

1 MEMBERSHIP of SU-DS explanation

1.1 NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS (NDSSA)

These are National Organisations that have responsibility for sport for athletes with Down syndrome in their country. ¹

1.1.1 The criteria for acceptance of Country Members:

These are National Organisations that can demonstrate that they have the sole responsibility for the Registration with SU-DS of athletes with Down syndrome.

For Example, such Organisations would include:

FISDIR	Italy
ANDDI	Portugal
FFSA	France
SASA-II	South Africa

- Membership would also include National Organisations for a single sport where that is the only sport for athletes with Down syndrome in that country. However, such organisations should give an undertaking that they would assume responsibility for other sports should that opportunity develop.

1.1.2 Fees

- Membership Fees will be \$500 per year
- Plus \$100 for each Sport – paid to SU-DS who will then distribute to the IDSSF
- This will start in 2018-2019:

1.1.3 NDSSA Constitution and Rules

- Each Organisation would be required to submit their Rules, Constitution and list of Officers.
- They would complete the NDSSA Membership Form

¹ By introducing a National Membership it is hoped that some countries where the different sports are separate and have individual Sports Associations will be encouraged to combine and create what would be seen as a National SU-DS organization.

A single organization has more strength and is more likely to be successful in getting national recognition and potential sponsorship and other funding.

Co-operation at a National level is also a good indicator of their ability and intention to co-operate at the world level of SU-DS.

1.2 NDSSA REGIONS

1.2.1 Africa Region

Algeria	Angola	Benin	Botswana
Burkina Faso	Cameroon	Cape Verde	Central Africa
Chad	Congo	Côte d'Ivoire	Egypt
Ethiopia	Gabon	Gambia	Ghana
Guinea	Guinea-Bissau	Kenya	Lesotho
Liberia	Libya	Madagascar	Mali
Mauritania	Mauritius	Morocco	Mozambique
Namibia	Niger	Nigeria	Rwanda
Senegal	Seychelles	Sao Tomé & Príncipe	
Sierra Leone	South Africa	Sudan	Tanzania
Togo	Tunisia	Uganda	Zambia
Zimbabwe			

1.2.2 Americas Region

Argentina	Barbados	Bermuda	Brazil
Canada	Chile	Colombia	Costa Rica
Cuba	Dominican Republic	Ecuador	El Salvador
Guatemala	Haiti	Honduras	Jamaica
Mexico	Nicaragua	Panama	Peru
Puerto Rico	Suriname	United States	Uruguay
Venezuela			

1.2.3 Asia Region

Afghanistan	Bahrain	Bangladesh	Cambodia
China	Hong Kong	India	Indonesia
Iran	Iraq	Japan	Jordan
Kazakhstan	Korea South	Kuwait	Kyrgyzstan
Lao	Lebanon	Macao	Malaysia
Mongolia	Myanmar	Nepal	Oman
Pakistan	Palestine	Philippines	Qatar
Saudi Arabia	Singapore	Shri Lanka	Syria
Taiwan	Tajikistan	Thailand	Timor-Leste
Turkmenistan	United Arab Emirates	Uzbekistan	Vietnam

1.2.4

Albania	Andorra	Armenia	
Azerbaijan	Austria	Bosnia & Herzegovina	
Belarus	Bulgaria	Croatia	Cyprus Czech
Republic	Belgium Denmark	Spain	Estonia Faroe
Islands	Finland	France	Great Britain
Georgia	Germany	Greece	Hungary
Ireland	Iceland	Israel	Italy

Latvia	Lichtenstein	Lithuania	Luxemburg
Moldavia	Macedonia	Malta	Netherlands
Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania
Russia	Slovenia	Serbia	Slovakia
Sweden	Turkey	Ukraine	

1.2.5 Oceania Region

Australia	New Zealand	Fiji
Papua New Guinea Samoa	Tonga	Vanuatu

2 THE ROLE OF SU-DS MEMBERS

From 2018 to 2020 (the date of the next Trisome Games) Members would be part of a consultative group that will develop:

- A Constitution for SU-DS
- The format of the Executive Committee
- Be a consultative body for matters concerning the next Trisomy Games in 2020
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At the first General Assembly of SU-DS to be held during the Trisome Games of 2020 SU-DS ONLY Members will be able to

- Nominate for the SU-DS Executive positions
- Submit motions
- Vote in elections and for motions presented.

3 REGISTRATION OF ATHLETES

A generic Registration Form was developed so that athletes need only register once whatever sports they participate in. In time this will streamline the registration process and avoid repetitive form filling and evidence gathering for the athletes.

This Form is now available on the website. Some sports, such as swimming and gymnastics will have additional forms. These Forms and the Guidance notes that accompany them may be found on www.SU-DS.org