

Powers of the BFA

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This is a Policy Document covering the detailed powers and authorities of the BFA (as required by the BFA constitution section 1.2.2) which are as follows:

- (a) Represent the UK in relations with the ITSF;
- (b) Serve as the coordinating body for athletic activity in the sport of Foosball in the UK;
- (c) Exercise jurisdiction over international athletic activities and sanction international athletic competition held in the UK and sanction the sponsorship of international athletic competition held outside the UK in the sport of Foosball, in accordance with the provisions herein;
- (d) Conduct athletic competition in the sport of Foosball, including local competition, regional championships, national championships, and international athletic competition in the UK, and establish procedures for the determination of eligibility standards for participation in such competitions (subject to restricted competition referred to in paragraph (f) below);
- (e) Nominate to the British Olympic Committee individuals and teams to represent the UK in any Olympic, Commonwealth or European Games in the sport of Foosball, in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the British Olympic Committee;
- (f) Designate individuals and teams to represent the UK in international athletic competition (other than events detailed in (e) above) in the sport of Foosball and certify, in accordance with the rules of the ITSF, the eligibility of such individuals and teams, provided that any organization which conducts athletic competition, participation in which is restricted to a specific class of athletes (such as high school students, college students, or similar groups or categories), shall have exclusive jurisdiction over such competition. If such a sports organization wishes to conduct international athletic competition for Foosball to be held in the UK, or sponsor international athletic competition for Foosball to be held outside the UK, it shall obtain a sanction from the BFA;
- (g) Facilitate, through orderly and effective administrative procedures, the resolution of conflicts or disputes which involve any of its members and any athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, official, or amateur sports organizations, and which arise in connection with their eligibility for and participation in the Olympic, Games, Commonwealth or European Games, World Championship competition, or other protected competition as defined in the British Olympic Committee Constitution and Bylaws;
- (h) Establish and maintain facilities for the conduct of the affairs of the association;
- (i) Publish (or contract with another party to publish) a newspaper, magazine, or other publication consistent with its purposes;
- (j) Do any and all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the British Olympic Committee as they relate to the BFA;
- (k) Promote and encourage educational programs in the sport of Foosball and inform the people of the UK of the virtues of good citizenship and sportsmanlike conduct, of the cultural aspects of national and international athletic activities, and of the benefits of physical fitness and participation in athletic activities; and
- (l) Prevent the unauthorised use of the names, symbols, emblems, terminology and trademarks of the BFA.