



# WRSTC Conditions for Regional Councils

1. The WRSTC may appoint a Regional Council for specific geographic areas or territories.
2. The geographic limits of such a territory will be defined at the time of its establishment.
3. The WRSTC may amend the territory for a Regional Council.
4. In the case of a new Regional Council being established, the following conditions shall apply:
  - a. The proposed Regional Council shall submit a set of Bylaws describing how the Regional Council will operate. Once the Regional Council is approved, it shall notify the WRSTC of any changes to these Bylaws for WRSTC approval
  - b. The Regional Council shall submit a written Ethics Procedure designed to ensure the quality management of its members' activities in accordance to WRSTC Conditions for Regional Councils, WRSTC Working Protocols and other official guidelines that may be adopted from time to time.
  - c. The Regional Council shall comply with the requirements specified in the WRSTC Working Protocols for its reporting and operation.
  - d. The members of the Regional Council shall represent at least 50% of the training activity conducted in the respective territory.
  - e. When a new Regional Council is proposed, member organizations from existing Regional Councils shall be invited to join and participate in the establishment of the new Regional Council.
  - f. Any members of the Regional Council using the tradename/trademark of another training organization shall be a duly authorized affiliate or licensee of that training organization.



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- g. The Regional Council shall have the following officers, which shall be held by a minimum of three individuals:

  - i. President
  - ii. Vice-President
  - iii. Secretary
  - iv. Treasurer
- h. The officers of the Regional Council may not promote themselves outside of the RSTC as being on the BOD or holding a particular position on the RSTC. It is acceptable for officers to make their positions known when acting on authorized business for RSTC.
- i. There shall be at least one Annual Meeting of the Regional Council. Any member of the regional council may attend this meeting. Annual Meetings shall be held each year, on a day and at a time and a place designated by the BOD of the Regional Council. The members of the RSTC Regional Council shall be entitled to receive notice of any meeting at least twenty days before the date of such meeting. Written notice of each Annual Meeting shall be given to the Regional Council either personally, by mail or appropriate electronic means. Meetings may be held via teleconference or videoconference, as may be agreed.
- 5. A Regional Council shall continue to comply with all the conditions contained herein unless the WRSTC has provided a specific written waiver to allow exceptions.
- 6. Regional Councils agree to allow representatives of the WRSTC or other Regional Councils to attend Member Council meetings, if requested.



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7. Regional Councils and their members shall oppose, and require any affected international affiliate or licensee to oppose, the implementation of any standard or regulation which would reduce any WRSTC Minimum Course Content Standard.
8. Membership of a Regional Council in the WRSTC shall not be transferable.
9. No person or entity has the right to publicize or disclose the actions of the WRSTC except with the written permission of the WRSTC.
10. Regional Councils shall have all required licenses and permits according to their local governments' statutes and policies.
11. Regional Councils shall comply with relevant labor and tax laws.
12. Regional Councils shall be dissolved upon occurrence of any of the following events:
  - a. The written resignation of the Regional Council is duly accepted by the WRSTC BOD;
  - b. A failure to pay annual dues to WRSTC within the prescribed period;
  - c. The occurrence of any event that renders such Regional Council ineligible for membership according to the terms of these Conditions for Regional Councils;
    - i. If the WRSTC determines that the Regional Council has failed the rules of conduct as specified herein;
    - ii. the training standards established by the WRSTC;
    - iii. the WRSTC Conditions for Regional Councils, WRSTC Working Protocols and other official guidelines of the WRSTC;
    - iv. the Regional Council failing to pay dues or other obligations to the WRSTC;
    - v. the Regional Council has engaged in unlawful or unethical conduct or conduct materially and seriously prejudicial to the interests of the WRSTC or the diving industry, or that discredits the WRSTC;
  - d. to observe or enforce these Conditions for Regional Councils based on:



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13. A Regional Council's membership may be terminated, at any time, at the discretion of the WRSTC, with the unanimous agreement of all other Regional Councils.
14. The WRSTC shall assign a registered mark to the Regional Councils.
15. Each respective council shall be responsible for initially registering the mark in the countries agreed to by the WRSTC and the Regional Council and assigning ownership of the mark(s) to the WRSTC.
16. WRSTC and RSTC reserve all rights to their registered names, marks and logos.
17. The WRSTC may require the Regional Council to register its name, mark and logo in specific countries and assign ownership to the WRSTC