



LSL AGM 2023: Amendments & Proposed Amendments to Constitution

This document gives a summary of changes the committee has made and proposes to make for the 2022 Constitution. Note that while the Constitution can only be amended at a General Meeting; the Standing Orders and Regulations can be amended by committee decision.

We will hold a short discussion at the AGM about the 'in principle changes to gauge members' views

Proposed Amendments

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Section 7.F PROCEDURE OF THE LSL COMMITTEE

Inclusion	Committee nominees must be seconded at the AGM by non-committee members
Rationale	This is already how it operates. An addition to formalise the rule.
Issues/questions for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do members agree with the proposed change?

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Section 7.G PROCEDURE OF THE LSL COMMITTEE

Inclusion	Committee nominees can only stand for one position at any given time. This does not prevent committee members from fulfilling the work of another committee role, should that role be vacant or additional help is required.
Rationale	This is already how it operates. An addition to formalise the rule.
Issues/questions for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do members agree with the proposed change?

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Section 9.I PROCEDURE OF THE LSL COMMITTEE

Inclusion	The Director does not have a casting vote on any matters, except where a committee vote is tied. In that event, the Director has one tie-breaking vote. If the Director's role is shared, there is only one tie-breaking vote for that role.
Rationale	This is how the role of the Director currently operates. However, it is not formalised in the constitution
Issues/questions for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do members agree with the proposed change?

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Section 5.A.VII GENERAL MEETINGS

Inclusion	<p>The AGM shall be held each year at such time and place as determined by the LSL committee. At each AGM the following business shall be conducted:</p> <p>(vii): any other business brought before the meeting which has been submitted in writing and in the hands of the Secretary, by the representative of a member team, no less than seven days prior to AGM, and any other business deemed relevant by the Director.</p>
Rationale	<p>Addition of the wording by the representative of a member team.</p> <p>This is to clarify that AOB items must be submitted on behalf of the member team. This provides a clearer process for all players to ensure all AOB items are discussed amongst their teams. This is because the teams are members of the league, which the AGM is for.</p>
Issues/questions for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do members agree with the proposed change?

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Section 6.I RULES OF PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Inclusion	<p>Players wishing to submit AOB (outside of their member teams representative) must submit, in writing, to the Secretary no later than 7 days before the AGM date. The committee will discuss all submitted items and reserves the right to add them to the AGM agenda.</p>
Rationale	<p>AOB remains open to member teams through their chosen representatives, as pointed out in section 6.A.VII. However, the committee would like to reserve the right to bring items forward from players not formally submitting items through their representative should the committee feel the items being raised are relevant or have not been discussed.</p>
Issues/questions for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do members agree with the proposed change?

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Section 6.J RULES OF PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Inclusion	<p>As a general rule, any item that was rejected or accepted at the preceding AGM, cannot be resubmitted as an agenda item at the next AGM.</p> <p>Team member representatives wishing to resubmit items that have previously been rejected or accepted must either have a simple majority of support from league membership, or the item has been granted a discretionary exemption from the LSL Committee, or the item must wait until the next eligible AGM where the item can be resubmitted for discussion or vote as per rule 5.a.vii</p>
Rationale	<p>The committee is aware of proposals that have been submitted repeatedly on an annual basis from players. Despite being rejected or having insufficient member team interest, these items continue to be submitted when there is no appetite for them. The committee is looking to stop this by ensuring a majority for an item to pass or putting in place a cooling-off period where the committee and member teams can look at it with fresh eyes. This proposal would also protect items that pass with a slim majority for at least 2 years or if the members have a simple majority to overturn when submitting to the committee in advance or at the AGM.</p>
Issues/questions for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do members agree with the proposed change?

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Section 6.K RULES OF PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETINGS

Inclusion	<p>6.k. Attending the AGM is open to team member representatives, committee members and invited guests by the committee. Any person or player who is not a team representative wishing to attend the AGM can request an invite by submitting a request and reason for attending to secretary@londonsoftball.co.uk. This request must be approved by the committee in advance of the AGM.</p>
Rationale	<p>With the return to in-person meetings, space is often limited at venues. The committee needs to be able to effectively manage AGM attendance so all items are heard in a timely manner and there is sufficient space for all member team representatives.</p>
Issues/questions for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do members agree with the proposed change?