

The Fellowship of International Centurions

Committee role and objectives:

Name of committee - “International Centurion Committee”:

1. Comprising a maximum of 10 members with at least one representative of each current member of the Fellowship (where available and desired).
 - a. Current members (at 14 October, 2022) are considered to be Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom (British), United States of America, the Netherlands (Continental).
2. Committee positions remain for 3 years, with unlimited extension possible should no alternative candidates wish to join the committee.
 - a. Inaugural committee formation date is 24 October 2022.
 - b. If multiple persons wish to join the committee from the same jurisdiction, then this matter will be dealt with at the time.
 - c. Should a committee member wish to leave the committee, then an informal call for a new member from the parting members jurisdiction will be made.
 - i. If multiple members from the departing members jurisdiction are already on the committee, then there is no formal need to find a replacement.
3. New committee members may be added at any time, up to the maximum of 10 persons or less.
 - a. The committee determines whether or not to accept a new member request.

Purpose of committee:

1. To establish and maintain rules for the conduct of new international centurion qualifying events.
2. To provide general support and assistance to event organisers who are applying to become formally recognised as an international centurion event, and wish to join the Fellowship of International Centurions.
3. To establish and maintain an online presence where information about the Fellowship of International Centurions will be available.

Background of the committee:

Centurion walking has been officially recognized globally since at least 1911 when the UK Centurions was established. Since then, events with an annually focus have been founded in the Netherlands (Continental), Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, United States of America and Africa (South Africa).

The Malaysian centurion is no longer being held (held between 2001 and 2005), and the African centurion has not been held since 2019 (held between 2016 and 2019).

Prior to the establishment of this international committee, there was no central body with a goal of ensuring that events were undertaken in a manner that would uphold the integrity of this prestigious sport.

In October 2022 a German event was held which arguably was not conducted in a manner considered appropriate to uphold the integrity and expectations of international centurion qualifying events.

Whilst some members of the Fellowship currently have rules in place for their own annual events (UK and Australian requirements are available on their respective websites for example), there is no requirement for new events to adopt these or any other rules or standards.

That German event highlighted the need for a single international committee to be initially responsible for establishing clear minimum expectations for future events, and to ratify any application for a future event to join the Fellowship.

This process is expected to lend confidence to potential entrants, and also help event organisers to understand and meet minimum obligations for a successful international event.

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