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The Region comprises of registered riding clubs of the Association of Irish Riding Clubs who co-operate for their mutual benefit. Clubs should find most of their support within their region.

Each region is based on geographical area of reasonable distance and of reasonable membership. The boundaries of each region are determined by the Executive Committee.

Role of the Region

The primary role of the region is to support clubs within its area and to ensure that the rules of the Association are upheld. It does this in a number of ways:

1. Co-ordinate Regional Activities

Each region produces an annual calendar of activities and these are co-ordinated within each region.

2. Co-ordinate Championship Qualifiers

Qualifiers for national championships are co-ordinated through National Office annually. Each region submits proposed dates and venues each year and a national list is then published.

Each region must monitor and ensure that each qualifier is run in accordance with the rules of each respective championship.

3. Training

Training programmes are produced in accordance with the Regional Training Bursary scheme with applications submitted through the Regional Secretary.

Equitation and horse care exams at level three are co-ordinated at regional level.

4. Benefits for the Association

The region provides an opportunity for members and clubs to direct policies and the future development of the Association through the National Committee representatives of the region.

It affords the Association with a structure to communicate with clubs and members on policy changes and other initiatives to develop and grow the Association.

It ensures that the aims and ethos of the Association are maintained and delivered at local level.

It enables a structure to enable new clubs to be established, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, with the benefits of the support mechanisms of the region.

5. Grading

To monitor the grades of riders within its area to ensure compliance with the grading rules of the Association. It also approves changes to the grades of riders and notifies National Office of these.

6. Public Relations

It promotes activities of the Association through good community and public relations at local level within the region.

The Committee

The regional committee comprises of the following:

- Regional Chairperson
- Regional Secretary
- Regional Treasurer
- Regional Grading Officer
- Regional Public Relations Officer
- National Committee Representatives
- Club Delegates (Two nominated persons from each club).

Consult document D41/12 for a description of each officer's roles and functions.

All decision making in relation to the region must be ratified by the regional committee and such decisions must remain within the parameters of the Articles of Association and Rules of the A.I.R.C.

Committee Meetings

Meetings should take place regularly with a recommendation of not less than 4 times each year. These meetings may be opened up to allow individual members from clubs within the region to attend.

Clubs are entitled to request items to be added to the agenda for any meeting. These must be submitted to the regional secretary within a reasonable timeframe prior to the issuance of an agenda for the meeting.

It must hold an Annual General Meeting before the end of October each year. The agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the region must include at minimum:

- Approval of minutes of the previous meeting
- Matters Arising
- Annual Report
- Treasurers Report
- Election of Officers:
 - Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Grading Officer
 - Public Relations Officer
 - National Committee Representatives (x3)
- Any Other Business

Notice of meetings must be sent to National Office by submitting an event notification form. Minutes of meetings must also be forwarded to National Office once available after each meeting.

Voting

Each club is entitled to cast one vote via one of its nominated club delegates in the event of a ballot being taken at a committee meeting. In the event of a tie, the regional chairperson may cast a deciding vote. All other regional officers are not entitled to cast a vote.