

## APPENDIX IV

### FAIRFIELD COUNTY SWIMMING LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Membership Application Applicant clubs should request from the FCSL Membership chairman a "Membership Application Form". With this form, the applicant will also be given a copy of these "Membership Requirements, Membership Directory, the FCSL Bylaws and the FCSL Rule Books.
2. Sponsorship The application must be supported by at least three FCSL Member Clubs. Each sponsoring club must have held a swimming meet with the applicant club within the past two seasons. Sponsoring letter and seconding letters, each letter from the Swim Chair of one of the three FCSL member club are to be sent to the applicant Club and forwarded by the applicant, with the completed application form, to the FCSL Membership Chair.
3. Meeting with FCSL Representative The FCSL President will appoint one or more representatives to meet with the applicant Club's representative(s) and members of his or her Swim Committee and to inspect the swimming and diving facilities of the club. The representative(s) will report to the FCSL Board a recommendation as to the apparent support and enthusiasm of the Club for its Swimming and Diving program and as to the adequacy of facilities and equipment. After the Board considers the application, it will be submitted to the FCSL membership for a vote.
4. Club/Parental Team Support
  - a) Strong parent support is essential to the success of a Club in the FCSL. Parents of team members must be aware that their participation, acting as officials, driving to away meets/games, etc., is required as a condition of continuing membership in the FCSL. The Club must be willing and able to host its fair share of dual meets and water polo games (if applicable).
  - b) In addition to hosting annual dual meets, Clubs must participate in the running of the League at minimum of once every 5 years. This includes hosting a Divisional Swim Championship, hosting an age group Diving Championship, hosting a Divisional Water Polo Championship, providing a volunteer to serve on the FCSL Board of Governors or providing some other form of League support for at least one year. If this requirement is not met, the FCSL reserves the right to suspend membership in the League and the Club must wait one year to reapply for membership.
5. Facilities The facilities of new or member club should meet, or approximately meet United States Swimming, Inc., United States Diving, Inc., and United States Water Polo Inc.'s minimum requirements, and adhere to all State and Local health & safety codes:
  - a) 25 meter or 25 yard pool with at least 4 but preferably 6 lanes.
  - b) Competitive swimming area of adequate depth (4'6" strongly recommended) and width.
  - c) Standard starting blocks.
  - d) Standard competition diving board with at least a 1-meter, preferably also a 3-meter platform and adjustable fulcrum;
  - e) Diving well of proper depth.

*See also the full FCSL Rules & Regulations and FCSL Bylaws.*

Equipment: Equipment to host the meet should meet USA S requirements, where applicable:

- a) Lane Starting Blocks and lane lines
- b) Pool bottom-lined and end wall targets for competition
- c) Two backstroke flag lines, anchored 5M (25M pool) or 15 feet (25Yd pool) from starting end of the pool.
- d) Six club-owned digital stopwatches, in addition to those owned by individual members.
- e) Electronic starting system or starting gun and ammunition, .22 caliber preferred
- f) Three (3) sets of Diving Judges flashcards
- g) Public Address system at the pool to announce diving and swimming events, scores and other announcements.

*Please note: Meet Score Sheets, Diving Entry/Score Sheets, Timer's Cards, and Water Polo Score Sheets are provided by the league at the Kickoff Dinner and can be downloaded for printing from the [www.fcsli.info](http://www.fcsli.info) web site. See also FCSL Rules & Bylaws.*

7. Timers Clinic: The League will conduct a clinic for Swim Team parents and Pool Staff at each newly admitted Club prior to their first meet. It is understood that agreement to provide for strong attendance at this initial clinic is a condition of membership application
8. League Meetings: At least one Swim Chair and one Head Coach are expected to attend the two yearly FCSL luncheon/dinner League meetings: the preseason meeting in June and the Annual Meeting in August.
9. League Dues: Annual dues are payable on or before June 1 of each year. There is no initiation fee. The League does bill member Clubs for such dues; however each Swim Chairman is responsible for making sure that their Club's dues are paid on time.

**APPENDIX V**

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY SWIMMING LEAGUE**

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Pool Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The above club hereby applies for membership in the Fairfield County Swimming League. Application is sponsored and seconded by the three FCSL Member Clubs; letters of recommendation from the Swim Chairs of those Clubs are attached to this application.

The undersigned Swim Chair has received a copy of the Rules and Bylaws of the FCSL and, on behalf of his or her Club, agrees to comply with all FCSL Rules and Bylaws and to accept the responsibilities of League membership.

Swim Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ CellPhone: \_\_\_\_\_

Since membership in the FCSL affects to some extent the entire membership of the Club, use of the pool, parking area during home meets, prompt payment of annual dues, etc., the league requires that this application also be countersigned by the President of the applicant Club. Annual FCSL dues are \$ \_\_. \_\_, and are payable on or before June 1 of each year.

Signature of Club President: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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 This application and attached letters to be given, prior to May 1, to the FCSL Membership Chairman named below

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Send to applicant: Two (2) Copies of application One (1) "Membership Requirements" One (1) Copy of FCSL Bylaws One (1) FCSL Rules Book
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

