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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 - yet to be formed).
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 the head of the regional association, or his or her appointee. The head of the regional association, or his or her appointee, 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

SECTION 2: 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 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.