



*Tallahassee, FL*

# ***Gulf Winds Track Club***

## **GULF WINDS TRACK CLUB BY- LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I. THE OFFICIAL CLUB YEAR**

The official club year shall be from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year.

### **ARTICLE II. DUES**

A membership year shall run from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar year. Renewal membership fees are due by December 31 of each year.

### **ARTICLE III. REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

Any individual whose membership status has been terminated due to nonpayment of fees during the sixty (60) day grace period may be reinstated by paying the annual membership fee.

### **ARTICLE IV. STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **Section 1. Committee on Nominations**

The Committee on Nominations shall consist of three members; two who are appointed by the President, and the immediate past President, who shall act as chair. The Committee shall prepare nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the five at large members of the Board. The nominees shall be selected and the slate presented to the Board at a board meeting prior to the annual meeting.

#### **Section 2. Committee on Awards**

The Committee on Awards shall be comprised of the following: three club members to be approved by the Board and each of whom shall serve a three-year term, one term expiring each consecutive year; and two members of the Board, one being the President or Vice President who shall serve ex officio and the

second being appointed by the President. The Committee Chair shall be elected by the Committee members.

The Committee on Awards shall consider at least the following awards: Hall of Fame, Male and Female Runner of the Year; Community; Michael Caldwell/Rex Cleveland Advancement of the Sport; Race Director; and Volunteer Award. Recipients shall be selected according to criteria established by the Committee. The Committee shall publish award criteria and invite written nominations from the membership.

The Committee on Awards shall also be known as the Grand Prix Committee and is responsible for administering and scoring the club grand prix competition. Administration shall include developing the next year's grand prix race schedule, scoring the current year's competition and other matters necessary to conducting the grand prix. The Committee shall present the grand prix schedule to the Board for its approval.

### Section 3. Chenoweth Fund Committee

The Chenoweth Fund Committee shall review applications for assistance from the Chenoweth Endowment Fund and make recommendations to the Board concerning awards. The Committee shall adopt policies and procedures subject to approval by the Board for the administration of the Fund. The Chenoweth Fund Committee shall consist of up to five members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board, appointed by the President and subject to confirmation by the Board.

## ARTICLE V. CONDITIONS OF OFFICE

### Section 1. Terms of Office

The terms of office for all officers and officials shall be one year.

### Section 2. Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs, other than the office of President as specified under Article IV, Section 2b of the Constitution, the position shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board at the next meeting of the Board. The President shall be empowered to appoint a person pro tem to fill the vacancy until the time of the next Board meeting.

## ARTICLE VI. ELECTIONS

### Section 1. Nominations

- A. The Committee on Nominations shall prepare a slate of officers and at large members of the Board to be submitted to the membership.
- B. Members of the Committee on Nominations are ineligible for nomination.
- C. Additional nominations from the club members will be accepted provided that the nominee gives an oral or written statement of his willingness to serve. Nominations shall be made in writing to a Committee member

Section 2. Election Procedures

- A. Election of officers and board members shall be by vote of the membership of the club. The election shall be conducted by the Committee on Nominations. Voting shall be by written ballot unless an alternative method is approved by two-thirds of the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- B. For officers a majority vote constitutes election. If a majority vote is not received on the first ballot, the two candidates with the most votes will be presented on a second ballot. In cases of a tie on the second ballot, the President shall break the tie. After counting the votes the Committee on Nominations shall certify the totals to the Board
- C. For members at large of the Board, the slate shall be presented and the five nominees with the highest vote on the first round are elected.
- D. Certifications and Recounts – A candidate for election may request a recount of the vote if the margin was less than ten votes, provided a written request for recount is submitted to the chair of the Committee on Nominations within three business days of the date the vote is certified. If the Committee unanimously rejects the request, no recount may be held.

ARTICLE VII. QUORUM

Section 1.

- A. Seven or more members of the Board at a meeting constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise specified in these bylaws, a majority vote of those present at a meeting with a quorum shall constitute a majority vote of the Board.
- B. Twenty (20) club members constitute a quorum at the annual meeting.
- C. No action shall be taken without a quorum.

## ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the By-Laws may be initiated by a written proposal signed by any five members of the club. A majority vote at the annual club meeting shall be necessary for adoption, providing a quorum is present.