



## CONSTITUTION FOR THE UNINCORPORATED UK ARGENTINE TANGO ASSOCIATION

### 1. NAME

The name of the association shall be the UK Argentine Tango Association (UKATA)

### 2. AIMS

The aims of the (*UKATA*) will be:

- a. To further Argentine Tango's distinctive cultural identity as a recognised art form in the UK.
- b. To come together as a community to endeavour to establish official recognition for our art form within the registered dance communities and relevant government departments.
- c. To be recognised as the official body for Argentine Tango in the UK.
- d. To help our members to grow their business by whatever means that may be identified as the Association grows.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone who:

- a. is resident in the United Kingdom and
- b. supports the aims of the Association and
- c. contributes in some form to the progression of our first aim. Teachers, organisers, DJ's, musicians, poets, singers etcetera. or
- d. is a social dancer or enthusiast.

#### *3.1 Membership Categories*

##### *a Tier 1*

*Any member who can be identified as fitting into membership 3a to 3c*

##### *b. Tier 2*

*Any member who can be identified as fitting into membership 3d*

- c. Membership will begin as soon as the membership form and first annual payment has been received.
- d. There will be an annual membership fee which will be reviewed and agreed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and will be payable by all members.
- e. A list of all members will be kept by the membership secretary.
- f. Only Tier 1 membership level will have the right to call for, vote at, or be informed of any of, the meetings, other than committee meetings.
- g. Only Tier 1 members are eligible to be nominated for and be part of, the committee.

#### *3.2 Ceasing to be a member*

- a. Members may resign at any time by writing to the membership secretary.
- b. Any member who has not paid their membership fee within 30 days of its due date will be contacted by the treasurer, if the fee remains unpaid for a further 30 days, that member will be deemed to have resigned.

- c. Any offensive behaviour, including racist, sexist or inflammatory remarks, will not be permitted. Anyone behaving in an offensive way or breaking the equal opportunities policy may be asked not to attend further meetings or to resign from the group if an apology is not given or the behaviour is repeated. The individual concerned shall have the right to be heard by the management committee, accompanied by a friend, before a final decision is made.

#### **4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The UK Argentine Tango Association will not discriminate on the grounds of gender, race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sexuality, disability, religious or political belief, marital status or age.

#### **5. OFFICERS & COMMITTEE**

The business of the Association will be carried out by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee will meet as necessary and not less than four times a year.

The Committee will consist of 15 members, and be composed of 4 officers and 12 committee members. Up to 4 additional members may be co-opted onto the committee at the discretion of the committee.

The officers' roles are as follows:

- Chair, who shall chair both general and committee meetings
- Secretary, who shall be responsible for the taking of minutes and the distribution of all papers
- Membership secretary, who shall be responsible for keeping records of members
- Treasurer who shall be responsible for maintaining accounts

In the event of an officer standing down during the year a replacement will be elected by the next General Meeting of members.

Any committee member not attending two consecutive meetings will be contacted by the chair and asked to resign.

The Committee meetings will be open to any member of The UK Argentine Tango Association wishing to attend, who may speak but not vote.

- 5a. A list of officers and committee members for the inaugural year is attached as Appendix 1

#### **6. MEETINGS**

##### ***6.1. Annual General Meetings***

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held within fifteen months of the previous AGM.

All members will be notified in writing at least 3 weeks before the date of the meeting, giving the venue, date and time.

Nominations for the committee may be made to the Secretary before the meeting, or at the meeting. The quorum for the AGM will be 10% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is the greater number.

At the AGM:-

- The Committee will present a report of the work of The UK Argentine Tango Association over the year.
- The Committee will present the accounts of The UK Argentine Tango Association for the previous year.
- The officers and Committee for the next year will be elected.
- Any proposals given to the Secretary, at least 7 days in advance of the meeting, will be discussed.

### **6.2 Special General Meetings**

The Secretary will call a Special General Meeting at the request of the majority of the committee, or at least ten other members, giving a written request to the Chair or Secretary stating the reason for their request.

The meeting will take place within twenty-one days of the request.

All members will be given two weeks notice of such a meeting, giving the venue, date, time and agenda, and notice may be by telephone, email or post.

The quorum for the Special General Meeting will be 20% of the membership or 10 members, whichever is the greater number.

### **6.3 General Meetings**

General Meetings are open to all members and will be held at least once every 3 months or more often if necessary.

All members will be given two weeks' notice of such a meeting, giving the venue, date, time and agenda, and notice may be by telephone, email or post.

The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 10% of the membership or 5 members, whichever is the greater number.

### **6.4 Committee Meetings**

Committee meetings may be called by the Chair or Secretary. Committee members must receive notice of meetings at least 7 days before the meeting.

The quorum for Committee meetings is eight Committee members. Not counting co-opted members.

## **7. RULES FOR PROCEDURES OF MEETINGS**

All questions that arise at any meeting will be discussed openly and the meeting will seek to find general agreement that everyone present can agree to.

If a consensus cannot be reached a vote will be taken and a decision will be made by a simple majority of members present. If the number of votes cast on each side is equal, the chair of the meeting shall have an additional casting vote.

## **8. LIMITATIONS**

The association will not:-

- a. Compete with its members.
- a1. Competing may include events like milongas, practicas, festivals, classes or marathons.
- b. Prescribe any particular teaching method or standard of tango.
- c. Regulate who may or may not be involved in tango.
- d. Hire tango workers or practitioners

## **9. FINANCES**

An account will be maintained on behalf of the Association at a bank agreed by the committee. Three cheque signatories will be nominated by the Committee (one to be the Treasurer). The signatories must not be related nor members of the same household.

All payments will be signed by two of the signatories.

- For cheque payments, the signatories will sign the cheque.
- For other payments (such as BACS payments, cash withdrawals, debit card payments or cash payments), a requisition note will be signed by two signatories, and held by the treasurer.

Records of income and expenditure will be maintained by the Treasurer and a financial statement given at each meeting.

All money raised by or on behalf of The UK Argentine Tango Association is only to be used to further the aims of the group, as specified in item 2 of this constitution.

**10. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Amendments to the constitution may only be made at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

Any proposal to amend the constitution must be given to the Secretary in writing. The proposal must then be circulated with the notice of meeting.

Any proposal to amend the constitution will require a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

**11. DISSOLUTION**

If a meeting, by simple majority, decides that it is necessary to close down the association it may call a Special General Meeting to do so. The sole business of this meeting will be to dissolve the group.

If it is agreed to dissolve the group, all remaining money and other assets, once outstanding debts have been paid, will be donated to a local charitable organisation. The organisation will be agreed at the meeting which agrees the dissolution.

This constitution was agreed at the Inaugural General Meeting of The UK Argentine Tango Association on:-

Date ...../...../.....

Signature .....Founding Chairperson

Signature.....Founding Secretary

**List of officers and committee members for the inaugural year.**

Chairperson: Bruno Vandenabeele

Secretary: Tony Glover

Treasurer: Barbara Aloï

Membership Secretary: Ieva Kelpsaite

Committee Members: Ali Hartland

Barbara Newman

Charlotte Holwell

Daniel Gini

Dante Culcuy

Diomar Giraldo Escobar

Flavio de Brito

Fernando Guidi

Leandro Palou

Nikki Preddy

Ricardo Oria

Tracey Acosta