

**SKI CLUB CHICAGO
BY - LAWS**

ARTICLE I - ORGANIZATION

- A. The name of the organization shall be the Ski Club Chicago (hereinafter referred to as the “Club”).
- B. The Club shall maintain registration with the Secretary of the State of Illinois as a not-for-profit corporation.
- C. The fiscal year of the Club shall begin on a date determined by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

- A. The Purpose of the Club is to provide a variety of year-round activities, focusing on skiing and other active, social and cultural activities as the Board and members may suggest and accept.
- B. To enjoy the financial and social advantages that group participation enables.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Anyone fifty (50) years of age or older is eligible for membership. If a spouse or significant other is not yet fifty (50), that person shall be eligible for membership. The Club shall not deny membership due to race, religion, color or sex.
- B. Non-members (anyone eligible for membership but not a member) will not be permitted to participate in any overnight trip but non-members may participate in Club dinners as the guest of a member. Participation of non-members may be allowed in physical activities (i.e., biking, hiking, boating, kayaking, canoeing, etc.) as permitted by the Board as they may from time to time direct, not to exceed two (2) occasions. Other than for dinner and similar non-active events, all participating guests must sign a Release and Waiver of Liability for physical activities.
- C. Any person shall be considered a member in good standing after meeting the following requirements:
 - 1. Annually submit a signed and dated application and waiver.
 - 2. Annually pay any and all required membership dues and fees.
- D. Members in good standing shall have the right to:
 - 1. Participate in all Club functions for which space is available, providing all requirements are fulfilled.

2. Run for elected office and/or hold appointed committee chairmanship(s), providing all requirements for that office are fulfilled.
3. Propose motions and business at meetings.

E. Conduct

1. Each member shall conduct himself/herself in a manner that allows others the opportunity to hear and be heard at all meetings.
2. Conduct of a guest of a member shall be the responsibility of said member, and said member shall be accountable to the Board and to the rest of the membership.
3. No member or guest of a member shall behave at a Club function in such a manner as to be detrimental to the Club and/or its members.
4. No illegal substances will be allowed on or at any Club function.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. The Club shall be managed by a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"). The Board shall consist of nine (9) Club members elected by a majority of the members present at the Annual Meeting.

B. The Board, by majority vote, shall elect as Officers the following: President, Vice--President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The same person may not serve as both President and Treasurer.

1. President – The President shall preside over all General and Board meetings, and shall have charge and control over the affairs of the Club subject to the approval of the Board.
2. Vice President – The Vice President shall assist the President in the administration of the Club. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform all of the duties of the President and shall be responsible for the proper functioning and co-ordination of all committees. The Vice-President will serve as the Chair of the Nominating Committee and as the Club Parliamentarian.
3. Secretary – The Secretary shall handle all necessary correspondence of the Club and shall record the minutes of the General and Board meetings, and shall keep a file of such records. The Secretary shall present the minutes of the preceding meeting at each Board meeting. The Secretary shall be responsible for all official Club documents.
4. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall maintain and balance the books of the Club, shall handle the collection of funds, and make all necessary payments. The Treasurer

shall report on the financial condition of the Club at the Annual meeting and at all Board meetings. The Treasurer does not need to be a member of the Board.

C. The Immediate Past President may serve as an ex officio member of the board without voting privileges.

D. The Board shall have all the powers permitted by the laws of the State of Illinois and shall include, but not limited to, the following:

1. To plan, supervise and conduct all the business and other functions of the Club;
2. To purchase and dispose of Club properties and to make such reasonable expenditures as will further the purpose or good will of the Club;
3. To schedule regular and special meetings of the General membership provided that reasonable notice shall be given of such meetings;
4. To appoint committee chairpersons, including those for purposes which from time to time shall be deemed necessary or expedient including but not limited to “ad hoc” committee chairpersons; and
5. To act as agent(s) for the Club to collect any fees, penalties, monies, and/or property/properties owed to the Club by any current or past member, and/or other parties.

E. The number of members of the Board may be increased or decreased from time to time by a majority vote of the members of the Board with the concurrence of the General membership at a meeting called for that purpose. No decrease shall shorten the term of any member of the Board then in office.

F. The Board may, from time to time, appoint Advisors to assist and advise the Board. Board Advisors serve at the discretion of the Board.

G. The terms of office of the Board shall begin at the end of the annual meeting in May.

H. The term of office of each member of the Board other than the Treasurer will be for a period of three (3) years.

I. To maintain the efficient working of the Club, the term of the Treasurer shall overlap at completion of the then current Treasurer’s term for additional period of one (1) month. That period of overlap is to facilitate the closing of the previous year’s records.

J. The terms of the office of the Board shall be staggered so that the terms of three members of the Board shall expire every year.

K. Any member of the Board may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt by the Board. Acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary for it to be effective.

L. The Board shall appoint a replacement member to fulfill any unexpired term of a Board member who either resigns, is removed or for other reason is unable to complete his or her term of office.

M. Any member of the Board may be removed with or without cause by majority vote of the members of the Board.

N. No Officer, Director, Board Member or Board Advisor shall engage in any profit-making activity with which this organization is directly or indirectly involved without the prior written approval by the Board of Directors.

O. A quorum for a Board Meeting shall be a simple majority of the Board present.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

A. The President or the Board may appoint standing and special committees as required.

B. The following standing Committees can be established and maintained: Trip; Membership; Publicity; Newsletter; Social; Webmaster, Nominating. In addition, there shall be one (1) Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council delegate.

1. Ski Trip Chairperson

a. The Ski Trip Chairperson shall coordinate, plan and/or arrange all trips which are sponsored by the Club.

2. Membership Chairperson

a. The Membership Chairperson shall coordinate all functions to secure new members for the Club;

b. The Membership Chairperson shall maintain the membership records and carry out the functions appropriate to the membership committee.

3. Publicity Chairperson

a. The Publicity Chairperson shall arrange for communications to publicize the Club.

4. Newsletter Chairperson

- a. The Newsletter Chairperson shall coordinate the production of the newsletter and arrange for its distribution.
5. Activities Chairperson
 - a. The Social Chairperson shall coordinate all of the non-skiing trips and social functions of the Club.
6. Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (C.M.S.C.) Delegate
 - a. The C.M.S.C. delegate shall represent the Club at C.M.S.C. meetings.
7. Webmaster
 - a. The Webmaster shall be responsible for maintaining and organizing the official Chicagoland Club 50 – Ski & Sports web site and shall be responsible for all electronic and social media promoting the organization including but not limited to posting in timely manner information of interest to members including trips, activities and other functions of the Club.
8. Nominating Chairperson
 - a. The Vice President of the Club shall serve as the Nominating Chairperson and will be in charge of the Nominating Committee.
 - b. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one (1) other member of the Board and a member of the general membership.
 - c. The Nominating Committee shall present the proposed slate of Board members to the general membership at the April meeting and accept nominations from the floor. The nominations shall be posted on the Club's website. The election for the expiring terms of office of the Board members shall be at the Annual Meeting in May.

Article VI - FINANCIAL

A. Dues and Payment

1. Membership dues and fees shall be an amount deemed by the Board.
2. Membership dues are non-refundable, whether a member voluntarily resigns, leaves the Club or is expelled.
3. Payment for membership dues, all trips and all other Club events is due and payable as set forth by the Board.

4. A non-sufficient fund penalty shall be charged to the responsible member equal to that incurred by the Club due to a non-sufficient fund penalty charge(s) and all costs, collection efforts, etc., as established by state law.
5. Club membership expires on the date set for Club membership renewal. Those in arrears at that time will forfeit all rights and privileges of Club membership. Club membership may be re-instated by submission of a completed and signed application and waiver and payment of the dues amount.

B. Compilation

1. A compilation or other financial review of the Club financial records shall be done at the discretion of the Board at the conclusion of the term of the Treasurer.
2. The expense of such a review shall be borne by the Club.

ARTICLE VII - NON-LIABILITY OF THE BOARD AND OTHER MEMBERS

A. Neither the Board, the Officers of the Board, the Treasurer, Board Advisors or any Trip/Event Leader shall be personally liable to the members of the Club, guests of the Club or to anyone else, whether a member of the Club or not, for any mistake of judgment or for any acts or omissions when acting on behalf of the Club. Acceptance of Club membership under the terms of these By-Laws shall constitute an acceptance of this waiver of liability on behalf of an individual as to the Board, Officers of the Board, the Treasurer, Board Advisors or any Trip/Event Leader.

B. No officer or representative of the Club shall be liable for any debt of the Club or for any judgment or claim entered against the Club unless such action or activity shall have been done fraudulently.

C. The Club shall maintain liability insurance to indemnify and hold harmless the Board, the Officers of the Board, the Treasurer, Board Advisors or any Trip/Event Leader against contractual and other liabilities to others that may arise out of their status for the Club unless such action or activity shall have been done fraudulently.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

A. Notice of the time and location of all General Meetings may be given to members by any of the following methods: (1) e-mail to a properly furnished e-mail address, (2) through the website and/or (3) by announcement at the preceding General Meeting.

B. A member of the Board must be present to conduct a General Meeting.

C. A quorum for conducting business shall be 10 % of the membership.

D. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held on such date or dates as shall be fixed from time to time by the Board.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

A. Any Motion to Amend the By-Laws must be made at a General meeting, then posted on the Club's website and e-mail notice provided at least one (1) month prior to the meeting at which the Motion shall be called for a vote.

B. The By-Laws can be amended by a majority vote of those present at a General meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

A. Any motion for dissolution shall be brought before the Board for consideration and discussion at a Board meeting before presentation to the General membership. It shall be published via e-mail to the General membership and on the Club's website at least thirty (30) days prior to being called for a vote at a General Meeting.

B. Dissolution shall be called for a vote at the General Meeting called for that purpose

C. The Club can be dissolved by a majority vote of those present at a meeting called for that purpose.

D. In the event of dissolution, the Board will assume the responsibility of disposing of the assets of the Club to a similar ski club and/or organization and/or in accordance with the General Not-for-Profit Corporation Act of the State of Illinois.