

17. Any band has the right to appeal to the Committee on any matter concerning the Regional Contest either directly or through its local Association.
18. The Committee may, at its discretion, invite any band with special grounds to attend any Committee meeting for the purpose of resolving any grievance.
19. The Committee's decision on all matters except as provided in the National Championships of Great Britain, Grading or Registration Rules is final.
20. Any proposal to amend this constitution must be notified to all members of the Committee in writing by the Secretary not less than **TWENTY-EIGHT** (28) days to the date of the Meeting convened for that purpose.

21. In the event of a decision by the Committee to dissolve the Championship taken at an Extraordinary General Meeting the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary of the Championships at the time of that decision shall act as Trustees (the "Trustees") for the members in the dissolution proceedings.

The Trustees shall as soon as may be possible dispose of all known assets of the Championships in whatever manner and by whatever means they consider appropriate and after discharging all known liabilities

The assets shall be distributed equally between the Bands that are listed on the most recent grading list, and shall be accompanied by a statement of accounts prepared by the Trustees and upon delivery of the statement with the share of the surplus (if any) due to the member Bands the duties of the Trustees shall cease.

22. Every member appointed to the Committee shall receive a copy of this Constitution and shall be bound by its contents.
23. The Committee is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and adults at risk who engage with our activities. We will adopt and periodically review safeguarding policies and procedures which comply with best practice, and ensure appropriate training and accountability are in place.

## **LONDON & SOUTHERN COUNTIES REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL BRASS BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS OF GREAT BRITAIN**

### **CONSTITUTION**

This Constitution replaces all previously issued Constitutions and is effective from 9<sup>th</sup> January 1994 until further notice.

Issue 7: With effect from 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

1. This Committee shall be known as the London & Southern Counties Regional Committee of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. Hereafter referred to as "The Committee".
2. The Committee is formed for the purpose of organising a Brass Band Contest known as the London & Southern Counties Regional Contest from which the finalists to the National Brass Band Championships will be selected in accordance with rules laid down by the owners of that Contest.
3. Membership of the Committee shall consist of Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, (these three being known as the "Executive"), a Property Master and **TWO** representatives from each of the Brass Band Associations recognised by this Committee.

In addition, other persons who through their service and experience have shown that their invitation to join the Committee would be desirable and accepted on a majority vote.

4. The Executive and Property Master and any representative to the Contest Owner Forums shall submit themselves for re-election every **THREE** years by rotation at the Annual General Meeting following the end of the financial year. The Contest Owner Forum representative or proxy must be a serving Officer or an Association representative on the Committee.

5. The Committee shall be empowered to buy, sell or exchange any property of whatsoever nature to carry out its stated purpose. All property shall be vested in the stewardship of the Committee.
6. No member or members of the Committee shall be held personally liable either jointly or severally for:
  - a) Any debt incurred on behalf of the Committee.
  - b) Any legal liability, either civil or criminal incurred or any other member of the Committee or Committee as a whole.
7. Meetings shall be held as when necessary to carry out the stated objects.
8. A quorum shall be SIX members of the Committee, of which a minimum of TWO shall be from the Executive.
9. In the absence of the Chairman the Committee shall elect one of its number present to take the chair.
10. The Annual General Meeting of the Committee will be at the first Meeting following the end of the financial year (30<sup>th</sup> June). There is no requirement to hold Open General Meetings but meetings of all bands within the region may be called should matters arise which make such meetings desirable.
11. The proceedings of all meetings shall be duly minuted and the minutes shall be agreed as correct at the next appropriate meeting and signed by the Chairman.
12. The Committee shall be empowered to appoint any former or current members the honorary position of Life Vice President in recognition of their service to the Regional Committee as it deems appropriate.

13. Finance: All income shall be deposited in a current account in the name of the Committee and applied to:
  - i) All running costs of whatsoever nature required to fulfil the objects of the Committee. These to include any out of pocket expenses incurred by Executive or Members on behalf of the Committee in pursuance of its objects.
  - ii) Any funds for specific purposes as may be required from time to time to fulfil the object of the Committee.

It shall be permitted for the Committee to pay an Annual Honorarium and that amount shall be decided by the Committee.

Provision may also be made for the opening of any deposit or savings account of whatsoever nature that the Committee at its discretion sees fit.

The Committee shall be empowered to make donations to any bodies as may be felt by the Committee to be appropriate.

Signatories to all cheques and/or all matters to bank accounts shall be any two from: Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman.

- 14. A suitably experienced independent person shall be appointed annually at the first meeting following the completion of the financial year for the ensuing year and he/she shall be granted access to all aspects of the Committee financial affairs and shall be required to report thereon.
- 15. For registration and Contesting purposes generally, the Committee will adopt the Rules and Conditions of the National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain.
- 16. Grading shall be carried out by the Committee in accordance with National Grading Rules notwithstanding that the Committee reserves the right to individually grade any band on the basis of local knowledge if it is felt strict application of the National Rules would be to the detriment of the band or other bands in any section.