

# Memorandum of Understanding between the British Dietetic Association (BDA) and The British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES)

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## Introduction

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is between the Sports Nutrition Group (SNG) of BDA and BASES. The Memorandum sets out an agreed framework for co-operation between the parties. It is not legally binding nor is it intended to cover every detailed aspect of their relationship. Rather, it is a statement of principles, which will guide relations between the parties and provide a set of workable ground rules.
2. The Memorandum cannot override the statutory duties and powers of the individual parties.

## Organisation Aims and Values

### *The British Dietetic Association*

3. The SNG BDA is the Professional Association for dietitians and SENR nutritionists with an interest or working in the field of Sports Nutrition. It is a specialist group of the BDA whose aims are:
  - Advance the science and practice of dietetics and associated subjects;
  - Promote training and education in the science and practice of dietetics and associated subjects;
  - Regulate the relations between dietitians and their employers through the BDA Trade Union.
  - Maintain and promote a Register of Sport and Exercise Nutritionists (SENR), which will contain a list of suitably qualified dietitians and nutritionists able to work at professional and elite levels.
  - The SENR will be the definitive register of sports nutritionists for the purposes of employment, as such, in the UK
  - Support its Sports Nutrition Group which will provide educational and other relevant support to all BDA members, whether they are registered or not.

### *The British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences*

4. BASES is the professional body for sport and exercise sciences in the UK. BASES' vision is to deliver excellence in the sport and exercise sciences. Its mission is to lead the advancement of knowledge and evidence-based practice within the UK's sport and exercise sciences for the benefit of human performance, health and education. Its aim is to develop and enhance professional and ethical standards in the sport and exercise sciences through:
  - The promotion of research in sport and exercise sciences

- The encouragement of evidence-based practice in sport and exercise sciences
- The distribution of knowledge in sport and exercise sciences
- The development and maintenance of high professional standards for those involved in sport and exercise sciences
- The representation of the interests of sport and exercise sciences nationally and internationally.

## **Working Relationship**

5. This Memorandum of Understanding will:
  - Build upon the existing working relationship that already exists between the BDA and BASES by setting out the principles to which both parties will adhere.
  - Enhance co-operation and co-ordination between the BDA and BASES.
  - Serve to inform the respective members and stakeholders of the BDA and BASES of our relationship and how we will collaborate.
6. As a result of the memorandum, the BDA SNG and BASES will:
  - Clearly promote the partnership on their websites and through other appropriate channels.
  - Collaborate on projects and campaigns deemed to be of mutual benefit.
  - Work together to produce evidence-based resources of relevance to BASES and BDA members.
  - Provide mutual support for initiatives through communication channels including organisational websites, journals and social media.
  - Endeavour to share information, professional advice and resources that are relevant.

## **Working Arrangements**

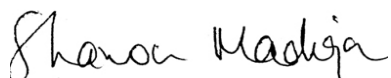
7. The day-to-day relationship between BASES and the SNG BDA will be between The BASES Division for Physiology and Nutrition and the BDA SNG. Both Head Office teams shall be kept updated on a regular basis, providing further support as necessary.
8. When appropriate, there will be at least twice-yearly contact meetings or calls between the BASES Division for Physiology and Nutrition and the BDA SNG to provide updates and facilitate future planning. Staff from both Head Office teams shall support these meetings or calls, as necessary.
9. Through the course of the cooperation, the BDA SNG and BASES may, from time to time, be sharing commercially confidential information with each other to the extent that this is necessary for the preparation of specified joint projects. All transactions of information must adhere to each organisation's data protection and information governance policies and be considered by each party's Executive. All information must be kept confidential and not be shared with any other third party. The parties agree to inform each other on relevant/related work to the co-operation.
10. Any proposed use of the BASES or BDA SNG logo or references to the project in press releases or publications etc. by the other must be considered by the other's Executive. Either party will receive a written response to their enquiry and will be required, if permission is granted, to adhere to the other's corporate identity guidelines.
11. Neither party will be granted any rights over the content of the other's resources or materials.
12. The BDA SNG and BASES may make such arrangements to financially support one another at events or with specific projects through separate agreements as appropriate. Any such agreements will be developed between the BDA SNG Committee and BASES' Executive Director.

## General Matters

13. Both parties are committed, whenever possible, to solving any disagreements under this Memorandum through normal administrative channels.
14. This Memorandum is effective from March 2023 until March 2025, when it will be required to be renewed. Amendments to this Memorandum may be made at any time in the interim by agreement between both parties. In addition, this agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis and updated, as necessary, in light of experience of its operation in practice.
15. An up-to-date version of this Memorandum will be published on the BDA SNG and BASES websites.

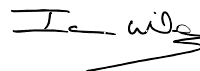
In witness to this agreement, the following individuals append their signatures:

**For the BDA SNG**



Name: Sharon Madigan  
Post: Chair SNG Committee  
Date: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**For BASES**



Name: Ian Wilson  
Post: Executive Director  
Date: 13 March 2023