

## **7.Membership – General provisions**

7.1 Applications for Membership shall be made to a Branch and acceptance of such applications is at the discretion of that Branch. Applicants for Membership are required to disclose any antecedent matter, which could bring discredit on the Association; the onus to disclose such matters rests with the applicant.

7.2 All Members are expected to maintain a high standard of conduct and to comply with these Articles and the Rules. Members are also expected to treat other Members, guests, officers and employees of the Association with respect.

7.3 A Branch has the right to terminate the Membership of any Member of that Branch who does not meet the standards set in Article 7.2. 7.4 The name of each Member of the Association shall be entered in the Register of Members of the Association.

## **8.Categories of membership**

8.1 Subject to Article 7.1, full membership of a Branch and the Association (**Full Membership**) shall be open to former Police officers who have served in a Police Force and who have met the minimum service, age or ill health requirements that would entitle them to a Police Pension and who have not been dismissed or required to resign from a Police Force by reason of misconduct or having resigned or retired from the police force, have not been the subject of a misconduct hearing where the decision of the panel would have resulted in the officer being dismissed, had they still been serving.

8.2 A Branch may confer life membership on any Full Member who, in the opinion of that Branch, has given outstanding service to the Association either at branch or at national level. A Full Member on whom life membership has been conferred shall continue to be a Full Member of that Branch and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Full Membership for life unless he/she ceases to be a member under the provisions of Article 7.3 or Article 11.

8.3 Subject to Article 7.1, Membership may be granted by the Branch Secretary to any person who is not eligible to join the Branch as a Full Member. Where Membership is granted to a person in these circumstances, that person shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Membership except to the extent that any rights and privileges are expressly stated by these Articles or the Rules to be available to Full Members only. A person who ceases to be entitled to Membership pursuant to this Article 8.3 may, for the avoidance of doubt, apply for Membership under any other provision of these Articles.

8.4 At all times during which a person is the Spouse of a Full Member of a Branch, that person shall be entitled to be a Member of that Branch and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of Membership except to the extent that any rights and privileges are expressly stated by these Articles or the Rules to be available to Full Members only.

8.5 Only a Full Member; (a) may be an Officer of a Branch provided that this Article 8.5

(a) shall not apply to any Member who was already in post with the relevant Branch prior to the annual conference of the Unincorporated Association in 2016;

(b) shall be eligible to attend Conference as a Delegate; or

(c) shall be entitled or eligible for election to the NEC.

8.6 Any Full Member of a Branch may apply to join another Branch as a Member but may not be a Full Member of that other Branch whilst they remain of the first mentioned Branch.