



ASSOCIATION RULES - CONDUCT & ETIQUETTE

These rules are made under the provisions of 10.1, 10.2 & 10.3 of the Constitution and Rules of The British Baton Twirling Sports Association (herein after called The BBTSA). They apply to all Members of The BBTSA.

1. Membership of The BBTSA is deemed to be a privilege and, while open to all members of society, is not automatic. The BBTSA reserves the right to refuse membership to any person applying to The BBTSA, and also reserves the right to suspend or cancel the membership of any individual who, in the opinion of the Association, has not conducted him/herself in a manner deemed appropriate for a member of the Association.

Any person who has been refused membership, or who has had their membership either suspended or cancelled, has the right of appeal against this decision as set out in paragraph 4(c) of this section.

The BBTSA will publish in its National Minutes, the names and addresses (and where appropriate the name and address of the club to which they are attached) of those members suspended or expelled, but will not make public the reason for the decision.

2. In addition to the above general statement on conduct there are four specific areas in which disciplinary action may be taken:

(i) Criminal Charges

The Executive Council of The BBTSA feels that a conviction on certain criminal charges is not compatible with conduct deemed appropriate for a member of the Association.

(ii) Conduct unbecoming a member of The BBTSA which falls in two classes

(a) A breach of duty or prohibition imposed by the WBTF, CETB or BBTSA

(b) Conduct which a Disciplinary Committee has held to be conduct unbecoming a member of The BBTSA the penalty for which is suspension or expulsion from The BBTSA.

(iii) Improper conduct – being conduct which a Disciplinary Committee may not have been prepared to find came within Grade II but have decided that some form of censure is required.

(iv) Breach of etiquette – being a breach of good manner or behaviour not in conformity with the accepted traditions of Baton Twirling the penalty for which is within the discretion of the Technical Director/Sports Development Officer responsible. Technical Committees may from time to time publish additional rules provided that they do not conflict or are not inconsistent with these Rules.

3. RADIO AND TELEVISION

The BBTSA reserves the right to determine whether any of the events organised in its name, will be broadcast by radio and television and to decide upon the disposal of any fees thereby obtained.

4. MISREPRESENTATION

Members and Clubs may be disciplined by The BBTSA for:
Purporting to represent The BBTSA in any baton twirling event without the permission of The BBTSA

5. DRUG ABUSE

(a) All members accept that any baton twirler over the age of twelve years may be subjected to a test for illegal substances within the list of prohibited drugs prepared and published by the WBTF, CETB OR BBTSA.

(b) All baton twirlers will abstain from the use of any and all drugs included in the list together with chemically and pharmacologically related compounds.

(c) A drug disciplinary committee when required will comprise a chairman nominated by the Executive Council of The BBTSA, a member from the Executive Council, a member of the Technical Committee and a medical advisor.

6. CRIME

Any member convicted of a serious criminal offence may be expelled from The BBTSA (SEE RULE 2 (i)) above.

7. RELATIONSHIPS

(a) Members will at all times co-operate with other members. They will not disparage or intimidate members or poach members from their principal club.

(b) Members will not coach a baton twirler without the permission of the twirler's own coach.

Acceptance of membership of a squad will imply agreement to be trained by other coaches.

(c) Members will not question the decision of officials except through accepted procedures.

(d) Members will not be members of more than one Baton Twirling club at any one time except with the permission of the principal club and provided no conflict of interest arises.

(e) Members accept that they must at all times use their knowledge as objectively as possible and maintain a scrupulous fairness in their dealings with others.

These rules apply to all members of The BBTSA.

These rules will apply with effect from 1st June 2003 in relation to any breach of conduct or etiquette occurring, or alleged to have occurred, on or at any time before or after that date. They will not apply, however, to any breach or alleged breach which has been finally determined by The BBTSA, or to any disciplinary action taken or decision made by The BBTSA (including suspension or expulsion from membership), on or before that date.