

IARA Membership Statutes

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1. Membership

- Observer Member: national representative or organisation from a country that has an adventure racing community but is not yet able to apply for a Provisional Member or Member status.
- Provisional Member: an organisation that is the national representative of Adventure Racing in its country and is in the validation process to become a Member.
- Full Member: organisation that is the national representative of Adventure Racing in its country and have been validated by the IARA committee.
- Member/s: an Observer Member, Provisional Member or Full Member
- Associate Member: organisation that supports the IARA but is not a national representative of Adventure Racing in a country.

1.2. Other definitions

- Committee: The IARA board
- IARA: International Adventure Racing Association

2. STRUCTURE

2.1 IARA structure

IARA is made up of the National Adventure Racing Organisations that have been admitted to Membership.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1. Conditions for Full Membership

Full Membership status will be awarded to National Adventure Racing Organisations that satisfy the following criteria:

- be a legal entity under the laws of the country or territory in which it is based, and/or
- be a public service or not-for-profit entity having its purpose in the development of the Sport,
- have a constitution, a financial function/management, and a representative committee,

- is recognised by the National Sports Agency or National Olympic Committee to be the National Federation for adventure racing or is recognised by IARA to be the main representative national organisation for the sport of Adventure Racing in that country,
- Have two assigned persons as a contact persons for IARA,
- Follow the established IARA guidelines.

Provisional Members are in the process of fulfilling all the conditions of the Full Membership criteria.

3.2. Conditions for Associate Membership

- IARA identifies Associate Members as those who support the values and goals of IARA and support the development and promotion of adventure racing in partnership with the IARA.

3.3. Conditions for Observer Membership

- is recognised by IARA to be the Observer for the sport of Adventure Racing in the respective country,
- Can demonstrate its role in the local Adventure Racing community,
- There can only be one Observer per country,
- If there is more than one person from a country claiming to be the representative Observer for that country, IARA, if required, will attempt to bring the parties together to form a unified Observer.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- 4.1. Applications for IARA membership will be sent in through the application form on the IARA website.
- 4.2. After application, the IARA Membership Working Group will review your application and set up an initial interview process. After this, a decision will be made to award a Provisional / Observer Membership or will issue a checklist of criteria that are yet to be fulfilled.
- 4.3. All further correspondence regarding applications for IARA membership will be directed via email to the IARA Membership Working Group (membership@internationaladventureracing.org)
- 4.4. Application Requirements and Process:

An application for an Observer Membership must include:

- Brief description of the applicant's role in their local Adventure Racing community, and an explanation why the organisation would like to be an Observer Member.

An application for a Provisional or Full Membership must include:

- Brief description of the national Adventure Racing structure in your country including a calendar of adventure races of this and the previous two years, if possible, and an estimate of the number of adventure racers in your country.
- Description of your representative committee and your membership structure. Who are your members, and how many members do you have? Members could be, for example clubs, teams, athletes, or race directors.
- Description of the role of your organisation has in the development of adventure racing in your country.
- Documents verifying the status of your organisation as a legal entity, an explanation of the type of entity (public service, or not-for-profit, etcetera) and whether the entity is recognised by the NOC.
- Constitution and other relevant documents for the organisation, or specifically for the sport of Adventure Racing if it is a sub-section within in your organisation.
- Description of how the finances of your organisation are managed.

Application will only be reviewed after an administrative fee and/or application fee is received. For 2024, there are no fees.

If an application satisfies these requirements to show that your organisation is the national representative of Adventure Racing in your country, you will be awarded with a Provisional Membership.

Process to become a Full Member

The duration of the Provisional Membership status may be several weeks or several years. This will depend on the level of maturity of your organisation.

During your Provisional Membership the IARA Membership working group will:

- spend time to understand the Adventure Racing structure in your country and your role in the national Adventure Racing community.

- Evaluate your role and contribution to the development of the sport in your country.
- Check whether our membership criteria are met.

Once the IARA Membership Working Group is sufficiently satisfied that your organisation has met the criteria to be awarded Associate Membership status, they will propose to the Committee to award your Associate Membership.

In the next official IARA Committee meeting, the Committee will vote, by majority of votes, on the proposed Full Membership status based on the application and information presented by the Membership Working Group.

An application for Associate Membership must include:

- Brief description of the entity / organisation's role in the sport of Adventure Racing, and an explanation why the organisation would like to be an Associate Member.

Once the IARA Membership Working Group is sufficiently satisfied that your organisation has met the criteria to be awarded Associate Membership status, they will propose to the Committee that you are awarded Associate Membership. In the next official IARA Committee meeting, the Committee will vote, by majority of votes, on the proposed Associate Membership status based on the application and information from the Membership Working Group.

5. RIGHTS

As soon as the IARA Membership Working Group or the Committee has decided to admit an organisation to Provisional Membership or Full Membership, the organisation is entitled to the following rights, provided the membership fee has been paid, if any membership fee is required.

Rights of Observers and Associate Members

- To participate in an IARA General Assembly, without voting rights.
- Nominate candidates for IARA working groups or the Committee.
- To participate in courses, seminars, and other activities of the IARA.
- To receive all official IARA material.
- To publicise their activities via IARA.

Rights of Provisional Members

- To participate in an IARA General Assembly, without voting rights.
- Nominate candidates for IARA working groups or the Committee,
- To organise and participate in courses, seminars, and other activities of the IARA.
- To receive all official IARA material.
- To publicise their activities via IARA.

Rights of Full Members:

- One vote at an IARA General Assembly. Each Full Member is entitled to select two delegates to the IARA General Assembly. A Full Member may change its delegates at any time by notifying the Committee in writing.
- Nominate candidates for IARA working groups,
- Nominate and vote on candidates for the Committee,
- To make proposals and to express views to the General Assembly and to the IARA committee.
- To organise and participate in courses, seminars, and other activities of the IARA.
- To receive all official IARA material.
- To publicise their activities via IARA.

6. OBLIGATIONS

Members shall abide by the IARA statutes, established IARA guidelines, and the decisions of the General Assembly and Committee.

Obligations of Members

- Uphold and support the vision, value, goals, and objectives of IARA.
- Support the development and sharing of guidelines, policies, and good practice for the sport of adventure racing internationally.
- Abide by IARA statutes, established IARA guidelines, and the decisions of the General Assembly and Committee.
- Contribute to the development of IARA as an international association for the sport of adventure racing.
- respect the autonomy of other Members.
- not interfere in the internal affairs of other Members.
- meet the financial requirements of Membership, if any.

- Provide the IARA annually with their membership and activity data, if requested.
- undertake to provide information and advice about the development of their national federation, the development of the sport of Adventure Racing in their country and the development of the sport internationally, if requested.
- guarantee freedom of participation on an equal basis for all IARA Members to Adventure Racing related events, courses, seminars, or conferences held under the auspices of the IARA.

Obligations of Associated Members

- maintain constructive relations with the IARA and the national Adventure Racing community in the country or region where they operate.

7. SUSPENSION & TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

7.1. Suspension of Membership

Should the IARA Committee be informed about a Full Member or Associate Member not fulfilling the outlined membership criteria, or be suspected of misconduct or wrongdoing, their membership status could be suspended by the IARA committee.

Suspended Members will have the same rights as Observer Members.

7.2. Termination of Membership

If the suspended Member does not resolve the identified issues, and if they are still unable to meet IARA's Membership criteria after a six-month period, the IARA committee can decide that the Membership of a suspended Member can be terminated. This will be reviewed and decided by the Committee.

8. Membership fees

IARA does not have a membership fee at present. In the future, a Membership fee may be asked to cover operating expenses.

Approved By:

Name:

Name:

Date:

Date:

Signature:

Signature: