individuals in any given season in order to maintain continuity of the team. The elections for the board are to be held annually. The following is a list of the positions and details of their responsibilities.

1. President - Will be voted in by the parent organization of the Slippery Rock Eels. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings and keep order within the swim team. Scheduling will be the responsibility of the president.
2. Vice President - Will be voted in by the parent organization of the Slippery Rock Eels. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assist the President with carrying out all presidential duties.
3. Secretary - Will be voted in by the parent group on the Slippery Rock Eels. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep records of all team business and to assist in preparing, gathering and dispersing of all team information.
4. Treasurer - Will be voted in by the parent organization of the Slippery Rock Eels. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to handle all monies of the team and to disperse necessary funds, collect monies due and to provide adequate records to confirm all money transactions for the team fund.

COMPETITION MEETS

The age groups will be as follows for WCPSL meets:

1. 6 & under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-18
2. All swimmers swim in age group consistent with their age as of October 1st.
3. A swimmer may move up 1 age bracket in a relay event.
4. Championship meet only - the age group of 13-18 will be split into 13-14 and 15-18

EVENTS/ENTRIES

1. The maximum number of events a swimmer may compete in is three individual and two relay events.
2. All events are timed finals.
3. An average time may be used for multiple times. The lowest time and/or the electronic time may also be used.

AWARDS

1. The hosting team shall give out the ribbons for placement at the meet.
2. Places will be distributed for 1st-6th for individual events and relays, 1st-3rd in duals and 1st-6th in Tri and Invitational meets.
3. Heat winner ribbons will be awarded to all heat winners.

SCORING

1. No exhibition swimmers.
2. All entries are official.
3. All times will be put in order of finish
4. Scoring will be 6-4-3-2-1 points for individuals and 8-4-2 points for relays respectively.
5. Standardized score sheets will be provided by the League and must be used in all dual meets.
6. No team may score more than three places for an individual and/or two places in relays.
7. All invitational meets are non-scoring, awards only.
8. At the conclusion of the meet or within 5 business days, a copy of results shall be given to the visiting team(s).

OFFICIALS

1. Our team shall provide enough timers to conduct the meet
2. Our team shall provide
 - a) One stroke and turn judge
 - b) One scorer/recorder
 - c) One deck seeder

CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Each swimmer must have competed in at least half of the meets scheduled for the Eels based on the following point schedule.

- a) 2 teams (us vs 1 team) = 1 point
 - b) 3 teams (us vs 2 teams aka Tri-Meet) = 2 points
 - c) 4 teams (us vs 3 teams aka Quad-Meet) = 3 points
2. Our team must provide adequate team officials to help run the Champs meet.
 4. Swimmers must have previous times in a WCPSL meet for any given event in order to qualify and be seeded in that event at Champs.

Addendum: 2005/2006

JEWELRY POLICY

No jewelry is to be worn in pool, with the exception of medic-alert.

BOARD MEMBER ALLOWANCE

One child per board member will have the registration fee waived as a benefit for their services rendered.

Addendum: 2006/2007

SWIM MEET ATTENDANCE

1. If a swimmer will be unable to attend a meet they have signed up for, they MUST scratch their name from meet sign-up sheet by the Tuesday prior to the meet.
2. In the case of a last-minute emergency, sickness etc. where a swimmer is unable to attend a meet - one of the board members or coaches MUST be called PRIOR TO the meet.
3. If a swimmer does not attend a meet they signed up for, has not scratched, and does not call- the swimmer will not be permitted to swim in the next meet.
4. A second "no-call", "no-show" offense disqualifies the swimmer from the Championship meet.
5. Swimmers must compete in ½ of the scheduled meets in order to compete at the Championship meet. A tri-meet (3 teams) counts as 2 meets and a quad meet (4 teams) counts as 3.
6. New swimmers who participate in at least 3 swim meets are eligible for a team award at the end of the year banquet.

Addendum: October 9, 2008

EELS RELAY POLICY

Swimming is largely an "individual" sport, where swimmers are always swimming against themselves to better their own personal times. In this respect, swimmers are encouraged when they set personal best times, and every effort is made to allow swimmers to swim each event and develop in each of the strokes. However, swimming relays are the "team" aspect of swimming, where coaches are striving to create the best relays for the whole team. Consistent with that philosophy, the following criteria will be used to seed relay teams:

1. Seeding relays can be complicated. The best method may be stacking or mixing relays in order to maximize the possible points that may be achieved against a particular team. The most important point is that the ultimate decision of who swims what stroke, and in what position, and on what relay rests ultimately with the Head Coach.
2. Beginning in February, coaches will determine relays for the championship meet in March. This will give these relay teams an opportunity to practice together in competition.