



PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP SCHEME POLICY

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Introduction

Circomedia established the Professional Membership Scheme to provide alumni and fellow circus practitioners with exclusive access to training spaces during designated times. The scheme aims to foster a supportive community of professional circus artists, offering benefits such as discounted show tickets, networking opportunities, and uninterrupted training access.

Scheme Duration

The Professional Membership Scheme runs in conjunction with the Bristol Schools Academic Calendar.

Membership Fees

- Monthly Payment: £18 a month until August 31st
- Monthly Payment: £19 a month from September 1st

(subject to review)

Membership Benefits

By joining the Professional Membership Scheme, members will enjoy:

1. Unlimited access to designated training spaces during specified times.
2. 20% off the Circomedia professional programme at Portland Square *(subject to availability and discretion)*
3. The possibility of being featured in Circomedia's social media or website
4. Inclusion in a vibrant circus network and the opportunity to train alongside other professional circus artists

Conditions and Considerations

1. Circomedia Staff Presence: Circomedia staff may not be present during Professional Membership training times.
2. First Aid: A first aider may not be present during Professional Membership training times.
3. Shared Spaces: Members may share training spaces with Circomedia students and other Professional Members.
4. Sign-In System: A strict sign-in system, utilizing a QR code for attendance, is mandatory for legal compliance.
5. Public Liability Insurance: Members must possess an up-to-date Public Liability Insurance certificate.
6. Refund Policy: The scheme does not offer refunds under any circumstances.
7. Members must be over 18 years old

Training Term Dates and Available Spaces

- Professional Member training times align with the Classes department term dates.
- Access to studios is available on specified dates. The scheme runs parallel to the Bristol schools term dates.

Timetables and Spaces

- Members will receive a timetable upon joining, with termly updates sent via email.
- Training spaces may include the gym, South Wing, Batcave, and Studio 2.
- Acro and aerial spaces are allocated on specific days and times.

Respecting the Professional Members Scheme

Members are expected to:

- Sign in using the QR code.
- Keep studios, especially rigging, neat and tidy.
- Close all doors and windows when leaving the space.
- Turn off lights, ensuring the space is secure in the evening.
- Be always respectful of all others in or around the site in language, behaviour and space.
- Accept and act on all reasonable instructions from Circomedia staff
- Look after equipment and keep it clean and tidy
- Behave in a safe way that does not put self or others at risk

Members must not:

- Share the timetable with others.
- Share door codes under any circumstances.
- Failure to follow these rules can result in a cancellation of membership, without refund.
- No dead rigging.

How to Become a member

Email brookec@circomedia.com for an application form. Membership availability is subject to demand, and a waiting list may be created if necessary.

All applications are subject to approval by the Professional Members Scheme Manager. Circomedia has the right to not wish to pursue an applicant should they not pass the referencing process or fail to comply with the scheme's ethos and values.

Members must be

- Graduates of Circomedia or another recognised Circus Training School/Academy, or
- Working professionally as Circus or Physical Theatre performers, or
- Known to Circomedia and be recognised and proposed by a current member or member of staff.
- Approved by the scheme leader.

Guest members

- Current members can bring guests into the space if they have valid PLI. The cost of this is £3 for the single session.
- Contact Brooke for more information

Communication

All communications regarding the Professional Membership Scheme should be directed to Brooke Campbell via the Circomedia email brookec@circomedia.com

Cancellation Process

To cancel membership, email to brookec@circomedia.com

Circomedia has the right to cancel any membership should a breach of expectations or rules be broken or unfulfilled. A warning will be issued prior to further action taking place. Should a membership be cancelled the direct debit payment will be cancelled and no further money will be taken. A refund of fees will not be issued. All decisions will be conducted by the scheme leader and a small panel of colleagues.

Disclaimer for Discounted Show Tickets

- Discounted show tickets are offered at Circomedia's discretion and may not be applicable for all shows.
- The 20% discount is only available for paying Professional Members.
- The discount will be automatically applied at checkout for eligible shows.

Policy Revision

This policy document is subject to periodic review and may be updated as needed. Members will be notified of any changes via email.