

# **RULES/CONSTITUTION OF British Sombo Federation**

## **1. Name**

The name of the Association is British Sombo Federation (BSF)

British Sombo Federation The governing body for Sombo/Sambo in Great Britain

## **2. Purposes**

The objects of the BSF shall be to foster and develop Sambo in its various forms whether competitive or artistic in Great Britain

## **3. Permitted means of advancing the Purposes**

The Committee has the power to:

- a. acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching, training and playing facilities, clubhouse, transport, medical and related facilities;
- b. provide coaching, training, medical treatment, and related social and other facilities;
- c. take out any insurance for club, employees, contractors, players, guests and third parties;
- d. raise funds by appeals, subscriptions, loans and charges;
- e. borrow money and give security for the same, and open bank accounts;
- f. buy, lease or licence property and sell, let or otherwise dispose of the same;
- g. make grants and loans and give guarantees and provide other benefits;
- h. set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves;
- i. invest funds in any lawful manner;
- j. employ and engage staff and others and provide services;
- k. co-operate with or affiliate to firstly any bodies regulating or organising the Sport and with government and related agencies;
- l. do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the purposes;

NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently with the Rules below and the general law.

## **4. Membership**

(a) Membership of the BSF shall be open to any Association/Society within GB interested in the sport or associated disciplines on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership is based on the Association, Society meeting membership criteria.

- b. The BSF Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the BSF or Sombo into

disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the BSF Committee.

## **5. All General Meetings (AGM)**

- (a) All member Association/Societies may attend all general meetings of the BSF in person.
- b. Such meetings need 21 clear days' written notice to members.
- c. The quorum for all general meetings is 50% of member Association/Societies
- d. The Chair or (in his or her absence) another member chosen at the meeting shall preside.
- e. Except as otherwise provided in these Rules every resolution shall be decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands.
- f. Formalities in connection with General Meetings (such as how to put down resolutions) shall be decided by the Committee and publicised to Association/Society members.

Voting rights Each EC member has one vote, Each Association, Society which has paid its annual membership fee has ` vote

## **6. Annual General Meetings**

The BSF will hold an AGM once in every year and not more than 15 months after the last AGM.

- (a) the Members will elect a Committee including a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to serve for a period of 4 years;
- (b) the Treasurer will produce accounts of the BSF for the latest financial year certified as the Committee shall decide;
- (c) the Committee will present a report on the BSF activities since the previous AGM;
- (d) the Members will appoint a suitable person to certify the accounts; and
- (e) the Members will discuss and vote on any resolution (whether about policy or to change the Rules) and deal with any other business put to the meeting.

## **7. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)**

An EGM shall be called by the Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from the Committee or on the written request of not less than 6 members signed by them. Such EGM shall be held on not less than 14 nor more than 21 days' notice at a place decided upon by the Committee or in default by the Chair.

## **8. The Committee**

- (A) Role

Subject to these Rules the Committee shall have responsibility for the management of the BSF, its funds, property and affairs.

(B) Property etc

(i) The property and funds of the BSF cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the BSF.

(ii) The BSF may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits (a) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;

(b) employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;

(c) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;

b. indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the BSF against any liability incurred in the proper running of the BSF (but only to the extent of its assets).

iii. The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

(C) Composition etc

A. (i) The Committee shall consist of at least [three] and not more than 6  
B. members (including Officers).

ii. The Committee members may co-opt club members (up to the maximum permitted number) to serve for 4 years

iii. Any Committee member may be re-elected or re-co-opted without limit.

iv. A Committee member ceases to be such if he or she ceases to be a member of the BSF, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Committee for good cause after the Member concerned has been given the chance of putting his/her case to the Committee with an appeal to the BSF members, or is removed by BSF members at a general meeting. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.

(D) Committee Meetings

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(i) Whenever a Committee member has a personal interest in a matter to be discussed he/she must declare it, withdraw from that part of the meeting (unless asked to stay), not be counted in the quorum for that agenda item and withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter concerned.

(ii) The Committee may decide its own way of operating. Unless it otherwise resolves the following rules apply:

- (a) at least 2 members must be present for the meeting to be valid;
- (b) committee meetings shall be held face to face or by live Internet such as Skype
- (c) the Chair or whoever else those present choose shall chair meetings;
- (d) decisions shall be by simple majority of those voting;
- (e) a resolution in writing signed by every Committee member shall be valid without a meeting;
- (f) the chair of the meeting shall not have a casting vote.

(E) Delegation etc.

The Committee may delegate any of their functions to sub-committees but must specify the scope of its activity and powers; the extent to which it can commit the funds of the BSF ; its membership; its duty to report back to the Committee. The Committee may wind up any sub-committee at any time or to change its mandate and operating terms.

(F) Disclosure

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Annual BSF reports and statements of account must be made available for inspection by any member and all BSF records may be inspected by any Committee member.

**8. Amendments**

- a. These Rules may be amended at a general meeting by two-thirds of the votes cast.
- b. The BSF Purposes may be changed to include another eligible sport if the Committee unanimously agree and the members also agreed the change by a 75% majority of votes cast.

**9. Winding Up the Club**

The members may vote to wind up the BSF if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting. The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the BSF affairs. After settling all liabilities of the BSF, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following: To another Sombo/Sambo Organisation with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity, Constituted Amateur Body