



**Gymnastics**  
South Australia

## **GYMNASTICS SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

### **MEMBERSHIP BY LAW**

***This By-law is made by the Gymnastics South Australia (GSA) Board under Clause 6 of the GSA Constitution. It is binding on GSA and all members of GSA.  
Approved by the GSA Board on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009***

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This By-law is made to set out procedures relating to the categories of membership of GSA under the GSA Constitution clauses 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6 and 6.7.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

<b>Affiliation Fee</b>	means the annual fee set by the Association Member on the club for affiliation.
<b>Association Member</b>	means the Association Member to which the club is affiliated and these Club Members are defined in the GA Constitution clause 5.2, 5.3 and 5.4
<b>Club Affiliation</b>	means recognition by the member association and GA as a club who has paid the prescribed fees and met the National Affiliation Standards.
<b>Club 10</b>	means the quality assurance and risk management program developed by GA to provide resources and services to gymnastics clubs.
<b>Club 10 Accreditation</b>	means the star category within the Club 10 accreditation program achieved by the Club.
<b>Gymnastics Australia (GA)</b>	means Gymnastics Australia Limited
<b>Gymnastics South Australia (GSA)</b>	means Gymnastics South Australia Inc
<b>Honorary Member</b>	An individual who holds an Official Position with the Association, or who holds an administrative position in Gymnastics with the Association, will be eligible to apply for membership of the Association as an Honorary Member of the Association in accordance with rule 6.6 of the GSA Constitution
<b>Life Member</b>	An individual who has contributed long and meritorious service to the Association may be elected as a Life Member at any AGM by a Special Resolution in accordance with rule 6.7 of the GSA Constitution.
<b>National Affiliation Standards</b>	means the requirements for affiliation published by the Association Member and GA for each year (as detailed in the club affiliation application form)
<b>Participant Member</b>	An individual that is recognised by a Club Member as a participant member will, upon registration with the Club Member in accordance with its rules and in accordance with rule 6.4 of the GSA Constitution
<b>Technical Member</b>	means a coach or judge who has successfully completed one or more GA NCAS/NOAS registered accreditation courses and paid the prescribed GA and Association Member fee.

## **MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES**

### **3.1 Club Members**

#### **3.1.1 Club Affiliation**

Subject to the club paying the prescribed Gymnastics South Australia affiliation fee, meeting the National Affiliation Standards (completing the prescribed Affiliation form) and the relevant GSA member requirements, GSA will affiliate the club and will provide to the Club the services and resources and any nominated benefits offered on an annual basis by GA and the Association Member.

- a) The application of a new Club shall be accompanied by a copy of the Constitution of the Applicant and any other information that Gymnastics South Australia Inc. may require.
- b) A Club Member shall submit all amendments to its Constitution to Gymnastics South Australia Inc. within twenty-eight (28) days after passing the amendment.
- c) The prescribed fee shall accompany applications for Affiliation.
- d) All applications for affiliation whether new or from previous Club Members shall be considered by the Board of Management.
- e) Affiliation shall be granted if a simple majority of the Board present and voting supports the application.
- f) The Board may grant honorary affiliation to organisations.
- g) Club Members may be permitted to conduct gymnastic events providing they obtain sanction from the relevant Sport Management Committee in writing.

#### **3.1.2 Affiliation Fee**

The Club will pay the affiliation fee within the time prescribed by Gymnastics South Australia (quarterly payments highlighted during the re-affiliation process). A Club Member becoming affiliated for the first time shall pay the full affiliation fee unless their entry to membership is after 1st July in the relevant year, whereupon they shall pay one half of the full fee.

#### **3.1.3 Membership Requirements**

The club shall comply

- a) with the National Affiliation Standards (as detailed in the club affiliation application form) and agrees and undertakes that at the time of applying for affiliation the Club does comply with those standards.
- b) with the GA and GSA Constitution including By-laws and Policies.

c) to register all participating members with Gymnastics South Australia, and agree to endorse and actively support the Member Protection Policy.

### 3.14 General Meetings

A Club Member is permitted to attend any General Meeting and is entitled to debate or vote, save as required by the Associations Incorporations Act.

## **3.2 Participant Members**

### 3.2.1 Membership

Subject to the participant paying the prescribed GA and GSA Member fees and the club providing the required membership details, membership of GA and GSA will be granted. GA and GSA will provide member benefits on an annual basis.

### 3.2.2 Membership fee

The participant will pay the whole of the fee prescribed by GA and GSA for the relevant year of membership regardless of any portion of the year having expired or such method as determined by the GSA Board of Management.

The membership fee is payable for the calendar year (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December), with members eligible to join or renew at any time during the year.

### 3.2.3 Membership Requirement

The participant shall at all times comply with the GA and GSA Constitution, including By-laws and Policies.

### 3.2.4 General Meetings

A Participant Member is permitted to attend any General Meeting, but is not entitled to debate or vote, save as required by the Associations Incorporations Act.

## **3.3 Technical Members**

### 3.3.1 Membership

Subject to the Technical Member paying the prescribed GA and GSA fees and meeting all accreditation requirements, technical membership of GA and GSA will be granted. GA and GSA will make services and resources available on annual basis.

### 3.3.2 Membership fee

The Technical Member will pay the whole of the prescribed GA and GSA fee to GA regardless of any portion of the year having expired.

Membership is valid for the calendar year (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> December), with members eligible to renew at any time during the year.

### 3.3.3 Membership Requirements

The Technical Member shall at all times comply with the GA and GSA Constitutions, including By-laws and Policies.

### 3.3.4 General Meetings

A Technical Member is permitted to attend any General Meeting but is not entitled to debate or vote, save as required by the Associations Incorporations Act.

## **3.4 Honorary Members**

### 3.4.1 Membership

GA and GSA Board members, Sports Management Committee members (not already a technical or participant member) shall be Honorary Members.

### 3.4.2 Membership Requirements

The Honorary Member shall at all times comply with GA and GSA Constitution including By-laws and Policies.

### 3.4.2 General Meetings

An Honorary Member is permitted to attend any General Meeting but is not entitled to debate or vote, save as required by the Associations Incorporations Act.

## **3.5 Life Members**

### 3.5.1 Granting of Life Membership

Life Membership shall be granted at any Annual General Meeting by a three-fourths majority of eligible voting members present, provided that notice of such nomination appears in the notice convening the meeting.

### 3.5.2 Life Membership recommendation

A written report shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting outlining the history of the service of the nominee, and the recommendation of the Board as to the suitability of the nominee for Life Membership.

### 3.5.3 Limit on Life Members appointments

No more than two Life Members shall be appointed in any one-year.

### 3.5.4 Life Members benefits

Life Members shall be entitled to freely take part in any or all activities of Gymnastics South Australia Inc. without further payment, as long as the terms of the Constitution are always fully observed.

### 3.5.5 Life Membership Criteria

- Life membership may be bestowed on any member or volunteer who has provided:
- A minimum of ten (10) years meritorious service to the sport of gymnastics.

and

- Meritorious service to the sport includes but is not limited to, a minimum of 5 years as an active and valuable member of a Sport Management Committee in South Australia:

or

- A minimum of 5 years on the Board of Management at either a State or National level.

Or

- 5 years as an active and valuable member of a Sport Management Committee at a national level as defined by Gymnastics Australia plus:

or

- A minimum of 5 years as either a National or International Judge or Coach plus:

### 3.3.6 General Meetings

A Life Member is permitted to attend any General Meeting but is not entitled to debate or vote, save as required by the Associations Incorporations Act.

## **ATTENDANCE AT GENERAL MEETINGS**

### **4.1 Club Members**

In accordance with the GSA Constitution clause 6.3(a), each Club Member is entitled to one (1) vote at any General Meeting.

The following members of GSA are permitted to attend any General Meeting but is not entitled to debate or vote, save as required by the Associations Incorporations Act.

- Technical Members – no voting or debating rights
- Participant Members - no voting or debating rights
- Honorary Members - no voting or debating rights
- Life Members - no voting or debating rights