

Guidance for 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 around what activities and interactions Members that are subject to an Expulsion (Expelled Members) MUST NOT and MAY undertake within BG/SG/WG Registered Clubs and Recognised Environments.

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is anyone who previously had membership of BG/SG/WG and, as a result of a decision by BG/SG/WG their membership has been revoked or they have been banned from holding membership of BG/SG/WG.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



Expelled Members MUST NOT:

Take part in any BG/SG/WG Recognised Activity in a BG/SG/WG Recognised Environment (see Interpretation section at the end of this document for definitions) including but not limited to:

- Coaching in any capacity (including trainee coaching, assistant coaching or supervising activity) whether supervised or not.
- Judging in any capacity whether supervised or not.
- Assisting as an unqualified helper in any capacity whether supervised or not.
- Providing safeguarding provision in any capacity whether supervised or not.
- Provide chaperoning, 2nd supervising adult, general supervision in any capacity whether supervised or not.
- Providing advice, guidance and/or mentoring to any registered member that holds or is undertaking any BG/SG/WG recognised qualification, accreditation, or CPD.
- Deliver, assess, verify or otherwise support any education, training or development activity, including acting as a tutor, educator, assessor, internal verifier, or delivering courses, assessments or CPD sessions, whether supervised or not.
- Providing Sport Support Services in any capacity whether supervised or not including but not limited to:
 - o Choreography and associated provision of dance/artistry services
 - o Strength & Conditioning (including any type of fitness/training specialists)
 - o Nutritionists and other unregulated wellbeing practitioners (e.g. massage, therapists)
 - o Sports psychology and associated psychological support service provision.
 - o Physiotherapy and other regulated, associated physical health service providers (e.g. chiropractors etc.)
 - o Other regulated medical practitioners including any associated health related service providers (e.g. injury recovery specialists, holistic therapies etc.)
- Carrying out any managerial roles related to actively managing the club, its coaches, or participants (i.e. Operations Manager, Club Manager, committee roles, Trustee) where the role requires them to attend the club and/or engage with members of the club in any capacity either physically or virtually, whether supervised or not.
- Carrying out any administrative roles related to actively assisting the club, its coaches or participants (i.e. membership, event entry, DBS/Disclosure Scotland verifying, reception, health & safety, maintenance) where the role requires them to attend the club and/or engage with members of the club in any capacity either physically or virtually, whether supervised or not.
- Carrying out any marketing roles related to the promotion or presence of the club in any digital platform where registered members are the intended or likely audience (i.e. social media, messaging platforms, video subscription services etc.). This includes being a member of any messaging platform group where registered members or their families are part of that group, unless the Expelled Member is acting solely in the capacity as a direct family member, with prior permission of the club.
- Participating in sessions in any capacity whether supervised or not.
- Attending, in any active capacity, any BG/SG/WG recognised or sanctioned events including but not limited to festivals, camps, clinics, club competitions, regional or national competitions, business events, or national or regional community events.
- Attending 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.
- Carrying out any formal roles within local, regional, or national management, technical or organisational committees.

Expelled Members MAY:

Continue with their operation, running or ownership of the business and/or premises that does not include taking part in any BG/SG/WG Recognised Activity in a BG/SG/WG Recognised Environment including but not limited to:

- Owning the business where the ownership and any associated duties DOES NOT require attendance in the same area that BG/SG/WG Recognised Activity is operational, including the attendance of participants and



their spectators, and does not include carrying out any form of active management or roles directly related to the operation of the club (i.e. management committee member).

- Owning the premises where the management of the premises and any associated duties DOES NOT require attendance whilst the club is operational.
- Running alternative, unrelated businesses from owned premises provided the other business activities are NOT related to the BG/SG/WG Recognised Environment and BG/SG/WG Recognised Activities, and DO NOT require attendance in the area that recognised gymnastics activity is taking place or where registered members (including their immediate families) are likely to be present.
- Providing maintenance services within the premises provided the maintenance provision 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.
- Attending club events, with the prior express permission of the club, where the Expelled Member is attending solely in the capacity as direct family member. Attendance as a spectator must be limited to the time the participant is actively engaged in the event.
- Attending BG/SG/WG recognised or sanctioned events including festivals, county, regional or national competitions, where the Expelled Member is attending solely in the capacity as a direct family member of a participant. Attendance as a spectator must be limited to the time the related participant is actively engaged in the event.
- Carrying out any administrative roles related to actively assisting the club (i.e. accountant, business advisor, completing annual returns etc.) where the role DOES NOT require them to attend the club and/or engage with members of the club in any capacity either physically or virtually, whether supervised or not, and does not require access to individual member data or information in any way.

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. This may require risk assessments and will require removal of access to club management systems, documentation, website, social media, and messaging platforms.
- 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.
 - British Gymnastics: welfareandsafesport@british-gymnastics.org
 - Scottish Gymnastics: safeguarding@scottishgymnastics.org
 - Welsh Gymnastics: Safeguarding@welshgymnastics.org
- 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. When considering a request to attend, the club should consider any potential impact on the club, its staff and any other attendees, including participants and their families.
- 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 member 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 member appropriately.
- Where an Expelled Member has an external, non-club relationship with a registered member, they should ensure the engagement in that relationship remains outside of gymnastics and respects the boundaries set out in this guidance. The club is not expected to monitor matters outside of their environment but should report any concerns they become aware of to the relevant Safe Sport team in their Home Country.
- It is outside of BG/SG/WG jurisdiction if an Expelled Member chooses to apply for membership with, or access the services of, an alternative gymnastics provider. The Expelled Member should declare the BG/SG/WG expulsion to that alternative provider.
Whether declared or not, should an alternative provider contact BG/SG/WG to enquire about the membership status of an Expelled Member, BG/SG/WG will provide confirmation to that organisation and



such limited detail as is required by the alternative organisation for them to satisfy themselves on the suitability of the Expelled Member for membership of their organisation or access to their services. Considering the publication of the Expelled Members List, reference to that list will ordinarily constitute sufficient disclosure. No further information concerning the circumstances of an expulsion shall be provided unless there is a lawful basis for doing so and disclosure is necessary, proportionate, and justified in the particular circumstances. BG/SG/WG will verify the legitimacy of such request and, subject to satisfactory verification, provide confirmation to that organisation and such relevant details as is required by the alternative organisation for them to satisfy themselves on the suitability of the Expelled Member for membership of their organisation or access to their services.

If BG/SG/WG become aware that an Expelled Member is working in the gymnastic environment of an alternative provider, in the interest of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, BG/SG/WG may contact the alternative provider to confirm the expulsion of the member.

In certain circumstances, BG/SG/WG may proactively share information about an expulsion with other organisations where this is considered necessary and proportionate to safeguard participants and others. Any such sharing will be undertaken in line with safeguarding responsibilities and applicable data protection legislation.

Interpretation:

EXPELLED MEMBER

An Expelled Member is anyone who previously had membership of British Gymnastics (BG), Scottish Gymnastics (SG) or Welsh Gymnastics (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.

REGISTERED CLUB RECOGNISED ACTIVITY:

Each Registered Club must ensure that any activity carried out within the Registered Club falls within the definition of Recognised Activity as defined by the insurers of BG/SG/WG and the Registered Clubs, as follows:

Registered Clubs

For the purposes of this guidance, a “Recognised Activity” of a Registered Club means:

- The delivery of BG/SG/WG disciplines and activities to members and non-members undertaken by a qualified BG/SG/WG coach or instructor.
- Training for and the participation in competitions and non-competitive participation activities.
- Training camps and holiday camps organised and/or run by the club.
- Public Gymnastics Displays by BG/SG/WG members.
- Gymnastics based parties, including birthday parties, when supervised by a BG/SG/WG registered coach.
- Social events and fund-raising events arranged by a Registered Club but excluding activities involving the participation in a BG/SG/WG discipline or activity by non- BG/SG/WG members but shall under no circumstances include any unsupervised Pay and Play or similar sessions.
- The delivery of the British Gymnastics Foundation (BGF) Love to Move programme to appropriate participants, either as members or non-members, undertaken by a coach or deliverer that holds the relevant training accreditation as defined by BGF.
- The delivery of non-traditional gymnastics related activities where specific agreement has been obtained directly from BG/SG/WG by the club and the activities specifically agreed by BG/SG/WG and the Insurer.
- The delivery of Holiday Clubs/Summer Camps to either BG/SG/WG registered members, participants registered to the Block Registration Scheme, or non- BG/SG/WG members for the following:
 - o Supervision and coaching of gymnastic activity.
 - o Supervision of low-risk, non-gymnastic activity within and around the club environment.
 - o Supervision of non-gymnastic activities away from the club delivered by a third-party provider.

Coaches



For the purposes of this guidance, a “Recognised Activity” of a BG/SG/WG - registered Coach means:

- Delivery of any BG/SG/WG discipline or activity carried out in a BG/SG/WG Recognised Environment, providing that the activity falls within the remit of a coach’s recognised training and qualifications.
- The delivery or supervision of a BG/SG/WG registered club-arranged event, party, or holiday camp.
- The delivery of the British Gymnastics Foundation (BGF) Love to Move programme, carried out in an environment deemed suitable by BGF for the delivery of such activities, where the coach has completed the relevant supplemental accreditation as defined by BGF.
- The delivery of non-traditional gymnastics related activities where specific agreement has been obtained directly from BG/SG/WG by the coach/club and the activities are within the knowledge and skills of the coach based on their qualification syllabi and specifically agreed by BG/SG/WG and the Insurer.
- The delivery of Holiday Club/Summer Camp activity to either BG/SG/WG registered members, participants registered to the Block Registration Scheme or non- BG/SG/WG members for the following:
 - o Supervision and coaching of gymnastic activity.
 - o Supervision of low-risk, non-gymnastic activity within and around the club environment.
 - o Supervision of non-gymnastic activities away from the club delivered by a third-party provider.

Instructors

For the purposes of this guidance, a “Recognised Activity” of a BG/SG/WG-registered Instructor means:

- Delivery of any BG/SG/WG discipline or activity carried out in a BG/SG/WG Recognised Environment, providing that the activity falls within the remit of an Instructor’s recognised training and qualifications.
- The delivery or supervision of a BG/SG/WG registered club-arranged event, party, or holiday camp.

Members

For the purposes of this guidance, a “Recognised Activity” of a BG/SG/WG-registered Member means:

- Participation in any BG/SG/WG discipline or activity carried out in a BG/SG/WG Recognised Environment under the coaching or supervision of a BG/SG/WG Coach.
- Participation in a training camp or holiday camp organised and/or run by a BG/SG/WG Registered Club
- Participation in Public Gymnastics Displays organised and/or run by a BG/SG/WG Registered Club
- Participation in Gymnastics based parties, including birthday parties, when supervised by a BG/SG/WG registered coach and organised and/or run by a BG/SG/WG Registered Club
- Participation in Social events and fund-raising events organised and/or run by a BG/SG/WG Registered Club
- Participation in non-traditional gymnastics related activities where specific agreement has been obtained directly from BG/SG/WG by the club/coach and the activities specifically agreed by BG/SG/WG and the Insurer.
- Participation in Holiday Club/Summer Camp activity for the following:
 - o Participation in gymnastic activity.
 - o Participation in low-risk, non-gymnastic activity within and around the club environment.

BG/SG/WG RECOGNISED ENVIRONMENT:

Coaches, Instructors and Members

For the purposes of this guidance, a Recognised Environment as defined by the insurers of BG/SG/WG is:

- A BG/SG/WG registered club or BG/SG/WG registered club-arranged event.
- A BG/SG/WG registered leisure centre in respect of coached sessions involving participants registered to BG/SG/WG.
- An event organised and/or run by BG/SG/WG or a BG/SG/WG affiliated organisation.
- A school gymnastics class, including extra-curricular gymnastics classes provided to pupils of the school by the school, either held at the school or hosted on behalf of the school within a BG/SG/WG Registered Club venue.
- An environment deemed suitable by British Gymnastics Foundation (BGF) for the delivery of the BGF Love to Move programme by BGF accredited deliverers involving appropriate non-member participants.

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