

Proposed Amendment to the AVA Bylaws

Title: Affiliating with Other Organizations

Motion: Amend Articles II and III to permit the AVA to affiliate with organizations consistent with the AVA's purpose.

Current	If Adopted
2(k) (new)	2(k) to affiliate with other organizations similarly devoted to noncompetitive, family-oriented, participatory lifetime sports.
3.7 (new)	3.7 Affiliation with other organizations. (a) The AVA may affiliate with nonprofit organizations that share its commitment to noncompetitive, family-oriented, participatory lifetime sports. (b) The National Executive Council shall make a recommendation with regards to affiliation with organizations to be voted on at a regular or special membership meeting. A two-thirds vote is required to affiliate with each organization. (c) The AVA Executive Director will develop and maintain a policy on affiliating with other-nonprofit organizations that addresses, among other topics, preserving the AVA's IRC 501(C)(3) status.

Rationale:

The AVA needs a means to affiliate through membership with organizations that share the AVA's purpose. IVV-Americas is but one potential organization so the amendment language is generic.

This pair of new sections would add an AVA purpose to partner with like-minded organizations and define the roles of the NEC and membership in the process for voting on the relationship.

With this foundation in place in the bylaws, the membership could decide on each recommendation of the NEC.

This amendment does not preclude an individual club from working with or co-sponsoring an event with another organization.

Sponsor(s) Bylaws Committee

National Executive Council Recommendation: Approve