**Membership policy statement**

LONDON TRAMPOLINE ACADEMY

Membership

1. Membership of the Academy shall be open to any persons who are interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in *Trampolining and who are*  amateurs as defined by UK governing bodies at that time who are interested in furthering the aims of the Academy and the sport on application regardless of gender, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
2. Each membership application must be made on the appropriate application form as determined by the committee from time to time. Each candidate for membership must be proposed, seconded and elected or otherwise at a properly convened meeting of the Committee. The appropriate subscription must accompany the application for membership.
3. The Academy has different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The academy will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating subject to the constraints of academy expenses.
4. Membership shall consist of officers and ordinary members of the Academy as outlined below. All officers and ordinary members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Academy, will be deemed to accept these regulations and whatever codes of conduct that the Academy has adopted and are in force at the time. Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:
* Honorary Full Member
* Full Member
* Junior Full Member
* Associate Member
* Student Member
* Life Member
1. Members in each category will pay membership fees, as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
2. Individuals shall be ineligible to take part in the business of the Academy, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection of any Academy team unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date and/or membership has been agreed by the Academy committee.
3. The Committee shall have the right to approve or reject applications for membership, provided that the individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Committee before a final decision is made.
4. All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Academy will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the Academy has adopted.
5. Full membership shall be open to individuals of 14 years and over who are actively involved in pursuing the objectives of the Academy and who have paid the annual subscription fee as laid down from time to time by the Committee and pay all session fees by standing order. Full members shall have voting rights at General Meetings
6. Approved coaches, judges and other members, may be honorary full members at the discretion of the Management Committee. Honorary full members shall have voting rights at General Meetings
7. Junior membership shall be open to any young person under the age of 14 who wishes to use the facilities of the Academy, Subject to payment of subscriptions as laid down from time to time by the Committee, and pay all session fees by standing order. Junior members may attend General Meetings but shall not be entitled to voting rights.
8. Ordinary membership shall be open to individuals who are actively involved in pursuing the objectives of the Academy and who have paid the annual subscription fee as laid down from time to time by the Committee but do not pay session fees by standing order. Ordinary members shall have voting rights at General Meetings
9. Associate membership shall by invitation be open to individuals who are interested in furthering the work of the Academy in roles other that as competitive or jumping members. This may include, amongst other categories; coaching, judging, academy officiating, volunteers and so on. Associate members are entitled to voting rights.
10. Honorary life membership of the Academy may be conferred upon any member by a majority vote of those present at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in recognition of someone who has performed an outstanding service in any capacity deemed to be appropriate, or who has made an outstanding contribution to the academy. . Life members shall have voting rights at General Meetings
11. The Academy Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the academy or sport into disrepute. The Committee shall have the power to suspend or exclude any member for contravention of this Constitution, documented rules or published codes of conduct that may exist at that time. In exercising these powers the Committee shall adhere to the Academy’s disciplinary procedures. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.
12. Any member wishing to resign from the Academy must do so in writing or by email to the Secretary before the 1st October, failing which, they may be liable for the ensuing year’s subscription.
13. Resignation shall be considered by the Committee within one calendar month of receipt and will be held as effective from the date of tendering. Resignations will not be accepted if the member is financially indebted to the Academy, i.e. has not paid their subscription for the current year and acceptance of the resignation will be withheld until the debt has been discharged.