

Terms and Conditions of membership

Members of the WSTA agree:

1. Articles of Association and subscription:
 - a. to be bound by the Articles of Association and pay the annual subscription (<https://www.wsta.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/ArticlesOfAssociation2011.pdf>)
 - b. that the stated turnover is that declared in their annual accounts filed at Companies House (or their annual accounts for the purposes for UK tax for partnerships and sole traders) for their business, or overseas equivalent. This should be adjusted to cover sales of wines, including made wines, British wine and RTDs; spirits, including lower alcohol spirits drinks substitutes between 1.2% and 15% abv; and low and no alcoholic beverages under 1.2% abv that are aimed at over 18's and marketed as alternatives to full strength alcoholic beverages. Turnover should exclude Scotch Whisky, Beer and Cider. Customs and excise duties should be included but not VAT.
 - c. that no member is entitled to any repayment or refund of any subscription or other money paid to the WSTA
2. Documents, Data and GDPR:
 - a. to their data (including data provided on the application form) being processed in accordance with to the WSTA Privacy Policy (www.wsta.co.uk/privacy-policy)
 - b. to treat all WSTA materials but not limited to publications, guidance, and emails as confidential to the company (or companies) that is a registered member, unless they have been published without restriction by the WSTA. If a member wishes to share any WSTA publication outside their company, they should seek authorisation from the WSTA
 - c. to receive and provide documents and information in electronic format
3. Professional Indemnity:
 - a. Any views or comments offered by the Association are in good faith. Whilst every attempt has been made to ensure their accuracy they are to be considered as a general guide only and not specific advice tailored to your business. The WSTA disclaims all liability for any inaccuracies, omissions or typing errors. Professional advice should be obtained or reference made to the appropriate source material before taking any decisions or action based on the information provided.
4. Conduct and activities:
 - a. to support, promote and contribute actively to the functioning of the WSTA by devoting time and professional resources to committees and working groups, supporting events and initiatives and responding to information requests
 - b. to seek to achieve consensus in meetings and discussions, including by co-operating fully and keeping confidential the working documents and content of meetings and discussions in which they take part
 - c. to observe national and international competition law when taking part in WSTA activities
 - d. to conduct their activities with responsibility and integrity and seek to implement best practice and due diligence requirements throughout their operations
 - e. to support collective and strategic agreements (such as Memoranda of Understanding) between the WSTA, other trade associations, government and other official bodies
5. Social Responsibility:

- a. to maintain efforts to deliver their services in a socially responsible way and to co-operate with initiatives to promote responsible consumption of alcohol
 - b. to fight against alcohol-related fraud and counterfeiting, by co-operating with government departments, regulatory bodies and law enforcement authorities
 - c. to recognise that by improving sustainability they can significantly contribute to the improvement of the environment and boost efficiency, cut costs, engage employees and deliver a better service to customers
6. Primary Authority:
- a. that their business will be enrolled in the WSTA Primary Authority Coordinating Partnership with Salford City Council, enabling them to benefit from assured advice for the duration of their membership. A business may opt out of this at any time by giving written notice to the WSTA
7. The use of the WSTA logo only in the following circumstances:
- a. for use on a member's website only. Logo must be hyperlinked to <http://www.wsta.co.uk>. Any use in other scenarios by agreement with the WSTA via info@wsta.co.uk.
 - b. for the purpose of highlighting said membership of the WSTA, and not suggesting accreditation or endorsement by the WSTA. The WSTA does not run an accreditation scheme or endorse any specific member products or services.
 - c. The logo must be clearly recognisable and not edited or altered.
8. Notice:
- a. to give at least 3 months' notice to the WSTA in writing before the end of the year to which their subscription has been paid if they wish to terminate membership