



The International Ranger Federation (IRF) is a non-profit organisation established to raise awareness of and support the critical work that Rangers do in conserving the world's natural and cultural heritage.

**Full Membership** is open to any national, state, provincial, territorial, community or area Ranger association, which is properly constituted and registered as a body corporate in accordance with local requirements. Dues of USD200. May be waived by the Board. Individual Rangers become members of the IRF through their association. **Full Members** have full voting rights.

**Process to become a Full Member of the IRF:**

1. Contact the IRF Executive Officer via [executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org](mailto:executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org) who will refer you to the relevant IRF Regional Representative.
2. The IRF Regional Representative can assist you through the application process and must endorse your application.
3. The **Full Membership** application includes a number of sections:
  - a. **Section A** – ASSOCIATION DETAILS
  - b. **Section B** – STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION
  - c. **Section C** – SPONSOR FROM FULL MEMBER OF THE IRF
  - c. **Section D** – IRF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ENDORSEMENT
4. Complete the CHECKLIST (page 2)
5. Complete sections A, B & C of this application and return this form along with all the relevant documentation to the relevant IRF Regional Representative.
6. The IRF Regional Representative will then submit your application to the IRF Executive Officer.
7. You will then receive an email confirmation from the IRF, which will provide you with a date on when your application will be submitted to the IRF Board.
8. If your application is successful you will receive a welcome email which includes a membership Certificate and a Welcome Pack that includes relevant information and documents such as the IRF Constitution and essential IRF contact details.

**To establish if your organisation qualifies for Full Membership of the IRF, please review and provide the documents below along with your completed application.**

- o Your Association's foundation documents (these are the documents used to establish and govern your association, for example the constitution, registration certificate, by-laws, statutes etc.)
- o Minutes from the most recent general meeting
- o Your Association/Organisation logo for inclusion on the IRF web site

If you do not qualify for **Full Membership** please check other membership categories on the IRF web site.

# ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**Contacted the IRF Executive Officer to find out who is the Regional Representative**

**Completed Section A - Association Details**

**Completed Section B - Statement of Affiliation**

**Completed Section C - IRF Sponsor Details**

**Section D completed - IRF Regional Representative Endorsement (she/he will complete this)**

**Provided copies of the following IF you have them:**

- a. **Foundation Documents**
- b. **Meeting minutes**
- c. **Your logo**

**Submitted COMPLETED Application with supporting documents to the relevant IRF Regional Representative**

|                          |  |                 |              |                |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Official Use Only</b> |  |                 | Membership # |                |
| Date received:           |  | Date responded: |              | Date approved: |

## SECTION A – ASSOCIATION DETAILS

**Person applying on behalf of association** (if different from nominated contact person)

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| Name      | <input type="text"/> |
| Email     | <input type="text"/> |
| Telephone | <input type="text"/> |
| Skype     | <input type="text"/> |
| WhatsApp  | <input type="text"/> |

**ASSOCIATION DETAILS - Please complete as much as these details as you can**

|   |                      |   |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Name of Association/Group                           | <input type="text"/> |   |
| Country   | <input type="text"/> |   |
| State/Provincial/Territorial/other                  | <input type="text"/> |   |
| Year the Association was formed                     | <input type="text"/> |   |
| Association's website address                       | <input type="text"/> |   |
| Association's Facebook or other social media page/s | <input type="text"/> |   |
| Association's general email                         | <input type="text"/> |   |
| Association's physical address                      | <input type="text"/> |   |
| Number of members employed as Rangers               | <input type="text"/> | How many female ranger members do you have (if known): <input type="text"/> |
| Preferred language                                  | <input type="text"/> |   |

**Association President/Chairperson**

Name

Email

Telephone

Skype

WhatsApp

**Association's nominated/preferred contact person**

- This person will receive all IRF communications
- Preferred contact person (If not President/Chairperson)

Name

Email

Telephone

Skype

WhatsApp

**Association's SECONDARY contact person**

Name

Email

Telephone

Skype

WhatsApp

**Association's TERTIARY contact person**

Name

Email

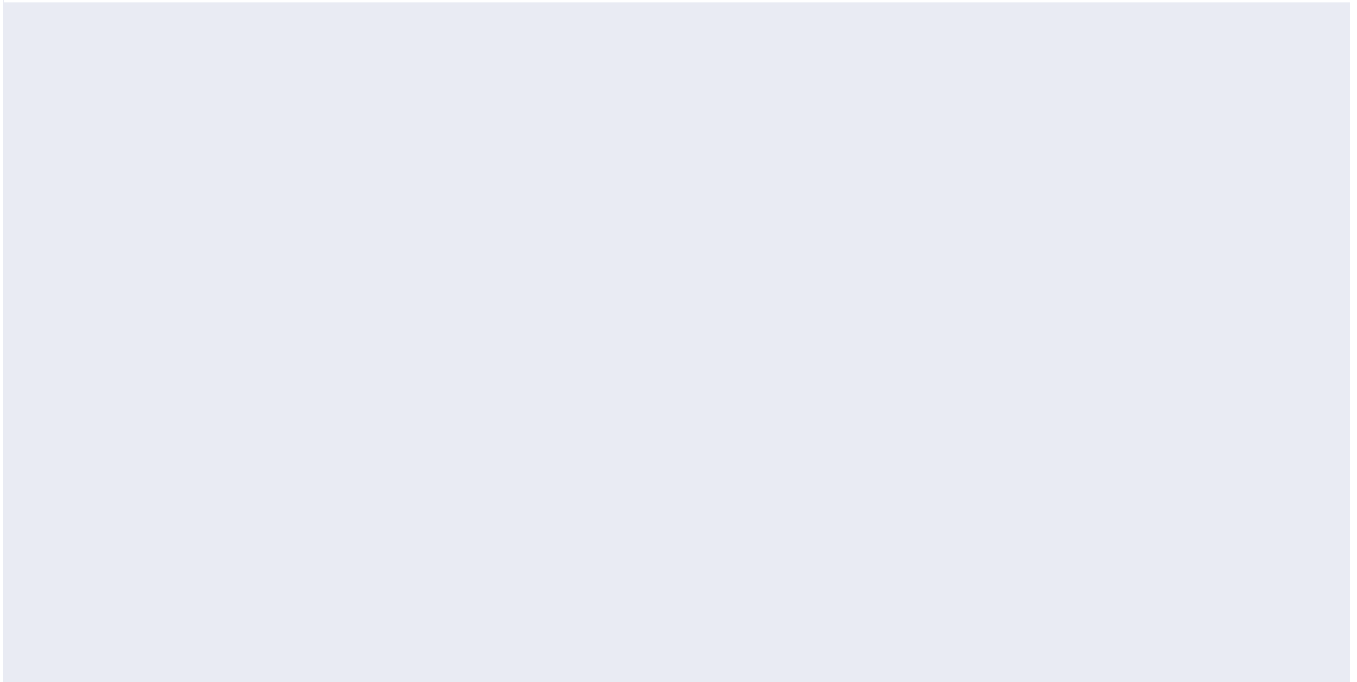
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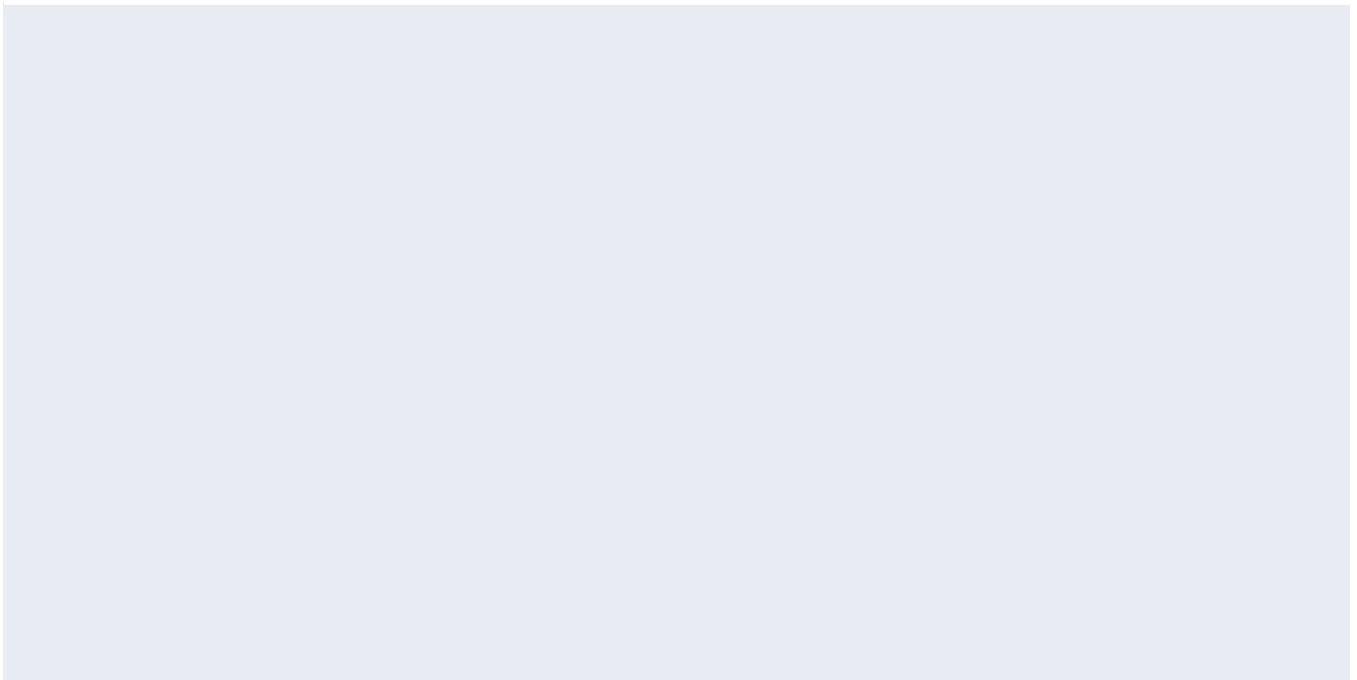
**Information about your members and Association**

1. Describe the main duties of your members



2. Describe the activities of the Association, for example:

- How many meetings per year?
- How will you encourage more members to join?
- Do you undertake fundraising activities/events?
- Do you produce newsletters?
- Facebook or social media?
- Any other relevant information



## SECTION B – STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION

We endorse and support the purposes, aims and objectives of the International Ranger Federation and hereby subscribe our association/organisation as a **Full Member**.

We agree to meet the basic requirements for being a member in good standing including adhering to the Conditions of Membership as set out below:

### Conditions of IRF Membership

#### Code of Conduct:

At the request of rangers worldwide through the Chitwan Declaration, and following an extensive global consultative process, the IRF, in collaboration with URSA, developed the Ranger Code of Conduct (guidelines for adoption), releasing it in 2021.

The Code was developed by rangers for rangers and defines the actions, attitudes and behaviours expected of all rangers to ensure that individuals behave appropriately, legally and ethically at all times by setting a professional standard to operate by.

All IRF members, including associations, groups and individuals are required to adopt the IRF Ranger Code of Conduct in principle until such time as their association or group has had an opportunity to develop their own context specific IRF Code of Conduct. The IRF Code of Conduct is a global guiding framework for members to use and the IRF encourages members to engage with their ranger community to further enhance and adapt the Code to suit their circumstances based on local, social and cultural needs.

[\(Ranger Code of Conduct \(EN, ES, FR, PT, MS, NP, NL\)\)](#)

[\(Ranger Code of Conduct – Guidelines for Adoption \(EN, FR, ES, NL\)\)](#)

#### Annual Reports and Newsletter Articles:

Under Section 3.4 of the IRF Constitution, all full members are required to submit an annual report and at least one article for the quarterly IRF newsletter each year to highlight and promote work happening within their region.

All reports are to be submitted prior to the IRF Annual General Meeting to the [secretary@internationalrangers.org](mailto:secretary@internationalrangers.org)

Newsletter articles should be submitted to the Executive Officer's email at [executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org](mailto:executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org) periodically along with relevant images including appropriate credits.

#### Use of IRF name and logo:

All Ranger Associations, organisations and individuals being approved for IRF membership by the IRF Board may use the IRF name and logo on communications/information only to signify membership of the IRF. The logo must be the current [approved] logo, which will be supplied by the IRF upon request.

At no time, may any member utilise the IRF name or logo on material/media to raise funds, offer training or any form of qualification without gaining express prior approval from the IRF via the Executive Officer at [executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org](mailto:executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org)

No member may utilise the IRF name or logo within any activity of, or interpreted to be of, a union nature. If any doubt persists as to any proposed use of the IRF name or logo, please contact the Executive Officer at [executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org](mailto:executiveofficer@internationalrangers.org) in the first instance.

**Disclaimer:**

The International Ranger Federation (IRF) will not be held responsible nor is it liable for any actions of its members which are in violation of the IRF Constitution or the IRF Ranger Code of Conduct. If any such violations occur, the IRF Board will take the necessary steps (as they are obliged to do under Section 5 of the IRF Constitution) to review, and where appropriate, revoke the membership status of the organisation in question.

Association Name

Country

President, Chairperson  
or Designee

Signature

Date

## SECTION C - SPONSOR

**The Sponsor, must be an IRF Full Member from any IRF Region.**

We, the undersigned association, endorse the membership of the above association as a **Full Member** of the **International Ranger Federation**.

Association Name

Country

IRF Region

President, Chairperson  
or Designee

Signature

Date



## SECTION D - IRF REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE ENDORSEMENT

I, the undersigned IRF Regional Representative, endorse the membership of the above association as a **Full Member** of the **International Ranger Federation**.

IRF Regional Representative Name

IRF Region

Signature

Date

Any comments