

EXPLANATORY NOTE TO RULES AND ETHICS

Members are encouraged to read both the new draft Rules and Code of Ethics and provide their feedback. In revising these documents, National Executive has attempted to meet our new legal requirements, respect IYTA's long history and make the wording as relevant as possible to the needs and aspirations of the current and future membership.

For example:

1. The rule relating to winding up needed to be changed to comply with the Charities Act 2005. IYTA applied to the Charities Commission for registration as a charity, pursuant to the new Act. IYTA needs to amend its winding up Rules before registration is granted. If the new Rules are approved by the Charities Commission we can be registered as a charity and the accounts no longer need auditing. This will save IYTA a lot of money. The new Rules also need to be approved by the Companies Office.
2. The membership clauses have been changed to reflect current practice, and to allow for possible reduction of fees to some members (Fellow Members), which will be necessary if the remit put to this year's AGM about this is passed.
3. The Executive clause has been changed to reflect the new branches and the current situation.
4. There are some different descriptions for the yama and niyama in the Code of Ethics. There are many ways to describe these important foundations of Yoga. The intent and interpretation is the same, but we have attempted to describe them in a way that is relevant and easily understood by non-yogis. Do let us know if you prefer the old wording (that was attached to the back of the current Rules, a copy of which you can see on the website).

Please note that the legal name (IYTA) has been used in the Rules as it is a legal document, and in the Code of Ethics, as the Code relates to teachers only. There is a reference to our companion name Yoga Aotearoa in the Ethics.

There is an abridged version of our Mission attached as an Appendix to the Ethics, with our Vision. Some Values have also been included in the Appendix, following on from the meeting in July last year in Christchurch. The full Mission is in the Rules.

If you have any feedback on either the Rules or the Code of Ethics, or the new Values, the IYTA Executive would welcome your comments. Please do note though that the Rules are a legal document and some clauses are compulsory.

Please send any comments to:

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Thank you for helping us to achieve our update of these key documents.