

CONSTITUTION

Why Have A Constitution?

A Constitution is a legal document that highlights a set of rules to which the organisation abides by. A constitution is essential for the following reasons:

- To ensure the organisations aims are clear and agreed by its members.
- To provide a procedure for making decisions and resolving disputes.
- To gain credibility with bankers and funding agencies.
- To clarify liability and lines of responsibility.
- To ensure accountability.
- To enable the club to take advantage of the benefits of charitable status - a constitution is a pre-requisite.
- To enable trustees to be formally appointed.
- To enable the club to register as a friendly or provident society or company limited by guarantee.
- To enable the club to affiliate to the ECB, local council for voluntary service and other similar agencies.
- To increase the opportunity to access funding opportunities.

Source: British Gymnastics Association