

# 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. The club 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. 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.

3. Club Dissolution: A club wishing to deactivate or dissolve must notify their RD and DRD, and complete and provide to the Board of Directors Orphan Walks Committee all items outlined in the "Club Deactivation Requirements Checklist" AVA form (see AVA Forms library at <https://cb.ava.org/forms.php>). The checklist includes specific notification requirements as well as transferring remaining funds, records and walk directions/brochures/maps.

B. The BOD 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 3.06 (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.

C. 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.