



Interim Youth Council Charter

A controlled document of the Yoma Rules

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1 Charter Version and Date

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2 Governing Policies

All Yoma governing parties inherit the base set of policies defined in *Yoma governing party policies*. including chartering, membership, chairpersons, facilitators, subgroups, funding, voting, intellectual property rights, meetings, and meeting pages. This charter defines extensions to these policies specific to this Yoma **governing party**.

3 Status

This Yoma **governing party** is organized as a council as defined in *Yoma governing party policies*.

4 Purpose

The purpose of the **youth council** is to operationalize the **principle** in the **Yoma Rules**:

2.1 “Youth Agency & Empowerment First The **Yoma community** SHALL prioritize the empowerment, capacity building and agency of **Youth participants**.”

5 Principles

All Yoma **governing parties** operate under the **principles** in the **Yoma Rules** which are based on the Yoma values of

1. Privacy
2. Personal Self Development
3. Fairness & Inclusion
4. Community
5. Trust

6 Activities and Duties

The activities of the **Youth Council** SHOULD include:

1. Establishing a democratic process for the elections to a permanent **Youth Council**
2. Create a future Youth Council Charter which might include:
 - a. Youth Voice
 - i. *Listening to **youth participants*** for example by carrying out surveys, research and meetings to capture and understand the views, needs and opinions of **youth participants** with respect to the **yoma community**.
 - ii. *Communicating* those views, needs and opinions to other stakeholders in the **yoma ecosystem** for example through presentations, reports or letters
 - iii. *Representing **youth participants*** at meetings and events within the **yoma community** especially at meetings of decision-making bodies such as board meetings of the **yoma platform authority** or the **administering authority**, or the **governing authority** if one is appointed.
 - b. Youth Agency & Empowerment
 - i. *Recommending* new or improved functionality on the **yoma platform** or changes to the business operating model of the **yoma community**.
 - ii. *Reviewing* proposals for new or improved functionality on the **yoma platform** or changes to the business operating model of the **yoma community**.
 - iii. *Supporting* other **yoma members** to implement youth empowerment strategies within their own **organizations**. For example, the **yoma platform authority** may wish to create a User Acceptance Testing (UAT) group within their development process, or an **opportunity provider** may wish to create an apprentice scheme as part of their human resources strategy.
 - c. Youth Leadership
 - i. *Representing **youth participants*** on decision-making bodies within the **yoma community**
 - ii. *Promoting the **yoma community*** outside the **yoma ecosystem**. For example attending external events or conferences, or making presentations to potential **donors**.
 - iii. *Recruiting **youth participants*** to join **yoma**.
 - d. Youth Accountability
 - i. *Listening to* the views, needs and opinions of **yoma members** who are not **youth participants** with respect to the development of the **yoma community** and the **yoma platform**.
 - ii. *Communicating* the views, needs and opinions of other **yoma members** to **youth participants**, for example by creating forums for debate and discussion, or by publishing a newsletter or report.
 - iii. *Representing **yoma*** or supporting local **youth participants** to represent **yoma** within local communities where **yoma operates**.

The duties of the **Youth Council** MUST include:

1. Represent Youth Participants

- a. The **Youth Council** MUST elect representatives to become members of the board of the **administering authority** or the **yoma platform operator** (or the **governing authority** if one is appointed).
 - b. The **Youth Council** MUST elect representatives to become members of the Dispute Resolution Committee when one is appointed.
 - c. The **Youth Council** SHOULD be able to appoint a **guardian** under the **helper guardianship arrangement** to support **youth participants** who are **complainants** in the Alternative Dispute Resolution process.
2. Legislation:
- a. The **youth council** or its representative on the board of the **administering authority** (or the **governing authority** if one is appointed)
 - b. SHOULD be the final approver for all revisions or extensions to the **Yoma Rules**
 - c. MUST convene to review any proposed revisions or extensions to the **Yoma Rules**

7 Membership

1. The **Youth Council** MUST have at least 5 members and MAY have up to 25 members.
2. Members of the **Youth Council** SHOULD be elected by **youth participants**.
3. Members of the **Youth Council** SHOULD have terms limited to a maximum of 12 months.
4. Members of the **Youth Council** SHOULD
 - a. Be aged 15 - 25 years of age on the first day of their term
 - b. Have been a **yoma member** for at least 6 months or have completed at least one **opportunity** on the **yoma platform**
5. Positive actions SHOULD be used to promote, encourage & facilitate diverse and inclusive membership of the **Youth Council** from marginalized, peripheral or under-represented **youth participants**.

8 Chairperson(s)

1. The **Youth Council** MUST have at least one chairperson elected by the members of the **Youth Council**
2. The **Youth Council** MAY have up to 3 additional chairpersons

9 Facilitator(s)

1. The **Youth Council** SHOULD have at least one facilitator appointed by the

administering authority or the governing authority if one is appointed.

10 Voting

All **yoma governing parties** shall strive to reach decisions by consensus. When necessary, voting will be conducted as specified in *Yoma Governing Party Policies*.

11 Funding

The **yoma community** MUST adequately resource all **governing parties**

1. MUST provide training and advisory services so that all **yoma members** serving as members of **governing parties** understand and are able to execute their rights and duties.
2. MUST provide resources to overcome barriers to service as a member of a **governing party**, for example providing a **guardian** with a **helper guardianship arrangement** so that a person with a disability is able to serve
3. **Youth Council** members SHOULD be paid for their time and service.

12 Meeting Schedule

1. The **Youth Council** SHOULD meet at least 4 times per year.
2. All **Youth Council** meetings
 - a. SHOULD be open to attendance by other **yoma members**
 - b. MUST be publicized in advance
 - c. SHOULD make minutes of their meetings publicly available via a meeting page to other **yoma members**

13 Meeting Page

The **Youth Council** MUST maintain a meeting page with full information about the group, current documents, minutes of the meetings and how to participate in meetings.

14 Version History

As required by *Yoma Governing Party Policies*, this table is a history of all versions of this charter.

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