



## **Appendix 1**

### **Membership of SGUK**

Additional to the rules provided by the constitution:

- 1.** The Groups that are members are located around the UK. Regional associations, chambers etc. that represent a number of these groups are not deemed to be members of SGUK but are listed as such for the purpose of good communication and recognised for the purposes they serve
- 2.** The United Kingdom shall be divided into eleven regions which may be amended subject to approval at an AGM or EGM
- 3.** The SGUK Board may revoke the membership of any Group subject to a majority of those present at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) called for that purpose provided that:
  - a. at least twenty-one days' notice of the proposal to revoke membership has been given to the Group by letter to the last known Group Secretary (or contact address) and that the reasons for such revocation are clearly stated  
and
  - b. the item has been circulated to members as an agenda item for the meeting  
and
  - c. subject to the right of appeal by an independent panel of three persons who shall not be voting members of SGUK and who shall be nominated by the Vice President
- 4.** Application for membership of SGUK by an eligible group is made to the Secretariat following guidelines in 5) below:
  - a. The Secretariat checks that the documentation meets the basic criteria for membership
  - b. These documents along with an indication of membership validity shall be circulated to all the Board members for checking and a decision
  - c. From the majority decision, the applicant group is informed of the result by the Secretariat
  - d. The decision will be formally ratified at the next Board meeting

**5.** Groups or organisations wishing to become members of SGUK are asked to demonstrate:

- a. that their purposes align broadly with the Safety Groups UK objectives
- b. that they are a non-commercial, not-for-private-profit organisation
- c. that they have appropriate governance arrangements in place
- d. Applications are made on Form 09

**6.** Membership is free although donations are welcome

- a. The Board will not attempt to put any levy on any group
- b. Any money donated by a group can be for stated purposes or put into the general designated fund for use to help ailing or new start groups