

TYPES AND APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I. GENERAL

There are four types of club memberships in the American Volkssport Association (AVA).

A. Regular Member Club.

A club formed by an organization or group of persons who subscribe to the purpose of the corporation and want to conduct or sponsor AVA- sanctioned volkssport events.

B. State Organization.

An organization formed by the Member Clubs in a specific state.

C. Volkssports Associate.

Any individual who supports the AVA and/or one of its clubs.

D. Honorary Member.

A membership conferred by the BOD on an individual, club or organization whose actions have greatly helped or promoted the aims and purpose of the AVA.

II. POLICY

A. Application for Membership.

1. Any organization or group of persons wanting to form a Regular Member Club must submit an AVA Form 201, Application for Club Membership, with the charter fee and the appropriate prorated portion of the annual dues, the organization or group will send the application through the State Organization (if applicable) and the appropriate Regional Director to the AVA National Office.

a) The proposed Member Club must, as a minimum:

(1) Have an elected President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer;

(2) Have an approved Constitution and/or Bylaws that align with the purpose of the AVA;

(3) Have an established bank account in the club's name;

(4) Submit, if eligible, an application for inclusion in the AVA's 501(c)(3) Group Tax-Exemption; and

(5) Have an Employer Identification Number (EIN) issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

(6) If (4) and (5) do not apply, the proposed Member Club will submit paperwork showing proof of coverage under some other non-profit organization.

b) The proposed Member Club must be incorporated under the laws of the state in which it is located.

2. A State Organization may be formed when there are at least six Regular Member Clubs in a single state and two-thirds of those clubs agree. They will use the same application procedure and have the same additional requirements, as Regular Member Clubs. State Associations and all Associate Member Clubs shall pay annual dues. A detailed State Organization Policy is provided in Appendix D.

3. Any Regular Member Club, State Organization, or member of the BOD may recommend any individual, club, or organization for Honorary Membership. They must make this recommendation in writing and send it to the AVA National Office.

B. Processing of Applications.

1. State Organizations will process applications for Regular Member Clubs within their state. The State Organization will review the application for completeness and that the club meets membership requirements. It will forward the application to the appropriate Regional Director and will include a favorable recommendation for the formation of the club as being in the best interest of the AVA or recommend against its approval. The Regional Director will either approve the application or will return the application with an explanation for disapproval, to the State Organization for transmittal back to the originator. If the application is approved, it is forwarded to the National Office.

2. A Regional Director will process all applications for Regular Member Clubs and State Organizations within his or her region. The Regional Director will review the applications in the same manner as a State Organization. If the Regional Director approves the application, he or she will forward it to the AVA National Office. If the Regional Director disapproves the application, he or she will return it, through the State Organization if appropriate, to the originator with an explanation of the disapproval.

3. The AVA National Office will process each application for membership and assign an appropriate membership number. The CEO will grant interim approval of all applications for Regular Member Clubs, and State Organizations. The BOD will grant final approval of these applications and all applications for Honorary members at their next regular meeting.

4. There is a \$50 Charter Processing Fee for each new club application that must be submitted with the application.