

# INTERNATIONAL SLALOM SKATEBOARDING ASSOCIATION (ISSA) BYLAWS - 2024

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**ARTICLE I: NAME** The name of this organization is the International Slalom Skateboarding Association (ISSA).

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## ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND POLICY

**Section 1:** The ISSA exists to:

- Promote and advance slalom skateboarding.
- Establish and maintain standards for organizing and conducting slalom skateboard events.
- Maintain the Slalom Skateboarding World Ranking system.
- Function as the liaison for slalom skateboarding with World Skate and other governing bodies.

**Section 2:** All references to communication shall include email, online platforms, or other electronic means approved by the Board.

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## ARTICLE III: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1:** Any individual interested in slalom skateboarding may become a member. Racers with recorded results in official ISSA events of Prime status or higher, automatically gain a basic membership for that year.

**Section 2:** Membership categories:

- **Annual Membership:** Annual dues shall be determined by the Board and published on the official website. Membership is valid upon payment of dues (which can be accounted for through participation as mentioned in Section 1) and must be renewed annually. Non-renewal within 90 days may result in termination.
- **Honorary Membership:** At Board's discretion - can be granted for extraordinary contributions to the sport or organization, may be temporary or lifetime. Honorary members are exempt from dues.
- **Additional Membership Categories:** The Board may establish categories, such as family or organization memberships, with appropriate dues structures, parameters of which will be announced to the Membership in advance.

**Section 3:** Each official Member is entitled to one vote in any Membership-wide vote/election.

**Section 4:** The Board may expel any member whose actions harm the organization, requiring a two-thirds Board vote.

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## **ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 1:** The Board consists of five persons, including officers and general members appointed or elected. The term of service is by default, two years, and a member can be re-elected upon completion. The Board may decide to extend the default term if circumstances warrant such as major event planning, for example, in the scope of the World Skate Games schedule. The terms are staggered (from year to year) so that no more than three positions are up for election in the same year - thereby preserving the presence of experienced Board members from cycle to cycle.

**Section 2:** Vacancies shall be filled by Board appointment for the remainder of the term when needed. The Board may also choose to leave the position(s) vacant until the end of the term or next election cycle, at its discretion. The Board should address and move to act accordingly, at the next regular meeting following the vacancy.

**Section 3:** The Board is responsible for all organizational decisions and policies, with updates published digitally. If a formal Board vote is requested or deemed necessary, a majority vote determines the outcome.

**Section 4:** The Board meets virtually often monthly but at a minimum of once per quarter to conduct regular business. The presence of a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board. Special meetings may be called by the President or general Board members when needed. Each meeting concludes with setting a date for the next Board meeting.

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## **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

**Section 1:** The organization shall have the following Officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers are traditionally also Board members, however, that is not required. The positions of Treasurer and Secretary for example, may be assigned to an individual of confidence outside of the voting Board. The roles of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined as necessary.

**Section 2:** Officers are selected by the current Board to serve a two-year term by default. Officers may seek to renew their term upon completion with the approval of the current Board. Officer positions will be reviewed each January to confirm continuance or make approved changes by the current Board. If a formal vote is deemed necessary, a majority vote determines the outcome.

**Section 3:** Any vacancy occurring in an Office prior to the next election may be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President, with the approval of a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. The President, with approval of the Board may also choose to leave the position(s) vacant until the end of the term or next election cycle. The Board should address and move to act accordingly, at the next regular meeting following the vacancy.

**Section 4:** Officers' duties include:

- **President:** Represent the organization as Chairperson for the Board, preside over Board meetings, set strategic goals and agendas, execute fund disbursements in the absence of the Treasurer and have general supervision over the activities of the organization.

- **Vice-President:** To perform all the duties of the President in case of the latter's absence or disability and perform special assignments as may be deemed necessary by the President.
- **Secretary:** Maintain records/meeting minutes, manage official correspondence, and oversee election processes.
- **Treasurer:** Manage finances, submit regular reports, and oversee budgeting.

**Section 5:** Any Officer with outside interests that may appear to conflict with any organization issue under consideration should identify that interest and be excused from voting on the issue, at the request or discretion of the Board.

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## **ARTICLE VI: BOARD NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

**Section 1:** The Board manages the nomination process for elections. Members in good standing may submit nominations digitally by September 30. If no new nominations are submitted, the Board will determine/appoint persons to any open positions at their discretion without conducting further elections. Nominations by petition are also allowed. Candidate summaries, including background and qualifications, must be published by October 31.

**Section 2:** Elections for Board members are conducted electronically between November 15 and December 15, with results announced on the website no later than December 31. Newly elected Board members assume their roles on January 1.

**Section 3:** When necessary, and at the discretion of the Board, deviations from the timelines in Sections 1 and 2 may occur. Any deviations must be announced to the membership with an explanation.

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## **ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND VOTING**

**Section 1:** General membership meetings are not required due to members' geographic distribution. Special meetings may coincide with major events and will be announced in advance as needed.

**Section 2:** At the Board's discretion, membership voting on major issues can be conducted electronically. A majority vote determines the outcome.

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## **ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES**

**Section 1:** Standing committees may be established to address organizational needs, by the President and approved by a simple majority of the Board. Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President with a simple majority approval of the Board.

**Section 2:** Ad hoc committees may be formed as necessary to further the organization's goals.

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**ARTICLE IX: PUBLICATIONS** All official ISSA publications must be approved by an Officer or Board member.

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## **ARTICLE X: DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Section 1:** The ISSA website and online platforms shall serve as primary channels for communication, voting, and information dissemination.

**Section 2:** A Webmaster, appointed by the Board, shall manage the website and ensure timely content updates.

**Section 3:** Advertising revenue or other funds received via the website shall be forwarded to the Treasurer.

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**ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY** These bylaws govern all ISSA activities. In case of conflicts, the bylaws take precedence.

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## **ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1:** Proposed bylaw amendments may be submitted to the Board for consideration.

**Section 2:** The Board may adopt amendments or, at its discretion, submit them to a membership vote requiring a two-thirds majority for approval.

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## **ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION**

**Section 1:** The Board may propose dissolution of the organization, requiring a two-thirds membership vote.

**Section 2:** Any remaining assets shall first cover debts, with remaining funds allocated to supporting slalom skateboarding initiatives, such as maintaining the ISSA website.