

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA**

## **AGE GROUP SWIM LEAGUE**

### **NEPAGSL**

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### **ORGANIZATION:**

##### **SECTION I**

THE NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AGE GROUP SWIM, LEAGUE, REFERRED TO AS THE NEPAGSL.

##### **SECTION II**

OFFICIAL MEETING PLACE WILL BE THE WYOMING VALLEY CYC, WILKES-BARRE, PA.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### **OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES:**

##### **SECTION I**

THE NEPAGSL IS ORGANIZED AND CREATED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATION AND REGULATION OF PARTICIPATING TEAMS WITH THE LEAGUE.

##### **SECTION II**

THE NEPAGSL WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO USE UNBIASED JUDGMENT AND GIVE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION IN EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT CLOSER COOPERATION, HARMONY, AND UNDERSTANDING IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE COMMON GOOD AND GENERAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGE GROUP SWIMMING.

##### **SECTION III**

OUR MISSION STATEMENT – THE MISSION OF THE NEPAGSL IS TO FOSTER CLOSE COOPERATION, HARMONY, AND UNDERSTANDING IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE GOALS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL TEAM. THOSE GOALS ARE TO GET KIDS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES SWIMMING, AND TO DO THIS IN AN ATMOSPHERE FOCUSED ON FUN, TEAM SPIRIT, AND FUNDAMENTAL, COMPETITIVE TRAINING.

**ARTICLE III****MEMBERSHIP:**

- SECTION I** ANY AGENCY OR SWIM CLUB MAY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEPAGSL.
- SECTION II** ANY NEW AGENCY OR SWIM CLUB WHICH WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEPAGSL MUST SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE PRESIDENT, ALONG WITH APPROPRIATE DUES, BY THE SECOND LEAGUE MEETING.
- SECTION III** ACTION ON A REQUEST FOR ADMISSION INTO THE LEAGUE WILL BE TAKEN IN THE FORM OF A VOTE OR MEMBERS BY THE SECOND LEAGUE MEETING OF THE SEASON. DECISION BY MAJORITY VOTE OF TEAMS PRESENT FROM THAT LEAGUE, BOYS OR GIRLS.
- SECTION IV** EACH TEAM IN THE NEPAGSL WILL BE ASSESSED A FEE FOR EACH SEASON, TO BE AGREED UPON BY THE BODY AT THE FIRST LEAGUE MEETING. LEAGUE FEES MUST BE PAID IN FULL AT THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SEASON, TO BE HELD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE REGULAR SEASON.
- SECTION V** ALL TEAMS/COACHES SHOULD CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN SPORTSMANLIKE MANNER. TEAMS AND THEIR COACHES WILL NOT ENGAGE IN RECRUITING SWIMMERS FROM OTHER TEAMS IN THE NEPAGSL.
- SECTION VI** ALL SWIMMERS THAT WISH TO TRANSFER TO A TEAM WITHIN THE N.E.P.A.G.S.L. WILL COME UNDER REVIEW BY THE LEAGUE.
- A. IN ALL PROFESSIONAL MATTERS REGARDING TRANSFERS, THE INITIAL DISCUSSION OF ANY TRANSFER SHOULD BE INITIATED BY THE ATHLETE AND NOT BY THE COACH OR DIRECT AGENT ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE COACH OR TEAM. NO RECRUITMENT FLYERS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE OPPOSING TEAM POOL.
  - B. ALL NEW SWIMMERS (N) WILL INDICATE ON THEIR TEAM'S REGISTRATION FORM THE PREVIOUS TEAM THEY SWAM FOR. THE TEAM WILL PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO THE LEAGUE ON THE ROSTERS SUBMITTED BEFORE NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> OF THE CURRENT SWIM SEASON. (SEE ARTICLE IX SECTION D)
  - C. THE N.E.P.A.G.S.L. WILL INVESTIGATE ALL RECRUITING COMPLAINTS. THE COMPLAINT CAN BE PRESENTED BY:
    1. A SIGNED COMPLAINT WHICH ALLEGES THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF A N.E.P.A.G.S.L. TEAM OR ANY OTHER PERSON AFFILIATED WITH THE TEAM, APPROACHED 1 OR MORE SWIMMERS AND/OR THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING THE SWIMMER(S) TO TRANSFER TO THEIR TEAM, OR

2. CREDIBLE INFORMATION THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF A N.E.P.A.G.S.L. TEAM OR ANY OTHER PERSON AFFILIATED WITH THE TEAM APPROACHED 1 OR MORE SWIMMERS AND/OR THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING THE SWIMMER(S) TO TRANSFER TO THEIR TEAM. OR
3. TRANSFERS ON A TEAM'S ROSTER THAT IS OF CONCERN TO THE LEAGUE OFFICERS.
4. THE LEAGUE PRESIDENT SHALL GIVE IMMEDIATE NOTICE TO THE TEAM OF SUCH COMPLAINT OR INFORMATION AND SHALL CONVENE A HEARING BY THE ETHICS COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CHARGED TEAM HAS INDEED ENGAGED IN RECRUITING ACTIVITY.
5. A NEW ETHICS COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF AT LEAST THREE (3) N.E.P.A.G.S.L. LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE FORMED (EACH NEW SEASON) AT THE FIRST LEAGUE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. ITS PURPOSE IS TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF THE "NO RECRUITING RULE." THE ETHICS COMMITTEE WILL INTERVIEW THE SWIMMER AND HIS/HER PARENTS OR GUARDIAN TO DETERMINE IF THE SWIMMER AND HIS/HER PARENTS OF GUARDIAN INITIATED THE TRANSFER.
6. IF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE DETERMINES A VIOLATION OF THE "NO RECRUITING RULE" IS TRUE, BY A SECRET BALLOT MAJORITY VOTE, THE ETHICS COMMITTEE WILL REPORT THIS RULING TO THE LEAGUE AT THE NEXT LEAGUE MEETING. THE LEAGUE WILL THEN LISTEN TO THE EVIDENCE AND VOTE IMMEDIATELY ON THE QUESTION TO EXPEL THE ENTIRE TEAM FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE N.E.P.A.G.S.L. THE EXPELLED TEAM MAY NOT APPLY FOR READMISSION TO THE N.E.P.A.G.S.L. FOR A FULL SWIM SEASON FOLLOWING THEIR EXPULSION.
7. ALL DECISIONS OF THE ETHICS COMMITTEE VOTE ARE FINAL.
8. THE SWIMMERS OF THE EXPELLED TEAM MAY APPLY TO THE LEAGUE FOR A TRANSFER TO ANOTHER TEAM IN THE N.E.P.A.G.S.L. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR TEAM HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE LEAGUE.

## **SECTION VII**

**TEAMS MAY BE SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM THE LEAGUE FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION. A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE LEAGUE IS REQUIRED AFTER HEARING BOTH SIDES.**

**ARTICLE IV****REPRESENTATION:**

**SECTION I** EACH AGENCY OR SWIM CLUB WHICH IS A MEMBER OF THE LEAGUE OR REQUESTING ADMISSION, MUST SUBMIT IN WRITING THE NAME(S) OR PERSON(S) WHO WILL SERVE AS THE AGENCY'S OR CLUB'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SECRETARY.

**SECTION II** EACH LEAGUE MEMBER TEAM SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE ON ALL MOTIONS PRESENTED AT A LEAGUE MEETING. THIS VOTE SHALL BE CASTED BY A LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH MEMBERS SWIM TEAM.

**SECTION III** IT IS THE REPRESENTATIVE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO INSURE THE CLUB COACHES, PARENTS, AND PARENTS GROUPS ARE INFORMED OF ALL MEETING DATA.

**SECTION IV** FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOOD WILL BY THE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEPAGSL A MOTION CAN BE PRESENTED, VOTES CAN BE CAST, AND A DECISION RENDERED VIA EMAIL PROVIDED THAT EACH TEAM IS INCLUDED IN THE MOTION. A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE LEAGUE IS REQUIRED FOR A MOTION TO BE CARRIED IN THIS MANNER.

**ARTICLE V****OFFICERS:**

- SECTION I**
- A. THE OFFICERS SHALL CONSIST OF: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT/TREASURER, AND SECRETARY.**
  - B. OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED FOR ONE SWIM YEAR AND MAY SUCCEED THEMSELVES.**
  - C. ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON. DECISION BY MAJORITY VOTE.**
  - D. OFFICERS WILL ASSUME THEIR DUTIES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTION.**

**SECTION II**

- A. THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE LEAGUE AND SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL LEAGUE METINGS. THE PRESIDENT SHALL DIRECT ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE LEAGUE. THE PRESIDENT SHALL PLAN THE LOCATION OF LEAGUE MEETINGS AND SHALL INFORM OFFICERS AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SAID MEETINGS AND TIME. THE PRESIDENT SHALL ALSO PERFORM ALL DUTIES INSTITIUTED TO SUCH OFFICE AND OTHER DUTIES AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY HIM FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE LEAGUE. THE PRESIDENT SHALL COSIGN ALL CHECKS ISSUED BY THE LEAGUE WITH THE TREASURER.**
- B. VICE-PRESIDENT/TREASURER. THE VICE-PRESIDENT/TREASURER SHALL PRESIDE AT MEETINGS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT. THE VICE-PRESIDENT/TREASURER SHALL RECEIVE AND SAFELY KEEP ALL MONIES OF THE LEAGUE AND THE SAME SHALL BE DISPERSED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LEAGUE MEMBERS. HE SHALL KEEP AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF THE FINANCES AND ALL BOOKS SHALL BE OPEN FOR INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED FOR THAT PURPOSE. HE SHALL RENDER AN ACCOUNT OF THE STANDING OF THE LEAGUE TEAMS AT EACH MEETING AND AT CERTAIN OTHER TIMES. AT THE EXPIRATION OF THIS TERM OF OFFICE, HE SHALL DELIVER ALL MONIES AND RECORDS OF THE LEAGUE TO THE PRESIDENT OR HIS SUCCESOR. THE VICE-PRESIDENT/TREASURER SHALL COSIGN ALL CHECKS ISSUED BY THE LEAGUE WITH THE PRESIDENT.**
- C. THE SECRETARY SHALL KEEP AN ACCURATE RECORD OF ALL TRANSACTIONS OF THE LEAGUE TEAMS AND OFFICERS. HE SHALL GIVE ALL NOTICES REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS CONSTITIUTION OF NEPAGSL. HE SHALL KEEP A PROPER SECRETARY'S BOOK AND SHALL KPROPERLY RECORD ALL MINUTES OF LEAGUE MEETINGS AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS SHALL BE PROPER AND NECESSARY. AT THE EXPIRATION OF HIS TERM OF OFFICE HE SHALL DELIVER ALL BOOKS, PAPERS, AND PROPERTY OF THE LEAGUE TO THE PRESIDENT OF HIS SUCCESSOR.**

**SECTION III**

**OFFICERS WHO DO NOT PERFORM THEIR ELECTED DUTIES WILL BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL BY THE LEAGUE. THE LEAGUE WILL THEN APPOINT AN ITERIM OFFICER TO FILL REMAINING TENURE OF THE OFFICE.**

**SECTION IV**                    **OFFICERS MUST REPRESENT A TEAM IN OUR LEAGUE. A REPLACEMENT WILL BE VOTED ON BY THE BODY IF AN OFFICER NO LONGER IS AFFILIATED WITH A TEAM IN OUR LEAGUE.**

**ARTICLE VI**                    **MEETINGS:**

**SECTION I**                    **A. ALL MEETINGS SHALL BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT OR IN HIS/HER ABSENCE, BY THE VICE-PRESIDENT.**

**B. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON WILL BE HELD DURING THE SECOND WEEK IN SEPTEMBER AT WHICH TIME A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR SWIM MEETS WILL BE ESTABLISHED.**

**SECTION II**                    **ALL TEAMS MUST BE REPRESENTED AT ALL LEAGUE MEETINGS (WEATHER PERMITTING).**

**ARTICLE VII**                    **AMENDMENTS:**

**SECTION I**                    **A. THIS CONSTITUTION MAY BE AMENDED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE LEAGUE.**

**B. ONLY ONE VOTE PER TEAM. THE PRESIDENT WILL CAST THE TIE-BREAKING VOTE.**

**ARTICLE VIII**                    **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**SECTION I**                    **A. ALL MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 3. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 4. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

**B. ALL MEETINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED UNDER ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER UNLESS OTHERWISE SET ASIDE HEREIN.**

**ARTICLE IX****ELIGIBILITY:****SECTION I**

- A. EACH SWIMMER PARTICIPATING FOR A TEAM MUST BE LISTED ON THAT TEAM'S ROSTER.**
- B. ALL ROSTERS FOR EACH NEPAGSL TEAM MUST SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN THE THIRD LEAGUE MEETING. ROSTERS CAN BE SUBMITTED IN PAPER HARDCOPY OR VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS IN PDF FORMAT.**
- C. ADDITIONS TO THE ROSTER, TRANSFER, AND NEW, MAY NOT BE MADE AFTER A TEAM HAS COMPETED IN ½ OF SCHEDULED MEETS, NOT INCLUDING SNOW CANCELLATIONS. ANY ADDITIONS BEFORE HAND MUST BE MADE SEVEN (7) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TEAMS NEXT MEET BY CONTACTING THE COACHES AND SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT OF THE LEAGUE.**
- D. ROSTER INFORMATION MUST INCLUDE NAME, (N), GENDER, AGE, DATE OF BIRTH AS OF OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THE CURRENT YEAR, AND PREVIOUS TEAM.**

**SECTION II**

- A. IF A SWIMMER'S NAME IS LISTED ON A TEAM ROSTER, AND THE SWIMMER REPRESENTS SAID TEAM IN COMPETITION, THE SWIMMER MUST COMPLETE THE SEASON WITH THAT TEAM.**
- B. A SWIMMER MAY ADD HIS/HER MEMBERSHIP ON A TEAM IF THE FAMILY LOCATION CHANGES. PROOF OF RESIDENCE MUST BE PROVIDED; I.E. NEW SCHOOL REGISTRATION. IN THIS CASE, THE SWIMMER IS ELIGIBLE FOR DUAL MEETS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS.**
- C. THE LEAGUE REQUIRES THAT IF A SWIMMER WISHES TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER TEAM, A WRITTEN REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEAGUE. THIS WILL BE DONE BY REGISTERED LETTER WITH RETURN RECEIPT, TO BOTH THE LEAGUE PRESIDNET AND LEAGUE SECRETARY ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST LEAGUE MEETING OF THE UPCOMING SEASON. THIS WILL REQUIRE APPROVAL BY THE LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES. REQUESTS WILL BE TABLED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON. A VOTE ON TRANSFERS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE SECOND MEETING. TEAMS INVOLVED IN TRANSFER WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM VOTING.**

- SECTION III**                    **A. AGE CRITERIA WILL BE BASED UPON THE SWIMMER'S AGE AS OF OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> OF THAT SEASON.**
- B. A SWIMMER MAY MOVE UP TO AN OLDER AGE GROUP OR GROUPS FOR COMPETITION BUT MAY NOT COMPETE IN A YOUNGER AGE GROUP.**
- SECTION IV**                    **A SWIMMER MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS UNLESS HE/SHE HAS PARTICIPATED IN AT LEAST 1/3 OF THE REGULAR SEASON LEAGUE MEETS.**
- SECTION V**                    **ALL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF TEAMS IN THE NEPAGSL SHALL NOT COMPETE FOR ANY OTHER AGE GROUP OR USS SWIM TEAM DURING OUR SEASON.**
- SECTION VI**                    **IF ANY TEAM FOLDS, IS SUSPENDED, OR ECPELLED, IN OUR LEAGUE, THOSE SIMMERS MAY JOIN ANOTHER TEAM OF THEIR CHOICE WITHOUT SUBMITTING TO THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE IX SECTION II.**

**ARTICLE X**

**THE MEET:**

- SECTION I**                    **A. MEETS IN THIS LEAGUE WILL NORMALLY FUNCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CURRENT NATIONAL FEDERATION SWIMMING GUIDE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCPETIONS:**
- B. SWIMMERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THREE (3) EVENTS ONLY- INCLUDING EXHIBITION EVENTS. A SWIMMER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ANY MORE EVENTS. FOUR MAY ONLY BE PERMITTED BY OPPOSING COACH.**
- C. TEAM SCORING WILL FOLLOW 3 PLACE SCORING: 4-2-1 FOR INDIVIDUAL, AND 6-3-1 FOR RELAYS. NO TEAM CAN SWEEP ALL THREE PLACES. THE THIRD PLACE POINT WILL GO TO THE FIRST SWIMMER OR SWIMMERS OF THE COMPETING TEAM WHO FINISHES IN THE EVENT. IF NO SWIMMER OR SWIMMERS OF THE COMPETING TEAM FINISHES, THE THIRD PLACE POINT WILL NOT BE SCORED. NO SWIMMER WILL BE CLASSIFIED EXHIBITIONS UNLESS IT IS SPECIFIED ON THE SCORE SHEET AND THE OFFICIAL IS NOTIFIED.**

**D. SWIMMERS SHALL BE PERMITTED ONE FALSE START PER SWIM EVENT.**

**SECTION II THE LEAGUE CHAMPION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE MOST WINS OF A TEAM IN A LEAGUE COMPETITION. IN A CASE OF A TIE BETWEEN TWO TEAMS, THE LEAGUE CHAMPION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE WINNER OF THE MEET BETWEEN THOSE TWO TEAMS. IN THE EVENT OF A THREE WAY TIE, THE LEAGUE CHAMPION SHALL BE DECIDED AT A SWIM-OFF IN A 6 OR 8 LANE 25 YARD NEUTRAL POOL.**

**SECTION III EACH HOME TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

- A. AT LEAST ONE (1) PIAA CERTIFIED OFFICIAL FOR ALL POOLS. TWO (2) OFFICIALS FOR SWIM-OFFS.**
- B. ONE (1) TIMER FOR EACH LANE. MINIMUM AGE OF TIMER SHALL BE 15 YEARS OLD.**
- C. ONE (1) SCOREKEEPER**

**SECTION IV VISITING TEAM:**

- A. MUST PROVIDE ONE SCOREKEEPER TO SIT AT THE SCORING TABLE.**
- B. SHALL HAVE AN OPTION TO BRING AN OFFICIAL AT THE OPPOSING TEAM'S EXPENSE IF THAT SAID OFFICIAL IS NEEDED.**

**SECTION V THE OFFICIAL IS IN COMPLETE CHARGE OF THE MEET HIS/HER DECISION SHALL BE FINAL.**

**SECTION VI A. POSTPONEMENT OF MEETS WHICH SHALL BE DONE TWO (2) HOURS IN ADVANCE, DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS, IS SOLELY THE VISITING COACHES RESPONSIBILITY.**

**B. FORFEITS WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED. ANY TEAM THAT FORFEITS A MEET AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDES ITSELF FROM THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF NOT HAVING AN OFFICIAL.**

**SECTION VII IT IS THE "HOME TEAM'S RESPONSIBILITY" TO PROVIDE THE MEET RESULTS WITH AN ACCURATE AND LEGIBLE COPY OF THE MEET RESULTS SIGNED BY THE HEAD OFFICIAL. THE COPY MUST BE MAILED OR SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO THE MEET RESULTS CHAIRPERSON BY TUESDAY AFTER THE MEET AS JUDGED BY THE POSTMARK ON THE ENVELOPE RECEIVED BY THE MEET RESULTS CHAIRPERSON.**

**SECTION VIII** ANY TEAM THAT SWIMS A CHILD IN A MEET NOT PRESENT ON THEIR OFFICIAL ROSTER, AND HAS NOT PROVIDED FOR THE ADDITION UNDER ARTICLE IX-SECTION I-C, WILL FORFEIT ANY AND ALL POINTS SCORED BY THAT SWIMMER IN THAT MEET.

**SECTION IX** IN THE EVENT THAT THE ELECTRONIC TIMES ARE USED. THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO NATIONAL FEDERATION RULES AND REGULATIONS. IF THEY ARE NOT TO BE USED, THEY SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THE WATER.

**ARTICLE XI**

**CHAMPIONSHIP MEET**

- SECTION I**
- A. THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET WILL BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION IN EACH EVENT IN A 25 YARD POOL. NO TEAM SCORE IS RECORDED. TROPHIES AND/OR METALS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP SIX FINISHERS IN A SIX LANE POOL. RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED TO 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> PLACE. FINISHERS AND HEAT RIBBONS WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL HEAT SWIMMERS EXCEPT THE FASTEST HEAT, AT THE LEAGUES EXPENSE. IF HELD AT AN EIGHT LANE POOL, AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TOP EIGHT FINISHERS WITH HEAT RIBBONS AWARDED TO 9<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 16<sup>TH</sup> PLACE.**
  - B. THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET WILL FOLLOW GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN THE NATIONAL FEDERATION SWIMMING GUIDE WITH NEPAGSL EXCEPTIONS.**
  - C. ALL ADDITIONAL EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST TEAM.**

- D. THE HOST TEAM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET FOR THE BOYS AND FOR THE GIRLS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE THIRD MEETING. A LIST OF THE TEAMS SHALL BE PREPARED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER AS IDENTIFIED BY THE AREA DESIGNATION IN EACH TEAM NAME. THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOST THE CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE TEAM WHICH FOLLOWS THE HOST TEAM FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. IN THE EVENT THAT TEAM DOES NOT WISH TO HOST THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET, IT WILL BE OFFERED TO SUCCESSIVE TEAMS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER UNTIL ONE TEAM ACCEPTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOST THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET. A SEPARATE SELECTION PROCEDURE SHALL BE FOLLOWED FOR THE BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP MEET AND THE GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP MEET.**
- E. IN CASE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE CANCELLED, THEY WILL BE HELD THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY.**
- F. ALL SWIMMERS AT CHAMPIONSHIPS SHALL BE SEATED BY TIMES ACHIEVED IN AN NEPAGSL SANCTIONED SWIM EVENTS.**
- G. IF THE GRIEVANCE/PROTEST COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND RULES CHAIRPERSON SHALL BE PRESENT AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET AND WILL DECIDE ALL GRIEVANCES AND/OR PROTESTS PRESENTED AT THE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET AS SOON AS PRACTICAL AT THE PRESENTATION OR GRIEVANCE. ALL PROTEST OR GRIEVANCES SHALL BE DECIDED BY A 2/3 VOTE OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP GRIEVANCE/PROTEST COMMITTEE.**

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **LEAGUE COMMITTEES/CHAIRPERSON**

#### **SECTION I**

**RULES CHAIRPERSON WILL HAVE ALL QUESTIONS ON RULES DIRECTED TO HIM/HER. THE CHAIRPERSON WILL REVIEW THE PROBLEM AND PRESENT HIS/HER FINDING TO THE NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING.**

#### **SECTION II**

**GRIEVANCE/PROTEST COMMITTEE TO BE COMPOSED OF PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, RULES CHAIRPERSON, AND TWO (2) AT LARGE MEMBERS, WHO WILL ACT IN PLACE OF OFFICERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF SAID DISPUTE, SHOULD THE PROTEST INVOLVE ONE OF THE OTHER MEMBERS. ALL PROTESTS WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE COMMITTEE WHO SHALL BRING THEIR SUGGESTIONS TO THE FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP.**

**SECTION III**

**MEET RESULTS CHAIRPERSON, ONE BOYS/GIRLS LEAGUE. THE ORIGINAL COPY OF MEET RESULTS IS TO BE MAILED OR ELECTRONICALLY SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE CHAIRPERSON BY TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE MEET DETERMINED BY THE POSTMARK ON THE ENVELOPE. ALL QUESTIONS ON MEET RESULTS ARE TO BE DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE CHAIRPERSON.**

**SECTION IV****GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE:**

- A. A GRIEVANCE MUST BE FILED WITHIN FORTY EIGHT (48) HOURS OF THE MEET.**
- B. NOTIFY RULES CHAIRPERSON WHO WILL NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT WHO WILL THEN NOTIFY ALL TEAMS INVOLVED.**
- C. DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE WILL BE HELD AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.**
- D. UNFAIR ADVANTAGE WILL BE THE ONLY CAUSE FOR GRIEVANCE.**
- E. PROTEST/GRIEVANCE MUST BE PUT IN WRITING AND SENT TO THE RULES CHAIRPERSON.**
- F. SPECIAL MEETINGS WILL BE CALLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RULES CHAIRPERSON.**