



CONSTITUTION OF THE BRITISH ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC COMBAT

1. NAME

- a. The name of the Academy shall be “The British Academy of Dramatic Combat” (Abbreviated to “BADC” in all documents and hereafter referred to as “The Academy”)
- b. The Academy was established in 1996.

2. AIMS

- a. To further the highest standards of quality and safety in the practice, performance and teaching of dramatic combat.

3. PRACTICE

- a. Training Teachers of Dramatic Combat to The Academy’s standards & requirements.
- b. Assessment and accreditation of Teachers of Dramatic Combat.
- c. Training in dramatic combat to the standards and requirements of The Academy’s Performance Combat Proficiency Tests.
- d. Examination of The Academy’s Performance Combat Proficiency Tests.
- e. Provide workshops, courses, and events for the dissemination and exchange of information on all aspects of dramatic combat in the performing arts.
- f. Provide specialist and technical advice to external professional organisations and individuals.
- g. Furthering the spirit and practice of fair and lawful competition within The Academy and the workplace.

4. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a. The affairs and activities of The Academy shall be directed by an Executive Committee (E.C.).
- a. There shall be no more than eight (8) and no fewer than five (5) members in total on the E.C.
- b. The E.C. shall serve for a two-year term.
- c. The E.C. shall meet at regular intervals during the term of office and not less than three times during each year.
- d. The E.C. shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) for all its fully paid-up members.
- e. A Special General Meeting (SGM) may be convened to discuss single issues falling within. The Academy’s remit following a written request to the Secretary of the E.C. from at least one third of the voting membership.
- f. The E.C. may establish and maintain sub-committees and project groups, and may delegate matters to them.
- g. The E.C. may appoint technical panels to advise & assist it.

5. CHAIR

- a. The E.C. shall, at its first meeting, elect a Chair from among its experienced members to hold office for the term.
- b. No person may hold the office of Chair for more than (2) consecutive terms unless agreed upon by a unanimous vote of the E.C.

6. MEMBERSHIP

- a. There are two (2) categories of membership:
 1. Voting Members
 2. Non-Voting Members

7. RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

- a. All members of The Academy are required to abide by The Academy's Procedures and Practices.
- b. All members of The Academy are required to act in accordance with the information in the Member's Guide.
- c. With the exception of Honorary and Life Members all members of The Academy are required to pay an annual subscription fixed by the E.C.

8. REVISIONS

- a. The Constitution may be amended provided that two thirds of The Academy's members vote in favour of the amendments at an AGM, of which prior notice has been given.
- b. The Practices and Procedures may be amended with the approval of the membership, expressed by a majority vote of at least one third of The Academy's members at an AGM; at a SGM convened for that purpose; by Referendum.
- c. The Members Guide may be revised with the assent of the E.C. by majority vote at a formal meeting of the E.C.

9. EQUALITY & DISCRIMINATION

- a. The Academy will not tolerate discrimination of any kind within the Committee or its membership.
- a. The Academy aims to act with fairness and equality in all matters.