

ISIA Constitution

- **Internationaler Skilehrerverband**
- **Association Internationale des Moniteurs de Ski**
- **International Ski Instructors Association (shortened here into ISIA)**

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The ISIA is a voluntary, non-commercial association of national ski instructor associations with an ideal purpose in accordance with art. 60 ff Swiss civil code.

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The base of the association is in Bern (Switzerland). However, it can be administrated from the place of residence of the Secretary General or from any other place chosen by the Executive Committee.

The financial year of the ISIA starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st.

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As an international organisation for the protection and promotion of the interests of professional ski instructors the ISIA supports:

- Stronger relationship between the single national ski instructor associations.
- A collaboration in respect of ski technique, methodology, didactic and questions about security.
- An exchange of information.
- Internal and external opinion forming regarding ski instructors.

The ISIA considers its duty is to support the professional practise of ski and snow sports teaching in all its forms. Research in ski technique, methodology and didactic fields of skiing and every related branch will be supported by the ISIA, within the realms of its ability.

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The ISIA may be a member of national and international associations.

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Membership and Annulment of Membership

Only one organisation from each country may become a member of the ISIA. Each member must represent the professional ski instructors in ist own country and has to be an organisation which is founded according to the legal prescriptions of its nation and which is an acknowledged, independent association with its own by-laws.

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New members will only be admitted by The Assembly of Delegates after having lodged a written application which contains the required proof according to the needs of 5. Admission to the ISIA implies that the new member recognises the ISIA by-laws.

Membership of the ISIA doesn't imply for the individual member country the automatic recognition of its certifications by the other members.

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Membership ceases after:

Voluntary Resignation: Resignation must be made in writing to the ISIA General Secretary and will only be accepted by giving 3 months notice before the year end.

Exclusion, Members who :

- Despite demanding payment fail to pay their subscription for two years.
- No longer meet the conditions required by the by-laws.
- Harm the image of the association, acts contrary to the by-laws or doesn't comply with the motions of the authorities.

Exclusion is decided by The Assembly of Delegates with a two-thirds majority.

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Rights and Duties of the Members

1. Each member has a right to send delegates, who are changeable, to the meetings of the ISIA. The delegates have a right to vote and to be elected and are entitled to vote on behalf of their association, this right is dependent on the subscription rules and the rules of procedure.

2. Each member names two official delegates which can be newly nominated in each case. Members of the Executive Committee can represent their organisations as delegates.

3. The members agree to cooperate as actively as possible in the work of the ISIA and to pay the fixed subscription. The liability of the members is limited to the payment of subscription. Further details are established in the subscription rules.

4. The ISIA confers to its affiliated associations stamps of membership for their members. Further details are established in the rules regarding the stamps.

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The Components of the ISIA

The ISIA is composed of:

The Assembly of Delegates

The Executive Committee

The Presidency

The Commissions

2 Auditors of the funds

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Assembly of the Delegates

The Assembly of Delegates is composed of all members and is the highest authority for decisions and the control of the ISIA.

The Assembly of Delegates elects the Presidency and the Executive Committee (with the exception of the General Secretary), decides upon admission and exclusion of members, establishes the amount of the subscriptions, receives reports, discharges the Presidency and the Executive Committee and decides upon rules and alterations to the by-laws. Further details are regulated by the rules of procedure.

The Assembly of Delegates takes place at least once every two years.

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The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of:

The President

Three Vice Presidents (Europe, America, Pacific Area)

The Treasurer

Four Advisers

The General Secretary with advisory vote

The Executive Committee, with the exception of the General Secretary is elected by the Assembly of Delegates for a 4 year period. The General Secretary is appointed by the Executive Committee on the proposal of the President.

Only one delegate from each nation may become a member of the Executive Committee. This is not relevant for the General Secretary.

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The Presidency

The Presidency is composed of the President and the first Vice President. They both have the individual right to represent the Association. The function of being entitled to represent the Presidency is exercised by the Vice President only in the case of absence of the President.

The General Secretary is present at the meetings of the Presidency.

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Commissions

The Assembly of Delegates may entrust commissions.

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The Finances

The funds of the ISIA will come from the subscriptions of the affiliated associations, from donations and cooperation subscriptions. Further details are regulated by the subscription rules.

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Arbitration Clause In the event of a dispute between any member and the ISIA, and should the parties not come to an agreement, the case will not be handled by any ordinary court but by an arbitrary board based in Bern. The Board is subordinate to Swiss civil law concerning the power of the arbitrary board. Each party will choose a third person to act as president. In the event of a disagreement in respect of the president, then the decision will be taken by the proper judicial authority in accordance with §12 of the civil code. The costs are to be paid by the parties.

As far as the regulations of the proceedings are concerned the regulations of the civil code are to be used and subsidiary to those of the Swiss federal civil action.

The subsidiary board can decide as it sees fit.

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Alteration of the By-Laws

The by-laws may be altered or expanded with a two thirds majority upon written request, which must be lodged with the General Secretary three months prior to an Assembly of Delegates.

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Dissolution

The ISIA may be dissolved by a majority vote of two thirds of the membership present. The Assembly of Delegates must be constituted properly for a dissolution.

In the event of their withdrawal or exclusion or in the event of the dissolution of the ISIA the members have no right to claim the funds of the ISIA.

The Assembly of Delegates voting the dissolution will decide on the use of the funds.

§ 18

Coming into Force

All the hitherto by-laws will be superseded by the coming into force of this by-law. Members have a fixed time of 2 years, beginning with the coming into force of this by-law, to adapt to the new regulations.

Those members who don't or can't adapt can remain a member, but lose the right to vote or to be issued ISIA stamps. The member will hold observed status until they have fulfilled the requirements of the new regulations. The german constitution is competent for questions of interpretation of those by-laws.

This by-law was decided by the Assembly of the delegates on 1998 april 1 in Harrachov.