

STUDENT UPGRADE TO FULL MEMBER LEVEL 4

Dear Member

Congratulations on completing your sports massage diploma and becoming a qualified Sports Massage Practitioner. We wish you every success in your new career, whether you are looking to work part time, full time or have added additional skills to an existing practice/business.

Upgrade now to become a Full SMA Member and the benefits you will receive include:

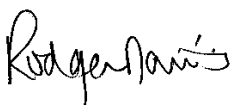
- £30 registration fee will be waived for student members upgrading within 3 months of qualification
- Access to the SMA's group professional insurance policy
- Your entry on the National Register of Sports Massage Professionals, used by employers and the public to find qualified practitioners in their area
- Entitlement to use the SMA logo on your marketing material
- Entitlement to use the letters MSMA (L4) after your name
- Email updates with jobs in sports massage and opportunities to work at major events
- Become part of your regional network, meet other members in your area and attend meetings and events developed for sports massage practitioners
- Professional advice and support and the opportunity to shape the future of the profession through the work of the SMA
- Discounts on books, products, equipment etc through the SMA Shop and our partners
- Annual subscription to member magazine and SMA Update bringing clinical and professional support to our members

The Sports Massage Association is the only independent body in the UK for sports massage practitioners and as such we have the support of leading sports bodies, related healthcare professional associations, the UK education system and major employers in the UK.

If you have any queries about upgrading to full membership or any queries regarding the Sports Massage Association and its work, then please don't hesitate to contact me.

In what is an exciting time for the UK Sports Massage community, we look forward to working with you over the coming year to drive forward the Sports Massage Association to represent your needs.

Yours faithfully



On behalf of the Sports Massage Association Board

Sports Massage Association

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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are to:

- Establish and maintain the ethical, professional and educational standards for sports massage practitioners
- Establish and maintain minimum standards for sports massage training organisations
- Support and promote our members and their profession
- Ensure the best possible sports massage care is available to sports participants of all levels
- Lead the sports massage profession towards state regulation
- Give confidence to the general and sporting public, the medical profession and government agencies that sports massage practitioners are suitably trained to provide a quality service
- Hold the National Register for Level 3 and Level 4 Sports Massage Practitioners.

FIRST AID REQUIREMENT

The SMA requires all members to hold an up to date First Aid qualification. The minimum requirement for this is a valid emergency aid certificate gained through a minimum of 6 contact hours with an HSE approved provider. For example any HSE approved Appointed Person course.

Your first aid qualification is valid for as long as the course provider states, this may be two year or it may be three. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have a valid first aid certificate.

There are many first aid courses on the market and we recommend the following:

- Only look for a provider who is HSE (Health and Safety Executive) registered as this will not only give extra confidence in the quality of the training but is also our recommended insurers stipulation.
- Our minimum requirement is a 1 day/Appointed person course

We would always recommend that those working with teams or regularly at events have a more comprehensive first aid qualification of which there are many on the market, including some first aid in sports courses.

St John's Ambulance - www.sja.org.uk/training/default.asp, or telephone 08700 10 49 50

Red Cross - www.redcrossfirstaidtraining.co.uk, or telephone 020 7235 5454 and ask for your local centre's contact details

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE for MEMBERS OF THE SPORTS MASSAGE ASSOCIATION

The insurance cover provided to members of the SMA is one of the most comprehensive on the market and we have negotiated additional benefits for members including:

- additional therapies covered at no extra costs
- worldwide cover
- first aid cover
- £2 million standard cover with the option of upgrading to £5million (recommended for those working with elite or professional athletes)
- this year the cover has been extended to include a 24 hour helpline facility for advice on personal, business legal and tax related matters

In order to speed up the processing of your insurance we ask that you now return the insurance application forms directly to our broker, LFC Graybrook for them to process. You also need to return the membership forms to the Sports Massage Association and include copies of your Sports Massage qualification certificate with both applications. Your membership number remains the same when you upgrade so please indicate your student member number of the LFC Graybrook forms.

The insurance covers you for your work as a sports massage practitioner and all the skills and techniques you have learnt on your course. A number of related 'therapies' can be included in the standard / Band 1 policy for no extra cost and even more additional therapies can be included for an additional fee under Band 2 therapies. Please see the insurance documentation for full details.

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PAYMENT OF FEES

In response to members requests we have established a system where you can choose to pay your membership in 4 installments, spreading the cost throughout the year. Opting to pay by standing order also means we will hold your membership fees at the same level for the next 3 years. To benefit from this, please complete and return the enclosed standing order form.

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Student Upgrade Form and Checklist

Contact Details

SMA ID:	
Name and title:	
Address:	
Tel. No.:	
Alt. Tel. No.:	
Email:	
Employment status:	Employed/Self-employed/Both (please indicate)

Payment Details for Annual Membership Fees

<input type="checkbox"/>	I enclose a cheque made payable to the Sports Massage Association for £100
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have completed the standing order mandate form

Non-SMA Insurance Documentation

As part of our remit, the Sports Massage Association has to ensure that all members are adequately insured for the work they do. We understand that some members do not wish to take up the policy through Graybrook, and if you are insured or intending to renew insurance with another provider this year then we need to see evidence that the policy that covers your work is the equivalent to the one Graybrook have established for members. In particular we would like to draw your attention to the fact that some policies on the market may state "£2million indemnity" for example, however that is sometimes the limit for all claims in any year. The policy we have set up is £2million for each and every claim and we would advise that your policy covers you adequately in the event of multiple claims in any year.

Checklist

Return the items below to: SMA Student Upgrades, Kalbarri House, 107 – 113 London Road, London, E13 0DA

Application form (this page)		Copy of Sports Massage qualification	
Cheque for fees payable to the Sports Massage Association or completed standing order form (alternatively this can be paid through the PayPal link from the SMA website)		Copy of current emergency first aid certificate	
1 passport photo for member ID card		Copy of valid insurance certificate	
Signed declaration below			

Declaration

I hereby agree the following:

1. I have read, understood and agree to abide by the SMA Scope of Practice and Code of Conduct.
2. I have no current or pending criminal convictions.
3. To my knowledge I have no current or pending incident that may give rise to an insurance claim against me.
4. All the information I have stated in this application is true and accurate.
5. SMA data will be retained by the Association for processing requirements under the Data Protection Act 1998.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Please complete the Member Details section below, sign the Authorisation and return to the Sports Massage Association with your application forms. We will then forward this to your bank so please ensure the full address of your branch is completed below including postcode.

Member Details:

Account Name:	
Bank/Building Society Name:	
Branch Address:	
Sort Code:	
Account Number:	

Company Details:

Name of Organisation:	Sports Massage Association
Bank and Branch Address:	Barclays Wimbledon, 8 Alexandra Road London SW19 7LA
Sort Code:	20-96-89
Account Number:	70719005

Payment Details:

Amount of First Payment:	£25
Date of First Payment:	Last day of this month
Normal Payment:	£25
Frequency:	Quarterly thereafter – last day of the month
Continuing until:	Further notice
Reference for all payments:	

Authorisation:

I authorise the above standing order to be established.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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