

# BYLAWS OF THE SALT LAKE CITY TRACK CLUB

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## I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be "The Salt Lake City Track Club" hereafter referred to as "the Club."

## II. PURPOSE

The Club provides a structured organization for the purpose of promoting running as a sport and healthy lifestyle within our community. In furtherance of our purpose, the Club hosts group runs, fun runs, training runs and programs on the road and/or track, provides awards for club members, hosts social events for members, and all such other things as may be conducive to the encouragement of running. The Club also engages in community activities, to publicize by appropriate means, the benefits of running as a means of physical fitness to improve the health status of people in our community.

## III. AFFILIATION

The Club shall be a chapter of the Road Runners Club Of America (RRCA), and all measures adopted by that body must be considered by this organization. This Club will submit a portion of the annual dues described in section V to the RRCA as membership in that body shall require.

## IV. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Club will be on an annual basis starting January 1. Anyone can join the Club without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, physical condition, or age (minors may be excluded from membership/participation at the discretion of club/event leadership). Individuals who wish to participate in the activities of this organization shall submit dues annually, complete an annual application for membership and sign a waiver of liability for participation in all Club activities. The following classes of members are approved:

1. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS are entitled to all rights and privileges in club activities as stated below, dues being set by the Board of Directors.

2. **FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS:** Rights and privileges accrue to each individual family member upon payment of dues at the family rate as set by the Board of Directors. A family is defined as the immediate members of a family having the same permanent address. Individual family members must be identified upon registration.
3. **CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS:** Lump sum dues confer rights and privileges to designated corporate employees. Each employee will be considered as an individual member for club purposes. Corporate membership dues will be determined by the Board of Directors and can vary depending on numbers of employees involved.
4. **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS:** Upon retirement, the Club president will be awarded a lifetime family membership without dues. In addition, the Board of Directors can award a lifetime membership at their discretion, and can expire a lifetime membership if they determine that a lifetime member is no longer actively participating in the Club. Lifetime members must have a signed waiver on file with the Club in order to participate in Club activities. Lifetime memberships awarded prior to the enactment of these bylaws will be honored.

**Rights and privileges:** Each member shall

1. have one vote in club business meetings,
2. receive periodic club communications including emails and/or newsletters,
3. receive club-sponsored race fee discounts,
4. receive club-sponsored discounts at local retail stores,
5. have opportunity to wear club racing colors at local races,
6. have opportunity to purchase club sponsored merchandise.

## **V. DUES**

The annual dues rate for the Club membership will be set on an annual basis by the Board of Directors and shared annually with the membership as part of the regular join-and-renew process for the Club

## **VI. MEETING OF THE MEMBERSHIP**

The members of the Club shall meet at least once a year at a date and time established by the Board of Directors that is no more than four weeks before the start of the Club's fiscal year. Quorum at the annual meeting of the membership will be majority of the Board of Directors and no less than 11 voting members.

## **VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ELECTIONS**

The general membership elects the following Board of Directors: president, vice president (president-elect), treasurer, and secretary on an biennial basis (every two years).

A. **Board responsibilities.** The board is the governing authority and has total oversight over the management of the Club's affairs. It carries out all the objectives and purposes for which the Club is organized. This general mandate includes, but is not limited to, setting Club policy, financial oversight, strategic planning, fundraising, legal oversight, determining and monitoring the Club's programs and services, elevating the Club's public image, and hiring of any employees or independent contractors.

B. **Board of Director Members and Duties:**

1. **President** - to preside over meetings, represent this association with the RRCA, to call any special meetings, and to appoint committees and chairpersons thereof with approval from the Board.

2. Vice President - to assume the powers of the president in his/her absence, to manage the membership list, and to take on special assignments as requested by the president.

3. Secretary - to record minutes at all meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, to keep a file of such minutes,, and, when requested by the president, to accept assignments involving correspondence and the keeping of records.

4. Treasurer - Oversee the budget planning process, ensure adequate income available to achieve the budgeted expenses, safeguard the organizations assets, draft financial policies for board approval, anticipate and report financial problems, ensure the board receives regular and accurate financial statements and that the board members understand the information presented, ensure federal, state, and local reporting takes place, and other duties as requested by the president.

C. Eligibility: All Board Members must be dues-paying members of the organization and in good standing.

D. Term of Office: Term of office shall be two years (24 months), beginning on January 1 following the annual membership meeting. The president will appoint any board seat vacated during a term, with approval by the Board within 60 days of resignation of the seat. Appointed terms will end with the term of the seat.

E. Nominations and Elections: The Vice President will automatically succeed the President at the end of the President's term. Nominations by the Board of Directors for the remaining positions will be presented at the annual membership meeting. In the even that the Vice President is unable to assume the position of President, a nomination for President will also be presented. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. No nominations will be accepted without consent of the nominee. Board members shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at the annual membership meeting. Only members whose dues are current will be allowed to vote. Proxy votes will not be allowed.

F. Procedural requirements: Parliamentary procedure will be carried on at meetings, and every effort will be made to discuss any measures coming before the group. A majority vote of the Board of Directors members present is necessary to pass ordinary measures. All measures shall be deemed ordinary except those proposing a bylaw amendment. A quorum shall consist of four members. No official meeting shall be held unless a quorum is present.

## **VIII. COMMITTEES**

The Board of Directors has the authority to create committees, appoint chairpersons and members, and dissolve committees as it deems appropriate to carry out the purpose of the Club. All committee members serve for one year or a term as defined by the Board of Directors. The Board is kept informed of the activities and progress of all committees, and the Board has oversight duties in regard to the acceptance or rejection of the actions of a committee.

## **IX. FINANCES**

The Board establishes an annual operating budget and sets membership dues and event entry fees to support the budget. The Board must authorize unbudgeted expenditures exceeding \$100. The board may authorize the president and/or any officer to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Club with approval of the Board majority. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Club are signed by authorized officers or employees and in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the Board. All monies for the Club are deposited to the credit of the Club in banks that are members of or whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or other government insurance agency. No Club funds may be deposited in the personal account of a member of the Board. The treasurer reviews the status of the general fund at least quarterly. At the same time, he/she reviews a forecast of estimated deposits and disbursements for the succeeding quarters. If the president and the treasurer determine that the balance of general funds

exceeds the amount required for routine operating expenses, then the excess funds may be invested as authorized by the board.

## **X. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Failure of literal or complete compliance with provisions of the bylaws with respect to dates, times and notice, or the sending or receipt of the same, or errors in phraseology of notice of proposal, do not invalidate the actions or proceedings of the members at any meeting, as long as the members judge (by majority vote) that no substantial injury to the rights of members has occurred.

## **XI. TAX STATUS AND DISSOLUTION**

No part of the net earnings of the Club inures to the benefit of, or is distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons; except that the Club may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and may make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II. No substantial part of the Club's activities can be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Club may not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Regardless of any other provision of these articles, the Club may not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation (a) that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (b) contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon dissolution of the Club, the funds in the treasury, after all creditors have been paid, shall go to the Road Runners Club of America or other 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a similar purpose to the Club's.

## **XII. AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of those voting at an annual meeting, as follows: (a) a proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the Club president at least 60 days preceding the annual meeting; (b) the board by majority vote determines its position for, against, or for with a recommended change; and (c) the board returns the proposal along with its position to be included in the notice of the annual meeting, at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

A proposed amendment, which has not been recommended by the board and has been defeated at the annual meeting may not be resubmitted until at least one annual meeting has intervened. The board determines, in its sole discretion, whether an amendment is sufficiently similar to one previously considered to be governed by this subsection.

An amendment becomes effective upon adoption, unless another date is specified as part of the amendment.

The board may renumber, revise, codify and correct any provision in these bylaws, and in the rules, policies, procedures and regulations of the RRCA, to eliminate errors, to correct spelling and grammar, to provide consistent numbering and to bring about proper order and sequence, but in so doing it may not change the meaning of any provision.

## **XIII. ADOPTION**

These bylaws will become effective upon adoption by a two-thirds vote of members present at a membership meeting of the Club.