



International Adventure Racing Association (IARA)

Constitution

**Presented to IARA Members at the AGM
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Article 1

Presentation

1. The '**International Adventure Racing Association**' (hereafter called IARA) is a non-profit organisation with the subject, duty and objective of representing, governing and supporting the development of adventure racing worldwide.
2. IARA is made up of members of different categories that have been granted membership status following a validation process.
3. English is the official language that governs IARA's communications.

Article 2

Organisation Objectives

The International Adventure Racing Association (IARA) aims to:

1. Support the development and growth of adventure racing worldwide.
2. Encourage worldwide participation in adventure racing, at all levels, without consideration of age, gender or race.
3. Promote justice, equality and fair play in the sport of adventure racing.
4. Encourage, support and promote sustainability in the sport of adventure racing.
5. Encourage and assist adventure racing communities to establish national bodies in their countries.
6. Facilitate the sharing of materials, information and experiences between countries to strengthen the sport of adventure racing worldwide.
7. Cultivate and nurture relationships with the international bodies of the sporting disciplines that are related to adventure racing.
8. Develop rules, regulations, guidelines and policies to support members and the sport of adventure racing internationally.
9. Develop partnerships to support the continued development and promotion of the sport of adventure racing.

Article 3

Legal Entity

1. IARA will operate as a company limited by guarantee with a not-for-profit status.
2. The company will hold assets and fulfill debts on behalf of IARA
3. The directors of the company will be nominated, approved, reviewed and updated by the Steering Committee.
4. The directors of the company will ensure the statutory requirement including annual reporting requirements are met.
5. The Steering Committee is responsible for the delivery of the activities listed in this document.
6. The Steering Committee, led by the Chairperson, General Secretary and Treasurer shall ensure the company directors fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities.

Article 4

Organisation Structure

1. IARA will be managed by the Steering Committee, which shall comprise nominated representatives from member countries and individuals with an interest in supporting the organisation.
2. The Steering Committee shall be made up of six officer roles including Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer, Media, and two general committee positions (six total).
3. The Steering Committee will be supported by working groups established for specific purposes and projects, and it can co-opt individuals to participate in working groups.
4. Each Full Member country can nominate one person to the Steering Committee, by the agreed date before the AGM, to the General Secretary. In addition, nominations for officer roles may be made in accordance with the timeline set out in the call-for-nominations circulated by the General Secretary.
5. All Steering Committee roles will be voted on at the AGM.
6. If no nominations are received, the Steering Committee may appoint persons to those roles.
7. Officer roles shall be held for no more than three years.
8. Individuals taking a role on IARA's Steering Committee must declare any conflicts of interest when taking a role in the organisation.
9. A Steering Committee member may resign their position at any point during their serving period, and a member country may nominate a replacement.
10. The Steering Committee, supported by the Treasurer, shall be responsible for IARA's financial planning and annual budget.

11. The Steering Committee shall agree a suitable schedule for meetings each year as deemed necessary to progress its work.
12. No committee members shall receive any remuneration for their role and involvement on the Steering Committee.
13. The Steering Committee shall work in an open and transparent manner at all times.

Article 5

Membership

1. IARA's Member categories include:

Full Member: an organisation that is the national representative of adventure racing in its country and has been validated by the IARA committee.

Provisional Member: an organisation that is the national representative of adventure racing in its country, and is in the validation process to become a full member.

Observer Member: a national representative or organisation from a country that has an adventure racing community but is not yet able to apply for Full or Provisional Member status.

Associate Member: an organisation, or individual, that supports IARA but is not a national representative of adventure racing in a country.

2. Conditions for membership and the application process are set out in the Membership Statutes
3. A membership lasts twelve months and is automatically and tacitly renewed every year.
4. Membership rights and responsibilities are set out in the organisation IARA Membership Statutes
5. Members shall abide by the IARA statutes, established IARA guidelines, and motions approved at the AGM.
6. Members may terminate their membership by resignation, in writing, to the General Secretary of IARA.
7. Should the Steering Committee be informed about a member not fulfilling its membership obligations or be suspected of misconduct or wrongdoing, their membership status can be suspended. Notice of suspension will be given in writing by the Steering Committee.
8. If the suspended Member does not resolve the identified issues within an agreed time frame the Steering Committee can decide to terminate the Membership.

Article 6

Activities

IARA's activities will include but are not limited to the following:

1. Hosting of regular online meetings for the Steering Committee, Project Groups and Members.
2. Development and dissemination of guidelines, policies and good practice for the sport of

adventure racing.

3. Communicating with members and the adventure racing community through email, websites and social media platforms.
4. Promoting and celebrating the sport of adventure racing.
5. Holding regular assemblies, open meetings, fund-raising activities and other benefits and services to the adventure racing community.
6. Organising and hosting of Annual General Meeting (AGM) for all members.
7. Uphold organisation responsibilities in company administration and reporting, finance and general administration.

Article 7

Statutes

Statutes will be developed and maintained by the Steering Committee and will be approved by members at the AGM.

Article 8

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1. IARA will hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) for its members every year. The date will be decided by the Steering Committee.
2. The General Secretary will send the AGM notice to all members giving a 21-day notice.
3. The AGM is an open meeting that can be attended by anybody with an interest in adventure racing.
4. The Steering Committee will manage the AGM.
5. Nominations for Steering Committee officers and motions will be received by dates set by the Steering Committee and communicated to members by the General Secretary.
6. The Chairperson reserves the right to manage the agenda for the AGM and dialogue on topics in an organised and timely manner.
7. Decisions will be based on majority votes from Full Members.
8. A quorum of 70% of full members should vote on all motions.
9. Proxy votes on motions must be received in writing by the General Secretary in advance of the AGM.
10. If a quorum is not achieved for a vote, the vote will be deferred to a special meeting scheduled by the Steering Committee.
11. Every year, reports on the activities and financial position of IARA are presented at the AGM.
12. It approves the accounts of the previous year and votes on the budget for the forthcoming period.

Article 9

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

1. The Steering Committee has the power to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. This summons is compulsory if half the members with voting rights make a written demand to the General Secretary requesting such a meeting and detailing the reasons supporting it. The Steering Committee must convene the meeting within 42 days of receiving the request.

Article 10

Dissolution

1. An Extraordinary General Meeting will be convened with the express purpose of dissolving IARA if deemed necessary by the Steering Committee. A special majority of over 60% is required for the dissolution to take effect.
2. In the event of a dissolution, the Steering Committee will instruct the Directors of the Legal Entity to dissolve the company, to fulfil IARA's outstanding debts and to dispose of any assets. Any residual assets and/or funds will be donated to appropriate organisations proposed by the Directors and agreed by a voting majority of the Steering Committee
3. Once the Legal Entity is dissolved, debts fulfilled and assets distributed, a final report detailing the dissolution will be presented to the Steering Committee,
4. Following receipt of the Dissolution Report, a final Extraordinary General Meeting will be held to present the report to Members and to record the dissolution of the Association.

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