

WFIS - North America



Membership Application Form

World **F**ederation of **I**ndependent **S**couts

WFIS – NA Member Associations:

BPSA Federation of Canada:

BPSA British Columbia

BPSA New Brunswick

BPSA Ontario

CISA – Canadian Independent Scouting Association

TEAC - The Traditional Explorer Association of Ontario

MFIS - Mexican Federation of Independent Scouts

BPS – Baden-Powell Scouting



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http://www.wfis.org.mx/wfis_na/



Dear Applicant Association,

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding membership of the World Federation of Independent Scouts – North America. (WFIS–NA)

To become a member, please follow our application process detailed below. This will give us an understanding of who you are, where you are from and how you operate within your association. We both need time to become familiar with each other's methods and procedures prior to membership commencing.

The WFIS-NA will only accept applications from associations whose activities comply with the WFIS-guidelines (see attachment). Before commencing the application process please ensure that your association bylaws, activities and all related procedures comply with our guidelines and bylaws, as this is compulsory for an application.

The official language of the WFIS-NA is English.

The WFIS-NA is a member of the WFIS-Worldwide.

We hope to see you soon within the WFIS-NA.

Yours in scouting

The Steering Committee
WFIS – North America
P.O. Box 338
Ashford, CT 06278
USA

Application Process:



The following is an excerpt of our bylaws which detail application process for prospective member associations:

3.1 Membership in WFIS is gained by following the steps outlined below.

3.2 Associations must apply for admission in writing to the Regional Council Secretariat.

3.3 The Secretariat shall confirm the admission provisionally in writing (subject to an acceptance vote by the Regional Council), and shall enclose a membership application form. The Secretariat shall ask for copies of the applying associations By-Laws, Section Handbooks, Photo's of activities, and Child Protection Policy.

3.4 The applying association should return the application form along with the other material requested to the Secretariat. All of the material they have submitted is to be reviewed by the Chief Commissioners of the member associations, and a vote is held by the Regional Council, and if accepted, they become a Prospective Member.

3.5 At the next Regional Conference the application is presented. Before this can happen, a Commissioner must have visit and met with the applying association to get an actual look at their association to ensure that it is being run as a proper independent and traditional association.

3.6 If the Association is found to be acceptable to the visiting Commissioner, a detailed report is tabled by them on all aspects of their visit, and a vote is held by the members of the Regional Council, and if accepted, the Prospective Member are granted Probationary Membership for a two (2) years period.

3.7 At the end of their Probationary Membership period, if it is acceptable to the Regional Council, another vote is held by the Regional Council, and they may be granted full membership in the WFIS. If it has been found that the Probationary Member Association is not ready for full membership, a further 2 year period of Probationary Membership may be called for and voted on.

The complete set of WFIS-NA bylaws can be found on our organization's website at http://www.wfis.org.mx/wfis_na/

Within in this document you will find a list of questions, which relate to your initial application.

Also attached is a list of required materials and information regarding the WFIS-NA (e.g. bylaws, training handbooks etc.).

Questions Section:



Association name:

Address:

Country:

Telephone:

E - mail:

Homepage:

Contact Person:

Address:

Country:

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Function:

Members of the Board:



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Which sections i.e. rovers, scouts, cubs or beavers, does your association contain? Please specify and give details (e.g. age ranges):



Information about member groups: Please list names of member groups / current number of members / location / sections / contact person name and address details:



How many members belong (in total) to your association?

What is the annual membership fee for:

a) Member groups – please specify in local currency

b) Individual members – please specify in local currency



Is the association registered? Where is the association registered, under which name, registration number and where? Please specify and give details.



How long has your association existed? Has your association ever existed under another name? If yes please specify and give details

Is your association currently a member of any other scouting association (any other kind of umbrella organization or other)?

If you have been part of another scouting association in the past please inform which association and the reasons why you left that association?



Is your association a member of any other kind of non-governmental or governmental organization? Please specify including address details and contact person?



*Do you receive funds or any other financial support?
Please specify sources and average annual amount
of donations?*



Why do you want to join the WFIS-NA (reasons for joining, expectations)? Please specify and give details.





Please check that you have answered every question and Attached the required information and documentation. This is compulsory for a valid application.

Required materials (compulsory)

- Bylaws in English
- Bylaws in native language
- Association publications (magazines, newsletter, training handbooks, proficiency badge book etc.) printed as well as an electronic version (PDF etc.)

Please send all required materials and the application form to:

**WFIS-NA
David Bielski
P. O. Box 338
Ashford, CT 06278
USA**



WFIS-NA Guidelines

We guarantee that our association operates according to the WFIS Guidelines.



Signature _____

Stamp:



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