

# ENGLISH GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

### 1. TITLE

The name of the Association shall be "English Gymnastics ", hereinafter referred to as "the Association", the area of control of which shall be defined by the Regional Gymnastics Associations of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association (BAGA) within England.

### 2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association, shall be to regulate, advance, develop and safeguard the interests of the sport of gymnastics. In these rules, such objectives include without limitation all or any of the Disciplines and such other areas of Physical Education , which are from time to time approved by the BAGA, for the benefit of the public within England and thereby to assist in the physical education and mental development of young persons for the benefit of the Community and to encourage such persons to participate in gymnastics and dance and in the interests of social welfare and particularly but without affecting the general objects referred to:

- a) The registration to the Association of all English Regions and other organisations within England which are willing to abide by the Rules and Bye-laws of the Association and the BAGA.
- b) The promotion and organisation of championships and other displays and competitions in England and elsewhere subject to the approval of the BAGA.
- c) To arrange for England to be represented at competitions with other countries subject to the approval of the BAGA, and to arrange for English delegations to attend Commonwealth Championships.
- d) The promotion and organisation of courses for coaches and judges within England.
- e) The establishment and organisation of Training squads as may be deemed appropriate from time to time.
- f) The provision of judges for National and international competitions
- g) To keep members in England informed of events and developments in gymnastics, affecting or of likely interest to Clubs and their gymnasts by means of periodic bulletins , web site or newsletters.
- h) To incorporate or affiliate with any organisation , whose objects support but do not conflict with those of the Association or the BAGA, and to co-operate with the English Schools AGA when required.
- i) Generally, to do all such acts, manners and things in connection with, or incidental to the effective carrying out of any of the objects mentioned in the previous sub-clauses hereof.

### 3. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Registration shall be subject to the payment of such an annual fee as the Management Committee shall from time to time determine, in order to carry out its objects.

### 4. MANAGEMENT

a) The Association shall be managed by a Management Committee. All voting members must be members of the BAGA. The Committee shall comprise not less than eleven voting members made up of:-

(i) Ten Regional representatives proposed and confirmed at the AGM, each region being entitled to nominate one member to serve on the Committee and one representative from the English Schools AGA.

If and when substitute members are required their names shall be notified to and received by the Hon. Secretary at least 7 days prior to any meeting.

(ii) The Association shall have the following Officers – Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer . They may be elected from within the elected regional representatives or, if no suitable candidates are

available, appointed as ex-officio members of the Management Committee provided that they are also English members of British Gymnastics.

- (iii) Non-voting members: Coaches and Judges representatives, and ex-officio members of outside organisations invited by the Management Committee.
- b) Such sub-committees as are necessary to carry out the work of the Association shall be appointed in such manner as the Management Committee shall from time to time determine.
- c) The Management Committee may until the next Annual General Meeting enlist by co-option for any special purpose the services of any person or persons not members of the Management Committee.
- d) The Management Committee shall appoint from amongst its members delegates as and when required to any other organisation which the Association is affiliated to or co-operating with from time to time.
- e) The Management Committee shall receive from the English Regions their nominations for the Policy Board of the BAGA for the Management Committee to elect from such nominations those who will represent the Association on the Policy Board of the BAGA.

## **5. SUSPENSIONS; EXPULSIONS AND CONDUCT**

The Association shall subscribe to the rules and regulations of the BAGA including the rules of conduct and etiquette which shall be incorporated in this constitution.

## **6. FINANCE**

The Management Committee shall employ the funds of the Association for the purposes and objects of the Association in such manner as shall be deemed to be in its best interests or for charitable purposes beneficial to the Community or in the interests of social welfare.

## **7. BUSINESS OF A.G.M**

The Chairman shall at the Annual General Meeting of the Association or at any Special General Meeting thereof. The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting.

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the last AGM.
- b) To consider and if thought proper, approve the Management Committee's report and duly audited Statement of Account for the previous year.
- c) To elect the officers  
Each officer is elected for a three year term:-  
Chairman - 2006  
Hon Secretary - 2007  
Hon Treasurer - 2008  
And in sequence thereafter
- d) To confirm regional representatives and other members in accordance with Rule 4
- e) To appoint auditors
- f) To transact any other relevant business of which due notice has been given in accordance with Rule 8(b).
- g) To appoint/ elect members to the BGA Board

## **8. NOTICE OF AGM AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) The Annual General meeting shall whenever possible be held prior to the AGM of BAGA.  
The notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall be accompanied by copies of the Management Committee's report and Statement of Account for the previous year and shall be circulated to all the officers, members of the Management Committee and its sub-committees, registered Regions and organisations at least 21 days before the meeting.

- b) (i) Nominations for office must be submitted to the Hon Secretary and received at least 30 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of insufficient nominations being received proposals may be accepted from the floor on the day of the meeting subject to the discretion of the Chairman.
- (ii) Notice of all relevant business to be included on the Agenda must be received by the Hon Secretary at least 30 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations and notices duly proposed and seconded may only be submitted for and on behalf of registered Regions or the Management Committee.

- c) A Special or Extraordinary General Meeting may be summoned at any time by the Chairman or on a requisition signed on behalf of not less than six registered Regions who shall submit therewith the reason for such a meeting.
- d) At all meetings the chairman shall have a casting, as well as a deliberative vote.

### **9. QUORUM**

- a) No business shall be transacted at an AGM unless one half of registered Regions are represented to form a quorum.
- b) No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Management Committee unless a quorum of six of the voting members is present.
- c) No business shall be transacted at any meeting of any sub-committee unless at least one half of the whole number of the sub-committee is present, provided that in no case shall the quorum be less than three members of which at least one must be a voting member of the Management Committee.

### **10. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION**

No alteration or addition to the Constitution and Rules shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting with a quorum of at least one half of the registered Regions present and then only by two-thirds of the Regions present and entitled to vote supporting the proposed alteration or addition. Notice of any such proposal must be sent to the Hon Secretary at least 30 days prior to any General Meeting and the proposal shall be set out on the notice convening such a meeting.

The procedure in respect of Special General Meetings is set out in Rule 8 (c).

### **11. DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution any money or other property whatsoever remaining after payment of all proper debts and liabilities shall be distributed as the Management Committee shall decide and pursuant to the objectives of the Association.

### **12. INDEMNITY.**

The Association will indemnify the Management Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Association, against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Association (but only to the extent of its assets).

(As amended at a meeting of the English Gymnastics Association on 21 January, 2006 and approved the BAGA Policy Board)

(Ver. vi January, 2006.).