

Statute of the International Adventure Park Association

Adopted at the general meeting on 14 November 2017 in Berlin

Art. 1 Name, headquarters, financial year

1. The association's name is International Adventure Park Association, hereinafter referred to as IAPA. The association shall be registered with the association register and shall then bear the addition "e.V." (registered association).
2. The association's headquarters are located in Herxheim bei Landau.
3. The financial year is the calendar year.

Art. 2 Purpose of the association and allocation of funds

The purpose of the association is:

1. to promote interaction and business relations between its members with the aim of continuously modernising ropes courses and promoting innovation;
2. to offer initial and further training to people working in construction, operation or inspection of ropes courses and to promote environmental protection and nature and environmental education;
3. to develop safety and quality standards for construction, operation and inspection of ropes courses;
4. to represent the interests of its members and to market the products and services of its members.

IAPA is a charitable association; it does not primarily pursue profit.

The association's funds and any surplus shall only be used for statutory purposes.

The association may not favour any person through administrative tasks unrelated to the purpose of the association or through disproportionately high remunerations.

Former and excluded members shall have no claim to the funds of the association. Membership dues and donations shall not be reimbursed.

Art. 3 Achieving the purpose and tasks

To achieve its purpose, the association carries out different tasks, including:

1. Advise and support of members and organisation of an annual congress with fair for the ropes course industry.
2. Extensive offer of initial and further training in all areas of ropes courses and issue of appropriate proof of qualification.
3. Development and review of quality and safety standards and labelling of ropes courses in all areas to certify these standards.
4. Provision of expert knowledge, aids and measures in cooperation with national and international experts, organisations, institutions, institutes, manufacturers and associations to represent the interests of the members and to empower them.

Art. 4 Membership

1. Membership is open to:
 - a. any natural person of age having legal capacity;
 - b. legal entities and other legally autonomous organisations or undertakings that are active in accordance with the association's purpose.
2. The different forms of membership are as follows:
 - a. Active members: can participate in general meetings and have a right to vote.
 - b. Passive members: can participate in general meetings, but do not have a right to vote.
 - c. Honorary members: can participate in general meetings and have a right to vote.
3. The amount of membership dues shall be determined by the general meeting. The determined dues shall be charged as per the Rules on Membership Fees.
4. Membership shall end by resignation, expulsion, deletion from the membership list or death. In the case of legal persons or companies it shall end by resignation, expulsion, deletion from the membership list or their dissolution. Withdrawal from the association is permissible at any time in the form of written declaration to a board member. The board can repeal the membership of a member if he/she is more than six months in arrears with the due contribution payment and has been unsuccessfully reminded. All membership rights are suspended during a period of arrears. Membership obligations, in particular those relating to the payment of dues,

shall remain unaffected. The end of membership shall not affect the obligation to pay dues for the current calendar year.

5. Membership shall last a minimum of twelve months from the date of admission. Withdrawal shall be declared in writing and is only possible by the end of the calendar year subject to a cancellation period of two weeks. Otherwise, membership shall be extended until the end of the following calendar year.
6. An exclusion procedure of the association can be initiated by the board with good cause, in particular with regard to:
 - Damage to the reputation of IAPA
 - Infringement of IAPA statutes and regulations
 - Obtaining membership, certificates of competency, quality labels, and authorisations under false pretences

The membership of the person concerned shall be suspended for the duration of the exclusion procedure.

7. Neither membership nor voting rights are transferable.

Art. 5 Rights and obligations of the members

1. The members participate in the decision-making process of the association, in particular by exercising their rights to propose motions, to discuss and to vote in the general meeting. Members are authorised to appoint a proxy in writing, who must be an active employee of the member; it is sufficient if the member confirms this in the power of attorney. The board shall be notified of the power of attorney in writing. Furthermore, members are entitled to participate in all other events of the association.
2. Natural persons, if they are members, are authorised to appoint a proxy in writing. It is sufficient if the member confirms this in the power of attorney. The board shall be notified of the power of attorney in writing.
3. Legal entities, if they are members, are represented by their managers. The managers of legal entities are authorised to appoint a proxy in writing. It is sufficient if the member confirms this in the power of attorney. The board shall be notified of the power of attorney in writing.

4. The members are obliged to support the goals and interests of the association to the best of their abilities and to avoid anything that could compromise the prestige and purpose of the association.
5. The members commit themselves to the payment of the annual dues with their admission.
6. Each member shall inform the association about ownership or partnership of ropes courses annually, so that appropriate fees can be raised. Natural persons and legal entities commit themselves through membership to inform the association of any change in these circumstances. If changes are not notified, the maximum rate will be charged. If this is higher than the current rate, there shall be no entitlement to a refund. If this rate is lower than the last known rate, the deficit will be charged. (There is also an obligation to report details such as the number of stations.)

Art. 6 Bodies

1. The bodies of the association are:
 - a. the executive board
 - b. the general meeting
2. The general meeting may appoint consultative committees.
3. A consultative board of trustees may be appointed upon agreement by the general meeting.

Art. 7 General Meeting

1. The general meeting as the supreme body shall be convened in writing every year by the board, subject to a notice period of two weeks. The invitation shall be sent to the member's address last communicated to the association. The invitation shall be sent by simple letter or by e-mail, including the agenda determined by the board. Every regular general meeting has a quorum. It shall have the right to repeal decisions adopted before.
2. On the initiative of the board, the general meeting can be held electronically. In the case of electronic voting, the members shall be informed in writing by letter or e-mail two weeks before the voting date, stating the subject of the vote and necessary explanations. Every regular electronic general meeting has a quorum.
3. The duties of the general meeting are as follows:

- Election of the head of the editors of the minutes
 - Receipt of reports and proposals for the current year
 - Receipt of the report of the cash auditors and discharge of the board
 - Election of the board, two auditors, and the members of the committees
 - Decisions on changes to the statute
4. The board shall receive proposals to the general assemblies and proposals for changes in writing at least two weeks before the general meeting. The members are entitled to make motions according to Art. 4 section 1. Emergency motions are not permitted.
 5. The board shall be notified in writing about motions to the general meeting on changes to the statutes at least eight weeks before the general meeting. They shall be sent to the members in due course six weeks before the general meeting.
 6. Each person present and entitled to vote has only one vote at the general meeting. The transfer of the exercise of voting rights to other persons entitled to vote is not permitted. Votes and proposals are decided by a simple majority of votes of the members present. Changes to the statutes and purpose of the association shall be decided by a two-thirds majority of the members present.
 7. For evidence purposes, the resolutions of each general meeting are to be recorded in minutes by a minute-taker elected by the meeting. The minutes shall be signed by the chairman of the meeting, the minute-taker and the chairman of the association.

Art. 8 Executive Board

1. The executive board consists of the chairman, a deputy and a treasurer. The board members shall be members of the association. The association is represented in and out of court by two board members, including the chairman or the deputy chairman.
2. The general meeting shall elect the board for a period of two years. The respective board members shall remain in office at the end of their term until their successors have been elected and can take up their duties.
3. The majority of the board has to be present in order to have a quorum. In case of unanimity, attendance is not required. The board shall adopt its own rules of procedure.
4. The board shall decide with the majority of the members present. In the event of a tie, the vote of the chairman shall be decisive.

5. The board shall have executive management responsibilities for the association, including financial planning. It can appoint a full-time managing director for the day-to-day business. The full-time managing director shall not be a board member.
6. The board may convene committees and working groups.
7. The board shall decide on the admission of members.

Art. 9 Committees and working groups

1. The board may set up committees and working groups, which may include members as well as competent non-members, by determining the duration of their activities, tasks and purpose in order to address special technical and/or organisational issues.
2. With a simple majority, the general meeting may demand the appointment of a temporary committee for a specific task.
3. The appointed committees shall work out proposals for the board and the general meeting.

Art. 10 Place of jurisdiction

The place of jurisdiction for any litigation is the court competent for the registered domicile of the association.

Art. 11 Dissolution of the association

1. The association can only be dissolved by resolution of a general meeting and then only by a three-quarters majority of the members present.
2. The general meeting shall pass resolutions on the future use of the assets.

Art. 12 Entry into force

This statute was decided at the general meeting on 15 November 2013 and becomes effective with the entry into the register of associations.