

AMERICAN VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Introduction of Business

I move that:

The paragraph below be inserted into the AVA Policy Manual as Paragraph 4.04 and succeeding paragraphs be renumbered.

4.04 INTERNATIONAL VOLKSSPORT EVENTS

I. GENERAL

As an IVV member country, AVA approves events within the United States, its possessions and territories. In addition, AVA may sanction events in countries where IVV membership does not exist, provided that approval is consistent with IVV goals for promotion of popular sport and international friendship.

II. POLICY

A. Any AVA club may submit a request for approval of an event in a non-IVV country. Approval is granted only by the AVA President, or the President's designee.

B. Rules for conducting events in non-IVV countries are as those shown in 4.06 GENERAL RULES FOR EVENTS. The approving authority may allow exceptions to event rules to accommodate local cultural requirements.

C. Rules for submission of requests are as shown in Paragraph 4.07, RULES FOR EVENT SANCTIONING. Sanctioning. Submit requests via the AVA Electronic Sanctioning System with a Regional Code of FN, denoting a 'foreign' event. The approving authority may allow a manual request.

D. In addition to the requirements of Section 4.0X, each club seeking approval for an event in a non-IVV country must:

1. Submit proof of liability insurance to protect both the club and AVA. Proof of insurance is required before event approval.

2. Describe how the event meets IVV goals to promote international friendship, non-competitive sport and creation of organizations that may become affiliated with IVV. This description must be entered into the Justification portion of the automated sanction request.

3. The IVV stamp for each event must show at least the year of the event, the IVV logo, the initials AVA and the name of the country in which the event takes place, and a stamp number.

4. The club requesting approval may request a custom stamp showing a logo or other identifying mark. The request is subject to approval by the AVA Headquarters. The club shall be billed at the established rate for custom stamps.

E. Inquiries concerning AVA-approved events in non-IVV countries must be addressed to the AVA President or Executive Director.

Summary of Proposed Action:

IVV has no established policy for how or whether an IVV country may sanction events outside its own borders. As a result, the only promotion of volkssport is done by tourism-oriented clubs, which may have conflicting goals of profit. Further, because IVV is concentrated in Europe, there is also little emphasis or interest in spreading volkssport to South America, the Caribbean and Pacific Rim countries.

IVV rules contain goals for promoting volkssport. These goals are incorporated into this motion, which seeks to set policy to increase promotion of volkssport within the western hemisphere. Any AVA club is eligible to hold an event in a non-IVV country, subject to approval of that club's efforts to promote volkssport and to obtain appropriate liability insurance coverage for the event (AVA liability coverage is restricted to the US and its possessions).

In addition, approval of such events is limited to the President, AVA, who is the official AVA representative to IVV in international matters, and because AVA Regional Directors have defined geographic areas within the United States.

Motion Made By: Curt Myron, President, AVA

Seconded By:

Action:

Motion Carried

Motion Failed