

ISSA Constitution and Bylaws – Revision 2021

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the International Slalom Skateboarding Association (ISSA).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND POLICY

Section 1. This organization is established for the following purposes:
(1) To promote and enhance the sport of slalom skateboarding.
(2) To provide standards and recommendations for the promotion, organization, operation, and technical standards for slalom skateboard racing.

Section 2. All communication referenced in this Constitution and Bylaws, stated as "letter", "vote", "correspondence", "mail" or "mailed" shall mean communications by postal delivery, e-mail or other electronic means arranged by the Board.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any individual with an interest in slalom skateboarding is eligible for membership.

Section 2. Any racer that participates in a race during the year, and has a result recorded in the ISSA World Ranking, automatically becomes a member.

Section 3. The ISSA Board of Directors may in addition provide honorary membership, for a year, or lifetime, in recognition of extraordinary contribution to the sport or the association.

Section 4. Yearly dues shall be assessed at a rate to be determined by the Board of Directors. The dues structure shall be published on the organization's website. Race participants and honorary members do not need to pay their yearly dues.

(1) Dues shall be payable with the initial application for membership and yearly as required to maintain membership. Members may be dropped from membership if renewal dues are not paid within 90 days after they become due. (2) Currently there is a single individual class of membership. Several different classes, such as family, student or organization may be established by the Board of Directors in the future with appropriate dues structures.

Section 3. Any member who acts to bring the organization or its membership into disrepute may be expelled by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Each individual member shall have 1 (one) vote.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. The ISSA Board of Directors shall be comprised of 7 Elected Officers. Positions within the Board shall be a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. The position of Treasurer may however be assigned to an individual of confidence outside of the voting Board of Directors. In addition, positions of Regional Directors may be established if deemed desirable by the Board of Directors. Only the Elected Officers however, shall comprise the voting pool of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Officers and all other Directors, if any, shall be elected for a two-year term.

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 of Directors. The BOD may also choose to leave the position(s) vacant until the end of the term.

Section 4. Any officer with outside interests that may appear to conflict with any organization issue under consideration shall identify that interest and be excused from voting on the issue.

Section 5. The duties of the officers are:

President: To preside at all meetings of the organization; sign checks in the absence of the Treasurer; have general supervision over the activities of the organization; prepare a draft plan of goals to be accomplished in the year for publication by the Board of Directors.

Vice-President: To perform all the duties of the President in case of the latter's absence or disability; oversee the activities of the Standing Committees; perform special assignments as may be deemed necessary by the President.

Secretary: To take minutes of all meetings including those of the Board of Directors; be responsible for official correspondence; maintain the permanent membership and other non-financial records of the organization; accept, validate, count votes cast and provide all election results to the Board of Directors.

Treasurer: To receive and deposit all monies in a bank or banks as designated by the Board of Directors, disburse funds as ordered by the Board of Directors; maintain the financial accounts of the organization and submit status reports as requested; submit a financial report to the members at the conclusion of the year; maintain the permanent financial records of the organization.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The officers of the organization and the elected Board Members shall constitute a Board of Directors, established to assist in furthering the aims of the organization. The President of the organization shall preside as Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held quarterly, as a minimum, and as scheduled by the President. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held when requested by twenty or more members or three or more members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The presence in person (or via electronic participation on the established electronic meeting forum) of a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall make all decisions regarding the business and affairs of the organization, and set policy as may be required, except on those issues presented to the membership as a whole for vote. They shall keep the membership informed of their actions through publication on the ISSA website and in other media, or forums as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Any member in good standing is eligible to run for office. The member should submit a statement giving background and qualifications for the office desired.

Nominations are to be received by the Secretary before September 30th of each election year. Each statement shall be acknowledged when received. Nominations by petition may also be made. The petition shall be signed by at least three members, and have the approval of the candidate proposed. Nominating petitions shall also include a statement of background and qualifications for the office desired. Summaries of these statements and candidate position comments shall be made available prior to the commencement of the voting and shall be published on the ISSA website by October 31st of each election year.

Section 2. The voting period shall start no later than November 15 and end no later than December 15 of the election year. Results shall be published on the ISSA website(s) after the vote count and not later than December 31st. The newly-elected officers shall assume their responsibilities January 1st.

Section 3. Election of each officer shall be by a majority of votes cast.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 1. Because of the widespread physical locations of the members it is not practical to schedule regular in-person meetings of the entire membership. Instead, online meetings for information and discussions shall be the preferred method for meetings of the entire membership. These should be open to registered members upon prior registration. Special meetings may, however, be held in conjunction with major events in the slalom skateboarding world.

Section 2. Elections may be held on matters of major importance. Ballots shall be notified to all members. Voting shall be by return mailing of the ballot or by email to the Secretary or by voting on the website. A simple majority of votes cast shall indicate approval or disapproval of the matter submitted to the membership and shall represent the decision of the entire membership.

ARTICLE VIII: COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees may be established by the President as approved by a simple majority of the Board of Directors. Chairpersons shall be appointed by the President with a simple majority approval of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Ad hoc committees to further the affairs of the organization may be appointed by the President as may be desirable.

ARTICLE IX: PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. Publications of the ISSA must be approved by an officer or a member of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X: INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

Section 1. The ISSA Board of Directors shall maintain an Internet website that shall include, but not be limited to, identification and contact information of officers and committee chairmen, a channel for transfer of information and education concerning slalom skateboarding. The website shall also provide the means to allow members to vote in all elections. Other information gathering and dissemination techniques online may be used as appropriate.

Section 2. The President shall be responsible for ISSA website content and shall forward all election votes cast on the website to the Secretary in a timely manner.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall provide the funds to cover reasonable Internet services provider expenses.

Section 4. Any funds received by the Webmaster from advertisers, if any, or members or non-members shall be forwarded to the Treasurer.

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The conduct of this organization shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. In case of any conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws, the Constitution and Bylaws shall take precedence.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any member may submit a proposed amendment to these Bylaws to the Secretary for consideration by the Board of Directors for submission to the membership for vote. If rejected, the submitting member shall receive a written reply giving the reasons for the Board's action.



Section 2. Upon approval by the Board of Directors, a proposed amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the membership by identical means as prescribed for officer elections.

Section 3. An amendment shall become effective when approved by a two-thirds majority of member votes cast.

ARTICLE XIII: DISSOLUTION

Section 1. If circumstances warrant, the Board of Directors may submit a resolution to dissolve the organization to a vote of the membership. Voting may be by return mailing of the resolution or by email to the Secretary or by voting on the website. Approval shall be by a two-thirds majority of votes cast.

Section 2. The resolution to dissolve must include a disposition of the assets of the organization. Proceeds from any disposition of assets shall be used to offset any outstanding organization debt. If no debts are outstanding, assets shall be attributed to the project, the association or to the person, that is deemed to make the best out of it in the interest of the international skateboarding slalom community. Under no circumstances shall these assets be used for the personal benefit of the officers or any individual member or selected group of members.

Revision History

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Rev	Name	Date	Description
1	ISSA BOD members 2006: Claude Regnier, President Hans Koraeus, World Ranking Supervisor Pat Chewning, Vice President Wesley Tucker, Board Member Jack Smith, Board Member Joe Iacovelli, Board Member Jadranko Radovanovic, Board Member	08-APR-2006	Finalized and in effect
1.1	Pat Chewning	18-NOV-2007	Each member now gets 1 vote. (Article III , Section 4)
2	ISSA BOD members 2021: Jani Söderhäll, President Maria Carrasco, Vice President Hans Koraeus, World Ranking Supervisor Joe McLaren, Secretary Janis Kuzmins Board member Michal Subrt, Board member Bruno Silva Da Oliveira, Board member	01-JUN-2021	Reviewed for accuracy to better reflect current practices.