

Membership

Distribution: BFA members

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This is a Policy Document covering the requirements and fees for each category of Member of the BFA (as required by the BFA constitution section 4.1), being as detailed below:

1 Provisional Membership

- 1.1 This is a class of member that has previously been on the Full membership list, but whose membership has subsequently lapsed, or members of affiliated clubs who
- 1.2 Provisional members may be of any nationality
- 1.3 **Benefits** to include
 - (a) retain a ranking on the BFA ranking list (subject to retention of such events to which that member qualifies, and subject to any administrative requirements of that ranking system)
 - (b) maintenance of a profile on the BritFoos forum
 - (c) right to attend General Meetings
 - (d) No voting rights
- 1.4 **Fees** - fees set at zero

2 Full membership

- 2.1 This is the main class of membership for UK players and confers full playing rights and full access to BFA member benefits.
- 2.2 Full members must be UK Nationals, or foreign nationals ordinarily resident in the UK.
- 2.3 **Benefits** to include:
 - (a) All benefits of Basic and Provisional membership
 - (b) Player registration and UK/ITSF licence number
 - (c) Ability to participate in all BFA sanctioned events (subject to eligibility)
 - (d) Ability to compete in UK Championships (UK Nationals only)
 - (e) Ability to vote at General Meetings
 - (f) Eligible to stand for BFA executive committee
 - (g) Eligible to represent Great Britain in International Team competitions including the World Cup (UK Nationals only)
 - (h) Player profile on the new BFA website and member-only features
 - (i) Electronic Newsletter e-mailed periodically
 - (j) Discounts from suppliers etc (subject to negotiation)
 - (k) Discounts on tournament entry (subject to negotiation)
- 2.4 **Fees** – Full membership is conferred on eligible players who have paid a registration fee at an official BFA ranking tournament in the past 12 months or since the previous AGM (whichever the longer), or players who have paid a membership fee denoted below within the same period. Fee levels are decided by the AGM.
 - (a) 2010-11 Fees - £5 per person for 12 months
 - (b) Concessions – Full Membership is Free for persons under 18

3 Club Membership

- 3.1 Club membership allows representation and voting rights for groups of players at a venue, university or school club, or BFA League Team
- 3.2 Clubs must adhere to official rules and any specified requirements of the BFA (e.g. regarding non-discrimination, democratic structure, accounting etc)
- 3.3 Member clubs must apply via the official membership form

- 3.4 **Benefits** – Club Membership offers the following benefits
- (a) Provisional BFA membership for registered players
 - (b) Eligibility to compete in BFA team competitions (including but not limited to the BFA National League)
 - (c) Ability to attend and vote at General Meetings (1 vote per club in addition to representatives individual vote if representative is a full member)
 - (d) Representation on relevant Commissions and Working Groups
- 3.5 **Fees** – Club membership fees are free until further notice

4. Corporate membership

- 4.1 This is the main class of membership for commercial organisations rather than individuals.
- 4.2 Corporate membership confers no playing rights, but does allow corporate representation in an organisation otherwise dominated by individuals.
- 4.3 **Benefits**
- (a) Corporate members may attend general meetings and are entitled to one vote at such meetings
 - (b) Corporate members shall be listed as BFA Partners on the BFA website and may refer to such partnership in commercial literature.
 - (c) A corporate representative may participate in relevant BFA Commissions or Working Groups
 - (d) Corporate members are invited to form partnerships with the BFA in provision of services and benefits to BFA members, including but not limited to:
 - (i) Tournament support & promotion
 - (ii) Provision of equipment (inc tables and parts) to BFA members
 - (iii) Provision of BFA information (e.g. rules sheets, information packs, training materials) to corporate customers
 - (iv) Development of a code of best practice for UK table operators
- 4.4 **Fees** - negotiable according to company size and levels of support provided.