



CONSTITUTION OF DORSET & HAMPSHIRE IYENGAR YOGA

1. Title

The name of the Society shall be “Dorset & Hampshire Iyengar Yoga”, referred to in this constitution as “the Organisation”.

2. Objects

- a. To promote public understanding of the principles of Yoga established by Yogacharya B. K. S. Iyengar.
- b. To promote and co-ordinate throughout the Dorset and Hampshire area, classes for the instruction and training of the public in the principles of Yoga established by Yogacharya B K S Iyengar, and to arrange and provide for the holding of demonstrations, meetings, lectures and classes.
- c. To raise funds or borrow money and to invest and receive contributions by way of subscriptions, donations or otherwise, provided that the Organisation shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its charitable objects.
- d. To affiliate all persons subscribing to the Organisation to the Iyengar Yoga Association (UK) and to pay the Iyengar Yoga Association (UK) affiliation fee on behalf of such persons.
- e. To issue a news sheet or periodical publicizing its activities, and to distribute Iyengar Yoga News, the magazine of the Iyengar Association (UK), to all persons subscribing to the Organisation.
- f. To maintain links with other Iyengar Yoga Member Groups and to send a representative to Iyengar Yoga Association (UK) meetings.
- g. To do all such things as are necessary for the attainment of the above objects.

3. Membership

- a. A person who subscribes to the Organisation an annual sum fixed in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be an ordinary member of the Organisation and shall be entitled to attend and vote at all general meetings of the Organisation so long as her/his current subscription due on the 1st of April of each year has been paid, but a

person whose subscription is more than 6 months in arrears shall cease to be a member.

- b. The Executive Committee may in its discretion refuse to accept any person as a member of the Organisation.

4. The Executive Committee

- a. The Organisation shall appoint at the Annual General Meeting an Executive Committee to be constituted as a Chairperson, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and up to seven and not fewer than four other members including any other office bearers deemed necessary.
- b. All Members of the Executive Committee should have a tenure of three years. Executive Committee members may stand for a second term but there must be a gap of one or more terms before anyone can occupy the same position again. The Chairperson, the Membership Secretary, the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer may only hold that office twice.
- c. At least two members of the Executive Committee shall be certified Iyengar Yoga teachers, and at least two shall be Yoga students of more than two years standing.
- d. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill casual vacancies and to co-opt members to the Committee provided that the total number of Committee members shall not exceed ten. Co-opted members shall be proposed for election at the next Annual General Meeting.
- e. The Executive Committee shall appoint such Committees as it thinks fit whether standing or ad-hoc Committees to which specific powers may be delegated. Provided that not more than a minority of the quorum of such Committee shall be non members of the Executive Committee and provided further that all acts and proceedings of any such Committee shall be reported back to the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

5. General Conditions relating to Committee

- a. The quorum of the Executive Committee and Standing and other Committees shall be two-thirds of the membership thereof or five members whichever is the smaller.
- b. The Executive Committee shall hold meetings at least three times a year and not more than five months shall elapse between the date of one meeting and that of the next.
- c. Standing Committees shall meet as often as the Executive Committee shall determine.
- d. Standing Committees may co-opt additional members to attend their meetings for special purposes. Such additional members shall have the right to vote.

6. Meetings of the Organisation

- a. In each year there shall be one Annual General Meeting of the Organisation which shall be held not later than six months after the end of the financial year of the Organisation and such other Extraordinary General Meeting as the Organisation may determine.
- b. Not less than 21 days' written notice of the Annual General Meeting and 14 days' written notice of any Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given to every member providing that the accidental failure to notify any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.
- c. A Special General Meeting of the Organisation shall be called by the Executive Committee on not less than 14 days' notice if so requested in writing by not less than twenty of the members of the Organisation. The notice of requisition shall include the business to be discussed at the Special General Meeting and no other business shall be discussed.
- d. There shall be a quorum when fifteen members including one of the Honorary officers are present.
- e. All motions shall be in writing signed by the proposer and seconder and shall be delivered to the Chairperson and read by him or her before any debate thereon shall take place.
- f. Any matter shall be decided in the first place on a show of hands but the Chairperson may order a secret ballot and must do so if it is requested by more than five members.
- g. The Executive Committee shall have power to make regulations enabling members unable to be present to vote by proxy or in writing.
- h. The matters to be dealt with at the Annual General Meeting shall include:
 - i. The elections to the Executive Committee
 - ii. The appointment of the Auditors of the Organisation
 - iii. The receipt of the Report of the Executive Committee and Standing Committees on the previous year's work, the receipt of the balance sheet and income and expenditure account for the preceding financial year.

7. Functions of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall control and provide the administration of the affairs of the Organisation and in particular:

- a. Formulate and give effect to the general policy of the Organisation.
- b. Give guidance to the Standing and other Committees and receive and consider reports from them.

- c. Fix the amount of the annual membership subscription.
- d. Generally act in the name of the Organisation.

8. Officers

- a. The President of the Organisation shall be Yogacharya B K S Iyengar. The Executive Committee shall appoint a new President to fill any vacancy in the office of President.
- b. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the proper keeping of the Organisation's accounts and shall have power to give receipts for all moneys paid to her or him on the Organisation's account and shall administer the funds of the Organisation in accordance with the instructions of the Executive Committee.
- c. The Honorary Secretary shall attend meetings of the Organisation and the Executive Committee and shall (subject to the directions of the Executive Committee) be responsible for the day to day management of the affairs of the Organisation.
- d. The Chairperson shall be the chairperson of any meeting at which he or she is present. In his or her absence the meeting shall elect a chairperson. The chairperson of any meeting shall have a casting vote.
- e. Minutes of all meetings of the Organisation and of the Executive Committee shall be kept in books provided for that purpose. At every meeting of the Organisation or the Executive Committee the minutes of the last meeting of the Organisation or the Executive Committee (as the case may be) shall be read out and if confirmed by the meeting shall be signed by the Chairperson.
- f. The Executive Committee may appoint and pay such legal and financial advisers as shall from time to time be necessary for the carrying out of the work of the Organisation.
- g. The Executive Committee shall maintain such banking accounts in the name of the Organisation as it thinks fit into such of which as may be appropriate shall be paid all sums of cash for the time being belonging to the Organisation (other than petty cash not exceeding £50.00 or such higher sum as shall be agreed at a General Meeting). Cheques shall be signed by one member of the Executive Committee, who shall be an office bearer.

9. Accounts

- a. The Organisation's financial year shall end on the 31st March in each year.
- b. The Executive Committee shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept with respect to
 - i. All sums of money received and expended by the Organisation and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place
 - ii. The assets and liabilities of the Organisation.

- c. The books of the accounts shall give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Organisation.
- d. The books of account shall be kept at such place and shall be available for inspection by any member at such time as the Executive Committee shall decide.

10. Amendments to the Constitution

- a. Any clause of the Constitution may be altered or revoked and new rules may be made, altered and revoked by a majority of two thirds of the members of the Organisation voting in General Meeting in person or by proxy.
- b. Any proposal to alter a clause or to introduce a new clause must be communicated to the Chairperson in writing at least thirty-five days before the meeting at which the proposal is to be moved and the notice of requisition of such meeting shall include the text of such proposal.

11. Dissolution

The Organisation shall be dissolved in General Meeting on a proposal by the Executive Committee and by a majority of three quarters of the members present and voting in person or by proxy. Any assets remaining after satisfaction of any outstanding liabilities shall be donated to the “Light on Yoga Research Trust, Bombay” for its charitable purposes or such other charitable body as the Executive Committee shall think fit.

12. Law

All matters including disputes will in all respects be governed by English Law.

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Amended for the new name and to replace the word ‘Institute’ with ‘Organisation’ throughout, except in clause 2f where ‘Institutes’ is replaced by ‘Member Groups’.