

British Philosophy of Sport Association Constitution

Ratified by a majority of the assembled membership at the first Annual Meeting held at the University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, UK, 18th September 2003.

Article I: *Name*

1. The name of the organisation, established on July 4th, 2002, at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, UK, shall be the British Philosophy of Sport Association.

Article II: *Aim*

1. The aim of the Association is to promote and disseminate research and scholarship in the philosophy of sport.
2. The Association shall conduct its activities solely for scholarly and literary purpose and not for pecuniary benefit.

Article III: *Membership*

1. There shall be two types of membership: Standard and Student/Retired/Unwaged.
2. Anyone interested in the philosophy of sport shall be eligible for membership.
3. Any full-time or part-time college or university student pursuing study in an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting programme shall be eligible for Student Membership. The rights and duties of such members shall be identical to those of other members.
4. Membership of all types shall become effective upon receipt of applicable dues by the Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

Article IV: *Officers*

1. (a) The Officers of the Association shall be a Chair, a Vice-Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer and Membership Secretary, a Publicity Officer, a Website Manager, and three Committee Members.

 (b) A Chair shall be elected, in odd-numbered years, for a two-year term and shall become the Chair at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in the

calendar year of the election.

- (c) A Vice-Chair shall be elected, in even-numbered years, for a two-year term and shall become the Vice-Chair at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in the calendar year of the election.
- (d) A Secretary shall be elected, in odd-numbered years, for a two-year term and shall become the Secretary at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in the calendar year of the election.
- (e) A Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall be elected, in odd-numbered years, for a two-year term and shall become the Treasurer and Membership Secretary at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in the calendar year of the election.
- (f) A Publicity Officer shall be elected, in odd-numbered years, for a two-year term and shall become the Publicity Officer at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in the calendar year of the election.
- (g) A Website Manager shall be elected, in odd-numbered years, for a two-year term and shall become the Website Manager at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in the calendar year of the election.
- (h) Three Committee Members shall be elected, in odd-numbered years, for a two-year term and shall become Committee Members at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in the calendar of the election.
- (i) No member of the Association may concurrently nominate for, nor may concurrently occupy more than one position on the Executive Committee (i.e., more than one Officer's position).
- (j) Terms of office for Association Officers shall begin at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting in the calendar year of their election.

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The Chair shall

assume the executive responsibility of the Association;

enforce the Constitution of the Association;

schedule and preside over meetings of the Executive Committee;

schedule and preside over the Annual General Meeting;

prepare the agenda for meetings of the Executive Committee and for the Annual General Meeting;

solicit agenda items from the membership for Executive Committee meetings and for the Annual General Meeting;

liaise with members of the Association; most notably, with members of the

Executive Committee;

prepare and deliver the Chair's Address at the Annual Meeting; and

represent the Association to the broader public.

3. The Vice-Chair shall

aid the Chair in his or her duties or responsibilities as and when requested by the Chair; and

assume the duties of the Chair if necessary.

4. The Secretary shall

record, retain, and appropriately distribute Minutes of all Executive Committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting;

administer the elections for all proposed constitutional amendments/revisions; and

make an annual report to the Executive Committee and to the Annual General Meeting.

5. The Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall

keep current contact information for all Association members;

administer all membership transactions and collections of dues;

keep accurate records of the fiscal resources of the Association;

supervise and process all expenditures; and

make an annual report to the Executive Committee and to the Annual General Meeting concerning the financial status of the Association and concerning new and continuing members of the Association.

6. The Publicity Officer shall

be responsible for compiling and distributing at least one annual Newsletter;

make an annual report to the Executive Committee and to the Annual General Meeting in respect to the state of the Newsletter;

liaise with members of the Association; most notably, with members of the Executive Committee, in order to ensure that the Newsletter functions as an effective medium of communication in respect to the affairs of the Association; and

liaise with the Website Manager in order to develop effective ways to promote

and market the Association.

7. The Website Manager shall

design and maintain the BPSA web site;

liaise with members of the Association, most notably, with members of the Executive Committee in order to ensure that the website functions as an effective medium of communication about BPSA business for BPSA members and the broader public;

liaise with the Publicity Officer in order to develop effective ways to promote and market the Association; and

make an annual report to the Executive Committee and to the Annual General Meeting in respect to the state of the website.

8. The Committee Members shall

aid any of the other members of the Executive Committee in their duties or responsibilities as and when requested.

Article V: *The Executive Committee*

1. Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution, the management of all Association affairs shall be vested in the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Association.

3. Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

4. Except as otherwise provided by this constitution, decisions of the Executive Committee shall be taken by majority vote of its members present and voting. All members of the Committee shall hold full voting rights except the presiding officer, who shall only vote in the event of a tie. In actions taken by the Committee with special respect to one of its members, that member shall not vote.

5. The Executive Committee shall act on all constitutionally mandated recommendations for appointment and other operations brought to it.

6. The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt for specific purpose/limited time.

Article VI: *Committees*

1. Committees shall be appointed by the Chair as required by the work of the Association.

Article VII: *Meetings*

1. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Association held at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee. This meeting shall consist of learned sessions and an Annual General Meeting. The agenda for the Annual General Meeting, which concerns the logistic affairs of the Association, shall be arranged by the Chair, who shall preside over the Meeting.

Article VIII: *Elections*

1. All elections shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting. In the case if two or more nominated candidates for a position, those candidates shall be presented to the membership for election at the Annual General Meeting.
2. The results of these elections shall be publicly announced at the Annual Meeting in which successful candidates are to be installed.

Article IX: *Dues and Finance*

1. The Executive Committee shall recommend the level of annual dues to the assembled membership at the Annual General Meeting. The membership shall then set this level by majority vote of those present and voting.
2. Student/Retired/Unwaged Members shall pay dues reduced as against those required of Standard Members.
3. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on January 1st and shall end on December 31st of the same year. All dues shall be therefore payable annually on or by January 1st.
4. Members who have been excluded from the Association for non-payment of dues shall be duly reinstated upon receipt of full payment (of outstanding dues) by the Treasurer and Membership Secretary, if such payment is received during the year in which the member(s) was(were) excluded.
5. Although the Treasurer and Membership Secretary cares for all current financial documents of the Association, executes all financial transactions for the Association, and prepares all budget proposals of the Association, the final authority over all financial/budgetary matters is vested in the Executive Committee.

Article X: *Amendments*

1. Either the Executive Committee or any member of the Association in good standing may propose amendments/revisions to the Constitution by presenting their proposals to the Secretary with reasonable notice prior to any Annual Meeting.
2. Such proposals shall be then considered by the assembled membership at the Meeting. If approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the Meeting, the proposed amendments/revisions shall become effective with effect from the date of the

Meeting.