ICF

CHAPTER AND CHARTERED CHAPTER

AGREEMENT

By and Between

INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION

And

[insert chapter name]

[insert date]

ICFCHAPTER AGREEMENT

This Chapter Agreement (the “Agreement”) is made this \_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 201\_, by and between the International Coach Federation, a Nevada nonprofit corporation (the “ICF”) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (the “Chapter”).

**PREAMBLE**

The purpose of granting ICF chapter status is to promote and advance the mission and vision of the ICF within the Chapter’s ICF designated geographic area or territory. Hereinafter, “chapter” refers to Chapters and Charter Chapters.

# **GRANT OF ICF CHAPTER STATUS**

The ICF hereby grants to the Chapter the authority to organize and operate as a chapter of the ICF and the Chapter agrees to operate in a manner consistent with the requirements established by the ICF and this Chapter Agreement and any attachments hereto. As a condition of receiving and maintaining ICF’s approval to operate as a chapter, the Chapter shall develop and be guided in all its operations and activities by a written statement of mission, vision and values, strategic plan and ethics consistent with those established by ICF and its tax-exempt purposes.

# **RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF AN ICF CHAPTER**

As a Chapter of ICF, the Chapter is entitled to:

### be identified as a chapter of ICF;

### use the name “INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION” OR “ICF” in conjunction with the geographical area name, as in the International Coach Federation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter; under the terms of the ICF License attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “ICF License”);

### offer the ICF programs to the Chapter’s members;

### use the INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION/ICF mark(s) and logo to indicate membership in and affiliation with the ICF. Specific Chapter use of the ICF mark(s) and logo is governed by the policies, procedures and standards established by the INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION and set forth in the ICF License attached hereto and made a part of this Agreement;

### develop, manage and maintain a Chapter of the ICF within [insert geographical area or country\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_];

### be identified on the ICF Web site as a Chapter;

### participate in ICF branded global conferences and other ICF related conference activities;

### be involved with monitoring and shaping regulatory issues; and

### receive web site branding assistance.

### in the case of a Chartered Chapter, and where applicable, to receive rebates from the ICF in accordance with ICF policy.

# **CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

The Chapter agrees to:

### at all times operate in a manner consistent with the tax-exempt purposes, vision, mission and values and strategic plan, and adhere to the policies and standards of the ICF, including, but not limited to, the ICF Code of Ethics and Ethical Conduct Review Process, the Chapter’s and ICF Bylaws, ICF Program Accreditation Code of Conduct and the ICF Chapter Leader Ethical Guidelines;

### develop, manage and maintain itself as a chapter of the ICF within its geographical area or territory only, in such manner and subject to the requirements and limitations set forth by the ICF chapter requirements and in the ICF Chapter Leader Ethical Guidelines issued to the Chapter.

### participate in the activities, programs and business of the ICF;

### support the ICF by keeping historical records and data in accordance with Article 5, below;

### engage in education on the local level, building local and regional alliances and seeking sponsorships within the parameters developed and provided by the ICF;

### organize a minimum of six (6) education activities with continuing coach education credits- per calendar year at least one of which shall be focused on professional ethics;

### communicate directly to chapter members in the geographical area in which the Chapter is authorized to operate as a chapter;

### provide networking opportunities for the Chapter’s members and establish the Chapter as a local source of information, expertise and resources;

### develop and maintain a current and relevant Chapter website in compliance with such guidelines as the ICF may require from time to time in its sole discretion;

### participate in ICF Regional Systems;

### maintain a paid and approved membership of at least twenty (20) current ICF members (Chapter) or at least fifty (50) current ICF members (Charter Chapter) at all times or such number as may be determined by the ICF Board of Directors from time to time in its sole discretion;

### recruit members for the ICF and the Chapter from within your Chapter’s designated geographical area or territory;

### engage in regular communication with regional support team;

### actively promote the ICF credentialing process and other global programs;

### submit reasonably detailed Chapter activity reports and financial reports to the ICF annually together with supporting documentation as may be requested by the ICF (as more particularly set forth in Article 9);

### maintain a qualified board of directors who shall be current ICF members and retain their membership throughout their term; in addition, all chapter board members are expected to complete volunteer leader training within three (3) months of assuming a chapter leadership position and agree to comply with such conflict of interest and other policies as ICF may develop and apply to chapters and their board members from time to time

### maintain insurance coverage requiredby applicable law or in such limits or amounts as is necessary and prudent for the Chapter’s operation and provide ICF with evidence of such insurance coverage;

### be in ICF brand alignment according to the ICF Brand Manual; and

### satisfy all other chapter requirements as established by the ICF from time to time and set forth in agreements entered into between the ICF and the Chapter.

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BYLAWS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Chapter has provided to the ICF, and the ICF has approved, the Chapter’s articles of incorporation (where applicable and required) and bylaws (the “Chapter Articles and Bylaws”). The Chapter Articles and Bylaws shall remain consistent in all material respects with the ICF’s articles of incorporation and bylaws. Any amendments to the Chapter’s Articles and Bylaws must first be submitted to, and approved by, the ICF. The Chapter shall conduct its activities at all times in strict accordance with the Chapter Articles and Bylaws, and shall comply at all times with all of the requirements set forth in the ICF’s Articles and Bylaws and this Chapter Agreement, and all other chapter related policies, guidelines, procedures, handbooks, or other written guidance previously provided or hereafter provided by the ICF.

# **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

The Chapter represents and warrants that it is in full compliance with all applicable laws (including rules, regulations, codes, plans, injunctions, judgments, orders, decrees, rulings, and charges thereunder) of federal, state, provincial, local, and foreign governments (and all agencies thereof) (collectively, “Applicable Laws”), and shall remain in full compliance with, and otherwise conduct its activities at all times in accordance with, all Applicable Laws. The Chapter represents and warrants that it has and at all times shall maintain all permits, licenses and other governmental approvals that are necessary for its operations and activities and compliance with the terms of this Agreement. In addition, Charter Chapters (Chapter when and where applicable) agree to at all times comply with the public disclosure requirements for tax-exempt or not-for-profit organizations imposed by the country in which the Chapter resides and operates.

The Chapter further agrees that in the course of its existence and operation as an ICF chapter, it shall at all times comply in full with applicable national/federal, including the General Data Protection Regulations of the European Union (GDPR), state, provincial, and/or local laws and regulations as they apply to and govern the Chapter’s collection, storage, security, use and dissemination of ICF and Chapter member personal information and data. Furthermore, the Chapter agrees to comply in full with any and all procedural measures and policies enacted by the ICF for the Chapter’s protection, storage, use, dissemination and security of ICF and Chapter member personal information and data.

# **MEMBERSHIP**

Chapter membership categories and qualifications for admissions shall be established by the Chapter in accordance with the provisions of the Chapter bylaws and be consistent with the categories of and qualifications for membership in the ICF, and applicable procedures established by the ICF Board of Directors for membership. These categories and qualifications of membership, as well as policies and procedures for membership may be subject to change by the ICF Board of Directors from time to time upon written notice from the ICF.

# **CONFLICT WITH ICF**

The Chapter agrees not to conduct, endorse, offer, promote, develop or support any program, meeting, convention or educational event or engage in any conduct or activity which conflicts with any ICF activity, program or policy without the express prior written approval of the ICF. During the term of this Agreement and for a period of one year following the expiration or termination of this Agreement, the Chapter shall not form a relationship with, join or become a chapter of any other trade association that competes directly or indirectly with the ICF without the express prior written consent of the ICF.

Consistent with the above stated goal of avoiding or reducing the risk of real or potential conflicts of interest, no officer or member of the Chapter Board of Directors shall, while serving in that capacity, also serve as an officer or director of any other professional association that operates within the coaching industry. A violation of this provision may give rise to sanctions issued by the ICF, up to and including termination of ICF Chapter status.

# **ETHICAL VIOLATIONS**

The Chapter, its leadership and members acknowledge and agree to abide and be bound by the ICF Code of Ethics and the policies and procedures determined by the ICF to uphold and enforce the same. In the event of an actual or alleged ethical violation of the ICF Code of Ethics by a Chapter member, any Chapter member or client may report such breach or alleged breach to the ICF in accordance with the ICF Ethical Conduct Review Process as determined by the ICF from time to time. Authority over the receipt, investigation and hearing of any complained violation of the ICF Code of Ethics rests solely with ICF and the ICF Independent Review Board (IRB). A Chapter shall have no authority to make a final determination as to a claimed violation of the ICF Code of Ethics, nor shall it be authorized to sanction the Global Member or remove or suspend a member’s Credential.

The Chapter leadership further agrees to at all times be bound by and adhere to the ICF Chapter Leader Ethical Guidelines. A violation of this requirement may subject the violating party and/or the Chapter to sanctions determined and imposed by the ICF Global Board in its reasonable discretion, up to an including termination of ICF chapter status.

# **REVIEW OF CHAPTER ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITY**

The Chapter shall maintain reasonable records related to all of its programs, activities, finances, and operations. The Chapter agrees to provide ICF with an annual report as to Chapter’s programs, activities, finances and operations within 60 days after the end of each fiscal year. The Chapter agrees to at all times maintain responsibility and supervision of its own business affairs.

# **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

## The Chapter will open and maintain such separate bank accounts in the name of the Chapter as may be required for the Chapter to conduct its business. Such information shall be disclosed to ICF upon written request.

## The Chapter will conduct its financial activities in accordance with policies and procedures established by ICF and set forth in the Chapter’s and ICF’s bylaws and adopted policies.

## The Chapter will be solely responsible for all contracts, agreements, leases, and financial liabilities and obligations incurred by the Chapter in connection with its operation, activities, programs and events. The Chapter is prohibited from entering into any financial obligation or incur any debt in the name of ICF or that in any manner binds the ICF. The Chapter agrees to indemnify, defend and hold ICF harmless from and against any and all third-party claims made against the ICF and which arise out of or result from any contract entered into by the Chapter or any debt or financial obligation incurred by the Chapter.

## The ICF shall not be responsible for or liable for the payment of any Chapter obligations unless the ICF has specifically agreed to such responsibility in writing, signed by the Executive Director/CEO with the approval of the ICF Board of Directors.

# **REVIEW OF CHAPTER GOVERNANCE**

## The Chapter agrees to review and provide ICF, on an annual basis, with updated copies of Chapter’s articles of incorporation and bylaws, policies and procedures, and a list of the Chapter’s Board of Directors, officers, committee chairs and staff, including relevant contact information.

# **TERRITORY**

## The ICF grants the Chapter the non-exclusive right to organize and conduct programs within the geographical area of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

## The Chapter may not hold ICF or Chapter programs outside of its geographical area, except offering teleconference calls or web-based programs open to other Chapters/ICF members, without the prior written approval of the ICF Board of Directors.

## The Chapter’s territory may not be changed or altered without the prior written approval of the ICF Board of Directors.

# **INDEMNIFICATION**

## The Chapter agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless ICF, its officers, directors, employees, members, agents and representatives from and against any and all claims, demands, actions and damages to persons or property, losses and liabilities, including reasonable attorney’s fees, arising out of or caused by the breach of this Agreement, a contractual or financial obligation or debt of the Chapter, or the negligence or intentional misconduct of the Chapter, its officers, directors, employees, members, agents or representatives in connection with any of the Chapter’s operations or activities, including any event, program or activity sponsored, managed or operated by the Chapter either individually or jointly with the ICF, another chapter or any other third party.

## Furthermore, the Chapter agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the ICF, its officers, directors, employees, members, agents and representatives from any and all claims, demands, actions and/or damages, losses and liabilities, including reasonable attorney’s fees, arising directly or indirectly out of or caused by the Chapter’s use of the ICF name, logo or mark in a manner inconsistent with or in violation of this Agreement, the ICF Chapter requirements issued to the Chapter, or the Limited License to Use Marks and Logos of the International Coach Federation.

## The Chapter’s indemnifications obligations hereunder shall require the Chapter to provide payment to the ICF for all costs and expenses as they are incurred by the ICF. The Chapter shall promptly notify the ICF upon receipt of any claim of which it becomes aware and hereby grants to the ICF the right to conduct the defense of any claim for which the ICF is entitled to indemnification hereunder. This Chapter duty of indemnification shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

# **TERM AND TERMINATION**

## The term of this Chapter Agreement shall commence on the date hereof and shall continue until revoked by ICF pursuant to Section 14.2 or surrendered by the Chapter pursuant to Section 14.3.

## The ICF shall have the authority to revoke this Chapter Agreement and the rights and privileges afforded hereunder if ICF’s Board of Directors determines that the Chapter is in breach of any provision of this Agreement. Any decision by the ICF to revoke this Chapter Agreement shall be initiated by sending written notice to the Chapter specifying the grounds upon which the revocation is based; provided, however, that the ICF shall provide the Chapter with thirty (30) days from the date of such notice to cure the breach giving rise to the revocation. If the ICF determines, in its sole discretion, that the Chapter has not cured the breach leading to the ICF’s revocation decision, then the ICF shall notify the Chapter in writing of such fact and the revocation shall become final and binding. The ICF may also revoke this Chapter Agreement for convenience by giving the Chapter thirty (30) days’ prior written notice of such revocation.

## The Chapter may surrender its ICF chapter status at any time by delivering to the ICF written notice of its intention to do so not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of such surrender. All Chapter financial obligations must be satisfied prior to the effective date of such surrender of Chapter status.

## In the event of a revocation or surrender of the Chapter status granted under this Chapter Agreement for any reason, the Chapter will immediately and permanently discontinue its use of the ICF name as it has been incorporated into the Chapter’s name, as well as the ICF logo, domain, design or mark and to cease any further representations of affiliation or relationship with the ICF.

## If this Chapter Agreement is revoked or surrendered or the Chapter is dissolved, all monies and other assets of the Chapter shall be the property of, and will be surrendered to the ICF.

# **MISCELLANEOUS**

## Entire Agreement. This Agreement, in conjunction with the documents referred to herein and attached hereto, constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties as to the subject matter hereof and supersedes and replaces all prior agreements between the parties relating to the subject matter hereof.

## Governing Law. This Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada without regard to principles of law that would require the application of the laws of another jurisdiction.

## Amendments to the Agreement. This Agreement may be amended or modified only upon the prior written consent of the ICF Board of Directors.

## Assignment. The Chapter may not assign, waive or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the ICF, which shall be at the ICF’s sole discretion. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

## Waiver of Provisions. Any waiver of any terms and conditions hereof must be in writing and signed by the Chapter and ICF. The waiver of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any other terms and conditions hereof.

## Parties in Interest; No Third-Party Beneficiaries. Except as set forth in Article XIII (13), Indemnification, neither this Agreement nor any other agreement contemplated hereby shall be deemed to confer upon any person not a party hereto or thereto any rights or remedies hereunder or thereunder.

## Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term hereof, such provision shall be fully severable and this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision never comprised a part hereof, and the remaining provisions hereof shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision or by its severance here from. Furthermore, in lieu of such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision, there shall be added automatically as part of this Agreement a provision as similar in its terms to such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision as may be possible and be legal, valid and enforceable.

## Captions. The captions in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the interpretation, construction or meaning of any of the terms or provisions hereof.

## Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement by their officers duly authorized on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_.

INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION

By

Magdalena N. Mook

Executive Director/CEO

[CHAPTER] or [CHARTER CHAPTER]  
\*Select applicable designation

By

Name:

Title:

**EXHIBIT A**

**License to Use International Coach Federation Marks**

**and Logos**

The following confirms in writing the terms of the Chapter’s limited, revocable and non-transferrable license to use the membership marks, logos, trademarks and service marks of the INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION (hereinafter “ICF”) conferred upon the Chapter by virtue of its affiliation with ICF.

ICF Chapters in good standing will have the right to use the ICF marks and logos set forth in the Schedule attached hereto to solely indicate affiliation or Chapter status with ICF. Use of these marks and logos shall be subject to ICF’s prior written approval and in strict accordance with the policies, procedures and standards established by ICF and described in the ICF Brand Manual. The following are the current terms and conditions of use which are subject to change by ICF from time to time.

1. Only active brand compliant Chapters in good standing may use the ICF marks and logos. The right to use ICF marks and logos may not be assigned or transferred to others and shall automatically terminate upon termination of the Chapter’s affiliation/relationship with ICF.
2. The duration of this license shall coincide with the duration of the Chapter’s affiliation/relationship with ICF, subject to earlier termination as set forth in Paragraph 8 of this License Agreement.
3. The Chapter may use the ICF name and marks and logos only in connection with advertising, marketing, promotional, educational and fund solicitation activities to indicate affiliation or Chapter status with ICF, in accordance with the policies, quality and graphic standards established by ICF from time to time.
4. Chapter may not alter the logo in any way as provided to it by the ICF for use as outlined in the ICF Brand Identity Manual. The Chapter shall have the right to use the ICF marks as part of its business name in the geographical area in which it has been authorized to operate by ICF and as set forth in the Chapter Agreement with ICF, for example, “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of the International Coach Federation or ICF.” However, the chapter name cannot be altered and words, phrases or designations may not be added to the ICF-provided chapter name.
5. The Chapter shall clearly display its complete name, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, when the mark ICF or INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION appears in any materials distributed to the public and/or to members, including but not limited to advertising, marketing, promotional, educational and fund solicitation materials, whether print material, television, radio, video, or social media.
6. The Chapter shall at all times use and clearly display such notices of registration or ownership by the ICF with the licensed marks and logos and shall display said marks only in such format as ICF may specify from time to time, or in such other communications as ICF shall furnish to the Chapter from time to time. ICF shall have the right to reasonably verify the Chapter’s compliance with the terms of this License Agreement.
7. The Chapter may NOT state, imply or use the ICF marks to state or imply that ICF endorses any member’s or third party’s product or service without the express written permission of the ICF Board of Directors.
8. Upon ICF’s written request, the Chapter shall provide ICF with samples of its uses of the ICF mark and logo. Upon notice from ICF that any use by the Chapter of the ICF marks and logos is not approved (in ICF’s sole discretion) by ICF, the Chapter shall immediately discontinue such use and/or correct such usage to ensure strict compliance with ICF requirements, subject to ICF’s written approval.
9. This License Agreement shall remain in effect for the duration of the Chapter’s status as a Chapter of ICF, that is, until the Chapter:
   1. has its Chapter Agreement and this limited license canceled or revoked; or
   2. is terminated under the terms of this paragraph; or
   3. fails to cure a breach of this License Agreement within sixty (60) days following receipt of a written demand by ICF to cure the breach; or
   4. in the event of termination of the Chapter’s existence as a legal entity or loss of tax-exempt or not-for-profit status, its bankruptcy or liquidation, or its public announcement of intent to discontinue such existence, whichever occurs first; or
   5. fails to adhere to the specific policies, procedures and standards for use of the ICF mark and logo as established by ICF; and
   6. gives sixty (60) days written notice of termination to ICF.
10. Upon termination of this License for any reason, the Chapter shall discontinue immediately all use of the ICF marks and logos. It shall further dispose of by delivery to ICF or by destruction, at its option and free of any charge to ICF, all advertising, promotional, marketing, educational and fund solicitation materials and all other materials bearing the name of ICF or any licensed mark of ICF.
11. The Chapter recognizes the ICF's exclusive right, title and ownership interest in and to the ICF marks and logos and shall not claim any right title or interest in the ICF marks and logos except as is specifically granted by this Agreement. All goodwill generated from the use of the ICF marks and logos shall inure solely to the benefit of ICF.

WHEREUPON, the parties hereto have executed this licensing agreement by their officers duly authorized on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

By

Magdalena N. Mook

Executive Director/CEO

International Coach Federation

By\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter President

**Schedule**

ICF Marks and Logos

CHARTER of the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CHAPTER CHARTER**

BY RESOLUTION of the INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION (“ICF”), this Charter has been granted to the entity known as the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter of the INTERNATIONAL COACH FEDERATION.

This Charter confers upon the Chapter the authority to use the name “International Coach Federation” or “ICF” in its title and to exercise all rights and privileges of an ICF Chapter pursuant to the Bylaws of the ICF within the geographical area of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Chapter shall be constituted and function by authority of the Board of Directors of the ICF and the Chapter shall derive all of its powers and prerogatives exclusively from the ICF.

The Chapter shall perform its duties and obligations in accordance with the policies and procedures imposed by the Chapter Agreement of the ICF as well as the requirements stated in the Chapter Toolkit and Chapter Leader Training, and shall conduct itself solely for the purpose of achieving the goals and mission of the ICF, within its geographical area.

In testimony whereof, I Magdalena N. Mook. Executive Director/CEO of the

International Coach Federation have hereunto set my hand this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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Magdalena N. Mook  
Executive Director/CEO  
International Coach Federation