

**BYLAWS OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF CANOEING AND KAYAKING**

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Article I: Name

The name of the association will be: Pennsylvania Association of Canoeing and Kayaking. This name may also be used in the abbreviated form: PACK.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the PACK will be:

- A. to promote the sport of recreational canoeing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- B. to act as a unifying organization for those interested in canoeing and kayaking in Pennsylvania.
- C. to act as a source of expertise for this sport in Pennsylvania.
- D. to act as a coordinating body for information of canoeing and kayaking activities in Pennsylvania.
- E. to promote marathon canoe and kayak racing in Pennsylvania.
- F. to encourage continuing educational efforts in canoe and kayak water safety in Pennsylvania.

The PACK will be a nonprofit association.

Article III: Membership

The classes of membership shall be: Individual, Family, and Sponsoring. All classes of membership shall be open to any individual or organization with interest in the sports of canoeing and kayaking, subject to the requirements below. Membership shall be by written application to the Membership Secretary. Membership shall be deemed continuous, once established, unless:

1. written resignation is received by the Membership Secretary

or

2. dues in arrears of 6 months are noted by the Treasurer

or

3. the Executive Committee of the association so directs membership termination.

A. Individual Membership- an individual who meets standards of interest and dues payment in the PACK. This member will have all privileges of membership including, but not restricted to one vote in

PACK business meetings, receipt or PACK informational material, receipt or canoe/kayak race and trip information, attendance at PACK activities, use of PACK reference materials.

B. Family Membership-This class membership shall include all members of a legally constituted family residing at one postal address who meet standards of interest and dues payment in the PACK. All family members shall be eligible for all privileges of membership as stated under Individual Membership, except each family membership shall be entitled to one vote only in business meetings and receive one copy only of all mailed material. One family member shall be designated to receive mail for the Family Membership.

C. Sponsoring Member- This class membership shall include individuals, businesses, or organizations who meet standards of interest and dues payment in the PACK as sponsors. This includes those who wish to be recognized as PACK race sponsors and those who wish to be recognized as business sponsors. All sponsoring members shall be entitled to all privileges of membership as stated under Individual Membership, except that each Sponsoring Membership shall be entitled to one vote only in business meetings and receive one copy only of all material mailings. One individual shall be designated to receive mail for the Sponsoring Membership.

Article IV: Officers

The officers shall be those serving as: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Membership Secretary, Representative to the United States Canoe Association, Representative to the American Canoe Association, Competition Chairman, Editor or the PACK Newsletter.

Those named above, plus the Delegate(s) -At-Large shall constitute the Board or Directors of the association. The Board of Directors shall constitute the Executive Committee of the PACK.

Each individual holding one or more of the above offices shall be entitled to one vote in deliberations or the Board of Directors. Holding more than one of the above offices shall not entitle the individual to more than one vote in these deliberations.

A. President: The President shall be the executive officer of the PACK. He will preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the PACK. He shall appoint all committees provided for within these bylaws and shall be an exofficio member of all these committees. He shall be elected by the membership.

B. Vice President: The Vice President shall, in the absence of or during the disability of the President, have all powers and perform all duties of the President. This officer is elected by the membership.

C. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be chief financial officer of the PACK. He shall receive, deposit, and disburse the funds of the PACK in accordance with the policies and directions of the Board of Directors. He shall make periodic financial statements to the Board of Directors as may be requested. This officer is elected by the membership.

D. Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary shall give notice of, attend and record the minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors, and the membership. He will receive and appropriately reply to non membership communications to the PACK. He will forward appropriate summaries of correspondence to the Board of Directors as may be requested. This officer shall be appointed by the President.

E. Membership Secretary: The Membership Secretary shall receive and appropriately process applications for membership. He shall maintain an accurate listing of members and their addresses. This officer shall be appointed by the President.

F. Representatives: The PACK may elect to be a member of national canoeing organizations such as the United States Canoe Association (USCA), and the American Canoe Association (ACA). If this elective is made and if appropriate, a member shall be designated as PACK Representative to these organizations. The President shall appoint these Representatives.

G. Competition Chairman: This officer shall act as coordinator for race scheduling and act as rules arbitrator for competitions. This officer shall be appointed by the President.

H. Editor of the Newsletter: This officer shall publish a periodic newsletter for the membership, at the PACK expense. This officer shall be appointed by the President.

Article V: Standing Committees

Executive Committee- (Refer to Article IV): The Executive Committee shall act for the membership in between membership meetings and report such interim actions to the membership periodically.

Publications Committee- The Publications Committee shall assist the Editor of the Newsletter as required, to prepare the newsletter and other appropriate publications, if any. These committee members will be proposed by the Editor of the Newsletter and confirmed by the President.

Article VI: Additional or Special Committees

The President shall have the power to appoint other additional committees for any purpose other than those purposes of the Standing Committees.

Article VII: Meetings

An annual meeting of the general membership of the association will be held upon call of the President. Notice will be provided via the Newsletter no less than three weeks prior to the appointed date. Other meetings of the general membership may be held with similar notice required. Meetings of committees or the Board of Directors shall be open to any duly enrolled member.

A petition of 20% of the duly enrolled membership, upon forwarding to the President, will serve to mandate a Special Meeting of the membership within 6 weeks of forwarding said petition, subject to at least three weeks notice to the general membership.

Revisions:

February 11, 2018: Original ByLaws converted to modern PDF document; reviewed, no changes made.