



TCUK MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE FRAMEWORK

Version 1.0

1. Purpose

The TCUK Membership Structure Framework establishes the categories of membership available within Taekwondo Council UK (TCUK).

The framework provides:

- Recognition of individuals who choose TCUK as their National Governing Body
- Access to TCUK services, support and development opportunities
- A framework for participation, leadership and instruction
- Recognition of instructors, coaches and leaders operating within the TCUK community

Membership categories reflect the member's role, qualifications, deployment status and associated benefits.

2. Membership Categories

TCUK membership categories are:

- Student Membership
 - Bronze Membership – Associated Member
 - Silver Membership – Recognised Coach / Instructor
 - Gold Membership – Assistant Instructor
 - Platinum Membership – Club Instructor
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3. Student Membership

Student Membership is for individuals participating in Taekwondo activities within a TCUK affiliated club.

Student Members are eligible to access benefits, opportunities and services available through their instructor's membership level and any benefits attached to their individual membership.

Student Membership does not permit teaching activity.

4. Bronze Membership – Associated Member

Bronze Membership is the foundation instructor and leadership membership category.

It is suitable for:

- Instructors affiliated with other organisations
- Coaches operating under alternative insurance arrangements
- Individuals seeking recognition of TCUK as their National Governing Body
- Individuals wishing to access TCUK support and development opportunities

Includes:

- Recognition as an Associated Member of TCUK
- Access to TCUK Inclusion Training
- Access to the TCUK Safeguarding Team for advice and support

- Eligibility to attend TCUK courses and development opportunities

Insurance

Bronze Membership does not include TCUK teaching insurance.

Members must maintain their own insurance where required.

Teaching Status

Bronze Membership does not provide authority to teach within a TCUK club.

Bronze Members may teach under the authority, insurance and licensing arrangements of another organisation where appropriately qualified and insured.

5. Silver Membership – Coach / Instructor

Silver Membership builds upon Bronze Membership.

It is suitable for:

- Bronze Members seeking additional membership benefits
- Coaches and instructors affiliated with other organisations
- Coaches and instructors holding their own third-party instructor insurance
- Individuals working towards a TCUK instructor qualification
- Cadets (Junior Leaders)
- Assistant Instructor candidates

Silver Membership may also be suitable for individuals who meet the role profile of Gold Membership but do not require TCUK-provided teaching insurance.

Includes:

- All Bronze Membership benefits
- Additional TCUK member benefits as determined by TCUK
- BMABA Silver Membership
- Recognition as a TCUK Coach or Instructor

Insurance

Silver Membership does not include TCUK teaching insurance.

Members must either:

- Hold their own instructor insurance through a third-party provider
- or
- Hold TCUK student insurance while training under a TCUK registered instructor

Teaching Status

Silver Membership does not provide authority to teach within a TCUK club.

Silver Members may teach under the authority, insurance and licensing arrangements of another organisation where appropriately qualified and insured.

Where participating in the TCUK instructor development pathway, deployment within TCUK clubs remains subject to qualification, supervision and licensing requirements.

6. Gold Membership – Assistant Instructor

Gold Membership builds upon Silver Membership.

Gold Membership is for qualified TCUK Assistant Instructors who require TCUK-provided teaching insurance.

Includes:

- All Silver Membership benefits
- Assistant Instructor membership status
- TCUK teaching insurance

Insurance Cover Options

- £5 million Public Liability and Professional Indemnity
- or
- £10 million Public Liability and Professional Indemnity

Requirements

- TCUK Assistant Instructor qualification
- Black Belt Degree Certificate
- Valid DBS certificate
- Valid First Aid qualification

Teaching Status

A Gold Member may:

- Teach classes within a TCUK club
- Provide short-term cover for the Chief Instructor
- Lead full sessions when required

But may not:

- Run a club as the permanent Chief Instructor
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7. Platinum Membership – Club Instructor

Platinum Membership builds upon Gold Membership.

Platinum Membership is for qualified TCUK Instructors who are the lead instructor for a club.

Includes:

- All Gold Membership benefits
- Club Instructor membership status
- TCUK teaching insurance

Insurance Cover Options

- £5 million Public Liability and Professional Indemnity
- or
- £10 million Public Liability and Professional Indemnity

Requirements

- TCUK Instructor qualification
- Black Belt Degree Certificate
- Valid DBS certificate
- Valid First Aid qualification

Teaching Status

A Platinum Member may:

- Operate as the Chief Instructor of a TCUK club
 - Take full responsibility for class delivery and programme planning
 - Mentor Assistant Instructors
 - Supervise Cadets and Instructors in Development
 - Conduct gradings where authorised
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8. Membership Structure

The TCUK Membership Structure is cumulative.

Silver Membership includes all Bronze Membership benefits plus additional benefits.

Gold Membership includes all Silver Membership benefits plus Assistant Instructor status and TCUK teaching insurance.

Platinum Membership includes all Gold Membership benefits plus Club Instructor status and associated responsibilities.

Movement between membership categories is determined by the member's qualifications, role, insurance requirements and deployment status.

Membership categories do not necessarily represent a mandatory progression route.

Members may enter the framework at the category appropriate to their qualifications, role and deployment status.

9. Summary

Membership Level	Typical Member	Teaching Status	Insurance Position
Student	Participant	Cannot teach	TCUK Student Insurance where applicable
Bronze	Associated Member	May teach under the authority of another organisation where appropriately qualified and insured	Own third-party insurance
Silver	Recognised Coach / Instructor, Instructor in Training or Externally Insured Instructor	May teach under the authority of another organisation where appropriately qualified and insured	Own third-party insurance or TCUK Student Insurance where training
Gold	Assistant Instructor	May teach within a TCUK club as an Assistant Instructor	TCUK Teaching Insurance
Platinum	Club Instructor	May operate as Chief Instructor of a TCUK club	TCUK Teaching Insurance

10. Governance

This framework:

- Is issued by TCUK as the national membership structure standard
 - Applies to all affiliated clubs and members
 - Supports the TCUK Coach Education, Membership & Licensing Framework
 - Forms part of the wider TCUK governance framework
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11. Interpretation

TCUK retains the right to interpret and clarify this framework where required.

The interpretation of TCUK shall be final.

12. Document Control

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Governance Oversight: TCUK Board

13. Version History

Version	Date	Description
1.0	2 June 2026	Initial Release

14. Approval

Approved for implementation by the TCUK CEO on 2 June 2026.

This framework shall take immediate effect from 2 June 2026.

The framework will be presented for ratification at the next meeting of the TCUK Board.

Following ratification, the framework shall continue in force until amended, replaced or withdrawn by TCUK.