

Charter of the Deep Sea Dinocorns Freediving Club

Article I: Name

1. This organization shall be known as the “Deep Sea Dinocorns Freediving Club” which shall be referred to as the “Club” in this document.

Article II: Purpose

1. The objectives of the club are to:
 - a. Promote the sport of freediving in the KAUST community;
 - b. Encourage the wellbeing of the community;
 - c. Organize freediving events in KAUST for health promotion, social, recreational, and competitive purposes;
 - d. Organize tournaments and competitions from within KAUST and, where possible, to outside clubs and participants;
 - e. Provide the members and the greater KAUST community information regarding the sport of freediving, such as, health benefits, news, and in kingdom and abroad freediving schools to start their freediving journey.

Article III: Membership

1. The following are eligible for membership:
 - a. KAUST Staff
 - b. KAUST Students

- c. KAUST community members
 - d. Service Providers or Consultants
 - e. Resident dependents of the above categories
2. To be eligible for membership the applicant should be an experienced freediver. Proof of experience will be required to be presented to the Admissions Chair for approval. A proof of experience is either a freediving certification of any recognized international agency with at least a level 2 AIDA or equivalent or a letter from an instructor level freediver stating the applicant is experienced in pool freediving disciplines and has freediving knowledge equivalent or higher to a certified level 2 AIDA freediver.
 3. Risky behavior in practices or competitions can cause the revocation of membership by a simple majority of votes of the officers board.

Article IV: Dues

1. No fees are required.
2. Competitions and events may incur in a cost to cover the cost of material used by the club and in the competition.
3. The finances of the Club are to be managed in compliance with accounting standards approved by the Chief Financial Officer of KAUST, as well as those prescribed by the guidelines for Community Clubs through KAUST Community Life.
4. The fiscal and membership year is from July 1 until June 30.
5. Annual financial statements must be presented to the Annual General meeting of the Club by the Treasurer.

Article V: Officers

1. Only members of the Club are eligible to be elected as Officers.
2. The Club Board of Officers consists of the following:
 - a. President
 - b. Treasurer
 - c. Admissions Chair
 - d. Committees Chair
3. Officers will serve for a one-year term from one Annual General Meeting to the next.
4. Vacancies occurring on the Board of Officers during the year shall be filled by appointment and approval by a simple majority of the Board of Officers
5. The duties of the Officers are as follows:

President

- Preside at all meetings of the Club
- Call regular meetings of the Board and Club as required to conduct the business of the Club
- Appoint ad hoc committees not otherwise provided for
- Provide for the discharge of necessary duties due to the temporary absence of other Officers
- Ensure the Charter and the rules of the organization are enforced
- Liaise with KAUST management and Community Life

Treasurer

- Manage the financial affairs of the Club
- Collect all monies for the Club
- Pay all bills for the Club

- Maintain the financial records as prescribed in this Charter or KAUST guidelines for Community Clubs

Admissions Chair

- Review new members' applications based on their freediving experience and approve or reject the application. Upon rejection, advise the new candidate for membership where to take a freediving course to gain the experience needed to join the club

Committees Chair

- Inform KAUST Community Life of any changes in Board and Club membership within two (2) weeks of the general club meeting
- Overview the ad hoc committees created for specific purposes
- Oversees website communication

Article VI: Meetings

1. **General Club Meetings** can be attended by all Club members for the purpose of discussing Club business and making decisions.
2. The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** shall be held within two (2) weeks of the start of the Academic Year at KAUST. Prospective members may be invited to attend as observers. The AGM will be primarily held for the election of Board of Officers and the ratification of the annual financial report. The Board of Officers will take over immediate responsibility after the election.

3. Only current members of the Club may vote at General Club Meetings. Decisions at General Club Meetings are taken by simple majority vote. The President has a casting vote.

4. **Board Meetings** are held for the purpose of managing the ongoing business of the Club and to make decisions.

a. Two thirds of the Board Members, or the next highest number, shall constitute a quorum at all Board meetings.

b. Decisions are by simple vote and the President has a casting vote

Article VI: Elections of Leadership

1. Election to the Board of Officers shall be by simple majority vote of those members present at the Annual General Meeting. All nominations must be duly proposed and seconded by active members.

Article VII: Disbursement of Funds

1. If the Club becomes inactive for two or more years, funds deposited in its accounts, as well as other assets, revert to KAUST.

Appendix:

The club is focused in pool freediving disciplines. Open water activities performed by club members are realized independently.

Signed by the following:

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President

Helena Villela Name: Helena Villela Date: 07-fev-2023 | 11:11 ABST
Treasurer

Hannah O'Callaghan Name: Hannah O'Callaghan Date: 09-Feb-2023 | 19:13 ABST
Community Life Representative