



Membership Rules

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The British Amateur Gymnastics Association

("BG" or the "Association")

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These Rules are made pursuant to Article 17.1 of the Association's Articles of Association. The terms used in these Rules shall have the same meaning as in the Articles of Association. Where there is any inconsistency between these Rules and the Articles of Association, the provisions of the Articles of Association shall prevail. The interpretation of these Rules shall be the prerogative of the BG Board.

1. Membership application:

1.1 Each member agrees to be bound by:

1.1.1 The Articles of Association;

1.1.2 These Membership Rules;

1.1.3 The Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure;

1.1.4 The Standards of Conduct; and

1.1.5 Any and all regulations, policies and guidelines associated with membership and published by BG, and any conditions attached to their class of membership.

2. Gold membership:

2.1 Who it is for:

2.1.1 Members that hold a UKCC Level 2 Coach qualification or above (or an equivalent qualification recognised by BG); or

2.1.2 Members holding BG recognised Judging qualifications at National/Brevet level; or

2.1.3 Members that are engaged in a contract for services with BG in the capacity of Tutor or Assessor

2.1.4 Individuals who make a direct application to BG

2.2 Fees / Admission / Limited Liability:

2.2.1 The annual renewal fee for Gold members is due on the same date each year as their first membership fee was paid

2.2.2 The cost of the annual fee is set each year

2.2.3 No person may be admitted as a Gold member unless he or she has completed an application:

2.2.3.1 online via BG's Membership System

2.2.4 The admission of a Gold member must be approved by BG's Customer Service Department or such other department as the BG Board may decide from time to time

2.2.5 The BG Board reserves the right to refuse to approve or renew an application for Gold membership if at any time it shall be of the opinion that it is in the interests of BG to do so

2.2.6 All Gold members must be aged 18 years or over

2.2.7 Upon the dissolution of the Association, the liability of each Gold member is limited to the sum of £1

2.3 Voting Entitlement / Benefits:

- 2.3.1 Gold members are Voting Members of the Association and are therefore entitled to vote, receive notice of and attend general meetings of the Association
- 2.3.2 Benefits for Gold members are published on BG's website

3. Silver membership:

3.1 Who it is for:

- 3.1.1 Participants that take part in gymnastics in a competitive capacity in the National Development Pathway (NDP), either delivered directly by BG or through any Affiliated Associations and any competitions that form part of the National or International competition structure as recognised or defined by BG; or
- 3.1.2 Members that hold a UKCC Level 1 Assistant Coach qualification (or an equivalent qualification recognised by BG)

3.2 Fees/ Admission:

- 3.2.1 The annual renewal fee for Silver members is due on 1st October each year
- 3.2.2 The cost of the annual fee is set each year
- 3.2.3 Where a person is under 16 years of age at the point of application, an authorised parent or guardian shall be allowed to apply on his/ her behalf for admission as a Silver member or for renewal of his/ her membership. The submission of his/ her application to BG by the authorised person shall sufficiently signify his/ her consent*
- 3.2.4 The admission of a Silver member must be approved by BG's Customer Service Department or such other department as the BG Board may decide from time to time
- 3.2.5 The BG Board reserves the right to refuse to approve or renew an application for Silver membership if at any time it shall be of the opinion that it is in the interests of BG to do so

3.3 Voting Entitlement/ Benefits:

- 3.3.1 Silver members are Non-Voting Members of the Association and are therefore not entitled to vote, receive notice of or attend general meetings of the Association
- 3.3.2 Silver members are entitled to compete in NDP competitions
- 3.3.3 Benefits for Silver members are published on the Association's website

4. Bronze membership

4.1 Who it is for:

- 4.1.1 Participants that take part in recreational gymnastics only and do not take part in any competition that forms part of BG's NDP competition structure, either delivered directly by BG or through any Affiliated Associations; or
- 4.1.2 Officers of BG Registered Clubs that are not involved, in any capacity, in the direct delivery of gymnastics in any environment registered to BG through the coaching or supervision of participants except for those holding accreditations below UKCC Level 1 Assistant Coach (or BG's recognised equivalent); or
- 4.1.3 Members holding Judging qualifications recognised by BG at all levels with the exception of Brevet judges; or
- 4.1.4 Persons of school age and above; and
- 4.1.5 Where additional categories of Bronze membership exist that relate specifically to a Home Country Association the rules relating to that membership category shall be provided by the Home Country Association directly

4.2 Fees/ Admission:

- 4.2.1 The annual renewal fee for Bronze members is due on 1st October each year
- 4.2.2 The cost of the annual fee is set each year
- 4.2.3 Where a person is under 16 years of age at the point of application, an authorised parent or guardian shall be allowed to apply on his/ her behalf for admission as a Bronze member or for renewal of his/ her membership. The submission of his/ her application to BG by the authorised person shall sufficiently signify his/ her consent*
- 4.2.4 The admission of a Bronze member must be approved by BG's Customer Service Department or such other department as the BG Board may decide from time to time
- 4.2.5 The BG Board reserves the right to refuse to approve or renew an application for Bronze membership if at any time it shall be of the opinion that it is in the interests of BG to do so

4.3 Voting Entitlement/ Benefits:

- 4.3.1 Bronze members are Non-Voting Members of the Association and are therefore not entitled to vote, receive notice of or attend general meetings of the Association
- 4.3.2 Benefits for Bronze members are published on BG's website

5. Bronze Pre-School membership

5.1 Who it is for:

- 5.1.1 Participants not yet in full-time education by virtue of age; as defined by Government legislation in force from time to time

5.2 Fees/ Admission:

- 5.2.1 The annual renewal fee for Bronze Pre-school members is due on 1st October each year
- 5.2.2 The cost of the annual fee is set each year
- 5.2.3 Where a person is under 16 years of age at the point of application, an authorised parent or guardian shall be allowed to apply on his/ her behalf for admission as a Bronze Pre-School member or for renewal of his/ her membership. The submission of his/ her application to BG by the authorised person shall sufficiently signify his/ her consent*

5.3 Voting Entitlement / Benefits:

- 5.3.1 Bronze Pre-School members are Non-Voting Members of the Association and are therefore not entitled to vote, receive notice of or attend general meetings of the Association
- 5.3.2 Benefits for Bronze Pre-school members are published on BG's website

6. Honorary Life members

6.1 Who it is for:

- 6.1.1 Any person whom the BG Board decides has rendered exceptional or distinguished services to BG

6.2 Fees / Admission:

- 6.2.1 There is no annual fee for Honorary Life members
- 6.2.2 Honorary Life Members must provide annual privacy and data consent through the BG Membership Management System in line with any regulations or legislation*
- 6.2.3 The BG Board may in its absolute discretion at any time admit any person who has rendered exceptional or distinguished services to BG to be an Honorary Life member
- 6.2.4 The BG Board reserves the right to revoke the admission of an Honorary Life member if at any time it shall be of the opinion that it is in the interests of BG to do so

6.2.5 Honorary Life membership is the equivalent of Gold membership and as such upon the dissolution of the Association, the liability of each Honorary Life member is limited to the sum of £1

6.3 Voting Entitlement / Benefits:

- 6.3.1 Honorary Life members are equivalent to Gold members and as such are Voting Members of the Association. Honorary Life members are therefore entitled to vote, receive notice of and attend general meetings of the Association
- 6.3.2 Benefits for Honorary Life members are the same as those for Gold members which are published on BG's website

7. Complimentary membership

7.1 Who is it for:

- 7.1.1 Members that are provided with complimentary membership by virtue of being directly employed by BG; or
- 7.1.2 Members that are engaged by BG in specific Committee roles that have a benefit of complimentary membership for a fixed duration as defined by the BG Board; or
- 7.1.3 Such other persons as the BG Board may decide in its absolute discretion shall benefit from complimentary membership

7.2 Fees / Admission / Limited Liability:

- 7.2.1 The annual renewal procedure for complimentary members will be managed by the Customer Service Department or such other department as the BG Board may decide from time to time
- 7.2.2 There is no annual fee for complimentary members
- 7.2.3 The BG Board may in its absolute discretion at any time and from time to time admit any person as a complimentary member of BG
- 7.2.4 The BG Board reserves the right to revoke the membership of a complimentary member if at any time it shall be of the opinion that it is in the interests of BG to do so
- 7.2.5 Complimentary membership shall cease:
 - 7.2.5.1 on the date the employee ceases to be a direct employee of BG;
 - 7.2.5.2 on the date the complimentary member ceases his or her engagement for BG in the specific Committee role that has the benefit of complimentary membership; or
 - 7.2.5.3 on a date otherwise determined by the BG Board
- 7.2.6 Complimentary membership is the equivalent of Gold membership and as such upon the dissolution of the Association, the liability of each complimentary member is limited to the sum of £1

7.3 Voting Entitlement / Benefits:

- 7.3.1 Complimentary members (other than staff directly employed by BG) are equivalent to Gold members and as such are Voting Members of the Association. Complimentary members are therefore entitled to vote, receive notice of and attend general meetings of the Association
- 7.3.2 Benefits for complimentary members are the same as those for Gold members which are published on BG's website

8. Membership and renewal of membership

8.1 Membership and renewal of membership is conditional upon:

- 8.1.1 due payment (in cleared funds) by the member, either directly or via their Registered Club, of the appropriate subscription fee; and
- 8.1.2 the category of membership being applied for being appropriate to the type of gymnastics activity being carried out by the member; and
- 8.1.3 for those actively working in a regulated activity (as defined by the Disclosure and Barring Service or such other relevant Government agency as may exist from time to time), obtaining through BG an enhanced criminal records check (or Affiliated Home Country Association equivalent, as appropriate) in terms acceptable to the BG Board; and
- 8.1.4 compliance with the Conditions of Insurance imposed from time to time by the insurers of BG; and
- 8.1.5 agreement to not act in any way which may invalidate any insurance policy of BG; and
- 8.1.6 compliance with the terms of section 12 of these Rules for any member involved in the either the coaching or management, in any capacity, of a BG Registered Club;
- 8.1.7 The membership application being received via the BG Membership Management System, including any such consents that are required to meet regulations or legislation*.

8.2 Provided the member has paid their subscription fee on or before the relevant annual commencement date for their type of membership (renewal date) in the relevant year, they will be entitled to apply to renew their membership. Any subscription fee accompanying the application will be processed by BG upon receipt, irrespective of whether the applicant is approved as a member. If an application is not accepted, the subscription fee received by BG will be returned to the applicant

8.3 The applicant must provide to BG any other information which BG may reasonably require in order to consider the suitability of the applicant's membership

8.4 A member of BG may, but need not be a member of one or more Affiliated Associations

8.5 The BG Board, or a committee to which the BG Board has delegated authority, reserves the right to refuse to approve or renew an application for membership in its reasonable discretion

9. Cessation of individual membership

- 9.1 Any member whose subscription fee is unpaid by the date falling 28 days after the due date for payment shall be deemed to have resigned their membership with effect from the relevant annual commencement date for their type of membership (which shall include the immediate cessation and withdrawal of any membership benefits including insurance provision), unless the BG Board decides otherwise
- 9.2 The Board of BG considers that conviction of any criminal offence (other than minor road traffic offences) may, depending on the seriousness of the offence and its circumstances, be incompatible with membership.
- 9.3 The BG Board views the following types of criminal offences (whether under the laws of England & Wales, or Scottish/N Ireland equivalent) as extremely serious and an allegation that a member has committed any of them may lead to suspension pending a disciplinary hearing, and if the allegation is proved at the hearing, expulsion:
- 9.3.1 Sexual Offences.
 - 9.3.2 Child Offences, including Neglect, Physical, Sexual, Emotional/Psychological abuse and/or bullying
 - 9.3.3 Offences Against the Person (Assault)
 - 9.3.4 Fraud
 - 9.3.5 Theft
 - 9.3.6 Criminal Damage
 - 9.3.7 Drug-related offences
- 9.4 The above list is not exclusive, but is provided to highlight the most serious of offences. The BG Board reserves the right to consider any criminal offence and make a determination on a case by case basis.
- 9.5 The membership of any person who is found to have been convicted of, or cautioned for, any of the offences or actions listed in section 9.3 shall cease with immediate effect and that member shall not be admitted or re-admitted to any class of membership until the BG Board (having been made aware at the time of application of the reason for the previous cessation of membership) has specifically agreed to their admission or re-admission
- 9.6 A person who ceases to be a member by virtue of Article 32.3 or 32.4 or who has been expelled from membership in accordance with Articles 32.1 and 32.2, shall not be admitted or re-admitted to any class of membership until the BG Board (having been made aware at the time of application of the reason for the previous cessation of membership) has specifically agreed to their admission or re-admission
- 9.7 A member who has been suspended from membership in accordance with Article 31 shall, for as long as he or she remains suspended, be deemed to have resigned his or her membership of the Association for all purposes except that he or she shall remain bound by and subject to the conditions of membership set out in Article 30 and to the Standards of Conduct and the Complaints & Disciplinary Procedures (Regulations)

9.8 A person who ceases to be a member during a period when they are suspended from membership or at a time when any complaint or disciplinary proceeding is pending against them in accordance with the Regulations shall:

9.8.1 remain subject to the Articles, these Rules and the Regulations insofar as they relate to the suspension, complaint or disciplinary proceedings; and

9.8.2 not be admitted or re-admitted to any class of membership unless and until the BG Board (having been made aware at the time of application of the matters giving rise to the suspension, complaint or disciplinary proceedings) has specifically agreed to their admission or re-admission

9.9 The BG Board may make any admission or re-admission to membership subject to conditions relating to any unresolved matters which gave rise to the suspension, complaint or disciplinary proceedings or which have arisen since that time

9.10 If a member ceases to be a member under these Rules for whatever reason no part of the annual membership fee will be refundable to that member

10. Changes to the member admission process and annual subscription fees

10.1 Subject to Rule 10.2, the BG Board reserves the right to amend without notice:

10.1.1 the application and admission requirements of membership; and

10.1.2 the annual subscription fees payable by members

10.2 The BG Board may not increase subscription fees retrospectively

11. Block Registration

11.1 Who is it for?

10.1.1 Registered Clubs may apply for "Block Registration" to provide insurance on a per place basis for activity that falls outside of regular gymnastics activity

10.1.2 A place is defined as a one-hour slot per week for the duration of the year as defined by the relevant membership period

11.2 Admission / Fees:

11.2.1 Block Registration is provided on an application basis only

11.2.2 The Customer Service department or such other department as the BG Board may decide from time to time shall accept or decline applications on an individual basis depending on the reason for application and the proposed use of the Block Registration cover

- 11.2.3 If an application is declined BG will explain to the applicant why it has been declined and advise which type of membership or type of insurance cover is appropriate to the activity
- 11.2.4 Provision of Block Registration cover shall be consistent with the membership period and cover shall not be provided retrospectively from the date of acceptance of the application
- 11.2.5 Applications must be re-submitted for each year that Block Registration cover is required
- 11.2.6 On acceptance of an application the annual fee per place shall become immediately payable
- 11.2.7 The cost of the annual fee per place is set each year

11.3 Benefits/Entitlements:

- 11.3.1 Participants taking part in gymnastics activity in any environment registered to BG covered by Block Registration are not members of BG and are not therefore entitled to any member benefits or entitlements

12. Registered Club Application

- 12.1 Each Registered Club will be bound by:
 - 12.1.1 The Articles of Association
 - 12.1.2 Membership Rules;
 - 12.1.3 the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure; and
 - 12.1.4 the Standards of Conduct

13. Registered Clubs

- 13.1 Who is it for?
 - 13.1.1 Any gymnastics club that wishes to become a Registered Club
- 13.2 Admission / Fees:
 - 13.2.1 Any gymnastics club that wishes to become a Registered Club must submit an application form via BG's website
 - 13.2.2 No club shall be admitted as a Registered Club unless its application has been approved by BG's Customer Service department or such other department as the BG Board may decide
 - 13.2.3 The club must provide to BG any information which BG may reasonably require in order to consider the suitability of the club's application
 - 13.2.4 The first annual registration fee (**Registration Fee**) will be due on the date of the application by the club as a Registered Club

- 13.2.5 The Registration Fee for Registered Clubs renewing their application is due on 1st October each year
- 13.2.6 The cost of the Registration Fee shall be set each year and is based on number of members registered
- 13.2.7 The BG Board, or any committee to whom it delegates authority, reserves the right to refuse to approve or renew an application by a Registered Club in its absolute discretion

13.3 Conditions of Registration:

To become a Registered Club, a club must:

- 13.3.1 complete an annual online Club Registration and Declaration via GymNET;
- 13.3.2 ensure that it and every person who is a member of that Registered Club or who is associated with that Registered Club is registered with BG and holds current membership in the appropriate category set out in these Rules;
- 13.3.3 comply with any and all regulations, policies and guidelines associated with Club Registration and published by BG, and any conditions attached to the individual membership of any member involved in the either the coaching or management, in any capacity, of the Registered Club;
- 13.3.4 give consent in terms acceptable to the ICO or such other relevant data protection agency as may exist from time to time for their information to be shared with BG;
- 13.3.5 pay (in cleared funds) the Registration Fee (or the amount determined by BG's Customer Service department or such other department as the BG Board may decide for periods of less than a complete year of registration);
- 13.3.6 pay (in cleared funds) any sums outstanding in respect of subscription fees owed by all members of the club;
- 13.3.7 register to the Affiliated Association(s) covering the area in which the club locates its principal training venue. A club shall affiliate to its National Home Country Affiliated Association and (where applicable) to no more than one Regional Affiliated Association within its Nation. If a club is a Registered Club participating in both Gymnastics and cheerleading, the Registered Club may also affiliate to the United Kingdom Cheerleading Association or any other such association as BG may recognise from time to time;
- 13.3.8 ensure that it and every person who is a member of that Registered Club or who is associated with that Registered Club complies with all and any regulations or rules issued by BG or any BG Affiliated Association to which that Registered Club is registered;
- 13.3.9 appoint and maintain in office at least one person qualifying as a Registered Club Secretary/Manager. Any person for the time being appointed as the Secretary/Manager of a Registered Club must:
 - 13.3.9.1 hold a minimum of BG Bronze Club Officer membership;
 - 13.3.9.2 ensure all coaches meeting the recognised activity requirements of DBS (or Home Country equivalent), complete an enhanced criminal record check and BG approved Safeguarding and Protecting Children training

course, both of which are renewable every three years. For more information on Recognised Activity please visit www.british-gymnastics.org/coaching/coach-membership/dbs

- 13.3.9.3 assess all other club roles against the BG Use of Criminal Record Checks Policy & Guidance (or Affiliated Home Country equivalent) and where required, complete the relevant criminal record check via BG (or Affiliated Home Country Association) and a BG approved Safeguarding and Protecting Children training course, both of which are renewable every three years.
- 13.3.10 appoint and maintain in office at least one person qualifying as a Welfare Officer. Any person for the time being appointed as the Welfare Officer of a Registered Club must:
 - 13.3.10.1 hold a minimum of BG Bronze Club Officer membership;
 - 13.3.10.2 have obtained via BG an enhanced criminal records check (or Affiliated Home Country Association equivalent) and a Safeguarding and Protecting Children Certificate (or Affiliated Home Country Association equivalent), in each case in terms acceptable to BG;
 - 13.3.10.3 have a BG Time to Listen certificate (or Affiliated Home Country Association equivalent);
- 13.3.11 appoint and maintain in office at least one person that holds a UKCC Level 2 Coach qualification or above (or BG recognised equivalent) to act as Head Coach of the Registered Club;
- 13.3.11 appoint and maintain in office at least one person that has completed the BG Club Management course
- 13.3.12 have at least 10 members, that are primary members of that club, who are gymnasts at any time and shall ensure that every member of the Registered Club applies directly to BG to become a member and continues to be so for as long as they remain members of the Registered Club;
- 13.3.13 use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that every member of the Registered Club and every person associated with the Registered Club complies with any and all conditions of insurance imposed from time to time by the insurers of BG;
- 13.3.14 comply at all times with BG's recommendations for minimum Coach to gymnast ratios and ensure that all Coaches associated with the Registered Club have obtained the minimum standard of BG-accredited coaching qualifications recommended by BG from time to time for the BG recognised activity in which the members of the Registered Club participate; and
- 13.3.15 adhere to BG's Standards of Conduct for Registered Clubs including (in particular) paragraph 3 regarding the restructuring of activities and operations

13.4 Changes to the Registered Club admission process and Registration Fees:

- 13.4.1 Subject to Rule 13.4.2, the BG Board reserves the right to amend without notice:
 - 13.4.1.1 the application and admission requirements of Registered Clubs; and
 - 13.4.1.2 the annual Registration Fee

13.4.2 The BG Board may not increase the annual Registration Fee retrospectively

13.5 Register of Registered Club Members

13.5.1 Each Registered Club shall maintain a register of every member of that Registered Club (**Register**) and shall ensure that the Register is kept complete, accurate and up to date. The Register may contain such information as the Registered Club considers necessary for the conduct of its affairs, but must in any case contain details of the following for each member of the Registered Club: -

13.5.1.1 first name and surname;

13.5.1.2 current residential address;

13.5.1.3 date of birth;

13.5.1.4 gender;

13.5.1.5 details of the Gymnastic discipline(s) that such member participates in from time to time;

13.5.1.6 confirmation of such member's participation e.g. competitive, coach, judge, official; and

13.5.1.7 the date upon which such person joined the Registered Club as a member

13.5.2 The information referred to in Rule 13.5.1 above, together with any and all "personal data" (as defined in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) – Regulation (EU) 2016/679) owned or controlled by the Registered Club, is referred to in these Rules as the "Data"*

13.5.3 The Registered Club shall promptly (and in any event within 2 working days) at no charge to BG, upon written notice, grant access to any authorised representative of BG to inspect any Register(s) held outside of GymNET and provide copies of such Register(s) to BG or its representative upon request

13.5.4 The Registered Club shall comply with applicable data protection laws relating to privacy and the use of personal Data (including BG's right of access pursuant to Rule 13.5.3 above), including but not limited to the Data Protection Act 1998, the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679)*

13.6 Membership of Registered Club Members

On or before 20 October in each year each Registered Club shall, in respect of each person who is a member of that Registered Club on 1 October in that year, either: -

13.6.1 ensure that each person is currently a member of BG; or

13.6.2 satisfy itself that each person has applied directly to BG for the appropriate category of membership; on the date on which the member joined the Registered Club and before allowing any participation in any recognised activity*; and

13.6.3 for every additional person who joins as a member of the Registered Club after 1 October in any year, shall satisfy itself that each person has applied directly to BG for the appropriate category of membership on the date on which the member joined the Registered Club and before allowing any participation in any recognised activity*

13.7 Voting Entitlement / Benefits

13.7.1 Registered Clubs are not members of the Association and are not therefore entitled to vote, receive notice of or attend general meetings of the Association

13.7.2 No Registered Club has the status of a member or of an Affiliated Association. A Registered Club may not hold itself out to any person as being a member or of an Affiliated Association

13.7.3 Benefits for Registered Clubs are published on the BG website

13.8 Cessation of Registered Clubs

13.8.1 Any Registered Club whose Registration Fee is unpaid by the date falling 30 days after the due date for payment may be:

13.8.1.1 suspended as a Registered Club by the BG Board; or

13.8.1.2 removed as a Registered Club by the BG Board

13.8.2 The BG Board may suspend or remove a club as a Registered Club if: -

13.8.2.1 it does not comply with BG's Rules and Regulations in force from time to time;

13.8.2.2 it convenes any meeting of or enters into any arrangement with its creditors generally or is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 or section 286 Insolvency Act 1986 or a receiver and/or manager, administrative receiver, supervisor or administrator or any other person having similar powers or functions is appointed in respect of the Registered Club or all or any part of its assets or if the Registered Club is wound up or otherwise dissolved or ceases to exist

13.8.2.3 it ceases to be a club whose principal activity is Gymnastics

13.8.2.4 it does or omits to do anything that the BG Board reasonably decides will bring or is likely to bring the Registered Club, or any other Registered Club, BG, any Affiliated Association or the sport of Gymnastics into disrepute

13.8.2.5 in the reasonable opinion of the BG Board, a club has contravened paragraph 3 of BG's Standards of Conduct for Registered Clubs regarding the structure of its activities and operations

- 13.8.3 If a Registered Club ceases to be a Registered Club under these Rules for whatever reason no part of the annual Registration Fee will be refundable to that Registered Club
- 13.8.4 If a Registered Club ceases or gives notice that it will cease to be a Registered Club for any reason it shall: -
- 13.8.4.1 as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within 5 days of the date of cessation, notify all members of the Registered Club and those associated with the Registered Club, (including for this purpose the parents or guardians of each such person who is under the age of 16 years):
 - 13.8.4.1.1 that it has ceased or will cease to be a Registered Club;
 - 13.8.4.1.2 that any members of the Registered Club or those associated with the Registered Club who are at that time members of BG will in future need to renew such membership directly with BG*; and
 - 13.8.4.1.3 provide the contact details of the four nearest Registered Clubs (by geographical location)
 - 13.8.4.2 on and from the date that the Registered Club ceases to be a Registered Club discontinue all use of BG's branded materials either in physical or electronic form, including any use of any BG-owned logo, branding, intellectual property, copyrights, trademarks, wordmarks or kite marks, including the immediate removal of any such branding from social media, websites or any other digital platform operated by the Registered Club; and
 - 13.8.4.3 not represent itself to any person as being a Registered Club or otherwise having any association with, accreditation by or validation through BG
- 13.8.5 Rule 13.8.4 shall continue to apply to the Registered Club after it ceases to be a Registered Club
- 13.8.6 A club which ceases to be a Registered Club shall immediately cease to be a recognised environment and any activity carried out by that club shall immediately cease to be a recognised activity and, as such, that club will not be entitled to the benefit of any present or future insurance policies to which it was entitled as a result of being a Registered Club, including insurance provided directly to members of BG by virtue of their membership whilst taking part in recognised activity in a recognised environment.

14 Affiliated Associations

14.1 Admission / Fees:

- 14.1.1 An association, the governing body of which shall have applied to the BG Board to become an Affiliated Association and agreed in writing to comply with such conditions of affiliation as may be set out in these Rules, may be admitted to membership of BG in accordance with Articles 29 and 33 of the Articles and these Rules

- 14.1.2 A member of any Affiliated Association, except the British Schools Gymnastics Association, shall be required to be a member of BG
- 14.1.3 Each Affiliated Association should ensure that their rules and regulations are compatible with BG's Articles, and these Rules and Regulations
- 14.2 Shared services and benefits:
- 14.2.1 An Affiliated Association may from time to time enter into one or more Service Level Agreements (SLAs) or Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with BG to document shared services and benefits
- 14.3 Benefits/ Voting Entitlement:
- 14.3.1 Every Affiliated Association recognised by BG shall be entitled to:
- 14.3.1.1 control its own activities, business, finances and property;
 - 14.3.1.2 register any Registered Clubs with training venues in its area;
 - 14.3.1.3 register persons as members thereof; and
 - 14.3.1.4 promote participation, performance and events in Gymnastics within its area
- 14.3.2 Each of the Affiliated Home Country Associations recognised by BG as an Affiliated Association from time to time shall be entitled to submit applications in accordance with Article 25 for a Non-Executive Director with suitable skills for appointment to the BG Board. No person who is an employee of BG or, an employee of any Affiliated Association or, holds office for any Affiliated Association shall be eligible for such nomination
- 14.3.3 Details of the current services (including insurance cover) offered by BG to English Regional Gymnastics Associations, the Isle of Man Gymnastics Association and the British Schools Gymnastics Association are communicated to these Affiliated Associations on an annual basis.
- 14.3.4 Affiliated Associations are Non-Voting Members of the Association and are therefore not entitled to vote or receive notice of general meetings of the Association but may attend general meetings at the invitation of the BG Board.
- 14.4 Cessation of Affiliated Associations
- 14.4.1 The BG Board may suspend or remove from membership of BG in accordance with Articles 31, 32 and 33 any Affiliated Association if that Affiliated Association has:
- 14.4.1.1 conducted itself in a manner which in the BG Board's opinion, is incompatible with BG's Objects set out in Article 2 or which, in the BG Board's opinion, brings or might bring BG into disrepute;
 - 14.4.1.2 had their Government recognition removed;
 - 14.4.1.3 failed to comply with any of the provisions of the Articles, these Rules or the Regulations; or

- 14.4.1.4 failed to comply with any instructions, rules, regulations or directive of, or prohibitions imposed by, BG, the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique, the International Olympic Committee, the British Olympic Association or any other body or association which has jurisdiction over or is a governing body or authority in relation to Gymnastics or any competition for or involving Gymnastics
- 14.4.2 If an Affiliated Association is removed from membership of BG in accordance with Rule 14.4.1 and the Articles, that Affiliated Association shall (in accordance with Articles 32 and 33) immediately cease to be an Affiliated Association and shall lose all of its rights as such in relation to BG

*Changes made due to GDPR compliance. (All organisations must be GDPR compliant by May 2018 which falls within the 2017/18 BG membership year)