

Club Guidance – Expelled Members

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Introduction

For safeguarding matters, the Home Countries – British Gymnastics (BG), Scottish Gymnastics (SG) and Welsh Gymnastics (WG) – work collaboratively to promote consistency, clarity and the highest standards of practice across the sport.

Membership operates on a shared basis across the Home Countries. This means that individuals who are members of a Home Country governing body also hold a linked membership with British Gymnastics. As a result, members may engage in roles, activities and environments across different Home Country jurisdictions. To ensure a consistent and effective safeguarding approach, this guidance applies across all Home Country environments. It is intended to provide clear and aligned expectations, supporting both members and clubs to understand and uphold safeguarding responsibilities wherever activity takes place.

This guidance is intended to provide information to BG/SG/WG Registered Clubs around what activities and interactions Members that are subject to an Expulsion (Expelled Members) MAY and MUST NOT undertake within BG/SG/WG Registered Clubs and Recognised Environments. These guidelines apply regardless of previous role, including coach, official, volunteer, parent/carer or business owner.

If there are any questions related to the information provided within this guidance, clarification should be sought by contacting the relevant Home Country support team –

- British Gymnastics: welfareandsafesport@british-gymnastics.org
- Scottish Gymnastics: safeguarding@scottishgymnastics.org
- Welsh Gymnastics: Safeguarding@welshgymnastics.org

Expulsion

For the avoidance of doubt an Expelled Member is anyone who previously had membership of BG/SG/WG and, as a result of a decision by BG/SG/WG their membership has been revoked or they have been banned from holding membership of BG/SG/WG.

Where an individual is subject to an Expulsion by any Home Country, this applies across all Home Countries. The expectations and restrictions set out in this guidance therefore apply across all gymnastics environments and activities, regardless of location.

Summary:



An Expelled Member must not take part in, influence, support, promote or access BG/SG/WG Recognised Activity or BG/SG/WG Recognised Environments in any capacity, whether paid or unpaid, in person or online, supervised or unsupervised. This also includes no involvement in any capacity in any of the environments governed by any and all Affiliated Associations, including Regional Associations and BG/SG/WG sanctioned Committees (i.e. Technical Committees, Event Organising Committees etc.).

Expelled Members MUST NOT:

- Coach (including trainee coaching and assistant coaching), judge, officiate or participate in any role relating to the delivery of gymnastics in a BG/SG/WG registered club or environment.
- Help informally or as an unqualified helper.
- Take part in sessions in any role.
- Influence or advise the club, its management, or its members.
- Provide safeguarding or welfare support.
- Provide chaperoning, 2nd supervising adult, or general supervision in any capacity.
- Give advice, guidance, instruction, or mentoring (formal or informal) to BG/SG/WG members.
- Provide sport or wellbeing support, whether paid or unpaid, including (but not limited to):
 - Choreography, dance, or artistry
 - Strength & conditioning or fitness training
 - Nutrition or wellbeing services
 - Sports psychology
 - Physiotherapy, medical or recovery services
- Manage, administer, or govern including holding management, committee or trustee roles.
- Carry out administrative or operational roles involving:
 - attendance at the club.
 - contact with members or staff, either physically or virtually.
 - access to member data.
 - promote or engage digitally including running or appear in club marketing.
 - post, moderate or engage on club social media, messaging platforms or online content, unless the Expelled Member is acting solely in the capacity as a direct family member, with prior permission of the club.
- Attend events in any active role including competitions, camps, clinics, festivals (either club, regional or national level), business or community events.
- Attend any non-gymnastics club event, including social, fundraising, or similar event where registered members will be or are likely to be present, without the prior express permission of the club.

Expelled Members MAY (under strict conditions):

For this section, “operational” means any time BG/SG/WG recognised activity is taking place or registered members/families are present.

An Expelled Member may:

- Own a club business or premises.
 - Only if ownership duties do not require attendance while the registered club is operational.
- Run unrelated businesses from owned premises.
 - Only if not linked to registered club activity and no registered members/families are or are likely to be present.
- Carry out maintenance work.
 - Only outside registered club operational hours and does not require attendance in the area that recognised gymnastics activity is taking place or where registered members (including their immediate families) are or are likely to be present.
- Attend club events as a direct family member.
 - Only with prior club permission, which may be conditional, event-specific or withdrawn.
- Provide off-site professional services (e.g. accountant)
 - Only if there is no contact with registered members and no access to registered member data.



Club responsibilities

- Clubs must take reasonable and proportionate steps to prevent prohibited access or involvement by an Expelled Member. This includes removal of access to club management systems, documentation, website, social media and messaging platforms.
- When considering a request to attend any events, the Club should consider any potential impact on the club, its staff and any other attendees, including participants and their families.
- If difficulties arise, contact BG/SG/WG immediately for support - do not try to manage complex situations alone.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- It remains the responsibility of the club to ensure any Expelled Members do not access or attend the club in any of the ways that are outlined in the MUST NOT section of this document.
- If the club and/or its officers/coaches/participants are having difficulty in preventing attendance, they should contact the relevant Safe Sport team in their Home Country immediately to notify them of the circumstances, to enable BG/SG/WG to support the club appropriately.
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- The Expelled Member should respect the decision of the BG/SG/WG registered club if applying to attend any event in the capacity of direct family member and refrain from engaging with officers and members of the club except where necessary for their attendance.
- The Expelled Member should respect the restrictions set out in this guidance and not put any BG/SG/WG members or their immediate families in difficult positions by attempting, either successfully or unsuccessfully, to contact, speak to or engage with them in any capacity, either physically or virtually. If such unwanted contact is made, the registered club or member should contact the relevant Home Country support team immediately to notify them of the circumstances, to enable BG/SG/WG to support appropriately.
- Where an Expelled Member has an external, non-club relationship with a BG/SG/WG member, they should ensure the engagement in that relationship remains outside of gymnastics and respects the boundaries set out in this guidance.

Early clarification is always preferable to managing issues retrospectively.

If in doubt - pause the activity and contact BG/SG/WG:

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