

**International Rogaining Federation Inc.
Roles and Responsibilities – IRF Executive
December 2011**

10WRC 2012 Czech Republic (31 Aug-1 Sep 2012 Prebuz), IRF levy will be 9 Euro.
See entry criteria: http://www.rogaining.cz/wrc2012/files/entry_criteria.pdf
Entries opened on 1 December 2011 at <http://www.rogaining.cz/wrc2012/en/>
Lauri Leppik is working with Jan Tojnar to oversee the registration process. At the end of the first two-week period there were about 750 entries.

11WRC 2013 Russia (27-28 July 2013 Pskov). Arrangements between IRF and 11WRC organisers need to follow soon (Alan Mansfield, Sergey Yaschenko)

12WRC 2014 USA (16-17 August 2014 Black Hills, South Dakota). Arrangements between IRF and 12WRC organisers need to follow soon (Barb Bryant, Alan Mansfield)

13WRC 2015 expressions of interest will be called, then a decision by the end of 2012.

9ERC 2012 European Rogaining Championships Lithuania (5-6 May 2012 Poviliskis)
Bulletin 1 has been published at <http://erc2012.lt/> Registration opened on 1 January 2012.
The IRF levy for this event is 5 Euros.

Call for expression of interest to host 10ERC2013 has been announced (Lauri Leppik)

WRC Qualifying events

The Council needs to make a decision regarding Qualifying Events for 11WRC 2013 Russia and 12WRC 2014 USA, so that we can advise teams of their qualifying options. This needs to include a process for events to be added and removed from the list by both invitation and request. The following list of qualifying events for WRC2013 is suggested:

World Rogaining Championships, 2010 and 2012
European Rogaining Championships, 2011 and 2012
North American Rogaining Championships, 2011 and 2012
Australian Rogaining Championships, 2011 and 2012

and the following national championships:

Russian Rogaining Championships 2012
Czech Rogaining Championships 2012
New Zealand Rogaining Championships 2012
Finnish Rogaining Championships 2012
Ukrainian Rogaining Championships 2012
United States Rogaining Championships 2012

It is suggested that a Rule is required to guide WRC qualifying events and should include:

- a) the IRF Rules of Rogaining are followed and any adjustments are explicitly outlined in the pre-event information,
- b) the event is open to nationals of other countries and all event information to competitors is provided also in English.

IRF Meetings at World Rogaining Championships: see September R&R

Procedures for announcing results at WRCs: Alan Mansfield is setting up a group to develop guidelines for the release of preliminary results and then final results at World Rogaining Championships. These guidelines will be integrated with potential WRC protests and appeals to clarify the timing for each (AM, LL, others, end February).

Rogaining event calendars for 2012 are being compiled, and inputs have been invited (and received) from Members and Observers (AM, LL).

Sub-committees

Sub-committees in general: The IRF has several active and planned sub-committees to address major issues. The IRF Executive invites rogainers from outside the IRF Council to volunteer for these sub-committees, and where appropriate, the IRF Councillors should approach their associations to extend this invitation. Councillors are encouraged to participate in sub-committee proceedings by either having input at an early stage when the terms of reference are announced, or by contacting the sub-committee chair at any time but earlier rather than later.

Age criteria for championship sub-categories

- a) review the impacts of the current policy
- b) discuss and decide on the age limit for juniors
- c) consider a single ultra-veterans class.

Lauri Leppik provides the following summary to assist decisions for the Junior classes, and he had provided an accompanying table on 19/12. The summary is based on WRCs from 2002, ARCs and ERCs from 2005. At NARCs there have been virtually no junior teams, and so NARCs have not been included in the analysis.

- At ERCs, MJ and XJ categories have been competitive (within the meaning that at least 5 teams compete for 3 medals) from 2006 (except ERC2009 in Finland).
- At WRCs, only the MJ category has been competitive and only in those years when WRC has been held in Europe.
- At ARCs, junior categories have not been competitive, and increasing the age limit to 23 has had no significant effect towards increasing participation.
- As a rule, most of the junior teams have been from the host country/state (except WRC2008 Estonia and ERC2011 Latvia).
- Most of junior teams at ERCs are from Ukraine.
- From 16 junior teams that have signed up for WRC2012, nine teams come from Ukraine.

- At ERC2010 and ERC2011 there have been some issues with fair play - coaches assisting some junior teams in course planning and collaborating for extended periods on the course - which has led to warnings and disqualifications.

Data in support of an ultra-veterans class is in IRF Newsletter #159.

One proposal is to introduce a single age category for all teams 65 years and over (ultra-veterans) and have a single category for those under 20 years (junior). An alternative proposal might be to raise the junior age to reflect physiological development for rogaining.

Rogaining checkpoint markers and description clues

A review (David Baldwin, Bob Reddick, Lauri Leppik): report due end January 2012.

Terms of reference: see October R&R.

Executive Structure sub-committee

Draft guidelines issued 7 October 2011, sub-committee overview October R&R.

Summary to date: the suggestion is to increase the size of the IRF Executive from 5 to 8 members. This would involve a separate Secretary and Treasurer, a new President-elect position and one unassigned position. These changes will help address the increasing workload, and should encourage transitions onto and off the Executive. It is planned to change IRF Executive terms to 3 years (currently 4).

Governance and banking roles are being migrated to the IRF-VRA Liaison Role.

Sub-committee membership: Richard Robinson (chair), Lauri Leppik, Neil Phillips.

Timeframe:

Responses from Council (end December 2011): there has been minor supportive comments related to the above proposal which appears ready to go to Council.

Finances sub-committee

Draft guidelines – 12 October 2011.

Background: see October R&R for sub-committee overview.

Sub-committee membership: Rob Gardner (chair), Bob Reddick, Rebecca Shaw, Richard Robinson.

Progress: the plan for the IRF banking arrangements were sent to Council (27/12) and changes are being made so that Rebecca Shaw can be responsible for the banking from the start of 2012. This will require a change of the IRF Constitution relating to IRF Executive positions and signatories.

Timeframe:

Contribution into 2012 IRF budget (budget to be finalised before the end of January 2012)

Draft plan for future financial system and activities (end February 2011)

Responses from Council (end February 2012)

Final suggestions for finances (end February).

Define options on the calculation methods of membership fees. Discuss the calculation base for regional rogaining championship fees and introduce a NARC fee similar to ERC (Bryant, Leppik, others welcome).

IRF Membership sub-committee

Alan Holdaway (chair), Rod Phillips, Richard Robinson, Lauri Leppik, Jan Tojnar. sub-committee overview October R&R.

Message to IRF Council, 23/11/2011 from the subcommittee.

The following policy has been approved by the Executive and the Membership sub-committee.

Appointment of non-voting Observers to represent a country on the IRF

a) The IRF Council can co-opt individuals onto council as non-voting observers. In some instances, the purpose of this will be to provide representation for a country that has no voting members on Council. Any observer co-opted onto council to represent a country needs to meet the following guidelines.

1) Be involved in organising rogaining events and/or the administration of rogaining in their country.

2) Has the support of their national rogaining community.

3) Is able to represent the views of the rogaining community in that country.

4) Will convey information on IRF decisions and championship rogaines to the rogaining community in their country.

5) Will provide a helpful and positive contribution to the IRF Council and the international rogaining community.

b) Anyone may nominate a person to be an Observer representing a country that has no voting members on Council. The nomination should cover the guidelines listed above. The nomination will be reviewed by the IRF membership committee in the same manner as membership applications and a recommendation will be provided to IRF Council for decision.

c) Observer status ends two years after appointment. Council may re-appoint an observer for further two year periods if the observer continues to meet the guidelines set out above.

d) Observers shall receive all information on matters within the jurisdiction of the Council, they are invited to participate in Council deliberations, but have no vote.

To all IRF Councillors on 28/12

Some IRF Observers represent their country on the IRF. Other IRF Observers are co-opted for a specific reason. All Observer appointments expire after 2 years.

Two observers have been appointed in the last two years - Gediminas Trimakas (representing Lithuania) and Rebecca Shaw (as the VRA-IRF Liaison Officer). The terms of all other observers will expire on March 31st, 2012. Observers can be re-appointed. The membership subcommittee (listed above) will oversee the process of considering renewals and new appointments. Each non-member country should consider working with Alan to arrange ongoing observer representation - holdaway@xtra.co.nz.

IRF Liaison Officer: Rebecca Shaw is now responsible for the purchasing and distribution of Rogaining Promotional material for the IRF. Rogaining associations are encouraged to contact Rebecca (rebecca.shaw@gmail.com) to place orders for promotional material. The current product range consists of navy blue Polo Shirts (\$30AUD), navy blue Soft shell Jackets (\$88AUD), commemorative #150 IRF Newsletter orders for (\$2AUD), car bumper stickers (new batch just printed) and

business cards (new set available). Bulk purchases are preferable so please liaise with your members to develop an order. It is also possible to produce these in your own countries using branding and logo standards.

Annual reporting by IRF to Department of Justice – Consumer Affairs

The IRF reports annually to the Department of Justice as part of maintaining its incorporated status. Much of this process is being transferred to the VRA–IRF Liaison Officer (Rebecca Shaw) during the coming months. The process involves finalising annual financial statements and having these audited, confirming some details about the IRF and its leaders, holding an annual general meeting at which the financial report is approved, and providing a President’s Report.

Community Engagement and Land Access: Land access remains a major issue globally, in different forms, in different areas.

A renewal of the IRF website and transfer of the site to a content management system is underway (Alan Mansfield, David Baldwin, Lisa de Speville).

Executive: Neil Phillips, Lauri Leppik, Alan Mansfield, Rod Phillips.

Neil Phillips