

BY LAWS OF THE LOUISIANA COUNCIL OF UNDERWATER DIVING CLUBS
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ARTICLE I NAME, LOCATION, AND PURPOSE

SECTION A NAME: This organization shall be known as the Louisiana of Underwater Diving Clubs (LCUDC)

SECTION B LOCATION: The Council headquarters is located in New Orleans, LA

SECTION C PURPOSE

C-1 the purpose of this organization shall be:

C-1-1 To Coordinate activities of affiliated clubs. That is any member organization and/or association in the state of Louisiana or any state bordering Louisiana that participates in any form of skin or scuba diving.

C-1-2 To exchange and make available to all affiliated clubs information concerning safety, medical, photography, and technical research in the latest state of the art of underwater sports.

C-1-3 To work directly with state and local conservation departments concerning legislation and regulation pertaining to underwater sports

C-1-4 To cooperate with the Underwater Society of America in matters of mutual concern.

C-1-5 To promote sportsmanship, competition, and good fellowship among members through derby and photography contests.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A REQUIREMENTS:

A-1 Only clubs within the state of Louisiana or states bordering having a membership of five (5) or more may be accepted in the Council.

A-2 Members clubs must adhere to the articles and by-laws of the LCUDC without variance.

A-3 All Clubs or individuals or individuals applying for membership will have credentials challenged.

A-4 Application for membership must be made through a delegate member or executive member prior to a Council meeting.

SECTION B DUES

B-1 The yearly fee of member clubs shall be fifty (\$50) (changed 2005) per club. A yearly fee of \$10 for each member, only a pay member may witness as a catch and/or weight witness on the derby board. (2011)

SECTION C EXPULSION

C-1 Any member club and/or individual not abiding by each and every rule, regulation, article and section of the LCUDC shall invite expulsion by recommendation of a delegate member or an executive member.

C-2 Any member club and/or individual that is being considered for expulsion, will be given an opportunity to testify before the Council.

C-3 A two-thirds (2/3) vote of the existing delegate member is required for expulsion.

SECTION D REFUSAL OF MEMBERSHIP

D-1 Any club refused membership in the LCUDC may reapply when the reasons for denial has been rectified. This time is given them to reorganize based on the requirements of the LCUDC.

SECTION E MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

E-1 Any full active member of any member club who is good standing is automatically a LCUDC member and is entitled to wear the Council patch.

ARTICLE III MEETINGS

SECTION A TIME & PLACE

A-1 All Council meetings will be held at the discretion of the executive board. Delegate members will be informed by the secretary of upcoming meetings.

SECTION B NATURE OF MEETINGS

B-1 All meetings are to be closed; the only exception is by invitation from the Council Board.

B-2 Two thirds (2/3) of the delegate members is required to constitute a quorum.

B-3 Each member club shall have one (1) voting delegate. This delegate shall be the president of the member club or his/her appointed substitute. This substitute shall be an active member in good standing of the club he/she represents.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

SECTION A TITLES

A-1 The officers of the LCUDC shall consist of a President, Secretary/Treasurer, and a Director.

SECTION B ELECTION AND TENURE

B-1 The candidates shall be nominated from the floor at the October meeting. The election should be held in December with the new officers taking office the 1st of January.

B-2 A simple majority vote of all delegate members is needed for election to office.

B-3 All officers of the LCUDC shall serve for a term on one year to run concurrently with Council year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31) and serve as assistant officer through the March meeting of the following year to instruct and guide officers in their duties.

SECTION C ELIGIBILITY

C-1 Any member of the Council is eligible to hold office.

SECTION D VACANCIES OF OFFICE

D-1 The executive board will appoint a replacement for the officers that cannot complete their term.

D-2 The replacement will hold the office until the next regularly scheduled election.

SECTION E DUTIES OF OFFICERS

E-1 It shall be the duty of the president of the LCUDC to preside at all meetings of this organization, to enforce observance of the constitution, to offer for consideration all motions, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, supervise the derby board, and perform other as his office may require. The president has further responsibility after consultation with the other executive member present, to cast the deciding vote on all evenly divided votes.

E-2 It shall be the duty of the Secretary/Treasurer to keep an accurate record of all Council proceedings, handle all correspondence, notify delegate members of upcoming meetings, receive all moneys of the Council, keep an account of dues, receipts and expenditures, and submit regular reports to the Council. All checks must be co-signed by the President.

E-3 It shall be the duty of the Director to act as representative of the LCUDC regarding public relations, conduct meetings in the absence of the President and be the clubs legislative contact.

E-4 Council Officers may enlist the help of any Council members to aid them in the completion of their duties; however, the Officer retains the ultimate responsibility.

SECTION F SPECIAL COMMITTEES

F-1 Committees are to be appointed as the need arises at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE V ADMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS AND/OR CONSITUTION

SECTION A PROCESS

A-1 Amendments to the constitution shall be made by two-thirds (2/3) vote cast by delegate members.

A-2 All clubs must be notified prior to any vote to amend.

A-3 any club may vote by registered mail addressed to the Secretary.

ARTICLE VI COMPTITION

SECTION A DERBY BOARD

The Derby Board is part of the by-laws. Since 1996 there have been many changes to the Derby Board

Please see 2010 Derby Board Synopsis for the most up to day Rules.

Please note: Many charges has taken place since the by-laws last up-date of 1996, but as you may have noted our record keeping has not kept up. Please save to your club files. At the next meetings, the Council can make the charges necessary to up date the by-laws.