



## **Policies for Regional Associations**

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### **SECTION 1: REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

1. The ISA currently recognizes five Regional Suzuki Associations. All of the countries of the world are included in these five regions. These regions and their associations are:
  - 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 Region Suzuki Association (ARSA)
  - 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 any 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 and must represent the entire region. 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 be chartered or created under different legal statutes, organizational documents and legal prerequisites depending on its country of operation. While ISA recognizes that different legal statutes and formal structures may apply to each Regional Association, such associations will adopt and comply with the following principles to the extent not prohibited by the laws of the local country they are formed in:
  - A. Each Regional Association shall have a set of By-Laws and/or Policies which state that the purpose of the Association is to promote Suzuki education. Such By-Laws and/or Policies are to be consistent with Dr. Suzuki’s philosophy of talent education as set forth in the Name Agreement between ISA and the Regional Association and with the ISA’s By-Laws and Policies.
  - 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.

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- C. Each Regional Association shall be democratically structured and function democratically, including but not limited to election of Directors and other leadership by vote of its Country Members and/or individual members in each country; having open Board meetings at which any member may attend; and providing that actions taken on behalf of the Regional Association are approved by its Board.
- 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 EVERY ISA REGIONAL ASSOCIATION**

1. Promote the growth of the Suzuki Method™ in the region.
2. Maintain responsibility for the proper use of the Suzuki name by the Regional Association itself and its members within the region and reporting to ISA any use or misuse thereof by others which may be harmful to the name or trademark SUZUKI™.
3. Disseminate information about the Suzuki Method in the region.
4. Insure that leadership of the Regional Association is elected by its membership in accordance with ISA's Policies for Regional Associations Section 1.4C.
5. Hold an annual meeting of the membership of the Regional Association.
6. Oversee the Teacher Training System for the region.
7. Keep adequate records about the Suzuki programs operated or carried on in the region, including program syllabuses and materials.
8. Field requests for information by the public about the Suzuki Method in the region.
9. Cooperate with other regions in promoting the Suzuki Method throughout the world.
10. Respond in a timely fashion for requests for information by ISA about the Regional Association's activities, including but not limited to organizational documents, Board minutes, and programs.
11. Respond in a timely fashion to communications from the ISA Board.
12. Prepare an annual report about activities in the region for the ISA Board.
13. Provide Regional Association financial information and its Member Country Association's finances to the ISA as may be requested from time to time by ISA.
14. Provide updated information for posting on the ISA website, including but not limited to contact information, identities of officers and Board Members; calendars of events.
15. Appoint representatives to the various ISA committees.
16. Pay the regional membership contribution to the ISA as pledged annually.

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17. Nominate a representative to the ISA Board. The representative must:
  - A. Represent the interests of the entire region.
  - B. Respond in a timely fashion for requests for information such as described above.
  - C. Respond in a timely fashion to communications from the ISA Board.
  - D. Prepare an annual report about activities in the region for the ISA Board, including any financial information requested by the ISA.
  - E. 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 and terminated for any region if the Regional Association fails to comply with and perform the responsibilities stated above.
2. The Regional Association's representative to the ISA Board agrees to uphold all of the responsibilities previously stated. If these responsibilities are not met, the ISA is authorized to direct the Region Associates to replace that representative.
3. Sanctions require a majority vote of the ISA Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 3: REASSIGNMENT OF COUNTRY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS and NEW REGIONAL ASSOCIATION APPLICATIONS**

1. The ISA reserves the right to reassign country memberships to different regions, and/or to split regions in its sole discretion as and when it sees fit to do so.
2. Country Associations that wish to realign their memberships to a different Regional Association must submit a formal letter to the ISA Board of Directors which letter must be signed and agreed to by all of the board members of the Country Association.
  - A. The applicant Country Association shall submit a list of the names and addresses of the board of directors of that association, and the names and addresses of the officers of the association.
  - B. The board of directors of the applicant Country Association shall include members that are representative of the entire country.
  - C. Each member of the applicant Country Association board shall be a resident of the country he or she represents.
3. Proposed new Regional Associations must adopt By-Laws and/or Policies which state that the purpose of the Association is to promote Suzuki education. Such By-Laws and/or Policies shall be consistent with Dr. Suzuki's philosophy of talent education as set forth in the Name Agreements between ISA and the Regional Association and the ISA's By-Laws and Policies.

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- A. 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.
- B. The applicant Regional Association shall be democratically structured, including but not limited to election of Directors other leadership by vote of its country members and/or individual members in each country; having open Board meetings at which any member may attend; and providing that actions taken on behalf of the Regional Association are approved by its Board.
- C. The applicant Regional Association shall have the right and responsibility to establish and maintain teacher training.
- D. The applicant Regional Association shall submit the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, Policies, and all other rules or regulations of the applicant Regional Association to the ISA Board of Directors for consideration and approval.
- E. The applicant Regional Association shall submit a list of the names and addresses of the Board of Directors of that association.
- F. The Board of Directors of the applicant Regional Association shall include members representative of the entire region.
- G. Each member of the Board of Directors of the applicant Regional Association shall be a resident of the area he or she represents.
- H. The applicant Regional Association shall submit to ISA a list of the names and addresses of the officers of the Association.
- I. The applicant Regional Association shall submit to ISA documentation which shows the support of 75% of the Country Associations within its region, or 75% of the individual Suzuki teachers within its region.
- J. The applicant Regional Association must agree to abide by the ISA By-Laws and Policies for Regional Associations.