

Springfield Striders Track Club



Springfield Striders Track Club (SSTC)

BYLAWS

Article I (Name)

Springfield Striders shall exist as an affiliate /committee of a Track and Field Organization with the powers as described in these "bylaws". The **Springfield Striders Track Club** has been incorporated as a Not for Profit /Tax Exempt Corporation under the State of Illinois since **2008**. The primary purpose of the Track and Field Organization has been the development and provision of programs and activities for youth.

Article II (Purpose)

This Organization's purpose is to train and involve youth in competitive track and field events. To aide individual youth development, physically, mentally and socially. To build character, self esteem self-discipline and self-confidence. To aide the development of leadership and fellowship skills. To develop a sense of achievement, success, self-motivation, pride and positive self worth. **To provide opportunities for college athletes and adults to server as "Mentors" for younger participants.** Mentors will provide instructions, guidance and murturing for participants as well as teaching them to be hard working athletes and people.

Article III (Membership)

Springfield Striders Track Club shall issue certificates evidencing membership upon receipt and acceptance of membership application and fee (\$60.00). The sixty dollars shall be submitted as tax-deductible donation payable on behalf of the Springfield Striders Track Club. There will be three classes of membership: Affiliated Participants, Active Members and Supporting Members. Members shall be entitled to attendance at all practices and meetings and written training information.

Affiliated Participants shall be individual's ages 6 – 18 years of age that are interested in becoming an athletic member of this club in order to compete under United States Track and Field (USATF) rules. They will have opportunities to attend business meetings, and make suggestions but will not have voting privileges.

Active Members will include all coaches, staff, volunteers and parents of participating youth. Coaches will consist of current and former high school /college track and field athletes.

Supporting Members shall consist of representatives of individuals, business agencies, and corporations contributing time and resources towards the development of track programs and activities. They are invited to attend meetings, but will not have voting privileges.

Article IV (Officers)

President: *The president or head of the Springfield Striders TC will serve as liaison to Leadership acting with the authority for the Organization of SSTC and will have three important roles: Leader, Administrator and Presiding Officer over all operations within the club.*

Vice President: *The vice president will assist the president in his/her duties as well as chairing various committees in order to successfully run this track club.*

Secretary: *There are two duties of the Secretary; they are record keeping and correspondence. The secretary shall be responsible for note taking at all meeting and distributing minutes to members. He /She will be responsible for maintaining correspondence with parent organization, USATF, AAU, Donors, Contributors and Officers. He /She is will also be responsible for collecting, storing and maintaining all-important documents relevant to the program activities.*

Treasurer: *The treasurer will be responsible for the collection, record keeping and distribution of all funds. The Vice President shall assist the treasurer in keeping accurate financial records of the track club money and expenses. The treasurer collects and disburses funds only as directed by law, the bylaws, the members, the board of directors or other authority provided for in the bylaws. They do not have the power to borrow money, issue funds or checks except if they are given authorization of the assembly of the bylaws. Treasurer is also required to report on the finances, answer any questions on the financial matters and submit a full report to the **Springfield Striders track club** at each board meeting.*

Team Promotion: *Shall be responsible for marketing track club and recruiting members. He/she is also responsible for time keeping and recording of individual and group statistics. Team promoter is responsible for soliciting support and donations as well as coordinate travel to and from track meets and competitions.*

Fundraising Organizer: *Fundraising /Sponsorship shall be responsible for soliciting philanthropic support and donations. It will also be responsible for securing grants and sponsoring various Fundraising activities.*

Trainer: *Shall be responsible for the overall training program for all athletes: to include: orientation of new track and field athletes; scheduling and conducting basic and advanced training sessions; and other such activities pertaining to track and field instruction. The head coach and assistant coach shall assist the trainer.*

Supporting Staff: *Serves as a support body for the administrative staff of the **Springfield Striders Track** and Field Organization. He/she is in charge of all volunteers and fundraisers that are to be held. All parents or legal guardians of enrolled athletes of SSTC are considered members of the **Springfield Striders** Parents' Association and shall be provided organized activities designed to include the family members of current athletes of SSTC.*

Article VI (Voting)

Only active members shall have voting privilege and shall vote in person or by proxy. Each member will have one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of members. Members holding one tenth of the votes required to be cast on a matter either in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for consideration of such matter as a meeting of members.

Article VII

Meetings shall be held twice a month from 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM. following conclusion of track practice at the practice site or a disclosed alternate location. Members shall receive a 7 days notice in writing of any special meetings to be held. Agendas and minutes of previous meeting will be made available at each meeting.