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Regularization Concerning Categorization of Youth Hostels in Slovenia

Article 1

Youth Hostel (in further text denoted as YH) is by definition any sort of housing facility with a valid operating licence issued by an organization authorized by the Republic of Slovenia and it suffices the basic living standards for operating issued by IYHF and it has a valid contract of membership in the network of housing facilities signed by a representative of YH, ZMP and PZS Maribor.

Article 2

PZS Maribor (or by the authorization of PZS Maribor also Zavod za mladinsko popotništvo – ZMP) will give each YH a certain category marker to which a YH belongs.

Article 3

According to the quality of the building and the services provided, there are 5 (five) categories which are marked with the respectable number of blue triangles.

In the first category of 1 blue triangle belong all YHs which fulfil the basic living standards.

In the second category of 2 blue triangles belong all YHs which fulfil the basic living standards and the YH in question has also a minimum sum of 5 extra points.

In the third category of 3 blue triangles belong all YHs which have at least 1/3 of rooms equipped with a shower and/or a toilet or the rooms share a common toilet and do not (on average) exceed three beds per room.

In the fourth category of 4 blue triangles belong all the YHs which have all the rooms equipped with a shower and a toilet or more than 2/3 of all rooms have a shower and have also the minimum sum of 5 extra points. Also YHs from the third category belong in this category if they have a minimum sum of 10 extra points.

In the fifth category of 5 blue triangles belong all the YHs which have at 2/3 of all rooms equipped with a shower and a toilet and have a minimum sum of 15 extra points or the YH has all the rooms equipped with a shower and a toilet and have a minimum sum of 10 extra points.

Extra points are defined in article 4.

Article 4

Each YH can be given 1 (one) extra point if it offers the following services (1 point for 1 service provided):

- Laundry service is accessible to the guests of the YH
- Free parking space
- Internet access provided in a room reserved especially for that purpose
- Internet access is provided in each room (either cable, DSL, or wireless)
- Bed and breakfast are included in the price
- Guests have a possibility to heat or cook their own meal
- Reception is open from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.; entry to the facility is enabled through the use of a key 24/7
- If the reception is open non-stop YH is given an additional point
- YH is open throughout the year (the number of beds may or may not vary)
- Receptionist can speak at least three foreign languages (e.g. English, German and Croatian)

- YH has facilities for small children (e.g. playgrounds)
- YH has its own lecture rooms or they can be provided for the guests of the YH in the distance of 200 metres
- Additional services (e.g. guided tours, tickets for concerts, railway tickets) are offered at the reception of the YH
- YH has in a public view and with great clarity published the map of Slovenia, and train and bus schedules or phone numbers of transfers to the main railway station and/or airport

Two extra points can be given to any YH that does one or more of the following:

- YH has a restaurant which offers meals at discount prices available to the guests of the YH
- YH has at least one common room equipped with the books concerning travelling, parlour games (such as chess, cards etc) and some technical apparatus (such as TV, HI-FI etc.); internet access etc.
- YH offers a variety of recreation facilities or offers sports equipment for hire (e.g. kayaks, boats, hiking boots, skiing and snowboarding equipment and alike)
- A room can be reserved ON-LINE through www.hihostels.com. The YH also gives vouchers.

Article 5

An YH can obtain a category by following one or more of the guidelines that follow:

1. PZS presents a Regularization Concerning Categorization of Youth Hostels in Slovenia
2. YH is asked to present their category in accordance with The Regularization Concerning Categorization of Youth Hostels in Slovenia.
3. The plea of YH is checked by the PZS representatives
4. If the all the criteria are met the certificate with the correct category is issued
5. The certificate with the respectable category needs to be put in public view

In case that an YH fails to present their category (despite additional callings) the YH is given a certificate of 1 category.

Any change in the services provided by YH that concern the YH's categorization, can cause the YH to innate the procedure to change the category of YH.

Any change in the services provided by a YH should be reported to PZS Maribor, regardless of the fact whether the YH gains or losses the category. PZS Maribor is obliged to issue a new certificate of categorization in respect with previously mentioned report.

Article 6

This Regularization Concerning Categorization of Youth Hostels in Slovenia is valid from the day of public announcement on the web site www.youth-hostel.si .

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