



# *Spring Valley Lake* Rules and Regulations







## Spring Valley Lake Association

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Dear Members of the Spring Valley Lake Association:

This version of the Rules and Regulations will replace the 2007 version.

Rules and regulations give everyone a framework for homeowners to maintain and enhance the appearance and economic value of their property, as well as guidelines for actions that impact appearance, enjoyment and safety of our amenities and common areas.

Several years ago a committee of homeowners began the process of revising our Rules and Regulations. The General Manager, Public Safety Department, Staff, the Board, and various committees also proposed additions, deletions, or modifications based upon changes in the law and in operations. Proposed revisions were made available for homeowner comment. In addition, homeowners were given the opportunity to give input at a Board Workshop. The Rules and Regulations were revised based upon homeowner comments and homeowners were given another opportunity to comment. The Rules and Regulations were also reviewed by homeowner association legal counsel. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the new Rules and Regulations, from taking time to make comments, to typing the new document.

It is our goal that as rules and regulations are created or modified, the changes would be incorporated into this document. This document will be continually updated. Even now, with the new Rules and Regulations document becoming effective, there are several rules that are currently being reviewed by committees, the Board and staff. Please continue to participate and give feedback as new or modified rules are proposed.

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**These Rules and Regulations govern the overall operation of Spring Valley Lake Association, recreational facilities, common areas, and resident amenities. Questions should be directed to the Association office at 13325 Spring Valley Parkway, 7001 SVL Box, Victorville, CA 92395. Telephone the office at 760-245-9756.**

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### 1. GENERAL

1.1. The Board of Directors, Spring Valley Lake Association, has established rules for the use of Association facilities to be followed by all members, associate members, and their guests. Hereafter, "Association Member" includes property owners and/or associate members as defined in Article III of the SVLA Bylaws

1.2. It is the responsibility of all members to ensure that their family members, tenants and guests are familiar with and abide by all Association rules.

1.3. All applicable federal, state and county laws and ordinances will be enforced by the responsible authority.

1.4. Any reference to fees, fines or financial costs associated with the various sections of these Rules & Regulations refer to the Spring Valley Lake Association Fee Schedule which shall be updated annually by the Board of Directors.

1.5. The Public Safety Department and other properly identified Association personnel are charged with the responsibility of checking ID cards to ensure people on Association property are Association Members or guests with valid SVLA guest passes, enforcing established rules, and requesting the services of appropriate civil and law enforcement agencies when violations occur and/or apprehension is required. Violators of these rules may expect to be cited and/or asked to leave the Association owned property. Refusal to leave when requested may result in a citation from the SVL Association and/or from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for trespassing.

1.6. Violations of the SVLA governing documents may result in citation of members. Citations may result in fines and/or loss of membership privileges. The Board of Directors, after due process including a hearing by the Citation Committee, makes final decisions regarding loss of membership privileges and/or recovery of administrative charges (fines) for offenses. The complete hearing procedures are set forth in a separate publication.

1.7. Public Safety Officers and Lifeguards on duty are vested with the supervisory authority over all beach, fishing, marina and all Association amenities and, accordingly, are charged with the responsibility of maintaining order during use of all the amenities. Public Safety Officers and Lifeguards are authorized to ban/eject from all Association amenities any person(s) who in their judgment, is/are contributing to the discomfort of others, or in any way interferes with maintenance, safety and sanitation.

1.8. The opening time for all Association amenities shall

be 6:00 A.M. Closing time for all Association amenities shall be 10:00 P.M. to coincide with the county curfew. No one will be allowed on the beach, fishing areas or the Association parks from 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. Anyone found on any of the Association amenities between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. could be subject to a citation.

1.9. Foul language, abuse, assaultive behavior or harassment directed to any Spring Valley Lake Association employee, Board of Directors' member, or Committee member, will not be tolerated and is subject to a citation.

1.10. No individual is permitted to borrow or remove any piece of Association equipment without General Manager approval except designated rental equipment.

1.11. No person shall discharge or deposit food scraps, garbage, fish scraps, oil, gas or other waste materials in the lake, along its shorelines, or onto other Association property or into Association owned trash dumpsters.

1.12. Trash from homes, construction sites, and other domestic sources, will not be placed in any Association trash container.

1.13. There will be no burning of tumbleweeds or dry vegetation unless you have a valid permit issued by San Bernardino County, or by the Town of Apple Valley for property in the Equestrian Estates, in your name and in your possession. Should you anticipate a burning, please furnish the Public Safety Department a copy of your permit along with date and time of anticipated burning.

1.14. Association facilities may not be used for commercial purposes (boat testing, guided fishing, food sales, etc.) unless it is part of an Association sponsored or approved SVLA Club event. Similarly, there will be no solicitation or distribution of literature on Spring Valley Lake Association property. Homes and roadways located in Spring Valley Lake are private property and not considered Spring Valley Lake Association property.

1.15. Outside groups may not use Association facilities without written permission of the Board of Directors or the General Manager.

1.16. No refuse shall be deposited, thrown into, leaked into, or otherwise allowed on the banks or in the lake.

1.17. All SVLA identification cards and guest passes remain the property of the Association. Misuse of the cards may result in their invalidation and/or seizure.

1.18. Association Members are responsible for compliance with SVLA's Rules and Regulations by anyone using their guest passes unless they have reported to the Association office, in writing, that the guest pass has been

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lost or stolen. Property owners are responsible for any citation resulting from the violation of SVLA's Rules and Regulations by the Associate Members, the property owners' guests, as well as by property owners' tenants and tenants' guests.

1.19. Lost or stolen membership cards and guest passes must be reported immediately to the Public Safety Department and confirmed in writing within 7 days.

1.20. A replacement fee will be charged for the first lost or stolen guest pass or membership card and for each subsequent card. Replacement cards can be obtained at the Association office during business hours.

1.21. Any physical acts of violence (fighting) will not be permitted on any SVLA property. Violation of such is subject to a citation and will result in notification to the San Bernardino county Sheriff's Department.

1.22. Smoking is not permitted on Association property except in designated smoking areas. For purposes of this provision, "smoking" shall include, but is not limited to, the use of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (ie., "e-cigs" and other vaping equipment), pipes, cigars or other smoking products of any kind used for the purpose of inhaling smoke from tobacco, marijuana, or any other natural, foreign or artificial substances. Smoking anywhere on Association property shall subject the violating individual to penalties, including, but not limited to, a citation and the imposition of fines.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY / AUTHORIZED USERS

2.1. Facilities are for the use of all Association members, and their authorized guests.

2.2. Definitions: For the purposes of applicability and enforcement of these rules and regulations the following definitions apply:

2.2.1. Identification cards - a plastic or paper form, wallet-sized card, provided by the Association, which identifies various categories of authorized users of Association facilities. These cards are to be used in conjunction with another form of identification (i.e. drivers license, student ID. SVLA Identification cards are issued to all members that are 9 years of age and older.

2.2.2. Guest passes - a plastic or paper form, wallet-sized card, issued to Association members for use by their bona fide guests.

2.2.3. Members - owners of lots, improved or unimproved and condominium units in the Spring Valley Lake Association (i.e. husband and wife, or two related or unrelated individuals). Only two owners to a lot are allowed

under this definition. Corporate and trustee owners of lots may designate up to two owners of the corporation as members. Other owners on title are considered to be co-owners.

2.2.4. Co-owners are those persons with an ownership interest in an SVL lot, as recorded with San Bernardino County, beyond the two owners as described in 2.2.3 above.

2.2.5. Associate members include the following categories.

2.2.5.1. Spouse and/or children of a member who also have the same residence as the member but are not on title to the property.

2.2.5.2. Co-owners of any lot who have paid Associate Membership fees for the current year.

2.2.5.3. Persons who have the same residence as the owner and who have paid administrative fees for the current year as established by the Board. (If only one person is on title, that person can designate any second person of the household to receive a membership card at no charge).

2.2.5.4. Tenants of a single-family residence and their family members as defined in 2.2.5.5 below who have paid Associate membership fees for the current year.

2.2.5.5. Family members - Father, mother, brother, sister, son or daughter of a member who have the same residence as the property owner.

2.2.5.6. Tenants - A person or persons actually living in a Spring Valley Lake house or condominium under lease from a member.

2.3. Temporary membership identification cards are issued to property owners and their designees (see Section 2.2.3 above) with proof of close of escrow. Permanent photo I.D. cards will be issued when the property is assigned an account number through the accounting department.

2.4. Persons found on Association property who do not have an identification card showing their eligibility for use of the amenities will be asked to leave immediately. Refusal to leave when requested may result in a citation from the SVL Association and/or from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department for trespassing.

2.5. Guest passes are required for persons 9 years of age or older that are non-residents. The owner(s) of each lot receive(s) 4 guest passes. Up to 6 extra one-day guest passes may be requested from the association office 4 times per fiscal year. Extra one-day guest passes will not be issued

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on Association event days. Owners may allow anyone to use the passes except for tenants renting or leasing homes in Spring Valley Lake. Owners who allow tenants to use their guest passes are in violation of these rules and may be cited.

2.5.1. On Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and Association sponsored events, all guests must be accompanied by an association member. Association member includes property owners and/or associate members.

2.6. Requests for special events or parties at the beach or parks must be made through application at the Association office. All special events or parties in excess of 50 individuals require approval by the Operations Director, Public Safety Director and General Manager. The number of special events or parties approved for any given day is dependent upon the number of individuals in each special event or party. Wristbands will be issued to attendees of the approved special events or parties in lieu of guest passes. The Association may require the owner(s) responsible for the special event or party to execute a release and indemnification agreement prior to event approval. Special events or parties at the beach or parks will not be approved on Association event days or major holiday days/weekends.

### 3. DOGS, PETS, ANIMALS

3.1. All dogs must be on a leash, confined in the park off leash area or confined within an owner's property (San Bernardino County and Town of Apple Valley Ordinances). Dogs not so controlled may be picked up by Animal Control Officers. SVLA dog tags may be obtained at the Association Office or the Public Safety Office at no charge. Loose dogs with SVL dog tags should be reported to the Public Safety Department who will contact the owner of the animal. The Public Safety Department does not have facilities to hold any animals for more than a few hours. If the owner of the animal cannot be contacted or does not contact the Public Safety Department within a reasonable amount of time, County Animal will be contacted to pick up the animal per the San Bernardino County Code.

3.2. The number of domestic animals, (dogs and cats) permitted will conform to the respective ordinance for either San Bernardino County or the Town of Apple Valley.

3.3. Dogs and other domesticated animals are allowed in the following common areas:

- Fishing Areas • Meadowlark Park Grass Area and Off

-Leash Area • Playfair Park Grass Area • Long Acres Park Grass Area • Equestrian Center • Marina Grass Area • In or on boats on the lake

All dogs or other domesticated animals are required to be kept on a leash no longer than 6' at all times. Owners are required to immediately clean up any feces generated by their pet. Feces must be put in a tightly sealed plastic bag before being disposed of. Using paper bags to dispose of feces is strictly prohibited.

Dogs and other domesticated animals are prohibited in the following common areas:

- Lake • Beaches and Swim Area • Playground areas in each park • Equestrian Trails

Any dog or other domesticated animal that is creating a disturbance or exhibiting violent or aggressive behavior must be removed from the area immediately by its caretaker.

3.4. Responsible pet ownership requires that owners of pets do not allow their animals to annoy others and to comply with all animal rules and regulations. It shall be a violation of these rules and regulations for any person owning or having control of one or more of any animal or fowl, either willfully or through failure to exercise proper control, to allow any such animal or fowl to habitually bark, howl, crow or make any other loud noises in such a manner as to cause general annoyance or discomfort to the inhabitants of a neighborhood and to interfere with the reasonable and comfortable enjoyment of life or property. Each reported incident shall be considered a separate violation. Any violation of this rule, San Bernardino County and/or the Town of Apple Valley animal noise ordinances will be cause for issuing a Spring Valley Lake Association citation. Continued violations of this section will be cause for referral to the proper animal control agency for possible prosecution.

### 4. TRAFFIC AND PARKING

4.1. All off-street parking forward of the front building line (physical structure) shall be on prepared surfaces such as brick or concrete. In the Equestrian Estates, parking may also be permitted on gravel adjacent to the roadway and in an area on the private property designated for the unloading of horses. Violators may be cited or fined.

4.2. The California Vehicle Code applies throughout Spring Valley Lake. San Bernardino County Code applies on the lake side. Apple Valley Town Ordinances apply in the Equestrian Estates. Speed limits are posted and prudent speed must be observed. Children at play on many of our streets and residential density dictates caution

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be observed.

**4.3.** Driveway parking of any type trailer, boat, camper or motorhome is limited to 72 hours. Violations of this rule may result in an SVLA citation. All vehicles parked on the street are subject to the California Vehicle Code and/or the Apple Valley Town Ordinances and may be towed by the agency of jurisdiction if parked more than 72 hours.

4.3.1. In that Spring Valley Lake is a lake community, residents may park their own boats in their driveways between May 1st and September 30th, provided their boats have current SVLA vessel registration stickers.

4.3.2. Long term storage of vehicles on driveways is not permitted. Evidence of long term storage or inoperability includes expired registration tags, vehicle covers, flat tire, broken window, jack stands, and other signs that the vehicle has not been moved.

4.3.3. Roadways fall under the jurisdiction of other entities, thus roadway parking is not enforced by SVLA. Residents should contact the appropriate entity to report inoperable vehicles or long term storage of vehicles in roadways.

**4.4.** The County of San Bernardino CSA 64 provides street sweeping services in Spring Valley Lake. It is encouraged that vehicles be removed from the street during scheduled street sweeping days/times. A schedule of street sweeping times is available on the SVLA website or through CSA 64.

**4.5.** Construction and landscaping materials and debris must be contained on property owner's property. All rubbish, debris and other unsightly material or objects of any kind shall be regularly removed from the owner's property and will not be allowed to accumulate on adjacent properties. Owners are prohibited from, burying or burning trash anywhere within the Association.

**4.6.** No boat trailers, RV's or other vehicles or equipment may be stored on a property owner's vacant lot and may be subject to citation by SVLA. Vehicles or equipment left on another property owners' vacant lot may result in the removal and disposal and/or citation by the San Bernardino County Sheriff.

**4.7.** Persons trespassing upon improved or unimproved private property may be cited or referred to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's department.

**4.8.** At the Public Safety Supervisor's discretion, Association parking areas may be closed due to special events, overcrowding or other circumstances

**4.9.** Parking is authorized on Association parking lots

between 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. Hours may be extended due to special events. Vehicles left overnight without prior General Manager approval will be deemed abandoned and law enforcement will be summoned. Violators may be cited.

**4.10.** Overnight parking is not allowed on Association-owned property or vacant property except for on-duty Association and fire department personnel. Violators may be cited or fined and vehicles may be towed.

**4.11.** Trailers except for designated horse trailers in the Equestrian Center, will not be parked on Association parking lots without prior approval from the General Manager. Violators may be cited or fined and vehicles may be towed.

**4.12.** Vehicle (including golf cart) operation is only authorized on improved and paved private and public property. Golf carts may not be operated on SVLA sidewalks. In designated parking areas, the speed limit shall be 5 MPH.

**4.13.** Vehicles (including golf carts) shall not be operated in a manner that is unsafe and/or poses a threat of damage to persons or property while on Spring Valley Lake Association property. Violation may result in an SVLA citation and/or notification to the California Highway Patrol or San Bernardino County sheriff.

## 5. BOATING

### 5.1. General

5.1.1. For the purpose of these rules and regulations, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning, the following definitions apply:

5.1.1.1. "Alcohol" means any form or derivative of ethyl alcohol (ethanol).

5.1.1.2. "Alcohol concentration" means either grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

5.1.1.3. "Boat" means the same as vessel.

5.1.1.4. "Chemical test" means a test that analyzes an individual's breath, blood, or urine, for evidence of drug or alcohol use.

5.1.1.5. "Controlled substance" means controlled substance as defined in Section 11007 of the Health and Safety Code of the State of California.

5.1.1.6. "Drug" means any substance or combination of substances other than alcohol that could so affect the nervous system, brain, or muscles of a person as to impair to an appreciable degree his or her

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ability to operate a vessel in the manner that an ordinary prudent person, in full possession of his or her faculties, using reasonable care, would use to operate a similar vessel under like conditions.

5.1.1.7. “Intoxicant” means any form of alcohol, drug, or combination thereof.

5.1.1.8. “Length” shall be determined by the manufacturer’s specifications, where available. In the case of custom boats or where such specification cannot be ascertained, then the length of the boat shall be physically measured from the outside of the bow to the outside of the stern along the centerline of the vessel. In the case of pontoon boats, the bow shall be considered to be the extreme forward end of the pontoon or deck, whichever is greater. The stern shall be considered to be the extreme after end of the pontoon or deck, whichever is greater. Motors or other appurtenances that extend beyond the hull or pontoon of the vessel shall not be considered in determining length.

5.1.1.9. “Main lake body” means that area of the Spring Valley Lake that lies lakeward of the line of red/orange buoys in which speeds in excess of 5 mph are permitted.

5.1.1.10. “Motor boat” means any vessel propelled by machinery whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion.

5.1.1.11. “Observer” means a person other than operator, at least 12 years of age or older who acts as a lookout and flag bearer when engaged in water towing activity.

5.1.1.12. “Operator” means the person on board who is steering the vessel while underway.

5.1.1.13. “Owner” means the person having all the incidents of ownership, including the legal title, of a vessel whether or not that person lends, rents, or pledges the vessel; the person entitled to the possession of a vessel as the purchaser under a conditional sale contract, the mortgagee of a vessel, or the renter or lessee of a vessel under a lease, lease-sale, or rental purchase agreement that grants possession of the vessel to the lessee for a period of 30 consecutive days or more. “Owner” means the same as “Legal Owner”.

5.1.1.14. “Passenger” means any person aboard a vessel while underway other than the operator of the vessel.

5.1.1.15. “Personal watercraft (PWC)” is a vessel described by the manufacturer as a PWC, propelled by machinery, that is designed to be operated by a person

sitting, standing, or kneeling on the vessel, rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel.

5.1.1.16. “Special-use area” means all or a portion of a waterway that is set aside for specified uses or activities to the exclusion of other incompatible uses or activities.

5.1.1.17. “Sunset or sunrise” is the time specified in the Farmer’s Almanac or Daily Press weather section for this geographic location.

5.1.1.18. “Vessel” includes every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water, except seaplanes.

5.1.1.19. “Water skis, an aquaplane, or similar device” includes all forms of water skiing, bare foot skiing, skiing on skim boards, skiing on wake boards, knee boards, inflatable tubes, or other contrivances or activity where a person is towed behind or alongside a boat. This definition does not include parasailing, ski kiting or any other similar activity that is specifically prohibited by these Rules.

5.1.2. The Association member/owner of a vessel is responsible at all times for the safe operation of their vessel and the conduct of the passengers thereon. Reckless operation and disregard for the safety of persons and property may result in the forfeiture of lake boating privileges in addition to other penalties.

5.1.3. California Boating laws apply to boating operations on Spring Valley Lake. The Public Safety Department has the authority to enforce provisions of California Boating Law and Spring Valley Lake Association rules. A report of violation of these rules and/or the California Boating Laws will be submitted to the General Manager for any required action to include suspension of boating privileges on the lake.

5.1.4. A vessel operator’s permit issued by the Public Safety Department must be in each vessel operator’s possession when operating a vessel anywhere on the lake, including those areas deemed to be within the lake easement or marina. Operator’s licenses are issued subject to the following conditions:

5.1.4.1. All operators of vessels must pass a written test administered by the Public Safety Department to obtain an operator’s permit. The written test will be based on information contained in Section 5 of the Rules and Regulations. Operator’s permit testing shall be conducted daily at 9:00 A.M.

5.1.5. Guests of Association Members must be

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accompanied by the sponsoring Member when applying for, or renewing an operator's permit.

5.1.6. All vessel operator's permits are subject to revocation by the Board of Directors for violation of these rules after due process.

5.1.7. Power vessel operators must be at least 16 years of age and must have a valid driver's license. Power vessels operator's permits shall expire on the same date as the operator's state driver's license; however, permits shall be automatically renewed without re-examination upon production of a current driver's license as long as the permit has not been expired for over one year. Non-powered vessels operator's permits shall not expire.

5.1.8. Marina slips are leased subject to the following:

5.1.8.1. Current SVL boat registration.

5.1.8.2. Payment of slip rental fees.

5.1.8.3. A signed agreement regarding compliance with terms of the rental.

5.1.9. Slips cannot be transferred or sub-leased, but must be promptly released back to the Association if no longer needed or eligibility is terminated.

5.1.10. Vessels kept in slips must be maintained in an attractive and operable condition.

5.1.11. Overnight sleeping aboard vessels afloat is prohibited.

5.1.12. SVLA registered vessels may be launched at the marina ramp. Sailboards, kayaks, canoes and other similar small and lightweight non-powered vessels may be launched from marina ramp, fishing areas or beach. Vessels registered to owners of lakefront lots or condominium units may be launched at their own launching ramp. Boat trailers may not be parked in the Marina parking area or in beach parking lots.

5.1.13. Subject to Public Safety Department determination of acceptable weather conditions, the lake is normally open for boating activities from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. See Section 5.4.2.3 for early morning and evening speed regulations and Section 5.8.2 for special personal watercraft restrictions.

5.1.14. Vessels beached in designated ski beach areas must be securely moored to the shore in such a way that they will not drift away.

5.1.15. Vessels shall not be tied to buoys.

5.1.16. Illegally beached, docked, or drifting vessels may be towed to the marina and the owner assessed a service fee.

5.1.17. Use of a parachute or any other airborne device on the lake is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, parasailing, kite boarding, and similar activities.

5.1.18. Only mushroom-type anchors and/or sand bags may be used.

### 5.2. Boat and Vessel Lift Registration.

5.2.1. All boats or vessels placed in or upon the waters of Spring Valley Lake must be registered with Spring Valley Lake Association. All newly installed vessel lifts must have a completed Architectural Improvement and License Agreement – Vessel Lift on file at the Association office.

5.2.2. All vessels must have current State and Spring Valley Lake registration decals before being placed on the lake. (Vessels propelled solely by oars or paddles and vessels eight feet or less, propelled solely by a sail, may be exempt from State registration, however, must be registered with SVLA).

5.2.3. All vessels are subject to inspection in conjunction with the annual registration and may be subject to further inspection at any time as requested by a Lake Patrol officer. Inspection may include verification of length and engine noise levels.

5.2.4. Members registering vessels must be properly identified and must show:

5.2.4.1. Proof of vessel ownership by Member or Associate Member registering the vessel.

5.2.4.2. Valid state vessel registration (unless vessel is exempt from state registration) in name of Member or Associate Member that reflects mailing address that agrees with Association membership records.

5.2.4.3. Proof of insurance as evidenced by a Certificate of Insurance.

5.2.4.3.1. Showing an expiration date of the policy later than the expiration date of the SVLA registration.

5.2.4.3.2. \$300,000 minimum liability coverage.

5.2.4.3.3. Naming Spring Valley Lake Association, 13325 Spring Valley Parkway, 7001 SVL Box, Victorville, CA 92395 as additionally insured or additional interest.

5.2.4.3.4. Having a name and address for the insured party that corresponds to the name and address of the Member or Associate Member in the membership records of the Association.

5.2.4.3.5. Full and proper

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identification/state registration of the insured vessel.

5.2.4.3.6. A statement that at least ten (10) days written notice shall be given to SVLA prior to cancellation of the policy.

5.2.4.4. Payment of the annual Boat and Vessel Lift Registration Fee.

5.2.4.5. Signed conditions for issuance of boat registration / permit liability form by Member or Associate member.

5.2.4.6. The member or associate member will be issued a copy of the most current Section 5 – Boating, of the Spring Valley Lake Association Rules and Regulations and agrees to become familiar and comply with the information contained therein.

5.2.4.7. Driver's license or I.D. with an address which corresponds with the membership records of the Association.

5.2.5. Boat registrations are valid from January 1st to December 31st of each year. After all vessel registrations requirements have been completed, decals will be issued. One decal shall be placed on the port (left) side of the vessel near the bow (front) area, just to the right of the State decal if applicable. The other shall be placed on the starboard (right) side of the vessel near the bow (front) area, just to the left of the State decal if applicable. State registration numbers, if applicable must be painted on or permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel. Windsurfer decals shall be placed on the mast or boom. Paddleboard owners may carry the sticker or affix it to the top of the paddleboard. Decals for other vessels not otherwise listed must be placed on the forward half of the vessel, both sides, where best seen.

5.2.6. Vessel registrations may be transferred by a property owner to a newly purchased vessel subject in accordance with the rules of the Association and upon payment of applicable fees. Any change of ownership of vessels registered with SVLA must be reported in writing to the Association office within ten (10) days following such change of ownership. Registration fees are not refundable

5.2.7. Size and Weight Limitations:

5.2.7.1. Power boats and sail boats may not exceed 22 feet maximum length.

5.2.7.2. Pontoon boats may not exceed 24 feet maximum length.

5.2.7.3 Weight Limitations: Any vessel registered is restricted to a weight limit of 7500 pounds. Official manufacturers' specifications will be used to

determine the weight of the vessel. (*dry published weight plus dry published maximum ballast weight not to exceed 7500 pounds.*)

5.2.8. Prohibited vessels include:

5.2.8.1. Fixed keel sailboats with deeper than 24" draft.

5.2.8.2. Vessels with toilet facilities and/or capable of discharging waste water unless such facilities are disabled.

5.2.9. No person (for each lot owned) shall be allowed to register more than 3 vessels exceeding fifteen (15) horsepower. Combination of vessels allowed - 1 boat and 2 PWCs, 2 boats and 1 PWC or 3 PWCs, but cannot be 3 boats. This also applies to associate members as defined in the Bylaws.

### 5.3. Vessel Operations

5.3.1. All Vessels will observe the Inland Navigation Rules at all times when operating on Spring Valley Lake.

5.3.2. No vessels shall be moored to any dock belonging to the Association except at the gas dock while purchasing gas, at the guest dock while loading and unloading passengers and materials, and in Marina slips in accordance with rental agreements.

5.3.3. Vessels are prohibited from being beached or run aground on any lakeshore lot except the ski beach and on approved launch ramps. This does not apply to smaller, non-powered vessels authorized pursuant to Section 5.1.6.

5.3.4. All vessels when operating outside the "No-Wake" areas will follow a counter-clockwise pattern around the lake keeping the nearest shoreline to the right. All non-powered vessels within the "No-Wake" area can travel in either direction.

5.3.5. Vessels towing and the device being towed must each stay well clear of solid orange/red buoys. The vessel towing and the device being towed must each pass on the same side of the buoy.

5.3.6. Towing of persons behind a boat is limited to kneeboards, water skis, devices shaped like inner tubes, torpedoes, wake boards, etcetera, which have been commercially designed and sold for this purpose.

5.3.7. Vessels and all skiers must stay well clear of maintenance personnel and work on the lake. A dangerous condition exists in the event a skier should fall, miscalculate speed or direction, or collide with the maintenance vessels.

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5.3.8. Paddle and row boats, kayaks and canoes shall remain within the “No Wake” areas.

### 5.4. Speed Regulations

5.4.1. The maximum speed for all vessels is thirty-five (35) miles per hour. Radar may be used to enforce speed regulations.

5.4.2. The maximum speed shall be five (5) miles per hour (“No-Wake”) as follows:

5.4.2.1. During all periods of restricted visibility, including hours of darkness.

5.4.2.2. From sunset to 10:00 p.m. daily except during the period beginning at sunrise on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and ending at midnight on Labor Day when the period shall be extended to midnight.

5.4.2.3. Daily from 6:00 a.m. til 7:00 a.m.

5.4.2.4. Within one hundred feet (100’) of any boat being towed, any boat that is capsized, or the Association’s harvester vessels.

5.4.2.5. At all times when landward of the red/orange buoys established at a fixed distance from the shoreline.

5.4.2.6. It is unlawful to use a vessel or permit a vessel to be used at a speed in excess of 5 mph within 100 feet of a beach frequented by bathers, a swimming float, diving platform, or lifeline, and a way or landing float to which boats are made fast or which is being used for embarkation or discharge of passengers. (San Bernardino County Code Section 52.032).

### 5.5. Safety

5.5.1. All boats operating on the lake shall meet the Coast Guard and State of California equipment requirements as stipulated in “ABC’s of the California Boating Law,” current edition, for safety equipment to include the following definitions:

5.5.1.1. At least one personal flotation device (PFD) of proper size (readily accessible) for each person on board while underway. The requirement applies to all vessels including windsurfing boards, sailboards and similar devices. Children under the age of thirteen (13) must wear a PFD at all times while on board a vessel. In addition, the vessel must carry an approved Type IV throwable device, which should be immediately available.

5.5.1.2. All power vessels must have a fire extinguisher.

5.5.1.3. Each vessel must be able to provide a means of making an efficient sound signal. A horn is

recommended.

5.5.1.4. Navigation lights must be kept in serviceable condition and displayed in accordance with the “Rules of the Road” between sunset and sunrise and at other times of restricted visibility.

5.5.1.5. Recommended additional equipment: paddle or oar, red/orange flag, bailing device (pump, bucket, etcetera), first aid kit, towing line.

5.5.2. Vessels will not be loaded beyond manufacturer’s recommended capacity and all occupants are to be seated inside (not on the gunwales (sides) or bow (front)) whenever the boat is underway (moving) except in the ordinary handling of sailing craft and persons properly seated in bow-rider boats.

5.5.3. Spring Valley Lake is a Special Use Area. Personal watercraft and similar devices must be operated according to manufacturer’s specifications, however, may not tow a skier or other recreational device at any time.

5.5.4. No vessel may closely follow another vessel or skier. Vessels will keep at least two hundred feet (200’) behind and/or to the side of skiers.

5.5.5. A red/orange flag will be raised when a skier is in the water preparing to ski, a downed skier, a ski line extended from the vessel, a ski in the water in the vicinity of the vessel, towing a disabled vessel, and when trolling.

5.5.6. No person shall operate any vessel or manipulate any water skis, or similar device in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any person. Examples of such operation include, but are not limited to:

5.5.6.1. Maneuvering towed skiers, or devices, so as to pass towline over another vessel or its skier.

5.5.6.2. Navigating a vessel, skis or other devices between a towing vessel and its tow.

5.5.6.3. Navigating a vessel, skis or other devices in such a manner as to cause a buoy to come between the vessel and the device being towed.

5.5.6.4. Operating under the influence of intoxicants or narcotics.

5.5.6.5. Other actions, such as speeding in confined or restricted areas, “buzzing” or “wetting down” others, or skiing at prohibited times or in restricted areas can also be construed to be reckless or negligent operation.

5.5.6.6. Wake jumping of any type of vessel by a personal watercraft (PWC).

5.5.7. Department of Boating and Waterways

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determined that alcohol is a high factor of all fatal motorboat accidents in California. Please do not drink and operate a vessel! State law specifies that:

5.5.7.1. No person shall operate any vessel, water skis or similar device while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

5.5.7.2. No person shall operate any vessel, water skis or similar device who has .08 percent or more, by weight, of alcohol in their blood.

5.5.7.3. If you are convicted of operating a vessel while intoxicated, the Department of Motor Vehicles may suspend or revoke your vehicle driver's license. Depending upon the number and type of vessel violations accumulated, this suspension or revocation could be for up to five (5) years, and could also result in fines of up to \$1,000.

5.5.8. All accidents must be reported immediately to the Sheriff and Spring Valley Lake Public Safety Department, in addition to necessary reports required by State Law. Accidents resulting in death or injury must be immediately reported via 9-1-1 to the Sheriff's Department.

5.5.9. In the event of emergencies, hazardous weather, special lake activities, or overcrowded conditions, all vessel activities may be limited or curtailed as required by the Spring Valley Lake Public Safety Department.

5.5.10. Overcrowded Lake Procedures: Anytime the lake is unsafe due to overcrowding the General Manager or the on duty supervisor of the Spring Valley Lake Public Safety Department may activate the Odd/Even flag system and direct the patrol boat to make an announcement over the loud speaker. Flag poles are located at the marina and the beach.

5.5.10.1. ODD - International Marine Signal Flag "O" -  Only vessels with a Spring Valley Lake decal ending with an odd number may use the lake.

5.5.10.2. EVEN - International Marine Signal Flag "E" -  Only vessels with a Spring Valley

Lake decal ending with an even number may use the lake.

5.5.11. Lake Evacuation Siren: The siren will be activated by Spring Valley Lake Public Safety Department personnel during adverse weather conditions or any time the lake is considered unsafe to use.

5.5.11.1. Wailing sound: Clear the lake of all recreational activity.

5.5.11.2. Steady sound: All Clear - safe to resume normal activity.

### 5.6. Engine Noise

5.6.1. All vessels operated on Spring Valley Lake shall be muffled or otherwise prevented from exceeding noise levels of 82 decibels established by California boating laws.

5.6.2. Any person operating a vessel on the lake may be required by a Spring Valley Lake Public Safety officer to submit that vessel for an engine noise measurement by Spring Valley Lake Public Safety Department, the County Sheriff, or any other authorized person or agency having jurisdiction in this matter.

5.6.3. Over-the-transom exhaust systems, commonly referred to as wet and dry stacks are prohibited on Spring Valley Lake excepting those boats which have been continually registered to the same owner.

### 5.7. Water Skiing

5.7.1. Water skiing is permitted during hours of daylight from 7:00 a.m. to sunset.

5.7.2. Motor boats (other than PWC's) may tow skiers or other devices and shall observe the speed regulations listed under Section 5.4, Speed Regulations.

5.7.3. Water skiing is prohibited in all areas other than the main lake body defined as lakeward of the red/orange buoys.

5.7.4. Motor boats towing skiers will follow a counter-clockwise pattern around the lake, keeping the nearest shoreline on the right. Cutting across the lake while towing skiers must be done with extreme caution while generally maintaining the same counter-clockwise course.

5.7.5. All skiers, persons being towed on any device, persons under the age of 13 and those who do not know how to swim or have trouble swimming unaided, must wear a Coast Guard approved personal flotation device at all times while in or on a vessel. All persons are encouraged to wear flotation devices for their own safety.

5.7.6. Tow lines for skiers and other towed devices shall not exceed seventy-five feet (75') in length as measured from the tow point aboard the vessel to the towing handle.

5.7.7. Ski boats engaged in water skiing must carry an observer at least 12 years of age in addition to the boat operator. The observer must be in a position to keep the skier in constant view and must signal, by raising a red/orange flag of twelve inches by twelve inches (12" x 12") minimum size, to indicate any of the following conditions.

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- 5.7.7.1. A downed skier.
- 5.7.7.2. A skier in the water preparing to ski.
- 5.7.7.3. A ski line extended from the vessel.
- 5.7.7.4. A ski in the water in the vicinity of the vessel..

5.7.8. Ski Boats shall not tow more than one person at a time on skis. Other towed devices will be used in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.

5.7.9. A vessel operator must point toward a fallen skier and vessels approaching a fallen skier should use raised arm signal to acknowledge that skier's situation and to caution his own skier.

5.7.10. Boat operators returning to retrieve a fallen skier will:

- 5.7.10.1. Display red/orange flag.
- 5.7.10.2. Check traffic (all directions).
- 5.7.10.3. Slow down, make a cautious turn.
- 5.7.10.4. Expedite back to fallen skier.

5.7.11. Motor must be stopped and propeller disengaged (on propeller driven vessels) during fallen skier pick-up or during the transfer of any person between vessel and dock, beach, water, or other vessel. Skiers should be approached from the driver's side.

5.7.12. Skiers are not to cut close to other boats, spray on others, or otherwise show disregard for people and property and must remain well clear of all buoys.

5.7.13. Kicking skis off and leaving in the water for later pickup is prohibited.

### 5.8. Personal Watercraft

5.8.1. Personal watercraft must not be loaded beyond manufacturer's specifications.

5.8.2. Spring Valley Lake is a Special Use Area. Personal watercraft are prohibited from operating on the main lake body between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays between and including Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend and between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on all other days. PWC operation is permitted in the 5 mph operating areas ("No-Wake") during these hours.

5.8.3. Personal watercraft shall not be operated in any manner that utilizes the wake of any vessel, including any other PWC, water skier, or any allowable towed object, to turn, jump, or maneuver the PWC.

5.8.4. Personal watercraft may be turned 360 degrees if such maneuver can be accomplished within the

length of the PWC and there is no boat traffic immediately behind the PWC. Circular turns larger than the length of the PWC are prohibited.

5.8.5. Personal watercraft must obey all "No Wake" restrictions.

5.8.6. Personal Watercraft operators must comply with the Rules of the Road at all times.

5.8.7. PWC shall stay outside the wake of any boat pulling a skier and shall maintain a distance of 200 feet from any skier. This will permit the PWC to take evasive action in the event the skier should fall or drop off. See Section 5.5.3 for other restrictions.

5.8.8. Personal watercraft must observe all applicable boating laws.

5.8.9. Personal watercraft shall not tow any device or skiers.

### 5.9. Windsurfing / Sailboarding

5.9.1. Windsurfing/Sailboarding is defined as "a form of sailing in which a flexible sail, free to move in any direction, is mounted on a surfboard and the craft guided by the standing rider. Also called Sailboarding."

5.9.2. On weekends and holidays during the period through and including Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend windsurfers and sailboarders are not allowed on the main lake body.

5.9.3. Windsurfers, sailboarders and operators of other similar devices must wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) of proper size while operating on the lake.

5.9.4. Sailboats at dock areas must have sails lowered.

5.9.5. Sailboats/sailboards must comply with the Rules of the Road at all times. Such vessels generally have the right-of-way over power vessels but should show courtesy when approaching any ski boat towing skiers or any other device.

## 6. FISHING

6.1. Fishing licenses are not required on Spring Valley Lake.

6.2. Fishing guests must possess a valid guest pass issued by the Association. Fishing guests must be accompanied by an Association Member on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. This rule does not apply to guests under 12 years of age.

6.3. Fishing is not permitted from Association beaches, swimming areas or marina slips, or from boats within the marina area.

6.4. Fishing is permitted from boats on the lake, and

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at designated fishing areas, and from all privately owned lakefront property by the property owners and their guests.

6.5. Fish may be taken only by angling with two closely attended rods and one hand line having not more than three hooks.

6.6. Except as otherwise provided herein, the daily combined limit for all fish except bass is five (5) per day. The daily limit for bass is one (1) per day. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there is no limit on carp.

6.7. Size and bag limits may be established by the Board of Directors from time to time based on estimated biomass of certain species, known spawning seasons, and the stocking schedule of the Association. Such limits will be posted at the fishing areas, in the Breeze, on the website, and at the Association office.

6.8. When anchored or still fishing after sunset, boats shall display an all around white light. When trolling after sunset the boat shall display navigation lights as required by law. When trolling between sunrise and sunset the boat must display a red/orange flag of twelve inch by twelve inch (12" x 12") minimum size.

6.9. Trolling and still fishing shall be limited to the 5 mph ("no wake") areas of the lake which is defined as all areas shoreward of the red/orange buoys from 8:00 a.m. to sunset between and including Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend, and from sunrise to sunset during all other periods of the year.

6.10. Spear fishing or bow fishing is prohibited.

6.11. Chumming is prohibited.

6.12. Fish cleaning is prohibited on the lake or in fishing areas. Offal and other discarded material from fish cleaning must be disposed of properly. Under no circumstances may it be put into the lake. Fish cleaning facilities are provided at the Marina. Offal and debris from fish cleaning at the Marina may not be placed into the Association trash dumpster.

6.13. Fishing is prohibited from your vessel while beached at the Association beaches due to safety concerns of people in the water and boating traffic nearby.

## 7. SWIMMING

7.1. Swimming is permitted at the Spring Valley Lake beach lagoon and within the 16 feet lake easement area of privately owned lakefront lots and the Association owned beach. From Memorial Day to Labor Day swimming is prohibited behind any boat beached at the Association beaches

7.2. Use of the Spring Valley Lake beach area is limited to Members and their guests. Each guest must have an Association issued guest card in their possession when using the facility. This rule does not apply to guests under 9 years of age. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a person at least 16 years of age who is a competent swimmer.

7.3. All persons using the beach area will obey directions or instructions given by Spring Valley Lake Public Safety officers, lifeguards, or other SVLA staff members.

7.4. Swimming is prohibited in the 16 feet lake easement area outside the dam at the Spring Valley Lake Association-owned beach. Lifeguards are not readily able to monitor swimming activity in this area.

7.5. Recreational flotation devices are allowed up to 8 feet in length in all swimming areas unless otherwise deemed unsafe by a Lifeguard.

7.6. Use of scuba and snorkel equipment is only allowed in designated swimming areas.

7.7. Swimmers are cautioned that vessels are permitted on the beach and in the waters of the 16 feet lake easement area outside the dam. Even during periods when lifeguards may be on duty at the beach lagoon such lifeguard coverage does not extend to the easement area. **All persons entering the water for whatever purpose in the 16 feet lake easement at the Spring Valley Lake beach do so at their own risk.**

7.8. Members and their guests swimming from privately owned lakefront lots must remain within the 16 feet lake easement. The easement will be measured outward from the shoreline or "sea wall" (when applicable). The easement measurement is not extended by any dock or platform extending out into or above the water.

7.9. Vessels must not proceed at a speed greater than 5 mph when within 100 feet of persons in the water, or within 200 feet of the beach area of Spring Valley Lake.

## 8. RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, PLAYGROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, & FISHING AREAS

8.1. Association members using recreational facilities must confine their activities to within the marked boundaries of these areas. Areas beyond the boundaries are private property and violators may be subject to prosecution.

8.2. Persons who appear to be impaired due to the use of alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants are prohibited from using the Association facilities. The San Bernardino

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County Sheriff's Department will be summoned for any persons suspected of this impairment. Anyone found to be in violation of this may receive an SVLA citation and be asked to leave the property.

**8.3.** Children under the age of twelve (12) years old must be accompanied by an adult or qualified guardian when on the beach or fishing areas. Minimum age of qualified guardian is sixteen (16) years.

**8.4.** Use of playground equipment other than what it is designed for will not be permitted. (Including weight limitations).

**8.5.** Motorized vehicles, bicycles and skateboards are not permitted on Association property in areas other than paved parking lots. (Excludes wheelchairs, motorized wheelchairs and disabled person scooters)

**8.6.** Riding equipment is not allowed in playground areas except that tricycles, big wheels, and similar toys are permitted on concrete areas only.

**8.7.** Ball playing is permitted in designated areas only.

**8.8.** Permanently mounted barbecues may not be moved for any reason. Picnic tables and trash cans may be moved with Public Safety Department permission.

**8.9.** No glass of any kind is allowed in parks or on beaches.

**8.10.** Rubbish and litter must be placed in receptacles provided. If special events require additional receptacles, the cost will be paid by the property owner who made the reservation.

**8.11.** Open fires are prohibited on Association property. However, liquid and bottled fuel stoves and charcoal braziers are permitted in picnic areas. All fires will be in accordance with local fire ordinances.

**8.12** Any crime committed on Association property will result in the Sheriff's Department being summoned. Members may also receive an SVLA citation for crimes that they or their guests commit on Association property.

### **9. SOFTBALL, SOCCER FIELDS, & BASKETBALL COURTS**

**9.1.** Team Practice and league play permitted only after completing the annual contract between the league and the Association. A certificate of insurance listing the Association as an additional insured must be on file at the Association office with minimum coverage of \$300,000.

**9.2.** Teams using the field must have a significant representation of Spring Valley Lake residents. The General Manager must approve usage by teams with less

than 50% SVL residents. SVLA may require the league to pay an additional fee for non-resident players..

**9.3.** Reservations:

9.3.1. Reservations must be made at the Association office by a SVLA member. Reservation forms will be available upon request by a Public Safety officer.

9.3.2. Without reservations, access to fields and courts is on a first come basis.

9.3.3. Maximum time limit for field usage per reservation will be determined by the General Manager.

9.3.4. All reservations must be made at least 72 hours in advance.

**9.4.** All teams and individual users are responsible for the security of their own equipment.

**9.5.** All participants, users and young visitors must be under adult supervision and abide by all rules and regulations. If using any of the facilities during or after the said times on the reservation agreement, a SVLA identification card or guest pass is required for anyone over the age of 11.

**9.6.** Baseball usage (at the baseball field) is for teams with participants of Little League age only.

**9.7.** Spring Valley Lake Association reserves the right to cancel or revoke park / field use privileges.

### **10. EQUESTRIAN BRIDLE TRAILS AND PARKS IN SVLA ESTATES**

**10.1.** The bridle trails consist of approximately 58 acres of improved trail area for horseback riding that meanders throughout the Equestrian Estates properties. Additionally, there are several areas within the trail space developed as small, neighborhood parks.

**10.2.** The bridle trails in Tract 8032 of Spring Valley Lake are not open to the general public but are a reserved amenity for Spring Valley Lake property owners, associate members, and their guests.

**10.3.** Boarders of a horse at the Equestrian Center and those residing in the Equestrian Estates (Tract 8032), and their bona fide guests, may ride on the private trails.

**10.4.** Horses are to be confined to permissible riding areas only; horses may not cross or otherwise trespass on the private property of others unless written permission from the owner of said property is obtained.

**10.5.** No abuse of any kind upon animals will be tolerated. If a violation occurs, a citation may be issued and/or the matter will be referred to Apple Valley Animal Control.

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**10.6.** No one under the age of eighteen (18) will be allowed to ride on the Spring Valley Lake bridle trail system or at the Equestrian Center unless a parent or guardian has signed a release form and forwards the release form to the SVL Association office.

**10.7.** Dogs are not allowed on SVL bridle trails. Any person found on the bridle trail with a dog (whether leashed or unleashed) may be subject to citation from SVLA. Loose dogs found on any SVLA property will be reported to Apple Valley Animal Control.

**10.8.** No debris or storage of any articles or equipment shall be allowed on bridle trail or park areas.

**10.9.** All private corrals, shelters or barn areas must be kept in a reasonably clean and orderly condition at all times. Manure-free stalls, shelters and corrals are essential to prevent horses from becoming infected with the infective stages of strongyles and so consequently prevent parasitic infestation.

**10.10.** Manure from property owners' corrals and shelters may not be dispensed onto trails. Manure must be removed from property owners' corrals a minimum of once a week (twice a week from shelters and stables during summer months) and hauled away weekly. Property owners may obtain additional containers from the local trash service.

**10.11.** Other than official Association vehicles, no motor vehicles are permitted on the bridle trails except those used in cleaning, grading or maintaining the trails and vehicles needed for equestrian-related activities such as mobile veterinarian vans, farriers, hay delivery, manure removal, etcetera.

**10.12.** No joy riding of any motor vehicles will be allowed, including cars, trucks, motor bikes, cycles, ATVs, etcetera. Violators will be reported to Spring Valley Lake officers which may result in a SVLA citation and/or the matter being turned over to the Sheriff's Department.

**10.13.** No walking, jogging, or bicycles permitted on equestrian trails.

**10.14.** Equestrian Estates residents maintaining horse(s) on their properties or boarded at the Equestrian Center must file documentation with the Association by April 30th of each year to show their horse(s) have been immunized against disease per SVLA and current veterinarian recommendations for this area. Owner(s) agree to keep all immunizations current and to have the horse(s) pasted-wormed every three months, and its/their teeth checked annually. Immunizations are as follows:

10.14.1. Eastern Equine Encephalitis

10.14.2. Western Equine Encephalitis

10.14.3. Tetanus

10.14.4. Rhinopneumonitis

10.14.5. Influenza

10.14.6. Distemper - Strangles

10.14.7. Potomac Horse Fever

10.14.8. West Nile

**10.15.** The use of Playfair and Longacres Parks is governed by Section 8.0 of these Rules and Regulations.

**10.16.** Corrals and shelters are mandatory if horses are maintained on the property. (Please note that additional rules pertaining to horse shelters may be found within the Architectural Policy Manual).

## 11. EQUESTRIAN CENTER RULES

**11.1.** The Equestrian Center consists of a clubhouse with lounge and patio, office and on-site, live-in quarters for the EQ Center caretaker; show arenas with spectator seating and judging pavilion; boarding barns with attached outside corral areas, additional outside corrals; exercise rings, hot walker; wash rack area with hot and cold water; tack rooms, changing rooms and restrooms, a meeting room with kitchen facilities; and ample parking.

**11.2.** Hours of Operation - The barn in the Equestrian Center is available to residents who are boarding a horse 24 hours a day to tend to the horse(s). The closing time for all other Association amenities is 10:00 PM. Special events, with the approval of the Association, may require the closing of the Equestrian Center to general use. Exterior lights are to be turned off by 11:00 PM unless otherwise authorized by the Association. Shows and/or trail events may vary from these hours. All events planned for the Equestrian Center must be presented to the Association office at least 15 days prior to the event.

**11.3.** Smoking is only allowed in those areas deemed appropriate under current state law and local ordinances. (See section 1.22)

**11.4.** Tack rooms will be locked during non-business hours. Neither the Spring Valley Lake Association nor the Equestrian Center manager is responsible for any theft or losses. Locking saddle, to saddle rack, and locking tack box, is the responsibility of the owner.

**11.5.** Veterinary Call - All boarded horses are subject to veterinary call at any time Spring Valley Lake Equestrian Center staff deem it necessary in accordance with boarding contract. The horse's owner will be notified as soon as possible. Any charges will be billed directly to the owner.

**11.6.** Clubroom Rental - The clubroom may be rented

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to property owners and Associate members who have completed and filed out a facility rental agreement. The clubroom and patio area must be left in a clean, orderly condition. Trash must be properly disposed of in bins that will be provided.

**11.7. Attire** - It is mandatory for anyone riding horses at the Equestrian Center to be dressed in proper attire for the type of riding being done.

**11.8. Stallions** - No stallions will be permitted to board at the Equestrian Center, however, colts up to 2 years of age are permitted.

**11.9. Kicking Horse** - Any horse that is known to kick must have a red ribbon tied to the tail at all times while being ridden on the Equestrian Center premises or any other Association property.

**11.10. Permission to Ride** - No horse on Equestrian Center property may be ridden by anyone other than the owner(s) unless a written release is filed in the Association office by the owner(s), in person. All responsibility rests upon the owner/s of the horse for the animal, rider and Association property. All handling and riding of horses is done at owner(s) and/or riders' risk.

**11.11. Guest Passes & Damages** - A guest at the facility may not ride alone and must be accompanied by a member of the Association. If damages beyond normal wear and tear are incurred because of the conduct of a boarder or guest of boarder, or resulting from the boarded animal, all costs for repair will be the responsibility of the owner of the horse.

**11.12. Rules** - All posted arena rules must be obeyed at all times. i.e. NO SMOKING, NO ENTRY BEYOND THIS POINT, etcetera.

**11.13.** No riding is allowed inside the barns.

**11.14.** No horses will be left on hot walker unattended.

**11.15.** No horses will be left unattended in wash rack, on tie rails, or in cross ties. Maximum time for each horse in wash rack is 45 minutes.

**11.16.** No bicycles, motorcycles or ATCs are allowed in the stable area.

**11.17.** All dogs are to remain on a leash, at all times, on Equestrian Center premises.

### 12. EQUESTRIAN CENTER ARENA RULES

**12.1.** Riders must enter and exit arena at a walk.

**12.2.** Use common sense and courtesy at all times.

**12.3.** Riders shall call "heads up" when jumping over obstacles only when needed, i.e. warning is needed due to

crowded conditions etc., to ensure safe jump.

**12.4.** Slower horses shall ride toward the middle, faster horses close to rail.

**12.5.** When more than one rider is in arena, riders will pass left to right (counterclockwise).

**12.6.** Longeing may be done in main arena if there is room and in exercise arenas.

**12.7.** No horses shall be turned loose in any arena if riders are present.

**12.8.** Any horses turned loose to free exercise in any arena at the Equestrian Center may not be left unattended for more than 20 minutes.

**12.9.** No standing or sitting on arena walls.

**12.10.** Horse Shows - Main arena closed prior to shows for a reasonable period of time for preparations.

**12.11.** Minors under the age of eighteen (18) may not use the Equestrian Center without adult supervision unless a parent or guardian has signed a release form and it is on file in the Association office.

**12.12.** Rules may be changed or additions made periodically. Always check posted rules as all rules are for rider safety.

**12.13.** Turn Out Arena - Maximum time use for the arena is 30 minutes unless otherwise posted. If another party wishes the use of the arena, you must remove your horse within 10 minutes of such a request, providing you have already had the use of the arena for approximately 20 minutes. Otherwise, you will have 20 minutes in which to remove your horse from time of request. Riders have priority to use the main arena.

### 13. EQUESTRIAN CENTER BOARDING

**13.1.** Only property owner(s) and/or paid tenants are permitted to enter into a contract to board horse(s) at the SVLA Equestrian Center facility.

**13.2.** Right to Refuse Service - Spring Valley Lake General Manager reserves the right to refuse service or cancel a boarding contract at any time.

**13.3.** Eviction - A boarded horse which has been asked to vacate must be removed from the premises within forty-eight (48) hours. Thirty (30) days after notification to owner(s), failure to comply with eviction requirements may result in boarding fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) per day and/or horse(s) being sold to pay fees.

**13.4.** Monthly Boarding fees - Boarding fees shall be established annually in accordance with the Spring Valley Lake Association Fee Schedule. The SVLA Board of

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Directors, with recommendations from the Equestrian Estates Committee, may revise the monthly (30 day cycle) boarding fees at the Equestrian Center.

**13.5.** Daily Boarding Fees - The daily fee for boarding transitory horses will be set at 150% of the pro-rated monthly fee in accordance with the current monthly fee schedule. Failure to pay boarding fees to SVLA or its designated agent will result in notification to owner(s). Horse(s) will be sold after sixty (60) days to satisfy back boarding fees and any additional encumbered charges.

**13.6.** Reservations - Reservations for stall rental may be made no more than two weeks in advance. A non-refundable 25% deposit must be submitted at the time of the reservation.

**13.7.** Temporary Boarding Requirements.

13.7.1. No stall will be made available or held at a lesser amount due to a horse vacating for training. The full monthly rental will apply if the stall is to be retained.

13.7.2. Notwithstanding an emergency situation, no horse may occupy a stall without a current vaccination record on file at the Association office.

**13.8.** The act of live breeding of a Stallion to a Mare on association property for any purpose is strictly prohibited.

### 14. COMMUNITY BUILDING & EQUESTRIAN CENTER MEETING ROOMS

**14.1.** Meeting room facilities at the Community Center and Equestrian Center are available for use by Association members and their guests under the conditions contained herein:

**14.2.** Smoking, as defined in Section 1.22 herein, is not permitted in any SVLA facility.

**14.3.** Categories of users are defined as follows.

14.3.1. Official Use: Those functions sponsored directly or indirectly by the Board of Directors. Such uses include Board meetings, committee meetings, membership meetings, Association elections, local issue forums, and similar activities authorized by the Board. Local government elections are also considered official use.

14.3.2. Member Groups: These are organized groups which exist primarily to provide social and civic-type activities exclusively for SVL residents. They function for the benefit, enjoyment and/or education of SVLA members. These groups must be registered as non-profit for tax purposes and composed exclusively of SVL residents. These groups must present an application to,

and receive approval from, the SVLA Board of Directors to be considered a member group.

14.3.3. Youth Groups: Youth activities which have SVL members as principal advisors; Boy and Girl Scout organizations, SVL Little League and community service activities programmed primarily for the benefit of SVL members, including but not limited to AARP sponsored functions, health fair, Victor Valley College programs, shall be permitted without fee in accordance with all other provisions of Section 14.4. The Board of Directors will approve these requests on a yearly basis as part of the consent calendar.

14.3.4. Member Sponsored Functions. These are meetings or activities sponsored by one or more SVL property owners in good standing.

**14.4. Priorities.** Board sponsored activities, as described in 14.3 above have priority over all other events if scheduled at least thirty (30) days in advance. All other activities are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis.

#### 14.5. Scheduling

14.5.1. Scheduling of facilities is done at the Association's Administrative office. SVLA members wishing to schedule a meeting must sign a contract assuming certain responsibilities.

14.5.2. Application for use of the Spring Valley Lake Community Center must be requested for and signed by SVLA property owner(s), age eighteen or over, at least thirty (30) days in advance of the event.

14.5.3. Scheduling may be done up to one year in advance with the understanding that the priority system in 14.3 above exists. In all cases, scheduling must be done at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the desired use.

14.5.4. A requested room diagram must be provided at least thirty (30) days before the event, describing the number and arrangement of tables and chairs required. Setup will be conducted by the Association.

14.5.5. A non-refundable booking fee is charged at the time a room is scheduled.

14.5.6. A certificate of insurance in the amount of \$300,000 must be provided, and must be in the Association office at least thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of use, otherwise usage will be revoked.

14.5.7. A cancellation fee of 10 percent of the full fee will be charged on those events canceled, in writing, less than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the desired use.

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Safety Officer fees are set in accordance with the SVLA Fee Schedule. Those using the facility must utilize SVLA Public Safety. Property owners cannot hire private security.

**14.6.** If the requested meeting rooms and/or Equestrian Clubroom are not cleaned, a cleanup per hour fee will be deducted from the deposited amount. The balance will be refunded to the property owner only.

**14.7.** A checklist will be completed at the beginning and end of the function by SVLA Public Safety officer, and signed by the sponsoring member. Lessee is responsible for the cleanup and removal of all items at the site on the day of the event. See SVLA staff for cleanup and responsibilities checklist at the time of reservation. If all conditions are met, the deposit will be refunded within two weeks.

**14.8. Deposits and Fees.** There is no charge or deposit for official functions. Deposits and fees for use of rooms will be charged according to a Board approved schedule, identified as the Spring Valley Lake Fee Schedule, which will be revised annually. A copy of the Fee Schedule may be obtained by contacting the Association Office staff.

14.8.1. Full payment of all fees must be received in the Association office thirty (30) days prior to the event.

14.8.2. Room Use. All meeting rooms and Equestrian Center Clubroom are subject to the following user rules:

14.8.2.1. Curfew is 10 P.M. Exceptions to this curfew will be considered on an individual basis by the Board of Directors.

14.8.2.2. Lessee accepts full responsibility for the facility and for the conduct of his/her guests.

14.8.2.3. No alcoholic beverages may be sold without an Alcoholic Beverage Control Department permit. The permit must be posted during the function and a copy must be on file at the Association office.

14.8.2.4. Noise is allowed at levels that are non-disturbing to the surrounding neighbors.

14.8.2.5. The Board of Directors and General Manager may deny the use of the facility when the activity is not considered in the best interest of the Association.

14.8.2.6. Room rental does not include the use of all Association facilities, only the room being rented. Guests are not permitted the use of any other facilities, i.e. kitchen, sound system, etcetera.

14.8.2.7. The property owner who signs the rental agreement will be held accountable for any damage to the premises during the rental period and must ensure

that no decorations or other items are attached to the walls. Damage will result in forfeiture of the deposit and possible additional charges.

14.8.2.8. Decorations are permitted, but nails, staples, or tacks are not permitted in finished wood pieces or in fixed objects (doors, cabinets, etc.) No major or minor construction projects are allowed.

14.8.2.9. Decorating time is not permitted prior to the start of the reservation time for the function. If additional time is required to decorate, an additional block of time must be reserved. All decorations must be removed before leaving the event and the Association cannot store items for later retrieval.

14.8.2.10. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations may result in the loss of privileges to use the facility(s).

14.8.2.11. The rental contract, signed by the lessee and SVLA staff, indicates full understanding of the rules and regulations.

## 15. ELECTIONS

### 15.1. Media Access

15.1.1. To the extent that the Association permits access to Association media by a candidate (or a member advocating a point of view) for purposes that are reasonably related to an election, equal access shall be provided to all other candidates (or members advocating a point of view) that are reasonably related to the election at issue. The Association will not edit or redact any content from a candidate or member communication related to an election, provided, that the candidate or member offering statement or commentary is responsible for the content and any published comment or comments made. The Association may include a disclaimer specifying that the candidate or member, and not the association, is solely responsible for the content of the communication.

15.1.2. All candidates (including those candidates who are not incumbents) and all members advocating a point of view (including those not endorsed by the Board) shall have access to the common area, at no cost, for purposes reasonably related to the election.

15.1.3. Use of the SVLA logo and/or a representation of the SVLA logo is not to be used in campaign materials or other materials without prior SVLA approval.

15.1.4. No SVLA election campaign signs may be posted prior to March 1.

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### 15.2. Candidate Forum

15.2.1. In each election for the Board of Directors, the Association shall hold a forum at no charge (“Meet the Candidates”) for the nominees at the Association clubhouse (or other common area meeting space) prior to the date that the election materials are sent to the membership. The forum will be for the purposes of allowing the members to meet and ask questions of all nominees and all nominees standing for election shall be invited to attend the forum. The Association shall ensure that each nominee is given an equal opportunity to participate in the forum.

15.2.2. Ordinarily the forum will be held in early April of each year. The Board shall select a moderator to conduct the forum. The moderator will provide each candidate with information concerning the format of the forum and sample questions to be answered, subject to reasonable review by the Board. Any current Board member who is a candidate for election shall abstain from participating in any Board review of the moderator’s actions.

15.2.3. For ballot measures that are required to be submitted to the membership that are unrelated to Board of Directors election, the Association shall have a town hall meeting (not a formal membership meeting, but an informal gathering of the members in which the members can express their points of view) prior to the time election materials are sent to the membership to amend the bylaws/CC&Rs or similar ballot measures requiring membership approval.

**15.3. Qualification of Directors.** In order to run for the Board of Directors, a member must meet the eligibility /qualifications identified below:

15.3.1. Be a current owner of record of real property within Spring Valley Lake.

15.3.2. If title to a Lot is held by a legal entity (e.g. Corporation, Limited Liability Company, Limited Partnership, etc.), the governing authority of the legal entity shall have the power to appoint a natural person to be a member for purposes of being a candidate for the Board.

15.3.3 The Association shall not disqualify a person from nomination if the person has not been provided the opportunity to engage in Internal Dispute Resolution (“IDR”) with the Association, in accordance with the Association’s established IDR Procedures.

**15.4. Nomination of Candidates.** The nomination process to nominate a candidate to run for the Board of Directors shall be as follows:

15.4.1. Notice of Nomination Form & Nomination Deadline: Not less than thirty (30) days before the nomination deadline, the Association shall provide via general delivery a “Nomination Form” that discloses the nomination procedures and nomination deadline. The deadline for submitting a nomination (“Nomination Deadline”) shall not be less than thirty (30) days before ballots are distributed. The Nomination form shall be delivered by individual notice pursuant to California Civil Code section 4040 if requested by a member.

15.4.2. Nominating procedure: In order to become a candidate for election to the Board, a member shall submit a letter of intent to the Board of Directors. Letter of intent must reach the Association office by or before the Nomination Deadline.

15.4.3 Candidates may be required by the Board of Directors to submit proof of their qualifications for serving as a Board member. The Board of Directors’ decision as to whether the member’s proof is adequate is binding. Failure of a candidate to provide satisfactory proof of qualification for Board membership shall result in the candidate being removed from nomination.

15.4.4. Candidate Educational Seminar: Within approximately seven (7) to ten (10) days after the Nomination Deadline, the Board will sponsor a seminar for announced candidates which includes information regarding board responsibilities, legal liabilities, conflicts of interest, amount of time demanded by Board membership, etc. At the seminar, the Board will announce the deadline by which any candidate may withdraw their name from nomination prior to ballot materials being printed.

15.4.5. Candidates may withdraw their names from nomination by giving written notice to the Association office at any time, however candidates are encouraged to do so by the deadline established by the Board under 15.4.4 above

15.4.6. Notice of Candidates. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the distribution of ballots, the Board shall provide general notice of the following: (1) the list of all candidates that will appear on the ballot, (2) the date, time, and address of where the ballots are to be returned by mail or handed to the Inspector, (3) the date, time and address of the meeting at which ballots will be counted, (4) a statement of each member’s right to verify the accuracy of their individual information on both the Candidate List and the Voter List (as defined below), and (5) a statement of each member’s right to request individual delivery of the foregoing items. The foregoing shall be delivered by individual notice pursuant to California Civil Code

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section 4040 to any member requesting individual notice.

15.4.7. Written ballots shall provide a space for a write-in candidate's name to be inserted.

15.4.8. Any write-in candidate elected to the Board shall also provide the Board of Directors proof of their qualifications for serving as a Board member. The Board of Directors' decision as to whether the member's proof is adequate is binding. Failure of a candidate to provide satisfactory proof of qualification for Board membership shall result in the candidate's seat being declared vacant by the Board of Directors.

**15.5. Election Materials.** Election materials will be prepared by the General Manager or contract vendor with Board approval and shall be reviewed by the Association's general counsel prior to printing.

15.5.1. Candidate List & Voter List: The Association shall retain, as association election materials, both a candidate registration list ("Candidate List") and voter list ("Voter List"). The Voter List shall include the name, voting power, and the physical address of the member's Lot. The mailing address for the ballot shall be listed on the Voter List if different from the physical address of the member's Lot.

15.5.2. Right to Verify Accuracy of Individual Information: Members shall be notified of their right to verify the accuracy of their individual information on the Candidate List and Voter List at least thirty (30) days before ballots are distributed. The Association or Member shall report any errors or omissions to the Candidate List or Voter List to the Inspectors who shall make the corrections within two (2) business days.

15.5.3. Custody of Election Materials: The sealed ballots, signed voter envelopes, Voter List, proxies, and Candidate List shall at all times be in the custody and control of the Inspector, until after the final tabulation of votes, and until the time allowed by California Civil Code section 5145 for challenging the election has expired, after which time the custody and control of the ballots shall be transferred to the Association. If there is a recount or other challenge to the election process, the Inspector shall, upon written request, make the ballots available for inspection and review by the requesting Member.

**15.6. Inspectors of Election.** The Board of Directors shall select one (1) or three (3) inspector(s) of election ("Inspector"). The inspector shall be any one of the following, as determined by the Board of Directors at an open Board meeting prior to the distribution of the ballot material: a volunteer poll worker with the county registrar of voters, a licensee of the California Board of

Accountancy, or a notary public. An independent third party may be a member, but may not be a Board member, candidate for the Board, or a person related to a Board member or candidate for the Board. An independent third party may not be a person, business entity, or subdivision of a business entity who is currently employed or under contract to the Association for any compensable services other than serving as Inspector. The Inspector shall perform the following functions.

15.6.1. The Inspector shall have the responsibilities described in California Civil Code section 5110, or any successor statute, and shall perform their duties impartially, in good faith, to the best of their ability and as expeditiously as practical;

15.6.2. Deliver, or cause the delivery of, at least thirty (30) days before an election, to each member the following documents: (a) the ballot or ballots; and (b) a copy of these Election Rules. For purposes of this subsection, the delivery of these Election Rules may be accomplished by either of the following methods: (i) Posting the Election Rules to an internet website and including the corresponding internet website address on the ballot together with the phrase, in at least 12-point font: "The rules governing this election may be found here."; or (ii) individual delivery pursuant to California Civil Code section 4040; and

15.6.3. Receive reports of errors or omissions contained on the Candidate List and Voter List (both defined elsewhere herein) and shall correct said errors within two (2) business days.

15.6.4. If there are three (3) Inspectors, the decision or act of a majority shall be effective in all respects as the decision or act of all Inspectors;

15.6.5. The Inspector shall have the right to appoint and oversee such additional persons as the Inspector deems appropriate to verify signatures and to count and tabulate votes, provided that the persons are independent third parties.

**15.7. Election by Secret Ballot Without Meeting.** Notwithstanding any other law or provision of the association's governing documents, Board of Directors elections, and other elections required to be submitted to the membership pursuant to California Civil Code section 5100, shall be conducted by a secret written ballot submitted to the members without a meeting.

15.7.1. Eligibility to Vote: A person is eligible to vote if, at the time ballot are distributed, (i) the person is a member of the Association, or (ii) the person has a general power of attorney for a member. Members may

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cast one (1) ballot per Lot owned by that member within the Association. If more than one (1) person is the record owner of a Lot, the vote for that Lot shall be decided by said parties between themselves. In the event one or more persons who share ownership of a particular Lot each cast separate ballots, the ballot received first by the Inspector shall be treated as the ballot representing that Lot.

15.7.2. Ballots and two pre-addressed envelopes with instructions on how to return ballots, must be mailed by first class mail or delivered by the Association to every member not less than thirty (30) days prior to the deadline for voting.

15.7.3. In order to preserve confidentiality, a voter may not be identified by name, address or lot, parcel or unit number on the ballot itself. The balloting materials shall include all of the following:

15.7.3.1. The ballot itself is not signed by the voter, but is placed into a ballot envelope, which is then sealed ("Ballot Envelope"). The Ballot Envelope is then inserted into the second pre-addressed envelope ("Address Envelope") that is then sealed. In the upper left-hand corner of the Address Envelope, the voter prints and signs his/her name, separate interest identifier (such as the address of the separate interest, member number, lot, parcel or unit number that entitles him/her to vote).

15.7.3.2. The Address Envelope is addressed to the Inspector. The Address Envelope can be mailed by the member to the Inspector or delivered by hand to a location specified by the Inspector. Any member can request a receipt for delivery of their ballot.

15.7.3.3. Ballots distributed to each and every member shall identify the proposed action, provide an opportunity to specify approval or disapproval and provide at least thirty (30) days upon which to return the ballot to the Inspector. The voting instructions contained within the ballot materials will show a date by which the ballots must be delivered to the location designated by the Inspector by either the United States Postal Service, overnight delivery service or hand delivery.

15.7.3.4. For elections to the Board of Directors, ballots must be returned to the Inspector at the close of business on the day prior to the annual meeting, at which point the polls will close and no further ballots will be accepted. Since the election process will be done by balloting and not at the annual meeting, no ballots will be cast at the annual meeting.

15.7.3.5. All votes shall be counted by the Inspector starting six (6) hours prior to commencement of business at the annual meeting, in an open setting

allowing members and candidates to witness the counting and tabulation of the votes. No person may interfere with, harass or otherwise communicate with the inspector(s) and/or Inspector Designee(s) while the count and tabulation is taking place (other than corporate counsel as deemed necessary by the inspector(s) of election). The inspector(s) of election can cause the removal of any observer who causes interference with or disrupts the counting or tabulation process. Once the inspector(s) of election have finished counting, the inspector(s) of election will thereafter announce the results of the election for Board of Directors during the annual meeting. No person, including any member of the Association or an employee of a management company, shall open or otherwise review any ballot prior to the time and place at which the ballots are counted and tabulated by the Inspector.

15.7.3.6. Written ballots may not be revoked once they are submitted to the Inspector.

15.7.3.7. Incumbent Directors will be listed first on the Notice of Meeting and ballot itself. Subsequent non-incumbent candidates' names will be listed next in alphabetical order.

15.8. The balloting process for amendments to governing documents shall be submitted to the membership in a similar manner as the election for the Board of Directors, except that:

15.8.1. The addressed envelope should include a statement above the signature line by the owner which would provide, to comply with the governing documents, the following words: *By signing below, my vote shall act as my written approval or, if applicable, my written disapproval of the pending ballot measure.*

15.8.2. The tabulation and counting of the votes by the Inspector shall be conducted six (6) hours before commencement of business at a properly noticed open meeting of the Board of Directors. No person, including any member of the Association or an employee of a management company shall open or otherwise review any ballot prior to the time and place at which the ballots are counted and tabulated by the Inspector.

15.9. **Lost Ballots.** If the owner loses his/her ballot, they may request another ballot, along with the appropriate envelopes from the Inspector, but they must sign a statement, under penalty of perjury that the original ballot was either lost, destroyed or never received. The Inspector shall maintain a record of each such request and, if it is determined that the owner voted twice, even by mistake, neither ballot would be counted.

15.10. **Election results.** The results of any election shall be

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promptly reported to the Board of Directors and shall be recorded in the minutes of the next Board meeting and shall be available for review by members of the Association. Within fifteen (15) days of the election, the Board shall publicize the results of the election in a communication directed to all members (this could be done in the form of a newsletter if it is mailed to the members within the 15 day timeline).

**15.11. Use of Association Funds Relating to Elections.** Association funds should not be used for campaign purposes in connection with any Association election, except to the extent necessary to comply with the duties of the Association imposed by law. For purposes of this paragraph, the Association can use its funds to have corporate counsel (or other Board-designated individuals) prepare and review appropriate ballots as well as the copying, printing and mailing costs necessary to provide the ballots to the membership consistent with the Association's governing documents and California law. Association can also add background information and explanation of ballot material. The Association may use funds to distribute, for election of Board of Directors, a biographical description and photograph of the nominees within said election materials. The Board shall not advocate the election or defeat of any candidate that is on an Association election ballot for the Board of Directors.