



Membership Policy

If Something Isn't Right

You should speak with a committee officer or consult our **grievance policy** or **whistleblowing policy**.

Further Reading

Documents: **The Constitution, Section 9.**

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Introduction

BATS aims to be a safe, vibrant, and inclusive society where everyone who is eligible to join is welcome. This document outlines your membership works.

Joining the Society

To be a member of BATS, you must;

- Be aged at least 16 years old and be seen to have completed the academic year (this would usually be 31 August after your 16th birthday),
- Complete the mandatory sections of our membership form,
- Pay the annual membership subscription fee (often referred to as subs),
- Agree to act in the best interests of BATS.

The committee is obligated to consider any application and confirm or refuse membership within 7 days of the decision being made.

Once confirmed as a member by the committee, you are considered to be a full member from the date on which BATS receives payment of the subs – there is no probation period.

Continued Membership

Membership runs for the full society year (AGM to AGM) or part thereof. It will be assumed that you wish to continue to be a member of BATS unless;

- You confirm in writing to the committee that you intend to leave the society,

- You do not complete an updated membership form as required, or
- You have not fully paid your subs within the time frame set at an AGM. In line with Section 9 of the constitution, you will have six months to come up to date with your subs before your membership is terminated.

For proper communication within the society, it is your obligation to keep the secretary informed of any changes in the way we contact you. For example, if you change your phone number, email address, or remove yourself from any formal member pages on social media.

Honorary Life Memberships

A Honorary Life Member (HLM) is a member who has been instrumental to the society's success and/or amateur theatre, and who has been presented with the relevant award by the society. A HLM is exempt from the membership fee but retains the right to vote on matters within the society.

Any current, paid up, member can be nominated for a HLM. Nominations should be made to the committee.

Membership Terminated by the Member

You can choose to formally terminate your membership at any time.

You must give notice to the secretary, preferably in writing. You should include a note of any outstanding financial reimbursements the society owes to you. We would ask that you also include the reason why you have chosen to leave so that we may improve the society, but this is not a requirement.

You will not be reimbursed any part of your subs.

You will need to reapply if you would like to return to BATS in the future.

Membership Terminated by the Committee

If it is deemed in the best interests of the society, the committee can vote to terminate a membership.

Before the committee makes a decision, they must inform the member of their intent to dismiss them from the society, along with the reason why, in writing and in a format that the member (or their representative) can understand.

The member will have at least 21 days to formally respond to the letter and make any representations as to why they should not be dismissed. This should be done in writing.

The committee will convene at a duly constituted meeting (meaning that there must be quorum of committee members in attendance and minutes are to be recorded) to consider any representations, listen to any further representations made at the meeting, and decide if the member should be dismissed.

A member has the right to have someone else speak on their behalf and act in their best interests – this person is called a representative and does not need to be a member of the society.

Once a decision has been made, a dismissed person may ask for it to be reconsidered at the discretion of the committee; however, there is no automatic right to appeal. If a dismissed person feels that the committee has acted in a manner contrary to the constitution, then they should contact [Citizens Advice](#) or the [Charity Commission](#) for advice.

A dismissed person may be ineligible for readmission to the society.