

# THE RULES (2011)

of

The British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences

“The Rules” means regulations, not covered in the articles, governing the Association’s internal affairs. The Board has the power to make or alter the Rules, provided such new regulations or alterations are approved retrospectively at the next available quorate general meeting by a simple majority.

## 1. The Mission of the Association

1.1. The Mission of the Association is: Promoting excellence in sport and exercise sciences.

## 2. The Vision of the Association

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## 3. Membership Categories, Fees and Eligibility

3.1. **Professional Membership** is open to anyone who possesses a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree in a field related to sport and exercise science; or, anyone who possesses at least a bachelor's degree in another area, but is working in a field related to sport or exercise science.

3.2. **Student Membership** is open to any undergraduate or postgraduate studying in a field related to sport and exercise science.

3.3. **Graduate Membership** is open for one year to students who have graduated. For one year Student members can become Graduate members at a discounted rate.

3.4. **Affiliate Membership** is open to anyone with an interest in sport and exercise science, but who does not possess at least a bachelor's degree and does not qualify for any other category of membership.

3.5. **Overseas Membership** is open to anyone who qualifies for Professional Membership but lives outside the UK. Accredited members living outside the UK must be Professional members (as opposed to Overseas members).

3.6. **Retired Membership** is open to those Professional Members who have retired from all gainful employment. Retired members will not pay any subscription fees during retirement and are able to continue to enjoy their Association benefits at no extra cost. To be eligible for free membership, members will usually have reached the retirement age of 65 and have been a Professional Member of BASES for 10 successive years. Members who retire from gainful employment before the statutory retirement age will need to provide evidence that their sole source of income is a pension (e.g., copy of most recent tax return).

<b>Membership Categories</b>	<b>Annual Direct Debit Payers</b>	<b>Non Direct Debit Payers</b>	<b>Monthly Direct Debit Payers</b>
Professional	£99	£99	£9
Student	£24	£29	N/A
Graduate	£49	£54	N/A
Affiliate	£49	£54	N/A
Overseas	£49	£54	N/A

#### **4. Reduction of Professional Membership Fees**

4.1. The Board may in any special case reduce Professional Membership fees to £50. Special circumstances include not undertaking paid work and/or receiving state benefits. As soon as eligibility for a reduction in Professional Membership fees ceases, members are required to inform BASES and pay the outstanding prorated balance.

#### **5. Operation of Bank Accounts**

5.1. All cheques over £1,500 must be signed by not less than two authorised signatories in relation to all operations on the bank accounts held by the Association. The authorised signatories are:

- The Office Manager
- The Executive Officer
- The Chair.

#### **6. Rules for all elected and appointed officers**

All elected and appointed officers, including Interest Group Convenors, shall automatically vacate office if:

- he/she becomes incapable for any reason of fulfilling the duties of his/her office and such reason is expected to continue for a period of more than six months
- he/she ceases to be a member of the Association
- he/she resigns office by notice to the Association
- he/she is absent (without permission of the directors) from more than 2 meetings, and the directors resolve to remove him/her from office
- he/she does not ensure that the activities of the committee or group support the mission and strategic plan of the Association
- he/she does not ensure that the activities of the committee or group comply with the relevant terms of reference.