



# INTERNATIONAL ROGAINING FEDERATION Inc.

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## IRF Team

President: Neil Phillips  
World Rogaining Championships Manager: Peter Taylor  
Promotions and Development: Alan Mansfield  
Secretary/Treasurer: Rod Phillips  
Technical Manager: Lauri Leppik

## Members of IRF

Czech Republic: Miroslav Seidl, Jan Tojnar  
New Zealand: Pete Squires  
Canada: Murray Foubister  
United States of America: Bob Reddick,  
Eric Smith  
Estonia: Andres Käär, Lauri Leppik  
Latvia: Guntars Mankus  
Russia: Sergey Yashchenko, Evgeny Dombrovskiy  
Ukraine: Efim Shtempler  
Members from Australia: Alan Mansfield, Rod Phillips,  
Neil Phillips, Peter Taylor.

## Observer status

Brazil: José Nilton Silva Vargas  
Canada: Francis Falardeau, Allan Stradeski  
Finland: Iiro Kakko  
Germany: Marko Rößler  
Hong Kong: Patrick Ng  
Ireland: Sean Hassett  
Israel: Dan Chissick  
Japan: Kazuhiro Takashima  
New Zealand: Michael Wood  
Norway: Lars-Åke Svenk  
Russia: German Shestakov  
South Africa: Pieter Mulder  
Sweden: Bengt Nilsson  
Switzerland: Dieter Wolf  
USA: Barb Bryant  
6<sup>th</sup> WRC: Peg Davis

## Role of IRF Executive Team

The following is a summary of the roles and responsibilities taken on by the IRF Executive team. Members and Observers receive a report each month on progress against these roles and responsibilities. We always appreciate offers of assistance.

## Guideline for the IRF Executive Team

The International Rogaining Federation Executive is empowered by the Constitution of the IRF to offer appropriate guidance and leadership to the sport.

To date, IRF leadership has been a voluntary role; and has dealt with issues of compliance, direction, growth, communications, and providing a forum for exchange of ideas. From time to time, further IRF Members and Observers have been co-opted to assist the Executive on special projects (e.g. Pete Squires, Bob Reddick, Pieter Mulder, John Berwick, Alan Mansfield).

**Constitution:** the Constitution of the IRF was adopted in 2000 and has undergone some minor changes since. Each year, it is reviewed, and where necessary, brought up to date.

**Incorporation:** the IRF was founded in 1989, and incorporated in Australia in 2000. It is properly referred to as the International Rogaining Federation Inc.

**Compliance:** To retain its incorporated status, the IRF needs to make an annual return which includes details of the association, President's Report, Financial Report, and Annual General Meeting details. As appropriate, the IRF needs to report Constitutional changes, operate by a budget, and also keep a Members' Register to record each of our Members and their address.

**Strategic plan for rogaining:** *Rogaining: 2010 & Beyond* was published in 2006. The development of the Plan involved input and ideas from rogainers from all rogaining countries, and the formation process is documented in IRF Newsletter #129.

**Code of conduct:** the IRF adopted a Code of Conduct for Rogaining in 2007.

**Rules of Rogaining:** the rules and technical regulations of rogaining are maintained by the International Rogaining Federation, made available on the website, and reviewed prior to World Rogaining Championships and on an 'as-needs' basis.

**Resources:** the IRF has produced car stickers and business cards to help Members and Observers to promote the sport. Two books: *Rogaining ~ Cross country navigation* and *Organizing a rogaine* are available to aid organizers and competitors.

**IRF Members:** Newsletter #131 is devoted to membership issues. Current Members are listed in IRF Newsletter #135.

**IRF Observers:** As listed in IRF Newsletter #135.

**Decision making within the IRF:** The ultimate decision making process within the IRF is the vote of Members as per the Constitution. Day-to-day decisions are either made by the IRF Executive, or passed to Members for their consideration. The Observers are consulted regularly to seek their opinions, and this involvement is encouraged.

**Future membership of the IRF:** current qualifications for IRF Membership are listed in the IRF Constitution. New Membership is granted after a vote amongst IRF Members.

**National rogaining associations:** The IRF encourages the establishment of national rogaining associations, and provides assistance and guidance.

**Roles of IRF Executive:** Peter has oversight responsibility (on the IRF Executive) for 8WRC Estonia 2008, and for leading the decision making process regarding the award of 9WRC in 2010. Lauri's primary responsibility is the success of 8WRC, and he will also make contributions to the Executive where time permits; after 8WRC his focus can be on reviewing the Rules and Technical Regulations of Rogaining. Alan, in the role of promotion & development, is bringing together the annual strategic planning of each country (Part D) which will provide an opportunity to then focus on specific areas. Rod will continue to manage membership, voting and the website, and Neil manages reporting, finances and communications, and functioning of the Executive. Everyone also has the role of oversight of our general direction, and our regular decisions.

**Annual Executive Cycle:** the year has been divided so that the IRF Executive can meet critical deadlines and also provide coverage of various

long-term strategic activities on a regular basis. The annual cycle will appear in IRF Newsletter #137.

**Budget:** the IRF has a bank account (in Melbourne, Australia) with approximately \$AUD4000, and the financial position is communicated to Members regularly. A budget is prepared annually, and Shane Tanner, FCPA, audits the IRF accounts annually. The financial year ends on 31 December.

**Communications:** the IRF uses its website (www.rogaining.com), IRF Newsletters, and Monthly IRF Executive Roles & Responsibilities updates, and Yahoo discussion sites for special events (e.g. Strategic Plan development, Constitution) as its main forms of semi-formal communication.

**IRF Newsletters** are available on the website from issue #30 to #135 covering the last ten years. The remainder will be posted when time permits. IRF Newsletters come out approximately eight times per year and are sent to Members, Observers, interested parties, and ARA President.

**Roles & Responsibilities** reports are sent to Members, Observers and the ARA President around the first week of every month reporting on IRF Executive activities of the previous month, and pre-empting future activities. Summaries are on the website. Reports are designed to be widely accessible.

**Four regional rogaining championships:** the IRF promotes, and facilitates where necessary, four major regional rogaining championships:

- World Rogaining Championships
- European Rogaining Championships
- N American Rogaining Championships
- Australian Rogaining Championships.

**8WRC Estonia 2008:** it is very important that the IRF promotes this key event as much as possible over coming months. This is every IRF member's responsibility.

To all IRF Members and Observers, thank you for your efforts during 2007, and very best wishes for 2008 from the IRF Executive team.