

STATUS AND STANDING

I. GENERAL

The status and standing of a Regular Member Club, and State Organization determine their rights and privileges.

II. POLICY

- A. Regular Member Clubs and State Organizations are considered *active* when the club's or organization's membership application has been accepted and all its activities are conducted according to the provisions of the AVA Bylaws and Policies.
 - 1. Active Member Clubs and State Organizations are considered *in good standing* when all debts, liabilities and obligations to the AVA have been satisfied. They may exercise all the privileges of their respective membership.
 - 2. Active Member Clubs and State Organizations are considered *not in good standing* when an outstanding debt, liability, and/or obligation has not been satisfied within sixty days of the date due. A Member Club or State Organization *not in good standing* forfeits all rights and privileges to include the right to conduct or sponsor events. It may not vote in any state, regional or membership meeting of the AVA. Once a Member Club or State Organization has satisfied that outstanding debt, liability and/or obligation it will be considered *in good standing*. Regional Directors will be given ten days to resolve club deficiencies, or identify extenuating circumstances, before a club is placed in *not in good standing* status.
- B. The Board of Directors will declare Regular Member Clubs inactive when the club is *in good standing* and requests inactive status; fails to pay its annual dues post marked by October 1; fails to satisfy an outstanding debt, obligation or liability to the AVA; or is expelled under Article III, Paragraph 3.6(c) of the AVA Bylaws. To request inactive status, a club must submit the request in writing through the State Organization, if applicable, and the Regional Director to the AVA National Office. An inactive club must return all official materials supplied to the club by the AVA and/or IVV. Failure to return these materials may result in legal action.
- C. The Board of Directors may declare State Organizations *inactive* when the number of clubs within the state is five or less; the organization does not satisfy debts, liabilities or obligations to the AVA; or the AVA expels the organization under Article III, Paragraph 3.6(c) of the AVA Bylaws. An inactive State Organization may not conduct sanctioned events or vote in any state, regional or membership meeting of the AVA. An inactive State Organization must return all official materials supplied to the organization by the AVA and/or IVV. Failure to return these materials may result in legal action.
- D. The AVA National Office will notify, in writing, the Member Club or State Organization that it has been placed on inactive status and the requirements

for reactivation.

- E. Clubs and State Organizations considered for inactive status shall present for approval by the Board of Directors an action plan to resolve and remedy within twelve months the conditions causing the Club or State Organization to be considered for inactive status. A Club and State Organization on inactive status may remain under the AVA's group exemption during the period of its inactive status and shall continue to file an annual financial report. Clubs and State Organizations that fail to resolve and remedy the conditions causing the entity to be placed on inactive status within the allowed twelve months shall be considered by the Board of Directors for Dissolution/Deactivation under the provisions of paragraph 3.06(c) of Article 3 of the AVA Bylaws adopted March 15, 2021, or similar provisions of the AVA Bylaws then in effect. Inactive Clubs and State Organizations that have resolved and remedied the conditions that caused the imposition of inactive status may be reactivated.
- F. Active Member Clubs and State Organizations may request dissolution and deactivation. The entity wishing to dissolve and deactivate must notify their RD and DRD, shall complete all items outlined in the "Club Dissolution and Deactivation Requirements Checklist" AVA form, which may be found in the AVA Forms library at <https://cb.ava.org/forms.php> and transfer to the Board of Director's Orphan Walks Committee all items identified by the Checklist for such transfer. The checklist includes specific notification requirements as well as transferring remaining funds, records, other assets and event directions/brochures/maps, the return of all assets belonging to the AVA.
- G. Member Clubs and State Organizations that have been dissolved and deactivated may not be reactivated. The Tax ID Number of the dissolved and deactivated entity shall be considered null and void, and may not be used by any future entity of the AVA that may have a name similar to the dissolved and deactivated entity.

REACTIVATION OF MEMBERSHIP

I. GENERAL

Any organization or group of people may request reactivation of an inactive Regular Member Club, or State Organization.

II. POLICY

An inactive Regular Member Club or State Organization may be reactivated provided it meets all membership requirements established in Types and Application for Membership. Applications for reactivation will follow the procedures outlined in that section; a reactivation fee and the appropriate prorated annual dues must accompany the application. If the inactive club is *in good standing* and the State Organization, Regional Director or Board of Directors does not approve the application, the disapproving authority will notify the club in writing and return the reactivation fee and prorated dues.