

Summarised Rules of the Association

In addition to the **statement of Objectives** shown on the home page of the site, the main points covered in the rules are summarised below:

THE EXECUTIVE

The ABKA is a charitable trust administered by the trustees who are Officers of the Association, elected annually at the Association AGM held in March each year, and Branch Delegates, one from each branch, elected annually at each branch AGM held in the previous late November or early December.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership, renewable annually, is open to beekeepers and others interested in apiculture.

Classes of membership are defined as follows: -

- Full Member** - A person who has paid a branch capitation, and ABKA and BBKA capitation as determined by the Executive Committee (including, as appropriate, partner members from the same household);
- Honorary ABKA Member** - A person elected to honorary membership at an AGM of ABKA;
- Honorary Branch Member** - A person elected to honorary membership at a Branch AGM;
- Family Branch Member** - A named person, living at the same address as a member, for whom only the family supplement as determined by the branch has been paid;

Associate branch membership is open to a person who does not keep bees, or to a person who already pays BBKA capitation to another branch or Area Association.

- ABKA Branch Associate** - An associate who pays ABKA capitation

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions appropriate to membership class become due and payable on 1st November each year.

These cover appropriate branch subscriptions, BBKA capitation fee, ABKA capitation fee, compulsory contribution to BDI, and extra relevant BDI for more than 3 colonies of bees.

The Hon. Treasurer of a branch shall issue a receipt for subscriptions. To maintain unbroken membership privileges and insurance cover, subscriptions must be paid within a grace period of 3 months from the due date, namely before 31st January.

BRANCHES

Each branch shall elect one of its members as Branch Delegate to the Executive Committee at its AGM. Each branch shall also elect at its AGM such number of officers, or further committee members as it determines appropriate to the branch, one or two of whom shall undertake the duties of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer combined or separately respectively.

ADMINISTRATION

The financial year starts on 1st November each year for both branches and ABKA a whole.

All Accounts are made up to 31st October each year end and independently subjected to an annual examination by an official approved at the AGM of the branches and ABKA.

All reasonable expenses incurred with the approval of the Executive or Branch Committees and claimed by any person acting for ABKA, including Trustees and Officers, shall be reimbursed.

FULL RULES OF THE ASSOCIATION

To access the detailed rules of the Association click here [Rules](#)