

Name

1. The name of the Association shall be the "International Model Boat Racing Association" (IMBRA).
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Objective

1. As an international, worldwide and non-profit making association the IMBRA is dedicated to supporting the development and quality of model boat racing, in all forms. It shall be run by racers, for racers and therefore the objective of the IMBRA is: **"To promote internationally, the highest standards in racing and co-operation to achieve common goals."**
 2. In furtherance of this objective, but not further or otherwise, the Association may
 1. Without distinction of age, sex, race, politics, religious or other opinion, by associating and co-operating with statutory authorities, voluntary organisations or individuals in common effort to advance the quality, accessibility and clarity of communication to promote and organise model boat racing events and activity.
 2. Promote, or assist in promoting, model boat racing in all its forms to maintain and encourage future participation.
 3. Encourage and enable the development of the Association throughout the world.
 4. Obtain, collect and receive money by way of grants, donations, bequests, legacies or other lawful method, provided that the Association shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant requirements of law.
 5. Recruit and train volunteers with relevant skills to carry out the objects of the Association.
 6. Employ and pay any person or persons, not being a member of the Association to supervise, organise and carry out the work of the Association and make all reasonable and necessary provision for the provision of remuneration to such employees.
 7. Do all such lawful things as may be necessary for the attainment of the Association's objectives or any of them.
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Incorporation

1. The IMBRA is a UK registered "not for profit" company limited by guarantee.
 2. The IMBRA Logo is the copyright of IMBRA. The various members may have their own logos.
 3. To comply with UK Company Law the company will have at least one Director. For ease of running the company the IMBRA will be formed with the elected President as the CEO and Director. The elected Treasurer will be registered as and act as the company Secretary. Both positions can only be held by a current member of the IMBRA Committee, elected by its members.
 4. The members of International Model Boat Racing Association will be the full voting members as defined in 4 below.
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Membership

1. Membership of the association shall be open to all organisations or associations who support the Association's objectives, irrespective of ethnic origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age or politics, but subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may from time to time decide.
2. There shall only be one category of member; **FULL, ASSOCIATE MEMBER**.
3. Should a Country have two or more associations or organisations who wish to become Full Associate Members of the IMBRA, the Committee will decide which association or organisation will be granted membership.
4. Any member association or organisation may be permanently excluded from the IMBRA by **SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE**, if in the opinion of the Committee, said member has failed to maintain the standards on which the decision to admit them to membership have not been maintained.
5. Following receipt by the Treasurer of a valid application form, together with the joining fee and first years annual fee, where applicable, the Committee shall, having considered the application and all relevant information, at their sole discretion, grant membership to the applicant with such conditions as the Committee may decide.
6. Committee may request such further information as they deem necessary and appropriate in relation to making an informed and impartial decision.

7. Reference to Nations within this constitution shall refer to Nations as defined by the United Nations.
8. **Full Associate Members**
 1. Full Associate Members shall only be organisations or associations that are nationally recognised as being organisations concerned with competitive model boat racing.
 2. There shall only be one Full Associate Member organisation representing any one nation.
 3. Should a Country have two or more associations or organisations who wish to become Full Associate Members of the IMBRA, the Committee will decide which association or organisation will be granted membership.
 4. Those associations or organisations not selected will be placed on a reserve list for membership, and will be presented the opportunity to replace the original representative association or organisation should that association or organisation fail to meet the requirements of membership.
 5. Reasons for expulsion from the IMBRA include, but are not limited to;
 - Failing to send a team to represent the member Country at the IMBRA World Championships.
 - Failing to present funds for membership by the agreed timescales.
 - Bringing the reputation of the IMBRA into disrepute.
9. A member may withdraw from membership of the association by giving 7 days' notice to the association in writing. Any funds already received will be non refundable.

Committee

1. The Committee of the IMBRA shall exercise the powers of management of the IMBRA in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
2. The Committee of the IMBRA shall be limited to SEVEN positions to ensure effective, democratic decision making.
3. Nominations of candidates to fill positions on the Committee MUST be received by the President at least ONE MONTH before any election of members to the Committee.
4. There will be no maximum term in place for Committee members.
5. There will be no requirement for the entire Committee to meet annually on a "face to face" basis; however the use of technologies such as Skype, various Messenger Services and Email will be encouraged to reduce overheads.
6. The Committee may make such regulations, as they consider appropriate for the efficient conduct of any business of the Committee and the Association.
7. The Committee may appoint such sub-Committees, advisory groups or working parties of their own members, and other persons as they may from time to time decide necessary for the carrying out of their work, and may determine their terms of reference, duration and composition. All such sub-Committees shall make regular reports on their work to the Committee. All such sub Committees shall be chaired by a Member of the Committee.

Voting Procedures for the Committee

1. Voting at Committee meetings, when required, shall be by simple majority- 57.14% (4/7 of the full elected Committee) in relation to normal business.
2. Proposed changes to the Constitution shall require an 85.71% majority (6/7 of the full elected Committee).
3. Proposals to exclude any Member shall require an 85.71% majority (6/7 of the full elected Committee).

President of the IMBRA

1. The President of the IMBRA shall be elected by the member associations or organisations.
2. There will no limitation on the duration of term that the President may serve.
3. The President shall chair all meetings of the Committee of the IMBRA, in whatever form they may take.

4. In the absence of the President or in the case of withdrawal of the President from a meeting because of a conflict of interests in a matter under discussion, the Vice- President will replace them. Should there be a split decision from the Committee; the Vice- President will have the deciding vote.

Treasurer of the IMBRA

1. The Treasurer of the IMBRA shall be elected by the member associations or organisations.
2. There will no limitation on the duration of term that the Treasurer may serve.
3. The Treasurer shall keep Minutes of meetings held by the Committee in a Minute Book.
4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the storage and maintenance of all IMBRA records and correspondence.

Funding

1. Each new applicant must pay an Annual Membership Fee which shall be payable in advance at a rate to be decided by the Committee.
2. The amount of Annual Membership Fee shall be decided by the Committee, and can change should the Committee decide the levels are not appropriate.
3. A Member who's Membership Fees are not received by the Treasurer in the given timescales shall be deemed to have resigned their membership; unless where the Committee are satisfied that exceptional circumstances apply.
4. Should a Member be expelled from the IMBRA during the membership cycle, they will not be eligible for a refund of the Annual Membership Fee.
5. All moneys raised by or on behalf of the Association shall be applied to further the objectives of the Association and for no other purpose, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of legitimate out of pocket expenses to Members of the Association engaged upon the approved business of the Association.
6. The Financial year shall be defined by the Committee.
7. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Association.
8. The Committee shall decide on cheque signatories.
9. The accounts shall be presented to the Committee by the Treasurer who shall be responsible for their certification as an accurate reflection of the financial activities of the Association.
10. The funds of the IMBRA shall be administered by the Committee, to pay for administration costs, to support if necessary the IMBRA conferences, to build up a fund for future developments, for the support of projects in developing nations that further the objects of the IMBRA and any other expenditure that furthers the IMBRA objective and is approved by the Committee.

Special General Meetings

1. The Committee may at any time at its discretion and shall upon a requisition signed by not less than one third of it's members having the power to vote and giving reasons for the request, call a Special General Meeting of the Association, for the purpose of altering the Constitution in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution or of considering any matter which may be referred to them by the Committee for any other purpose.

Procedures at all Meetings of the IMBRA

1. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, all questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by simple majority of those present and entitled to vote thereat. (In the event of an equality of votes the President or Vice- President at the time shall have a second or casting vote.)
2. A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the articles of association.
3. Minutes shall be kept by the treasurer and all other sub-Committees and a record shall be maintained of all proceedings, resolutions and decisions.

Standing Orders

1. The Committee shall have power to adopt and issue standing orders and /or rules for the Association. Such standing orders and/or rules shall come into operation immediately PROVIDED

ALWAYS THAT they shall be subject to review by the Association in General Meetings and shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution.

Alterations to the Constitution

1. Proposed changes to the Constitution shall require an 85.71% majority (6/7 of the full elected Committee).
 2. All member associations or organisations can make proposals to amend the constitution on an annual basis, with the time scale for submission to be decided by the Committee. Upon receipt of any proposed changes the amendments will be passed to all member associations or organisations to review and vote upon. PROVIDED THAT no alteration shall be made which would cause the ASSOCIATION to cease to be a LIMITED COMPANY by law.
 3. Any alterations to this Constitution will be required to receive the assent of not less than two thirds of the members of the Association.
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Dissolution

1. If the Committee by a simple majority decide at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Association they shall call a meeting of all members of the ASSOCIATION who have the power to vote.
 2. There will be not less than 21 days notice of this meeting (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed there at).
 3. If such a decision shall be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at such a meeting the Committee shall have power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of the Association.
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Indemnity

1. The Association shall indemnify and keep indemnified every officer, member, volunteer and employee of the ASSOCIATION from and against all claims, demands, actions and proceedings (and all costs and expenses in connection therewith or there from) made or brought against the Association in connection with it's activities, the actions of it's officers, members, volunteers or employees, or in connection with it's property and equipment but this indemnity shall NOT extend to liabilities arising from wilful and individual fraud, wrongdoing or wrongful omission on the part of the officer, member, volunteer or employee sought to be made liable. The accounting officer (President) shall effect a policy of insurance in respect of this indemnity.