

Soo Michigan Curling Club

Bylaws

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ARTICLE I – NAME AND LOCATION

The name of this organization is the **Soo Michigan Curling Club**, hereinafter referred to as **SMCC** or “the club”. The principal location of the club shall be in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, USA.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of SMCC is as follows: To develop, promote and administer the Sport of Curling in the city of Sault Ste Marie and surrounding area; to foster state, regional, national and international amateur sports competition; to encourage, support, coordinate, sponsor and organize sports competition for membership and the general public; to support and develop athletes, both youth and adult; to help each individual member achieve their highest level of personal sports competition; to promote sport safety, fellowship, and respect among members; to support training and certification of coaching staff and competition officials.

ARTICLE III – OPERATING GUIDELINES

SECTION I

SMCC shall be a non-profit organization within the meaning of the laws of Michigan and Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All donations, member dues, and other finances will be handled through the Chippewa County Community Fund until the Club officials vote to separate from the CCCF.

SECTION II

No part of the property or net earnings of the SMCC shall be distributed to, nor inure to the benefit of, its members, officers, or other private person, except that the SMCC shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually

rendered and to pay expenses and make distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

SECTION III

No substantial part of the activities of SMCC shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and SMCC shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign in favor or in opposition to any candidate for public office to the extent not permitted for organization qualified for tax exempt status pursuant to Internal Revenue Code section 501 ©(3).

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION I

Any individual who subscribes to the basic principles of the club may become a member of the club, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Bylaws. Membership in this club shall be available without regard to race, color or sex (including pregnancy, gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, disability, or genetic information.

SECTION II

The membership year runs from October 1 through September 30 of the following year. The club shall conduct an annual enrollment of members, but persons may be admitted to membership at any time during the active curling season.

SECTION III

The dues, fees, and charges for all categories of membership shall be addressed annually and approved by the club officers with at least a majority vote. A schedule of membership dues and fees shall be distributed to all active members based on the prior year roster, as well as posted prior to the beginning of the curling season for the upcoming membership year. If the club officers do not agree to change the dues, they will remain the same as the previous year.

SECTION IV

Only members of the club in good standing shall be eligible to participate in its business meetings, or to serve in any of its elective positions.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

SECTION 1 – OFFICERS ELECTION

Officers of the club are elected annually by a majority of the club membership and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

SECTION II - PRESIDENT

The President shall preside at all meetings of the club at which he or she may be present; shall perform other duties as may be prescribed in these bylaws or assigned to them by the club; and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the club in that the Basic Policies may be promoted.

SECTION III – VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall act as an aide to the president and shall perform the duties of the president in the absence or disability of that officer to act.

SECTION IV – SECRETARY

The Secretary shall keep the records of the proceeding of the club, record the minutes of all meetings of the club officers and Club Membership meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to them.

SECTION V – TREASURER

The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate record of all receipts and expenditures and shall make disbursements according to the approved budget. The Treasurer shall collect the membership dues. The club officers may designate assistants to the Treasurer to assist in the collection of dues or fees. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every regular meeting of the club officers and shall make a full report at the annual meeting.

SECTION VI – TERMS OF OFFICE

Elected officers shall serve for a term of one year. All officers shall deliver to their successors all official material, not later than thirty days following the election of their successors.

SECTION VII – MEETINGS OF THE OFFICERS

Regular meetings of the officers shall be held once per calendar month during the curling season, and no less than two meetings shall be scheduled during the off-season.

ARTICLE VI – CLUB MEMBER MEETINGS

SECTION I

Regular membership meetings of the club shall be held a minimum of two times each year; the dates of these meetings may vary from year to year. The day and time for these meetings to be determined by a majority vote of the Officers. The general membership meeting shall be conducted each autumn prior to the beginning of league play. The Skip or a representative from each team is required to attend the fall meeting. The annual end of season membership meeting shall be held at the conclusion of league play. It is at this time that Officers for the following season are elected, and specific club business is conducted that may require the review of the membership.

SECTION II

Notice; Meeting notice shall include the date, time, place and principal agenda items of the meeting. The Officers shall make every reasonable effort to notify the membership, which may include notice by e-mail and social media.

ARTICLE VII – STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECTION I

The Officers may create such standing committees as it may deem necessary to promote the Basic Policies and carry on the work of the club.

SECTION II

The chairperson of each standing committee shall present a plan of work to the Officers approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the Officers.

ARTICLE VIII – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Whenever an officer has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the officers, the affected person shall, a) fully disclose the nature of the interest and b) withdraw from discussion, lobbying and voting on the matter. Any transaction or vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when a majority of the disinterested officers determine that it is in the best interest of the club to do so. The

minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention and reason for approval.

ARTICLE IX -AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended from time to time by the members of the club. Such action shall be preceded by giving all Club members no less than ten (10) days prior written notice of the meeting at which such amendments will be considered.

Corrections and clarifications made to these Bylaws shall not be considered as amendments. Bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote at a general membership meeting.

ARTICLE X – DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Club, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 ©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.