

Establishing a National Suzuki Association in a new country.

A note for prospective organisers

Anyone interested in setting up a national Suzuki Association in a country in Europe, the Middle East or Africa, should start by contacting the ESA office where we will assist in every stage of the process. We will ask for references and information about qualifications and experience from the group of individual involved in the proposed project.

The process has three stages, which may overlap.

1. Setting up the association according to ESA rules
2. Applying for membership of ESA – see separate document
3. Signing a Name Agreement sub-licence giving the new association certain rights to use of the Suzuki Name and Trademark. The ESA will issue full guidance as soon as a new association's membership has been accepted.

General principles and rules

Constitution: The Association will need a constitution, drawn up in accordance with legal practice in the country concerned. In accordance with the Name Agreement, which ESA has signed with ISA, the Constitution must specify that the **purpose of the Association is to further the educational aims and methods established by Dr Shinichi Suzuki.**

Only one national association per country, which must be open and democratically constituted.

The ESA can only recognise one national association in each country. It follows, therefore, that the association must be prepared to cover the Suzuki teaching and teacher training activities of all Suzuki teachers and groups in the country; it must be democratically constituted and open to all interested teachers and others in accordance with the guidelines set out in the ESA Bylaws. A copy is available from the ESA office.

Individual Membership categories:

<u>A members</u>	Fully qualified Suzuki teachers (ESA level 5 [ESA diploma]) or recognised qualification outside Europe (<u>as determined by the ESA Board</u>)
<u>B1 members</u>	Accredited Suzuki teachers (ESA level 3 or 4 [ESA accreditation])

<u>B2 members</u>	Suzuki teachers with ESA levels 1 and 2
<u>B3 members</u>	Teachers with no formal Suzuki qualification
<u>C members:</u>	all others (including Suzuki parents)

Only qualified persons, A, B1 and B2 members or those with equivalent qualifications from other regions which have been validated by the ESA Board, are entitled to describe themselves as Suzuki teachers:

Teacher Training is the main focus for the activities of the National Suzuki Associations, and this should be reflected in the aims and work of the new associations

Full Membership of ESA

Full membership of ESA is granted only to those national Suzuki associations who have their own teacher training programmes. Such programmes may however, be directed and taught by teacher trainers from other countries. All teacher training must follow the guidelines of the ESA, see details of the Teacher Training Manual on the [Teacher Training pages](#).

Associate membership is offered to new national Suzuki associations who have fulfilled all requirements set out by ESA, but which do not yet have teacher training.

Board representation: Every national Suzuki association which has been accepted for membership is entitled to send one representative to the Board of the ESA. This person will be eligible to become a Director of the European Suzuki Association Limited and will be entitled to vote at board meetings and AGMs, representing his or her national Suzuki association.