



CORPUS CHRISTI TRIATHLON CLUB

Article I Club Name: The official name shall be Corpus Christi Triathlon Club.

Article II Club Purpose: The Corpus Christi Triathlon Club is established to foster multi-sport competition through the development and support of amateur athletes throughout, but not limited to, the Corpus Christi Coastal Bend Region of Texas within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article III Club Membership: Membership shall be open to any individual who shares in the common purpose of the Corpus Christi Triathlon Club and who agrees to the terms of membership as established by the Board of Directors. Membership shall be granted without discrimination upon basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, and physical or mental handicap.

Membership shall be granted to any individual or family who pays the established membership dues. Once the dues are paid the membership will be active for 12 months.

Membership dues for 2017 will be:

- Individual Membership-\$36 paid on an annual basis.
- Family Membership-\$46 paid on an annual basis.

Article IV Club Board of Directors and Officers: The Board of Directors shall be a five member board. Terms of office shall be two years starting on January 1 of the calendar year. These five positions will be elected positions.

- President: presides over meetings, can appoint to fill board vacancies. Pursues club sponsorships within the community and beyond.
- Vice President: acts as president in the absence of the president. Responsible for guest speakers at club meetings.
- Secretary: responsible for keeping accurate minutes at all meetings and maintaining an updated contact list including all members.
- Treasurer: collects club's dues, pays club debts, and accounts for club's finances with a monthly report. Prepares and files all Federal tax.
- Membership Director: Keeps a current roster of club members. Processes all membership applications and notifies members when club dues are payable.

These five positions will be considered the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may appoint willing members to create positions as needed to help the club purpose. (Examples: training director, hospitality coordinator, sponsorship coordinator...etc.)

Article V Executive Committee: The Executive Committee is comprised of the five elected officers. Executive Committee meetings shall be held monthly at a mutually agreeable time and location. Special meetings may be called by the President and/or five current club members who petition the Executive Committee in writing. The Executive Committee may conduct necessary business and voting via email and/or phone. Robert's Rules of Order will govern all Executive meetings.

Article VI Club Meetings: Club meetings shall be held monthly. Dates, times, and location are to be posted on the club's website or by email to the members. Special meetings may be called by the President and/or five current club members who petition the Executive Committee in writing. Robert's Rules of Order will govern all Club meetings.

Article VII Club Elections: The President shall establish an Election Committee in September before the elections in December. The election committee should consist of one Executive Committee member and one current club member at large. The Election Committee shall ask for nominations to all elected positions in the Board of Directors. The Election Committee shall then prepare a slate of officers for the presentation at the November meeting. The Election Committee will prepare ballots for both email voting and physical voting at the December Christmas party. The Election Committee will count all ballots and validate the elected positions then announce the results at the December Christmas party.

Article VIII Amendments to the By-Laws: Proposed amendments will be recommended by the Executive Committee or by member petition with at least five current club member signatures. These recommendations should be presented to the club via email at least seven days before the next club meeting. Amendments shall be voted on by the club membership at the regularly scheduled meeting. A majority vote by the membership is necessary for the amendment to pass and be adopted.

Article IX Triathlete of the Year Program: The following is the explanation of the point values to be used in deciding the Triathlete of the Year for 2017. The triathlete must compete/complete in at least one triathlon, of any distance, during the year to participate in the T.O.Y program. DNF's will not be awarded

any points and will not count as a qualifying factor to participate in the T.O.Y program. Triathlon races will be weighted heavier than other races.

1. If an athlete wins an Overall title for any race they will be awarded 1.5 points. This will include Overall Male/Female and Overall Male/Female Masters.
2. If an athlete places in their respective age group the points will be awarded as:
 - 1st-1 point
 - 2nd-.75 point
 - 3rd-.5 point
3. Triathlon participation points will be awarded as:
 - Newbie Tri-3 points
 - Sprint Tri-5 points
 - Olympic Tri-10 points
 - Half Iron Distance Tri-20 points
 - Full Iron Distance-40 points

If the triathlete places in the race they are participating, additional points will be added according to item number one and item number two.
4. Even though we are a Triathlon Club we strive to support our community and our athletes in any way possible. Therefore all running races will carry a point value to be included in the T.O.Y. program. They will not be weighted as heavy as triathlons. Points will be awarded as:
 - 5K-.5 point
 - 10K-.75 point
 - 15K-1 point
 - Dash 4 Cash-.5 point
 - Turkey Chase-.5 point
 - Half marathon 13.1-1.5 points
 - Marathon 26.2-2 points
 - Capital to Coast Relay-1.5 points

- Texas Independence Relay-1.5 points

If an athlete participates in any race that is longer than these distances the board members will evaluate and assign points accordingly, if determined applicable at the discretion of the board. If the triathlete places in the race they are participating, additional points will be added according to item number one and item number two.

5. Even though we are a Triathlon Club we strive to support our community and our athletes in any way possible. Therefore all cycling races will carry a point value to be included in the T.O.Y. program. They will not be weighted as heavy as triathlons. Points will be awarded as:

- Century rides-1 point
- Conquer the Coast-.75 point
- Time Trial races-.5 points

If the triathlete places in the race they are participating, additional points will be added according to item number one and item number two.

6. Even though we are a Triathlon Club we strive to support our community and our athletes in any way possible. Therefore all other races will carry a point value to be included in the T.O.Y. program. They will not be weighted as heavy as triathlons. Points will be awarded as:

- Swims-1 point
- Aquabikes-1 point
- Duathlons-1 point

If the triathlete places in the race they are participating, additional points will be added according to item number one and item number two.

7. If a member competes on a team in a triathlon relay, the member will receive the points allocated in the by-laws for

that distance divided by three. (For example, if a team competes in a Sprint Distance Triathlon, the points will be calculated by $5 \div 3 = 1.67$.) If that team makes the podium the points allocated by the by-laws for that podium finish will be divided by three as well. (For example, first place will be $1 \div 3 = .33$).

8. The board members want to promote group trainings within the club. Starting in the spring we have the established Bay Area Bike Brick trainings on Thursday night. Every member that attends and participates in this training must sign in and will be awarded 1 point. The club will also hold quarterly group sprint distance trainings. Every member that attends and participates will receive 1 point.
9. To further promote comradery through group training, any member in good standing who volunteers to host a group training at their home will receive 3 points toward the Triathlete of the Year Program. The economic responsibility will be shared between the host and the club on a 50/50 agreement. The budget for the event must be decided before the event date and agreed upon by the President/Vice President and the host.
10. The members of the club are encouraged to pay their club dues on time. Therefore any member who pays their club dues on or before their due date will receive 3 points towards the T.O.Y. program. The Membership Director will govern this program and verify dues are paid on or before the club members due date.
11. We want to encourage our members to market the Corpus Christi Triathlon Club and pursue new members. If a club member refers an individual or family,

who have never been a member, and that individual or family purchases a membership, the referring member will receive 1 point toward the Triathlete of the Year Program. The point will only be awarded if the referring member is in good standing and a board member verifies the referral. Members and board members both qualify for points under this program.

12. The award of Triathlete of the Year shall be given in the following divisions:

- Newbie: Must be a first year member in good standing in any age group that has never competed in a triathlon previously.
- Female: Age group female 39 years old and younger in good standing.
- Male: Age group male 39 years old and younger in good standing.
- Female Masters: Age group female 40 years old and older in good standing.
- Male Masters: Age group male 40 years old and older in good standing.

Members of the Executive Committee are eligible for the Triathlete of the Year program. This program is set up to ensure competition.

Article X Volunteer of the Year Program: The Corpus Christi Triathlon Club is established to foster multi-sport competition through the development and support of amateur athletes throughout, but not limited to, the Corpus Christi Coastal Bend Region of Texas. The club also recognizes the need for community involvement through volunteering. The Executive Committee will govern the Volunteer of the Year program for those club members who may be injured and cannot compete.

Club members in good standing, who volunteer their time at events in the Corpus Christi area, will receive one point for each hour volunteered. If a club member volunteers outside of the Corpus Christi area those hours will need a board member approval.

Examples of these events are Beach to Bay Relay/Marathon, Conquer the Coast, Keep Texas Wild, Boo Bash, Harbor Half, American Bank Half...etc.

Members of the Executive Committee must verify these hours by providing a sign in/out sheet to track the members and said events. Club members are eligible for both the Triathlete of the Year and Volunteer of the Year programs as long as they meet the requirements established by the Executive Committee and are in good standing for the entire year.

Divisions for Volunteer of the Year:

- Female: Female of any age group in good standing with the club.
- Male: Male of any age group in good standing with the club.

Members of the Executive Committee are not eligible to submit hours for the Volunteer of the Year program when executing their duties of office. If the Executive Committee members perform volunteer work outside their duties they may submit those hours.

Article XI Miscellaneous: These by-laws shall comply with applicable state and federal regulations.