

International Ranger Federation (IRF) Regulations

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[Regulation Section numbers correspond to the related Constitution sections.]

Section

R. 1.1 Definitions [In addition to the definitions contained in the Constitution.]

- (a) Committee and Working Group shall have the same meaning.
- (b) IUCN means the International Union for Conservation of Nature.
- (c) Language: The official language of the IRF shall be English. Where appropriate, and where possible and within the capacity and resources of the IRF, translation into any other language will be produced.
- (d) Protected Area is as defined by the IUCN (1994) as: “an area of land and/or sea especially dedicated to the protection and maintenance of biological diversity, and of natural and associated cultural resources, and managed through legal or other effective means.”
- (e) Resolution and Motion shall have the same meaning as concerning meetings of the IRF.
- (f) The terms Subscription, Fees, and Dues shall have the same meaning. [Added December 8, 2021.]

R. 1.2 Interpretation

- (a) Interpretation of Constitution and Regulations. On all questions as to the interpretation, construction or meaning of the Constitution and the Regulations of the IRF, the decision of the Board of Directors shall be final, unless overturned by the World Ranger Congress or at an Annual Membership Meeting, by a majority vote.

R. 1.3 Not for Profit – Charitable Status Clauses

- (a) The assets and income of the organisation shall be applied solely to further its objects and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the organisation except as genuine compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the organisation.
- (b) Dissolution clause. In the event of the organisation being dissolved, all assets that remain after such dissolution and the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to another organisation with similar purposes, which is charitable at law, and which has rules prohibiting the distribution of its assets and income to its members.'
- (c) Revocation clause. If the organisation is wound up or its endorsement as a deductible gift recipient is revoked (whichever occurs first), any surplus of the following assets shall be transferred to another organisation with similar objects, which is charitable at law, to which income tax deductible gifts can be made:
 - 1. gifts of money or property for the principal purpose of the organisation
 - 2. contributions made in relation to an eligible fundraising event held for the principal purpose of the organisation
 - 3. money received by the organisation because of such gifts and contributions.[Added August 12, 2021]

(d) The IRF shall conform with the Australian Charities and Non-for Profits Commission (ACNC) External Conduct Standards. [at ACNC External Conduct Standards | Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission] [Adopted October 18, 2021]

R. 2.4 Objects (Objectives)

(a) The IRF is committed to the principles as set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as adopted by the United Nations in 1948.

[Added June 14, 2021]

(b) The IRF has adopted the Ranger Code of Conduct (attached) as part of the Regulations and the IRF shall operate consistent with the Ranger Code of Conduct. [Added November 14, 2022]

R. 3.1 Categories of Members & Subscriptions (Dues)

(a) Full Members (association), as defined in the Constitution – Subscription (Dues) of USD200. May be waived by the Board.

(b) Provisional Members (associations), as defined in the Constitution - No Subscription (Dues).

(c) Associate Members as defined in the Constitution, provided that this category is only available to groups or individuals with a direct relationship to rangers or protected areas. Subscription (dues) of annually of USD50 for groups and USD20 for individuals. May be waived by the Board.

(d) Honorary Members, as defined in the Constitution – No Subscription (Dues)

(e) Supporting Members, defined as businesses of any kind and groups or individuals supporting the IRF, but not directly related to rangers or protected areas – Subscription (Dues) annually of USD100 for businesses, USD50 for groups, and USD 20 for individuals.

(f) Benefactor Members, defined as group, business or individual who make a general donation to the IRF of at least USD5,000. Benefactor members shall have no additional subscription (dues).

[Added December 8, 2021. Amended November 14, 2021]

R. 3.3 Subscriptions and fees

(a) The Board delegates to the Executive Committee the authority to develop, revise and approve the process for payment of membership subscriptions and dues. [Added December 8, 2021.]

R. 3.9 Restrictions on Members

(a) Use of IRF Name and Symbol (logo). No person or organisation shall, without prior permission, use the name and/or any graphic representation (emblem or logo) of the IRF adopted by the Board of Directors. Permission to use the IRF name and emblem/logo on newsletters, stationery, and informational literature is hereby granted to IRF officers, Directors and Full Members.

(b) No Officer, Director, Member, Associate, appointee, or employee may enter into lawsuits, or other legal actions or administrative proceedings on behalf of the IRF without the expressed approval of the Board or as permitted by the Constitution and/or these Regulations.

- (c) Public commentary. No Director, Member, Associate, appointee or employee shall make a statement or take a public position in the name of the IRF that is contrary to, or creates a misimpression of a policy or position established by the IRF or any IRF entity. When speaking or taking a public position on their own behalf, persons currently associated with the IRF shall avoid giving the impression that they are representing the IRF and endeavor to correct any misimpression which may arise in this regard.
- (d) Civil disobedience. The IRF will not encourage, request, or direct any person to violate the law. No Director, Member, Associate, appointee, or employee shall encourage, request, or direct any person to violate the law. The IRF recognizes that it cannot control the private actions of its members and cannot prevent its members from engaging in acts of civil disobedience. However, no member of the International Ranger Federation is authorized to use, display, or invoke the IRF's name or logo (including the name of any Member or Associate, or other entity of the IRF) in connection with committing, or encouraging, requesting, or directing any other person to commit any violation of the law.

R. 6.1 IRF World Ranger Congress

- (a) The World Ranger Congress (WRC) is the highest authority of the IRF and shall have the duties and responsibilities as provided in the Constitution and Regulations. The IRF WRC may by Resolution make recommendations to the Board of Directors or any appropriate working group or committee on any matter affecting the IRF.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall develop and approve the criteria, procedures, requirements, and the process for the hosting of a WRC. The Board shall make the final decision on the location, dates and arrangements for the IRF WRC. [Added November 14, 2022]

R. 8. Proxies

- (a) The IRF Constitution does not allow proxies by members of the Board of Directors, however, Regional Representative Board Members who are unable to attend a meeting may designate a non-voting temporary representative from their region to attend a board meeting.

R. 11.3 Regional Representatives Boundaries [Adopted from the IUCN which has 11 regions.]

- (a) The Region boundaries and countries in each region are as follows:
 - (i) Africa. Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Tunisia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.
 - (ii) Asia. Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Oman,

- Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Yemen.
- (iii) Central Latin America. The region consists of the following countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago.
 - (iv) Europe. Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kosovo, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom
 - (v) North America. United States of America and Canada. It includes the Bahamas and US overseas territories of Puerto Rico, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, United States Virgin Islands and American Samoa.
 - (vi) Oceania. Australia, Cook Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu.
 - (vii) South America. Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela. It includes the islands that are territories of the counties in the region.
- (b) Full Member associations, who are on the border between IRF Regions, may make a request to the Board to move to a neighboring Region.
[Adopted June 14, 2021]

R. 12.4 Election of Directors

- (a) Canvassing. Nominees for Directors may solicit votes, and canvas for nomination and election, providing that no funds or other resources of the IRF or of a Member shall be used to support or oppose any candidate.
- (b) The nominee's details, limited to one A4 (letter) page, may be displayed at the IRF World Ranger Congress if they so choose.

R. 13.1 Board Powers

- (a) An Executive Officer (EO) may be hired and appointed by the Board of Directors based on a formal written contract or agreement, as approved by the Board. The Executive Officer shall have duties and responsibilities as contained in a contract/agreement and responsibilities and authority as may be delegated to her/him from the President or Board. All duties and responsibilities must be consistent with the Constitution and Regulations. The Executive Officer shall be subject to the supervision of the President and the Board.
- (b) A Federation Development Officer (FDO) may be hired and appointed by the Board of Directors, based on a formal written contract or agreement, as approved by the Board. The Resource Officer shall have duties and responsibilities as contained in a contract/agreement and responsibilities and authority as may be delegated to her/him from the President or Board. All duties and responsibilities must be consistent with the

Constitution and Regulations. The Executive Officer shall be subject to the supervision of the President and the Board.

- (c) Thin Green Line Foundation. The IRF Board may enter into a MOU or other agreement for affiliation or cooperation with the Thin Green Line Foundation.
- (d) Honors and Awards. The Board may establish a system of awards and honors, and a policy for implementing such a system. The following awards have been established:
 - (i) IRF Lifetime Achievement Award
 - (ii) IRF President's Award.
 - (iii) The IRF/IUCN Young Conservationist Award
 - (iv) The Dr Jane Goodall Hope and Inspiration Ranger Award
- (e) Consistent with the Constitution and Regulations, the IRF may petition governmental, non-governmental and private bodies and all similar institutions at the international, national, and regional levels in the furtherance of IRF objectives.

R. 14.7 Committees and Working Groups.

(a) The Board of Directors has established the following Standing Committees and Working Groups. Except for the Board Executive Committee, all Committees and Working Groups shall be made up of individuals nominated by the president or a board member and approved by the Board of Directors.

- (i) Board Executive Committee (BEC) made up of the IRF President, Vice President, Treasurer and IRF Secretary. The Executive Committee shall have such authority and responsibility as delegated or granted by the Board of Directors. [Constitution 14.1(a).]
- (ii) Communications Working Group.
- (iii) Female Rangers Working Group.
- (iv) Governance Working Group
- (v) Membership Working Group.
- (vi) Universal Ranger Alliance Working Group
- (vii) World Ranger Congress (WRC) Committee, which shall have responsibility to assist in the planning and coordinating of WRCs.
- (viii) World Ranger Day (WRD) and Roll of Honor Working Group, which shall have responsibility for WRD planning, implementation, and for development and publishing of the Roll of Honour for Ranger Line of Duty Deaths (RLoDD).
- (ix) Awards and Honors Working Group
- (x) Financial Review Committee shall be made up of three members appointed by the President and approved by the Board. The Committee shall review and provide comments on the Annual Financial Report produced by the Treasurer for the Annual General Meeting. [Added November 14, 2022]
- (xi)

R. 17.7 Procedural rules

[Still needs Constitutionally required procedural rules for the conduct of meetings.]

R. 22.1 Fiscal Year

The IRF fiscal year shall be July 1 to June 30. [Added December 8, 2021.]

[IRF Constitution Section 27.REGULATIONS

(a)The Board shall formulate and adopt Regulations for the proper advancement, management and administration of the Company and the advancement of the Objects. The Board may alter, interpret, and amend the Regulations as it determines is necessary or desirable.]