

# Rules of The Basketmakers' Association Limited

10<sup>th</sup> August 2012

[These rules are to be read in conjunction with the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Association which have priority in any cases of conflict.](#)

## 1 Name

The Basketmakers' Association Limited shall be called the Basketmakers' Association (hereinafter called the BA).

## 2 Objects

The BA's objects are outlined in the Articles of Association.

The BA shall be international and its membership shall be open to people of all countries.

## 3. Membership

3.1 Membership is open to individuals and organizations interested in The Crafts in accordance with sections 28 & 29 of the Articles of Association.

## 4. Refusal Procedure

4.1 If membership is refused the Directors must inform the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal within twenty-one days of the decision.

4.2 The Directors must consider any written representations the applicant may make about the decision. The Directors' decision following any written representations must be notified to the applicant in writing but shall be final. This reinforces 29.2 in the Articles of Association.

## 5 Termination of Membership

The Directors will terminate the membership if any sum due from the member to the BA is not paid in full within three months of it falling due.

## 6. Subscriptions

The Subscriptions shall be fixed by the BA in General Meeting, and shall be payable by members on joining and thereafter on January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

## 7. Local Associations

7.1 The BA is committed to the principle of and encouragement of Local Associations.

7.2 A representative for all Local Associations will be elected at the AGM to be a member of the BA Board of Directors.

## 8. Honorary Titles

8.1 A President may be elected annually at a General Meeting and does not have to be a Director.

8.1 A President shall attend all meetings of the Board but without voting rights

8.2 As a mark of appreciation and thanks, retiring Chairmen of the BA may be given the honorary title of Vice President in perpetuity. Retiring elected Board members who have made an exceptional contribution to the BA over many years may be offered the same honour, if so agreed by members in attendance and voting at an Annual General Meeting.

8.3 Vice Presidents shall not become Directors or attend meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have no voting rights.

## 9. Officers and members of the Board of Directors

Directors shall appoint from within the Board of Directors a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

### **10. Representative from the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers**

The Board of Directors has the power to invite the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers to nominate a representative to attend all Board meetings but without voting rights.

### **11. The Appointment of The Board of Directors**

At the Annual General Meeting each year, all the Directors shall retire, and shall be eligible for re-election subject to the proviso that after six years of service as a Director, such Director shall not be eligible for re-election as a Director for a period of two years.

### **12. Powers of members of the Board of Directors**

The Board will meet 6 times a year with the power to meet more often if the business of managing the company so demands.

### **13. Annual Report and Return and Accounts**

13.1 An independent examiner of the accounts shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting, and shall hold office until the next following Annual General Meeting. He/she shall be eligible for re-election on retirement. The financial year of the BA shall end on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

13.2 The Directors shall make the minutes of the board meetings and the accounts of the company available for inspection by the members if so requested.