



## LSL AGM: Amendments & Proposed Amendments to Standing Orders & Regulations

This document gives a summary of changes the committee has made and proposes to make for the 2025 Constitution and 2025 Standing Orders and regulations. 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 have communicated these out through a pre-AGM survey and will hold a short discussion to debate these changes.

### Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

1.

<p><b>Inclusion</b></p>	<p>6) RULES OF PROCEDURE AT GENERAL MEETINGS  j) 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. 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> <p>REPLACED WITH:  Once a matter has been voted on at the AGM, a motion for the same proposal cannot be brought to the AGM the following season, unless there has been a material change to the circumstances behind the motion. For consideration at the AGM, the proposed amendment must pass committee vote by a simple majority.</p>
<p><b>Rationale</b></p>	<p>To allow motions at the AGM to be brought forward which have greatly changed circumstances, while also ensuring the smooth flow of the AGM process.</p> <p>The committee will endeavor to provide notes of previous AGMs where a matter has been discussed, and only new business should be brought forward to the full AGM.</p>
<p><b>Issues / questions for discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Do members agree with the proposed change?</li> </ul>

2.

<p><b>Inclusion</b></p>	<p>5) GENERAL MEETINGS  a) Annual General Meeting (AGM)  (ii) presentation of accounts of the LSL for the previous year;  *new addition*  (iii) a budget for the forthcoming year;</p>
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<b>Rationale</b>	Increased transparency about planned financials for the coming season *This will take effect for the AGM prior to the 2026 season.*
<b>Issues / questions for discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do members agree with the proposed change?</li> </ul>

3.

<b>Inclusion</b>	9) PROCEDURE OF THE LSL COMMITTEE  *new addition* j) At the final committee meeting prior to the AGM, the budget for following year shall be agreed by simple majority vote of the committee.
<b>Rationale</b>	Codifying financial responsibilities of the committee.
<b>Issues / questions for discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do members agree with the proposed change?</li> </ul>

4.

<b>Inclusion</b>	9) PROCEDURE OF THE LSL COMMITTEE  *new addition* k) The budget shall be monitored throughout the year. If a significant change in budgeted expenditure is requested by any committee member, this must be agreed by simple majority vote of the committee.
<b>Rationale</b>	Codifying financial responsibilities of the committee.
<b>Issues / questions for discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do members agree with the proposed change?</li> </ul>

5.

<b>Inclusion</b>	9) PROCEDURE OF THE LSL COMMITTEE  d) The election of candidates to the LSL committee shall be by paper ballot of all those present and entitled to vote.  REPLACED WITH:  d) The election of candidates to the LSL committee shall be by paper ballot or electronic voting (as the committee deems appropriate) of all those present and entitled to vote.  *This will not take place until the 2026 AGM*
<b>Rationale</b>	Reflecting updates in technology.

<b>Issues / questions for discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do members agree with the proposed change?</li> </ul>
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**Proposed Amendments to the Standing Orders**

**1.**

<b>Inclusion</b>	<p>A) LSL STANDING ORDERS</p> <p>1) DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LSL COMMITTEE</p> <p>To merge the technical officer and umpiring officer positions</p> <p>This new role will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for liaising with BSF / BASU Technical Officer and to inform LSL committee on all rule/equipment changes; receives and adjudicates on protests and sporting issues</li> <li>Overseeing league umpire training, certification, and mentoring</li> </ul> <p>To create a new committee position: Inclusion Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsible for DEI; Participant safety; receives and adjudicates code of conduct issues</li> </ul>
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>Creation of a new committee position: Inclusion Officer</p> <p>To clarify job roles of the new positions</p>
<b>Issues / questions for discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do members agree with the proposed change?</li> </ul>

**2.**

<b>Inclusion</b>	<p>B) LSL REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLAY</p> <p>15) UMPIRING</p> <p>h) Each umpire shall be reimbursed £20 per game for their expenses, with the teams to pay half the cost each. A BASU certified umpire will be reimbursed £25 per game if umpiring alone and wearing a BASU uniform.</p>
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>Umpire fees were last increased for the 2019 season.</p> <p>There is often a shortage of qualified umpires willing to umpire LSL matches and an increase in the fee rate should help to alleviate the situation.</p> <p>Theoretically, the fee is paid only to cover costs that the umpire incurs, however, many umpires simply do not wish to give up their time for little or no reward, particularly given it can be for 3 to 6 hours, including travel time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submitted by Ian Taylor, Raiders Blue</li> </ul>
<b>Issues / questions for discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do members agree with the proposed change?</li> <li>If passed, the next item will be voted on. If declined, the next item will be skipped.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Inclusion</b></p>	<p>B) LSL REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLAY 15) UMPIRING h) Each umpire shall be reimbursed £25 per game for their expenses, with the teams to pay half the cost each. A BASU certified umpire will be reimbursed £30 per game if umpiring alone and wearing a BASU uniform.</p> <p>-OR-</p> <p>h) Each umpire shall be reimbursed £30 per game for their expenses, with the teams to pay half the cost each. A BASU certified umpire will be reimbursed £35 per game if umpiring alone and wearing a BASU uniform.</p>
<p><b>Rationale</b></p>	<p>If the previous vote passes, to what level should the fees be increased.</p>
<p><b>Issues / questions for discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Do members agree with the proposed change?</li> <li>● To what level should the umpire fees be increased?</li> </ul>

4.

<p><b>Inclusion</b></p>	<p>B) LSL REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLAY 9) PLAYER ROSTERING AND RESTRICTIONS e) Playing up / playing down:  *new addition*  v) Teams should not bring in both a BBH and an SBH to play 6/6 (exceptions for pitchers)</p>
<p><b>Rationale</b></p>	<p>If a team has 5/5, this is a legal complete lineup. Therefore, there should be no need to use additional non-rostered players. An exception would exist for pitchers as this would otherwise conflict with i) (ii) Teams calling on players from lower-division teams to play in priority to individuals on their own roster (especially for important late-season games).</p> <p>- Submitted by Paul Duncan, Meteors Red</p>
<p><b>Issues / questions for discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Do members agree with the proposed change?</li> </ul>

5.

<p><b>Inclusion</b></p>	<p>B) LSL REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLAY 11) BATTING ORDER  *new addition* h) At any point, the team captain may inform the umpire that they wish to “declare” their inning. The batting team would then take the field. In the</p>
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	following inning, the batter at bat at the time of the declaration will be the first batter of the new inning.
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>This rule adaptation has been used at various tournaments around the country.</p> <p>Enabling the innings to be called early is good in terms of sportsmanship and game time (especially if games are constrained by sunlight).</p> <p>- Submitted by Eric Hoang (Base Jam)</p>
<b>Issues / questions for discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do members agree with the proposed change?</li> </ul>

## 6.

<b>Inclusion</b>	<p>B) LSL REGULATIONS GOVERNING PLAY</p> <p>13) SUBSTITUTIONS</p> <p>d) If a player sustains an injury during a game and no appropriate substitute is available, a team may replace said injured batter/base runner with a Temporary Runner, subject to the batter/base runner having reached a base under their own power. (NOTE: Bases awarded by the umpire can be obtained by the Temporary Runner, subject to WBSC Rule 9.1.i.)</p> <p>The following conditions apply:</p> <p>(i) Temporary Runners can be brought in at any base (i.e. even if the batter-runner reaches second or third).</p> <p>(ii) The Temporary Runner must be the last available player (of the same gender, or nonbinary, as the batter/base runner) who batted before the injured runner.</p> <p>(iii) Should a non-binary player get injured, please refer to Subsection 14(a) above.</p> <p>(iv) Any such use of a Temporary Runner will be outside of the official substitution rules, must be made after 'time' is called and must be announced to the opposing captain and umpires.</p> <p>(v) This rule does not apply to any players that may choose to commence a game with preexisting injuries, save that where multiple games are played in a single day (e.g. tournaments, double-headers, playoffs), players injured in earlier games may make use of the Temporary Runner in subsequent games.</p> <p>(vi) The Temporary Runner may only be used for one injured player. Additional injured players should be substituted as per the official rules.</p> <p>*new addition*</p> <p>e) Players with pre-existing long-term chronic conditions affecting their mobility may apply to the committee for a permanent runner. These runners will be subject to the same provisions as found in (d) above, save for condition (vi).</p>
<b>Rationale</b>	Modification to the rules to widen participation.

	To encourage players with disabilities to join and stay in the league.
<b>Issues / questions for discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do members agree with the proposed change?</li></ul>