



Rules of Association

The following is a transcript of the Combined Services Orthopaedic Society Rules of Association as recorded in the Minute Book upon the Society's inception in 1974. Some of these rules have since been amended and updated as recorded in the minutes of committee meetings and AGMs.

1. The Society will be known as the Combined Services Orthopaedic Society
2. Its object is to advance the knowledge of orthopaedics, with particular reference to problems met within the Armed Services and to acquaint orthopaedic surgeons in each of the Services with the environmental problems and operational requirements of patients from the other two Services whom they may be called upon to treat.
3. Membership is open to all consultants and senior specialists in orthopaedics in the three Services, and to civil consultants in orthopaedics to the Services. Other Service medical officers working in subjects allied to orthopaedics may join by individual invitation.
4. The Society is administered by a committee of three, who will normally be the three Consultants Advisors in orthopaedics. The Chairman will be the Consultant Adviser to the Services acting as hosts for the next meeting and Chairmanship will change on the day after the meeting.
5. The President of the Society will be elected from amongst its members and will usually be one of the Civil Consultants in orthopaedics; he will hold office for three years.
6. There will be no subscription. Any charges that need to be made for meals, etc. will be notified to members when the programme for the annual meeting is circulated and should be paid prior to the meeting.
7. The Society will meet annually in the early summer, the hosts being in rotation: the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force. The meetings will normally be held at Service hospitals and will be one-day meetings.
8. The host Service for a meeting shall be entitled to invite as guests Reserve Officers who are consultants or senior registrars in orthopaedics who are serving in the locality and local consultant orthopaedic surgeons, with the approval of the committee.

PM Bennett
Secretary, CSOS
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