



The Fourth  
World Zoroastrian Youth Congress  
~ University of Ballarat, Vic. Australia

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING THROUGH AND THEN WITH COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING ATTEMPT TO FILL IN THE OFFICIAL CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM.**

The Purposes for which this Organisation has been formed are:

- a) To “Preserve, Practice and Perpetuate” the traditional Zoroastrian religion, its tenets and practises amongst the Worldwide Congress Delegates and Patrons.
- b) To preserve the cultural identity and historical heritage of the Parsi-Irani-Iranian Zoroastrians Worldwide focusing on ‘honesty, integrity and charity’.
- c) To bring the far-flung Zoroastrian Youth of direct and unbroken descent, together as one happy, cohesive international community promoting solidarity and to keep the traditional Zoroastrian flag flying high into the next millennium.
- d) To aid and assist Zoroastrian Youth to mix and mingle with their co-religionists and to find common grounds that will further foster strong relationships and foster understanding within this minority community worldwide by providing Life Education and Youth Development opportunities.
- e) To carry on the good work of previous World Zoroastrian Youth Congresses to preserve our Zoroastrian Heritage and History.
- f) To afford the Zoroastrian Youth Worldwide a venue to exchange ideas and discuss issues of common interest that confront the establishment’s tenets, customs, rituals & traditions as practiced by our forefathers.
- g) To make Zoroastrianism more appealing and relevant to our Zoroastrian Youth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – via the Congress theme of “Back to the Future”.
- h) To instill in the Youth the need to focus on the ethnicity of the Zoroastrian Faith in light of modern day social pressures and external influences.

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- i) To teach our Youth the uniqueness of the Zoroastrian Faith that has been time honoured and widely respected worldwide for at least the last 3500 years.**
- j) To inspire a spirit of community service and charity worldwide.**
- k) To imbibe in a spirit of free will, core religious ethics and veracity for the Worldwide Zoroastrian Youth.**
- l) To afford a common platform to debate sensitive and important issues in light of modern day pressures from the worldwide melting-pot syndrome.**
- m) To inculcate the spirit of leadership and excellence amongst our youth, such that they become good ambassadors for their own country and for the Zoroastrian religion worldwide, in the future.**
- n) To promote and facilitate Youth Development in Australia by providing education via accredited scholarship and encouraging self-expression, character building and team spirit via work and play as embodied in Australia.**
- o) To ensure an outstanding future for a community with a brilliant past and an eminent future via Lifelong Education on Australian soil.**

**Solely for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid objects and not otherwise:**

- p) To showcase and present Zoroastrianism, its traditions and ancient culture and history via the ZORO EXPO to the Attendees and the Australian Community at large.**
- q) To showcase Australia and its unique multi-cultural identity to the outside world, its quality of life and exceptional approach to other Nations and Peoples.**
- r) To facilitate an environment conducive to the congenial exchange of cultural ideas and fellowship in Australia.**
- s) To establish friendships worldwide in consonance with the established practices of the Zoroastrian Faith with complete regard to the Australian Law of the Land in an atmosphere of freedom and a spirit of happy cordiality.**
- t) To put Australia on the map by promoting Australian Culture and all things Australian to the Youth and all visiting Delegates from the four corners of the globe.**

**HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ABOVE, I CONFIRM THAT I WILL UNDERTAKE TO ABIDE BY THESE SUBSEQUENT RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

**I understand that,**

- 1. This Congress is strictly a gathering of co-religionists – that is, of Zoroastrian Youth born and bred and still practicing the Faith as per the current established practices.**
- 2. These Rules and Regulations will be in complete compliance with those of the University of Ballarat as regards Codes of Conduct whilst on their grounds and all Congress participants will be duty bound to abide by them.**
- 3. This Congress is strictly a ‘Not For Profit’ event and surpluses, if any, will be charitably distributed towards future causes and events.**
- 4. All participants undertake to abide by the implicitly or explicitly stated Rules and Regulations of this Congress, and to be mindful of the instructions and information as found in the FAQs on the official Congress website.**
- 5. All Youngsters must include a letter of consent, duly signed by a parent/legal guardian. Those under 15 must be accompanied by a legal guardian who is accepted as a Delegate or as a bone fide Zoroastrian Patron, responsible for their charges at all times.**
- 6. All those with any pre-existing medical condition (including allergies) must attach their Doctor’s medical certificate clearly stating their circumstances and allowing them to participate in any and all activities.**
- 7. In ALL matters relating to the Congress, the Chairman’s decision will be final – after due process of deliberation involving the Executive Board.**
- 8. All Volunteers will be helping out in their individual capacities and will at all times behave in a responsible manner showing regard for the Law of the Land and will not hold the Executive Board and/or Official Congress Organisers liable or responsible in any way whatsoever.**
- 9. All participants will be enrolling for this Congress under their own cognizance and will not hold the Organisers liable or responsible, in any way whatsoever, for any and/ all problematic incidents, mishaps and/or accidents leading to bodily harm and/or damage to third party body and/or property and these will be the sole responsibility of those involved.**
- 10. It is an accepted fact that anyone causing any untoward event in the eyes of the Executive Board will be immediately evicted from the Ballarat University**

**Grounds and will be barred from any further participation in the Congress and no monies will be refunded nor further dialogue entered into with them or others.**

**11. All Attendees, (except Delegates and Youngsters,) shall undertake to participate as observers only. They shall not express their views, opinions, or attempt to influence or impose on the thought process of the Youth participating in the Congress, unless expressly invited to do so by the Executive Board. Furthermore, they acknowledge the right of the Volunteers to prevent them from attending the Congress at any time should they be noticed to be in violation of the above. Such observation alone shall be the basis of decision not to allow further participation of the defaulting Attendee and no other justification or evidence shall be necessary to implement such action.**

**12. In the event of the stipulated number of Patrons being reached they agree to unconditionally and without any questioning, accept the fee refund, less current Australian Bank Charges and admin fees of AUD\$50.**

**13. 50% of all Registration Fees less current bank charges will be refunded ONLY if Cancellations are received before the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2007. NO Cancellations will be entertained after the 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2007. All refunds will be issued after the Congress.**

**14. In the unforeseen event of the Attendees not being able to get a Visa into Australia, their Registration Fees will be reimbursed less current Bank Charges.**

**15. ALL Registration Fees must be in Australian Dollars (AUD) ONLY. Payment may be made via Cash, Bank Cheque, Demand Draft or Credit Card.**

**16. Personal Overseas Cheques will NOT be accepted.**

**17. Payment by Credit Card (Bankcard, Visa or MasterCard ONLY) will incur an additional flat fee of AUD\$25.**

**18. Confirmation of registration is at the sole discretion of the Organisers.**

**19. The Congress Organisers reserve for themselves the right to make changes wherever necessary and reserve for themselves the right to be sensible and flexible at all times to decide on a case-by-case basis.**

**PLEASE PROCEED TO FILLING IN THE REGISTRATION FORM. THANK YOU.**