



Policies for Regional Associations

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SECTION 1: REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

1. The ISA recognizes five regional Suzuki associations. All of the countries of the world are included in these five regions. These regions and their associations shall be:
 - Japan – Talent Education Research Institute (TERI)
 - North, Central, and South America – Suzuki Association of the Americas (SAA)
 - Europe, Middle East, and Africa – European Suzuki Association (ESA)
 - Asia (except for Japan) – Asian Suzuki Association (ASA)
 - Pan-Pacific – Pan-Pacific Suzuki Association (PPSA)
2. There shall be only one regional association for each of the regions identified above that may use the name “Suzuki” for its activities in accordance with the Name Agreement and Sub-License between that regional association and the ISA.
3. Each regional association shall have a representative as a member of the ISA Board of Directors. The representative shall be appointed by the board of the regional association. The representative shall be a resident of one of the countries in the regional association.
4. The ISA recognizes that each of the five regional associations may have different statutes and legal prerequisites depending on its country of operation. The ISA recognizes the statutes and formal structure of each regional association provided the following principles are observed:
 - A. Each regional association shall have a set of statutes which state that the purpose of the association is to promote Suzuki education. The statutes are to be in line with Dr. Suzuki’s philosophy of talent education.
 - B. Each regional association shall have memberships which are open to all countries, groups, and/or individuals within the region. The classes and categories of membership may vary with each regional association.
 - C. Each regional association shall be democratically structured.
 - D. Each regional association shall have the right and responsibility to establish and maintain teacher training. Suzuki teacher training offered anywhere in the region by an approved teacher trainer from that region is valid in all countries in the region.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES OF ISA REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

1. Promote the growth of the Suzuki Method in the region.
2. Maintain responsibility for the use of the Suzuki name within the region.
3. Disseminate information about the Suzuki Method in the region.
4. Insure that leadership of the regional association is elected by the membership. This must be in accordance with the ISA Policy Section 1.4C which states that each regional association will be democratically structured.
5. Hold an annual meeting of the membership in the Regional Association.
6. Oversee the Teacher Training System for the region.
7. Keep adequate records about the Suzuki programs in the region.
8. Field requests about the Suzuki Method in the region.
9. Cooperate with other regions in promoting the Suzuki Method throughout the world.
10. Appoint representatives to the various ISA committees.
11. Pay the regional membership contribution to the ISA as pledged annually.
12. Nominate a representative to the ISA Board.

The representative must:

Represent the interests of the entire region.

Respond in a timely fashion for requests for information.

Respond in a timely fashion to communications from the ISA Board.

Prepare an annual report about activities in the region for the ISA Board.

Provide updated information for posting on the ISA website.

SANCTIONS

1. Voting privileges on the ISA Board may be revoked /and or the Suzuki name agreement may be revoked from any region if the region fails to perform the responsibilities stated above.
2. The regional representative to the ISA Board agrees to uphold all of the responsibilities previously stated. If these responsibilities are not met, the ISA board may ask that the representative be replaced.
3. Sanctions require a majority vote of the ISA Board of Directors.

SECTION 3: NEW REGIONAL ASSOCIATION APPLICATION

1. The ISA will only accept an application from a region that does not already have a recognized regional association.
2. The applicant regional association shall submit a formal letter of application to the ISA Board of Directors, which shall be signed by all board members of the applicant regional association.
3. The applicant regional association shall submit a list of the names and addresses of the board of directors of that association.
 - A. The board of directors shall include members representative of the entire region.
 - B. Each member of the board shall be a resident of the area he or she represents.
4. The applicant regional association shall submit a list of the names and addresses of the officers of the association.
5. The applicant regional association shall submit the bylaws, articles of incorporation, policies, and all other statutes of the applicant regional association to the ISA Board of Directors for consideration
 - A. The applicant regional association shall have a set of statutes which state that the purpose of the association is to promote Suzuki education. The statutes shall to be in line with Dr. Suzuki’s philosophy of talent education.
 - B. The applicant regional association shall have open membership policies for country, individual, and/or group members. The classes and categories of membership may vary with each regional association.
 - C. The applicant regional association shall have the right and responsibility to establish and maintain teacher training.
 - D. The applicant regional association shall be democratically structured.
6. The applicant regional association shall submit documentation which shows the support of 75% of the country associations within its region, or 75% of the individual Suzuki teachers within its region.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

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