



SPEARFISH YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB



OFFICIAL CLUB BY-LAWS

Adopted September 24, 2013

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1 - The organization shall be known as Spearfish Youth Wrestling Club, located in the City of Spearfish, in the state of South Dakota.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 1 - To increase the awareness and participation in the sport of wrestling in Spearfish. This is accomplished by developing and promoting a basic understanding and appreciation of wrestling on part of both parents and youngsters, and to prepare both for the next levels of wrestling in Spearfish's middle and high school programs.

Section 2 - To supervise, sponsor, and financially assist a disciplined and competitive program of wrestling.

Section 3 - To develop in members, the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, and respect for authority.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Any youth age 4 through 16 desiring active membership will be registered at the first club activity he attends.

Section 2 - Membership in the organization requires payment of an annual membership fee which will be determined by the Board prior to the start of each season; presentation of a copy of the applicant's birth certificate; and completion of the club's membership application by a parent or legal guardian.

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Section 3 - Membership period shall be from November 1 through October 31st of the following year.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1 - The Board shall consist of the following (7) positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and (3) Board Members-at-large.

Section 2 - Officer shall be elected annually by a simple majority of those present at an April general meeting, which shall include all current officers, elected Board members-at-large, coaches, and parents of registered wrestlers. Only an existing officer can be elected to the position of President.

Section 3- To hold an officer position, that person shall have a current club registered wrestler. No officer shall serve more than one additional year after having a club registered wrestler. Any person may serve as a Board Member-at-large. Only one person per household may serve on the board at any given time.

Section 4 - - Officers shall hold office until: (a) a successor is duly elected, (b) death or disability, (c) resignation, (d) removed from office by a 2/3 majority of all voting members.

Section 5 - Vacancy for any reason shall be filled by appointment of the remaining officers until the next general April meeting.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – President- The President shall supervise all the club's business affairs, and enforce all the rules of the club. He/she shall preside at all board and general meetings and assure that orderly and complete meetings are conducted. The President shall be a signer on checks issued on behalf of the club. The President is authorized to spend up to \$200 on club related items.

Section 2 - Vice-president- The Vice-president shall assist the President in the performance of his duties. In the absence of the President, the Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice-president shall also perform other duties as assigned by the President. The Vice-president shall be a signer on checks on behalf of the club.

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Section 3 - Secretary – The Secretary records the minutes of all meetings and prepares a copy of such minutes for permanent record, and for each member present at the next meeting. The Secretary is also responsible for the correspondence of the club as deemed necessary. Upon notification by the President, the Secretary shall notify all members by phone, mail, online posting, or by personal contact of the time and place of all meetings, other than those regularly scheduled in advance and already published or posted.

Section 4 - Treasurer – The Treasurer maintains the financial records of the Club, and prepares checks as directed by the Board or President. The Treasurer shall make timely bank deposits, and give a current financial report at each meeting. The Treasurer shall be a signer on checks issued in behalf of the Club. The Treasurer is authorized to spend up to \$200 on club related items.

Section 5 - Board Members-at-large - Duties will be defined and assigned as needed and determined by the Board. The three members-at-large positions should be filled by individuals who would be a representative of the majority of parents, and who have skills and/or experience that would enhance the Club's objectives.

ARTICLE VI- COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1- The head coach shall ensure the safety of every wrestler during all associated events. He/she should be present at all practices, tournaments, and events set forth by the Board.

Section 2- The head coach shall supervise, train, and manage the Spearfish Youth Wrestling Club in so far as the wrestlers, assistant coaches, and parent coaches during all practices and tournaments.

Section 3- The head coach will have authority over all coaches under him, including but not limited to “parent coaches”, and will be responsible for maintaining order at practices and tournaments.

Section 4- The head coach shall communicate with the Board on a regular basis during the season.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1 - The Club's board of directors (officers and elected board members-at-large) shall meet at least bi-monthly October through April, and monthly, or as necessary the remainder of the year, to effectively conduct the orderly business of the club.

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Section 2 - Upon notification by the President, the Secretary shall notify all members by mail, online posting, newsletter, phone, or in person, of the time and place of all meetings, other than those regularly scheduled, at least 5 days in advance.

Section 3 - All general meetings (to be held in January and April) and discussions of the Board shall be open to any current member of the club. In the case of discipline matters, the Board shall have the option of meeting in private "executive session".

Section 4 - The elected members of the Board shall be the voting members of the Club. The Board, on its own, or by proposal from the floor, may vote either to poll all present on a specific issue before casting their votes on an issue, or may vote to accept the results of a majority vote by all present.

Section 5 - All meetings shall be run in an orderly manner. No member may have the floor for discussion unless recognized by the President or presiding person. The Modern Edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be followed as close as possible.

Section 6 - Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and made available in writing at the next official meeting. Copies of all meeting minutes are to be maintained for future reference.

ARTICLE VIII -QUORUM

Section 1 - A quorum shall consist of at least a minimum of a simple majority (4) of the elected members of the Board in order to conduct ordinary business. Approval by at least 2/3 of all present at a general meeting is necessary to amend, add, or replace any articles in these bylaws.

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS

Section 1 - Elections for new officers will be held at an April general meeting each year by a simple majority of those present, which includes all current officers, coaches, and parents of registered wrestlers. In the case of more than one candidate for a position, election will be by secret ballot.

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Section 2 – Any person that meets the qualifications to serve in an a vacant or up for election position, must either in writing, email, or at the January general meeting, make known their desire to be considered for the position. All nominees must be present for nominations, and must agree to serve.

Section 3 - An election will be held for each contested office, with the President and Secretary responsible for counting of the votes.

ARTICLE X – FINANCES

Section 1 - Contracts - Only the Board may authorize contracts on the part of the organization.

Section 2 - Loans - No loans may be contracted on behalf of the Club, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the board of officers. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3 - Checks - all checks of any amount require one signature. Those approved to sign checks include the President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 4 - Deposits - All funds of the Club not otherwise employed for its purposes shall be deposited within 3 business days of receipt to the credit of the Club in such banks or other depositories as the board may direct.

Section 5 - Financial Audit - The Board shall appoint a qualified member or agent to conduct an annual audit of the income and expenses of the organization.

Section 6- Expenditures- Club expenditures must be approved by majority vote of the board. The President and Treasurer are exempt up to \$200 per Article V. Voting may take place at regular or emergency meetings which may include electronic meetings. All electronic meetings must be included in next meeting minutes.

ARTICLE XI – CODE OF CONDUCT

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Section 1 – All Board members, Coaches, Wrestlers, and Parents shall conduct themselves in the most honorable, courteous, and sportsmanlike fashion.

Section 2- No person shall perform or allow willful or flagrant destruction of personal or public property.

Section 3- No person shall use or allow the abusive or threatening language or conduct toward any member or tournament official.

Section 4- No alcohol, drugs, or tobacco use in any form will be allowed by a member in or on the premises of all facilities where sanctioned events are in progress. Drugs approved or prescribed by proper medical personnel for use by competitive member shall be exempted.

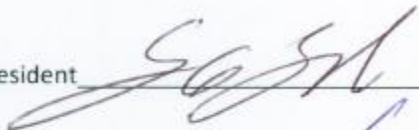
ARTICLE XII – ORGANIZATION TERMINATION

In the event that the organization terminates operation, any tangible club assets shall be sold at an agreed upon price by the board and with all other unused funds, be given equally to the high school and middle school wrestling programs.

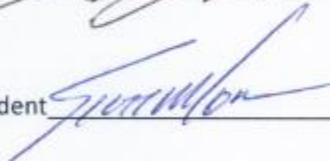
These bylaws approved on the 24th day of September, 2013.

Signed by:

Sean Sailor, President



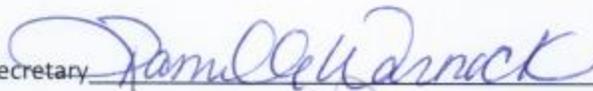
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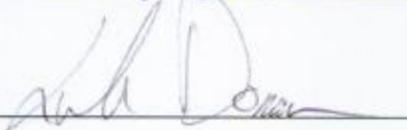
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