



Club Newsletter

British Gymnastics Member Benefits and Fees 2009/10

Working together...

- BG is a not-for-profit organisation and the NGB for the sport of gymnastics across the UK
- It is charged with promoting the sport, providing direction, disseminating good practice and assuring development from grassroots to elite levels
- It provides professional advice and support to the community of registered clubs and members
- Numbers of clubs and members continue to grow as the popularity of the sport increases
- Further growth is anticipated in the run up to 2012 and the London Olympics
- *By joining this community you contribute to the success of an exciting and dynamic sport*

Membership Changes October 2009

- Simplified levels: gold, silver and bronze
- Fees for full and joint members held at current levels
- Fees for non-competitive gymnasts reduced
- Fees for club officers reduced
- Fees for competitive gymnasts increased to reflect level of involvement in the sport
- Simplified club registration: a single fee irrespective of club size

FAQ's

Why has the membership structure changed?

- Changes are the result of extensive consultation with clubs and members
- Many recommendations made to us during the consultation are reflected in the new structure
- We have compared fees and benefits offered by sports NGBs and Gymnastic Federations World-wide to develop an improved membership package
- We believe the package represents excellent value
- We are committed to further improvements

What membership do I need and what fees do I pay?

- You can determine the level of membership you need, based on the role you perform
- You can check the fees against the level of membership that you have chosen
- You may upgrade your membership and take additional subscriptions should you wish

What membership benefits will I have?

- They depend on the level of membership that you take out
- All receive preferential prices on coaching courses, tickets to selected events and merchandise purchases

- All receive the comprehensive package of insurances needed to protect against accident and liability claims
- Significant additional benefits are available according to membership level, including discounts on resources, access to coaching library, house magazine, etc

Why has the membership fee for competitive gymnasts increased?

- We are investing in improving the competition framework in order to provide more competitive opportunities. The fees received will fund a part of those improvements

As a competitive gymnast, what competitions am I allowed to participate in?

- There has been no change to the definition of a competitive gymnast.

Do Level 1 coaches now have to pay more?

- Level 1 coaches will now be Silver members and many will therefore be asked to pay an increased fee. However the costs of coaching courses will be reduced by the equivalent to the membership fee for all BG members. Therefore members will not be disadvantaged but non-members will pay a higher fee
- Gymnastics England will shortly announce a series of bursaries for Level 1 and 2 coaches that will be available from the start of the new membership year and that will provide up to 33% of the coaching course cost

What insurance cover will I have?

- Cover is substantial, wide ranging, highly competitive and designed to protect you
- We have been quoted upwards of £200+ per person/club for equivalent insurance cover
- Clubs, club officers, coaches and others are increasingly exposed to the risks of litigation as witnessed by recent multi-million pound settlements in sport
- Such settlements can be at levels that may destroy clubs and the lives of those involved
- By registering a club and its gymnasts and contributing to the overall insurance premiums, we are acting collectively to protect all clubs and members in the gymnastics community

Why should my club register?

- Your club will join a wider gymnastics community and receive significant benefits, including: a wide range of insurances, access to legal advice, regular newsletters, right to enter BG and Affiliate competitions, PPL Licence, BG website listing, support and advice from development, education, welfare and membership teams

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- We have been quoted upwards of £200+ per person/club for equivalent insurance cover
- We believe the cost of registration represents outstanding value

What does club registration cost?

- A single fee of £100 for all clubs, reduced by 25% for online registration and a further 25% for clubs holding GymMark accreditation
- New clubs will be able to register online and take advantage of the reduced fee in their first year

Which club officers need to be members?

- It is obligatory to nominate a club secretary and a welfare officer at the first stage of registration (they may be the same person) Note: head coaches may not be welfare officers
- We would also welcome as club officers (Bronze) other persons involved in the running of your club
- Note: committee members, directors and trustees not involved in the day-to-day running of the club but acting in an overseeing role need not join as members, but are covered under the club liability insurance

How does club registration work?

- You can start online registration on 1st September 2009
- Registration will be a 2 part process:

'Conditional' registration of club details and club officers and payment of registration fee. Insurance certificates are sent out following 'conditional' registration

'Full' registration, following registration and payment for club officers, coaches and gymnasts

• *Note: 'Full' registration normally requires a minimum 10 gymnasts (but please contact us to discuss special cases as we try to be flexible and accommodating)*



Informing our clubs...

You have spoken... and We have listened...

Roles, Benefits and Fees From 1st October 2009					
	Role	Min. Membership Level	Renewal Date	Fee	New Members Fee (4)
Club Officer (1)	Secretary	Bronze	October	£15.00	N/A
	Welfare Officer	Bronze	October	£15.00	N/A
Coach	ITC Award	Bronze	October	£15.00	N/A
	Level 1	Silver	Oct/Jan (2)	£36.00	£3.00/month
	Level 2	Gold	January	£72.50 or £58.50 each (3)	£6.50 or £5.00 ea per month
	Level 3	Gold	January	£72.50 or £58.50 each (3)	£6.50 or £5.00 ea per month
	Level 4	Gold	January	£72.50 or £58.50 each (3)	£6.50 or £5.00 ea per month
Judge	Club/County	Bronze	October	£15.00	N/A
	Regional/Zonal	Silver	Oct/Jan (2)	£36.00	£3.00/month
	National	Gold	January	£72.50 or £58.50 each (3)	£6.50 or £5.00 ea per month
	Brevet	Gold	January	£72.50 or £58.50 each (3)	£6.50 or £5.00 ea per month
Gymnast	Temporary 6 weeks	Bronze	At expiry	£5.00	N/A
	Temporary 17 weeks	Bronze	At expiry	£9.00	N/A
	Pre School	Bronze	October	£10.00	N/A
	Recreational	Bronze	October	£15.00	N/A
	Competitive	Silver	October	£36.00	£3.00/month

- (1) Committee members, directors and trustees acting in an overseeing capacity and not involved in day to day activities, do not require individual membership but are covered under the club's liability insurance.
- (2) When registering via a club, the renewal date is 1st October, if renewing direct the renewal date is the 1st January.
- (3) Where two members living at the same postal address hold Gold membership, a joint membership of £58.50/person is available.
- (4) New members joining during the course of a year can pay a fee equivalent to the number of months of the year outstanding at that point. Note – returning members will be accepted as a new member providing that they have not been a member for a period of at least 18 months. Please contact us for more details.

Member Benefits Guide From 1st October 2009		Value	Gold £72.50/£58.50	Silver £36.00	Bronze £15.00
Voting Member of Association (18+)			✓		
Legal Liability Insurance		£200+ if purchased individually	✓	✓	✓
Personal Accident Insurance			✓	✓	✓
Loss of Earnings Insurance due to accident			✓		
Right to participate in Competitions			✓	✓	
Discount on BG Coach Education Courses		Up to £75.00	✓	✓	✓
Gymnast Magazine		£30.00	✓	(*)	(*)
Access to Coaching Library		£25.00	✓	✓	(*)
Access to BGtv		£20.00	✓	✓	✓
Preferential price on CRB check administration fee		TBA	✓	✓	✓
Preferential price on merchandise, e.g. BG clothing		Up to 10%	✓	✓	✓
Preferential price on resources, e.g. Proficiency/Key Steps resources		Up to 10%	✓		
Preferential spectator ticket prices for selected BG events		Up to 10%	✓	✓	✓
Calendar for Gymnasts		£5.00		✓	
Cloth Badge (12 years and under)		£2.50		✓	✓

(*) Additional subscriptions for The Gymnast magazine or access to the Coaching Library will be available via GymNet which can be accessed on the BG website – www.british-gymnastics.org or Membership Services on 0845 1297129

Club Benefits Guide From 1st October 2009	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive Insurance Package including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Liability Products Liability Professional Indemnity Employers Liability Directors and Officers Liability Libel and Slander 	Up to £15 million Up to £15 million Up to £15 million Up to £10 million Up to £5 million Up to £5 million
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Expenses 	Up to £50,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Help Line 	Unlimited free access
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right to enter Gymnasts into BG & Affiliate Competitions 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club E-newsletters 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employer CRB Checks 	Preferential price on admin fee (tba)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Performance Licence 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listing on 'Find a Club' on BG website 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to Professional Advice and Support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Education Welfare and Child Protection Health and Safety 	

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Improving our sport...

Annual General Meeting

I hereby give formal notice that the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Friday 11th September 2009 in the Duke of Sutherland Meeting Room in the Main House at Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Nr Newport, Shropshire TF10 9NB, commencing at 2.30 pm.

A copy of all relevant AGM paperwork (Annual Report, Agenda, 2008 AGM Minutes and Proxy Voting Form) will be available for download from the BG website under 'Membership' and 'Downloads' after the 17th August 2009.

Should you not wish to attend in person, proxy forms

must be received by the Association no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the Meeting, i.e. 2.30pm on 9th September 2009. Any form received after that time cannot be counted. Proxy voting forms may be submitted, but it will not be possible to vote again on the day. A proxy form cannot be withdrawn once it has been submitted.

All persons who are Full/Joint Members or Life Members of the Association are entitled to vote, attend and to participate in the meeting. Please note that only the business listed on the agenda may be discussed. If you are attending in person please bring your membership card

with you and register/check your membership details at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the AGM.

Doreen Jones
Company Secretary

14th July 2009

Question & Answer Session

As the formal business of the AGM does not allow matters to be raised under the heading of AOB the President and Board would like to invite members attending the AGM on 11th September the opportunity for a Question & Answer session, following the normal business of the AGM.

GymMark Accreditation

Congratulations to clubs newly accredited with **GymMark**:

South

Tilehurst GC
Chalfont GC

Congratulations to clubs passing their annual **GymMark** assessment

South

Fareham SoG
Harlequins GC
Alton TC
Winchester GC

South West

The Academy
Falcons GA

South East

Sussex Springers
Genesis GC

East Midlands

Greenbank GC

West Midlands

The Saints
Hereford Sparks GC
Redditch TC

East

Sudbury GC
Norfolk GA
Yorkshire
Scarborough GA

North

Jaynell GC
City of Newcastle GA

London

Allstarz GC
Apollo

North West

Withins TC
Wigan & Ashton
Southport YMCA CCG
Stockport SoG
Lancaster & Morecambe TC

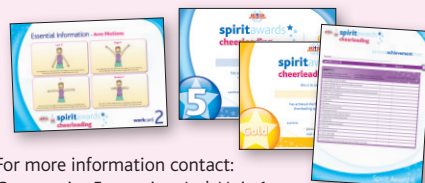
Congratulations to clubs passing a "new round" of **GymMark** accreditation
Gryphon West GC (South West)



NEW Cheerleading Resource and Awards

The new British Gymnastics **Cheerleading Spirit Resources and Awards** will be available from September. The resources have been developed for Coaches and Teachers in Clubs, Schools and Leisure Centres and are suitable for both Primary and Secondary school aged children.

The scheme includes both "Cheer" and "Pom Dance" with model routines included at higher levels. Badges and Certificates are available as rewards on completion of each level.



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Any BG Registered Club can now show BGtv videos from its own website! If your gymnasts have been featured by BGtv or you'd like to show one of our videos, now you can!

Getting your own video player is **really easy**, just visit the BGtv site and click the 'get BGtv' link to find out how... There are two types of player to choose from;

The '**New Features**' player containing all the latest club features and news stories. This gets updated every time a feature is released...

The '**Individual video**' player containing a BGtv feature of your choice.

BGTV is accessed by going to www.british-gymnastics.org and clicking the BGtv banner



English Championships 2009

The **Men's and Women's Senior, Junior and Espoir's** will be held at the recently completed New College facility in Leicester between 18th - 20th September, 2009. For more information about the competition criteria, entry forms and spectator ticket applications please visit www.englishgymnastics.org.uk.

Entry Closing Date: Sunday 2nd August



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FIG Licences

The FIG recently announced that all gymnasts wishing to participate in FIG international competitions would need to own and produce an FIG Licence. The Licence is designed to identify gymnasts and verify accreditation. The FIG also announced that FIG Licence applications endorsed by British Gymnastics and received by the FIG no later than Tuesday 30th June would be processed free of charge, after which time a registration fee of between CHF35 and CHF45 would be payable.

During the very limited timeframe, British Gymnastics received almost 800 FIG Licence Application forms and supporting documentation - namely photographs and passport copies. We are grateful for the swift responses of all those gymnasts who applied. This exercise will secure the licences for the 800 gymnasts for the next two years and has saved the gymnasts £20,000 in fees.

Anyone wishing to apply for an FIG License should download the documents from the British Gymnastics website www.british-gymnastics.org (under 'Technical'/'Technical Downloads').

Swine Flu

British Gymnastics advises that: if there are suspected cases of Swine Flu are in your area you should follow the Government guidance available on the website www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu

If anyone in your club contracts Swine Flu, it is up to the club to determine what measures should be taken in line with the Government guidance.

Education Supplement

All British Gymnastics Courses are updated weekly on the BG website and will also be distributed with the **Club Newsletter** that is emailed each month to clubs. We will no longer be printing the Education Supplement after this issue of The Gymnast magazine as the website will provide you with more accurate, up-to-date details of available British Gymnastics Courses.

