

BYLAWS OF THE JUNIATA VALLEY STRIDERS RUNNING CLUB

I. TITLE

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Juniata Valley Striders Running Club, and will be referred to hereafter as “the Club” or may be abbreviated as JVS.
- B. All previous constitutions and rules of operations for the Club are hereby declared null and void.

II. OBJECTIVES

- A. The purpose of the JVS shall be to promote and encourage distance running as a sport and healthy exercise for all age groups within the community.
- B. To further these objectives, the club may conduct races, group runs, fun runs, training runs, and programs on the road, track, or trail; provide race assistance and timing services, host lectures, clinics, and social events for members and anything else conducive to encouraging running. The Club will also engage in community activities to publicize, by appropriate means, the benefits of running as a means of physical fitness.

III. AFFILIATION

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

IV. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Requirements of membership are an interest in running, physical fitness and completion of a membership application, signing of waiver of liability, and payment of dues.
- B. Membership in the JVS will be on annual basis starting January 1.
- C. Membership is open to anyone without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, physical condition, or age.

V. MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT

A. Board of Directors

1. The management of this organization shall be under the supervision of a Board of Directors. The Board is the governing body and has total oversight over the management of the Club's affairs. It shall carry out all the objectives and purposes for which the Club is organized. This includes, but is not limited to, setting club policy, financial oversight, strategic planning, fundraising, legal oversight, determining and monitoring the Club's program and services, elevating the Club's public image, and hiring any employees or independent contractors.
2. The Board shall consist of a president, first vice-president, second vice-president, secretary and treasurer--all elected by the JVS membership.
3. All Board members must be dues paying members in good standing, and all members of the JVS are eligible to serve on the Board.

B. Duties of Board Members

1. President: To be the chief executive office of the Club, to preside over meetings, to call any special meetings, to appoint committees and chairpersons with approval from the Board, to recommend to the Board measures desirable to further the objectives of the club, to sign all contracts and legal documents, and to represent the JVS in the RRCA. The president shall also serve as a member ex-officio of all committees.
2. First Vice President (Membership): To assume the powers of the president in his/her absence, maintain membership lists, receive and record membership dues, maintain active membership list, and to take on special assignments as requested by the president.
3. Second Vice President (Communications): To assume the powers of the president in his/her absence and absence of first vice president, oversee website and social media platforms, report and communicate club news and activities, disseminate information about club activities to all media, including print, broadcast, and electronic, and to take on special assignments as requested by the president.
4. Secretary: To record minutes of meetings, to keep a file of such minutes, and when requested by the president, to accept assignments involving correspondence and keeping of records, and to keep a viable and accurate record of the Club's history by maintaining the archival material of the club.
5. Treasurer: To maintain custody of all Club funds, to sign all checks drawn upon JVS funds, to furnish accurate financial statements to the Board and membership, oversee the budget planning process, ensure adequate income is available to meet budgeted expenses, safeguard the organization's assets, and to ensure federal, state and local reporting takes place.

C. Elections

1. Nominations for offices shall be accepted at the meeting preceding and during the annual meeting, which shall be the final regular club meeting of the calendar year.
2. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those present at the annual meeting. Candidates receiving the most votes for each office will be declared the officers for the upcoming year.

D. Terms of Office & Replacement of Officers

1. Terms of office shall be for one year from January 1 to December 31.
2. Officers may succeed themselves. Board of Directors are limited to a maximum of five consecutive years on the board in any office then must take a one year hiatus from the Board. After that one year, they may again seek a board position.
3. In the event of an officer's resignation or recall, the remaining Board of Directors will appoint someone to fill the unexpired term thru December 31.
4. An officer may be recalled upon a motion by a member of the Board of Directors and a unanimous vote by the remaining Board of Directors at a regular club meeting.

E. Committees

The Board of Directors has the authority to create committees, appoint members, and dissolve committees, as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the club. The Board will define the duties for all committees and outline expectations. All committee members will serve for one year or a term defined by the Board of Directors. The Board is to be kept informed of the activities and progress of all committees, and has the oversight duties in regard to the final outcome, approval, acceptance and rejection of a committee. Committees may include equipment, timing, special events, race committees, youth programs, running clinics, sponsorships, etc.

F. Meeting Procedural Requirements

1. All club meetings shall be conducted on the basis of parliamentary procedure.
2. A majority vote of the members present will be necessary to pass ordinary measures. All measures shall be deemed ordinary except those proposing a bylaws amendments.
3. A quorum shall consist of the number of elected officers plus one (a total of six members). No official meeting shall be held unless a quorum is present.

IV. FINANCES

- A. This is a non-profit organization. All dues, entry fees, and other monies collected will be spent entirely for carrying the stated purpose of this organization.
- B. Dues shall be set annually by the Board of Directors, approved by the membership of the JVS, and not changed more than once a year.
- C. A club budget for the coming year shall be presented by the Board to the JVS membership for approval prior at the start of each year.
- D. This organization is empowered to conduct fund raising events as per RRCA guidelines.
- E. Members using club funds for any purpose shall give a full report of expenditures to the treasurer.
- F. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name other JVS are signed by authorized officers or employees and in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the Board.
- G. Unless otherwise budgeted, any Club purchase or expense under \$500 must be approved by the Board. Any purchase over \$500, if not previously budgeted, must be approved by the membership at a regular club meeting.
- H. If the president and the treasurer determine that the balance of general funds exceeds that amount required for routine operating expense, then the excess funds may be invested as authorized by the Board.

V. CONTRACTS & RACE ENDORSEMENTS

- A. Any agreement or contract entered into by the Club shall have advance approval of the Board. All affiliate and contractual relationships shall be directed toward the best interests of the club and protect its property and identify.
- B. The Juniata Valley Striders club name shall not be used as an endorsement of any race unless the club is actively included in the planning and organization of such a race.

VI. AMENDMENTS TO THESE BYLAWS

- A. These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 majority of those voting at the annual meeting.
- B. Any proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the JVS president at least 120 days prior to the annual meeting.

- C. The Board, by majority vote, determines its position for or against the recommended change and states its position on the proposal in the notice for the annual meeting.
- D. The Board will communicate the proposed amendment and its position via e-mail to the membership at least seven days prior to the annual meeting.
- E. A proposed amendment defeated at the annual meeting may not be submitted for reconsideration for at least one year.

VII. TAX STATUS

- A. 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 to further advance its purposes.
- B. No substantial part of the Club's activities may be the advancement of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Club may not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of candidates for public office.
- C. Regardless of any other purpose of these articles, the Club may not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried out by a corporation that is exempted from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

VIII. DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the JVS, all funds in the treasury, after all creditors have been paid, shall go to the Road Runners Club of America.

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