

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **ASL–Peachtree Aquatics Transition**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) describes the shared understanding, goals, and expectations of **Aiken-Augusta Swim League, Inc. (“ASL”)** and **Peachtree Aquatics, Inc. (“Peachtree”)** regarding the transition of the competitive swim program currently operated by ASL in the Augusta/Aiken area to Peachtree Aquatics.

This MOU is intended to describe the goals and anticipated benefits of the transition. It is not intended to be a purchase/merger agreement or binding legal contract between ASL and Peachtree Aquatics.

#### **1. Purpose of the Transition**

ASL has operated a competitive swim team in the Augusta/Aiken area since 1969, providing generations of swimmers and families with opportunities to learn, train, compete, and build a strong swimming community in the CSRA.

Over the past several years, the program has grown substantially in size and complexity. As the program has grown, the demands on ASL’s all-volunteer, parent-run structure have also increased significantly.

ASL’s Board of Directors and membership believe that the program can benefit from a larger organizational structure with professional administrative support, coaching resources, and established systems for operating a competitive swim team.

Peachtree Aquatics operates one of the largest USA Swimming competitive swim programs in the state of Georgia with professional coaching and administrative staff, experience operating multiple swim sites, and established infrastructure and resources.

The purpose of the transition is to combine those resources with the strong local program, relationships, history, and culture developed by ASL.

#### **2. Benefits to ASL Swimmers and Families**

The transition is intended to provide current and future ASL swimmers and families with access to the resources of a larger, professionally managed swim organization while maintaining a strong local swimming presence.

The anticipated benefits include:

- Professional, full-time administrative support;
- Greater ability to recruit and retain qualified coaches through the improved salaries and benefits available through a larger team structure;
- Continued local practices and competitive opportunities;

- Established systems for registration, communication, billing, meet management, and team administration;
- Access to Peachtree Aquatics' sponsorships, business relationships, partnerships, and potential product discounts;
- Opportunities to participate in a larger swimming organization while continuing to train and compete in the Augusta/Aiken area; and

The Parties intend to make the transition as smooth as possible so that swimmers and families can focus on swimming rather than the administrative demands of operating a growing team.

The transition is an operational transition, not a sale of ASL. ASL will remain a separate organization and will retain its own corporate existence, assets, financial resources, historical records, branding, and other property with the mission of promoting and supporting the sport of swimming in the Augusta area.

### **3. Benefits to Peachtree Aquatics**

The transition provides Peachtree Aquatics with an opportunity to establish a presence in Augusta and Aiken and to build on the accomplishments of ASL for the betterment of the swimming community in Georgia.

Peachtree Aquatics will benefit from:

- An established competitive swim program and local presence;
- Relationships developed by ASL with swimmers, families, volunteers, coaches, and the community;
- The experience and knowledge developed through ASL's program;
- An opportunity to evaluate and incorporate successful elements of ASL's program into Peachtree Aquatics' broader organization.
- Infusing the Peachtree Aquatics program with the positive cultural characteristics ASL has developed over the years including team spirit, volunteerism; sportsmanship; family involvement; and passion for swimming.

Peachtree Aquatics particularly recognizes ASL's experience in running programs for both committed year-round competitive swimmers (Travel Squad) and swimmers who participate on a seasonal basis (Local Racing Squad). Peachtree Aquatics intends to evaluate that approach and determine whether elements of it may be useful within the broader Peachtree Aquatics organization.

### **5. Transition of Operations**

Following the transition, Peachtree Aquatics is expected to assume primary responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the competitive swim program in Augusta and Aiken.

This includes the normal responsibilities associated with operating a competitive swim team, such as coaching and staffing; practice and training schedules; USA Swimming registration and requirements; swim meets and competitions; team administration and operating expenses; insurance and compliance; and relationships concerning use of the Augusta Aquatic Center.

Peachtree Aquatics intends to use its existing administrative and coaching resources to support the Augusta/Aiken program.

## **6. ASL Member Consideration and Approval**

Prior to establishing this MOU, the proposed transfer of operation of the ASL Swim Team to Peachtree Aquatics was discussed first with the ASL Board of Directors and then brought forward to and discussed with the families of ASL members. A general membership vote was subsequently conducted electronically. The vote received responses representing 70.45% of ASL Travel Squad families, and 96.7% of responding families voted in favor of the proposed transfer of the competitive swim team operations to Peachtree Aquatics.

## **7. Facility MOU and Effective Transition Date**

The transition is dependent on obtaining the necessary approval from the City of Augusta concerning the existing Memorandum of Understanding between ASL and Augusta governing use of the Augusta Aquatic Center. Both organizations recognize that the City and the existing Aquatic Center MOU control the facility arrangement and that any transfer of this MOU must be approved by the City.

ASL and Peachtree Aquatics intend to work cooperatively with the City to obtain the necessary approval and complete the transfer of this agreement to Peachtree Aquatics, giving them the right to operate the program at the facility.

The Parties intend for the operational transition to occur only after the necessary City approvals and organizational approvals have been completed.

## **8. ASL Assets, Historical Records and Future State**

The transition of operations does not mean that ASL's property or assets are being transferred to Peachtree Aquatics. ASL will remain a separate corporate entity and retain its assets and historical records. ASL intends to provide Peachtree Aquatics with appropriate historical information and local knowledge necessary to establish the Peachtree Aquatics - Aiken/Augusta site.

ASL plans to continue operating as a volunteer, parent-led charitable organization and will remain actively involved in the local swimming community.

ASL plans to assist Peachtree Aquatics with hosting and supporting local USA Swimming sanctioned competitions, while also focusing on growing swimming opportunities throughout the

CSRA. One of our goals is to help strengthen the summer swim program, particularly by encouraging and assisting with the development of additional local summer swim teams and creating more opportunities for children in Richmond County and surrounding communities to participate.

ASL can also continue supporting local meets, swim clinics, community events, and other initiatives that introduce more children to the sport and help make swimming more accessible throughout the area. ASL will also continue to run the Fred Lamback Memorial Para Swimming Open, which we have partnered with the Augusta Parks and Recreation Department (APRD) to host at the Augusta Aquatic Center in October 2026.

ASL will also work to provide financial assistance for swim team dues, swim meet entries, swim lessons, and other swimming related opportunities for local families in need. This will likely involve partnership with APRD to provide scholarships for disadvantaged youth to participate in the APRD swim lesson program.

Lastly, ASL will remain as a primary support for training officials and leaders in the region for USA Swimming, GHSA, GISA, the CSRA Summer Swim League and equipment procurement and rentals for these organizations.

By transferring the day-to-day operational burdens of running a large and complex competitive swim team, ASL will be able to focus on swim-centric charitable initiatives. ASL will use its experience, community relationships, and resources to get more kids in the water, help them learn to swim, and give more children the opportunity to discover and participate in the sport of swimming.

## **9. Peachtree Aquatics Dues and Financial Aid Continuity**

In order to prevent disruption of swim team participation for any Augusta/Aiken area families, Peachtree Aquatics agrees to maintain the current swim team dues and fees structure previously employed by ASL at least through the 2026-27 season, which ends on 7/31/27. After this point, reasonable dues/fee adjustments may be made to accommodate cost increases for rent, coaching salaries, etc. These changes would be expected for proper program stewardship regardless of who is administering the competitive swim team.

In addition, Peachtree Aquatics will honor all financial aid agreements and the "Outreach Membership Policy" currently in place with ASL, to preserve the ability of youth from families in need to continue their participation in competitive swimming.

## **10. Vision and Shared Goal for the Future**

The transition is based on a shared vision that competitive swimming in the Augusta/Aiken area can continue to grow by combining the strengths of both organizations.

The shared goal is strengthening a growing and sustainable competitive swimming program that serves the Augusta/Aiken community and provides swimmers with opportunities to develop their character, compete with integrity, and enjoy the sport for years to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement through their duly authorized representatives.

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