

# **Hohenfels Hurricanes Booster Swim Club**

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## **Constitution of the Hohenfels Hurricanes Booster Swim Club**

### **Article I- Name, Location and Authority**

The name of this organization shall be the Hohenfels Hurricanes Booster Swim Club (hereinafter referred to as the HHBSC). The HHBSC established pursuant to AER 210-22 and IMA-E. It is not an instrumentality of the United States, will be self-sustaining, and may not receive financial assistance from the US Army or non-appropriated funds.

### **Article II- Purpose**

The purpose of the HHBSC is to provide a competitive youth swim team with emphasis on promoting good sportsmanship, competitive swim spirit, physical fitness, team work, respect for athletic rules and regulations, and respect for others.

### **Article III- Sponsor and Management**

HHBSC is a self-supported and managed organization, which must comply with the eligibility criteria of the European Forces Swim League (EFSL). Direct supervision and management of HHBSC will be by elected and appointed members of the Executive Council under the approving authority of the Garrison Commander or his/her designated representative. The installation commander retains the right to revoke approval at any time. HHBSC operation will not conflict with existing or future provisions of DODI 1000.15, Army USAREUR regulation and directives, nor shall HHBSC operations conflict with provision promulgated by EFSL.

### **Article IV- Activities**

The primary activities of the HHBSC will be those involved with the training, development and participation of youth in a competitive swim program. Other activities will include fund-raising and social activities supportive of the HHBSC's goals. The organization will in no way duplicate or compete with a non-appropriated fund instrumentality operation or appropriated fund Government fund. Neither the Department of the Army of the USAREUR will assume any responsibility for this organization's debts. This organization will not propagate any activities or advocate violence against others or the violent overthrow of the US Government.

### **Article V- Membership**

Membership in the HHBSC is open to all youth's ages 6-19 within the USAG-Hohenfels and their parents. Members of the U.S Forces (i.e. civilian or military) and their dependents (as North Atlantic Treaty Organization Status of Forces Agreement) are eligible for active membership, as well as dependents of any contractor or post employee.

The number of associate or honorary membership extended to other persons, to included non US Forces personnel, will not be more than 10 percent (from the local national population) of the total membership. **Currently 95 % of members have SOFA status.**

All members are required to read the Constitution and By-Laws when joining the HHBSC. Parent members are expected to support the purpose of the HHBSC and to assist in any way when called upon.

This Organization fully supports the USAREUR Policy on equal opportunity, and will no discriminate in membership eligibility on the basis or race, color, religion, national origin, or sex. This organization will not seek to deprive individuals of their civil rights. This organization will not accept invitation from any activity or organization that does not conform to USAREUR nor discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or mental or physical handicap.

In order to be eligible to swim for the team, youth ages 6-12 must be able to swim 25 meters without assistance; those ages 13-19 must be able to swim 50 meters without assistance.

#### Article VI- Executive Committee

The governing body of the HHBSC will be the elected Executive Committee composed of the four elected officials: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; as well as three appointed officials, Team Head Official, Fund-Raising Chairperson, and Statistician.

The Executive Committee and general membership will meet not less than once every two months during the season, and when deemed necessary off season by the President. The President and Executive Committee may appoint additional temporary committees as necessary. The Executive Committee will:

1. Arbitrate grievances, complaints or appeals within the team beyond the control of the head coach.
2. Approve financial decisions, ensuring that the HHBSC properly administers, its funds and that those funds are properly safeguarded.
3. Make administrative decisions regarding the team.
4. Select the head coach and assistant coaches.

#### Article VII- Elections

The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be elected annually by the general membership at its end of the year banquet meeting (usually the month of March). At least six active members must be present to constitute a quorum for a valid election. Members must be present to vote; there will be no absentee or proxy voting.

#### Article VIII- Dissolution

Dissolution will be affected upon a majority vote of the membership present at general membership meeting or upon direction of the Garrison Commander. In case dissolution of the HHBSC, whatever funds are contained in the treasury at that time will be used to satisfy any outstanding debts liabilities. Any remaining monies will be used for the best interest of the swimmers as deemed by the general membership. Any remaining

property or funds will be distributed among existing teams within the EFSL. All members, in accordance with host nations laws, may be personally liable to creditor, if assets of the HHBSC are insufficient to discharge all liabilities.

#### Article IX- Adoption and Amendments

The ratification of or amendments to the constitution will be by a majority vote of the members present at a general membership meeting. Amendments to the constitution will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander for approval.

APPROVED BY MAJORITY VOTE ON: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of President

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Signature of Member