

Mission Statement and Goals of the International Iyengar Yoga Association

Mission Statement:

To facilitate communication, harmony and unity among Iyengar yoga practitioners throughout the world in order to promote the teachings of Sri B.K.S. Iyengar and maintain the teaching standard set by him.

Goals:

Under the guidance of B.K.S. Iyengar, his heirs or assigns, the International Iyengar Yoga Association shall support the aims and objectives of the Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute in the following manner:

1. Provide support for emerging and existing Iyengar yoga associations, institutes, and groups worldwide;
2. Maintain an international database of member associations' policies and procedures, certified teachers, and teacher trainers.
3. Maintain an international database of archival materials relating to B.K.S. Iyengar, his family, and teachings.
4. Provide guidelines and standards for teacher training and certification to foster a consistent process.
5. Provide a forum for unresolved grievances.
6. Protect the use of the Iyengar name.

as formulated in Santa Clara, California, July 2007

Objects of the International Iyengar Yoga Association
(from Chapter 1.5 of Draft Constitution)

- i) to spread the teaching of Yogacharya Sri B.K.S. Iyengar and to maintain the teaching standard set by him;
- ii) to facilitate the instruction and training of its members and the public in the principles of yoga established by Yogacharya Sri B.K.S. Iyengar;
- iii) to advance public education in the classical teachings of yoga based upon the principles of the highest standards of personal conduct and service to others;
- iv) to arrange and provide for the holding of yoga demonstrations, meetings, conventions, lectures and classes;
- v) to support the aims and objects of the RIMYI and as set out in Appendix A;
- vi) to encourage communication, harmony and unity among Iyengar yoga practitioners throughout the world (move higher up in list?);
- vii) to oversee the training and assessing of applicants for teaching certificates and to issue those certificates as determined by the Honorary President or his successor, and by the RIMYI. The certificates are those of the RIMYI and shall remain the property of the Association;
- viii) to promote and support the maintenance of high ethical and teaching standards by its members and assist them in the furtherance of these;
- ix) to implement a structured complaints procedure for the resolution of complaints regarding the conduct and competence of its members;
- x) to maintain an international register of approved associations and teachers of Iyengar yoga;
- xi) to maintain an international register of approved teacher trainers of Iyengar yoga;
- xii) to publish a magazine and/or other publications;
- xiii) to promote and advance the study and the practice of, and research into, the therapeutic effects of Iyengar yoga as a means of improving the mental physical and spiritual health of the community, and to publish the results of any such research;
- xiv) to establish and maintain links with Iyengar associations, institutes and groups around the world;
- xv) to employ staff, own property, borrow money, raise funds including by subscription, incur expense or do any other thing in pursuance of these aims and objects;
- xvi) to create, promote and/or market books, tapes, videograms and other materials that help and promote the teachings of Yogacharya Sri B. K. S. Iyengar;
- xvii) to further the interests of Iyengar yoga and its teachers by making representations to governments and negotiating with international intergovernmental organizations or non-governmental organizations and other interested and representative bodies;
- xviii) to advance generally the present and future welfare of its members.

as discussed and approved in Santa Clara, California, USA, July 2007.