

Constitution and Rules of Worldloppet

CONSTITUTION OF NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION WORLDLOPPET SKI FEDERATION

1. Name of the Non-profit Association and Relations to Other Organisations
 - 1.1 The name of the non-profit association (hereinafter the Association) is non-profit association Worldloppet Ski Federation (Mittetulundusühing Worldloppet Ski Federation – in Estonian).
 - 1.2 The non-profit association Worldloppet Ski Federation is a sovereign non-profit association that is independent of any other associations.
2. Location and Financial Year of the Association
 - 2.1 The Association is located in the Republic of Estonia, City of Tartu.
 - 2.2 The financial year of the Association begins on April 1 and ends on March 31.
3. Objectives of the Association
 - 3.1 The objectives of the Association are the following:
 - 3.1.1 To promote the popularity of cross-country skiing by organising quality long- distance popular races throughout the world.
 - 3.1.2 To recognise dedicated long distance cross-country skiers who have completed the required number of Worldloppet races during their lifetime and have become Worldloppet Masters.
 - 3.1.3 To encourage the elite cross-country skiers to participate in Worldloppet races.
 - 3.1.4 To promote friendship among skiers of different nations, thereby strengthening peace in the world.
 - 3.1.5 To annually determine, in conjunction with the International Ski Federation (FIS), the best long-distance cross-country skiers in the world.
 - 3.1.6 To grant trainee and/or sports scholarships to support the purposeful development of the Association.
 - 3.2 The Association shall achieve these objectives through the following:
 - 3.2.1 By supervising and co-ordinating provision of well-organised races to large numbers of participants of various ages and abilities by the members of the Association.
 - 3.2.2 By selling Worldloppet passports to the skiers to be stamped for each completed race as a confirmation of the completion of the race and as an attractive memento of the race to each participant.
 - 3.2.3 By awarding Worldloppet Masters with medals of merit, in order to recognize that the skier has fulfilled all requirements to Worldloppet Masters.
4. Membership, Admission of New Members, Membership Fee
 - 4.1 The members of the Association shall be legal entities who organise long-distance cross-country races; applying a principle that only one member per nation is admitted.
 - 4.2 The applicant shall be an organiser of a traditional long-distance cross-country skiing race in its country that has gained sufficient popularity among local skiers.
 - 4.3 New members shall be admitted on the condition that they demonstrate as high standards in organising long-distance races as the founders, and do not have permanent financial difficulties.
 - 4.4 The membership application and the annexes thereof provided for in the document “Worldloppet Rules and Regulations”, approved by the General Meeting, shall be presented to the Secretary General.
 - 4.5 The General Meeting shall decide the acceptance of new members.
 - 4.6 The Association shall have a one-time entry fee, the amount and terms of payment of which shall be laid down by the General Meeting.
 - 4.7 The General Meeting shall lay down the amount and terms of payment of the membership fee for the next year.
5. Departure from the Association
 - 5.1 Any member of the Association shall have the right to leave the Association on the following conditions:
 - 5.1.1 After expiration of a term of two years for advance notice to the General Meeting (handing in one’s written resignation to General Meeting) and settlement of potential debts to the association.
 - 5.1.2 Before the expiration of a term of two years for advance notice in case such proposal has been made by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Meeting.
6. Exclusion from the Association
 - 6.1 A member may be excluded from the Association with the resolution of the General Meeting for the following reasons:
 - 6.1.1 Upon failure to adhere to the Constitution.
 - 6.1.2 Upon causing significant damage to the reputation of the Association.
 - 6.1.3 Upon non-payment of the annual membership fee for two years.
7. Rights and Obligations of the Members
 - 7.1 A member of the Association shall be entitled to:
 - 7.1.1 Participate in the activities of the Association in the manner provided for the present Constitution.
 - 7.1.2 Submit proposals and/or inquiries to the Management Board, Secretary General, Executive Committee and/or the General Meeting in the matters concerning the activities of the Association.
 - 7.1.3 Promote Worldloppet passports and symbolics.
 - 7.2 A member of the Association shall be obliged to:
 - 7.2.1 Adhere to the present Constitution.
 - 7.2.2 Pay entry and membership fees in the amount and on the terms as specified in the Constitution.
 - 7.2.3 When organising Worldloppet long-distance cross-country skiing member races, be guided by the “Worldloppet Rules and Regulations” and the rules established by the International Ski Federation, in case the latter are applicable to the Worldloppet race and are not at variance with the requirements laid down in the “Worldloppet Rules and Regulations”.
8. General Meeting and Calling of the General Meeting
 - 8.1 The General Meeting shall be the highest body of the Association. The Association shall hold one regular annual General Meeting, hereinafter referred to in this Constitution as the Annual General Meeting. Other general meetings of the Association shall be called Special General Meetings.