



## Membership Rules

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*Note 1. Nothing in these rules supersedes any provision in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of BABS.*

*Note 2. Reference to "BABS Club Member" and "Member" in these rules is as defined in the Articles of Association of The British Association of Barbershop Singers.*

### **1. BABS Club Members**

Any person, male or female, can become a BABS Club Member by applying for membership through a registered club. This does not imply eligibility for entry to BABS Contests.

The rate of subscription shall be determined from time to time by the Directors and approved by Members. Subscriptions are payable on 1 January and 1 July each year and can be paid directly or through a BABS Club.

### **2. Associate Members**

Any person, male or female, wishing to be associated with BABS can apply to become an Associate Member.

Associate Members enjoy some privileges of BABS Club Membership but cannot compete in BABS contests nor are they covered by BABS insurance.

The rate for Associate Members will be set from time to time by the Directors. Subscriptions will be payable annually in advance.

### **3. Dual Members**

Any BABS Club Member may belong to more than one BABS Club. One BABS Club must be nominated as the 'home' club to which the BABS Club Member belongs for the purposes membership numbers to be counted for voting purposes at Member meetings etc.

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#### **4. BABS Clubs**

Any club which meets the criteria for registration, as set out in the Articles of Association, may apply for membership. Once approved, the club becomes a BABS Club and its members become BABS Club members.

Membership subscriptions for all members of a BABS Club shall be paid by that club on 1 January and 1 July each year.

Any BABS Club where the membership falls below 8 members shall be deregistered as a BABS club. The club may then apply for Associate Club status but shall not then be entitled to the benefits of a BABS club.

##### **4.1 Non-Competing Clubs**

A Non-Competing Club enjoys the same benefits as a BABS Club except that their chorus cannot compete in BABS chorus competitions. One such club is the Don Amos Club. The Membership subscription for the Don Amos Club is payable directly, annually in advance.

#### **5. Associate Clubs**

Any singing organisation may apply to the Directors to become an Associate Club. Once accepted, an Associate Club shall pay annually such subscription as the Board determine.

Individuals within an Associate Club are not Individual Associate Members of BABS. They are not entitled to any of the privileges enjoyed by BABS Club Members or Associate Members nor are they covered by any BABS insurance policy. The Associate Club is not required to provide a list of its members to the Board.

Associate Clubs will receive copies of Harmony Express and other information, as deemed appropriate.

#### **6. Good Standing**

Any member whose subscription is more than one month in arrears, whether paid individually or through a registered club, shall not be entitled to any benefits from the charity.

#### **7. Guild of Judges**

All members of the Guild of Judges, both full members and applicants in training, are required to be BABS Club Members.



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