

**Bylaws of the  
Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc.**

**ARTICLE I. Name**

The name of this Club shall be the Seneca Valley Sugarloafers Volksmarch Club, Inc. The name is abbreviated "SVSVC".

**ARTICLE II. Incorporation**

- A. The SVSVC is incorporated in the State of Maryland as a nonprofit corporation.
- B. The SVSVC is tax-exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code by virtue of its affiliation with the American Volkssport Association, Inc. ("AVA").
- C. SVSVC's Fiscal Year is from July 1 to June 30.

**ARTICLE III. AFFILIATION**

- A. The SVSVC is affiliated with the Maryland Volkssport Association (MVA).
- B. The SVSVC is a member of the AVA. The AVA is, in turn, a member of the Internationaler Volkssportverband ("IVV") which is also known as the International Federation of Popular Sports.
- C. The SVSVC shall operate in accordance with the established rules and policies of the AVA.

**ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE**

The key purpose of the SVSVC is to promote the continuation and expansion of Volkssporting.

**ARTICLE V. GOALS**

- A. The SVSVC is a voluntary membership corporation organized, as described in Article II of these bylaws, to promote the public health, physical fitness, and well-being of the people of Montgomery County, Maryland, and the surrounding areas by organizing, promoting and conducting scheduled programs of noncompetitive, family oriented, participatory lifetime sports including, but not limited to, walking (including jogging and running), bicycling, swimming, cross-country skiing, and such other events as may be sanctioned by the MVA/AVA/IVV.
- B. The club may engage in other legal activities at the discretion of the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership is open to all persons.

**ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD**

## Section 1. Officers

- A. The elected officers of the SVSVC shall be:
  - 1. President
  - 2. Vice President
  - 3. Secretary
  - 4. Treasurer
- B. Officers shall be elected annually for a one-year term beginning July 1 of the year of the election.
- C. These officers constitute the Executive Board.
- D. The officers serve without pay or remuneration, and at the members' pleasure.
- E. There are no term limits.

## Section 2. Qualifications for Elected Office

- A. Each elected officer shall be a member in good standing of the SVSVC.
- B. These qualifications also apply to any person appointed to fill a vacated office. A vacated office may be filled by appointment of the Executive Board without membership vote only for the remaining term.

## **ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS**

- A. Meetings shall be held at least annually.
- B. Members shall be notified in writing of the annual meeting at least thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX. COMMITTEES**

Committees shall be determined and appointed according to the Standing Rules of the Club.

## **ARTICLE X. PARLIMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The club's parliamentary authority shall be *Robert's Rules of Order*.

## **ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments to the bylaws of the Club may be submitted in writing by any member in good standing to any member of the Executive Board. The Club's Standing Rules shall determine how these proposed amendments are managed.

## **ARTICLE XI. ADOPTION**

By adoption of these amended bylaws, all previous bylaws are considered null and void.

Bylaws adopted January 21, 1996  
Amended by vote at the meeting on [DATE]  
Became effective on [DATE}

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James D. Hathaway, President

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Janis Wolford, Secretary